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Boy Scout Troop #330 and Cub Scout Pack #30, along with numerous community organizations including the Rahway River Watershed Association, Rahway and Clark Environmental Commissions, and local school clubs, will hold its annual Earth Day Rahway River clean-up on Saturday, April 22nd (rain date of April 23rd). This cleanup event has been conducted annually since the 1990's under the auspices of the Union County Adopt-a-Park program.

All volunteers are welcome to participate. No registration is required. Interested volunteers should meet at the parking area adjacent to the waterfall of the Rahway River by the dam at Winfield Park at 8:45 a.m. The clean-up will generally be between 9-1, but any amount of time or effort that folks can volunteer is appreciated. Anyone can participate! Scout, school, church, and civic groups are just some of the organizations that have participated in the past.

There is a large volume of debris and garbage to remove from the river banks and areas of the river's floodplain. This includes debris like shopping carts, tires, and of course floatables (cans, bottles, plastics, etc.).



*(above) Last year, nearly 150 volunteers participated and removed tires, and a number of other large pieces of debris, and over 100 large bags of floatable debris and other wastes.*

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This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day! If you haven't participated in an event like this before, you would find it invigorating, and you will feel good about what you are giving back to your community and the environment.

Everyone will be able to work with a team. Teams will be spread out to a number of locations within the park.

All participants should wear jeans, long-sleeved shirts, gloves and boots. Participants can bring a standard 5-gallon carry bucket with a handle (put your name on the bottom)...this makes for easy carrying of "stuff" for transfer to the large garbage bags. When we complete the event we do a basic inventory of the "big stuff" that we removed....and within approximately 24 hours Union County Parks removes and disposes of all the trash. If you need more information on this Earth Day event please feel free to drop an e-mail to [rivercleanup@comcast.net](mailto:rivercleanup@comcast.net).



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## LINDEN FIREFIGHTERS COMPETE AT COOKED AND UNCORKED FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

On Monday, February 27, 2017, Linden firefighters joined together with firefighters from around New Jersey to compete in The Ultimate Fire Department Cook-off, part of the Cooked and Uncorked Food and Wine Festival. The event, sponsored by Allied Beverage Group, ShopRite, Bayonne Community Bank, and Autoland, benefited the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association and The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

The Fire Department Cook-off is part of a culinary extravaganza where participants were able to experience the tastes and flavors of more than 40 of New Jersey's finest restaurants, caterers and dessert shops all in one location. This event, held at The Pines Manor in Edison, NJ, drew more than 900 people from across New Jersey. The Cooked and Uncorked event has provided The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center with over \$139,042 in the past 6 years.



(above l-r) Linden Fire Department team:  
Justin Brose, Joe Braxton, Tadj Braxton And Daryl Roberts.

Photos from this and other events can be found online at  
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On Saturday, March 18th members of the Linden Police and Fire Department's set aside their "rivalry" and took to the basketball court in a charity game to benefit the Linden PAL. In front of a crowd of children, families, and elected officials, the two teams went back and forth in just the kind of hard-fought game one would expect. Although tied at halftime, it was the Firemen who ultimately won the game 32-26.

"This event was about coming together and having a good time for our kids" said Linden PAL Director and Police Officer Danny Kuczynski. "It is just one example of how the PAL works to

build relationships among kids, emergency personnel, and the community in a positive setting."

The Linden Police Athletic League is a non-profit organization started in 1952. It operates year round to give children ages 5-13 an opportunity to play basketball, T-ball, baseball, volleyball, and flag-football in a safe and supportive environment. Aside from Kuczynski the organization is run completely by volunteers, and Kuczynski credits them with the organization's success. "We could never do this without them" he said "They give so much of

their time, and often times money, to these kids without expecting anything in return."

This game is the latest installment in the "Battle of the Badges" events hosted by the PAL. The events began with a flag football game started by Kuczynski xx years ago and has grown to include a softball game and basketball game. "We are happy to provide an opportunity for the kids to get to know our Emergency Responders in a positive and fun way" said Kuczynski.

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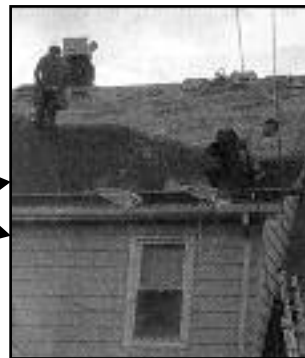


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Evelyn Burnett Marchione

## EVELYN BURNETT MARCHIONE NAMED 2017 OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Evelyn Burnett Marchione, a resident of Linden has been chosen Linden's 41st Annual Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year. This award is bestowed annually by the Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services Recreation Division upon the Senior Citizen who displayed the most exceptional service to the Community.

All Linden residents are invited to attend the celebration honoring Evelyn on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 1:00pm, 330 Helen Street, Linden. Refreshments will be served.

Evelyn moved to Linden from Staten Island in December 1997 when she married Pasquale Marchione, her second husband. Her first husband Frederick Burnett died in 1972 and Evelyn became a single parent concentrating her efforts on raising her two sons, Robert and Peter, and career.

Evelyn retired from the Unified Court System of New York with 22 years of service working for three different judges.

Some organizations Evelyn has volunteered for include AARP Chapter 1894, Ladies Thursday Senior Friendship Club, Linden Retired Mens/Women's Club, Tremley Point Seniors

Club. She also assisted in instituting the volunteer Telephone squad.

Last but not least, is Evelyn's pride and joy, the "Knitting and Crocheting for a Cause Group". Evelyn was approached by the staff of the JTG Recreation Center in December of 2006 to launch this club. She embarked on the journey starting with a handful of women and growing to 32 talented women ranging in ages of 50-95 years of age. They have volunteered so much time and simply thousands of homespun goods inclusive of lap blankets, chemo hats, baby hats and blankets to the various hospitals, hospices, nursing homes and new babies in Union County during the past ten years.

You might also see Evelyn around her neighborhood tending to elderly neighbors in the form of looking in on them, shopping for them and taking them to church or doctor appointments, when asked. She has even shoveled snow from neighbors' sidewalks.

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The chamber's Workforce Education Committee comprises representatives from the business community, education, community organizations and the military. The committee develops relationships between chamber businesses and education institutions in Union County that will foster a well-qualified future work force and supports the training and development of employees. The annual breakfast is its signature event and this year had the theme of building the Career Blueprint.

"The message we want to communicate to the educators and students who attended is that to be successful in defining a career, the most important thing is to have good life skills," said Jim Coyle, chamber president. "More than anything life skills will enable them to go where they want to go."

Coyle hosted a panel discussion that featured Veronica Sanchez-Rico, nurse coordinator at Trinitas Regional Medical Center; Rob Leslie, owner of Computer Solutions Unlimited; and Filipe Agostinho, owner of Filipe Custom Woodwork, Inc.

Sanchez-Rico told the audience she decided to go into nursing later in life, earning her nursing degree after having three children and starting her career in retail. She said both education and life skills are essential for a successful career.

"No matter what anyone ever does to you, they can never take away your education and life

skills," she said. "Always try to be the best at what you do and never stay stagnant."

Leslie told the audience he learned his trade while serving in the Marines and that continual learning is the key to his success as a business owner.

"I don't spend all day working," he said. "I spend all day trying to learn. The nighttime I spend studying. Before my head hits the pillow, I try to learn one new thing. At the end of the week I've learned seven new things. At the end of the month I've learned 30 new things."

Agostinho shared how he opened his first woodworking business at the age of 18 while growing up in Portugal and later emigrated to the United States, where he learned English on the job and by watching cartoons.

When he and the other panelists were asked by a high school counselor whether higher education is worth the cost when considering how many college graduates have difficulty finding work in their chosen field, Agostinho told the story of an intern he trained who now earns more than \$100,000 per year as a woodworking designer.

"There are a lot of professions where you can make good money without a college education," he said. "If you go to college, also get work experience, even through unpaid internships."

All three panelists agreed that the three life skills most important to a successful career are trust, dependability and likability.

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(above) The attendees of the 19th Annual Business & Education Partnership Breakfast.

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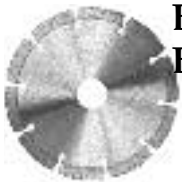


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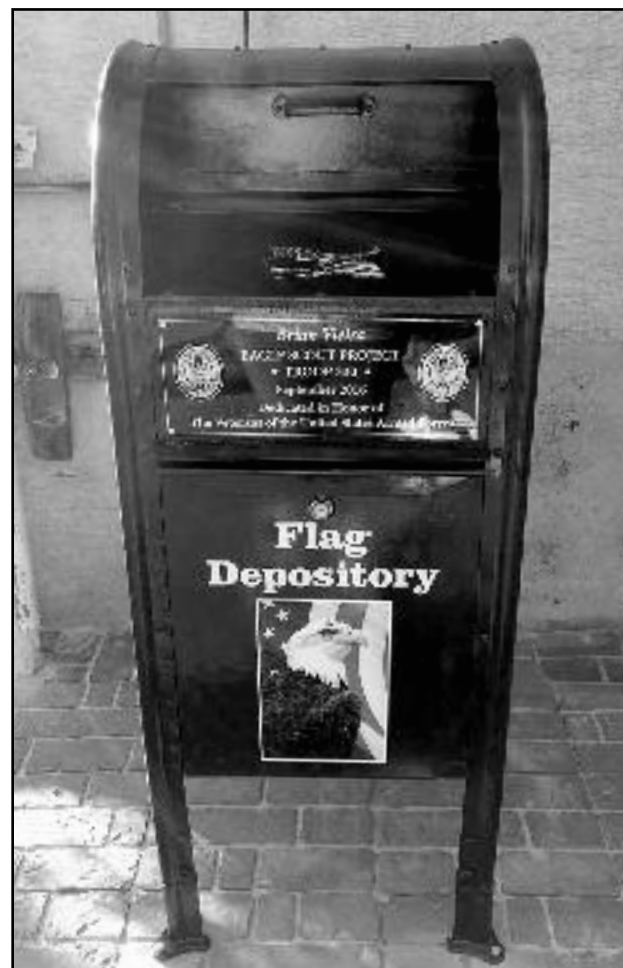
For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Brian coordinated a work crew to clear brush and beautify the VFW Post# 7363 Clark, NJ and he also installed a Flag Retirement drop box and plantings and retaining walls. Under his direction, scouts and adult volunteers completed the project.

Brian has been involved in Scouting for 11 years and is a member of Boy Scout Troop 330,

sponsored by St. John the Apostle Church in Linden under the leadership of Scoutmaster Fredy Reyes. Brian began his scouting career as a Wolf Cub in Den 5, Pack 30 and continued through Cub scouting to achieve the highest award, the Arrow of Light. As a member of Troop 330, Brian has held several leadership positions including Den Chief, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. He has earned 31 merit badges. Brian attended and participated in the National Youth Leadership Training conference.



(above) Brian Vieira is a Senior at Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains. He reached his goal of Eagle on October 24, 2016 and received his Eagle badge recently during a Court of Honor Ceremony on February 12, 2017. Brian will be attending college in the Fall.



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(above) Linden Police Officers Raul Jordan & Adam Mikolajczyk work with Layla Safner of School No. 8 at the Shake Shack station. School No. 8 families were challenged to build the tallest structure they could using paper cups and craft sticks. Amazing structures, such as the one pictured here, were created and then measured using yard sticks and measuring tapes. The next step was to compare the heights of their Shake Shack with the heights of the other Shake Shacks at their tables. Families were eager to increase the heights of their towers so that they were able to claim the bragging rights as the builder of "School 8's Tallest Shake Shack"! School No. 8 Shake Shacks seemed to defy gravity!

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The administration, faculty and staff of Linden School #4 appreciate what parents and community members have done to celebrate the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America observance. This year marks the eighteenth annual celebration of reading and Dr. Seuss's birthday aimed to encourage children to pick up books and read. Many community members, including Mayor Armstead, members of the Linden Police Department, and a host of parents put aside the many hats they wear and

donned the ultimate hat of reading; the red and white striped stovepipe made famous by the Cat in the Hat, and served as guest readers throughout the school. Students were also immersed in various author studies throughout the month of February, highlighting the works of many famous authors of children's books. School #4 concluded the day with a "Drop Everything and Read" time where students, administration, staff members and teachers filled the hallways and read silently together. When we work together as a community both young and old to encourage our children to read, we bring Dr. Seuss' quote to life, "the more you read, the more you know, the more you know, the more places you'll go."

(above) Linden Police Captain Dave Hart sat in the class reading rocking chair in Carol Cetroni's 2nd grade class.



(above) School No. 4 thanks the Linden Police Department for reading.

(above) The students welcomed Mayor Derek Armstead to School No. 4. Mayor Armstead read his favorite Dr. Suess book *Please Try to Remember the First of October!*

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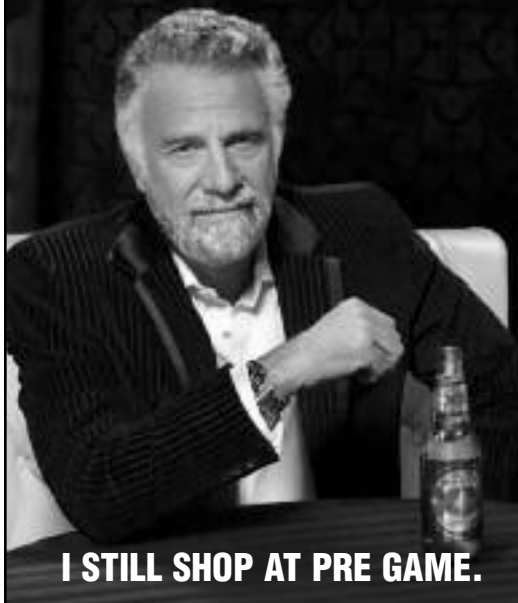
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"Distracted driving is a serious issue on our roadways," said Gary Poedubicky, Acting Director of the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. "The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that in 2014 alone, 3,179 people were killed in distracted driving crashes and an estimated 431,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver."

Despite the fact that using a hand held cell phone or texting while driving is illegal in New Jersey, the practice appears to be widespread. In a recent survey conducted by the FDU

PublicMind Poll for the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, 67% of respondents said they "very often" see people driving and talking on a hand held cell phone. 42% of respondents said they "very often" see driver's texting.

"We have all seen a car swerving while the driver is using a mobile phone" said Lt. Michael Babulski, Commander of the Linden Police Traffic Bureau. "It is the single most dangerous factor in motor vehicle crashes today." The enforcement of this is something that we take very seriously in Linden, and we recently established an aggressive traffic enforcement unit to specifically target distracted driving and other violations along the Route 1 Corridor in the hopes of reducing crashes."

The campaign is being carried out during the month of April, which the National Safety Council has designated as Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The New Jersey campaign is modeled after similar successful high visibility enforcement programs such as Click It or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

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These scholarships provide financial assistance to high school graduates who have documented hearing loss and have been accepted into accredited two-year colleges or vocational schools (\$2,000) or four-year colleges or

universities (\$4,000). A special characteristic of these awards is that they are renewable for one to three years for the student providing satisfactory grades are maintained.

Application forms are available on request by contacting Mrs. P. Hanigan, Scholarship Chairperson, 1213 Wyoming Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092, or by phoning her at 908 232 4512 (voice). Applications must be submitted no later than May 19, 2017.

The Hearing Society is a not-for-profit organization that has served people with hearing impairments in Union County since 1932. The society also sponsors a class in speech (lip) reading at the First Baptist Church in Westfield, and welcomes interested people from the area to attend.

For more information about the Society, contact Alice Knecht, 908-688-8241 (voice), or online at [alirobkn@aol.com](mailto:alirobkn@aol.com).

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If you want to recapture all those great memories from "back in the day when..." you need to be at the Garden Restaurant on Wednesday, April 19 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm by registering online at:

[ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2045647](http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2045647) before Monday, April 17.

Program will include presentations on 2017 Alumni events, such as the Alumni National Jamboree and an Alumni trip, recognition of Veteran Scouters and Silver Beaver Award recipients and a Collector's Patch sale. There is no charge for this Fellowship Dinner, yet there will be door prizes, a drawing for a free spot on the May 20 Alumni trip to Philadelphia and a great Patriots' Path Council Alumni Shoulder Patch for all attendees.

For more information, please register online or contact Mary Lynne Capen at 973-765-9222 x241 or [marylynnecapen@scouting.org](mailto:marylynnecapen@scouting.org).

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Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery received the “Business Service Award” at the Linden FMBA Locals #34 and #234 Retirement and Valor Awards Banquet held recently. This award is presented to a business whose actions support the goals and philosophies of the FMBA and whose actions prove to be an asset to the Linden Fire Department and the City of Linden.

Linden Fire Chief, Joseph Dooley, presented the award honoring Hope Gray, Dave Dolnick, Jeff Merrill, Nancy Sadlon, and Mary Phillips for continued support of Linden Fire Department – consistent with Phillips 66’s values of Safety, Honor, and Commitment. He noted there has been a significant difference in the support and collaborative efforts between Linden Fire Department and Bayway Refinery since Phillips 66 became the owners of Bayway.

Jeff Merrill accepted the award on behalf of

Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery. In addition to thanking the organization, Jeff noted: “For decades the Bayway Refinery has maintained a very strong relationship with the City of Linden, and we have also enjoyed the same relationship with the Linden Fire Department. When it comes to community safety and preparedness, fire prevention, education, training or emergency response, or the addition of resources which benefit the citizens of Linden, Chief Dooley knows he can count on Bayway’s support, and I know we can count on his if needed as well.” Jeff also congratulated the Linden Fire Department’s Valor Award recipients and thanked these brave individuals for their service. Also attending the event supporting our Bayway honorees were: Patti Murgo, Kathy Merrill, Tony Muccia and Gina Muccia.



(above l-r) Hope Gray, Bayway Refinery Health, Safety & Environmental Manager; Dave Dolnick, Bayway Refinery Process Safety, Emergency Response & Security Team Lead; Jeff Merrill, Bayway Refinery Fire Chief; Nancy Sadlon, Bayway Refinery Public Affairs Manager; Tony Muccia, Bayway Refinery Health & Safety Specialist; Joseph Dooley, Linden Fire Chief. (Not pictured, Mary Phillips, Bayway Refinery Community Relations Coordinator).



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# EXPLORE SUMMER CAMP AT THE GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA OPEN HOUSE

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The Gateway Family YMCA is gearing up for a summer of fun with the theme, "Once Upon a Summer", and is inviting the public to learn more about summer camp at an open house this spring. Summer camp open house dates are scheduled for April 29 12-3pm and May 16 6-8pm. Summer day camp is available at the Elizabeth Branch, 135 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, the Five Points Branch, 201 Tucker Avenue, Union and the Rahway Branch, 1564 Irving Street, Rahway.

The Gateway Family YMCA offers summer camp programs for preschool through grade 11. And, to ensure that all youth have the chance to experience camp, The Gateway Family YMCA offers financial assistance to those in need, as well as a multi-sibling rate for families. Summer camp at the Y gives kids and teens an adventurous, active and healthy summer.

YMCA camp programs offer youth fun and unique experiences with an opportunity to explore the outdoors, meet new friends, discover new interests and create memories that last a lifetime. Attending an open house is a first step in selecting a summer camp experience that complements your child and their interests. Optional specialty camp experiences include sports camps, arts camp, dance camp and swim camp along with traditional summer day camp.



Summer is the ideal time for kids to get up, get out and explore the world around them. But, for some kids summer means no access to recreational and educational activities to help them learn, grow and thrive during out-of-school time. As a result, some kids can experience summer learning loss and gain weight twice as fast than during the school year. Attending summer camp at The Gateway Family YMCA is a memorable opportunity for kids to keep their minds and bodies active throughout the summer months.

"Attending summer day camp at the Y is a growth experience that every child should have

an opportunity to experience, which is why our YMCA is dedicated to providing assistance to those in need in our community," says Krystal R. Canady, CEO of The Gateway Family YMCA. "In our day camp, kids are in a welcoming environment with caring role models, where they can belong, build relationships, develop character, discover their potential and achieve personal goals. We encourage parents to give their kids the gift of camp so that every child can benefit from the unique and beneficial experience," added Melynda A. Mileski, EVP/COO.

A leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of youth, the Y has been a leader in providing summer camp for nearly 130 years. The Gateway Family YMCA continues to give youth an enriching, safe experience with caring staff and volunteers who model positive values that help build their kids' character. Through summer camp, the Y is helping to combat childhood obesity, summer learning loss and food insecurity.

For more information, visit [www.tgfymca.org/day-camp](http://www.tgfymca.org/day-camp) or contact The Gateway Family YMCA Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622 or Rahway Branch 732-388-0057.

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## LINDEN RESIDENT BECOMES CASA VOLUNTEER

Union County Superior Court Judge James Hely administered oaths to 16 community members on March 20, 2017 — among them Lucia Menyout Rocha of Linden — who stepped up to volunteer as extra eyes and ears for Family Court judges on cases involving Union County's abused, neglected or abandoned children now placed in foster care.

The new child advocates completed 30 hours in a new, flexible training option that comprises fewer in-person sessions than the traditional session, but incorporates an online learning component for scheduling flexibility. After the new advocates took their oath and received a commemorative CASA pin and certificate, they gathered with staff and board members for a celebratory luncheon, during which they were matched to their new case.

Volunteers with varied backgrounds make successful advocates and this class is no exception: Advocates range in age from 21 to 81; are parents and non-parents; recent retirees and students; and careers include business professionals, a teacher, nurse, attorney and

professor; as well as homemakers. Languages spoken include Spanish, Chinese, Ukrainian and German. Most have no prior knowledge of the foster system.

CASA volunteers have court-ordered access to all parties in a child's life, including foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, and incorporate into court reports findings from these contacts as well as time spent with the youth. Volunteers advocate both in the community and court to ensure their youth's needs are met and their time in care is as short as possible. There are 600 Union County children currently in foster care and CASA of Union County serves approximately one-third; its mission is to provide an advocate for every foster child that needs one.

For details on future trainings,  
contact Courtney at 908-527-7045  
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To inquire about other ways to support CASA of Union County, contact Executive Director Marla Higginbotham at 908-527-7041 or [marlah@casaoofunioncounty.org](mailto:marlah@casaoofunioncounty.org).

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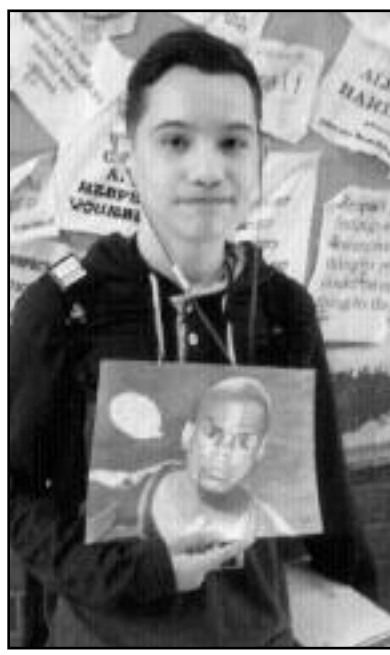
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(above) Aaron Hauser, 10th Grade winner.

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## JAZZ FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER - APRIL 29

Jazz Festival to benefit St. Joseph Social Service Center - April 29

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If you care to inquire about becoming a sponsor of the event, contact Phil Michel at pmichel@sjeliz.org.

To make a donation to support the work of St. Joseph's www.sjeliz.org. Please do not call St. Joseph's or Union Catholic High School for show tickets or information.

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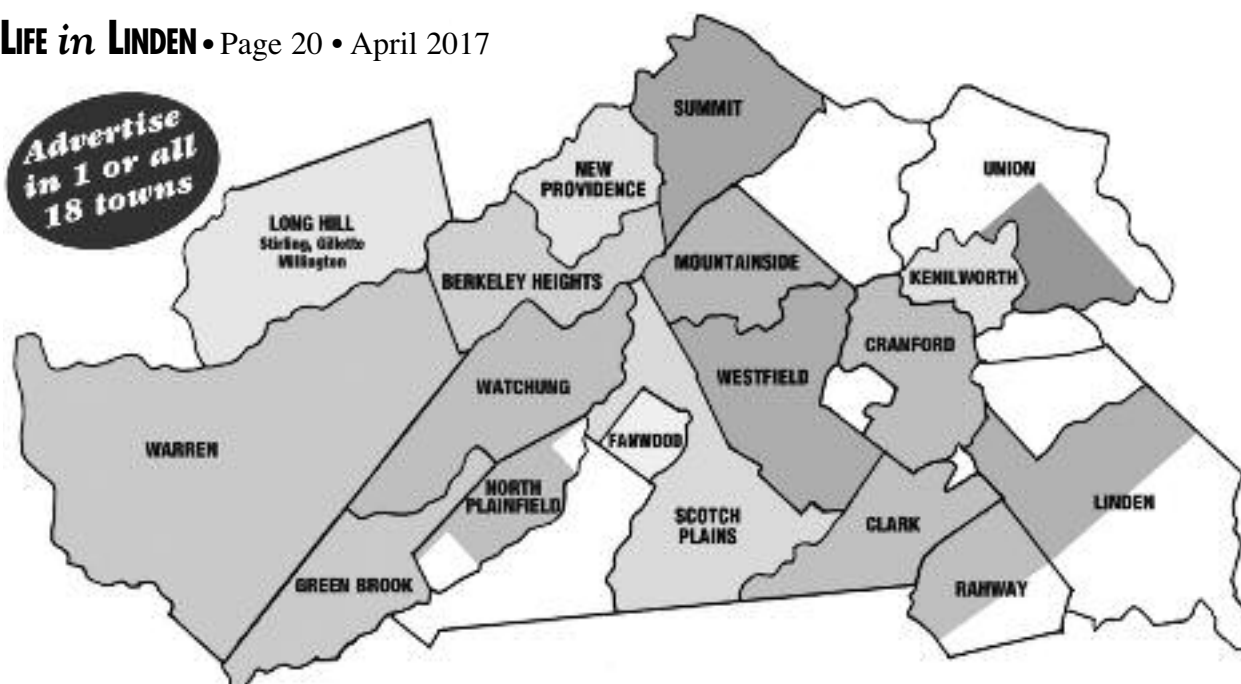
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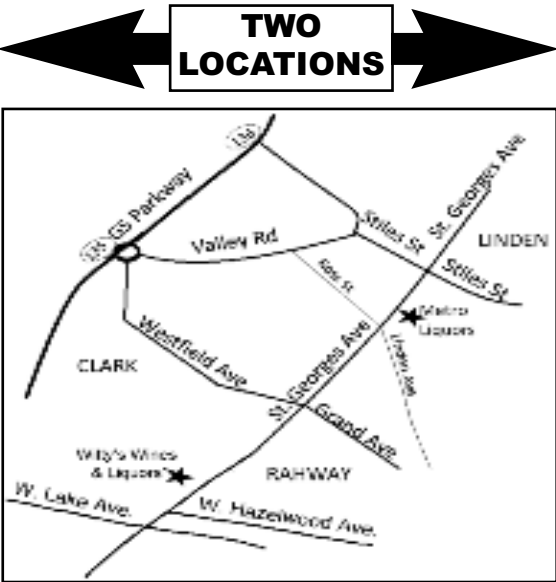


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Absolut (regular) .....	1.75L .....	\$29.09
Belvedere Vodka .....	750ml .....	\$27.99
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Grey Goose .....	750ml .....	\$28.99
Grey Goose (all types) .....	1.75L .....	\$49.99
Ketel One .....	750ml .....	\$22.99
Ketel One .....	1.75L .....	\$39.99
Luksusowa .....	1.75L .....	\$19.99
Majorska .....	750ml .....	\$ 8.99
Majorska .....	1.75L .....	\$13.99
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Smirnoff Vodka (80 proof) .....	750ml .....	\$11.99
Smirnoff Vodka (all types) .....	1.75L .....	\$19.29
Sobieski .....	750ml .....	\$11.99
Sobieski .....	1.75L .....	\$19.99
Soplica .....	750ml .....	\$ 9.95
Stolichnaya (all types) .....	1.75L .....	\$29.09
Svedka (all types) .....	750ml .....	\$11.99
Svedka (all types) .....	1.75L .....	\$19.29
Tanqueray Sterling .....	750ml .....	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling .....	1.75L .....	\$30.99
Three Olives (all types) .....	1L .....	\$19.99
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Bailey's Irish Cream .....	750ml .....	\$21.99
Bailey's Irish Cream .....	1.75L .....	\$39.99
Kahlua .....	750ml .....	\$19.99
Kahlua .....	1.75L .....	\$36.99
Krupnik .....	750ml .....	\$13.99
Licor 43 .....	750ml .....	\$20.99
Licor 43 .....	1.75L .....	\$39.99
Patron XO Café .....	750ml .....	\$22.99
Patron XO Café .....	1.75L .....	\$34.99
Southern Comfort .....	750ml .....	\$17.99
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RUM		
Bacardi Light .....	750ml .....	\$11.99
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Malibu .....	1.75L .....	\$25.99

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Casa Noble Silver .....	750ml .....	\$34.99
El Jimador Reposado .....	750ml .....	\$19.99
El Jimador Reposado .....	1.75L .....	\$29.99
Jose Cuervo .....	750ml .....	\$17.99
Jose Cuervo .....	1.75L .....	\$32.99
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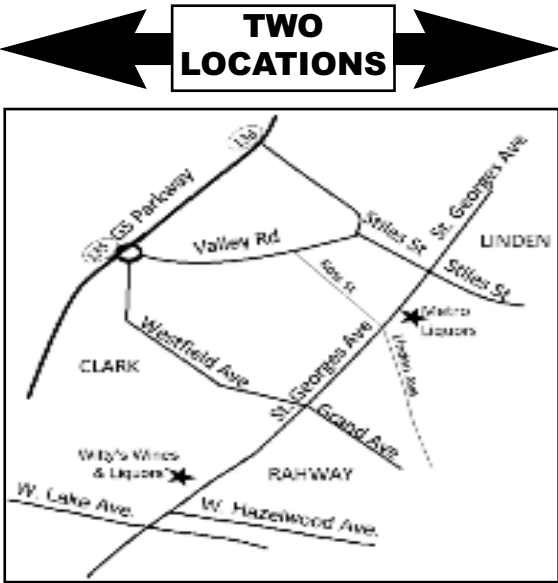
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Rombauer Chardonnay .....	750ml	\$27.99
Ruffino Chianti .....	750ml	\$ 7.99
Ruffino Chianti .....	1.5 L	\$13.99
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Ruffino Tan label .....	750ml	\$19.99
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