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2011 Application Form

Complete and mail to: Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs - 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202
or fax to: 908-352-3513 -- Deadline: **Monday, May 23**

Artist _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____@_____

Phone () _____

Age _____ Non-Pro Pro

Title _____

Size: H _____ W _____ Depth _____
(For sculpture)

(If mixed media or 3-D art, please specify materials.)

Freestanding Hanging Year Done _____

Category (See page 3) _____

Ins. Co. _____ Ins. Value \$ _____

Sale Price \$ _____ Not For Sale

2011 Union County Senior Citizens Art Exhibit

Artwork Label

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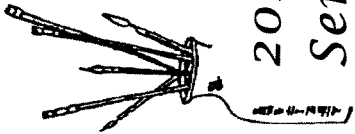
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*2011 Union County
Senior Citizens Art Exhibit*

Opening Reception

Wednesday, June 8, 2011
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Exhibition

June 8 - July 16, 2011
Monday - Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm

Place

Liberty Hall Ctr./Elizabethtown Gas Co. Atrium
1085 Morris Ave., Union, NJ 07083

Parking Directions

Parking deck entrance is at the left side,
before the end of the driveway.

Handicap parking is adjacent to the immediate
right side of the Gas Company building.

For directions and assistive services:
Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs
Phone: (908) 558-2550 NJ Relay Service: 711
E-mail: culturalinfo@ucnj.org

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Any artist age **60 or over**, currently residing in Union County, may submit one entry.
2. Entrants may be either **professional or non-professional** in status.
3. The entry shall have been **completed within the last three years and not previously exhibited** in the Union County Senior Citizens Art Exhibit.
4. Entry must be the **original creation** of the artist (mounting, matting and framing excluded.) No giclee, reproductions or copies of original artwork will be accepted.
5. Hanging craft or artwork, including photography, **must be no more than 36" and no less than 11" in height and width, from outer edges of frame.** Freestanding sculpture or 3-D craft may not **exceed 18" in height, width or depth**, including base.
6. 2D artwork must be **properly labeled** and ready for hanging using wire and screw eyes. **No saw-tooth hangers.** The artwork should be protected, where necessary, with glass, Plexiglas, Mylar or other clear protective material. Plexiglas, not glass, is strongly recommended on hanging pieces over 24".
7. All work **must be pre-registered.**

CATEGORIES

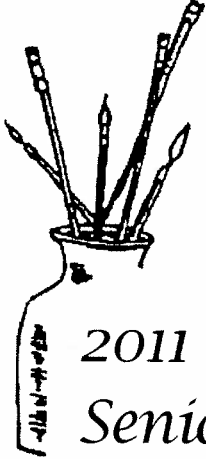
1. **Acrylic**
2. **Craft** - one-of-a-kind original creations only, no craft kits or molds
3. **Computer Imagery** - artwork created by computer only using a pixel-based painting or graphics program, such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator or Corel Painter. **Please note:** *Photos taken by digital camera, digitally-altered photos, and images made using a scanner must be entered in the Photography category.*
4. **Drawing** - pencil, pen, ink, graphite, markers
5. **Mixed Media** - combines two or more media, no one of which clearly predominates; includes collage and assemblage
6. **Oil**
7. **Pastel** - chalk, charcoal, oil pastel
8. **Photography** - any image created using a light-capturing device such as a film-based or digital camera, scanner, pinhole camera, etc. in any part of the process. **Please note:** *This includes color, black & white or tinted photos, digitally-manipulated photos, photograms, etc.*
9. **Print** - etching, silkscreen, dry point, intaglio
10. **Sculpture** - any work designed in 3 dimensions, carved or constructed in any medium, abstract or figurative
11. **Watercolor** - includes gouache

CLASSIFICATIONS

1. **Professional** – must meet at least two of the following criteria:
 - a) Sold his/her art through commercial channels
 - b) Exhibited in a professional gallery
 - c) Held professional membership in a guild or association
 2. **Non-Professional** - does not meet the above professional criteria
- SUBMISSION OF ARTWORK**
- Tape the artwork Label at base of sculpture or at back of the picture on **lower right hand corner.**
 - Artwork should be delivered to Elizabethtown Gas Co. Lobby, Liberty Hall Center, 1085 Morris Ave., Union (across from Kean Univ.) on **Tues., May 31, 2011, between 9 am and 12 noon.** Enter driveway at Liberty Hall Center sign on Morris Ave.
 - While all possible care will be taken to safeguard the artwork, the County of Union or Elizabethtown Gas Co. does not assume responsibility for loss or damage incurred.
 - Pick up date, except for 1st place winners: **Monday, July 18, 2011, between 9 am and 12 noon.**



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Cultural and Heritage Affairs**
633 Pearl Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07202



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Freeholder Board Approves \$276 Million in Tax Relief

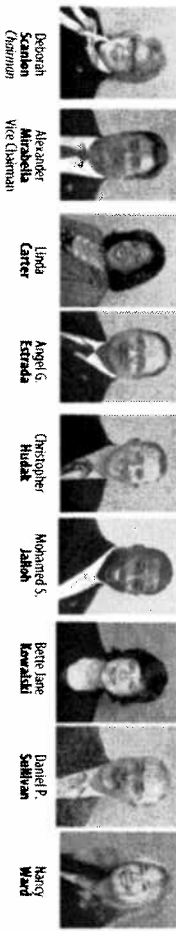
Taxpayers in Union County are getting \$276 million in relief over the next 20 years, thanks to a lease extension approved by the Freeholder Board for the Resource Recovery Facility.

The Recovery Facility is located in Rahway. Built in the 1990's, it handles the municipal solid waste in Union County. The waste is burned to create steam, and the steam generates enough electricity to power 35,000 homes.

Before the facility was built, the average cost of waste disposal was \$120 per ton. In 2008 it was only \$75 per ton. The result has been a savings of well over \$100 million for taxpayers since the Resource Recovery Facility began operating. Under the lease extension, the County and its taxpayers will realize an additional \$276 million in revenues and tax relief over the life of the proposed contract. There will also be an immediate reduction in the disposal fee from \$64.44 to \$61 per ton, providing relief to Union County municipalities, private haulers and residents.

The Resource Recovery Facility is operated by the energy company Covanta. *

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PROGRAMS and SERVICES

Union County Child Safety Seat Program

When you are called upon to drive infants or youngsters who use safety seats, there is an easy way to make sure that the seat is installed properly, so that it will protect the child in an accident. Just stop by the Union County Child Safety Seat Program and a trained expert will check the seat for you, free of charge. The Safety Seat Program is open most Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the AAA Car Care Center, 135 U.S. Highway 22 East in Springfield. No appointment is needed but please call ahead for availability, 908-789-6830.

Probating a Will

For services relating to the probate of a will, call the office of the Union County Surrogate at 908-527-4280 for experienced, reliable guidance. Fees for this process are modest and with the help of the Surrogate's Court costs may be kept to a minimum. More information is available at www.ucnj.org/surrogate.

A Message From Freeholder Chairman Deborah Scanlon

Dear Union County Seniors,

Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2011 Union County Senior Newsletter. This year the Freeholder Board is focusing on four initiatives to help strengthen families and improve community health. We hope that this newsletter provides you with useful information that you can share with family members, friends and neighbors. Should you or a senior you know be in need of assistance, please call the Union County Division on Aging toll free helpline at 888-280-8226 for reliable guidance and referrals.

We wish you all the best for a safe and enjoyable season. *

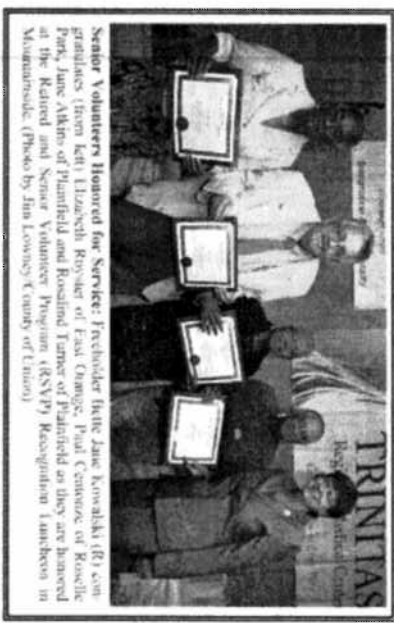


2011 Union County Freeholder Initiatives

In 2011, the Freeholder Board will continue to focus on the right priorities, by taking measures to cut costs and streamline operations without compromising vital services. The County will also continue to build shared services programs with municipalities, to help local governments save money.

With this in mind, the 2011 Freeholder Initiatives are designed to enhance the health and well-being

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Senator Volunteers Honored for Service: Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski (R) congratulates (from left) Elizabeth Rosier of East Orange, Paul Conover of Roselle Park, Jane Adams of Plainfield and Rosalind Turner of Plainfield as they are honored at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Recognition Luncheon in Mount Pleasant. (Photo by Jim Conroy, County of Union)

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more PROGRAMS and SERVICES

Plan Ahead for Free Paper Shredding

...and other recycling services
Starting up once again this spring, Union County offers free, secure shredding for personal documents, along with free recycling for many household products including electronics. To hear a recorded message for upcoming events, call the Union County Recycling Event Hotline at 908-654-9889, or visit www.uci.nj.org/community/recycling to view the schedule online.

Foreclosure: It's Never Too Early to Seek Help

If you are a homeowner, landlord or tenant with concerns about foreclosure, call the Home Ownership Preservation Foundation (HOPF) toll free at 888-995-4673. This non-profit organization works with Union County to offer free, reliable guidance that can help you.

For Union County senior programs and services, call:

Division on Aging
888-280-8226

Office of Veteran's Affairs
866-640-7115

Runnels Specialized Hospital
908-771-5700

Public Information Line
877-424-1234
for all residents

Union County Paratransit Employees Honored

Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan (L) and Freeholder Angel G. Estrada (R) present a resolution to Joe Haligowski congratulating him on receiving the Maintenance Employee of the Year award by the Council on Special Transportation for his dedicated service to the Union County Paratransit System. Union County employee Helen Kirsch received an award for Administrative Employee of the Year. Kathy Carmello, Director of the Union County Paratransit System, accepted the resolution on Helen's behalf. (Photo by Jim Lowmyer/County of Union)



How to Use the Union County Paratransit System

The Union County Paratransit System provides low cost transportation for seniors, veterans and the disabled.

The trips can be used for a variety of reasons including medical, employment, education, and recreation. All rides are \$1.00 each way. They are generally scheduled about two weeks in advance. To schedule a ride, call the

Paratransit dispatcher at 908-241-8300, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For those using Paratransit for the first time, it is recommended to call in the afternoon, in order to allow time for registration.

Paratransit also makes regular trips to Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth, and to the Lyons Campus and East Orange Campus of the Veterans Administration/New Jersey Health Care System. ♦

2011 Union County Freeholder Initiatives

of Union County residents, by re-deploying existing resources rather than taking on new costs.

First, we will open a children's immunization center in our Park Madison building in Plainfield. This is a common sense measure that will help more children stay healthy and avoid missing school. It will also help more parents and other caregivers avoid losing workdays when a child is sick.

Second, we will work with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County to help families prevent childhood obesity. The Rutgers Extension provides reliable, research supported information on community nutrition and health.

Third, we will work with the County Prosecutor's High Tech Task Force to connect more families and schools with resources for dealing with cyber bullying, and to promote the responsible use of the Internet, texting and other new technologies by children.

Fourth, we will enhance the education and career prospects of our high school students by developing real-life learning courses in Union County agencies, in high demand fields including environmental science and health care.

Together, these measures will help Union County keep moving forward with more resources for families and communities. ♦



More Health Care Help for Union County Seniors

by Freeholder Chairman Deborah Scanlon



Part of President Obama's new health care reforms took effect on January 1, with important new benefits for seniors. Under the new reforms, Medicare recipients are now eligible for free preventive screenings including mammograms, along with free nutrition counseling, free wellness check-ups, and a discount on prescription drugs to help close the notorious Medicare "donut hole."

In addition, last year the Freeholder Board introduced the Union County Wellness Discount Program. The Wellness Program provides an easy way for all Union County residents to find the best available discounts on prescription drugs. The Wellness Program also includes contact information for discounts on hearing aids, vision care, dental care, diabetic supplies, and even certain pet medicines.

The Wellness Program is intended mainly to help persons without health insurance. However, anyone is welcome to use it. If you already have prescription drug coverage such as Medicare Part D, ask your pharmacist to compare prices, to ensure that you get the best discount.

Since the Wellness Program is simply a discount service and not an insurance plan, anyone can join. The process is described below and I encourage you to share this information with family and friends, especially those who have little or no health insurance.

The Union County Wellness Discount Program — Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are there any fees to use the Union County Wellness Discount Program?

There are no fees, membership dues or other costs.

2. How does the Wellness Discount Program work?

The Wellness Discount Program provides you with a discount card, which is honored by all major pharmacies. When your pharmacist scans the card, a database will find the best available discount. The back of the card includes contact information for discounts on other medical services.

Please note: If you have insurance, especially Medicare Part D, always ask your pharmacist to compare prices to ensure that you are getting the best discount.

3. Where do I get a Wellness Discount card?

To get a card online, visit the Union County website, <http://uci.nj.org/government/human-services/prescriptioncard>. Follow the easy instructions to print out your card. You can print as many as you like for your friends and family, and the website includes many more details about the program.

If you would like to request a Wellness Discount card by phone or email, or if you have any questions, contact Union County at 908-527-4750 or ucwcd@ucncl.org.

4. How is the Union County Wellness Discount Program different from a health insurance plan?

The Wellness Program is simply a service that connects you with the best available discounts. There are no restrictions. The Wellness Plan does not even require any enrollment forms or claim forms. Medical companies support the discounts, so there is no cost to you or to Union County in order to participate.

5. Can anyone join the Wellness Discount Program?

Anyone can get discounts through the Wellness Program, regardless of age or pre-existing conditions.

6. Can the Wellness Discount Program be used by people who already have insurance?

The Wellness Program is intended to help persons with no insurance, but persons with Medicare Part D and other insurance are also welcome to use the program, to help reduce their out-of-pocket costs.

7. What kind of savings can I expect? The average savings on prescription drugs is approximately 30 percent, and it can range as high as 75 percent.

8. What prescriptions are eligible for discounts?

All prescription medications are eligible for a discount, including generic and brand name drugs.

Union County Acts to Help Prevent Childhood Obesity

When the topic turns to preventing childhood obesity, the focus is usually on parents. But grandparents and other family members can also play an important role.

One of the Freeholder Initiatives for 2011 is to work with nutrition and health experts from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, in order to connect the "Get Moving, Get Healthy NJ" online learning program with more Union County families.



Honored for Service

Union County Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella (l) and Freeholder Daniel Sullivan (r) thank Julius Switz of the Roselle Park Fire Department for fifty years of dedicated service to his community. (photo/Union County)

A Tip from the Union County Office of Consumer Affairs

With the weather warming up, keep an eye out for door-to-door home improvement scammers. They will knock on your door and claim to offer you a good deal using material left over from another job in your neighborhood. Before you do business with any home improvement contractor, take their name and call the Union County Office of Consumer Affairs, 908-654-9840, to make sure they have the required state license.

Project Lifesaver Offers Peace of Mind for Union County Families



Project Lifesaver was initiated in Union County by Sheriff Ralph Froehlich with the support of the Freeholder Board. The program helps families care for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or other debilitating disorders. When such persons wander away, they may be unable to remember where they belong.

In Project Lifesaver, the individual receives a small transmitter that looks like a wristwatch. If they are reported missing or lost, the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit can track them.

The Sheriff's Office works with the Division on Aging to identify families that could benefit from the program, and to find community sponsors for families that otherwise could not afford to buy the transmitter (it is not covered by health insurance). If you know of a family that could be helped by Project Lifesaver, or if you would like to sponsor a transmitter for a family in need, call the Sheriff's Office at 908-527-4450. (photo/Union County)



New Website Connects You with County Services

... visit www.uclnj.org

The Freeholder Board has introduced a new design for the County website, www.uclnj.org.

The changes are intended to help you connect with County services more quickly, easily, and efficiently, especially those in frequent use such as recreation, recycling, and programs for seniors.

Municipalities Save \$6 Million with County-Local Solar Energy Plan

The Union County Renewable Energy Program will bring clean solar energy to Union County this year, while helping local government agencies to reduce their utility bills. The savings is expected to total \$6 million over 15 years.

The new solar program was approved by the Freeholder Board. It enables schools and other local entities to install solar panels without spending money up front. The local entity simply pays for the electricity from the installation.

This type of arrangement is common for new solar installations throughout the U.S. It is called a Power Purchase Agreement. Bonds from the Union County Improvement Authority will help to finance the installations. Because of Union County's high bond rating, this lowers the cost of financing. This savings is passed along to the local entities, which pay a lower rate than they would for conventional power.

Seventeen municipalities, school districts and other public entities in

The site also accommodates new features including Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, RSS and YouTube. Comments and suggestions for continued improvements to the site are welcome, by using the email link, phone numbers or postal address provided in the lower right hand corner of the home page. •

Union County have joined the program. In all, 46 solar power installations will be constructed. Union County is proud to help lead the way into a future of clean energy that saves money and enhances community health. •

Many Ways to Connect with Union County

Not connected to the Internet? Information on Union County services, from arts and recreation to help with food and housing, is available by phone, U.S. mail, or television.

County Switchboard: If you know the name of the County department you wish to contact, call 908-527-4000.

Toll Free Public Info Line: For questions about any County service, call 877-424-1234.

Division on Aging: Call toll free, 888-280-8226.

Write to a Freeholder: Letters may be addressed to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth NJ, 07207.

Vintage Views/Freeholders Forum: Tune in to your local public access television stations for these two programs, which offer Union County news and information featuring local officials and many other guests.



New Faces on Freeholder Board: Two new Freeholders took office last year, Linda Carter of Plainfield and Christopher Hudak of Linden. Carter, who won her seat in the November 2010 election, has a strong background in business and education, and has served the community through many volunteer and elected positions. Hudak was appointed to finish the term of a vacated seat. He is an experienced manager who has devoted considerable volunteer hours to drug and substance abuse prevention. Both are lifelong residents of Union County. (photos/Jim Lowmyer/County of Union)

Quick Action Saves Hundreds of Jobs

Major company was considering move but will stay in Union County

Since the 1940's, the Wakefern supermarket cooperative has provided employment for hundreds of Union County residents. That role almost ended when the company considered moving elsewhere. Fortunately, a public financing opportunity will enable it to build a new warehouse in Elizabeth and remain in Union County. The new warehouse will save almost 350 jobs and create that many more over the next ten or more years.

The financing comes from a program created by ARRA, President Obama's Recovery Act. It enables the Union County Improvement Authority to sell \$19 million in bonds allocated to the county and \$25 million in Recovery Bonds allocated to the state.

"ARRA has played a critical role in Union County's recovery," said Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan, a lifelong Elizabeth resident. "Aside from the warehouse, ARRA has funded dozens of road and bridge improvements, a new green jobs training program, and thousands of meals for seniors."

Originally, the bonds were to assist the construction of a new hotel. When that project was put on hold, the Freeholder Board and the City of Elizabeth acted swiftly to authorize the bonds for financing the Wakefern project.

The new warehouse is being constructed by Elberton Development Co., which will repay the bonds and rent the facility to Wakefern.

Union County Artist Honored

Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski (I) congratulates Dolores Stewart of Plainfield on winning first place in the professional sculpture category at the 2010 Union County Senior Art Show, at Elizabethtown Gas Company's Liberty Hall Center in Union.

The annual Senior Art Show honors the many contributions that local artists make to enriching the lives of Union County residents.

The Union County Senior Art Show is held every year in June. All artists age 60 and older, amateur or professional, are invited to submit works for consideration by Monday, May 23. For submission guidelines and information contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 908-558-2550 or culturalinfo@ucnj.org.



Union County Teen Arts Festival Provides Unique Experience for Senior Volunteers



Teen Arts volunteer Lucille Lucadema of Kenilworth takes a break from her duties to speak with artist Lillian Barreto, a student at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, about her work in woven newspaper. (photo/Union County)

Each year in March, the Union County Teen Arts Festival brings thousands of students together with professional artists and volunteers, many of whom are seniors, for a two-day celebration of the arts. The event is designed to help students develop creative and goal-setting skills that can benefit them academically and in future careers.

Volunteers are an essential part of the event, helping with workshops, performances and other areas. To get information or sign up early for next year, contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 908-558-2550 or culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

Free Music, Movies and More

Union County's free outdoor concerts and films are enjoyed by thousands of people all summer, along with many other activities for all ages. For a complete schedule call the Union County Department of Parks at 908-527-4900 or visit www.ucnj.org.

Broadway Meets Rahway at the Union County Performing Arts Center



Rich in historic detail, the Union County Performing Arts Center in downtown Rahway offers a Broadway-quality theatrical experience close to home. Tickets are affordable and parking is convenient.

The arts are a proven anchor for economic development, but this beautiful 1928 structure was once slated for demolition. Civic groups saved it from the wrecking ball. The Freeholder Board later approved its purchase by Union County, which completed the restoration. The venue is now run by



Introduce a Child to the Arts

Studies show that training in the arts can help a child's academic and social development. If a youngster in your family loves performing, contact the Union County Performing Arts Center and ask about the Mentors in Music and the Arts program (MIMA).

This series of workshops enables young people to explore their passion and experience the enjoyment of collaborating, working with a professional performing artist.

For more information contact Danni Ramsey, Union County Performing Arts Center Educational Programming Coordinator, 732-499-0441, ext. 221.

Did You Know...?

The Performing Arts Center, a non-profit organization, offers a wide variety of entertainment for all ages, including theater, music and dance.

One highlight this year is a series of intimate "loft space" piano concerts featuring a magnificent new Fazoli grand piano. For a full schedule of event, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucpac.org.

For tickets by phone: Call the Union County Performing Arts Center box office, 732-499-8226. Regular hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The box office is also open two hours before each scheduled performance.

Volunteering at the Union County Performing Arts Center: Hilda Judha (l) and Jean Kuc assist at Internission. Because the Performing Arts Center is a non-profit organization, volunteers play a key role in helping to fulfill its mission. Helping out administratively, ushering, and publicity are some of the areas in which volunteers are needed. If you would like to contribute your creativity and expertise, call the Performing Arts Center at 732-499-0441. (photo/UCPAC)



Meals on Wheels delivers thousands of meals to Union County seniors every year. Call Meals on Wheels at 908-486-5100, or call the Union County Division on Aging for information on all senior nutrition programs, 1-888-280-8226.

The Special Needs Registry is a statewide effort to identify persons with physical limitations, to assist in emergency planning. All information is confidential. To sign up or to get information about your eligibility, visit the state website: www.registerready.nj.gov, or call New Jersey's 211 service.

Registration forms are also available at the Union County Office of Health Management, email.uchlincs@ucnj.org or call 908-518-5620.

Assistance with Safety-Related Home Repairs is available for income eligible seniors who are unable to make routine repairs. These programs are designed to help maintain a safe and healthy home. Work that may be covered includes installing grab-bars and railings, replacing door locks, improving weatherization, and performing other minor repairs. For more information, call the Division on Aging, 888-280-8226.

Emergency Alerts automatically go out to all Union County residents by telephone. If you would also like to receive alerts by text message, on your cell phone or by email, you can sign up for these optional services. You can also sign up for additional messages such as weather, special events, and news. Visit www.wefirstalert.org or call 877-424-1234 for more information.