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WHO SAYS BERKELEY HEIGHTS SUPPORTS THE ENVIRONMENT?

Submitted by: Richard Leister, Chairman, Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission



The Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission wants residents to pledge their commitment to protecting the environment.

"We know that many residents support the environment by recycling plastic and paper, composting, and other activities," Environmental Commissioner Kinan Tadmori. "We want to challenge them to do more and document the actions they already do by asking them to take a short survey, pledging their support."

Notices will go out soon asking residents to take an online survey and indicate what measures they already take or would like to take to protect the environment and live a more "green" life. "If we collect surveys from at least 335 residents," she said, "this action will help us toward reaching Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification. This is not an advertising promotion: residents' names and addresses will be kept confidential. We hope to have a large turnout to support our effort."

Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Bysupporting community efforts to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and improve environmental equity, Sustainable Jersey is empowering communities to build a better world for future generations. You can find more information at www.sustainablejersev.com.

The Berkeley Heights Environmental



(above) Thanks to a grant through the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program, Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights has a new garden that captures stormwater from an adjacent parking lot. The depression of the garden holds the water so it can slowly infiltrate back into the soil as the plants naturally remove pollutants from the runoff. Such gardens can also help reduce flooding.

Commission was established to protect, develop or use natural resources, including water resources, located within the Township. The Environmental Commission is an advisory group with the responsibility to recommend plans and programs to the Planning Board for the development and use of open lands and wetlands. All the members volunteer their time on a variety of projects and tasks.

Keep up with the progress of the pledge, and other Environmental Commission activities, on the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission Facebook page. www.facebook.com/BerkeleyHeightsEnvironmentalCommission



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Take the Berkeley Heights Green Community Challenge Pledge!

Let us know that you are committed to protecting the environment by filling out this survey. You don't have to pledge to take every action, but we are counting on you to follow through with pledges you do make!

This is one of several initiatives put forth by the Environmental Commission in pursuit of **Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification**. We need at least 335 residents* to fill out this pledge, so please help us spread the word!

You can find the pledge here: https://goo.gl/forms/zKkxMHbg3ztVxm4K2
Please submit by May 1st, 2017
*Residents must be above the age of 18 to participate



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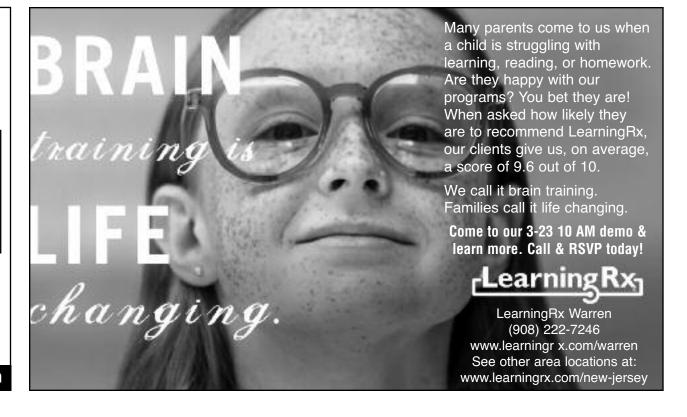
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ALEXANDER BEKE COMPETES IN WHITE CASTLE SPONSORED BOY SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENT

Mountainside resident Alexander Beke played in the Fourth Annual Chess Tournament hosted by Renna Media for The Munsee District of the Boy Scouts. The Tournament was held on February 25, 2017 at the he Cranford Community Center.

The tournament was open to all registered Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers and nonscouts as well. White Castle sponsored the event, and purchased the 20 chess sets, boards and clocks for Munsee District Boy Scouts. The company also supplied lunch for all players and spectators. Beke, who won three of his four games, tied for fourth out of the thirty-five players.



ART SALE & AUCTION TO BENEFIT RAPHAEL'S LIFE HOUSE

benefit Raphael's Life House, will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Simply Gallery & Boutique, 11 N Union Avenue, Cranford.

Talented artists from the tri-state area and beyond will display and sell their work, and donate a portion of their proceeds directly to Raphael's Life House. A beautiful piece donated by Martin's Jewelers in Cranford will be on display as a silent auction item, and Simply Gallery & Boutique will donate 20% of their sales during the event to Raphael's.

Local eateries and merchants have donated appetizers, desserts and beverages to enjoy during the auction and sale. "Taste" and enjoy the refreshments and "See" displayed artwork in several mediums, including photography, which will be available to purchase in support of a very worthy cause.

Raphael's Life House, founded by Cranford resident Edith Coogan and former resident, Mary Orrico, is Covenant House New Jersey's Mother Child program, created to provide services to homeless and pregnant young women, enabling them to create and implement a plan for their

A "Taste and See" Art Auction & Sale to future. Staff and talented volunteers provide classes to assist moms with prenatal care, parenting skills, building esteem, job seeking, educational and vocational opportunities and other critical life skills. Founded in 1993, Raphael's has provided transitional housing and support for over 700 young mothers and their babies.

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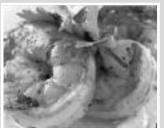
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The Highlanders of Governor Livingston High School excelled this winter in Indoor Track. Under head coach Dan Guyton and his assistances, Carmine Scuderi, Beryl Roman, Gary Chan, Lisa Dhaibar and Dominick Mastroianni, the boys and girls accomplished success in both the Union County Conference Championships as well in the State meets.

In the Union County Championships, Freshman Victoria Vanriele won the 800 meter in 2:15.91 and set a school and meet record. Andrew Aguilera also set a school and meet record as he won the 55 meter hurdles in 7:51. as the GL boys team finished in First Place. Saifi sisters Leah, a senior and Lauren, a junior, combined to 23'.0 in the Pole Vault and came in first place and scored 10 points to help propel GL to a 2nd place finish. Senior Lauren Boyd won the Shot Put in an impressive 39'10" surpassing her personal best of 36'7".

In the highly competitive Group 2 Central Jersey sectional the girls took 2nd and the boys 3rd overall at the Bennett Indoor Complex in Toms River on Feb. 18.

The Girls were runner-up behind West Essex as Victoria Vanriele ran the 800 meter in 2:13.71 establishing a new meet record. Leah Saifi took Gold in the Pole Vault with a 12.0 showing after a personal best 12'8.25 at the Melrose Games. Lauren Saifi took 4th at 11.0 and in the Shot Put Lauren Boyd took 3rd at 39.10/37.10:25.

The Boys finished 3rd overall behind Andrew Aguilera who won 2 events, the 55 meter Dash and the 55 meter Hurdles while Doug Ladzinski received the Silver Medal. Senior Brian Rubenstein took 3Rd in the Pole Vault at 13.6





(above) Victoria Vanriele won the 800m in 2:15.91 and Andrew Aguilera won the 55m Hurdles in 7.51 both setting Governor Livingston school records as well as Union County Indoor Track Championship records.

(above) Leah and Lauren Saifi combined 23' to come in first place for Governor Livingston in the Pole Vault event at the Union County Indoor Competition in Jersey City.



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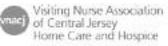
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For their 4th engagement at the Roadhouse Café, Piktor's Metamorphosis takes you on a journey back to the huge, solid sounds of the Jazz/Rock fusion era injecting their incredible improvisational craft.

Piktor's will be performing classic compositions spanning Pat Metheny, Return to Forever, Mahavishnu Orchestra, Jan Hammer, Barry Miles, and David Sancious & Tone. PIKTORS METAMORPHOSIS is: Neil 'NAIL' Alexander (Piano/Synths), Danny Pagan (Drums), Brian Mooney (Basses), Monroe Quinn (Guitars)

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The Roadhouse serves real coffee and tea—it's a coffeehouse, not a bar, after all. Hot and cold snacks and desserts are included in the admission.

As a fun, creative, community outreach mission of the church, show proceeds always benefit local NJ charities. Admission includes the show, snacks, beverages and desserts, plus the art gallery.

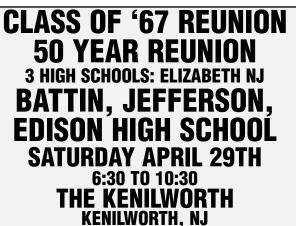
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The sessions include learning about the stages of grief and understanding the tasks of the grieving process, coping strategies, deal with loneliness, building a support system, etc.

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IRS URGES PUBLIC TO STAY ALERT FOR SCAM PHONE CALLS

The IRS continues to warn consumers to guard against scam phone calls from thieves intent on stealing their money or their identity. Criminals pose as the IRS to trick victims out of their money or personal information. Here are several tips to help you avoid being a victim of these scams:

- Scammers make unsolicited calls. Thieves call taxpayers claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave "urgent" callback requests through phone "robo-calls," or via phishing email.
- Callers try to scare their victims. Many phone scams use threats to intimidate and bully a victim into paying. They may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the license of their victim if they don't get the money.
- Scams use caller ID spoofing. Scammers often alter caller ID to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make

the call sound official.

- Cons try new tricks all the time. Some schemes provide an actual IRS address where they tell the victim to mail a receipt for the payment they make. Others use emails that contain a fake IRS document with a phone number or an email address for a reply. These scams often use official IRS letterhead in emails or regular mail that they send to their victims. They try these ploys to make the ruse look official.
- Scams cost victims over \$23 million. The Inspector General Treasury for Administration, or TIGTA, has received reports of about 736,000 scam contacts since October 2013. Nearly 4,550 victims have collectively paid over \$23 million as a result of the scam.

The IRS will not:

- Call you to demand immediate payment. The IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without first sending you a bill in the mail.
- Demand that you pay taxes and not allow you to question or appeal the amount you owe.
- Require that you pay your taxes a certain way. For instance, require that you pay with a prepaid debit card.

- Ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying.

If you don't owe taxes, or have no reason to think that you do:

- Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
- Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page. You can also call 800-366-4484.
- Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

If you know you owe, or think you may owe tax:

• Call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you.

Phone scams first tried to sting older people, new immigrants to the U.S. and those who speak English as a second language. Now the crooks try to swindle just about anyone. And they've rippedoff people in every state in the nation.

Stay alert to scams that use the IRS as a lure. Tax scams can happen any time of year, not just at tax time. For more, visit "Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts" on IRS.gov.

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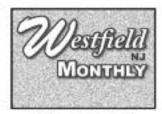
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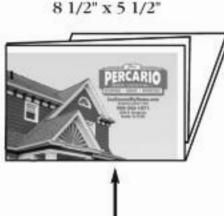


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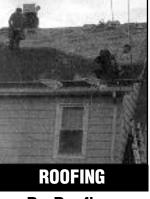
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