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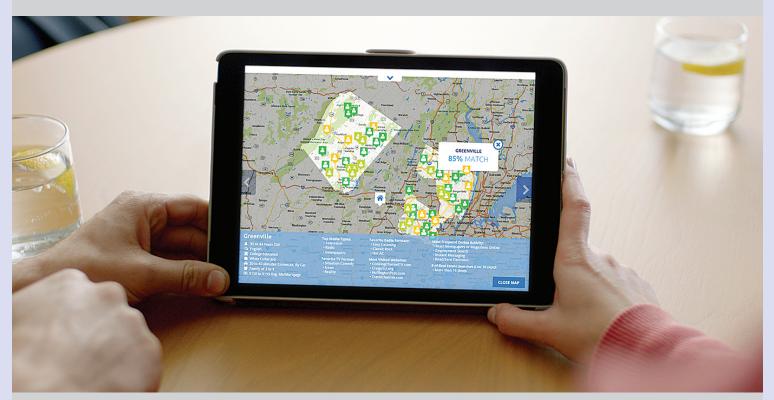


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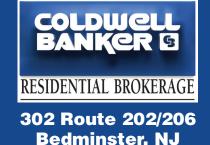
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Welcome to the Fall edition of The Bridgewater-Somerville Connection. This issue is full of NEW and returning advertisers, excellent editorial columns, dedicated sections, community

news and much more! Our dedicated sections, this issue include: **Back 2 School**, featuring many local learning options and more, Dining Out, Health & Wellness, Home & Design, Shop Somerville, Spotlight on Seniors and of course the Community Calendar.

Highlighted from our business/professional community this issue are: Camp Bow Wow, Learning Rx, Mirror Image Barber Shop, **Brook Arts Center, Dutch Country Farmers** Market, Lighting Genie and Comfort Keepers. Our talented writers have given us unique insight into these businesses and their respective owners.

Talented cover artist, **John C. Traynor**, delights us with an oil on linen entitled, "Grazing By The Bay." Originally from Chester and Mendham, NJ, John has made numerous painting expeditions to Ireland (over 35). This piece is from Dingle, Ireland. He states, "My first trip was at the age of 18 where I had a bike and cart filled with all of my painting materials. I biked all over Ireland, stopping to paint wherever inspiration called me. Ireland, being the birth place of my ancestors, has been the subject matter for hundreds of paintings." Being outside to paint is what really inspires John; to not only see the landscape but breathe it in to help him remember time and place. Please read John's impressive bio on page 8.

Look for our FUN contest in this issue: **SPOT** THE FAKE! Somewhere in this issue is a fake ad. Find it and email us at Spotthefake@the **connectionsni.com.** Please use the subject line: **FAKE** and include the answer, your name, town and phone number. The Winner will be chosen randomly from a list of those who entered the

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More than 200 people took part in our **Spot The Fake Ad** Contest in the June issue. Congratulations to everyone who "spotted" Basket 2 Go! The winner, selected randomly from a list of all those who entered and provided the correct answer, is **Steve Forktus** of Raritan. The winner received a gift certificate to **Alforno 202** in Flemington.

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JOHN C. TRAYNOR

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Having completed his studies by the time he was 20 years old, John was determined to become a professional artist. As an unknown artist, John started selling his paintings at outdoor art shows in the Northeast where he was able to meet collectors in person. Opportunities with galleries began opening up through this exposure. Traynor has won numerous awards including the Frank DuMond award from the Hudson Valley Association and the Medal of Honor from the Salmagundi Club of which he is an honorary member. In addition, John is an inductee into the Delbarton School Hall of Honors and has attained the level of Copley Master from the Copley Society of Boston.

John is a skillful painter of every genre: landscape, still life and portraiture. His unique blend of realism and atmospheric impressionism set his work apart. Many people recognize a 'Traynor painting' by its brush strokes and unique feeling. Part of his success is connecting emotionally with others through his work reminding people of moments in their life or memories of the past. John's works are on display in several galleries across North America.



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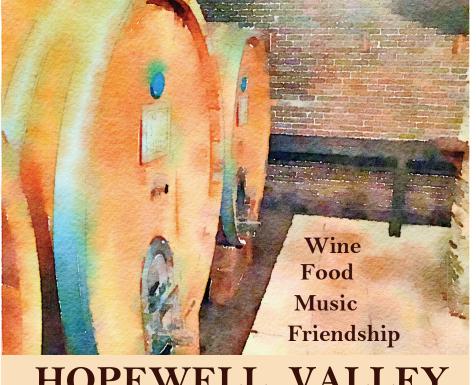
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- 1. Many dogs have not been as active outdoors because of scorching summer days, so make sure you and your four-legged friend practice some basic training. It is essential to give them a refresher on the very important "come" command, especially if you will be spending more time outside.
- 2. If you and your pup have not been on long walks in a while and you are going to enjoy long walks in the cooler weather, make sure to build up their stamina a little bit. Start with shorter walks and build your way up. This will make it an easier adjustment for your dog's body.
- 3. Watch out for toxic chemicals, such as fertilizers and rodent killers. These are frequently used in the fall and can be deadly to your pet.
- 4. In preparation for winter, many people change or refresh the coolant in their car. Antifreeze has a sweet taste that dogs love but is extremely toxic.
- 5. Make sure to have the poison control number readily available in case your pet does get into something toxic. The ASPCA has a 24-hour animal poison control hotline and can be reached at 888-426-4435.

- 6. It is extremely important to continue with regular flea and tick treatments for your pups. Fleas and ticks can live throughout the winter (down to temperatures in the 40's!). Year-round treatment is highly recommended.
- 7. Bring your dog to doggy day care. By doing so your dog can have fun all day whether they're playing with other dogs or hanging out with human friends. There are many benefits to having your dog attend day care including, but not limited to, socialization, weight management, unlimited access to outdoor areas, peace of mind while you're at work, and separation anxiety issues.

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A Widow's Secret To A Loving Marriage

By: Ellyn Mantell

As supporters of the Overlook Foundation at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, Bruce and I had the opportunity to attend a very inspiring and informative program recently. The speaker was a beautiful young woman who actually walked into the Medical Center as we did on a rainy Thursday night, and I recognized her immediately from her press shot. When I told her we were there to hear her speak, she looked humbled and pleased, and I could see in her eyes she had something important to say. It turned out she had several important things to say, and I want to share a few of them with you.

Dr. Lucy Kalanithi is an Internist and on the staff at Stanford School of Medicine; and she is the widow of Dr. Paul Kalanithi. He wrote a best-selling book entitled **When Breath Becomes Air** about the process of dying of advanced stage lung cancer. Paul, as she referred to him, was a fourth-year Resident in Neuro-surgery when his life turned upside down with this life-ending diagnosis. He survived for two years, and he shared so much with the reader, and through Lucy, as I will respectfully refer to her. She is doing the book tour he couldn't do, and speaking of what impact the book had on all of their lives, as well as the many who have or will read it. He may have only lived into his late thirties, but he left a profound legacy of wisdom in his few years here.

After a brief visual of Paul while he was still able to walk through his daily life, Lucy read two passages from his book, espousing his philosophies and thoughts. Then, Dr. Sophie Morse, a young Oncologist from the Cancer Center at Overlook Medical Center, sat with her on the stage, two chairs facing each other, as friends would sit. Dr. Morse asked questions that were at once incredibly simple, and yet so difficult to answer. One of the questions that hit me hard addressed the fact that in a family where there are two doctors spending so much time on their careers, how did they create a happy marriage. Without skipping a beat, Lucy said they learned to "give each other the benefit of the doubt!" How simple...how profound! Incredible to me was yes, that is so true. In order to gain one's love and support, one must offer the same, and instead of focusing on what is missing, or errant, focusing on what effort was put out. Not challenging, not expecting perfection, accepting that regardless of how differently we may want something to be, this is the way it is, goes a long way to actually giving someone the benefit of the doubt, and to not assume we know better. My feeling is that is the issue at the center of so many relationships. It is key to acknowledge that we are not each other's judge and jury, but rather that building what is positive and fulfilling, is best for the partnership.

Dr. Lucy Kalanithi also told us that her husband gave up his suffering when he internalized that the "non-acceptance" of pain (perhaps the anger one feels at pain and loss) is what causes the suffering. He used his time to work until he could no longer; they chose to have a child, a little girl, who was 8 months old when he died. He implored his loved ones to help support his wife through her pregnancy and after, so she could continue to care for and support him. His circle of family and friends was ever more important as time went on. She also spoke of the incredible importance of the caregiver at such a vulnerable time, and that it is incumbent upon the medical community to partner with the family for the best possible outcome. Provide honesty, yes, but kindness and understanding, as well.

Lastly, Dr. Morse asked Dr. Lucy Kalanithi if her husband had an answer to the question, what makes life meaningful? Yes, yes, he did. She explained that he felt quite certain after all he had endured, loved, gained and lost, the struggle to find the meaning of life, is in actuality, that which is meaningful! And I suppose for each and every one of us, the journey to discovering that meaning will be unique, special, beautiful, passionate, enduring, fulfilling, satisfying or still searching...even if it is too short, and too hard to say goodbye.

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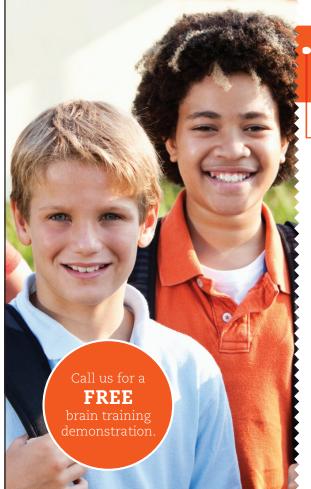
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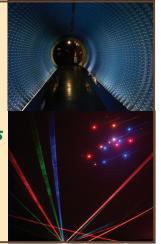


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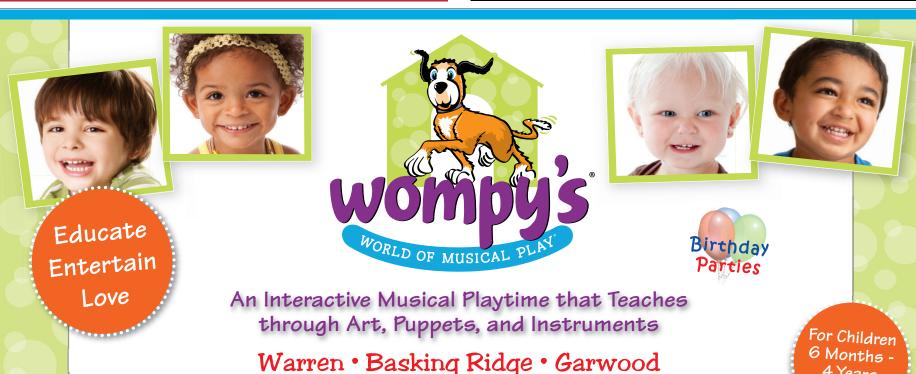
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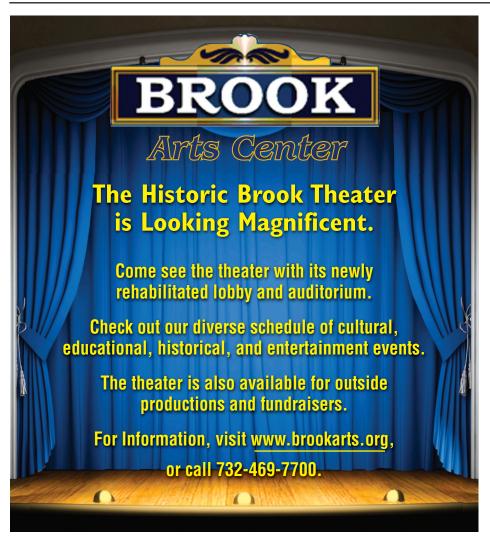
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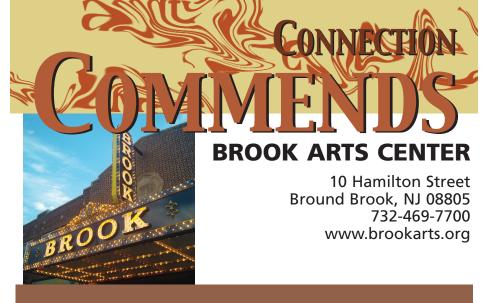
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THE HISTORIC BROOK THEATER GETS MAJOR MAKE-OVER

The Historic Brook Theater in Bound Brook has limped by in a sad state of disrepair since the flooding incidents of the past ten years did their damage, but the grand old theater is now being returned to its former grandeur once again.

Thanks, in part, to a grant from the Somerset County Board of Freeholders, work has been virtually non-stop since the beginning of the year, and the results have been nothing short of amazing. The Freeholders' grant allowed for the rehabilitation of the original plaster work, which took five months to repair and repaint the decorative motifs on the ceiling and walls. Kat Cannelongo, Board of Directors Chairperson, said that patrons coming to the theater will be in awe of the utterly beautiful Whisper Dome in the center of the ceiling, as well as the grandness of the auditorium.

In addition to the plaster work, other areas that have been rehabilitated or added are the inner and outer lobby, a lovely crystal chandelier suspended from the dome, new wall draperies, and a new stage lighting system. Still on the To-Do list is the make-over of the concession stand, the stage refurbishment, reconstruction of the outside Ticket Booth, and installation of new theater seating. Grant applications have been submitted to the New Jersey Historic Trust for the Ticket Booth proiect. A seating campaign recently commenced in order to fill the auditorium with plush new theater-style seating. The board is hoping to reach the goal of approximately 800 new seats within the year. The campaign can be accessed through the theater's website as well as through Facebook. A \$250 donation will allow people to "purchase" a seat with their name on a brass plate, or dedicate it in memory of a loved one.

The Historic Brook Theater, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in May 2014, opened its doors on January 19, 1927 as a vaudeville theater, with many now-famous people gracing its stage through the years, such as Mae West, W.C. Fields, Dean Martin, and Tony Bennett. Not long after it opened, the new talking pictures took hold of the American imagination, and the rest is history. The Theater remained a movie theater and live performance venue until the early 1990's. In 2001, the non-profit Somerset County Cultural Arts Center purchased the theater with grants and loans from the U.S. and New Jersey Economic Development Agencies and from the Somerset County Freeholders. Their mission is to provide cultural, educational, historic, and entertaining events to the surrounding region. The theater offers a diverse schedule of plays and musicals, operas, rock concerts, orchestra performances, dance, and presentations of interest. It is also available as a rental for outside productions and fund-raisers.

Additionally, the theater is a homebase for the Garden State Theater Organ Society, who maintains the big organ console and huge organ pipe system. The GSTOS also provides live performances throughout the year, and silent movie classics accompanied by the organ.

Cannelongo also reported that a regular classic movie series will be starting soon on Friday nights, and urges everyone to come see the new Historic Brook Theater – you will be amazed.

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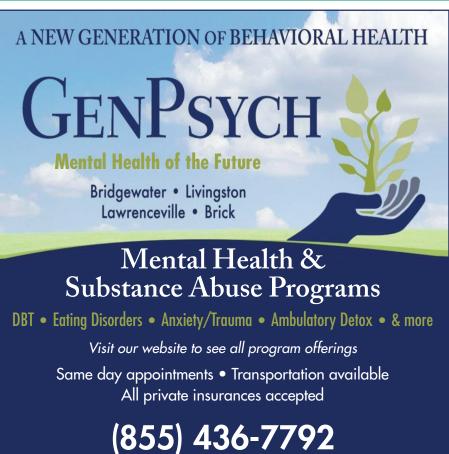
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THE MYTHS ASSOCIATED WITH VARICOSE VEINS

By: Joanne Kleinle

Drink plenty of milk to have strong bones and teeth. Remember to brush and floss after every meal. Mom had plenty of good advice for you to live by, but when it comes to information about varicose veins, not everything that she told you is true. If you want to get the real scoop on vein health - go to the experts. The Vein Institute of New Jersey at The Cardiovascular Care Group has been the leading provider of vascular care in the state since 1963. With eight convenient locations, their staff of board certified, Top Doctor rated physicians, sets the standard for vascular care in New Jersey. Clifford Sales, M.D. of The Vein Institute of New Jersey wants to dispel myths that we might have heard about vein care.

Myth #1: Treatment for varicose veins is painful.

Varicose veins are veins that have become enlarged or twisted, often causing soreness, stiffness or itching. In addition, they can be unsightly. Many women choose to forego treatment because they believe it is painful with a long recovery. Maybe this was true in our mother's time, but certainly **not** anymore. The Vein Institute of New Jersey at The Cardiovascular Care Group has state of the art facilities where their doctors provide the latest FDA approved noninvasive treatments that are virtually painless.

Many patients are treated with sclerotherapy. Sclerotherapy is a simple injection of a solution into the vein and the patient leaves with just an ace bandage wrap. She can be at the gym the next day! Other treatments are equally as simple - laser ablation, Celarivein®, even wearing compression and support hosiery, if the case is not too advanced.

Myth #2: Varicose Veins can be caused by crossing your legs or wearing high heels.

Many women feel that varicose veins are simply a result of their lifestyle. If they like to wear high heels or sit with their legs crossed they believe varicose veins are an inevitable side effect, so treatment is pointless. Not true!

So what does cause varicose veins? Dr. Sales says that, like most ailments, it comes down a lot to genetics. Women's bodies are subjected to significant hormone fluctuations throughout their lives - on a monthly basis and then for an extended period during pregnancies. Hormones may cause the veins to stretch and contract and, depending on genetics; this might result in varicose veins.

Myth #3: Veins should not be treated unless they are painful.

Women often put aside their own health care needs because they are busy being a caregiver to their families. When it comes to treatment for varicose veins, however, the treatments are so simple that there is no need to sacrifice your own self-esteem and comfort for your family. Just take the time to take care of your varicose veins and you will be amazed at how great it makes you feel!

Myth #4: Treatment for varicose veins is expensive.

When a patient is experiencing pain or discomfort, the treatments may be covered by insurance. Although some aesthetic concerns like spider vein treatment may be deemed "cosmetic" by some insurance carriers, the cost for treating these conditions are surprisingly very affordable.

Mom taught us a lot, but she would be the first to say that when it comes to taking care of your veins, your best bet is to go to an expert. The experts are at **The Vein Institute of New Jersey.** No excuses! Don't live with embarrassing and uncomfortable varicose veins any longer. Call **973-539-6900** for an appointment today.

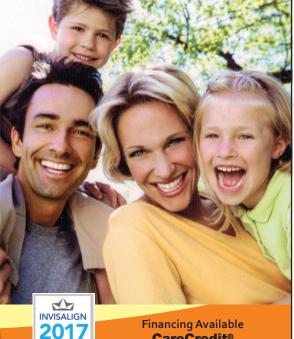


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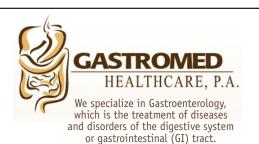
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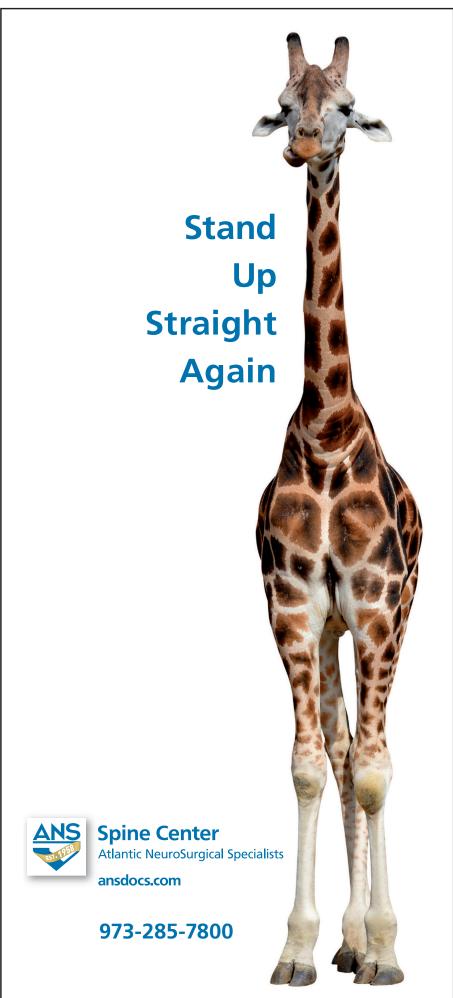
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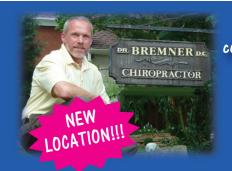
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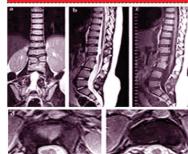
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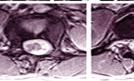
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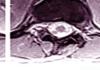
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Anxiety is a complex set of reactions designed to keep us safe. In the days of saber toothed tigers, the "fight or flight response" was, literally, a lifesaver. When a person faced a dangerous situation, a series of physical and mental events occurred: the heart raced, attention focused on the threat, blood flow changed to allow extra energy for the muscles. Blood pressure rose and the brain tried to anticipate what would happen next. There was a rapid calculation should I fight for my life...or run for it? In caveman days, this was as much decision-making as was needed. And these two options covered most situations.

Things were simpler back then. Anxiety about giving a presentation for school or work does not allow for either fight or flight. You just have to get through it. Being anxious about being unprepared for your geometry test also doesn't allow for fight or flight (unless you can squeeze in a sick day). In the extreme, anxiety can become panic - with racing heart, clouded mind, and sense of doom. There is an urge to flee the situation. Because fleeing the situation makes the anxiety less, the behavior gets reinforced. People tend to avoid similar situations in the future. Life can feel like it is all about avoiding anxiety.

Anxiety is the single most frequent reason people choose to begin therapy. And, treatment for anxiety has the highest rate of success. It has been estimated that 18% of the population over 18 years of age will experience an anxiety disorder. Despite the fact that anxiety disorders are treatable, only 1 person in 3 seeks treatment. Everyone experiences anxiety. It draws our attention to potential danger and focuses us. But, like a car alarm that keeps going off even when no one is around - sometimes anxiety is a distracting, or even debilitating, false alarm.

Recently, "high functioning anxiety" has been getting attention in the media. In 2014, Scott Stossel wrote in *The Atlantic* that he had struggled with severe anxiety despite being a successful magazine editor. Asked by a doctor how many episodes of anxiety he had, his answer was, "One, my whole life." With high functioning anxiety (HFA), the individual suffers with anxiety, but somehow is able to do what they need to do. People with HFA may be very successful. Often, the suffering is not apparent to others. But, inside, it can feel like torment.

Despite their success, people with HFA may doubt the adequacy of what they

do. They may worry for days about something they said, or did, or something that was said to them. Decisions can be difficult because of fear of making the wrong one. Sufferers may seem angry or irritable since they feel like they are constantly on the verge of being overwhelmed. A problem at work may feel like a catastrophe. At home, frantic activity or social avoidance may be how these individuals try to regain equilibrium.

For adolescents, anxiety may focus on appearance in addition to competency. Self-consciousness is commonly the main concern. Feeling too fat, or too thin, too tall or short may plague the most seemingly-successful teens. For teens with high functioning anxiety, perfectionism is the goal, and the enemy. Teens are social creatures, and there is much social learning to be done in high school and college. Fearful withdrawal can limit a teen's chance to grow. Sports, academics, friendships, romantic relationships, college applications and the need to choose a vocation all can be anxiety provoking and all can be fuel for HFA. HFA teens perform, but with much struggle. Anxious teens often have physical complaints - headaches and stomach aches are the most common. These physical symptoms may take the place of feeling anxious, and may take on a life of their own.

The worries can seem endless. Each promotion, or success, can bring fears of being "found out" as incompetent (the imposter syndrome). Some of these fears can become self-fulfilling prophecies. If these problems sound familiar, they are. Everyone struggles with these issues to some extent. Those with HFA suffer more and more often. Too much anxiety can rob people of the experience of joy in their lives, and satisfaction with themselves

Likely, no one will suggest they get help only a few people very close to people with HFA know how hard it is for them. But, if the private battle interferes with well-being, perhaps it is time to talk with someone who can help.

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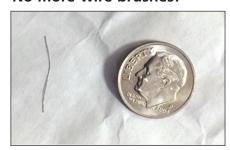
THE DANGERS OF WIRE GRILL BRUSHES

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The otolaryngology community has been aware of the fact that wire grill brushes are a hazard. A small piece from the wire grill brush gets embedded in the food on the grill and is then lodged in the tonsil. I was concerned about this problem; in my house, we stopped using wire grill brushes.

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cleaned with a wire brush, a wire foreign body seemed likely.

I agreed with the radiologist's reading that a foreign body was present.

Initially her exam did not reveal anything. Further exam, including evaluation of the throat with a fiberoptic telescope, revealed a wire embedded in the back of the right tonsil, which I then removed.

Here is the x ray that I saw.



It was fortunate that this procedure could be accomplished in that setting, as sometimes a visit to the operating room is required. Other options should be considered to clean grills, such as a large sturdy spatula.

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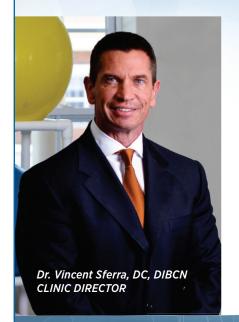


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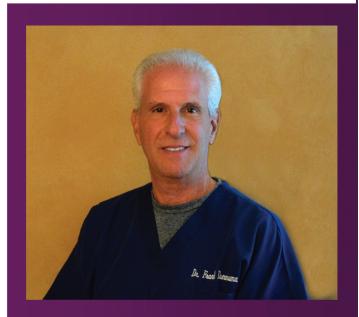
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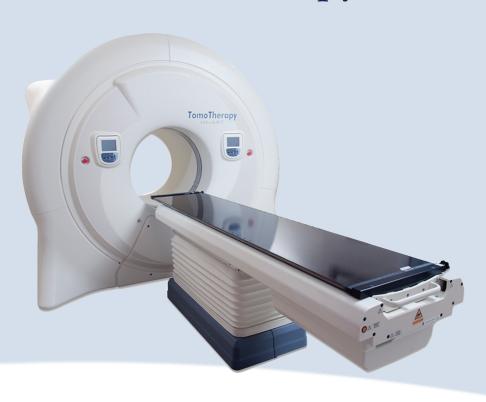
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Visit the homemade fudge shop at Marty's Candies & Canned Goods and check out the chocolates and variety of candies, dried nuts and canned goods. Sugar, spices, flour, jams, jellies, apple butter and honey are also on display.

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Enjoy The Joyce

By: Linda Seigelman

When September rolls around, it is the perfect time to start thinking about all of the wonderful things to do in Manhattan in the fall: new plays on Broadway, major new exhibitions at the museums and smaller shows at the galleries along Madison Avenue and in Chelsea, and of course, many restaurants to try. As a fan of dance, I always check to see what's happening at The Joyce. The Joyce Theater is one of the great venues for dance in Manhattan, and each season it presents a wonderful slate of performances. from classical favorites to New York debuts and world premieres. This fall, the legendary Twyla Tharp will have a three-week residence at The Joyce starting on September 19. She will debut a new dance set to the music of Bob Dylan and perform some favorite classics as well.

The Joyce Theater itself is an intimate Chelsea gem with a warm and welcoming ambiance. Converted from an old 1941 movie house, each of the seats offers an excellent view of the stage - there are no bad sight lines. Since its inception in 1982, The Joyce has hosted more than 270 New York City-based, national and international dance companies on its stage. Many companies return year after year. In addition, The Joyce hosts dance festivals devoted to themes, artists or individual countries. There is something for everyone.

Located at 175 Eighth Avenue at the corner of 19th Street, The Joyce is very easy to get to. Take the Holland Tunnel and then head North on Hudson Street which becomes Eighth Avenue. The trip is often less than an hour door to door. Parking on most of the cross streets near the theater is available starting at 6:00pm, perfect timing for a pre-theater meal or drink.

In keeping with The Joyce Theater's mission to enhance the public interest in dance and the related arts, ticket prices are usually very reasonable though they vary a bit according to the dance company that is performing. Lesser known or smaller company tickets often start at \$10 and may run to \$35 or \$40. Tickets for more well-known/ popular companies are usually priced from around \$19 to \$69. To attract future generations of dance lovers, the theater offers a number of family matinees throughout the year with children's tickets priced at \$10. In addition, Joyce Theater members get substantial discounts on all performances.

The neighborhood surrounding The Joyce is perfect for a stroll before or after the show. And it is only a couple of blocks to the High Line which is great by day and lovely in the evening. A few favorite spots for a snack or a meal are listed below, but there are many more in the area. So consider a dance performance at The Joyce Theater. It is a wonderful New York experience.

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Aldea, 31 West 17th Street (bet/ Fifth and Sixth) - excellent food with a Portuguese/ Mediterranean flair, great ambiance, small plates, select menu, a lovely spot

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Donut Plant at the Chelsea Hotel, 220 West 23rd Street (bet/ Seventh and Eighth) my favorite donut shop, classics and seasonal specials: amazing glazed, jelly with homemade jam in every bite, cake donuts like blackout and carrot, cream-filled dough-

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Le Bergamote, 177 Ninth Avenue (at 20th) – the best French pastries and bread in the area, perfect spot for coffee and a treat, BLD available as well including sandwiches, salads, steak frites and roast chicken

Le Grainne Café, 183 Ninth Avenue (at 21st) – casual little French bistro/café, savory and sweet crepes, sandwiches, salads, eggs all day, a favorite spot for a meal or a steaming café au lait, open late

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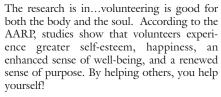


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Community News...

Volunteer to Live a Long and Healthy Life!

By: Maris Chavenson, LCSW



JFS of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties (JFS) offers people of all ages ongoing weekly or short-term volunteer opportunities that can be tailored to individual skills, interests, and passions.

Many older adults in our community are frail and isolated and would benefit from companionship, conversation, assistance getting to doctors, or help with basic tasks around the home. JFS has addressed this need through two programs that help build mutually enriching relationships between seniors and volunteers: the **Senior Mentor Volunteer Program** and the **Good Deeds Corps.**

The JFS Senior Mentor Volunteer program recruits, trains, matches, and supervises volunteers to work with seniors for a minimum of a year. Volunteers help their seniors in many ways. They decrease isolation with regular weekly visits, act as advocates connecting sen-

iors to resources in the community, go on local outings, play games, watch movies together, or listen to music. Volunteers are able to be creative when planning activities with their senior. One senior mentor volunteer shared the following: "I visit a 90-year-old woman who is so smart and has weathered so many storms in her lifetime. I feel that she is an inspiration to me, and I know that I am making a difference for her."

The JFS Good Deed Corps program offers volunteers an opportunity to provide seniors with short term support that is focused around socialization, cognitive skills, help with gardening, grocery shopping, transport to medical appointments, or other support based on the needs of the senior.

Lucie is a high school student who volunteers with the Good Deeds Corps. In the summer she and her mother, Kari, harvest nutritious, fresh produce donated by local farm. Other volunteers deliver the produce to needy families and seniors. Outreach projects like Lucie's have a positive impact on the quality of life for homebound seniors. Lucie said the following about her volunteer experience: "This project has opened my eyes to the generosity of community members such as the farmers allowing

me to harvest at their farm, and inspired me to put other people's well-being first and to do everything in my power to make a positive difference in their lives."

JFS recruits and trains interested volunteers throughout the year to be matched as senior mentors or with our Family Mentoring Program. Volunteers complete 9 hours of training and participate in ongoing monthly meetings with other volunteers and professional staff. The next mentor training will be in the Fall of 2017. For more information or to register contact JFS social worker, Maris Chavenson at 908-725-7799 ext. 100. Anyone interested in referring a homebound older person or a family should contact JFS.

JFS is a not for profit, nonsectarian social service agency serving the needs of individuals and families in Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties since 1980. JFS is committed to serving the needs of the entire community and offers a continuum of programs and services. Licensed clinical social workers provide individual, couple and family counseling as well as geriatric assessments, supportive counseling and case management services for home bound elderly. The Family Mentor Program recruits, trains and matches volunteers with

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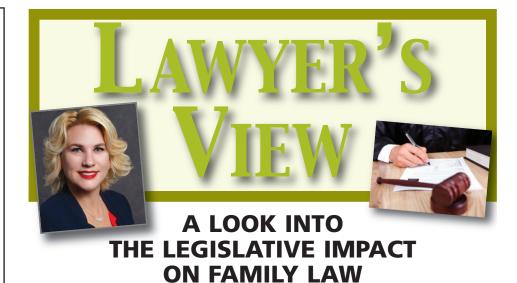
Jeralyn has been widely recognized for her contributions to her profession. In 2014, she received her third New Jersey State Bar Association Distinguished Legislative Service Award, the highest recognition of a member's noteworthy legislative service. She also received the 2014 New Jersey Professional Lawyer of the Year Award, which honors attorneys whose character, competence, and commitment to the highest professional standards mark them as outstanding members of the bar. New Jersey Family has named her one of the 2017 Best Lawyers in New Jersey for Family Law and The National Academy of Family Law Attorneys selected her as one of the TOP 10 Family Law Attorneys in New Jersey for her hard work and dedication in the field of family law. Jeralyn was selected for inclusion in the Family Law section of Super Lawyers® and The Best Lawyers In America®, and recognized as one of the Top 100 New Jersey Super Lawyers®, and the Top 50 Female New Jersey Super Lawyers®. She has been named as one of New Jersey's Top 50 Women in Business by NJBIZ, and as an Outstanding Woman in Somerset County by the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women. In the past, Jeralyn was recognized by her peers as one of the Ten Under Forty, New Jersey's top 10 matrimonial lawyers under the age of 40; and New Jersey Law Journal's 40 Under 40, 40 accomplished and promising attorneys in the State of New Jersey under the age of 40.

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By: Jeralyn L. Lawrence, Esq. Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.

I knew as early as the sixth grade that I wanted to be a lawyer. My father is a retired juvenile detective, and I developed my love for the law through him. Law school proved challenging, requiring round-theclock studying, but this diligence allowed me to graduate second in my class. Throughout law school and to this day, I have remained intrigued by how the law changes, whether it be in case decisions written by judges or by statutes enacted through the legislature and then signed by the governor. Either way, the laws, and the daily lives of my clients, are impacted by any change.

Having the popular childhood cartoon "School House Rock – How a Bill Becomes a Law," as my only prior experience of the legislative process, I certainly was not prepared for how significant the influence of the legislative and executive branches can be on the law.

Practitioners of divorce and family law still grapple with the recent legislative changes to the alimony laws. The legislature saw fit to move a bill instituting changes to alimony, and in 2014, the governor signed the bill into law. Since that time, alimony payers and recipients

have been analyzing the law and how it impacts their individual circumstances. The new law deals with the length of time alimony is paid as well as changes in circumstances that are used to modify alimony. It is an important statute that is being interpreted and, unfortunately, misinterpreted, daily.

Further legislative action was recently taken concerning child support. New Jersey receives federal funding based on how many open child support accounts the probation department maintains. To cut down on unnecessary open accounts, the legislature drafted, and the governor ultimately signed, a bill providing for a termination of child support by a set age. This termination, however, is not the same as emancipation; even in light of this new statute, if a child is not self-sufficient, child support may continue.

When dealing with a divorce or family law matter, it is important to be aware of any changes to the law as a result of a judge's decision, but equally important to have an understanding of the legislative process and bills the governor signs into law and how they impact your individual situation.

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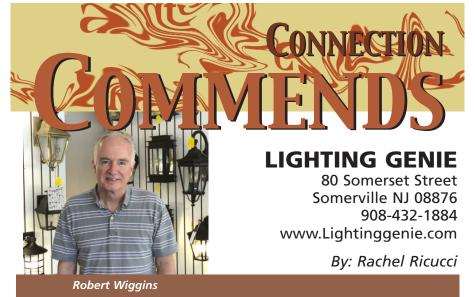
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Lighting Genie began out of Robert's house until it landed in its new home (near downtown Somerville) where it has been for one year. The location on Somerset Street is very visible as it's a busy street. The store itself is an eye catcher and very welcoming with its glowing lights in the windows which seem to call out for attention.

Lighting Genie can get all of the same products and brands that the larger lighting stores can. Robert said if he has a resource he will find a way to get it. This store also offers heaters, pendants, bathroom exhaust fans and medicine cabinets. The mirrors he carries can be ordered in different sizes and finishes. There is variety in the products that are sold there. For instance, Robert sold a large chandelier to the Brook Arts Center in Bound Brook; he also sells commercial lighting that is suited for parking lots and offices.

Robert provides very prompt and

personalized customer service. He also handles the shipping, which is free for Somerville customers. As for the lighting and electrical expertise that he brings to his customers, Robert commented "There's a lot you have to know – it's a big deal." There's a technical aspect to knowing how the lighting fits with electricity and Robert said he's still learning.

Robert advertises in local magazines and specifically in one called Blueprint Magazine. He said his main targets for the business are interior designers, electricians and home builders; he would like to bring in more of the repeat business that these professions provide. He'll also contact designers directly by e-mail and introduce himself. Robert also advertises via word of mouth, referrals and business cards. He'll also use technology to his advantage by adding listings in online directories.

Keeping in touch with customers happens via phone, e-mail and text, per Robert. He understands that people are on the go. Robert will answer his customer's questions quickly and stresses that he can provide excellent customer service and prompt help unlike the larger lighting stores. "I'm different from the competition – communication is the key." Talking to customers outside of business hours and being reachable is something he'll do often to provide quality service.

Looking ahead at the growth of the company, Robert said it won't be long before he hires some part-time help. "Business is starting to snowball – I'm getting a lot of positive feedback."



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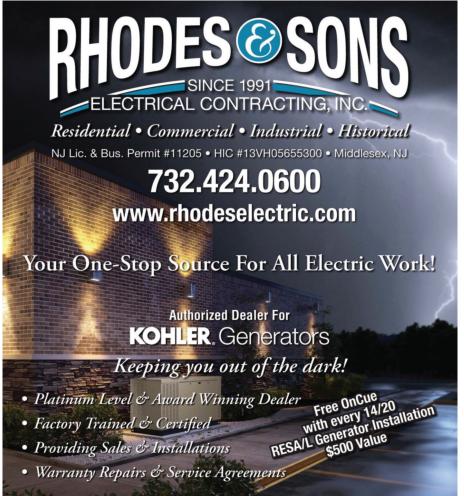
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Most consumers, when looking at homes in person or online, are attracted to current trends and contemporary finishes.

In recent years, home staging has taken an increasingly important role in presenting a home for sale. Staging goals include removing distracting personal possessions, minimizing the amount of furniture and storage required for living, and streamlining colors and finishes. These techniques combine to create an environment in which the greatest cross-section of potential buyers could feel comfortable and excited about dwelling in the space. Staging can be a dramatically effective way to broaden and enhance a home's appeal to a new generation of homeowner.

Television shows and photobrowsing websites have reinforced the notion that choosing a home is a simple matter of finding a space that reflects one's personal style, with or without additional effort to customize or improve what is being purchased. While there are buyers ready to "roll up sleeves" and transform a home, a greater number of buyers seek a living space they can inhabit without making any immediate changes.

In an era where decorative home staging prevails, it is easy to overlook the importance of continued, long-term maintenance in preserving the value of a home. Buyers lured by trendy paint colors and new light fixtures might not think to notice the age of the furnace, or the condition of the roof and windows. Exterior factors, masonry and landscaping surrounding a home can be a source of existing value, or require additional investment. The current environment of limited inventory and multiple offers has conditioned buyers to make quick bids, often without all of the relevant details. Buyers must request and examine a Seller's Disclosure document for facts about a home's major systems and maintenance, before making any decision. Sellers who are ready to embark upon cosmetic improvements or staging in preparation for sale, should also carefully consider any outstanding maintenance requirements. It may be wiser to invest in repairs prior to listing, rather than waiting until a buyer's home inspection reveals flaws.

A home's outward appearance, or "curb appeal" is a strong factor in its readiness for sale. Beyond the obvious appeal of a well-staged home, buyers and sellers should always look carefully at the less trendy but more traditional components of a home's structure. Here, they will discover the true value of a home.



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SUSTAINABILITY IN KITCHEN DESIGN

By: Jeff Van Fleet, CKD, CBD, Fleetwood Kitchens & Baths

Can the charming yet inefficient kitchens of the past really be transformed into modern marvels of efficiency and beauty? The answer is yes, and renovation sustainability is priority in the innovative designs of today. With an overabundance of selections available, consumers are now empowered to make choices with ease allowing them to create both inspired and environmentally friendly kitchen designs. And each design selection they make has the power to reduce negative effects on the environment, whether in the energy used and omitted or the production process.

Cabinetry is the single largest part of a kitchen space, and choosing one that is part of the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturer's Association's (KCMA) Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP) means that a cabinet manufacturer is environmentally responsible for reducing waste pollution and promoting resource sustainability. Moreover, a cabinet certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) ensures the construction of it

is invested in protecting and preserving the environment by using non-toxic glue, reconstituted and composited wood veneers, sustainably harvested solid wood frames, eco-friendly substrates without urea formaldehyde and water-based low volatile organic compounds (VOC).

Another important aspect of a kitchen's design is the countertop choice. Quartz is not only an attractive and popular product, but a green one as well. A quartz product with a Greenguard seal makes high quality indoor air a top priority. It does not emit Radon, and is low in other chemical and particles emissions. Electing to use low VOC glues during the installation can also add to the high environmental standard. Other green options for countertops include but are not limited to butcher block, stainless steel, and glass made from recycled and repurposed materials. A salvaged countertop is another conscientious choice.

A kitchen wouldn't be complete without efficient and practical appliances, and with

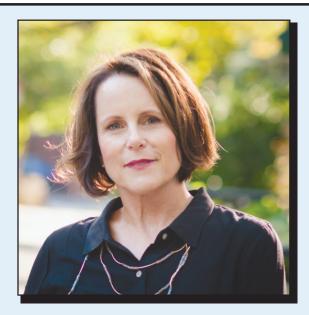
so many products available making an ecofriendly choice can be overwhelming. Focusing on energy efficiency, however, simplifies the process. A refrigerator, for example, can use more energy due to its size or configuration, and one with a freezer on either the top or bottom is more energy efficient than a side-by-side refrigerator. Also, an energy saving induction cooktop or an appliance powered by electric solar panels are ideal options, as they not only utilize renewable energy sources, but also omit less energy during and after each use.



Eco-friendly focused kitchen designs also offer cutting-edge and exciting new products. One of the hottest trends are indoor gardens like the Urban Cultivator. This small, refrigerator-like appliance is climate controlled and includes its own built-in watering system. It allows home-grown organic produce and herbs to be cultivated with ease and comfort right in the kitchen. Conserving both energy and resources, the indoor garden is a potential new staple in

the modern kitchen.

Design is an ever-evolving industry, and incorporating sustainability into kitchen design continues to produce fresh innovations that inspire creativity and promote eco-conscious choices in the empowered consumer. Each selection made with the mindful awareness of its environmental impact is an important choice not only for the healthier, safer, and greener homes and families of today, but also for those of tomorrow.



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WHY SENIOR LIVING WORKS!

By: Ellyn Mantell

As I write this, we are recovering from a snow event that had the area blanketed with frigid temperatures and double digit inches of white. Glistening as it may be, it is the bane of all of us caring for people in need. My mind goes back to the days when our Mom was in her home in which she raised my sister-in-law and husband, just two years ago. Weather like this would bring so much worry...loss of electricity? Enough food? Dangerous driving conditions?

Moving Mom from her home of 57 years was so difficult for all of us. Mom was angry about leaving what she knew, as well as her feelings about aging out of her comfort zone. Every room and closet was filled to capacity with items no longer rele-

vant to her lifestyle, and she believed, as so many do, that her collections of china, silver, serving pieces, etc. were worth so much more than they turned out to be. Fortunately, the three of us, Mom's "children," were proactive and knew the time had come to help her transition to the assisted side of Chelsea at Warren.

In truth, without the tools my business partner, Carol, and I had, I am not certain we would have so comfortably helped her make the transition we did when it came to downsizing her house, and preparing for her new home at Chelsea. Cleaning out is so much easier with another person! Not only do you have the opportunity to make better deci-

sions, but packing up as you go along is a double time saver. We have learned that as little as we think we need, we need even less. And that, depending upon the new place, so much is provided. No longer in need of kitchen items, Mom, who was an amazing cook, baker and entertainer, needed nothing more than a mug or two, since all meals are provided. Even in facilities where only one or two meals are provided, few need more than service for 2-4 people. Many find themselves eating outside their room with friends they have made!

What we have learned is very important, however, is having an attractive home. More than ever, people socialize and showing their

new home is a big part of that event. Frequently, Carol and I in the halls of a senior living community and a resident will offer to show us their new home...they are happy and proud! That pride goes a long way to enabling the new resident to have the self-esteem necessary when meeting new people. It is easy to forget that "first impressions" are important at any age.

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WHAT'S THE VALUE OF A HELPING HAND?

By: Nancy Lorince, ComForCare Home Care

Offering a service that no one needs would seem to be a very poor business model. But it's a running joke in our office that that's exactly what we do. I say it's amazing our home care agency is still around after more than a decade of being told by our clients that they are fine without us, don't like what we offer and don't think it's worth the money.

But most of our clients are seniors over 70, and if you ask their children about the value of the home care service we offer you will hear a very different story.

These children are the ones who worry about the safety and wellbeing of their parents. They love them and are more than happy to pitch in and help. They often spend several hours each week visiting and helping out with household chores, calling to remind their parents about meds, making and chauffeuring their parents to medical appointments, keeping an eye on household finances, and much more.

And they worry, worry, worry about their parents' safety and well-being, both now and in the future. After a couple years or more of trying to manage their parents' needs plus their own lives that often include jobs, children and even grandchildren, they realize that everyone's life will improve if they get some help.

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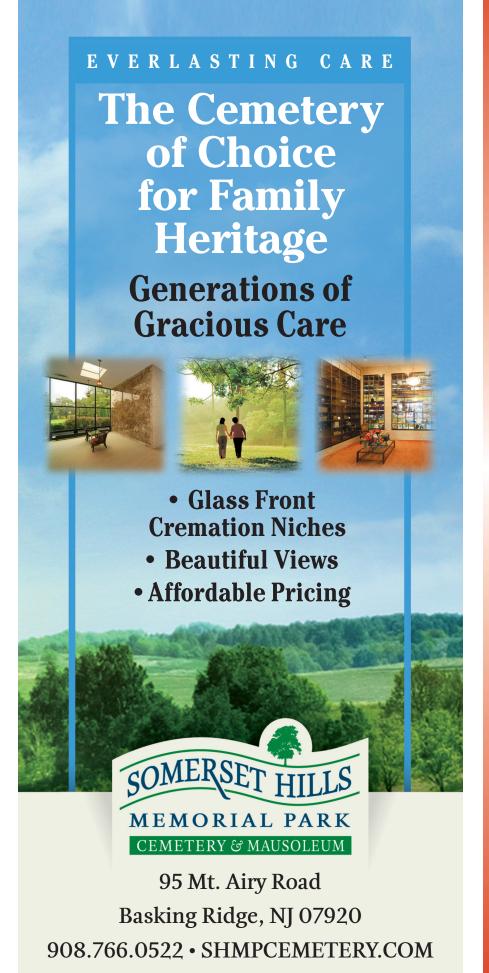
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I do understand why so many people are reluctant to accept professional help in the home. Our culture prizes independence, and it can feel like a defeat to admit that you can no longer manage safely on your own. Sometimes, too, seniors fear that they will see less of their children if an agency provides some of the support they need.

Recently I was called to come visit with the parents of a woman who had first met with me two years ago. She was concerned about her parents and her ability to meet all their needs all that time ago, but it had taken them all that time and a couple near disasters to come around to the idea.

I always reassure potential clients that they are in charge. That we are there only for as long as they need us, and that, far from weakening their relationship with their children, we will make it possible for their family visits to be more relaxed, without the burden of thousand daily chores.

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In the past 10 years, social inclusion has changed. People are not receiving updates on their friends or families in person and fewer updates are happening via a phone call. Communication is now shared via texts, sharing a picture or video on social media such as Facebook, Instagram, or via Facetime. Seniors are more disconnected and isolated than ever because they are digitally removed from the younger tech-savvy generations. The older you get, the harder it is to keep up with technology.

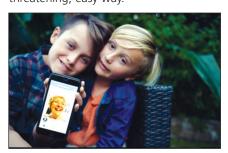
As reported in the New York Times on September 6, 2016, in an article entitled Researchers Confront an Epidemic of Loneliness, it stated, "In Britain and the United States, roughly 1 of 3 people older than 85 live alone. Studies in both countries show the prevalence of loneliness among people older than 60 ranging from 10% to 46%." According to a 2011 AARP study, 9 out of 10 adults over age 65 want to stay living in their homes as long as possible. While the Administration on Aging reports 47% of women over age 75 live alone at home, a Kaiser Family Foundation report found more than 5 million seniors need assistance with normal activities of daily living.

Studies have shown that loneliness leads to depression, higher rates of declining mobility, difficulty in performing routine daily activities and other health problems. In addition, living isolated at home can lead to health risks ranging from medication mismanagement, eyesight issues leading to falls, poor or malnutrition, and increasing dementia or cognitive impairment. According to the Alzheimer's Association, 25% of those with dementia are living alone.

Comfort Keepers® takes this issue very seriously which is why they have partnered with grandPad to help combat loneliness and keep seniors connected to their loved ones. The grandPad tablet is a 7-inch tablet solution for seniors that connect them to friends, family, and activities they love. The device which is customized to each grandPad user facilitates interaction between seniors and family members including the sharing of photos or videos via a Companion App

using Facebook or Instagram, listening to favorite music whether Frank Sinatra or Patsy Cline, playing games such as Solitaire or Sudoku, watching videos or exchanging emails. Video calls are as easy as touching the picture of a family member and you are connected; no passwords or complicated user names required. The lightweight design has a senior-friendly user interface and specially designed stylus that allows users to embrace new technology in a nonthreatening, easy way.

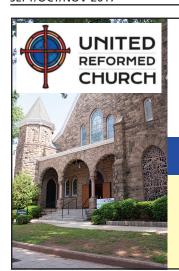
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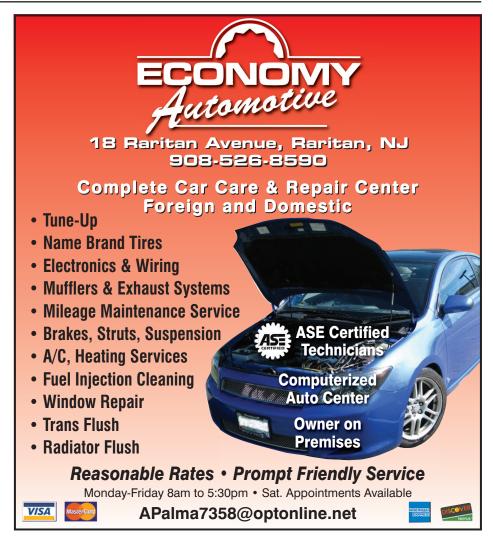
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THE ARTS

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THE CENTER FOR **CONTEMPORARY ART (CCA)**

2020 Burnt Mills Road, Bedminster, NJ 07921. For information, gallery hours & to register or classes, contact Elie Porter Trubert, Executive Director at 908-234-2345, ext. 100, etrubert@ccabedminster.org or visit us online at ccabedminster.org **Upcoming Events:**

Synthesizing Nature: Friday, September 15-Saturday, November 4. Curated by Cory E. Card (View Arts Center) & Wes Sherman.

Lucas Kelly curated by Wes Sherman. Faculty Exhibition: Gary Godbee. Opening Reception: Friday, September 15, 6-8 pm



THE CENTER

18 Wheels by Lucas Kelly

STUDIO 7 FINE ART GALLERY



Fine art gallery at 5 Morristown Road, Bernardsville, 908-630-9770. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm & by appointment. Upcoming Events:

Paintings and Drawings by Anthony Panzera, NA; William Bouguereau - It's All in the Details: September 1 - October 28. Artist Receptions: Fridays, September 8, October 6, 6-9pm.

Contact owner, Kathleen Palmer for information at 908-963-0365, pskjpalmer@verizon.net, www.studio7artgallery.com.

AUTOIMMUNE GROUP

A Central NJ Support Group

CLUBS AND SERVICES

Face to face support group for patients with Autoimmune Disease, Fibromyal-gia & Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome. Group meets 2nd Sat of each month, 2-3:30pm, RWJU Hospital, Somerset, 110 Rehill Avenue. NOTE: Up to 10 members via Google Chrome accommodated. *Upcoming*

Meeting: Saturday, October 14. No meetings in July & August. Visit www.autoimmunegroup.com for more information or to make a donation via PayPal or call Joanne at 908-358-7167, Mon-Fri, 2-8pm or email, autoimmune-

Meets every Tuesday, noon at Bridgewater Senior Center, 455 Somerville Road,

Bridgewater. For information call Donna Langel, Bridgewater Senior Center, 908-725-8020. New members welcome! For reservation & additional informa-

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER

455 Somerville Road, Bridgewater. Many free programs available to residents

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puter classes too. Either pick up a calendar or go online to www.bridgewa-ternj.gov and click the link for Senior Citizen's Calendar. Like to jazz dance? Try out for a spot with The Bridgewater Roxies. Call Donna Langel at 908-725

(908) 358-7167

Autoimmune Disease Support Group



At the Edge of the River 10" x 8", oil

cation Program): Wednesday, November 15, 5:30-9:30pm, Peapack Gladstone Bank, Bedminster. FREE. For more info or to register call 908-704-9649 or visit www.cjhrc.org.

Step by Step To Home Ownership (Free Pre-Purchase Homeowner Edu-

Ongoing Programs

"Make Your Move-A Guide to Homeownership" Online Homebuyer Education Program: Combination of face to face & web-based homebuyer education for potential homebuvers.

"eHome America" Online "Spanish" Homebuyer Education Program: Combination of face to face & web-based homebuyer education in Spanish. Certificate Course

"Money in Motion" Online Financial Literacy Program: Combination of face to face and web-based financial literacy education. Participants learn how to budget and start saving.

COOPERATIVE SENIOR HOUSING "Linked" Online

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INTERNATIONAL **FRIENDS CLUB**

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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF SOMERSET, HUNTERDON **AND WARREN COUNTIES**

"Linked" Online

150-A West High Street, Somerville, NJ. Unless otherwise noted, for information or to register for programs, contact Elise Prezant, JFS at 908-725-7799 or eprezant@JewishFamilySvc.org, Admin@Jewish FamilySvc.org or www.jewishfamilysvc.org Upcoming Programs:

Yearn to Learn (Y2L): Interactive learning experiences for retirees in local group settings, promoting stimulating group interaction, self-exploration & interpersonal connections. Tuesdays, September 12, 26, October 10, 24, November 14, 28, December 12. Email Y2L@Jewish FamilySvc.org

Family and Senior Mentor Volunteers Needed: 9-hour orientation & training program over 3 evenings. Call 908-725-7799.

Café Europa: A social group for Holocaust Survivors. Wednesdays September 13, October 18, November 15, December 13.

Job Seekers Support Group: Wednesdays, September 6, November 1, December 6. 7-9 pm. Free & open to the community.

Expanding Horizon Programs:

Social Learning Group: 10 week program, meeting on Sundays, focuses on social, relationship & communication skills for teens on the Autism spectrum.

Social Club for Young Adults with Asperger Syndrome or Developmental Challenges: Group meets monthly

Sibling Support Group: Peer Support for brothers & sisters of children with

Parent Support Group: Peer Support for parents with a special needs child.

BRIDGEWATER WOMAN'S CLUB

BRIDGEWATER SENIOR CLUB

tion, please call Ruth Hentz at 908-722-1926.

1234 Sherlin Drive, Bridgewater. A service organization, meets second Tuesday of the month, 10am, Somerset County Library, Bridge Street, Bridgewater. Refreshments served 9:30am. Educational & social programs begin, 11am. The organization supports local, state, national & international charities. New members welcome. Call Gerrie Gora at 908-231-0350 for more information.



CENTRAL JERSEY HOUSING RESOURCE **CENTER (CJHRC)**



600 First Ave, Raritan. Provides low & moderate-income individuals & families with free housing info & group educational programs. Housing counselors available to assist clients Mon-Fri during normal business hours. Call 908-704-9649 or visit www.cjhrc.org & click on group programs for information or to register. All programs are FREE. **Upcoming Events:**

First Time Homebuyer Workshop: Saturday, September 23, 10:30am -2:30 pm, Franklin Township Library, 485 DeMott Lane, Somerset. FREE.

Financial Literacy & Savings Match Program: Tuesday, October 17, 5:30-9pm, Bridgewater. Learn how to budget & start saving. Register in advance by calling 908-704-9649.

Rutgers Cooperative & Extension Office of Somerset County HELPLINE-NJAES, 310 Milltown Road, Bridge-water is open 9am-Noon, Monday-Friday. Inquiries can be made by phoning 908-526-6293 press option 4 or residents can bring sample of their problem to the office on Milltown Road or email complete description of their problem to rcemastergardener @co.somerset.nj.us



SAFE+SOUND SOMERSET (formerly Resource Center of Somerset)

OF SOMERSET COUNTY

427 Homestead Road, Hillsborough 08844-427 Hornestead Road, Hillsborough U6844-1400, 908-359-0003, ext. 223. Private, non-profit agency serving people affected by domestic abuse in Somerset County. Pro-vides emergency shelter to survivors of domestic abuse, adults & children. Free of charge. We continue to envision a world where domestic abuse is not tolerated. Visit our new website www.safe-sound.org. 24 Hour Text or Call Hotline: 866-685-1122. Upcoming Events:



29th Annual Candlelight Vigil in Support of Survivors of Domestic Violence: Thursday, October 5, 7-8:30pm, Warren Township Municipal Building, 46 Mountain Blvd, Warren. Register at https://www-safe-sound.org/

Soaring to New Heights: Thursday, November 2, 6- 10pm, The Stone House, 50 Stirling Rd, Warren. Cocktails & dinner. Sponsorship opportunities available. More information at http://www.safe-sound.org/events/ harvesting-help-hope-

SOMERSET COUNTY SENIOR WELLNESS CENTER

202 Mount Airy Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. Open Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. **All** seniors welcome to participate in all activities. Lunch served daily reservations required 24 hrs in advance, by 10am. Volunteers always wanted for Meals on Wheels



Program. For more information about the Center & programs call Kristen Grieco at 908-204-3435 or visit www.co.somerset.nj.us. Transportation available to center. Programs begin at 10:30am unless noted.

Ongoing Programs:

Dancercise: Mondays 10:30am

Tai Chi: Wednesdays, 1pm.

Upcoming Programs:

Helen Vasko Discussion Group: Tuesdays, September 5, October 3, 10:30am. FREE Blood Pressure Screenings: Tuesdays, September 5, October 3,

Disasters that Shaped New Jersey: Tuesday, September12, 10:30am.

Clifford Seay Sings the Songs that You Love: Wednesday, September 20, 10:30am.

Crooners of the 1930-1960s, performance by Gordon James: Friday, September, 22, 10:30am

Rubber Stamping Halloween Gift Card Workshop: Wednesday, September 27. 10:30am Triskaidekaphobia (fear of the number 13): Friday, October 13, 10:30am,

Meg Wastie Museum of Early Trades & Crafts Vintage Views - Photographic Journey, Walter Choroszewski: Friday, October 20.10:30am

Rubber Stamping Thanksgiving Gift Card Workshop: Monday, October 25,

Halloween Celebration: Tuesday, October 31, 10:30am

SWIM, INC. "Linked" Online

Provides free aquatic exercise for adults with mobility impairments. State wide organization, with 17 chapters across New Jersev. Three locations in Somerset County: Somerset Hills YMCA, contact Dr. Paul Kiell. 908-230-3581. Somerset Valley YMCA, Bridgewater, contact Janet Mc-Closkey, 908-704-0630, HRC Fitness, Hillsborough, contact Angela Horan, 908-399-3097. Accepting new participants



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WARREN WOMEN IN BUSINESS **NETWORKING GROUP** (formerly, Warren Ladies Lunch Group)

Networking group for professional women from all industries & sizes. Looking for a diverse cross-section of industries & experiences. Group meets for lunch 1st Wednesday each month 12:30pm, Water & Wine Ristorante-Taverna, 141 Stirling Rd., Watchung, 07069. Registration & reservations a MUST. RSVP through Meetup.com Website http://www.meetup.com/Warren-Ladies-Lunch/



Karen Swartz Organizer

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY (LVSC)

S C Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County **Literacy Volunteers** 120 Finderne Ave • Box 7 • Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Through a network of trained volunteer tutors, LVSC promotes adult literacy in Somerset County. Current program offerings: student-centered one-to-one tutoring; English Conversation Groups; English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes; and US Citizenship Preparation Classes. VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED: Training provided Fall, Winter & Spring. To become a tutor, to register for services, or to find more information, please visit www.literacysomerset.org or call 908-725-5430.

NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS OF SOMERSET HILLS (NNSH)

A non-profit, social organization open to ALL AREA RESIDENTS offering a variety of activities including wine tasting, dining out, book discussion, day trips, bridge/bunco/Mahjong & much more. Visit us at www.NNSHClub.org or see us at www.facebook.com/Newcomers & Neighbors of Somerset Hills, NJ.

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71 Fourth St., Somerville, NJ 08876, 908-526-2335. Nonprofit provider of medical, dental, behavioral health & educational services. 24/7 Hotline for victims of sexual assault, cancer screening & more. Visit www.zufallhealth.org for more information, or call for an appointment. Se Habla Espanol.



Good as New Shop for Treasures: Wednesday & Friday, 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-6pm, third Saturday 10-3pm.



LIBRARIES

SCLSNJ BRIDGEWATER LIBRARY BRANCH

1 Vogt Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08844, 908-526-4016.www.sclsni.org. Program dates & times subject to change. All programs FREE. Registration required unless otherwise indicated. Visit website or call library for more information & to register. **Note:** SCLSNJ's library branches will be closed on November 23.



FAMILY PROGRAMS:

Pajama Time Storytime: (All Ages) Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20; October 4, 11, 18; November 1, 8, 15, 29; 7-7:30 pm.

Family Movie Under the Stars: (All Ages) The LEGO Batman Movie. October

Sensory-Friendly Art Class: Special needs (Ages-12) Saturdays, September 16; November 4; 10-10:30am.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Storytime & Craft: (Ages 3-6) Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19; October 3, 10, 17; November 7, 14, 28; 10-11am.

S.T.E.A.M. Storytime: (Ages 3-6 & Grades K-4) Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19; October 3, 10, 17; November 7, 14, 28; 4:30-5:30pm

Toddler Time: (Ages 18-36 months) Wednesdays & Fridays, September 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22; October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20; November 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 29; 10-10:30am.

Baby Time: (Ages Birth-18 months) Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21; October 5, 12, 19; November 2, 9, 16, 30; 9:30-10am.

Tail Waggin' Tutor - Children Reading to Dogs: (Ages 4+) Wednesdays, September 13; October 11; November 8; 4:30-5:30pm

Scratch Programming Club: (Grades 3-4) Thursdays, September 14; October 12; November 2; 7-8pm

Music & Movement: (Ages 0-3) Tuesday, September 26 & Monday, November 13; 9:45-10:15am and 10:30-11am.

Lego Master Builders: (Grades K-4) September 28: October 26: November

Yuck or Yum - Test Your Tastebuds: (Grades 3-4) October 5, 7-7:45pm.

Candy Chromatography: (Grades K-4) Monday, October 16, 5-5:45pm.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow: (Grades 2-8): Thursday, October 19, 7-8 pm.

S.T.E.M. Playground (Ages 3+): Mondays, October 23; November 20; 4:30-

Heart of Art - Draw Animals: (Grades K-4) Tuesday, October 24, 5-6pm. Halloween Spooktacular: (Ages 3+) Monday, October 30, 4:30-5:30pm.

Pumpkin Play Clay: (Grades K-4) Monday, November 6, 5-5:45pm.

Heart of Art - Draw Flowers: (Grades K-4), November 13, 5-6 pm.

Heart of Art - Draw Cartoon Characters: (Grades K-4) Tuesday, November 21, 5-6pm.

Mayflower Float: (Grades 3-4) Thursday, November 30, 7-7:45pm.

TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS:

Tween Volunteers: (Grades 4-6) Monday, September 11; October 2; November 6: 7-8pm.

Tween Advisory Board: (Grades 4-6) Tuesdays, September 12; October 10; November 14; 7-8pm

Teen Advisory Board: (Grades 7-12): Tuesdays, September 19; October 24; November 28; 7-8pm

Tween S.T.E.M. Challenge: (Grades 4-6) Monday, September 18, 7-8pm.

Homework Helpers: (Grades 3-8) Tuesdays & Wednesdays, September 19, 20, 26, 27; October 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25; November 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 28, 29; 6:30-7:30pm.

Teen Cafe: (Grades 7-12) Tuesdays, September 26: October 17: 6-8pm.

Tween Craft - Haunted Gingerbread Houses: (Grades 4-6) Wednesday, October 18, 7-8:30pm

Tween Lock-In - Hallowtween Party: (Grades 4-6) Friday, October 20, 6-8pm.

What You Need to Know About the College Process: (Grades 7-12 & parents), Thursday, September 7, 7-8pm

Fast-Paced Filmmaking for Teens: (Grades 7-12) Tuesday, November 7, 5:30-8:30pm.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

English Conversation Group: Wednesdays, September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 10-11:30am.

English Conversation Group - Intermediate: Wednesdays, September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 10:30am-12pm.

Mah Jong: Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 30; 11am-1pm.

In Stitches - A Laid Back Knit and Crochet Affair: Thursdays, September 7; October 5; November 2; 6:30-8:30pm.

Friends Concert - Counterclockwise Ensemble: Friday, September 8, 7:30-

Adult Literacy Grant Class: Mondays & Wednesdays, September 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27; October 2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30; November 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20;

Introduction to Essential Oils: Tuesday, September 12, 7-8pm.

Mysteries in the Morning Book Discussion: Wild West Mysteries, Wednesday, September 13, 10 am-11:30am

Computer Training Class: Wednesdays, September 13, Monday, September, 25; Thursday, October 5; Wednesdays, October, 11, 25; November 8, 15; 1:30-

SCORE - Service Corps of Retired Executives: Wednesdays, September 13, 27; October 25; 6:30 pm-8:30pm.

Computer Training Class: Monday November 6: Tuesdays, October 3, 17 November 28; Thursdays, September 14, November 30; Fridays, September, 29, October, 6, 13, 20, November 10, 17;10-11:30am.

Lead a More Fulfilling Life with Meditation: Thursday, September 14, 2-3pm. Become a Literacy Tutor: Thursday, September 14, 6-7pm.

The Growing Problem of Heroin Abuse: Thursday, September 14, 7-8pm.

Classic Book Discussion: The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte, Thursday, September 14, 7-8:30pm.

Library Club: Special Needs (Ages 13-21) Saturdays, September 16; November 4; 11-11:45am.

SCLSNJ Car Show - The 12th Annual Bridgewater Library Car Show: Saturday, September 16, 12-3pm.

The Bountiful Herb Garden: Saturday, September 16, 2-3pm.

Tuesday Afternoon Movie: How to Be a Latin Lover, Tuesday, September

Book Discussion: Sycamore by Bryn Chancellor, Tuesday, September 19, 7-8:30 pm.

New Jersey's Endangered and Threatened Wildlife: Thursday, September

Friday Night Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, September 22, 7-9pm. Don't Be Paranoid, You Look Great - A Personal Story of Schizophrenia: September 26, 7-8pm

Divorce - What You Need to Know, Before, During and After: Thursday, September 28, 7-8:30pm.

Life Insurance - Learning How to Protect Your Family and Investments: Tuesday, October 3, 2-3pm

Maximizing Medicare - Presented by the Office of Aging in Somerville: Thursday, October 5, 3-4pm

Meet the Author: Saturday, October 7, 2-3pm, Riley Sager, Author of *Final Girls*; Patricia Diesel, Monday, October 16, 7-8 pm.

Friends Friday Night Concert Series - Cello Fury: Friday, October 13, 7:30-

Tuesday Afternoon Movie: Tuesdays, October 17; November 21; 2-4pm. Book Discussion: Tuesdays, October 17: November 21: 7-8:30pm

Lizzie Borden Took an Ax...Or Did She: Saturday, October 21, 2-3:30pm.

Art Therapy with the Carrier Clinic: Tuesday, October 24, 3-4pm

SCLSNJ Friends of the Library Dinner: Wednesday, October 25, 6-9pm.

Chocolate-Everyone's Guilty Pleasure: Thursday, October 26, 7-8:30pm.

Friday Night Movie: October 27; November 17; 7-9pm.

Seeing America - Presented by the Newark Museum: Saturday, October 28,

Friends Luncheon: Wednesday, November 1, 10am-3pm.

Friends Living Room Concert: Hirova Tsukamoto. Thursday. November 2. 12-3pm.

Sleep Disorders: Friday, November 3, 2-3pm.

Mysteries in the Morning: Wednesday, November 8, 10-11:30am.

Start Here - The Office on Aging: Wednesday, November 8, 2-3pm.

Learn About Diabetes: November is Diabetes Month, Friday, November 10.

Friends Concert: Vincent di Mura, Friday, November 10, 7:30-9pm.

Understanding Hospice: Monday, November 13, 2-3pm American Indian Cultures: Tuesday, November 14, 3-4pm.

The Empty Chair - Coping with Loss and the Holidays: Wednesday, No-

vember 15, 3-4pm.

Book Discussion: Thursday, November 16, 6:30-8 pm.

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FAMILY PROGRAMS:

Touch a Fire Truck: Saturday, September 30, 11am-12pm.

TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS:

Teen Crafting Club: (Grades 5-12) Wednesdays, September 6; October 4; November 1; 3-5pm.

Learn Art! Printmaking: (Grades 6-12) Wednesday, September 20, 3-5pm. Magic the Gathering Draft Tournament: (Grades 6-12) Friday, September 22.

Game Night/Teen Advisory Board: (Grades 6+) Friday, September 29, 5-8pm.

ADULT PROGRAMS: Book Club @ SSCH: Wednesdays, October 11, November 1; 2:15-4pm.

English Conversation Group: Mondays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13; 6:30-8pm.

Undiscovered Somerset County - Can't Miss Experiences and Tourism Tools: Tuesday, September 12, 7-8:4 pm.

Scrabble in the Afternoon: Wednesdays, September 13; October 18; Novem-

English Conversation Group: Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9; 10-11:30 am.

Independence Celebration Central America & Mexico: Saturday, September

Friday the Thirteenth Night: Friday, October 13, 5-7:30pm.

RECREATION

SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Information on all activities available at www.somerset countyparks.org or by calling 908-722-1200.

Duke Island Walkers: Wednesdays, 9:30 am, Duke Island Visitor's Center. FREE

Bonsai Exhibit: Saturday, September 9-Friday, September 15. Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm; Saturday, 10am-5pm, Sunday, 12 Noon-5pm.Leonard J. Buck Garden. FREE. Donations appreciated.



58th Annual Somerset County Dr. Michael S. Kline Golf Tournament: September 9, 10, 16, 17, Green Knoll, Warrenbrook, Spooky Brook, and Quail Brook Golf Courses.

Flower & Garden Photograph: Saturday, September 16, 9-11:30am.Create flower images & garden landscape photographs. Fee, \$35 pp. Limited to 12 people. Horticulture Building next to the Colonial Park Rose Garden, Parking Lot A.

Horse Care Workshop 101: Saturdays, September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 1-3pm, Lord Stirling Stable, 256 South Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge. \$60 for Somerset County residents & \$90 for non-residents.

Dog Days – A Very Silly Dog Show: Sunday, September 17, Lord Stirling Stable, 256 South Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge. More info on www.flssnj.org.

Annual Fall Nature Ride: (Ages 9 & older & under 200lbs) Sunday, September 24, 8:30am. Lord Stirling Stable. \$35 for members and Lord Stirling Stable students; \$40/ Somerset County residents; \$50 for non-residents.

1770's Festival at the Environmental Education Center: Sunday, October 1, 11:30am-4:30 pm. Suggested donation \$5.00.

"Home On the Range" Introductory Horseback Ride: (Ages 9 & up) Sunday, October 1, 29, 1pm, Lord Stirling Park. Fee, \$40 for Somerset County residents. \$50 for non-residents.

Peony Propagation Workshop: Thursday, October 5, 4:30-6:30pm. Participants meet at the Colonial Park Garden Rudolf W. van der Goot Rose Garden, Parking Lot A. For information call 732 873-2459 ext. 21 or visit www.somerset countyparks.org.

Introductory Horseback Ride: (Ages 9 & up) Sunday, October 8, 1pm, Lord Stirling Stable. \$35 for Somerset County residents, \$45 for non-residents.

By the Light of the Moon: Friday, October 13, 6:30-7:30pm, (Rain date Saturday, October 14), Environmental Education Center. Fee, \$6 pp, preregistration required.

Live Animal Show at the EEC: Sunday, October 15, 1-2pm. FREE. Suggested donation \$5 per person.

Proper Techniques for Cleaning & Sharpening Gardening Tools: Tuesday, October 17, 10-11:30am. Fee \$15 pp & preregistration required

Goofs and Ghouls: Sunday, October 22, 1-3pm, Colonial Park Gardens, Stone Cottage at Parking Lot A, Mettlers Lane, Franklin Township. FREE. For information call 732-873-2459, ext. 21 or www.somersetcountyparks.org.

Flower & Landscape Photography – Autumnal Brilliance: Tuesday, October 24, 9-11:30am, Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills. Pre-registration required. Fee \$35 pp. Call 908-234-2677, ext. 21 for more info.

Cape May Birding Adventure: Depart Tuesday, October 24 and return Thursday, October 26. Call 908-766-2489 for pricing and details.

Mischief Night Madness - Colonial Park Putting Course: Friday, October 27, 4-9pm (Rain date Saturday, October 28), Colonial Park Putting Course, East Millstone. Fee: \$8 for family of two; \$10 for family of 3 or more. Fall Festival at Lord Stirling Stable: Saturday, October 28, 5-8pm. Additional

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