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VERICON FOUNDATION AWARDS BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

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renovated. Vericon Foundation has selected Boys & Girls use this facility." Clubs of Union County as the 2016 recipient of their annual gift to support local non-profit organizations. Staff from in 5 communities in Union County: Plainfield, Elizabeth, Vericon Construction worked tirelessly to upgrade our locker Union, Hillside and Roselle. Teen leadership programs for rooms, which are used by thousands of members and youth ages 14-18 are available in Union, Elizabeth and Plainfield. from all over Union County.

class facility to our members and guests."

The renovation included painting both boys and girls locker room walls, new doors on changing rooms, new sinks, new to see the new locker rooms.

Charlie DeAngelis, Vericon Construction Chief Executive raising awareness and funds for local charitable causes.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County is pleased to announce Officer, "The Vericon Foundation is so happy to be able to an award from Vericon Foundation of Mountainside, NJ. provide locker room renovations at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Thanks to generous support from Vericon Foundation, the Union County. It is such a worthy organization and we hope locker rooms at our Union Club have been updated and that the results of our efforts are enjoyed by the many kids who

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County offers youth programs Members participate in character, leadership, career "We are so thankful for this award and the opportunity to preparation and community service activities throughout the work with Vericon Construction. They have transformed our year. Aquatics instruction is available at our Union Club. After old locker rooms to a new, sparkling space," said Russell School Program Registration is open. For information on our Triolo, CEO. "This renovation allows us to provide a best-in- clubs and programs, please visit our website www.bgcuc.org or contact us 908-687-2697.

About Vericon Foundation:

Established in the Spring of 2015 as a way to commemorate ceiling tiles, new base boards, repainting of all stalls, new Vericon Construction Company's 10-year anniversary, the mirrors, new artwork for walls and the floor tiles have been Vericon Foundation is a non-profit organization focused on professionally cleaned and sealed to prevent further water giving back to the communities in which we work. Each year, damage. Next time you visit the Union Club please make sure Vericon Construction Company contributes a portion of its profits to help grow and sustain the Foundation's efforts of



(above) Vericon Construction employees spent a Saturday on the renovation project at BGCUC Union Club.



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FREE WORKSHOP ON STARTING A NEW BUSINESS

UCEDC reviews steps to increase likelihood of success

Starting your own small business may be the fulfillment of a long-held dream, but it's also a very risky proposition: about half of all businesses fail within five years. That's why UCEDC, a non-profit, small business lender and entrepreneurial training organization, is offering a free workshop, "Starting a Business in NJ – the Steps you Need to Take" on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6 pm at its Cranford headquarters.

Led by UCEDC Director of Training Erich Peter, the session will cover the mechanics of starting a business including the pros and cons of different legal business structures, required insurances; understanding your tax liabilities, and HR issues.

"You may have the greatest product or service to sell, but it won't matter if you don't prepare yourself for the many challenges you will inevitably face," warns Peter. "We'll review some of the more critical factors that contribute to a successful small business and give you a strong foundation to move ahead."

UCEDC is the entrepreneurial training arm of

the NJ Economic Development Authority and provides scores of free business literacy workshops throughout New Jersey.

Online registration for the free workshop is available on the UCEDC website: www.ucedc.com . For more information, contact Erich Peter at 908-527-1166 or epeter@ucedc.com.

UCEDC (Union County Economic Development Corp.), a nonprofit economic development corporation, is dedicated to promoting New Jersey's small businesses with resources tailored to every stage of business growth. Since our inception in 1977, we've provided over \$24 million in loans to start-up and established businesses through a variety of SBA programs and other funding sources. Our Procurement Technical Assistance Center helped local businesses win over \$2 billion in awarded government contracts. And thousands of entrepreneurs have attended our workshops and seminars, giving them a strong foundation for success.



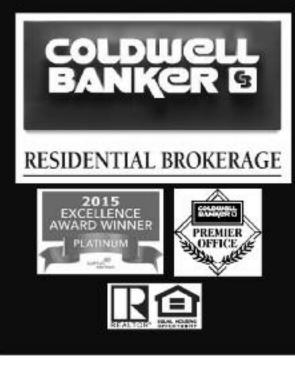


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MOUNTAINSIDE'S DEERFIELD STUDENTS OPEN FOR THE ROCKETTES

On Saturday, November 19, Deerfield's Select Choir (consisting of 5th-8th grade students) performed once again as the Opening Act to the Rockettes Christmas Show. This year's repertoire featured unique renditions of Jingle Bells and Silent Night.



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MOUNTAINSIDE POLICE VISIT CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL







(above) Mountainside Police Lieutenant Joseph Giannuzz and Detective William Stolting along with United Airlines staff helped Santa distribute Christmas gifts at Children's Specialized Hospital during the department's annual holiday visit.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT GIVES SANTA A LIFT



(above) On December 14th, officers from the Mountainside Police Department. escorted Santa to the Arc Kohler School to deliver Christmas gifts to the children. Pictured with them is Bonnie Cagney of Arc Kohler. The students, their families, and the staff were treated to an annual holiday party and had their pictures taken with Santa.



For More Information and Directions go to: www.NJCampFairs.com 2

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INTAINSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Mountainside Christmas Tree Lighting Hall. Residents were treated to caroling, hot festivities were held on December 3rd at Borough chocolate and Santa!







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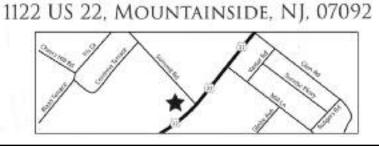
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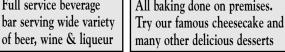






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The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, NJ. To register for these programs, stop into the library or call 908-233-0115.

Note: The Library will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES

Showtime is 6:30 PM for each movie. January 10

Money Monster

Lee Gates' popular financial network show has made him the money wiz of Wall Street. But after a high tech stock mysteriously crashes, an irate investor takes Gates, his crew, and his ace producer Patty Fenn hostage live on air. Gates and Fenn must find a way to keep themselves alive while uncovering the truth behind a tangle of big

> money lies (R). January 17

Florence Foster Jenkins

A wealthy New York heiress (Meryl Streep) attempts to become an opera singer despite her horrible singing voice. Hugh Grant and Rebecca Ferguson co-star

(PG-13).

January 24

Miss You Already

Inseparable since they were young girls, Milly and Jess can't remember a time they didn't share everything secrets, clothes, even boyfriends -- but nothing prepares them for the day Milly is hit with life-altering news

> (PG-13). January 24

The Lady in the Van

This film tells the true story of the relationship between Alan Bennett and the singular Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins who 'temporarily' parked her van in Bennett's London driveway and proceeded to live there for 15 years. Stars Maggie Smith (PG-13).

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Winter Story Times at the Library.

Stay warm and cuddle up with our children's story times with Miss Elizabeth during January. Daytime programs are for "crawlers" through preschoolers. Pick up a flyer in the library for times or consult the website calendar at www.mountainsidelibrary.org/children.

Brown Bag Academy. "Opera on Film Series"

Friday, January 13 at 1:00 PM. Friday Operas on Film series, sponsored by the T. Robel Hill Foundation and presented by Mena Clemson. In this colorful, nostalgia-filled 1973 film treatment of Lehár's Russian operetta Der Zarewitsch, Wieslaw Ochman is the melancholy tsar's son who falls hopelessly in love with a beautiful dancer, played by Teresa Stratas. The Symphonie-Orchester Kurt Graunke is conducted by Willy Mattes.



"Guided Meditation for Inner Peace" Thursday, January 19 at 7:30 PM.

Join us every month as we explore and experience the most talked about evidence based meditation techniques for inner peace, overall well-being and stress reduction. This month Sally Younghans will be teaching a selfguided meditation technique using visualization and prompts.

"Social Security Workshop: 67 is the New 65"

Saturday, January 21 at 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM with Neil Berger. What is the earliest age at which you can begin receiving Social Security benefits? How much can you earn in a year and still collect benefits? When should you apply? Get answers to these questions and

much more. Neil Berger developed a seminar for employees entitled "67 is the New 65 - Social Security

Basics" while Director of Human Resources at a major corporation. He returns to the library to present an expanded and revised version of this program which is current, relevant, objective, unbiased and incorporates the newest rules. If you are approaching eligibility in the next 5 years or are a caregiver for someone approaching retirement, this 2 hour seminar is for you. (Note: Mr. Berger is not affiliated with a financial organization, nor is he selling a service or product.)

"Saturday Musical Getaways: Kipling's Jungle Book"

Saturday, January 28 at 11:00 AM presented by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO) and sponsored by a grant from the Watts

Mountainside Community Foundation. In a playful and humorous manner, the NJSO's version of Kipling's Jungle Book introduces young audiences to classical master works and to various styles of music. Narration of the story alternates with brief musical interludes using bassoon, viola and brass, puppets and toy animals and brings this program to vivid life! This program offers many opportunities for audience participation. Children may conduct the musicians, try out some of the world instruments (rainstick, drums, and clackers) or get a dance lesson from a toy monkey! For children ages 4 to 11 as well as adults of all ages!

"Then, Now and Forever: Life Story Workshop"

Saturday, January 28, 2:30 -4:30 PM. Would you like to create a written record of your life experiences to share with family and friends? Can you use a little help or a little motivation to get started? Donna Atkins, "The Life Story Lady", will help you delve into your memories with ease through inspiring examples, guided activities, interactive exercises and constructive feedback. Ms. Atkins is an award-winning communications specialist who has spent a lifetime working with individuals, groups and organizations in the application of narrative and storytelling.

"Medicare Workshop: Basics for Boomers"

Saturday, February 4, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. At what age must you apply for Medicare benefits—even if you're still working? Even if you're not eligible for Social Security? What is the difference between Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage and Medigap? Neil Berger will answer these questions when he returns for a special workshop on Medicare. This 2-hour seminar, explained in easy-to-understand terms, is vital if you are approaching Medicare eligibility within the next few years or are a caregiver for (or the adult child of)

someone approaching Medicare eligibility. Learn what Medicare covers, when to apply, penalties for late enrollment and the various options available. (Note: Mr. Berger is not affiliated with a financial organization, nor

is he selling a service or product.)

GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON'S PROJECT GRADUATION

Project Graduation 2016 was held at the JCC of Central New Jersey in Scotch Plains on June 19th, the evening of Governor Livingston's graduation. 198 graduates attended the all-night event, which was filled with fun, food, and entertainment.

Governor Livingston High School PTO raises 75% of the cost for the event through fundraisers and donations. The other 25% is funded through a minimal admission fee. Project Graduation would like to thank the following businesses for making the evening possible through their generous contributions.

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PAL, the Mountainside PBA Local 126, and the Mountainside VFW Post 10136.

Fundraising for Project Graduation 2017 will kick off in January.

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UMPIRE CERTIFICATION CLASS TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

ASA/USA Softball NJ District 2 will hold its umpire certification class in Cranford beginning in mid-January 2017. The class costs \$75, and will run from 6-8 weeks, including both classroom and gym training. Once certified, you will be eligible to umpire any of the thousands of the games ASA/USA Softball NJ hosts throughout the state, including the 3,500 games hosted by District 2 in and around Union County. Please contact District 2 Commissioner Keith Hoffman at khoffcran@aol.com, 908-463-3960 with interest.

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MAJESTIC WINDS TO PERFORM A FUNDRAISER CONCERT AT WESTFIELD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Majestic Winds, the professional wind band of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, will present a winter concert at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The ensemble will be directed by Howard Toplansky, an NJWA staff instrumental instructor. "Our musical offerings are geared to please a variety of musical tastes and range from Renaissance to Ragtime favorites," stated Toplansky.

"Marinarella" Overture by Julius Fucik, Highlights from "Exodus" by Ernest Gold and "Reine de La Mer" by John Philip Sousa will be the main selections on the first half of the concert. "Slavonic Rhapsody No. 2" by Carl Friedemann will also be featured on this program. Several fine marches will also be performed on this program, which include "Hall of Fame" by Thomas Allen, "Glasgow Fair" by Major James Howe, "Freedom City" by Karl King and Skyrocket by Claudio Grafulla.

Rounding out this concert will be "Rhapsody for Band" by John Cacavas, "Zoot Suit Riot" by Steve Perry, "Elite Syncopations" by Scott Joplin, and Hungarian Dances Nos. 7 & 8 by Johannes Brahms.

This event is open to the public and, while there is no charge for admission, freewill donations will be gratefully accepted in support of the mission work of the First Baptist Church.

For additional information about NJWA or Majestic Winds, call 908-789-9696 or email njwaband@att.net.



(above) On Thursday, January 12, 2017, the NJWA Majestic Winds will perform a benefit concert for the mission work at the First Baptist Church in Westfield.



BEECHWOOD SCHOOL Gets a special visit

On Thursday, December 1, Mountainside's Beechwood School first graders attended a special reptile and amphibian presentation. Beechwood parent Mrs. Cathy Eser, a zookeeper at the Staten Island Zoo, visited the first graders and brought along some "friends" -- a turtle, a frog, a bearded dragon and a corn snake. Mrs. Eser taught the children about each animal and the children had the opportunity to ask and answer questions. They even got to touch the snake! This presentation was part of the nonfiction reading and writing unit the children worked on in their classrooms.





5TH GRADERS PREPARE FOR VIRTUAL EXPEDITION TO UK

The 5th grade classes at Deerfield School in Mountainside recently connected with Sarah Weldon from Alderley, United Kingdom via Skype. The students have been following Sarah's unique expedition in which she will follow the route the Vikings took in the 1400's. Through her "Great British Viking Quest" episodes (#GBVQ), they are learning about Sarah's fundraising efforts, route planning, trip preparations, and boat building experiences. The students formulated questions for Sarah on various topics such as contingency plans, boat building and overall preparation. It was a great ancillary experience to their unit of study on the Vikings. They look forward to following Sarah's quest as she sets sail on May 1, 2017.



SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB HAPPENINGS

The Mountainside Senior Citizens Club meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at Community Presbyterian Church at 12 noon. Senior Citizen Club is a borough-sponsored organization. The objective of the club is to extend an opportunity to men and women in retirement years to meet socially, build new friendships, and create an active interest in various programs. For more information please contact Eve (908) 789-8568.

January meeting schedule: January 13th Mayor's update January 27th Social/Pizza.

THE MOUNTAINSIDE ACTIVE RETIREES

The Mountainside Active Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Mountainside Municipal Building in the Community Room which is located on the second floor, from 10 am to 12 noon. We have an active calendar of interesting speakers and also schedule two trips a year. The objective of the club is to promote the cultural, educational, recreational and social activities of active senior citizens of the Borough of Mountainside and to afford the members the opportunity to meet with their peers and to provide active senior citizens with the opportunity to present their views in matters of concern to them. For more information please contact Ellie (908) 232-4399.

January meetings schedule: January 10th Holiday Party – Spanish Tavern 12 noon \$35/person. RSVP: Norma 233-7653. January 24th Joan Dickason – Want to Live Longer, Better? Do Something for YOU!





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