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In Congress July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. . .

City Green's Veggie Mobile Visits City Hall



The Clifton Health Department, in partnership with City Green of Clifton, NJ, is pleased to announce that City Green's Veggie Mobile will be visiting Clifton City Hall (900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton) for its second season this summer and fall. The Veggie Mobile will visit Clifton City

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Young at Heart Club • The Young At Heart Senior Club Will Meet The First and Third Tuesday of the month at the fellowship hall of The First Presbyterian Church on Maplewood Ave. at 12:00 pm. Refreshments will be served from 10:30am to 12:00pm. The next meeting of The Young At Heart Club will be held in September, 2017. Come socialize, make new friends and play bingo. All are welcome to join the club. Be a guest for the day or go on our trips. Upcoming Trips For 2017 1. Wednesday September 13th, 2017-Mt.Lakes, NJ. Carnival In Venice at the Mansion. Fun songs & Italian food. 2. Thursday October 12th, 2017-Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Neil Simon's Hilarious Comedy "Come Blow Your Horn". 3. Thursday November 9th, 2017-The Castle in Pequannock, NJ presents "Rockin In The 50's" show. 4. Monday December 4th, 2017.-Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Our Festive Holiday Revue "A Playhouse Christmas 2017". All trips leave from the Masonic Lodge at 1484-1510 Van Houten Ave. For more information & ticket prices call Lillian @ 973-779-5581.

THRIFT SHOP • St John Lutheran Church, Passaic, will hold a Thrift Shop on Saturday, June 3, from 9:30 am to 1 pm featuring gently used clothing for spring and summer, household items, toys and games, all at very low prices. The church is at 140 Lexington Avenue. For information call the church at 973-779-1166 or Lorraine at 973-868-3380.



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to the U.S. Constitution**

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Clifton Centennial Concerts:

Free to the public---bring your lawn chairs!
Woodrow Wilson Middle School, Van Houten Avenue All programs begin at 7:30PM Rain?
We move indoors at WWMS.

July 5 - Gloria's Miami Sound featuring Nikki Torres This 16 member ensemble pays tribute to the Latin influence in American entertainment. Featured are back-up singers and dancers and a power-packed orchestra!

July 12 - Clifton Community Band Clifton's own concert unit providing crowd pleasing programs that all will enjoy!

July 19 Count Basie Tribute Band Playing the most famous of the Basie library w/vocalist. 19 New York professionals.

July 26 - Rhythm Ramblers An eight piece Dixieland/Sing-a-long group that provides original American Jazz and an audience participation experience.

August 2 - Rat Pack Show A re-creation of the music and fun of the Sinatra-Martin-Davis era! With a live "Vegas" orchestra!

August 9 - United States Army Band of West Point This professional Army band has inspired and entertained audiences with a program of Americana and concert pieces. A truly patriotic experience!

August 16 - Gramercy Brass Orchestra of New York A 29 piece American Brass Band playing Americana and movie titles. With two professional Broadway vocalists!

August 23 - Clifton Native Night An evening of groups solely from Clifton providing entertainment from the 60s - 80s!

August 30 Forever Ray The highly entertaining tribute to Ray Charles w/back-up vocals and a live soul inspired band.

SCORE SEMINAR FOR 2017 • Marketing Your Small Business - Wed. Sept. 19, - Starting & Managing A Successful Business - All seminars above will meet 6:30-8:30 PM, at Clifton Public Library, 292 Piaget Ave. Clifton, NJ.

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Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location
Clifton Night Market	Spring/Summer	TBA
Clifton Night at the Jackals	Summer 2017	Yogi Berra Stadium
9/11 Memorial & Museum	Summer 2017	NYC
Yankees Game & Mets Game	Summer 2017	NYC
Concert Series	Summer 2017	TBA
West Point Band	August 9, 2017	Clifton
Bus/Ferry Trip to Ellis & Liberty Island	September 23, 2017	NYC/NJ
Clifton Scavenger Hunt	Fall 2017	Clifton
Centennial Gala	November 30, 2017	Valley Regency

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Open for Business

by Nicholas J. Veliky

It looks like Wayne Councilman Richard Jasterzbski may have gone too far in his personal crusade to have a campaign sign returned to the Wayne GOP headquarters window. Jasterzbski entered the Berdan Avenue headquarters and proceeded to level a threatening, obscene and sexually explicit tirade at a PCRRO campaign worker. Granted, politics can illicit passionate conduct, however this bordered on assault. As a result of the councilman's tirade, his constituents have filed notice of intent to recall the foul mouthed hot head from elected office. By the way the Wayne Township council voted for a second time to request councilman Jasterzbski's resignation.

On the governor's race, democratic favorite Phil Murphy has apparently narrowed his choices for Lieutenant Governor down to assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter and assemblywoman Sheila Oliver.

The New Jersey State fair was certainly not the place to be on the evening of June 22nd, opening night. Around 11:30 pm shots rang out causing a stampede like response as people ran for cover. Ask yourself, is a corn dog or a sno-cone worth risking your life over?

Clifton in the news, however the stories aren't necessarily what you would expect from a city celebrating 100 years.

- An 83 year old senior on Center Street sitting in his walker, had his gold chain snatched by a woman, working with an accomplice, who was driving the minivan, she exited the vehicle, approached the man engaged in small talk and tore his chain from his neck. If this wasn't bad enough the woman allegedly had young children in the van who were witness to the deplorable conduct of this woman.

- Bliss nightclub saga has come to an end to the delight of neighboring business owners and neighborhood residents. Bliss is closing its doors for good. After a near riot during a teen event, and another ruckus as the club reached maximum capacity and patrons were turned away. Instead of leaving peacefully the crowd rushed the door knocking it off its hinges. Oh yes a weapon along with ammunition was found on one of those involved in the incident. By the way, the court did not overturn the revocation of Bliss' entertainment license during the trial period. So now that Bliss is nothing more than a bad memory, what does the future hold for the Allwood Road location?

- Not to be bested, a group of youths, leaving an event at one of Clifton's middle schools proceeded to a parking lot across the street from the school and began jumping on car roof tops causing considerable damage.

Clifton at 100 is certainly a changing community.

Dr. Ronald D'Amato a Clifton chiropractor and owner of Atlas Chiropractic located on Market Street, has been charged with allegedly accepting \$90,000 in bribes from a Tariq Dim, owner of Clifton Imaging Center located on Route 46 in Clifton. The charges came about as a result of an ongoing investigation by the Commercial Bribery Task Force under the Attorney General's Office.

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The Legal Insider

What is Hospital "Charity Care"

BY JEFFREY W. POMPEO, ESQ.

Under New Jersey law, every hospital in the state is required to provide care to any person who enters the hospital regardless of their ability to pay. More specifically, a New Jersey statute provides that "No hospital shall deny any admission or appropriate service to a patient on the basis of that patient's ability to pay or source of payment. A hospital which violates this section shall be liable to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each violation."

New Jersey's "Hospital Care Payment Assistance Program" – known as "Charity Care" – provides free and reduced hospital care to low income patients who are medically uninsured or under-insured. A state fund is used to partially reimburse hospitals for their treatment costs.

BACKGROUND
While some states have government owned hospitals to care for such patients, New Jersey relies on non-profit private hospitals and federally qualified health centers, which receive reimbursement from the state.

WHAT CARE IS COVERED?
Reimbursement is provided for only "medically necessary" services and treatments as determined by a physician, as well as some of the costs of most hospital services; it also covers some of the costs of hospital outpatient dialysis and advanced life support services, typically provided during an emergency or transportation by an ambulance.

Physician and anesthesiologist fees, radiology fees and outpatient prescriptions may not be covered.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
In order to qualify for Charity Care, New Jersey residents must meet income and asset guidelines; live in New Jersey and not be eligible for other government insurance programs, such as Medicaid or New Jersey Family Care – a federal and state funded health insurance program which helps qualified New Jersey residents of any age obtain affordable health insurance. Charity Care is for individuals who do not have employer insurance.

A. INCOME AND ASSETS
New Jersey residents who do not qualify for Medicaid are eligible for Charity Care services at New Jersey hospitals for both inpatient and outpatient care if their incomes are below 301% of the federal poverty level (that is, below 301% of \$12,060 in 2017, in other words, below \$36,301 for one person; below \$74,046 for a household of four people, etc.) See chart adjacent to this article.

In addition, a family with annual income less than 200% of the federal poverty level will receive free care.

A family with annual income between 200% and 300% of the federal poverty level will be responsible for a portion of their hospital bill.

The value of assets must also be below certain limits. Not including the value of their home, individuals must have less than \$7,500 in assets or less than \$15,000 per family as of the date the medical care is provided.

B. RESIDENCY
Living in New Jersey at the time hospital care is provided and intending to remain living in New Jersey are also requirements.

C. OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE
New Jersey residents can still be eligible for Charity Care if they have individual



or group medical insurance or Medicare since such programs may not cover all the costs of hospital care.

However, those eligible for Medicaid or NJ Family Care are not eligible for Charity Care.

CITIZENSHIP
Citizenship is not required, but proof of identity must be provided.

Sources: (1) N.J.S.A. 26:2H-18.64 (2) New Jersey Hospital Association, Issue Brief: "Charity Care 101" (3) LSN-JLAW.org: "Can Charity Care Help Me With My Hospital Bills?" (4) NJ Spotlight: "Who is Helped By New Jersey's Charity Care Program?"

and (5) US Department of Health & Human Services, Poverty Guidelines.

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One of the questions I get asked most often by friends, school children and even newspaper reporters is one that may seem harmlessly simple at first but at times can be a very, very complicated and complex question to say the least.

The question usually starts innocently enough for sure but then is presented almost as an attempt to throw me off

like try to pick your favorite child. It just can't be done because there are so many wonderful things about each one of them." Those are wise words for the ages to be sure. But sometimes I am pressed for an answer especially when there is a cute little girl or boy looking up at me holding their breath, just waiting and waiting for my answer, which most people



, even stump me or confuse me. "So Don, what is your favorite Bird?" they ask with a teasing big grin. That can be a question that ranks right up there with "What is the meaning of life" or "Why is it always that the line that I am standing on always moves the slowest?" As a very astute friend once pointed out to me "Picking your favorite bird is

expect, for some reason, to be incredibly insightful and thought provoking. Now I have to admit, at times, I feel pressure to say what people think I should say. After all the President of the Bergen County Audubon Society must have, at the very least, the Bald Eagle as his favorite bird, or maybe a Peregrine Falcon, an Osprey or

some regal looking bird that will make everyone nod their head in agreement. I apologize, but favorite birds do not work that way.

My favorite bird tends to surprise many people. It's a common bird, to some, not the most beautiful of birds. It is sometimes passed over as folks look for the rare more exotic species. As my close friends know, my favorite bird of all is the Red-winged Blackbird. The reaction of many people when I finally come clean seems to be a bit of puzzlement. Really? They ask like a deer in the headlights. Yes, really.

Growing up in the Meadowlands I have a special connection to the Red-wings. Since it is one of the first birds to return in Spring migration. As kids we could not wait to see the very first Red-wing of the year, for we knew that spring could not be far way. As the years went by I would point out the Red-wings to my two boys as I drove them back and forth to school. We had fun trying to see who would see the first one singing from the top of the grasses. Now as I lead nature walks in the Meadowlands, I enjoy telling stories about those special very birds and what it was like growing up in the meadowlands and conveying the passion and love that we all inherited having the privi-



lege of being raised in such a very special place. My favorite birds really are the ones that mean something very special and personal and touch our hearts

ries of friends and family. Favorite birds are not just simply something that is added to a page in a book, APP or computer and then forgotten, they are birds



and souls. Favorite birds are the ones that bring back fond memo-

that we will brag to our grandkids about, daydream

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My Favorite Bird

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about when we get to old to wander the trails of our lives. Favorite birds live in our hearts and play a significant part of our lives. They are our memories, ones we recall with delight and at times with much examination, considerable and contemplation. They recall special times in our lives not only about the birds themselves, but also the people we enjoyed them with

as well as the wild places we have all come to love. Favorite birds are just that, Birds that have become part of our lives and stay in our hearts and become who we are and what we are about forever. If you have a favorite bird please let me know what that bird is and why its your favorite. You can e-mail me at greatauk4@gmail.com



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Veggie Mobile

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Hall every Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm beginning June 7th. We encourage and invite all surrounding communities to visit the Veggie Mobile. The Health Department's Health Education Division will be on site offering samples of delicious recipes that feature organic produce grown at City Green. The Newman's Own Foundation recently awarded a grant to City Green in the amount of \$35,000. The grant funded the purchase and operation of a City Green Veggie Mobile, a mobile farmer's market vehicle that will allow the non-profit to sell local and organic produce in previously inaccessible neighborhoods and communi-



ties. The Veggie Mobile is a specially equipped refrigerated van that can safely and effectively transport fruits and vegetables around urban New Jersey. Additionally, it will significantly expand City Green's marketing reach and overall brand visibility in the new communities it plans to serve. The USDA also participated in generously funding the City Green Veggie Mobile.

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cultivating education in food systems, nutrition, and the environment. Some of their local produce include: tomatoes, carrots, peppers, squash, zucchini, fresh greens, and honey. Fruit grown by farmers in the southern portion of NJ will also be for sale in the Veggie Mobile. For every \$1.00 spent, you will receive \$1.00 when you use Snap, WIC, or senior checks. This program at Clifton City Hall is funded in part by the Partners for Health Foundation. For more information, please contact Jennifer Kidd of Clifton Health Department at (973) 470-5774 or jkidd@cliftonnj.org or Jasmine Moreano of City Green at (973) 869-4086 or info@city-green.org

Saint Philip Prime Timers Install Officers



Left to Right: Primertimers Miderator: Donna Scancarella, Past Vice President: Phyllis Riccardi, Past President: Elaine Janicove, Vice President: Paul Doviak, President: Stasia Komorows, Rev. Julio Barrios, Treasurer: John Sadavary, Recording Secretary: Mary Farkas, Corresponding Secretary: Fran Kobernick.

St. Philip's Prime Timers Selected New Officers at June Luncheon

a local supermarket, which received positive feedback from guests. Pat Csatlós, Bea La Cava and the volunteer staff planned and organized the event.

At the annual end of the season luncheon, St. Philip's Prime Timers selected new officers for the years 2017-2018. The new president is Stasia Komorows, who is taking over for Elaine Janicove; new vice president is Paul Doviak; new treasurer is John Sadavary; returning as corresponding secretary is Fran Kobernick and the new recording secretary is Mary Farkas. Rev. Julio Barrios swore in all the officers. More than 75 people attended the luncheon; there was baked ziti, eggplant, chicken, stuffed cabbage, sandwiches, salad and dessert, catered by

The Prime Times is open to all St. Philip's parishioners and their friends who are 50 years and older. We meet on the first Friday of the month from September through June if weather permits. However, starting in September, they will be meeting at 1 p.m. in the Molloy Center on St. Philip's Drive instead of the Auditorium. The members are asked to please note these changes. Their next meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 6, 2017 at 1 p.m. in the Molloy Center.

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days because of the early June oppressive heat wave. Perhaps air conditioning should be included on the Board of Education's wish list. It's definitely not like years ago, when 90-degree days popped up during the early summer month and the only relief was an ice pop, compliments of a generous parent or teacher as opposed to a half day of school.

Passaic Mayor Hector Lora's hands on approach to all aspects of running a city has proven not to be a campaign gimmick, but instead the approach Lora takes toward governance. Lora is always communicating with his constituents via social media and is always on the scene. From residential and commercial fires to a bus crash involving Passaic school students on their way to a field trip, Lora is there playing an important leadership role for all the residents of New Jersey's eighth largest city (according to 2010 census records.) That being said, there apparently have been some grumbling regarding a pay increase for Passaic's mayor. Paying qualified, dedicated elected officials whose positions require a full time effort deserve to be paid a competitive and fair wage.

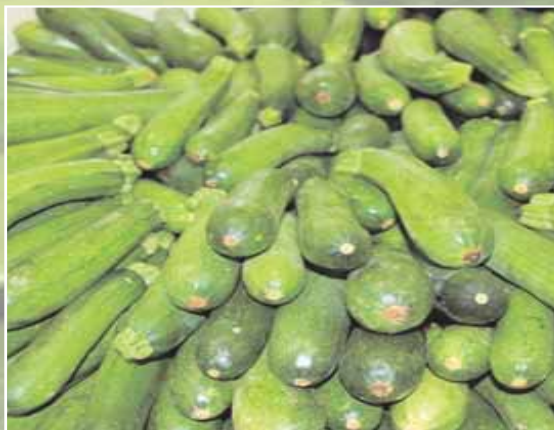
The iconic mural that once adorned the exterior of Alexander's Department store in Paramus may have found a new home. The 280 panels that make up the work by Polish artist Stefan Knapp have been in storage since they were dismantled after the popular department store closed in 1992. The mural, which measures 200 feet long and 50 feet high, is moving to the art factory located on Spruce Street in Paterson. The Art Factory is located in the great Falls Historic district.

The Disc golf course proposed for Passaic County's Rifle Camp Park has met with a bit of opposition from local residents and area environmental advocates. With the local eco system taking another hit as a result of the development of an assisted living facility being developed on Valley Road in Clifton, the need to preserve open space is even more important than ever. The more habitat we destroy, the more creatures native to the mountain are in need of a new place to live.

In the 40th Legislative district, Kim Corrado-Passaic County Clerk, Kevin Rooney-Assemblyman, and Christopher DePhillips - former Wyckoff Mayor soundly defeated the ticket of Paul DeGaetano-Bergen County GOP Chairman and former assemblyman, Norm Robertson former NJ State Senator and Joe Bubba, Jr., for space on the ballot for the November general election. The DeGaetano team had the endorsement of both Bergen and Passaic County GOP organizations. Playing in the background was Peter Murphy, former chairman of the PCRRO who many say is back in the game in a big way.

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