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Next UC Business Breakfast Set for April 4 at L'Affaire

COUNTY – The Union County Freeholder Board's free networking breakfast series will hold its third session with TD Bank. Called "The Dollars and Sense of Funding Your Business," the event will be held at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22 in Mountainside, on Wednesday, April 4 starting at 7:45 a.m.

Any person who owns or manages a business in Union County or who is planning to open a business in the county is welcome to attend free of charge. Pre-registration is required by visiting ucnj.org/ucmeansbusiness, or by calling Union County at (908) 527-4200.

"We had a fantastic response to the first two sessions and we expect this one to connect the local business community with even more information about government resources that can help them grow and create more jobs in Union County," Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella said.

The breakfast will feature a panel discussion with Alfred Titone of the U.S. Small Business Administration, Lori Matthews of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority,

Ellen McHenry of the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Carlos Sanchez of the Elizabeth Development Company and Dominick Miceli, senior vice-president and market president at TD Bank.

Mr. Mirabella proposed the free networking breakfast series as a cornerstone of his 2012 Chairman's Initiatives, "Putting People First," which are designed to help more county residents connect with government services and resources. The initiative includes the county's UC Means Business website, which serves as an information clearinghouse for local businesses, and a free e-newsletter.

The Union County Means Business series is sponsored by the Freeholder Board in partnership with the Union County Alliance, Union County Economic Development Corporation, Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, Suburban Chambers of Commerce, Union Township Chamber of Commerce, Kean University, Union County College and the New Jersey Small Business Development Center.



LENDING A HAND...Mountainside Mayor Paul Mirabelli, left, and Meals On Wheels volunteer Dave Keeney of Summit, set out to deliver meals to senior residents on March 22 as part of the Meals On Wheels Association of America's "March For Meals" campaign, which is coordinated by SAGE Eldercare in Summit. For more information on the program, call (908) 273-5554 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.

Dems Defeat Kwon Nomination; Bramnick Calls Vote 'Partisan'

TRENTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee last week defeated Governor Chris Christie's nominee for the state Supreme Court, Executive Assistant Attorney General Phillip Kwon, in a 7-6 vote.

Democrats questioned Mr. Kwon over a recent IRS probe of a liquor store business operated by Mr. Kwon's mother and wife. Reports indicate that the two deposited cash from the liquor store to its bank account in increments of just under \$10,000 almost daily for nearly a year. Anything over \$10,000 must be reported by banks to the IRS. The IRS investigated after seeing \$2.2 million in deposits and the Kwons ended up paying a \$160,000 civil settlement in December.

Democrats also said they were concerned Gov. Christie was attempting to get a GOP-leaning court. Mr. Kwon reportedly changed his registration from Republican to Independent last year. According to a *New York Times* report, if Mr. Kwon and Bruce Harris, a second Christie Supreme Court nominee, were confirmed the GOP would have a 4-2 edge on the court. Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick (R-21, Westfield) said it was "disappointing that partisan politics was the focus of Mr. Kwon's hearing instead of an objective review of his qualifications."

Veterans Invited to Seminar On Enrolling in VA System

HOLMDEL—The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation invites all veterans to a free information seminar Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The seminar will be held in conjunction with the Veterans Administration Health Care Community Outreach Team. All Veterans and families are encouraged to attend. Veterans seeking information on how to enroll in the VA health care system should bring a copy of their DD214 separation papers to the seminar.

A 45-minute presentation regarding health care eligibility and benefits will be followed by a question-and-answer session with Veterans Administration staff. Information about non-health related benefits including home loans, life insurance, filing disability claims, and death and burial benefits will be covered. The VA mobile health unit will also be on site for brief health care assessments and patient education. Attendees are asked to register by calling (732) 335-0033, extension 100.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation (www.njvvmf.org) is a non-profit organization, which strives to foster patriotism and recognition of the sacrifices, courage and valor of the New Jersey veterans of the Vietnam Era.

Built in 1988, the memorial is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Vietnam Era Museum and Educational Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free for veterans and active-duty military personnel. Regular adult admission is \$5, student and senior citizen admission is \$3, and children under 10 will be admitted for free. Regular admission applies to all lectures.

Monday Is Filing

Deadline for Primary

REGION — The filing deadline for candidates running in the state's Tuesday, June 5 Primary Election is 4 p.m. this Monday, April 2. The deadline applies to Republican and Democratic candidates for United States Senate, Congress, and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders as well as town council seats.

In addition to the Presidential election this year, there will be a mayoral election in Scotch Plains as well as local council elections in Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Cranford, Garwood, and Mountainside. There is no municipal election in Westfield this year.

The deadline for Independent candidates is Tuesday, June 5.

Dist. 21 Receives Roadwork Grants Totaling \$2.6 Mil.

TRENTON — Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr., Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick, and Assemblywoman Nancy Muñoz (all R-21, Westfield and Summit), have announced that the state Department of Transportation has approved roadwork preservation and pedestrian safety grants for the 21st Legislative District totaling \$2.6 million.

A breakdown of the grants by municipality is below:

Union County; Berkeley Heights Township, Park Avenue South, \$185,000; Cranford, South Union Avenue, \$205,000; Garwood, various streets, \$185,000; Kenilworth,

various streets, \$205,000; Mountainside, Wyoming Drive (section 2), \$180,000; New Providence, Oakwood Drive (sect. 2), \$205,000; Roselle Park, East Grant Avenue (sec. 3), \$205,000; Springfield, Wabeno Avenue, \$205,000; Summit, Deforest Avenue, \$205,000; Westfield, North Euclid Avenue, \$145,000.

Morris County, Chatham Borough, Kings Road, \$65,000; Long Hill Township, Main Avenue/Central Avenue (phase II), \$195,000; Somerset County, Bernards Township, Collyer Lane, \$175,000; Watchung Borough, Lakeside Avenue and Cedar Road, \$220,000.



From left to right, Sarah Schaefer, MD; M. Michele Blackwood, MD, FACS; Janette McDermott, MD, FACS; Elissa Santoro, MD

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