

# A 'sensory-friendly' movie event to be held in Westampton

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When the summer is sizzling, there's no better place to take refuge than the air-conditioned confines of a movie theater, with the summer's hottest blockbuster on the big screen. But for many children, enjoying a movie isn't so simple.

The same features that make a movie theater experience so appealing to many can make it unbearable to those with autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or other sensory processing disorders. However, recent years have seen the emergence of the "sensory friendly" movie experience, allowing children with such disorders to finally enjoy a day at the movies with their families.

On Saturday at 11 a.m., the Burlington County Library in Westampton will host a sensory-friendly movie outing featuring

a family-friendly film. Instead of a darkened theater with deafening sound effects, the lights in the auditorium will remain illuminated, while the movie plays at a moderate volume. Children are welcome to walk and talk during the film, and even sing or dance if so inclined. The only rule in this movie theater is that there are no rules.

As much as these experiences are enjoyed by children, they also offer a refuge for parents and family members. Parents are free to relax and let their children be themselves, without fear of judgment or misunderstanding. Saturday's feature film will be appropriate and entertaining for all ages.

Visit the library's website at [www.bcls.lib.nj.us](http://www.bcls.lib.nj.us) for more information, and to find out which movie will be shown. The library is at 5 Pioneer Blvd.

# Grants help Ockanickon campers

Two bank grants totaling \$5,000 are making it possible for more campers to attend YMCA Camp Ockanickon.

Investors Bank Foundation and the Roma Bank Community Foundation grants will be used to send children and teens to the camp, who would not otherwise be able to afford the experience.

According to Mark Dibble, CEO of YMCA Camp Ockanickon, Inc., the camp's outdoor experiences build an appreciation for the natural world and provide the settings for children and youth to develop lifelong values. Healthy living is fostered through camp, creating social responsibility.

"We are so appreciative of the support that we get from the community and from organizations like Investors Bank," he said. "For every child who attends one of our camp programs — including our specialty camps



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Investors Bank representatives Carol-Anne Peacock (front, left), assistant vice president, branch manager Maple Shade; and Carol Eckert (front, center), assistant vice president, branch manager Medford, present two checks totaling \$5,000 to YMCA Camp Ockanickon, Inc. Accepting the checks are YMCA Camp Ockanickon representatives Mark Dibble, CEO; and Suzette Belz, vice president of development.

for blind children or those affected by HIV/AIDS or cancer — we provide a safe, nurturing, fun-filled place."

At Camp Ockanickon in Medford, campers experience water inflatables

on several lakes, an air-conditioned gym, boating, archery, a craft center, trails, a nature center, challenge courses, zip lines, horseback riding, and creative expression classes featuring drama,

photography and more.

Camp Ockanickon applied for the grants from the Investors Bank and Roma Community Bank Foundations, which support nonprofit organizations that enrich the diverse communities served by Investors Bank. Roma Bank became part of Investors Bank in December 2013.

YMCA Camp Ockanickon is an 800-acre facility at 1303 Stokes Road in Medford, offering traditional camp activities such as archery, canoeing, sports, low rope adventures, a climbing wall, a zip line, creative arts and more. In addition to overnight, day and preschool camps, it offers off-site travel adventures, teen leadership programs and a host of family activities. For more information, go to [www.ycamp.org](http://www.ycamp.org) or call 609-654-8225.

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Entertainer Marie McMenamy (left) is seen with Mount Holly EAC Chairman Randi Rothmel, who accepted the Stewardship of Public Lands Cleanup Award on behalf of the EAC from NJCCC president Patrick Ryan.

# Environmental Advisory Committee honored

The Mount Holly Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) has received the "Stewardship of Public Lands Cleanup Award" from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC) for its clean-up of local parks.

In the spring, the EAC held a Community Clean-up Day, in which 32 volunteers worked at such parks as Monroe, Mill Dam, Iron Works, and a wooded area bordering the former Gardens development.

Volunteers collected 40 yards of rubbish, filling a 20-yard dumpster supplied by the township, and hauling away an equal amount of junk themselves. Volunteers included ROTC cadets and chiefs, members and family members of the EAC, families from the Eastampton Community

School, the Rancocas Creek Watershed ambassador and local leaders.

"It was very exciting to see so many members of the community come together and dedicate their afternoon to clean up our beloved parks," said EAC chairman Randi Rothmel.

"We are very proud of Randi and the EAC's diligent work in Mount Holly," said NJCCC Executive Director Sandy Huber. "Their work in cleaning up town parks has positively impacted the community and environment."

NJCCC is a comprehensive, statewide litter-abatement program that has served New Jersey residents and visitors for more than 25 years. Learn more at [njclean.org](http://njclean.org).

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## CALENDAR

### MONDAY

#### "ANIMALS, ANIMALS AND MORE ANIMALS"

**When:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
**Where:** Center for the Arts in Southern Jersey, 123 S. Elmwood Road, Evesham  
**Information:** The exhibit showcases the artists' ideas of their favorite pet or animal, domestic or wild. Aug 1-22; hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Wednesday 7-9 p.m.  
**Contact:** [cfasnj@yahoo.com](mailto:cfasnj@yahoo.com), 856-985-1009  
**Cost:** Free  
<http://www.cfasnj.com/cfasnj/index.html>

#### HIGH NOON EXPRESS

**When:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** The Gibson House, 535 Main St., Evesham  
**Information:** Evesham Summer Concert Series. Air conditioned.  
**Contact:** 856-985-9792  
**Cost:** Free  
<http://EveshamTownship.com> Facebook

#### MOORESTOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: THE MIDIRI BROTHERS

**When:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Moorestown Community House, 16 E. Main St., Moorestown

**Information:** Kid's Stage Brian Richard's Magic Show, Preview of Parks and Recreation Theater, Shrek the Musical, Jr., at 6:30 p.m. The Midiri Brothers at 7:30 p.m. All Moorestown summer concert series events are on Monday nights.  
**Contact:** 856-235-0912, 856-235-0912  
**Cost:** Free  
<http://www.moorestown.nj.us/339/Concert-SeriesSpecial-Events>

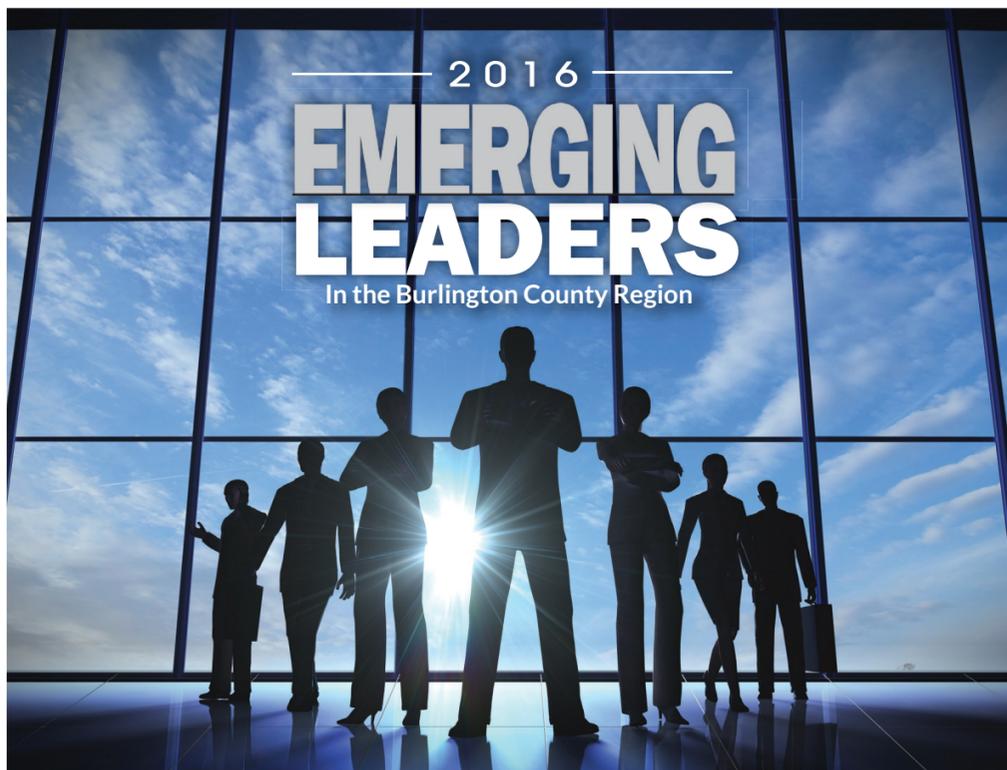
#### SINGING HEARTS CHORAL SOCIETY

**When:** 6:15 p.m.  
**Where:** Temple Emanuel, 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill

**Information:** For those who love to sing, no auditions, no dues, no barriers. Facebook: Singing Hearts Choral Society of Southern New Jersey  
**Cost:** Free  
<http://singing-hearts.org>

#### THE SCUBA DIVER MAKE-N-TAKE CRAFT

**When:** 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Burlington County Library, 5 Pioneer Blvd., Westampton  
**Information:** All ages while supplies last. Registration not required.  
**Contact:** 609-267-9660  
**Cost:** Free  
<http://www.bcls.lib.nj.us>



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The Burlington County Times, together with the Burlington County Regional Chamber of Commerce, want to celebrate these business leaders and invite you to nominate an Emerging Leader today. Previously known as Forty Under 40, the recognition program was expanded in 2015 to celebrate people of all ages who are emerging as leaders in their organization.

Nominations will be received through July 29 and selections made by the second week of August. A celebration of Emerging Leaders will be held in late September.

Nominate a colleague, an employee, friend or volunteer today by completing an online nomination.

To be considered, an Emerging Leader nominee should:

- Live or work in Burlington County or its surroundings
- Be an up-and-coming leader - either in the early years of their career, or early in a period of redefining
- Have a demonstrated record of high value to their employer or community organization
- Be community-minded

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