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IMAGINE OPENS NEW CENTER IN MOUNTAINSIDE

Imgaine, Inc., a free year-round NJ grief support center, held an open house on Wednesday February 22nd, to welcome the community to their new facility located at 244 Sheffield St. in Mountainside, NJ.

"Moving into this new space will allow us to double the number of children and families we are able to serve in the years to come," said Mary Robinson, Executive Director and Founder of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss. The creation of Imagine were inspired by Mary's own loss of her dad to cancer in 1974 when she was 14. "Imagine is truly a labor of love," said Robinson. "I want to ensure that children and teens coping with loss get the support they need during such a traumatic time in their lives. Over 40 years ago when my father died there was very little awareness of the need for grief support for youth, and grief support centers like this didn't exist."

Imagine is currently serving over 230 children and adults every two weeks from 48 NJ towns at its new center in Mountainside. "The Imagine Board began planning over two years ago for a space of our own as we saw the projector of our growth," said Dr. Jennifer Simpson, Board Treasurer. "We developed a plan and launched our Sustainability Campaign to put us in a position to lease a dedicated space of our own and expand our services. The community has been incredibly supportive of our campaign and mission."

Imagine is a free year round grief support center for children, parents and adults coping with the loss of a family member due to death or life-altering illness, designed to help children and teens develop healthy coping skills and foster



(above) A glimpse of the tree murals in the Susan Lang Opening Circle Room at Imagine. The room was named in memory of Susan Lang, the daughter of Marilyn Stiglitz, a long-time contributor to Imagine. New families joining Imagine will have a chance to make a leaf in memory of the person in their life who died, and affix it to one of the trees.

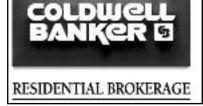
resiliency and emotional well-being for all those who grieve.

Imagine was made possible through the vision and financial support of Dr. Gerald Glasser in 2011 who wanted to ensure there was grief support available for children and families in his beloved community of Westfield and surrounding towns. The Glasser Foundation has continued to provide generous annual financial support to Imagine.

Imagine provides grief support and education throughout the year for children, parents and adults through its bi-weekly peer support groups, youth workshops and in-service workshops in the schools, community agencies and workplaces, community-wide days of remembrance, and onsite peer support in schools and workplaces after any traumatic loss. For more information contact: Administrative Manager, Val Stierhoff, val@imaginenj.org, 908-264-3100



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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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MEET WITH VALERI SHAFER GENEOLOGIST AND HETFIELD DESCENDENT

On Wednesday evening, March 23, at 7:00 pm, Valeri Shafer will meet with visitors at the Hetfield House. Valeri is a descendent of the Hetfield family, as well as many other families in the Mountainside area – and the colonial "West Fields" of Elizabethtown. If the names Hetfield, Crane, Clark, Woodruff, Cory and Winans, among others, are familiar to you, they are also Valeri's ancestral names. In addition, Valeri Shafer is a genealogist. She has researched her ancestors, our early citizens, and has extensive knowledge of the who's who from our area. Come by the Hetfield House at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 23rd, and join Valeri as she discusses the people who came before us.

Valeri J. Shafer is a professional genealogist, who left the teaching profession and began her own genealogical quest over a decade ago. Through her company, Kindred Genealogy, she has shared her knowledge of local history and genealogy with others. Her focus is on Early American English and Dutch Settlers, particularly those whose families can trace their heritage to Royal lines in Europe. In addition, she has done extensive research on the immigration and settlement of the Pennsylvania Deutsch and early Manhattan settlement, including early 1800s Italian immigration. She has recently begun to offer presentations to large groups regarding genealogy of the settlers and founders

of the colonial Province of East Jersey. She has held memberships or been affiliated with The National Genealogical Society, Pennsylvania Historical Society, New England Genealogical and Historical Society, New Jersey Historical Society, Mountainside Restoration Committee, The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is Recording Secretary for the local Crane's Ford Chapter of the DAR. She donates her time transcribing records for the National DAR, Italian Genealogical Group, Family Search, and Ancestry.com.

The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and Levi Cory House are located at Constitution Plaza adjacent to the Mountainside Library. Constitution Plaza is the first right off Birch Hill Road which is off New Providence Road near the Mountainside Volunteer Fire House. The Mountainside Restoration Committee is a committee of volunteers governed by the Borough of Mountainside whose purpose is to restore and maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and the Levi Cory House and collect and save historic information and items from destruction.

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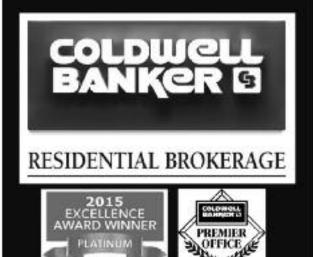


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community, there are exciting ways for you to partner with the PTA and sponsor or advertise at this event. The PTA is committed to making your participation a visible and worthwhile opportunity, reaching more than 300 community members at the event, and many more through social media. Space is limited - if you are interested, please contact Lili DeVita at lilidevita@gmail.com or 908.405.6703.

Tickets are on sale and the fee of \$55 includes dinner and tickets for the Tricky Tray and Grand Prizes.

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Patti Williams, R.N., and certified pastoral bereavement counselor, and Virginia Waters, PhD. Psychologist, will lead the sessions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Thompson Youth Center of the church. Patti and Virginia have offered this seminar for 17 years now, and have helped about 2500 people experience healing, find a new purpose for their lives, and feel joy once again. This is an experience like no other.

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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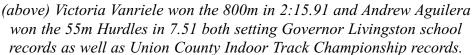
In the Union County Championships, Freshman Victoria Vanriele won the 800 meter in 2:15.91 and set a school and meet record. Andrew Aguilera also set a school and meet record as he won the 55 meter hurdles in 7:51. as the GL boys team finished in First Place. Saifi sisters Leah, a senior and Lauren , 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





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(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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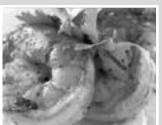
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Edward was born and raised in Orange, New Jersey. He became an engineer and he built his Mountainside home along with his wife Mariann. The couple moved to Mountainside on April 25th, 1952, a day before their 11th wedding anniversary.

Edward and Mariann were married for 69

Mountainside resident Edward Verlangieri years before she passed in 2010 at age 96. Edward recalls that Mariann was very active in the Mountainside community. She was a charter member of the Women's Club, Mountain Trail Club, and the Literature Club. In fact Mariann spent so much time at the Mountainside Library that Edward would call her "Mariann the Librarian."

> Edward's family includes 2 Great-Great-Great-Grand Nephews, and 4 Great-Great-Grand Nieces, with more on the way.



(above l-r) Edward Verlangieri celebrated his 103rd birthday surrounded by Mountainside neighbors. Pictured are Alanna Moriak, Domenico Deluca, Edward, Vincent Ferraro, and Roman Andre.



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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 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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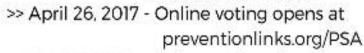
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THE MOUNTAINSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

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.

MARCH MEETING SCHEDULE:

March 10th Mayor update (postponed from Jan date) March 12th Trip to Bobby Brynes Doolan's at Spring Lake RSVP: Eve 789-8568 March 24th Meeting

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.

MARCH MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

March 14th Susan Rele – AmeriCare Physical Therapy - Balance

March 22nd Trip to Silver Birches.

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NJ Blood Services, which supplies blood to 60 hospitals throughout the state, is in need of volunteers, to work blood drives. The blood mobile volunteer is an integral member of the blood collection team whose task it is assist donors with registration, perform canteen duties and make appointments for their next donation. Volunteers should have the ability to relate to the public, be able to perform different jobs as needed and have the willingness to follow the rules. For additional information contact, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, Manager of Community Relations & Volunteer Services Jan Zepka at 732-616-8741.

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Reeves-Reed Arboretum heads to the Philadelphia Flower Show, Thursday, March 16, 2017 for its annual spring trip. This year's theme - Holland: Flowering the World! From towering windmills, wooden shoes and delectable cheeses, to the whimsical bicycles, canals and vibrant tulip fields of the iconic Dutch landscape, the 2017 Flower Show will share the diverse stories of horticulture, innovative eco-design, and modern urban greening and sustainability efforts of the Netherlands. Leading Dutch floral and garden designers, including Nico Wissing, Bart Hoes, Carrie Preston and Bart Bresser will headline major exhibits.

Excursion includes entry to the show, a healthy snack, and round trip bus transportation to and from the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Avenue. The cost for RRA members is \$80; Nonmembers \$95. Registration is taking place now at reeves-reedarboretum.org or call Doreen Schindler (908) 273-8787, x1010 by Wednesday, March 1st.



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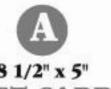


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MARCH PROGRAMS AT THE MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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.

Tuesday Night Movies.

On March 7, we will be showing The Girl on the Train (2016, R). The Hollars (2016, PG-13) will be presented on March 14. On March 21, we will screen 45 Years (2015, R). Ghostbusters (2016, PG-13) is our feature film on March 28. Showtime is 6:30 PM for each movie.

Brown Bag Academy.

Friday, March 10 at 1:00 PM.

"Opera on Film Series", Friday Operas on Film series, sponsored by the T. Robel Hill Foundation and presented by Mena Clemson. This month's offering is a 2004 recording of Il Corsaro by Giuseppe Verdi. Zvetan Michailov (Corrado) and Renato Bruson (Pasha Seid) perform and the Orchestra and Chorus of the Teatro Regio di Parma is conducted by Renato Palumbo.

"Saturday Musical Getaways: Nina Et Cetera" Saturday, March 11 at 2:00 PM.

A Mountainside Library favorite, Nina Romano returns with a special Women's History Month program entitled "Maybelle Carter: American Music Legend". Maybelle Carter was a core member of the Carter Family, the first superstars of Country Music, who enjoyed tremendous popularity and success during the Great Depression. The

Carters collected backwoods music, recorded hits, composed, toured extensively, and are an enduring influence to this day. Maybelle Carter was a virtuoso guitarist in a number of styles, inventing a style which bears her name. She was a composer of many songs, and a multi-instrumentalist, as well. We will tell her story with illustrative songs, musical examples, and other lore from the period. This program is entertaining, inspiring and educational. For samples of Nina's musical style, see www.ninaetcetera.com.

"Elder Law & Estate Planning Workshop"

Wednesday, March 15 at 2:00 PM.

Where would you want to leave your hard earned money in case of death or disability? Nursing home, government or family members? If you answered "family members", this presentation is a must for you! At this seminar, given

by Benjamin Eckman, a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, you will discover how to successfully safeguard your assets from taxes, probate and nursing home costs. People lose their assets to government and nursing homes all the time because these entities do not inform them of the laws. This seminar is your opportunity to learn for yourself.

"Guided Meditation for Inner Peace" Thursday, March 16 at 7:30 PM.

Join Sally Younghans each month as we explore the most talked about evidence based meditation techniques for inner peace, overall well-being and stress reduction. This month's topic is "The Witness Technique", learn how to witness and detach from thoughts and emotions to find stillness.

"Hollywood Musicals with Skip Ungar" Saturday, March 18 at 2:00 PM.

Skip Ungar presents a lecture with music about the Early Hollywood musicals starting with the 1927's "The Jazz Singer" featuring Al Jolson and continuing through Judy Garland's "The Wizard of Oz" in 1939. Bing Crosby's movie career, from 1930 to 1974, will also be included. Skip will play and occasionally sing some of the songs from several of those films such as "Sonny Boy", "Top Hat", "Let's Call The Whole Thing Off", "They Can't

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Monday, March 13th, 6:30PM, at the professionals to figure out how they can be happier, more fulfilled and more successful in their work. She also works with companies to remove performance blocks, drive engagement and elevate leadership skills. Stacey facilitates workshops, assessments and seminars to increase team work, communication, and collaboration.

> Stacey is a contributing writer reporting on strategy and career leadership for MINonline.com, a media industry trade publication. From 2014-15, she was a public speaking trainer with Own The Room (a division of Blue Planet Training) during which time I served as a coach for video training pilot developed with MIT Media Lab. She has a B.S. in Advertising from Syracuse University (S.I. Newhouse School of Communications) and completed a Digital mini-MBA program from Rutgers University.

This program is free and open to the public. To register for this event, please call the Mountainside Public Library at 908-233-0115.

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"NJ Maker's Day"

Saturday, March 25.

Join us for the Third Annual New Jersey Makers Day! NJ Makers Day is designed to be a statewide event that celebrates, promotes, and in many cases may introduce maker culture, as well as the values associated with making, tinkering and STEM-based learning. In 2016, NJ Makers Day drew over 40,000 individual attendees to more than 230 participating sites, including the Mountainside Public Library, across all 21 counties in the state. This year, in addition to all-day 3D Printer demonstrations, we will feature a variety of hands on projects and activities for children ages 2-6 from 10:00

AM to noon. In the afternoon, "Bricks4kidz" (www.bricks4kidz.com) will present programs that allow children (Grades 2-3 and 4-5) to embrace their creativity and build exciting LEGO® models from project kits. There will be two afternoon sessions, each limited to 15 participants, so registration is a must and priority will be given to Mountainside residents!

"ABCs of DNA"

Thursday, March 30, 7:00PM.

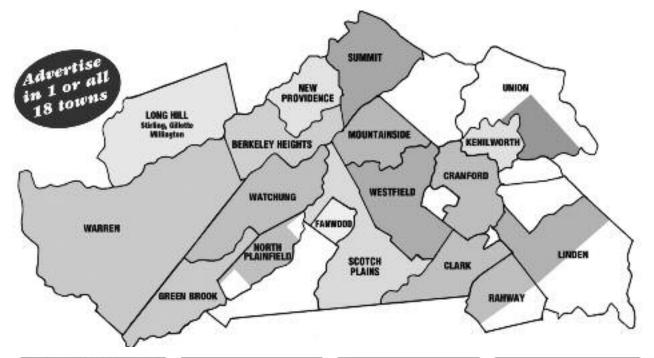
Walter Choroszewski returns to the library with his "Genetic Genealogy & Genomics" presentation. He will share his experience with DNA testing and teaches how you can discover the hidden treasures in your DNA. As a former science educator, Walter decodes the confusing science of DNA and translates it into common language. He compares genetic testing companies and directs how to find your genetic relatives, biogeographical origins and much more!

"Saturday Musical Getaways: Sixty Minutes Around the World" Saturday, April 8 at 2:00 PM.

The Karkowska Sisters Duo is an award winning, internationally acclaimed ensemble that has performed to standing ovations, encores and rave reviews from Carnegie Hall to Mexico's National Center for Performing Arts. Kasha, who studied at the Chopin Academy, and Anna, who studied at the Julliard School, will take the audience on a fantastic journey-adventure, around the world with the most daring virtuosity, unforgettable stories and a bit of Borge-like humor in an amazing program of the most beloved classical music hits including fireworks of Carmen Fantasy by P. Sarasate, Csardas by V. Monti, the brilliant Souvenir d'Amerique (Variations on Yankee Doodle) by H. Vieuxtemps and MORE!!! "60 Minutes Around the World" is great entertainment for the entire family and has gained standing ovations and encores whenever performed! For a sample of their music and humor, please see their website www.karkowskaduo.org.

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