

Union County Senior Council to Address New Jersey Financial Challenges

GARWOOD — The Senior Citizens Council of Union County will hold a special program entitled "Staying in New Jersey: How To Make Your Money Last" on Tuesday, April 30. It will take place at The Westwood, located at 438 North Avenue, Garwood.

"With the cost of living in New

Jersey ever increasing, having the money to pay for housing, healthcare and living expenses has become a challenge for many of us. Most of us want to remain in our communities, but can we afford it?" said Ellen Steinberg, chairwoman of the Senior Council. "What can we do to prepare for our future? What options are available?"

Doors open at 9 a.m., with a free continental breakfast and an exhibitor room, showcasing offerings from Arbor Terrace, Investors Bank, the YMCA, and many more companies and government agencies including Social Security and sponsor Union County. There also will be free on-site health screenings from sponsor Trinitas Regional Medical Center and other local area hospitals and care providers. The panel discussion will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Sean Stodart, who teaches at Union County College, will discuss personal budget planning and tips for making money last for the long term.

David Weisbrod, a senior real estate specialist with White Realty, will offer attendees a realistic perspective of their housing options.

Experts from Investors Bank will provide an overview on credit and lending options, whether it is home equity lines, reverse mortgages or cash advances. Workforce Development representatives from Union County will offer information on job training, placement and what jobs currently are available.

Multiple government programs are available that offer support. Linda Ershow-Levenberg will discuss Medicaid eligibility. Freeholder Chairwoman Bette Jane Kowalski also will be on hand to

explain the many government programs offered by Union County.

The event ends at 11:45 a.m. There is no charge for this program. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Union County Senior Citizens Council at (908) 964-7555. The Senior Citizens Council is a non-profit organization devoted to living longer and living smarter.

First Pres. of Cranford Plans Music-Filled Holy Week

Cranford — The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, located at 11 Springfield Avenue, will offer multiple opportunities to join in family-friendly worship during the Easter season. Services include both traditional and unique worship experiences.

Palm Sunday will be observed this Sunday, April 14, with 10 a.m. worship celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. All will gather in the main sanctuary and wave palms while the children process down the aisles, praising and singing hosanna. Additionally, the Adult Choir will sing.

The Maundy Thursday service will take place at 7:30 p.m. on April 18 in the church's Snyder Memorial Chapel (signs will indicate where to go). This worship service will commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples before His passion through reflections on traditional scriptures and communion served in an intimate setting.

An Easter "Sonrise" Service will be held April 21, at 8 a.m., in the narthex of the church. Weather permitting, everyone is wel-

come to come and worship outside and bask in the spring air while celebrating Jesus' resurrection with an "unplugged" acoustic version of Easter worship.

A traditional Easter Service will be offered at 10 a.m. in the main sanctuary. Full choirs, music and flowers symbolizing rebirth will enrich the celebration of Christ's resurrection. All are invited forward at the end of the service to sing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

After the Easter festivities, everyone is invited back the following week for a special celebration of the Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School.

On Sunday, April 28, at 10 a.m., in the main sanctuary, congregants will celebrate the 63 years of Helen K. Baldwin's service to Cranford and beyond. Teachers, parents, current students and alumni are encouraged to attend.

For more information about the church and its services, call the church office at (908) 276-8440 or visit its website at firstprescranford.org/.

Garwood Library Continues Activities During April

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library has announced multiple programs for the second half of the month. Visitors are advised that the library will be closed on Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20.

The Monday Afternoon Book Club will meet on April 15, at 1 p.m., to discuss "Carnegie's Maid" by Marie Benedict. No registration is required.

Children's Movie (PG-13) will

be featured on Tuesday, April 16, at 2 p.m. Popcorn will be provided; drinks in closed containers will be allowed.

Aging Services Kiosk will be presented on Thursday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to noon. Union County Division on Aging staff will be on hand to assist seniors (age 60-plus) or their caregivers with information on services, such as meal delivery, respite care, adult day care and support services for caregivers.

A Turtle Show will take place on Tuesday, April 30, at 3:15 p.m. Author and turtle expert Steve Woyce will present "The Turtle Show," where attendees will meet live turtles from around the world and learn about how and where they live, eat, hibernate and more. Registration is required and attendance is limited to 35.

Lego will be offered today, April 11, and Thursday, April 25, at 3 p.m., for children ages 4 through 12. Participants may build whatever they wish. Some creations will be displayed in the library's showcase. Registration is required and participation limited to 15.

Amnesty Week will continue at the library through Saturday, April 13, in honor of National Library Week. Any overdue item returned through Saturday will not be charged any overdue fines, no matter how long it is overdue, and no questions will be asked.

The Garwood Public Library is located at 411 Third Avenue. For full information on library programs, visit yousemore.com/garwood.

Historical Society To Host 'Hat Box Tea'

Cranford — The Cranford Historical Society's Third "Victorian Hat Box Tea" fundraiser will take place on Sunday, May 5, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Back by popular demand, it will be held at the Hanson House, located at 38 Springfield Avenue, Cranford. The cost is \$25 per person. Those interested are asked to RSVP by Saturday, April 13, as seating is limited to 24.

Participants can mail a check, made out to Cranford Historical Society, to: 38 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, N.J. 07016. Flyers can be obtained at the Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Avenue; the Hanson House, and the Crane-Phillips House Museum, 124 North Union Avenue, Cranford.

Gail Alterman, costume curator for the Cranford Historical Society, will be the guest speaker for this event. Two hat boxes and a Victorian floral chandelier will be raffled off. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and a door prize.

The Cranford Historical Society has been dedicated to the perpetuation of Cranford's history by continuing to collect items and document the township's past. For more information, visit cranfordhistoricalsociety.com.

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