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A PARTNERSHIP FOR A BETTER TOMORROW IN
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

March 2020



RWJUH RECEIVES \$1M GIFT FROM KALAHER FAMILY

A \$1 million gift dedicated to the renovation of the 1-East Geriatric Unit at RWJ University Hospital Somerset was recently donated by Steve and Suzanne Kalafer, Flemington Car and Truck Country Family of Brands, and the Somerset Patriots.

Renovations include installation of new floors and bathroom fixtures, new paint, and updating for the nurses' station.

RAIN BARREL REBATE PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE

The Somerset County Regional Center, utilizing a grant from the NJ Water Supply Authority, has announced that the 2020 Raritan River Rain Barrel Rebate programs for homeowners in Bridgewater, Raritan, and Somerville is accepting rebate applications for the 9th consecutive year.



Rebates are available in the amount of \$50 for new 40- to 70-gallon rain barrels and \$100 for those that hold more than 70-gallons. Detailed information can be found on the Regional Center Partnership's website at www.regionalcenterpartnership.org, by calling 908-730-0270 x233 or sending an email to rainbarrel@raritanbasin.org.

CHRIS EDWARDS NAMED CEO OF BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Chris Edwards, former vice-president of Business Services at the Somerset County Business Partnership, has been named President/CEO of the organization, succeeding Mike Kerwin who will retire on March 13, 2020. Edwards has been with the Partnership since March of 2013.



BURLINGTON TO OPEN IN APRIL

Burlington Stores is expected to open their first Somerset County location April. The store is located in the former Toys "R" Us location on the Somerville Circle in Raritan. The 46,000 sq. ft. facility will feature ladies' sportswear, men's active wear, children's apparel, baby, home, and beauty products.

RARITAN MAYOR BRAY ANNOUNCES FITNESS CHALLENGE

Raritan Mayor Zachary Bray and the municipal Events Committee have announced the "Raritan Fitness Challenge", an entertaining program to make Raritan a healthier community.

Participants are asked to use their own fitness app and report progress to the Events Committee monthly. Prizes will be awarded. The program runs through November, 2020 and residents may join at any time. For information email lschulte@raritan-nj.org.

AC HOTEL OPENS IN BRIDGEWATER

The AC Hotel by Marriott on Route 202-206 across from the Bridgewater Commons has opened and is accepting guests.

The upscale lifestyle hotel designed for the business traveler features a first floor bar, breakfast area, gym, pool, and meeting rooms.

A unique feature of the hotel is the rooftop bar on the seven-



story building. The Bradford will feature fine spirits and tapas while overlooking Somerset County and the Watchung Mountains. The Bradford is expected to open in the spring.

RARITAN HEADWATERS PLANS STREAM CLEAN UP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Raritan Headwaters Association, a nonprofit conservation organization "that protects water in our rivers, our streams, and our homes," has scheduled the 30th Annual Stream Cleanup on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. The Raritan clean-up will take place off Woodmere Street in Raritan Borough.

Registration at streamcleanup@raritanheadwaters.org by Thursday, March 26, 2020 will guarantee that individual supplies will be available.

BRIDGEWATER ENDS

PROHIBITION-ERA RESTRICTION

Bridgewater Township Council voted to end part of the alcohol beverage ordinance dating back to the repeal of the 18th Amendment that prohibited the purchase of alcoholic beverages to be made on credit.

LAUREL CIRCLE

REVITALIZATION PLAN

Laurel Circle (formerly Arbor Glen) on Monroe Street in Bridgewater has announced an \$8 million revitalization plan at the senior community.

Improvements include a new outpatient clinic, new gym equipment, an upgraded front lobby, and more.

Laurel Circle is owned and operated by Des Moines-based LCS that is also building The Delaney on Frontier Road in Bridgewater featuring 223 residences.

UNCLE JULIO'S OPENS IN BRIDGEWATER

Uncle Julio's, serving made-from-scratch Mexican cuisine, has opened in the Bridgewater Commons. The restaurant is in the location that formerly housed McCormick & Schmicks. The restaurant will offer both indoor and outdoor dining.

TOUR OF SOMERVILLE ADDS GRAN FONDO

A new addition to the Memorial Day Tour of Somerville will be the Gran Fondo (Italian for "Big Ride").

The noncompetitive recreational bicycle ride will depart from Division Street at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, May 24, 2020.

Two routes will be offered, a Skillman Park Ride of 41 miles with no major climbs and the Colonial Park Ride of 17 miles, suitable for novice riders.



ORACLE EXPANDS PRESENCE IN BRIDGEWATER

Oracle will be expanding its software operations team by relocating offices into a new renovated 17,000 square feet at the Somerset Corporate Center off Route 202/206 in Bridgewater.

Oracle is a multinational corporation that sells database software and technology, cloud engineer systems, and enterprise software products. The new facility will provide sales, consulting, education and support to regional customers.

SOMERVILLE SEEKS TRAFFIC CHANGES

To enhance public safety, the Somerville Borough Council has approved a concurrent resolution asking NJDOT to reduce the speed limit on Route 28 in the Borough from 35 MPH to 25 MPH on West End Avenue, West and East Main Streets, North Gaston Avenue, and Union Avenue.

In addition, Mayor Dennis Sullivan has asked the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) Chief Administrator to immediately close the Roosevelt Place office on Saturdays due to the regular disruptions experienced in the residential neighborhood.

REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP RE-ORGANIZES

At the January, 2020 Reorganization Meeting of the Regional Center Partnership the following officers were unanimously elected to serve a two-year term:

Chair	Troy Fischer Bridgewater Commons
Vice-Chair	Jason Dameo Dameo Trucking
Treasurer	Victoria Allen RWJ Barnabas Health
Secretary	James Ruggieri Somerset County

COMMUNITY CALENDARS

SOMERVILLE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.
East Main Street, Somerville

RARITAN STREET FAIR

Saturday, May 9, 2020
11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Somerset Street

REGIONAL CENTER MEETING DATES

The Regional Center Partnership meets in the 2nd floor Engineering Conference room at 20 Grove Street in Somerville.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, July 15, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
Thursday, November 12, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M.

ARTS ON DIVISION ARTS FESTIVAL

Artisan Market
Division Street, Somerville
Saturday, May 16, 2020
5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

SOMERSET COUNTY SENIOR WELLNESS CENTER

876 East Main Street, Bridgewater
(908) 203-6101
Open Monday - Friday
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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