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At the summer Middle School STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering, Math Camp held at SGS Campus. The week-long camp was sponsored by a grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb.





Sparks flew at the Franklin Township Fire District 3 meeting on July 9. An attempt was made to dispose of most of the meeting's agenda, without proper notice, but that was stopped by one Commissioner.





AFC Urgent care celebrated its grand opening on July 19. The center is located in the Cedar Grove Plaza on Cedar Grove Lane, and is Franklin's newest family owned business.





With Parks & Recreation's Events Coordinator Myra Jimenez at the kickoff of the township's Summer Concert Series, held at the Performance Gazebo.



## FHS Special Ed, Disabled Juniors Improve In Graduation Proficiency Test Results



**EXPLAINING THE RESULTS** — Dan Loughran, the school district's Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, discusses the results of two assessments taken by Franklin students this past school year.

percentage of **√**he Franklin High School juniors with disabilities, and those with special needs, who are considered "graduation-ready" in three academic subjects increased from the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, the Board of Education was told at its July 25 meeting.

The Board was also told that 13 percent of students learning to speak English - 113 out of 856 who were tested - scored high enough

on another test to be able to leave the English as a Second Language program.

The information came from Dan Loughran, the District's Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Loughran reviewed results from the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, taken in May, and the Access for English Language Learners tests, given to multilingual students at the same time.

The NJGPA assessments

show "that should (students) meet all of their other graduation requirements ... then they're eligible for gradua-

Juniors who do not do well on the assessment can re-take it in the summer or fall, or can demonstrate their knowledge of a subject without taking a test, Loughran said.

Overall, the percentage of FHS juniors who are considered "graduation-ready" in English, language arts, and math decreased slightly from the 2022-23 to 2024 school years, but that statistical anomaly may be as a result of there being more students taking the tests to determine their status, the Board was

Loughran said that that 77.9 percent of juniors are considered "graduation-ready" in English and language arts in the just-completed school year, as compared to 78.9 percent in the 2022-23 school year.

In math, 46.5 percent of juniors scored as "graduation-ready" this year, as compared to 48.5 percent in the previous school year.

Loughran noted that the number of students tested for English language arts increased year-to-year by 91, and 114 for students taking the math assessment.

The shining light in the results, Loughran said, was in the scores of the students with Individualized Educational Plans, or IEPs, and the so-called "405 students." Students with IEPs are generally special needs students, while 405 students have other types of disabilities that could impair their ability to learn.

In the math scores, "Students with IEPs who are graduation-ready increased by 7.8 percent when compared to last year, and seven out of the 10 subgroups had an average score of 725, which is the passing score," Loughran said.

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## One Franklin Stop & Shop Slated To Close

**√**he Stop & Shop supermarket in the Market Place on Franklin is slated to close by November 2, according to a company spokesman.

The store, located at 1221 Route 27, is one of 32 "underperforming" stores in five states slated to close.

"The decision to close our Franklin Township store was a difficult one, and only made after careful analysis and deliberation as we know our stores are closely embedded in our communities," Daniel Wolk, a Stop & Shop spokesman, said in an email.

Wolk said there is not a definite closing date, but, "we do anticipate it will close on or before Nov. 2, 2024."

He said that customers will be made aware of the closing date when an exact one is decided upon.

Store employees will be offered transfer opportunities, he said.

"We're proud of the investments we are making in the Stop & Shop brand for future growth, especially in delivering lower prices and improving customer experience through remodels," Wolk said in the email. "We are continuing to build a foundation for future growth in an ever-changing market, and we feel we will have a strong footing to do that."

the deep roots and community ties we have developed as a neighborhood grocer of more than 100 years, and we remain committed to nour-"Stop & Shop is proud of ishing our associates, customers and communities," Gordon Reid, Stop & Shop president, said in a company press release.

## AFC Urgent Care Opens In Cedar Grove Center



RIBBON-CUTTING — Imran Fayazi, center, aided by (left to right) Umar Sheikh, Township Councilman Alex Kharazi, and Aliya Fayazi, cut the ribbon on the new AFC Urgent Care Center in Cedar Grove Center on Cedar Grove Lane.

t's all about family at AFC Urgent Care in the Cedar Grove Center, which celebrated its grand opening on July 18.

The township's newest urgent care center officially opened its doors on Cedar Grove Lane on July 22.

The center is a Fayazi family production: Imran Fayazi is the owner. His mother, Aliya Fayazi, DNP, FNP, is a provider and his aunt, Arshiya Fayazi, is the center administrator.

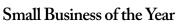
The center will offer "anything that you need before you actually need to go to a hospital," Imran said during the grand opening celebration. "We provide a full suite of services."

Among the services offered by the center are physicals, pediatric urgent care,

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## New Directors For Parks & Recreation, Franklin Youth Center Named



**NEW DIRECTOR** — Stephen Dahl, the Township's new Recreation Director, made his public debut at the Independence Day Celebration on July 3 in the Municipal Complex.

he Township has installed new leader-ship in the Parks & Recreation Department and the Franklin Township Youth Center.

Stephen Dahl takes over the helm of Parks & Rec, according to a July 3 announcement from the Township, and Windy White is the new head of the Youth Center.

Dahl and White made

their first public appearances in their new roles at the annual Independence Day Celebration on July 3.

Dahl comes to Franklin from the Somerset County Parks Department, while White is a longtime Parks & Rec employee, most recently serving as Deputy Director of the department..

Dahl has a long background in recreation management, having worked for many years in the industry. He is a NRPA Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and previously held the position of Manager of Recreation & Therapeutic Recreation for the Somerset County Park Commission, according to a press release from the Township.

In his new position, Dahl will oversee all recreational programs, facilities, and events, ensuring they meet the needs and interests of our Township. He will also be in-

strumental in developing new initiatives to promote inclusive and engaging recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, according to the release.

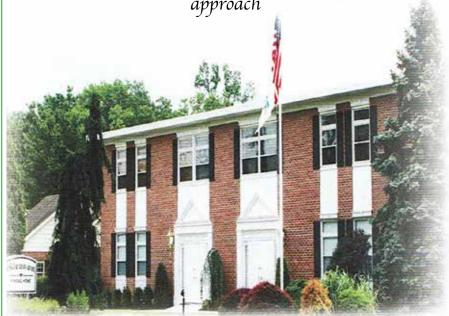
In her new role as head of the Lewis Street center, White will oversee all aspects of the Youth Center's operations, including program development, staff management, and community outreach. Her focus will be on expanding services, enhancing the quality of youth programs, and fostering a safe and supportive environment for all youth participants, according to the release.

This year White was awarded the New Jersey Parks & Recreation Association George T. Cron Memorial Scholarship, and also completed the Rutgers University Strategic Communications for Public Leaders program, according to the release.

"We are incredibly excited to have Mr. Dahl join our team and Ms. White step into this new and important role," Township Manager Bob Vornlocker said in the release. "I am confident that under their joint leadership, our Recreation Department will continue to thrive and make a lasting impact in our community."

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## Food Bank Receives \$15,000 Grant

he Franklin Food Bank recently received a \$15,000 grant from Bank of America.

The grant will help the Franklin Food Bank further its mission of serving neighbors in need, while improving economic mobility in greater Somerset County. Between 2022 and 2023, the Franklin Food Bank saw a 35 percent increase in families visiting its market, and an increase in distribution from 2.2 million pounds of food in 2022 to more than 2.7 mil-

lion pounds in 2023.

Food Bank Executive Director Derek Smith said in a press release that, "Even though we are three years past the first COVID outbreak, the current economic climate, specifically soaring rent and grocery prices, is hitting low and middle-income families the hardest, but we are doing our very best to meet this challenge head-on."

"We appreciate B of A's generous support and continued investment in our community," he said in the

release

The grant is part of Bank of America's philanthropic efforts in local communities. Awardees were selected for their commitment to addressing the needs of the community.

"By supporting the Franklin Food Bank to provide food to those in need, we can take steps toward eradicating hunger across New Jersey," Alberto Garofalo, president, Bank of America New Jersey, said in the release.



## Planning Board Tells Congregation To Slim Down Proposed Church



**TRUSTEE TESTIFIES** — Severina Edward, a church Trustee, told the Planning Board the Church felt it needed the larger building to accommodate future growth.

Booker Street congregation that has been trying to get a new church approved for more than seven years will have to wait a little bit longer.

The Planning Board on July 10 made it clear that it

had issues with the application filed by the Macedonia Church of God in Christ International. The church wants to raze its current 76-year-old building and construct a 4,880-square-foot structure.

The application seeks 10 bulk variances, for lot size, yard setbacks, and impervious surface coverage, among others.

The application's main stumbling blocks were the size of the building and the necessary parking. With a proposed 303 seats in the sanctuary, the church would need 101 parking spaces, according to Township Principal Planner Mark Healey.

The church proposed 38 parking spaces on site, and has parking agreements with a branch of PNC Bank and RPM Development, which is building apartments in the neighborhood, said Peter Lanfrit, the church's attorney.

The application calls for 303 seats in the sanctuary, even though the church does not yet attract more than around 50 congregants for Sunday worship.

Severina Edward, a church Trustee, told the Board that she counted the number of congregants attending church during November, 2023, and found that the number ranged from 26

people to 54 people.

That led some Board members to question why the church was looking for a structure with 303 seats.

The answer, the Board was told, is that the church expects future growth from the neighborhood redevelopment, as well as the redevelopment of nearby Hamilton Street.

"On any given Sunday, the numbers can increase," Edward said. "In order to accommodate not just the numbers we have, but the growth that we are expecting, we would like to go a little bigger."

The church's anticipated growth "is, to me, hard to believe just because you've e been at this for seven years," Orsini said. "If you haven't gown that much in seven years, how do we as a Board

believe that you would grow that much in the future?"

"Hope is not a strategy," he said. "You're asking us to assume that there's going to be a significant draw to this church."

Larry C. Johnson, the project's architect, told the Board that he has designed churches across the state, and has seen increases in congregations once the new buildings are constructed.

"It could happen," he said.
"I've been doing this since
1964. It's not just a building,
it's an edifice."

Jay Troutman, the project's traffic engineer, tried to convince the Board that there would be enough parking spots provided with those on-site, the agreements with PNC and RPM, and street parking, but the Board wasn't convinced.





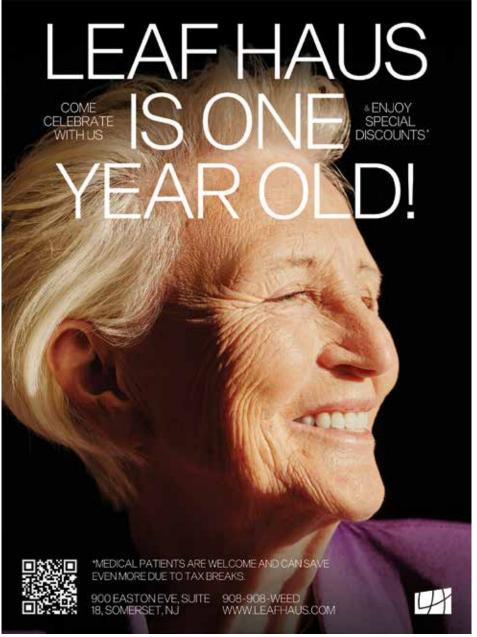
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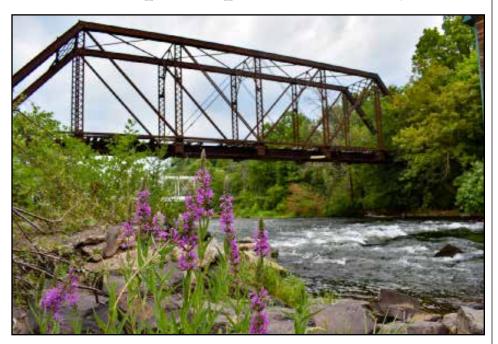






### Somerset County News

## Artists Sought for County Parks And Open Space Art Project



A photo of South Branch Greenway, which is one of the park areas featured in the program.

n celebration of Somerset County's Open Air, Open Space Project, the County is seeking New Jersey based Plein Air artists to capture the beauty of the public parks system.

The special art project highlights Somerset County's Open Space Preservation Program, which aims to preserve open space for conservation, active recreation and passive use.

"We are proud of the open space initiatives that exist in Somerset County," said Commissioner Melonie Marano, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Commission and to the Open Space Advisory Committee. "These public parks directly benefit communities throughout the County and I'm excited to see how these talented artists capture these amazing spaces."

Open Air, Open Space is sponsored by the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners, Somerset County Park Commission, Somerset County Open Space Preservation Program and the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Open Air, Open Space invites both amateur and professional Plein Air artists to showcase the unique, natural and recreational features of 14 public parks throughout Somerset County. New Jersey residents, aged 18 or older, are eligible to participate.

Each participating artist will be assigned a Somerset County park to inspire them. Artists will indicate their park preferences in their Artist Interest Form. Final park assignments, and other park-specific information, will be released by late September 2024.

The Artist Interest Form is available at the QR Code and must be submitted by

Sept. 1, 2024. Interested artists must also review the Prospectus and submit the attached forms, as well as a \$25.00 non-refundable entry fee, by Sept. 10, 2024.



The art exhibit will be professionally juried, and the collected entry fees will go exclusively towards the prize pool for this program.

An opening reception is planned for October 2025.

The exhibition will be on display in the Cultural & Heritage Gallery located in the Somerset County Administration Building at 20 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876, from October to November 2025. A traveling component may follow, bringing the artwork to select locations throughout the County.

The Open Air, Open Space Project is made possible with funds from the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



## RVCC to Present Art Exhibition Focusing on Dangers of Hatred



School and community groups are invited to schedule a free tour of Bearing Witness, an exhibition featuring 36 mixed-media quilts and other works of fabric art, on display at Raritan Valley Community College in Branchburg from August 28-December 13.

Presented in collabo-

ration with the RVCC's Institute of Holocaust and Genocide Studies and its Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, the exhibition will feature artwork highlighting the perils of anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia, sexism, and inequity.

The exhibition, organized by Studio Art Quilt

Associates (SAQA), Inc., will be on display in the Morris & Dorothy Hirsch Library of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Racism, on the second floor of the College's Evelyn S. Field Library.

For additional information about the exhibition or to schedule a tour, contact Michelle Edgar, Program Specialist, Institute of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, at michelle.edgar@raritanval.edu. To learn more about the Holocaust Institute, visit https://www.raritanval.edu/community-resources/holocaust-institute.

RVCC is located at 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg, NJ. For further information, visitwww.raritanval. edu.







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## Will The East Franklin Fire Department Contract Dispute Be Resolved?



**ON THE HOT SEAT** – Members of the Fire District 3 Board of Commissioners at the July 9 Commission meeting.

epresentatives of the east Franklin Volunteer Fire Department and the Fire District 3 Commissioners were scheduled to meet before the end of July to try to iron out a fire service contract that has been in dispute for months.

That was the decision July 9 after the Commissioners held a closed meeting, following their regular monthly meeting, to discuss EFVFD Chief Dan Krushinski's challenge that they sign what amounts to be the same annual contract that was in effect in 2023.

Commission Chairman Sherrod Middleton, who appears to be feuding with Krushinsky, did not attend the regular or closed meetings. Board Vice-Chairman Ken Reid led the meeting.

The fire service contract expired in April but was given an extension to August 31 by the Commissioners in June after Krushinski objected to several additions to the contract and said his command team would not sign it.

Krushinski told Commissioners at the July 9 meeting that the disputed elements of the proposed con-

tract - removing a provision giving fire chiefs input into proposed policy changes, installing new video and audio recording devices in department vehicles and apparatus that would allow Commissioners to listen in on conversations, and ending reimbursement for fire fighters' personal property damaged or lost while responding to calls - were not allowed by

"Basically, everything you took out of the contract has to go right back in," he said. "So you might as well sign the contract tonight and we can move on to better things."

The Commissioners have threatened to remove all fire fighting gear and apparatus from the EFVFD station if the contract is not signed. Such a move would affect fire service for about 30,000 township residents in the department's roughly 5-squaremile service area.

Krushinski scoffed at the assertion.

"You're never going to take our fire trucks away, the townspeople aren't going to let you take our fire trucks away," he said. "We're not checking out. You can't take

the fire trucks."

The Fire District owns all of the fire trucks, gear and other apparatus, and the fire department owns the building in which all of that is stored.

The Fire Districts also pay for members' life insurance and other financial considerations.

After several more requests that the Board sign the contract as presented by EFVFD, Reid called for an executive session to discuss the matter. Krushinski was granted five minutes to present his case.

When the regular meeting resumed, Reid said that the decision had been made to hold an emergency meeting within the next two weeks. During that time, he said, He and Board Clerk Janet Natal would meet with EFVFD command to try to iron out the differences and reach a resolution on the con-

"And hopefully, we can make everybody happy," Reid

"Ok, but we're not changing our stance," Krushinski

The other fire company

in District 3, Community Fire Department, has signed the contract.

Krushinski also asked about the status of investigation into a handful of what he called policy violations that he reported several weeks

He was told that nothing was done because the Commission does not have an attorney. Commission attorney George Morris resigned at the end of the June Board

"Realistically, you are getting \$685 a month and there's nothing happening with anything," Krushinski said. "Everybody's time is being wasted, and nothing's happening that benefiting anybody."

Commissioners are paid a stipend of about \$8,000 per

There was some fireworks early in the meeting when Board Secretary Patricia Ferretti objected to an attempt by Reid to dispense of the meeting agenda, save for the payment of bills.

Middleton told the Franklin Reporter & Advocate in a July 9 email that "due to an absence of legal counsel, we will be postponing this meeting until next month. We will only be meeting tonight to pay the monthly bills."

Ferretti strenuously objected to the abridged meeting format.

"No," she said. "This can't be changed. Where was the change posted? We have an agenda that was given. You cannot just arbitrarily change this meeting."

'Why does Sherrod get to change the meeting?" she asked. "Why is there no vote to change this meeting?"

Board Administrative Secretary Chantel Orphanos told Ferretti of Middleton's desire to not take any action while the Commission does not have an attorney.

"We might not have an attorney for a year," she said.

Krushinski pointed out that in the past, the Board did not have an attorney for six months and conducted regular business.

"Let's move on with the presentation of bills," Reid

'What about the Chiefs' reports and all that stuff?", Ferretti said. "No, you cannot change the meeting. We have an agenda. This was done today; this is not the meeting's agenda. You can't."

Reid then relented and allowed for the regular agenda to be followed.

The Board's next meeting is 7 p.m. August 13, in the District headquarters on Shevchenko Avenue.

















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## Venus Jewelers' Move Delayed Due To 'Construction Challenges'



**NEW DIGS** — The interior of the new Venus Jewelers location in the Rutgers Plaza shopping center on Easton Avenue. The new location is scheduled to open this Fall. (Photo: Venus Jewelers.)

riginally planned for this summer, the opening of Venus Jewelers' new Rutgers Plaza location has been delayed until the Fall due to supply chain issues and construction challenges, according to a press release from the com-

The 5-Generation, family owned jewelry store will continue operation at its current location in the Rutgers Plaza on Easton Avenue, according to the press release.

The new location is next door to the current location.

"While these setbacks are frustrating, they underscore our insistence on perfection," Peter Stavrianidis, owner of Venus Jewelers, said in the release. "We refuse to compromise on quality, and every detail of our new store must meet the high standards our clients expect from us."

The new location will feature modern design elements, advanced technology for a better shopping experience, and an expanded inventory of exquisite jewelry pieces, according to the release. The upgraded space will allow Venus Jewelers to continue its tradition of excellence, offering personalized service in a comfortable and elegant environment, the release said.

Venus Jewelers will continue to provide updates on the progress of the new store and will announce the new opening date as soon as it is determined, according to the release. Customers are encouraged to stay connected through social media channels and newsletters for the latest updates, promotions,

and sneak peeks of what's to

For more information and updates, please visit Venus Jewelers' website or follow them on social media.

#### County Wins Award For Arts Program

omerset County's "Farm to Frame" program combining agriculture and art won a National Association of Counties (NACo) 2024 Achievement Award at its national conference in July.

More than 30 New Jersey artists created works of art based on local farms, highlighting the beauty and importance of Somerset County's preserved farmland and agricultural industry.

### 18-Unit Apartment Building Planned For Hamilton Street



utumn leaves will bring yet another applications for a Hamilton Street-based apartment building to the Planning Board.

is scheduled to hear the ap-

plication of Hamilton Street Management, which wants to build a three-story mixed-use building at 681-685 Hamilton Street.

The 4,605-square-foot The Board on October 6 building is targeted for about a half-acre of property across

Hamilton from Sophie's Bistro, which is now an empty lot and the home of a former barber shop.

The plan is to build 12 two-bedroom units and six one-bedroom units on the building's second and third floors, while the first floor would be retail.

There would be a total of 38 parking spaces provided on the property, according to the plan.

The plan also includes curb, sidewalk and drainage improvements.

The application was originally to be heard at the Board's July 17 meeting, but that meeting was canceled.





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## Council Buys Goods & Services

ontracts for nearly \$700,000 in goods and services were awarded July 9 by the Township Council.

The Council approved contracts totaling \$696,588.10.

Nine companies were awarded contracts valued up to \$500,000 for surveying services. The companies are Carroll Engineering and Van Cleef Engineering Associates, both of Hillsborough; Boswell Engineering of South Hackensack; Colliers Engineering & Design of Holmdel; CME Associates of Parlin; Harbor Consultants of Cranford; The Nader Group of Hackettstown; Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor of Warren, and Suburban Consulting Engineers of Flanders.

Ciocca Ford of Flemington was awarded a contract worth \$89,952.50 for a 2024 Ford F450 mason dump truck with plow and acces-

Hoffman Services of Newark was awarded a contract worth \$85,657 for a vehicle lift for a repair shop.

contract

\$10,603.40 was placed through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of a John Deere stand-on mower.

contract \$10,375.20 was placed through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for a John Deere Tornado poly spreader.

#### Four Vie For Three BOE Seats

our candidates – including three incumbents – have ◀ filed for the November 5 Board of Education elec-

Incumbents Laurie Merris, Sami Shaban and Dr. Dennis Hopkins, Jr. are running as a slate under the heading, "Vote

Newcomer Nicolas DiMeglio, longtime head of the Franklin PTSO and Project Graduation, and the president of the Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce, filed for his first run at elected office.

The Board of Education is the only local race in Novem-

## FHS Graduation Proficiency **Test Results Improvements**

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In English language arts, Loughran said, "students with IEPs, graduation readiness increased this year by 7 percent, and students with 504 plans, graduation readiness increased by 18.8 per-

Loughran credited the increase in scores to an emphasis on "differentiated instruction," which is defined as tailoring class instruction to meet the needs of individual students.

"This year, in the 23-24 school year, we had a primary focus on differentiating instructional practices to enhance success rates across all student subcategories," Loughran said. "And although the graduation readiness levels were slightly declined, the significant improvement in graduation readiness among students with IEPs demonstrates the effectiveness of differentiated instructional strategies implemented this year."

"It's important to note

again, we had a large increase in the number of students in the pool," he said. "This likely influenced the overall readiness metrics. And while the overall percentage was slightly lower, the targeted efforts in differentiated instruction have notably improved graduation readiness for diverse student groups, such as those that we just showed, highlighting areas of success and opportunities for further improvement."

The Access for English Language Learners tests were administered to all students in the District who are English language learners, Loughran said.

"This assessment allows us to monitor student progress in learning academic English as well," he said.

Loughran said that 113 of the 856 students who took the assessment scored well enough to be able to be removed from the English as a Second Language program.

"it is notable that in 24-25, this upcoming year, our multilingual students in the bilingual program will benefit from fully staffed bilingual homerooms, where bilingualism as a resource will be used to increase native language literacy and aid students in building the cross-linguistic bridge to English, thus increasing English language acquisition," he said.

"The implementation of the new curriculum, Adelante, a core literacy program for (Grades) K-5, will be used as bilingual support to strengthen students' native language literacy and, as a result, strategically increase English language proficiency," Loughran

Also, culturally and linguistically responsive instruction will continue to increase student motivation and academic performance with the addition of the International Alliance Group teachers who are working with our district in this coming school year," he said.

## Council OKs Road Contracts

ore than \$3 million in road reconstruction contracts were approved July 9 by the Township Council.

The five contracts total \$3,248,933.94.

**DeSantis** Construction of Somerset received two contracts, one worth \$761,188.59 for the resurfacing of Cornelius Way, and the second worth \$662,244.48 for the resurfacing of the Mosher Road area.

Z Brothers Concrete Contractors of Sayreville received a \$640,330 contract for the resurfacing of Home and Ambrose streets.

Top Line Construction of Somerville received a \$614,943.92 contract for the Blackwells Mills Road reclamation and resurfacing.

Fischer Contracting of Scotch Plains received a \$570,226.95 contract for the Suvdam Road area resurfac-

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on-site lab testing and vaccinations, immigration physicals, occupational health exams and digital x-rays.

Patients can schedule an appointment online or they can walk in, Fayazi said.

"It's an exciting opportunity to work with my family," Imran Fayazi said in a press release about the opening. "To us, this isn't just a business venture but an opportunity for us to grow together and create a legacy. We look Franklin "does have a very forward to treating our patients as if they are a part of our family."

Aliya Fayazi, who worked in health care in the township prior to opening the center, said her experience in Franklin caused her to fall in love with the town.

"The people are amazing," she said.

Arshiya Fayazi said another reason Franklin was chosen for the center was that

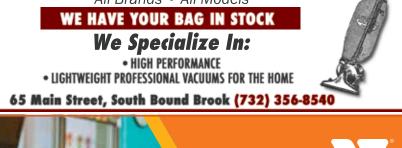
welcoming attitude toward family businesses."

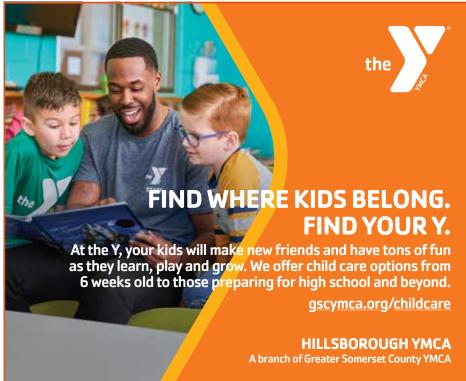
The business was also welcomed by Nick DiMeglio, president of the Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce, and Township Councilman Alex Kharazi.

The center's hours are 8 a.m., to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.



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