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### HETFIELD HOUSE GINGERBREAD OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

For a fun-filled afternoon for all, make sure to visit the Hetfield House (located on Constitution Plaza near the Mountainside Library) on Saturday, 12/10, (adults) and Sunday, 12/11, (families). A donation of \$5 per person is suggested and proceeds will go toward the restoration of the Levi Cory House.

The spirit of the holidays, present and past, will be celebrated during the Gingerbread Open House at Mountainside's Hetfield House the weekend of December 10-11. On Saturday, Dec. 10, the house will be open for adults only for Wine & Cheese; and on Sunday, December 11, the house will be open for families. Capturing the celebration of the holidays, the Hetfield House will exude the warmth and holiday spirit of those bygone days. The Hetfield House is decorated so beautifully and is a sight to behold!

Adult Wine & Cheese Open House – Saturday, Dec. 10 from 2-4pm

During the adults' open house on Saturday, Dec. 10 (2-4pm), there will be light refreshments including wine, cheese/crackers, baked goods and beverages. The event will kick-off at 2:00pm with a visit from jolly old St. Nick. Guests will enjoy prizes, music and plenty of holiday cheer. Stop by for a short visit or stay for a while.

Family Gingerbread Open House – Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1-4pm

Families with children are welcome on Sunday, Dec. 11 (1-4pm) to enjoy many interactive events and projects. These include gingerbread ornaments to decorate, mini holiday arrangements to make, guessing contest, mulled apple cider and baked goods to enjoy - all surrounded by appropriate holiday décor and live music by the Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Choir (1:30pm), and the Deerfield Middle School Instrumental Music students (3:00pm). Despite their busy work preparing for the holiday, Mr. & Mrs. Claus promise to visit the children and share holiday cheer. Bring your cameras for pictures.

On both days, the "Village Shop" will be open featuring Holiday décor items, ornaments, crafts and other curiosities – both new and vintage. Lasting holiday wreath, swags and floral designs, by Helen K. Snyder, will be displayed and for



(above) Mountainside Historic Committee volunteers are busy planning for this year's Gingerbread Open House weekend to be held from 2-4pm on Saturday, Dec. 10 (wine & cheese for adults) and Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1-4pm (for families) at the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House.



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sale. In the future, the "Village Shop" will be relocated to the neighboring Levi Cory House, after its restoration.

The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House is located at Constitution Plaza (Watchung Ave., off Birch Hill Rd.) adjacent to the Mountainside Library. The Mountainside Restoration Committee is a 501 (c)(3) charity and a committee of volunteers governed by the Borough of Mountainside whose purpose is to maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, restore the Levi Cory House and collect and save historic information and items from destruction. For further information, please call (908)789-9420; or, go to: www.mountainsidehistory.org

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Community service organizations, schools and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos from recent events.

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### **NATIONAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

Colonias celebrated National Make A Difference Day by raising money for the Union County Animal Shelter.

Melania, along with fellow classmates Selah Ford, Braden Caccamo, Charlie Oliviera, Stephan Weaver, and Sarah Luckenbook, sold Philly pretzels at Deerfield School in Mountainside for their cause. They were able to accomplish selling 200 pretzels in 25 minutes.

Melania is an ambassador for the Loukoumi

On October 21st, nine year old Melina Foundation, a nonprofit that encourages children to participate in making a positive impact on their local or global communities. The foundation also educates children on how to work hard to achieve their goals and promotes awareness and prevention of bullying through their anti-bullying campaign.

> The students presented the funds to the Union County Animal Shelter the following week, and hope to continue the tradition of National Make A Difference Day each year.



(above) The students pose in front of their Philly Pretzel stand. Raised funds went to the Union County Animal Shelter.

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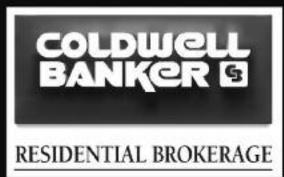


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	251 Hickory	List Price 619,900.00	Sales Price 612,000.00	Closed 11/14/16	DOM 5		
	310 Old Grove Road	List Price 637,000.00	Sales Price 600,000.00	Closed 11/15/1	DOM 152		
	1111 Saddlebrook Road	List Price 649,000.00	Sales Price 630,000	Closed 11/11/16	DOM 161		
	374 Old Tote Road	List Price 699,000.00	Sales Price 675,000.00	Closed 11/15/16	DOM 28		
	201 Chipmunk Hill	List Price 699,000.00	Sales Price 650,000.00	Closed 11/17/16	DOM 21		
	360 Hedge Row	List Price 1,099,000.00	Sales Price 1,110,000.00	Closed 11/18/16	DOM 21		

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The Mountainside Public Library has scheduled the following programs for December. The Library will be closed on Saturday, December 24 for Christmas Eve, Monday December 26 for Christmas (observed), December 31 for New Year's Eve and Monday, January 2 for New Year's (observed). Happy Holidays!

#### **Tuesday Night Movies.**

All movies start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Our monthly movie series starts on Tuesday, December 6

with A Brilliant Young Mind (2015). This heart-warming and life-affirming story follows the unconventional and hilarious relationship between student and teacher whose roles are often reversed - and the unfathomable experience of first love - even when you don't understand what love is (PG-13).

#### Love and Friendship (2016)

December 13

In the 18th century, the seductive and manipulative Lady Susan (played by Kate Beckinsale) uses devious tactics to win the heart of the eligible Reginald De Courcy (played by Xavier Samuel) (PG).

#### Café Society (2016)

December 20.

Centering on events in the lives of Bronx-born Bobby Dorfman's colorful family, this Woody Allen directed film is a glittering valentine to the movie stars, socialites, playboys, debutantes, politicians, and gangsters who epitomized the excitement and glamour of the 1930's (PG-13).

#### The Remains of the Day (1993)

On December 27, 6 p.m.

will be screened. A butler who sacrificed body and soul to service in the years leading up to World War II realizes too late how misguided his loyalty was to his lordly employer. Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson star in this movie directed by James Ivory (PG).

#### **BROWN BAG ACADEMY.**

#### "A Story Telling with Balloon Animals"

Tuesday, December 6 at 3:45-4:30 PM. Cheryl Anne, from Currier's Magical Mania, presents an interactive entertainment show for children Pre-K through 5th grade that combines comedy, storytelling and balloon twisting! Watch as Human and Alien take on form and travel into new galaxies; mermaids magically appear and a frog takes on the chores of the castle! Parents of the youngest audience members must stay

#### **Opera on Film Series**

with their kids

Friday, December 9 at 1:00 PM.

Friday Operas on Film series, sponsored by the T. Robel Hill Foundation and presented by Mena Clemson, will be showing Tosca by Giacomo Puccini. Recorded on location in Rome in 1992, this film stars Plácido Domingo, Catherine Malfitano and Ruggero Raimondi. The Symphony and Chorus of Rome is conducted by Zubin Mehta.

#### "Saturday Musical Getaways": "Winter Wonderland"

Saturday, December 10, 2:00-3:00 PM.

New Jersey native Dave DeLuca returns to Mountainside for a holiday sing-a-long. "Winter Wonderland" is a feelgood, family oriented event filled with Yuletide whimsy and winter wonder that celebrates the magic of the holiday season through songs such as "Let It Snow", "Baby, It's Cold Outside", "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and more. It's truly the most wonderful time of the year! Bring the whole family!

#### "Guided Meditation for Inner Peace"

Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 PM.

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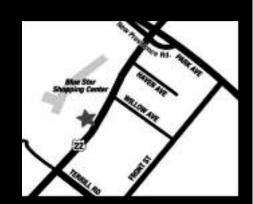
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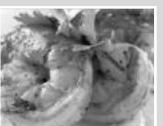
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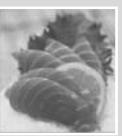
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The cost for members is \$25 and non-members \$29. For further information, please contact Eve vitale at 908-789-8568.



# CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH NEW JERSEY FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA!

From traditional to pops, choral favorites to musical theater classics, the upcoming season of NJ Festival Orchestra concerts will fill the entire family with holiday cheer

Kick of the holidays with a bang and plenty of bling on Saturday, December 10 at 7pm at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield as Maestro David Wroe and NJFO musicians present for Home for the Holidays, a family festival of symphonic pops, traditional and contemporary songs guaranteed to make the season merry. This year's concert features special guests The Three Holiday Tenors who are set to dazzle, delight and captivate with a beautiful selection of renowned tenor musical classics.

This seasonal stroll of timeless classics and sentimental holiday favorites, made possible by Jerome and Helene Dreskin, The Westfield Foundation and by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is sure to bring joy, smiles, and distinctive holiday memories to all. Tickets prices range from \$28 to \$76 for adults and there is a special discount price of only \$15 for students K-12, making this event a perfect start to the holiday season for the whole family.

On Saturday, December 31st, at 7pm, the NJ Festival Orchestra again presents one of New Jersey's most popular New Year's Eve musical celebrations. This year's performance, On the Town, promises a superb revue of American musical theater favorites presented in glorious symphonic splendor and will be appreciated by young and not-so-young alike. Tickets are \$40 to

\$70 with a special discount price of only \$20 for kids under 18.

The cabaret style New Year's Eve celebration has become a musical event eagerly anticipated by much of central New Jersey. This year's line up reads like a Who's Who of the best of American musical theater composers and again features renowned guest vocalists direct from the Broadway stage.

The NYE concert will take place in the Westfield High School auditorium, 550 Dorian Road in Westfield, and will finish at approximately 9pm. Patrons are advised to purchase tickets well in advance as this concert has been a sell out for the past five years.

Tickets for both concerts are available on line at www.njfestivalorchestra.org. Tickets may also be purchased by calling (908) 232-9400 or visiting the NJFO office at 224 E. Broad Street, Westfield (10am-3pm).







(above) Cody Austin, , Limmie Pulliam, Kevin Rae - AKA The Three Holiday Tenors - will join New Jersey Festival Orchestra on Saturday, December 10 for the annual Holiday concert "Home For the Holidays".



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**Know the Bear Facts** Black Bears in New Jersey Bear Safety Tips. **NJ Department of Environmental Protection Division** of Fish and Wildlife

Black bears by nature tend to be wary of people. However, if you encounter a black bear in your neighborhood or outdoors, follow these common-sense safety tips.

- Never feed or approach a bear!
- Remain calm if you encounter a bear. Do not run from it. Make the bear aware of your presence by speaking in an assertive voice, singing, clapping your hands, or making other noises.
- Make sure the bear has an escape route.
- If a bear enters your home, provide it with an escape route by propping all doors open.
- · Avoid direct eye contact, which may be perceived by a bear as a challenge. Never run from a bear. Instead, slowly back away.
- To scare the bear away, make loud noises by yelling, banging pots and pans or using an airhorn. Make yourself look as big as possible by waving your arms. If you are with someone else, stand close together with your arms raised above your head.
- The bear may utter a series of huffs, make popping jaw sounds by snapping its jaws and swat the ground. These are warning signs that you are too close. Slowly back away, avoid direct eye contact and do not run.
- If a bear stands on its hind legs or moves closer,

it may be trying to get a better view or detect scents in the air. It is usually not a threatening behavior.

- Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground, avoid direct eye contact, then slowly back away and do not run.
- If the bear does not leave, move to a secure area.
- Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to the DEP's 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 1-877-WARN DEP (1-877-927-6337).
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A Department of Environmental Protection podcast, which focuses on bear safety in New Jersey, can be found at www.nj.gov/dep/podcast/.





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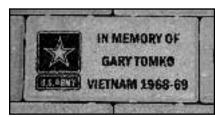
#### **MOUNTAINSIDE MEMORIAL VETERANS PARK DEDICATION CEREMONY**

On November 12, 2016 over 200 people joined with more than 50 veterans to participate in a dedication ceremony for Mountainside Memorial Veterans Park. The Park is located in Constitution Plaza, adjacent to the Mountainside Public Library. The event was organized by the Mountainside Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10136.

Tim McLaughlin, Post Commander, officiated the ceremony which featured performances by the Marine Color Guard and the Emerald Society Pipes. A presentation was made to the many benefactors. Speakers included Mayor of Mountainside Paul Mirabelli, Congressman Lenord Lance and New Jersey State Assemblyman John Bramnick and WWII Navy Veteran Bill Tomko. Boy Scout Troop 177 served refreshments and NJ Army National Guard tactical vehicles were on display.

The memorial has been in the works since August 2014. With design help from PS&S Architecture of Warren, NJ. An estimated \$45,000 was











donated in the form of cash, labor, and materials by numerous local businesses, organizations, and benefactors. The largest individual monetary donations came from Blanche M. & George L. Watts Mountainside Community Foundation and the Home Depot Foundation.

Many of the other donations came straight from the community through the ongoing "Buy a Brick" fundraising campaign which can be found at https://polarengraving.com/VFW10136 wherein individuals can donate \$100 – \$110 for an engraved 4"x8" brick that will be set into the assembly area to be on display for years to come. Checks can be mailed to Mountainside VFW Post 10136, PO BOX 1163, Mountainside, NJ 07092. Mountainside VFW Post 10136 is a 501(c) non-profit entity.

Ongoing funds donated will be used to cover various costs for perpetual care and costs for irrigation, a Purple Heart Monument, Veterans plaques, and a military statue. For further information contact Tim McLaughlin at VFW10136@gmail.com or 908-928-9191.







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

#### **SCOUTS THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

Do to the joint efforts of Mountainside Boy Scout Troop 177 and Cub Scout Pack 177, close to 800 bags of groceries were collected and donated to St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Elizabeth.

The Mountainside Boy Scouts would like to thank the Mountainside residents for their generous contributions of groceries for the Thanksgiving food drive.



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT BLOOD DRIVES**

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# CDC THEATRE ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR NOEL COWARD'S BLITHE SPIRIT

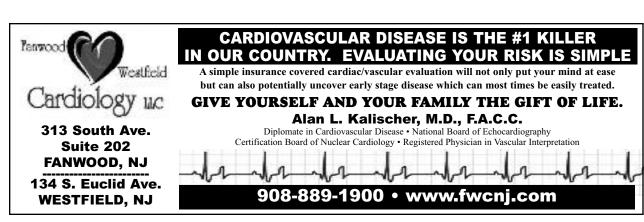
CDC Theatre, New Jersey's oldest continuously operating community theatre will hold auditions for Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit on December 12 and 13 at 7pm. All auditions and rehearsals will take place at the theatre's home at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, NJ. The production is scheduled for February 10, 11,16,17,18, 2017.

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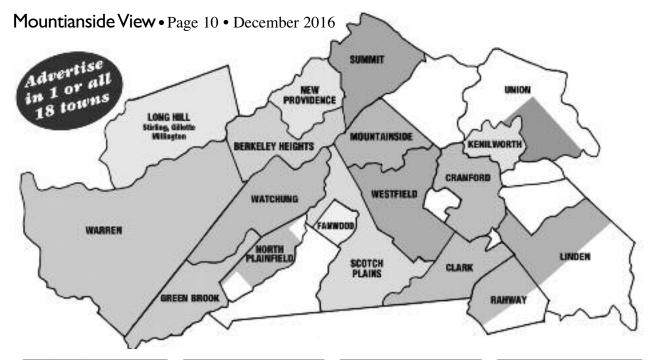
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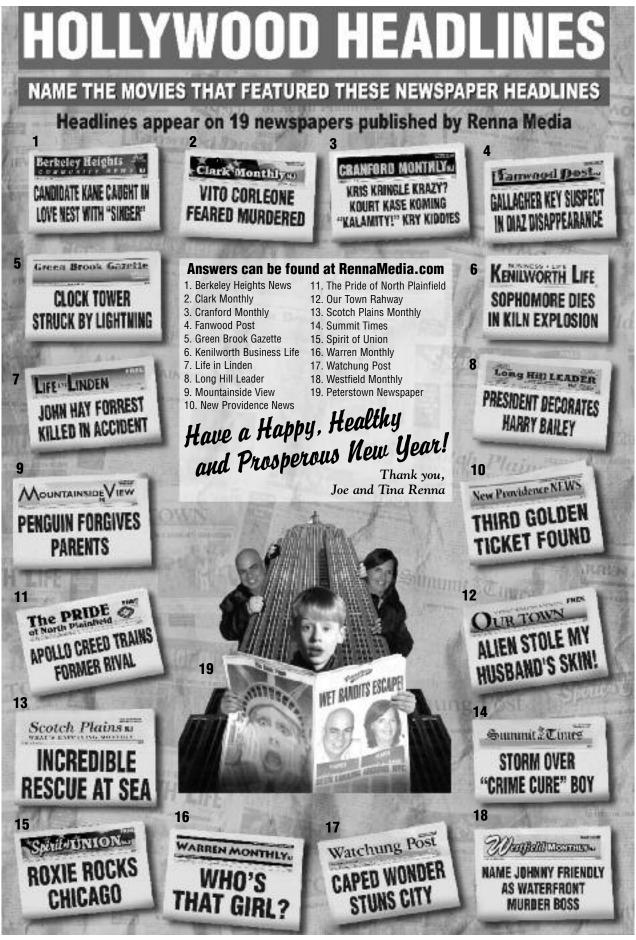
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