

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MARK

Those lazy days of summer never seem to apply to FISHERMAN'S MARK, as need for our services in many cases ramps up. While many can go on family vacations or send their children to camp, some community members find themselves struggling in the summer months. Their children, and even grandchildren, are now home without the benefit of school breakfast and lunch programs and they rely even more on local resources like Fisherman's Mark.

The positive side of this is that summer becomes the opportune time for The Mark to offer programs that are meaningful and designed to bypass the stigma of "needing" help. We run fun and engaging programs that benefit not only our current clients but let potential new clients become familiar and comfortable with The Mark. At our Farm Stand every Wednesday morning we offer seasonal fruits and veggies from local farms, feature local chefs who demonstrate how to use this abundance, bring in county agencies to make important education services accessible, such as cancer prevention, NJ-SNAP Nutrition Education, WIC services and offer wellness challenges and events, such as gentle Yoga and Pilates demonstrations. The program is innovative, and the produce is beautiful. Another such program is the Common Unity Garden started this summer in our own backyard, at the Hibernia Fire House. The garden was designed to not only supply additional produce to the Food Pantry, but as a model for an urban garden, to serve as a teaching tool and further engage the community.

Yes, these popular programs keep us busy. But we never miss an opportunity to connect with people who may benefit from our support and we certainly never miss a chance to enrich our community.





COMMUNITY PARTNERS: “4WORK!” JOB ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Fisherman’s Mark joins a new initiative aimed at getting unemployed individuals back to work! 4WORK! not only evaluates the skills of prospective employees according to the rigors of today’s employment market, it addresses all potential barriers to employment. Barriers are unique to the person and the program ties together the resources of 4 local agencies to identify strategies and resources for clients for a range of needs including, but not limited to, child care, transportation, computer proficiency and interview skills. The program is a collaborative effort of Fisherman’s Mark, NORWESCAP Career, Life and Transitions Center, Hunterdon Helpline and HART Commuter Information Services.

4 WORK! assessments are offered in the north, south and central locations of the county to “meet the person where they are” and avoid the area’s most common barrier: transportation. For more information, visit www.fishermansmark.org or call 609-397-0194.

MAKING YOU MARK: ROCK AND ROLL WITH A HEART OF GOLD

Lambertville’s native son, Jeff (J.B.) Kline, has traveled the world as a renowned musician. His time on the road allowed time for reflection which led him back to good old Lambertville determined to make his “mark” on this community. A message from the book Siddhartha resonated with him: “The body is a tool- you should use it for good”. Jeff considers music his tool to give back.

The mission of Fisherman’s Mark has always matched Jeff’s philosophy of caring for one’s fellow neighbor. He believes in investing in your own backyard; “I like to support local causes that benefit the faces that I see every day”. The Common Unity Sessions, a year-long series of music events/fundraisers represent Jeff’s most recent investment in The Mark. An Elks member himself, the Lambertville Elks Lodge on Wilson Street was a fitting scene for this project to benefit both organizations as well as highlight local musicians. It’s true community building – and it’s fun too.



Jeff’s new album, coming out this Fall, will include a few tracks about our community. His music reflects his passion for our small town and his commitment to keeping it strong is inspirational. Winston Churchill, a favorite of Jeff’s, once said “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Jeff Kline is certainly making life here better for everyone. Join us at the Common Unity Sessions to share in the fun and the passion.



REVEREND RICHARD W. TOWNLEY

With sadness and gratitude, we celebrate the life of Father Richard W. Townley, long time pastor of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Lambertville, and one of the founders of Fisherman’s Mark. His work to establish The Mark as a resource to those in need built a strong foundation that continues to flourish and will carry his mission forward. We thank him for all the people who his work has touched.





LAMBERTVILLE ACADEMY ENRICHMENT – STEM PROGRAMMING

What sets Lambertville Academy apart from other Early Childhood Learning Centers is our commitment to nurture/develop the whole child. Our approach to education lies in our focus on the differences in learning styles and capacity of each student, by teaching them to process information using their strengths while developing new skills, through a well-rounded basic curriculum enhanced by enrichment programming. The enrichment activities include art, yoga, creative movement, sports, language and critical STEM education. According to the US Dept of Education “all young people should be prepared to think deeply and to think well so that they have the chance to become the innovators, educators, researchers, and leaders who can solve the most pressing challenges facing our nation and our world”.

At Lambertville Academy, we believe it is never too early to start to develop those skills, as we have found that exposure to diverse experiences leads to independence, self-confidence, self-control and responsibility; and better prepares them for success in their academic career and beyond. Teachers are well prepared with in-service training on subjects such as key concepts of design & engineering project-based learning.

Even our youngest students benefit from a curriculum that is enriched with early exposure to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, preparing them to discover, solve problems, explore and be challenged through direct experiences.

Some STEM activities for the summer are:

NATURE WALKS & SCAVENGER HUNTS Nature topics are the focus for our walks along the canal while thematic Scavenger Hunts guide us clue by clue to discover hidden treasures along the river and throughout the city.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ Children learn through hands-on Lego activities that pique their curiosity and inspire creativity while exploring and developing valuable STEM skills.

NATURALIST Stephanie Fox from the D&R Canal State Park Program helps us explore the world around us through life science and the rich community history Lambertville has to offer.

EXXON RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT scientists help students perform experiments that demonstrate the chemistry of combining simple household ingredients to create surprising volcanoes and even plastic. Their hands on approach helps even the youngest of learners grasp high level skill concepts like understanding polymers!





CASE MANAGEMENT

An issue-resolution program teaching clients to identify and define issues, set self-defined goals, and develop skills to achieve those goals.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A community-building program offering the Fisherman's Mark resources and programs to all members of the community, as well as reaching out to increase awareness of our services, broadening the scope and effectiveness of our programs.



FISHERMAN'S MARK FOOD PANTRY

Program addressing the issues of food insecurity by offering nutritious food and other necessities free of charge, along with educational programs to promote healthy eating habits.



INFORMATION, RESOURCE & REFERRAL

A gateway of resources to assist community members in becoming self-sufficient, providing tools to help them along the way.



LAMBERTVILLE ACADEMY

NAEYC accredited, offering Preschool, School-Age and Summer Camp Programs. Open 7am-7pm, Monday-Friday.



LOS PUENTES

A Latino advocacy program that recognizes the unique needs of Spanish-speaking communities and bridges them to Fisherman's Mark resources as well as the community-at-large.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Provides an opportunity for everyone to become involved in their community by contributing their time and talents to many of the Fisherman's Mark programs.



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The MISSION of FISHERMAN'S MARK is to strengthen our community through the facilitation of innovative, responsive programs and services that promote stability, health and wellness. With a commitment to excellence in social services and education, and as an advocate for positive change, we build upon the strengths of this community and celebrate our common unity.

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