

# What's happening in Central Jersey: April 25 and later

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*News from Bernards, Dunellen, Edison, Flemington, Green Brook, Hillsborough, Pattenburg, Perth Amboy, Rahway, Sewaren, Somerset County, Somerville, Warren and Watchung.*



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## **BERNARDS**

### **Horseback Ride to be held on May 10**

The Friends of Lord Stirling Stable will host the annual Mother's Day Horseback Ride on May 10, on the trails of Lord Stirling Stable.

Trail Guides will point out and attempt to identify the various plants, birds and animals that can be seen on the 18 miles of trails at Lord Stirling Stable.

Check-in time is 10 a.m. and the ride begins at 10:30 a.m.

Registration forms are available in the stable office and on the Friends of Lord Stirling Stable website at [www.flssnj.org](http://www.flssnj.org). The fee for this event is \$25 for Friends of Lord Stirling Stable members and \$30 for all others. There is a charge of \$4 for the rental of a helmet and boots as needed. Approved equestrian helmets are required for all riders. Payment may be made by cash or check.

This event, suitable for those with little or no riding experience, is open to all adult riders, their family and friends. Children must be at least 12 years old unless currently enrolled in class at Lord Stirling Stable. Riders must weigh less than 200 pounds.

For information, contact Chuck at 609-436-5700 or the stable office at 908-766-5955 (NJ Relay 711 for individuals with a hearing or speech impairment). Or visit [www.somersetcountyparks.org](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org).

Lord Stirling Stable is at 256 South Maple Ave. in the Basking Ridge section of the township.

## **DUNELLEN**

### **New, used items are being collected**

Venturing Crew 119/Girls Scout Troop 876 will be collecting new and gently used items to help those in need Saturday (April 25)

Drop off is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at American Legion Post 119, 137 New Market Road.

Items needed/accepted are: clothing, accessories, coats, shoes, hats, scarves, gloves, handbags, backpacks, belts, etc.; children's items such as soft and hard toys, games, stuffed animals, dolls, baby toys, etc.; fabric household items, such as bedding, quilts, blankets, towels, draperies, curtains, table covers, etc. Place all items in sturdy, tied, 13-gallon plastic garbage bags. No hangers.

A tax deductible receipt will be provided.

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## **EAST BRUNSWICK**

### **Spring Fling on May 3 at Elks Lodge**

A Spring Fling with Bill Turner and Blue Smoke will be conducted on May 3 at the East Brunswick Elks Lodge.

The event runs from 2 to 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Bring your own table snacks. Food will also be available for purchase.

For more information, contact Alice Leonhardt at 732-991-6217 or email [banquetmanager@ebelks.com](mailto:banquetmanager@ebelks.com).

## **EDISON**

### **School hosting Safe Driving Summit**

Students from Edison High School will host a Safe Driving Summit on May 1.

The summit's theme is Texting and Driving. Crash data involving drivers younger 20 shows this age group is more distracted while driving than any other demographic; the summit will educate youth and parents about the consequences of not being focused while behind the wheel.

Two students from Edison high school traveled to Washington, D.C., in October, 2014 to participate in the National Teen Distracted Driving Prevention Summit, hosted by the National Organizations for Youths Safety (NOYS). Edison High School is one of 17 schools across the country hosting a local safe driving summit during the academic year.

Here are five ways everyone can be safer behind the wheel:

1. Wear a seatbelt all the time.
2. Drive the speed limit.
3. Limit the number of passengers in your car.
4. Pull over to make a call or text a friend.
5. Never drive after drinking alcohol.

For more information about the summit, email [edisonhighsadd@gmail.com](mailto:edisonhighsadd@gmail.com) or [francescagabb@gmail.com](mailto:francescagabb@gmail.com).

## **FLEMINGTON**

### **District recognizes secretarial staff**

April 22 marked Administrative Professionals Day.

During the day, the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District recognized and thanked its secretarial staff members for their significant contributions to the success of the district's students and schools, according to a news release. At Robert Hunter School, Principal Karen Gabruk and Vice Principal Kelliann Ten Kate switched seats and roles with their office staffers for part of the day.

## **GREEN BROOK**

### **Bouco slated to sign books at store**

Local author Maryann Bouco will be signing books at Jesus Gift & Book Store Saturday (April 25).

The event runs from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bouco will be signing, "The Last Stand." The story is about the life struggles of three young adults who grew up in less than favorable home situations, and the choices they made to rise above their difficult circumstances. The author's goal in writing this story is to bring enjoyment and encouragement to people of all ages, according to a news release.

Jesus Book & Gift Store is at 301 Route 22 East.

## **HILLSBOROUGH**

### **Outside flea market to take place**

An outside flea market will be conducted Saturday (April 25), beside the Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Co #2 at 375 Route 206.

It will start at 9 a.m. and go as long as there are customers. Parking is on the grass and also behind the firehouse. There is no parking next to the firehouse or in the driveway so the firefighters can park and get the fire trucks in and out with ease. Additional flea markets will be held on May 9, May 30, June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, Aug. 29, Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, and Oct. 24. Proceeds benefit the Hillsborough Township Volunteer Fire Co. #2.

New vendors are always welcome to participate in the flea markets. Flea market outside spaces are available for \$15 each. Vendors can just show up that morning and pay then; they must bring their own tables and chairs. No reservations are needed. For information, call 908-334-8590 or 908-725-4908, or visit [www.HillsboroughFireCo2.com](http://www.HillsboroughFireCo2.com) (<http://www.hillsboroughfireco2.com/>); go to About, Membership and then Ladies Auxiliary for Ladies Auxiliary information.

## **PATTENBURG**

### **Roast beef dinner to be held at church**

A roast beef dinner will be conducted Saturday (April 25) at Pattenburg United Methodist Church from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Donation is \$14; \$7 for ages 4 to 10; and \$3.50 for ages 3 and younger. Takeout is available.

Pattenburg United Methodist Church is on Main Street.

For information, call 908-730-9757.

## **PERTH AMBOY**

### **Campaign hosting conference planned**

The Citizens Campaign announced is hosting a Building Storm Resiliency Conference Saturday (April 25).

The conference will focus on what the city is currently doing and on what more it can do to better prepare for the intense storms that scientists predict could be one of the weather impacts of climate change. Among the topics to be discussed are how to bring flooding and other storm-water impacts to the forefront of city planning, what kinds of infrastructure improvements are needed, and what steps can be taken to improve drainage citywide.

The conference will include a panel discussion featuring the following participants: Chris Sturm, senior director of State Policy, New Jersey Future; Michelle Hartmann, design specialist, Rutgers Water Resources Program; and Greg Fehrenbach, Perth Amboy's former business administrator. Mayor Wilda Diaz will kick off the conference with opening remarks.

The conference will be conducted at the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 260 High St. It runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Refreshments will be served. New Jersey Future and the New Jersey Urban Mayor's Association are co-hosting the conference..

## **RAHWAY**

### **Celebrating the life, legacy of Sinatra**

The Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC) will celebrate the life and legacy of New Jersey's own Frank Sinatra with a performance of "My Sinatra" by vocalist Cary Hoffman at 8 p.m. Saturday (April 25) on UCPAC's Mainstage.

A Sinatra interpreter, Hoffman turns his celebrated My Sinatra PBS special into a one-man musical play about his love and idolization for his hero Frank Sinatra — and the perils of wanting to become somebody else. Backed by a 10-piece orchestra, Hoffman will take the audience on a musical journey of what it was like growing up fatherless with three musician uncles, who played on some of Sinatra's greatest recordings.

UCPAC's Mainstage is at 1601 Irving St. To purchase tickets, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit [www.ucpac.org](http://www.ucpac.org).

## **RAHWAY**

### **Library is continuing its Café Music Series**

The Rahway Public Library will continue its Café Music Series Saturday (April 25) from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Café area.

The musical and married duo of Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson will perform folk and Americana selections. They have released two acclaimed CDs, Hungrytown (2008) and Any Forgotten Thing (2011), and tour full time; their adventures have taken them throughout the world performing in US, Canada, Europe and New Zealand. Hungrytown's music has also appeared on several television shows, including the hit IFC series, "Portlandia."

Light refreshments will be served.

For further information, contact the Rahway Public Library at 732-340-1551, ext. 212.

Rahway Public Library is at 2 City Hall Plaza.

## **SEWAREN**

### **Used book sale, flea market at library**

A Used Book Sale & Flea Market will be conducted at the Sewaren Free Public Library Saturday (April 25).

There will be paperbacks, video tapes, DVDs, toys, clothes, furniture and more.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sewaren Free Public Library is at 546 West Ave. Rain date is Sunday (April 26).

For more information or directions, call 732-634-7571.

## **SOMERSET COUNTY**

### **Shredding events in the county planned**

The Somerset County Board of Freeholders and the county's Records Management Division is launching a series of shredding event Saturday (April 25).

Shredding events will be conducted on 11 Saturdays through the "Operation Secure Shred" program, rain or shine. All shredding events are conducted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until the trucks are filled to capacity, at which time they will leave and the event will be over for that day.

Residents from all 21 Somerset County municipalities are invited to have personal documents shredded at as many free, on-site mobile paper-shredding events as they wish to attend. Residents do not have to reside in a town hosting an event to participate.

The first shredding event will be Saturday (April 25) at the Somerset County Public Works Garage, at 410 Roycefield Road in Hillsborough. Complete directions are available at <http://bit.ly/SCPUBWORKS>.

Additional shredding events will be held at 10 municipal locations as follows: May 2 in Hillsborough at the Auten Road School, 281 Auten Road; May 9 at the Montgomery Fire Co. No. 1 at 35 Griggstown Road, Belle Mead; June 13 at the Watchung Police Department, 840 Somerset St.; June 20 at the Washington School, 614 First Ave., Raritan; June 27 at the Bedminster Public Works Building, 75 Miller Lane; Sept. 5 at the Franklin Municipal

Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset section of Franklin Township; Sept. 12 at the Bridgewater Municipal Building, 100 Commons Way; Oct. 3 at the Branchburg Municipal Building, 1077 Route 202 North; Oct. 10 at the Bernards Engineering Services Building, 277 S. Maple Ave. in the Basking Ridge section of Bernards; and Oct. 17 at the Green Brook Municipal Building, 111 Greenbrook Road.

Documents will be commercially shredded safely, privately and properly by trained, licensed and bonded document-destruction specialists. Staples and paperclips do not have to be removed. Residents may bring documents in up to six boxes, containers or bags per visit and will be asked to take back their receptacles.

Participants may stay and watch as their documents are shred, if they wish. The following recyclable items will not be accepted: junk mail, magazines and newspapers.

For more information about locations of the municipal shredding events, contact the towns directly. A listing of towns in Somerset County can be found at [www.co.somerset.nj.us/towndir.html](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/towndir.html). A schedule of shredding events and a brochure about shredding documents are available at <http://bit.ly/2015Shredding>.

For further information, contact the Somerset County Records Management Division at 908-203-6018 or [recordsmgmt@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:recordsmgmt@co.somerset.nj.us).

## **SOMERVILLE**

### **Live Art Auction Benefit to be held**

A special live Art Auction Benefit will be conducted Saturday (April 25) at St. John's Episcopal Church.

The auction will feature signed lithographs, sports memorabilia, etchings, and originals in every medium, size, and style. Artists will include Neiman, Delacroix, Boulanger, and Rockwell. Opening bids start at \$55 and successful bidders can expect to pay less than gallery prices.

John Stanisci, a professional illustrator for Marvel and DC Comics for 18 years, will be a guest artist at the auction. Event attendees will have the chance to bid on 20 of his hand-signed comic books or original comic illustrations. The comic books are rare in that Stanisci autographs them only for Marlin Art as he is a personal friend of the owner.

Also part of the evening will be a silent auction featuring theater tickets, theme baskets, and other items.

In addition, there will be door prizes, assorted beverages, hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

The Benefit Art Show begins with a preview at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall with refreshments and beverages. The auction begins at 7 p.m.

St. John's Parish Hall is at 158 West High St. Parking is available in the church parking lot behind the church or on the street.

Tickets are \$15; call 908-722-1250 or visit [www.stjohnsomerville.org](http://www.stjohnsomerville.org). Tickets will also be available at the door.

The proceeds will benefit the mission and restoration of the historic church.

## **SOMERVILLE**

### **Chance to dispose of unwanted meds**

A rain-or-shine medication drop-off event will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday (April 25) in front of the Somerset County Administration Building, 20 Grove St.

A sheriff's officer will be stationed at the entrance to collect medications. The program is free and anonymous and allows residents to safely dispose of medications.

"Prescription drug abuse is not a new problem but one that requires awareness and perseverance. Having unwanted, outdated meds in the home where they are accessible to our kids, their friends and even adult family and friends who may be privately battling addiction can be an unnecessary temptation," Somerset County Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano said in a prepared statement.

The Sheriff's Office is conducting this event in conjunction with the annual American Medicine Chest Challenge. For more information about the Challenge, visit [www.americanmedicinechest.com/](http://www.americanmedicinechest.com/).

Needles and syringes of any kind cannot be dropped off. However, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset, at 110 Rehill Ave. in Somerville, will accept them for proper disposal from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 908-685-2200, ext. 3258 for more information about the Safe Syringe Program.

For more information regarding medicine collection in Somerset County, contact Lt. Steve SanAntonio at 908-231-7168 or Sheriff's Officer Thomas Wallace at 908-231-7138 or visit <http://bit.ly/MedicineDisposal>.

Also, residents can receive notifications via text message, email and the Web by registering at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Nixle is free; however, standard text-message rates may apply. Residents are advised to check with their cellular carrier.

## **SOMERVILLE**

### **Christie announces Heroes grants**

New Jersey First Lady Mary Pat Christie recently announced more than \$120,000 in New Jersey Heroes grants to 18 organizations previously selected as New Jersey Heroes.

The grants, which must be used within 12 months from the date of the award, will help the recipients to further enhance the mission of their respective organizations through new programs and services.

Among the 2015 NJ Hero Grantees is the Somerville-based Operation Shoebox New Jersey, a volunteer organization dedicated to collecting donated supplies and shipping care packages to U.S. military personnel deployed overseas. New Jersey Heroes is awarding Operation Shoebox \$15,000 so that soldiers will continue to receive the personal supplies they need while serving our country. Operation Shoebox New Jersey estimates that some 12,000 boxes will be assembled in 2015 and shipping charges are upwards of \$22 per box. Since 2013, the New Jersey Heroes Grant program has increased from \$100,000 to \$120,000 and from 12 recipients to 18. Overall, approximately \$320,000 in grants has been awarded to 24 organizations over the past three years.

New Jersey Heroes is an initiative First Lady Mary Pat Christie began in 2010 to showcase the positive and unique ways people and organizations are impacting New Jersey and their communities. To nominate a hero, go to [newjerseyheroes.org](http://newjerseyheroes.org) and follow the application instructions to submit the person you believe is a true New Jersey Hero.

## **WARREN**

### **Registration for season passes**

The Somerset County Park Commission has announced that in-person registration for county residents wishing to sign up for season passes and swimming lessons at Warrenbrook Pool will take place Saturday (April 25).

Registration will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Warrenbrook Pool office.

Registration is also available at [www.somersetcountyparks.org](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org) for families and individuals who have been seasonal pool members in past years.

Out-of-county residents may register beginning June 20 at Warrenbrook Pool if season passes remain available.

In-county pre-season registration fee for a family of three is \$325 and \$70 for the fourth person and \$40 per person thereafter. Fee for couples is \$230 younger than 60 and \$170 for seniors. The fee for a single is \$115 and \$85 per senior.

Weekday daily rates are available in season and Pool County ID Cards are also available to earn discounted day rates.

Warrenbrook Pool will open for weekends only at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 13, 14, 20 and 21. The pool will be open seven days a week from June 26, through Sept. 7.

Warrenbrook Pool on Warrenville Road in Warren Township

For information, contact the Somerset County Park Commission at 908-722-1200 or visit [www.somersetcountyparks.org](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org) (<http://www.somersetcountyparks.org/>).

## **WATCHUNG**

### **Church is holding 'Bark For Life' today**

Wilson Memorial Church in Watchung is conducting a "Bark For Life" Saturday (April 25) from 9 a.m. to noon at Watchung Lake, followed by "Yappy Hour" at Rolfs. The event is to raise money for the American Cancer Society's efforts to eradicate this disease.

To register and for more information, click on the Bark for Life link on the Wilson website at [www.wilsonmemorialchurch.com](http://www.wilsonmemorialchurch.com). All funds raised will go to American Cancer Society.

## **WOODBIDGE**

### **Swim-A-Thon to be conducted at center**

The third annual Autism Awareness Swim-A-Thon, coinciding with "Autism Awareness Month" in April, takes place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday (April 25).

It will be conducted at the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission's Aquatics & Fitness Center, 333 Cheesequake Road in the Parlin section of the township.

Proceeds from the Swim-A-Thon will benefit Autism New Jersey, the state's leading Autism resource, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Autism New Jersey provides essential information, advocacy and support to children and their families about Autism Spectrum Disorder.

To participate or make a donation to the Swim-A-Thon, contact Katelyn Dauphinee, aquatics coordinator, at 732-317-0333 or [KDauphinee@mresc.k12.nj.us](mailto:KDauphinee@mresc.k12.nj.us). Additional information about the Swim-A-Thon or Autism New Jersey can be found at [www.mresc.k12.nj.us](http://www.mresc.k12.nj.us), and [www.autismnj.org](http://www.autismnj.org) respectively.

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