

# BUSINESS NEWS



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## LEADERSHIP HUNTERDON GRADUATES NINTH CLASS OF FUTURE LEADERS

The 9th Class of Leadership Hunterdon graduated this past June at Stanton Ridge Golf and Country Club in Whitehouse Station. Since 2012, Leadership Hunterdon, a program initiated by the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation has been transforming people to become trustees of our communities and the next generation of leaders that will impact Hunterdon County.

This 10-month immersive program takes participants on a “behind the scenes” overview of Hunterdon County. Through the course of the program, class members are exposed to issues that face the County including transportation, tourism, public health, government and more. Along the way, they also meet key leaders in business, community, the non-profit sector and politics. They graduate from the program with stronger leadership skills and enhanced knowledge of the County to take back to their respective organizations.

This year, the keynote address was delivered by Colonel

W Scott Gallaway, Commander of the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade. He recently returned from a mission in Europe where he commanded over 3,000 troops. Colonel Gallaway discussed his experiences leading in the Armed Forces and offered his advice to the graduating class.



**Pictured:**  
Colonel  
W Scott  
Gallaway  
US Army 4th  
Combat Aviation  
Brigade  
Commander  
delivers the  
keynote address

Audra Giese of MSI Plumbing and Remodeling spoke on behalf of the class. She praised the experience and the relationships that were forged in the class. The class will complete a white paper that will be available for viewing online when completed.



**Pictured:**  
Audra  
Giese of  
MSI  
Plumbing  
and  
Remodeling



**Pictured from Left to Right:** Suzanne Lagay, Director of Hunterdon Co. Board of Chosen Freeholders, Karen Widico, Prevention Resources, Debra Zmuda, Roselle Bank, Robin Schneider, Hunterdon Healthcare, Marisa Nooney, Hunterdon Cardiovascular, Greg Martoccio, Hunterdon County, Devon LeCompte, Sotheby's Int'l Realty, Glenn King, Freedom House, Audra Giese, MSI Plumbing & Remodeling, Victoria Davis, Have Adding Machine Will Travel, Jennifer Berry, Raritan Valley Community College and Chris Phelan, Hunterdon Chamber President

The Chamber Foundation accepts applications for Leadership Hunterdon. The program runs from September through June. For more information visit, [www.hunterdonchamber.org/leadership-hunterdon.html](http://www.hunterdonchamber.org/leadership-hunterdon.html)

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# COMPETE OR GET OUT OF THE RACE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

***“It’s not really about the competition. Your biggest challenge in a race is yourself. You’re often racing against time. You’re frequently running everything through your mind. You’re always competing against preconceived ideas. It’s not really the person next to you that you worry about.” Summer Sanders***

Dear Members,

It is completely unacceptable that we have ended this years Legislative Session (June 30th) with leaving off the table any incentives for the State of New Jersey that leave us now at an even lesser competitive disadvantage than all of our neighboring States. It is a good for our State to continue to look at the success, challenges or even failures of programs that utilize the taxpayer’s money. However, when you look at numerous reports, we continue to rank in the lowest percentiles in terms of Business Climate, competitive ranking and economic metric.

***“Our policymakers all agree that tax incentives are an important and effective tool in New Jersey’s overall economic development toolkit. To not have this tool at its disposal for any length of time will render us even less competitive when we already lag behind the region and the nation in economic growth.” Michele Siekerka, President NJBIA***

I want to be very clear in stating this, New Jersey has tremendous advantage over every other State in this Country. We have tremendous assets in education, our workforce talent is top notch, our infrastructure and proximity to the largest markets in the world, New York and Philadelphia position us right in the middle of what should be a superior advantage. The diversity that New Jersey has in our people, arts, culture and tourism stand out like no other State. So, I ask why are we in the position we are?

The two quotes by Summer Sanders, the two-time US Gold Medalist in swimming, sum it up for me. Let’s start fixing what is wrong within our State structure, let’s put the partisanship aside, the internal debates within parties and get out of our own way to get the ship righted once again. We need to see the big picture.

***“Gov. Murphy and our legislative leaders must quickly adopt an economic incentive program that incentivizes businesses to come to New Jersey, to stay here, and to grow here. This must be a priority with a goal of creating a national model that enhances our competitiveness with a robust economic development tool.” Tom Bracken, NJ State Chamber President***

New Jersey has always had the competitive advantage but companies are looking toward New York, Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia which all have strong incentive programs. The programs and incentives that we can put on the table need to be equitable for both our urban centers and our suburbs. The days of putting one region of our State ahead of another must come to end. The whole of New Jersey must be packaged and presented to increase and improve our business climate.

Sincerely,

Christopher J Phelan  
President & CEO

***“To be a champion, I think you have to see the big picture. It’s not about winning and losing; it’s about everyday hard work and about thriving on a challenge. It’s about embracing the pain that you’ll experience at the end of a race and not being afraid. I think people think too hard and get afraid of a certain challenge.” Summer Sanders***

# UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

## AUGUST

- 7- LEADS EXCHANGE NORTH
- 8- ROSELLE BANK CARD CLUB
- 15- CHAMBER 101
- 21- LEADS EXCHANGE CENTRAL- NEW LOCATION
- 22- BUILDING AN ORGANIZATION OF EXCELLENCE- EXECUTIVE BRIEFING
- 27- SOMERSET PATRIOTS CHAMBER NIGHT CARD CLUB

## SEPTEMBER

- 4- LEADS EXCHANGE NORTH
- 5-BUILDING AN ORGANIZATION OF EXCELLENCE- EXECUTIVE BRIEFING
- 10- NORTHFIELD BANK CARD CLUB
- 12- HEALTHY HUNTERDON CHAMPIONS MEETING
- 12- WOMEN'S BUSINESS FORUM 'BACK TO BUSINESS' EVENT
- 13-PERFECTING YOUR E-COMMERCE SITE TO MAXIMIZE SALES- COURSE
- 18- LEADS EXCHANGE CENTRAL- NEW LOCATION
- 19- CHAMBER 101
- 20- LEADERSHIP HUNTERDON INVESTITURE DINNER
- 26 & 27- BUILDING AN ORGANIZATION OF EXCELLENCE- SEMINAR

VISIT HUNTERDONCHAMBER.ORG TO REGISTER FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

## OCTOBER

- 2- LEADS EXCHANGE NORTH
- 7- ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC AT STANTON RIDGE
- 16- LEADS EXCHANGE NORTH
- 17- CHAMBER 101
- 17- ANITA'S ANGELS/ INKYMA CARD CLUB

## SAVE THE DATE

- NOVEMBER 7TH - BUSINESS EXPO & FOOD SHOWCASE AT THE NEXLEVEL ARENA FLEMINGTON
- DECEMBER 8 - HUNTERDON HOLIDAY PARADE MAIN STREET FLEMINGTON
- FEBRUARY 28- ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER AT THE RYLAND INN

### BUSINESS NEWS:

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# HUNTERDON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD ENGAGES IN BOARD RETREAT & STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE

In May, the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors spent the better part of the day having their Annual Board Retreat. This gave the members of the Board an opportunity to evaluate the successes and priorities of the organization as they prepare to begin the Strategic Planning initiative for the Chamber.

The Board looked at a 10 year snapshot of the Chamber's major milestones and numerous initiatives it has spearheaded. Chamber President Chris Phelan gave a presentation on those items that are highlighted on the adjacent timeline. The Chamber Board Retreat covered areas on how to retain and attract strong Business Leadership. The Board discussed our work regarding the Advocacy the Chamber does on behalf of the Business Community, being the "Voice of Business."

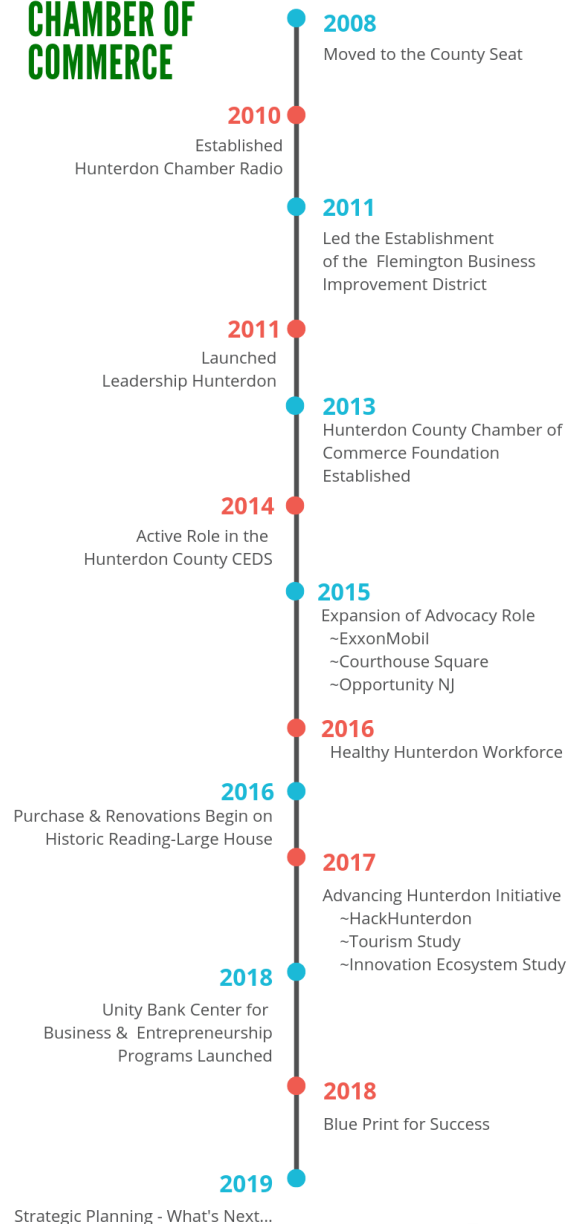
The day also covered an exercise to look at the "Forces of Change" in the business environment here in Hunterdon County. Some of the issues that face our Business Community that were discussed were affordability, workforce development, the impact of evolving technology on businesses, and economic development.

Over the next several months, the Chamber Strategic Planning Committee, a subset of the Board of Directors, will be working on preparing a document that will be presented to the Board by the end of the year. It will take a look at the next 2-3 years of direction, vision and program of work for the organization. It will seek to clearly outline goals and objectives along with metrics that would define success.



## 10 YEAR MILESTONES HUNTERDON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

To enhance an economic climate that advances growth, prosperity and the quality of life for all who live, work and visit Hunterdon County



**Pictured:**  
Major milestones of the Hunterdon County Chamber over the past 10 years

The Unity Bank Center for Business and Entrepreneurship is proud to again present the 2-Day Seminar, "Building an Organization of Excellence" presented by Jim Barnoski of Sandler Training. This seminar is for the business owner looking to take their business to the next level and was given a 5/5 rating by previous attendees. Sandler Training will offer two Executive Briefings on August 22nd and September 5th from 9-11 AM at no cost as a preview of the program. To register for the Executive Briefing or the two-day seminar, please visit our website [www.hunterdonchamber.org](http://www.hunterdonchamber.org).



This program will move your company closer to excellence:

- Planning:** Create a vision and strategy to drive action plans
- Positions:** Build a structure to achieve the company's goals
- People:** Hire & develop the right people for the right positions
- Processes:** Establish systems for efficiency and effectiveness
- Performmetrics:** Create dashboards to measure progress
- Passion:** Identify team members "WHY's" to support their goals



*What is your strategy to achieve the vision of your organization in 3- 5 years?*

*Are you aware of the potential blind spots that will block your success?*



## 2 day program

September 26 - 27, 2019

Unity Bank Center for Business & Entrepreneurship  
119 Main Street Flemington, NJ  
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Led by Jim Barnoski, President of Sandler Training - Somerset, NJ

Jim is a multi-platinum award winner in the Sandler Training organization. He has been with Sandler Training since 2001 and has over 25 years of sales, management and training experience. Jim has helped build, train and restructure sales organizations in various industries. He has worked with startup companies as well as trained and coached internationally. Jim's training style is highly engaging and interactive, while his coaching process is designed for the specific needs of each individual to establish a model of personal accountability and growth.

# HUNTERDON COUNTY CHAMBER IN ACTION AROUND THE COUNTY AND BEYOND !

A LOOK BACK AT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST 7 MONTHS



**Whitehouse Station- The Annual Meeting was held at the Ryland Inn to gather the membership and recap the prior year**

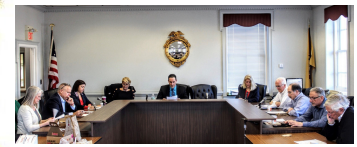


**Washington- Women's Business Forum hosted the Women's Leadership Summit gathering over 120 professionals to share knowledge**



**Frenchtown- Leadership Hunterdon visits the Art Yard during a program day**

**Town of Clinton- Mayor's 78/22 Coalition meets to discuss ways to attract businesses to the region**



**Clinton Township-Unity Bank hosts a Card Club, providing an opportunity for Chamber members to meet one another**



**Trenton- Chamber President Chris Phelan represented the Hunterdon County Business Community on the Opportunity NJ Board of Directors meeting with Governor Phil Murphy**

**Flemington- Healthy Hunterdon Workforce Initiative holds National Day of Walking event in Flemington and Clinton**



**Washington, D.C.- Chamber staff represented Hunterdon County at the 82nd Annual Walk to Washington & Congressional Dinner**



**West Amwell- 6th Annual Hunterdon County Community Day gathered 120 businesses and over 3,000 residents**



# Leads Exchange- Networking Program



## NORTH

Wednesday  
August 7th  
7:45-9 a.m.  
Holiday Inn  
Clinton



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Tom Fitzgerald of Disaster  
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## CENTRAL

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# INAUGURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE SUMMIT ATTRACTS INVESTORS AND DEVELOPERS TO FLEMINGTON BOROUGH

The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, along with Hunterdon County Economic Development, was proud to partner and be a part of the first Opportunity Zone Summit sponsored by Historic Borough of Flemington and the Flemington Community Partnership.

Chamber President Chris Phelan, Board Member Jim Robinson & Chamber Foundation Board Member, Ed Kurowicky serve on the Opportunity Zone Commission. Jim Robinson and Chris Phelan were part of the panel presentations promoting the great assets of Flemington and Hunterdon County to potential investors, developers, realtors, banking and financial service representatives.

Over 110 stakeholders participated in this event that strived to showcase Flemington's great potential for investment.



*Pictured Above: Chris Phelan, Chamber President sat on a panel of Community Leaders discussing the strengths of Flemington. He also sat on a panel that shared success stories of redevelopment in Flemington, where he detailed the Chamber's experience of the restoration of the Reading-Large House, now home to the Chamber offices.*



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## Tax Tidbit:

### Federal Opportunity Zones



The Qualified Opportunity Zone (QOZ) program was enacted as part of the 2017 federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) and is designed to direct long-term capital investments into eligible property located in a Qualified Opportunity Zone. There are 8,762 designated QOZ's located throughout the United States, of which 8,532 are in low-income community tracts and 230 contiguous communities. Every county in New Jersey has at least one QOZ.

The TCJA provides benefits for investments in the designated zones through Qualified Opportunity Funds (QOF). Investors must make their investment through a QOF and not directly into property located within a QOZ. The QOF must be organized as either a partnership or a corporation, that invests at least 90 percent of its assets in eligible property, located in a QOZ. Investors can defer federal taxes on capital gains, if they reinvest those gains in a QOF. These deferred capital gains are not taxed until the investment is sold or exchanged, or December 31, 2026. To encourage long-term investment, the investor will receive a step-up in the tax basis of the previously deferred gain of 10% after holding the QOF investment for 5 years. This will increase to 15% if the QOF investment is held for 7 years. The Act also provides for the elimination of federal tax on the post-acquisition gain, from the sale of the QOF after the investment is held for 10 years or longer.

The QOF must meet recordkeeping requirements in order to maintain eligibility and avoid penalties. Investors in the QOF's also have recordkeeping requirements that they must follow in order to preserve their anticipated tax benefits. The Qualified Opportunity Zone tax benefits are for Federal taxes. State and local tax treatment will vary.

Contact Edward Portice, CPA, at our office (908) 782-7900 for more details. Learn more about BKC, CPAs at [www.bkc-cpa.com](http://www.bkc-cpa.com).

## Hunterdon County Chamber Partners with Prevention Resources to Reduce Youth Vaping

Prevention Resources and the Safe Communities Regional Coalition of Hunterdon have launched a new project. Hunterdon United for Vape-Free Youth is working in partnership with community leaders and agencies including the Chamber of Commerce, Prosecutor's Office, County Freeholders, One Voice, Partnership for Health, RVCC, Hunterdon Healthcare and the Regional High Schools, to address the growing concern surrounding youth vaping. The objective is to provide resources for students, parents, and school faculty members with the goal of helping our community make informed decisions about vaping. According to Lesley Gabel, Co-CEO of Prevention Resources and the Safe Communities Coalition, "Our goal is to educate and raise awareness on the risks and dangers of Vaping, through collaboration and outreach." The community is encouraged to visit [www.njprevent.com/whatsinyourvape](http://www.njprevent.com/whatsinyourvape) for more information .

Facts you may not know about youth vaping:

- A 'vape' is the term used to describe the delivery mechanism of products such as JUUL, nicotine, e-juices, THC, and alcohol.
- In 2018, the Surgeon General declared e-cigarette (vape) use among youth a national epidemic.
- Schools ranked teen vaping as the number one problem in Hunterdon County (Key Informant 2019).
- Most youth do not know the ingredients in these products.
- Even products that claim they are nicotine-free may contain nicotine due to lack of regulation.
- Nicotine exposure during adolescence can harm the brain, as it is still developing up to age 25.
- Teen nicotine use increases the likelihood of future drug use, including tobacco products and marijuana.



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# HATS OFF



In celebration of its 135th anniversary serving central NJ residents and businesses, **Gebhardt & Kiefer Law Offices** made the sixth donation in its year-long initiative of giving back to the local community by providing 135 movie theater tickets to the ARC of Hunterdon County. Gebhardt & Kiefer senior partners Mark Chazin, William Rudnik, Leslie Parikh and Matthew Lyons presented the tickets to ARC Executive Director Jeff Mattison on June 26. Mattison said the tickets will be used by the ARC's Recreation Department as part of its activity program, which offers a variety of social events to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities develop social skills, increase self-esteem, and build friendships, while also providing respite for family members. Throughout the year, Gebhardt & Kiefer will continue to make monthly contributions to charitable organizations in increments of 135.



Congratulations to **The MAX Challenge of Clinton** on their one-year anniversary! Ron & Lauren Adelstein opened their doors on July 15th, 2018 to Clinton and the surrounding areas, and recently held a day of celebration with their team & members. They would like to thank their dedicated team for changing lives, every day. They would also like to thank their members for their trust and loyalty. For more information, visit <https://www.themaxchallenge.com/locations/clinton-nj/>



Pictured from Left: Andrew Leahy, Vice President/SBA Development Executive and Thomas E. Lilley, Vice President/SBA Business Development Manager

**Unity Bank** has expanded its Small Business Administration (SBA) lending team with the addition of Thomas E. Lilley as Vice President/SBA Business Development Manager and Andrew Leahy as Vice President/SBA Business Development Executive. "We are excited to have Tom and Andrew join our SBA lending team," said Stephen Rooney, Unity's Chief Lending Officer and First Senior Vice President. "Their addition illustrates our commitment to the SBA program. Unity has one of the most active SBA programs for banks of our size because we have the flexibility to help customers get the financing they need quickly. Tom and Andrew are certain to build on the program's success."

The **Hunterdon County YMCA** has been named New Jersey's Nicest Place by Readers Digest! Next up, America will vote on which of the 49 finalists will be named the Nicest Place in America and the winner will be on the cover of the Readers Digest November issue. The goal of the campaign is to inspire millions to be kinder, better friends, family, and neighbors. Read the nomination at: <https://www.rd.com/nicestplaces/the-nicest-place-in-new-jersey-hunterdon-county-ymca-in-flemington/>. Congratulations to all of the employees for this great recognition!



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Hunterdon County landscape and nursery owner David DeFrangé II was sworn in to his term on the **New Jersey State Board of Agriculture**.

DeFrangé was elected at the State Agricultural Convention to be nominated by the Governor, and later confirmed by the State Senate.

DeFrangé owns and operates Copper Creek Landscape Management in Frenchtown. He has owned his business for more than 25 years.

The State Board of Agriculture comprises eight members who serve for four years. By law, at least four of its members must represent the top commodity groups in the state. Members serve without salary. For more information, visit [www.nj.gov/agriculture/about/sba](http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/about/sba)



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# FYI- MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Good News Home for Women** will be holding its 16th Annual Harvest Festival & Craft Fair on Saturday, September 14th from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM at 33 Bartles Corner Road in Flemington. The Harvest Festival will feature fun activities for the entire family including face painting, pony rides, music, games, prizes, vendor shopping and refreshments. Officers from the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office will also be present and making identification cards for children through their Child Ident-A-Kid Program. Admission is free. All proceeds will benefit the Good News Home for Women, a short and long-term residential treatment center for women with chemical dependence. For more info visit [www.goodnewshome.org](http://www.goodnewshome.org).

The **Flemington Free Public Library** will be hosting an 'Art in the Garden' series on select Saturdays in August and September from 10AM-1PM. Each week, an artist will have their work on display and be present to speak with the public. Certain artists may produce a piece of artwork in person. If you have any questions or for the scheduled artists, please contact 908-782-9650.

The **Rotary Club of Flemington** will hold its 3rd Annual Beerfest on October 19th from noon- 4:30PM. Come enjoy beer samplings, food and live music. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available now. For more information, visit <https://flemingtonrotarynj.org/beerfest>.

**Flemington's Corn, Tomato and Beer Festival** Saturday, August 10th—in the corn and tomato capital of the USA! The festival takes place on Stangl Road, Flemington NJ from noon-8pm. For foodie and beer-lovers, this family-friendly event will feature an expansive micro-brewery beer garden, live music, great food from local restaurants, and family entertainment. Rain Date: Sunday, August 11th from noon-8pm Vendor inquiries: [communications@flemingtoncommunitypartnership.org](mailto:communications@flemingtoncommunitypartnership.org)

The **Hunterdon County Library** recently started a new e-newsletter, HCL Happenings, to keep patrons informed of our many upcoming programs and events. The public can visit their website at [www.hclibrary.us](http://www.hclibrary.us) and click on the link to sign up.

The **Hunterdon County YMCA** is hosting an Ultimate Field Day on September 21st. It is a throwback event, built with adults in mind. The HCY will host classic events like tug of war, relay races, obstacle courses, etc. – plus new games and some surprises throughout the day! Compete with your coworkers or friends and family. For more information: [www.hcymca.org/event-directory/field-day/](http://www.hcymca.org/event-directory/field-day/)

- Use our **Community Calendar** to plan your organization's major events!
- Make a submission to our **Community Calendar** at [hunterdonchamber.org](http://hunterdonchamber.org)

**Clinton's Come Together Friday Night Music Festivals**, named after the Beatles song, fills the streets of Clinton with 4 bands playing simultaneously throughout town every Friday night, 7 PM to 9 PM from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend. Grab friends and family, dine alfresco, enjoy a fro yo or ice cream, browse the unique shops. For more information, visit [clintonnj.com](http://clintonnj.com)

The **CEA Golf Classic** will be held on September 9th at **Stanton Ridge Country Club**. It raises funds in support of our mission to facilitate career pathways and community employment for students and adults with disabilities. This full day event kicks off with a delicious luncheon followed by a shot-gun tee off for players. Participants can enjoy complementary beverages on the course during the game, while also having the opportunity to compete for prizes. The day concludes with a cocktail hour, dinner and award presentation back at the club house. For more information, <https://cea-nj.org/events/golf-outing/>

Join us for Aiken & Friends Music Fest and **Raritan Valley Community College's** Community Day on September 28th featuring Concert on the Quad, a music stage with sets by Macheis Wind, Jonathan Beedle, Starr Celeste, MSG Acoustic Blues Trio, Laura Cortese & the Dance Cards and Jonathan Byrd. Also included will be a drop-in Pickers Tent, hosted by The Dragonfly Music & Coffee Cafe, where local musicians are invited to play together. Food will be available for purchase throughout the afternoon and local craft vendors will be offering their wares. The Planetarium will offer free laser shows, the college art gallery will be open, and RVCC Cosmetology students will be giving free hand and arm massages. There will also be arts, crafts, face painting, instrument building and some activities that are just plain, silly fun. For more information, visit [www.raritanval.edu/events](http://www.raritanval.edu/events)

The **Red Mill's** popular Ghost and Folklore Tours are back! Join us for a special after-hours tour in the dark to hear the stories of the ghosts that are said to inhabit our museum. Afterward, enjoy a private viewing of some of the more macabre objects in the museum's collection. Not recommended for young children - parental discretion strongly suggested. Admission is \$15 for museum members and \$20 for non-members. Space is limited, advance reservations required. Tours available at both 8:00pm and 9:30pm. For more information, visit [www.theredmill.org/events](http://www.theredmill.org/events).

To submit your organization's announcements, visit [hunterdonchamber.org](http://hunterdonchamber.org) and fill out the form on the **NEWSLETTER** page under the 'News and Events' tab. Submissions must be received by the first Monday of the preceding month for publishing. All submissions subject to approval by the Chamber.



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