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'Seeking a path forward' at River LINE meeting

By ALBERT J. COUNTRYMAN Jr. The Sun

In the crowded Palmyra community center, Mayor Gina Ragomo Tait pleaded with NJ Transit executives to address problems with transients using the town's River LINE station and their visits to the Wawa across the street at Cinnaminson Avenue and Little Broad Street.

"People do not want to go to the Palmyra station," she said, adding that transients are asking passengers for money. "They drive to the Riverton or Cinnaminson station instead."

Police need "to be more visible," Tait added during a Nov. 13 public meeting hosted by state Sen. Troy Singleton that included NJ Transit officials. The agency will take over the line – which runs through river towns from Trenton to Camden – early next year.

"I take the River LINE every day," said a Bordentown resident. "I have seen drunk guys fighting and music blasting. I would like to see more enforcement and more supervision on the trains."

"Thank you for coming here again," a Cherry Hill resident told the transit officials. "There needs to be more fare



Courtesy of State Sen. Troy Singleton

"As NJ Transit assumes full operation of the River LINE, we felt it was necessary to bring leadership back before the public to share its improvement plan and outline any progress made since our last meeting," said state Sen. Troy Singleton.

enforcement."

Singleton convened a River LINE public meeting last fall so riders and residents could voice their concerns with public and pedestrian safety. It was just months after the tragic 2024 death of 15-yearold Matthew Dickinson, a Palmyra High School three-sport athlete.

He was headed to soccer practice at the Legion Fields sports complex when he was struck at the Chestnut and Broad streets tracks by a northbound River LINE train headed to the Palmyra station.

"We had two fatal accidents last year," Singleton said as he opened the meeting, noting the 2024 death of River LINE operator Jessica Haley, who was killed when her train hit a tree on the tracks in Mansfield Township. Twenty-three passengers were injured.

"Last time we had a different perspective," Singleton noted. "A lot of what the voices right here said last year spurred positive actions. This year, we are seeking a path forward. As NJ Transit assumes full operation of the River LINE, we felt it was necessary to bring leadership back before the public to share its improvement plan and outline any progress made since our last meeting."

The meeting was open for audience questions. Kris Kolluri, who became the NJ Transit's president and CEO two months ago, explained that the River LINE is unique because its light rail trains ride on heavy freight tracks.

NJ Transit senior vice president Michael Kilcoyne said that due to that rare struc-

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Counselors are on hand at Palmyra Police headquarters, 20 West Broad St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday for those struggling with substance abuse as part of the Straight to Treatment program. No appointment or insurance is needed, just walk right in and be helped.

TUESDAY

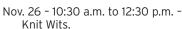
Virtua Health Screens - noon to 2 p.m. - at the Palmyra Community Center, 30 W. Broad Street. Open to all community members ages 18 plus. No registration is required and its free.

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NOV. 26 TO DEC. 3

Happenings at the Riverton Library, 306 Main St., Riverton. For more information on the events listed contact 856-829-2476.



Dec. 1 - 2:30-3:30 p.m. - Chapter Chat Book Group.

Dec. 1 - 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Riverton Readers Book Discussion: The Frozen River.

Dec. 3 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. -Knit Wits.

Dec. 3 - 6-8 p.m. - Anime, Movies and More - Teen Edition.

BURLINGTON COUNTY EVENTS

For more information visit www. co.burlington.nj.us.

*Burlington County Sheriff's Office is holding a holiday toy drive of new unwrapped toys to be distributed to Burlington County children in need this holiday season. For more information visit Sheriff James H. Kostoplis Community Outreach Unit at (609) 265-3788.

*Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex, 22000 Burlington Columbus Road, Florence, is accepting plastic

"waffle board" yard signs for recycling. Drop off signs and frames Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to noon.

Nov. 28-30 - noon to 4 p.m. - 49th Annual Juried Art Show at Smithville Mansion Annex Gal-

Nov. 28-30 - noon to 4 p.m. - A Life's Passion of Work in Photography: Eric Stoner at Worker's House and Gallery.

Dec. 2 - 10-11 a.m. - TOBATA by Toby at Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences.

Dec. 3 - 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Chair Yoga at Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences.

BLOOD CENTER

American Red Cross Blood Donation Center - Southern New Jersey, 5029 U.S. 130, Suite 450, Delran

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The annual tree lighting will be held rain or shine at 7 p.m. on Friday,

Dec. 5, at the band shell. Santa will tour the community on one of the

borough's fire trucks. In the event of rain, festivities will move to the

community center.



December 5th @ 7pm December 6th @ 11am* December 6th @ 5pm December 7th @ 2pm

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By CHRISTINA MITCHELL The Sun

Stories about South Jerseyans and how they lived



Cecil W. Bond Jr.

Cecil W. Bond was many things: college basketball player, Army veteran, bank vice president, assistant general manager of a transportation company,

golfer.

But it may be best to measure the Marlton resident by a different kind of acclaim: There are more than a dozen messages attached to Cecil's online obituary from people who loved and admired him.

They prove what else the 87-year-old was: beloved.

"Uncle Cecil, you will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege to cross your path," posted his niece, Patrice Monroe.

Cecil was born in 1937 in Chester, Pennsylvania, the eldest of six sons, according to the Philadelphia Tribune newspaper. He earned a bachelor's at Morgan State University – on a basketball scholarship – then eventually became a major in the Army's military police.

Cecil oversaw \$40 million in loans at a Philadelphia bank and helped advance opportunities for minority-owned businesses, the Tribune notes. He was also employed by what was once the largest minority-owned broadcasting operation in the country.

"He was a gentleman and would help you with anything," wrote Bernadette Foster, a co-worker of Cecil's at SEPTA, the Philadelphia transportation system where he spent 25 years as a manager. "He was such a good person."

"Rest in paradise Cecil," posted Barry Sullivan, a golfing buddy. "It was an honor and a privilege to know you ... Hit 'em straight up there."

Diedra Hicks said simply: "Trusting that heaven has welcomed a beloved soul."

Sources: Philadelphia Tribune, Legacy.com



Dr. Anusuya Balasundaram

It was Dr. Anusuya Balasundaram's job to help people with their troubles, something she continued as she fought the cancer that would take her own life at 54.

"Even as she navigated her own illness with quiet courage," the Moorestown resident's obituary notes, "her impulse was to reach outward, to comfort others, talk them through their worries and offer the thoughtful, clear-eyed support that those lucky enough to be in her life came to depend on."

Anusuya was born in Sri Lanka and arrived in America at 6 months old, according to her obituary. Her career taught her to be a good listener, a skill she used in her work at Hampton Behavioral Health Center in Westampton, where she was appointed medical director in 2018.

Anusuya was a sounding board for family, too. Besides her husband, Jeevaka Sritharan – who was born the same day and year as his wife – she took great pride in her niece Asha Madison and her nephew Kiran.

Anusuya never missed Asha's dance recitals, her obituary reads, and made an Eagles fan of Kiran.

So it seems Anusuya's work and family couldn't help but be intertwined.

"Her dedication to her patients," the obituary says, "was matched by the grace and empathy she brought to all who knew her."

Sources: Bradley Funeral Home, Legacy.com

Inside the obits Decking the halls

With Christmas just around the corner, we thought it fitting to feature some people whose passion for the holidays was noted in their obituaries.



Joseph Thomas McLaughlin had the temperament to play Santa: kindhearted, funny and sociable. The large beard didn't hurt either. The 75-year-old from Mount Laurel so loved the job, that the photo on his obituary shows him as Kris Kringle exercising with a hand weight. The better to stay in shape for parades, nursing homes, malls and his own family at Christmas. Said Helen Rodgers in an online tribute, "Joe was the best."

Suzanne Theresa Fink could make Friday night pizza an event. The 82-year-old Burlington County resident and teacher's aide loved people around the table, and anyone who happened to stop by. At Christmas, her love of Johnny Mathis and homemade cookies were among traditions that became "the heartbeat of her family."

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Sheriff's office gets national accreditation

For the first time in its history, the Burlington County Sheriff's Office is now a nationally accredited law-enforcement agency.

Sheriff James Kostoplis announced the achievement by saying it reflects the office's ongoing commitment to "excellence, transparency and community service."

The Commission on Accreditation for Law-Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA) notified the sheriff's office of its award on Nov. 15, and Undersheriff Odie Carr and Det. Kevin Coffey traveled to Florida to accept it on behalf of Kostoplis. The certification remains in effect for four years.

To receive the status, all aspects of the sheriff's office policies, procedures, management, operations and support services were examined to determine compliance with 181 best practices standards. The process began two years ago, when the office received a Department of Justice grant that funded all expenses related to the initiative.

"The Burlington County Sheriff's Office has a long tradition of promoting public safety and service, but this accreditation represents an important milestone in our history," Kostoplis said. "For the first time, residents will know that the sheriff's office has been reviewed from top to bottom and been found to meet the highest standard for service and professionalism."

The office is currently staffed by 72 sworn officers, along with 17 full- and parttime staffers who provide support services for the agency. Last year, it conducted 1,066 investigations; 299 traffic stops; and completed 9,399 calls for service, all while attending close to 300 community events.

"Accreditation is an achievement we are proud to obtain, but the process of reviewing and improving our procedures and services never stops," Kostoplis noted. "We remain committed to upholding the highest standards and best level of service for Burlington County every day."



Special to The Sun

Burlington County Sheriff James Kostoplis joined officers at this year's Burlington County Farm Fair.

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Coats for kids giveaway

In an effort to help Burlington County children stay warm this winter, state Sen. Troy Singleton and the Burlington County Commissioners are giving away 600 new winter coats on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon at the county's Emergency Services Building in Westampton.

The officials are partnering with the nonprofit Parents Engaging Parents to distribute the coats. Children must

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be present to receive one. Supplies are limited and families must pre-register at www. co.burlington.nj.us.com.

"It is vitally important that we do all that we can to ensure that children in Burlington County have the tools they need to succeed and thrive, and that includes having a coat that will keep them warm on their way to school," said Singleton.



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Burlington County Farmers Market wraps up season

The Burlington County Farmers Market will return for its grand finale on Saturday, Dec. 6, when the special Holiday Farmers Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's traditionally the biggest market day of the year and offers one final opportunity for shoppers to load up on foods and gifts for the upcoming holidays.

Shoppers will also discover 32 distinct artists and crafters selling handmade creations, plus live music, a cooking demonstration at 10 a.m. and

a special Toys for Tots table for visitors to drop off a new, unwrapped toy to donate for children in need.

To learn more about the Burlington County Farmers market, including a weekly rundown of expected vendors and activities, visit the market's website at https://www.burlcoagcenter.com/farmers-market/.

You can also follow the farmers market on social media at https://www.face-book.com/burlcofarmersmarket.



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'There was a desperation'

Challenges remain for recipients of SNAP benefits



Courtesy of the Food Bank of South Jersey

The Food Bank of South Jersey saw an increase of 30% to 200% in its lines in late October," said Fred Wasiak, its president and CEO.

By ALBERT J. COUNTRYMAN Jr. The Sun

The last 30 days have been difficult for those struggling to feed their families.

Some even started making preparations early for the loss of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits that ceased on Nov. I because of the federal government shutdown.

"There was desperation at the food pantries we serve, which saw an increase of 30% to 200% in the lines in late October," said Fred Wasiak, president and CEO of Food Bank of South Jersey. "We mobilized with the four other New Jersey food banks" to lobby the state government.

Their efforts worked: Gov. Phil Murphy declared a state of emergency effective Nov. 1, enabling the agencies to procure more food.

"We are relieved to share that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for November are now fully funded," said Human Services Commissioner Sarah Adelman on Nov. 7. "This unprecedented delay left hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans without food

for their families."

"New Jersey is the nationwide leader in food insecurity," Wasiak noted. "One in seven children are going to be hungry."

In an interview last week, Wasiak pointed out that the emergency funding helped the Food Bank of South Jersey "bolster the pantries in our partner agencies." With headquarters in Pennsauken, it supplies 205 food pantries in 70 communities in Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Salem counties, which together have a total of 130,000 recipients who lost SNAP benefits.

"We cannot be more grateful for the support we received from our 300 community partners," said Wasiak, adding that everyone worked together to make sure people would not go hungry as the crisis elevated.

The shutdown officially ended on Nov. 12.

"The experience helped educate the community how important SNAP is to the economy," Wasiak observed. "It's a lifeline to so many people and institutions."

Grocery stores also suffered from the loss of business.

"We are always busy," Wasiak said of the Food Bank. "Pre-COVID we were serving 47,000 clients a month. At the height of COVID, we were serving 95,000 per month, and now we are serving 200,000 clients per month."

Wasiak praised his employees for helping to make sure everyone received needed food as the shutdown progressed, and thanked the 4,000-plus volunteers who do great work.

"There is a relief that this is all over and families can enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner," he pointed out.

But there are still challenges facing SNAP recipients who may be required to reapply to the federal government for their benefits.

"We know new federal SNAP requirements are coming," Wasiak acknowledged. "Right now, states are reviewing what those mean for implementation. The Food Bank's focus is simple: helping our neighbors access SNAP benefits so they can get the nutrition they need.

"Our outreach efforts," he added, "will continue to help neighbors apply for SNAP, and as the new rules come out, we will help neighbors understand the new requirements to maintain their benefits.

SNAP is one of the most effective tools we have in fighting hunger.

"The coming changes are likely complex. We want to make sure people receive clear, accurate information."

As for the future, the Food Bank of South Jersey recently purchased another building across the street from its headquarters on John Tipton Boulevard that will house the Center for Health, Wellness and Nutrition. Scheduled to open in January 2026, the 20,856-square-foot facility was created to meet the grow-

ing need for nutrition access, education and opportunity among clients.

The center will include a training kitchen and class-room; an on-site greenhouse and wellness garden; a SNAP Help Center; and dedicated space for programming and partner services, according to Adam Bricketo, senior manager of Food Bank community programs.

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ture, "the River LINE fleets need customized parts. The main issue is the APUs (Auxiliary Power Units) that overheat and fail in excessive heat. Getting replacement parts is long and challenging."

NJ Transit will begin its operation of the River LINE in the first quarter of 2026. A new maintenance contract has been signed with Kinki Sharyo International to repair the train cars. And Kilcoyne said that as the agency takes over, it will provide signage upgrades, signal upgrades, improved lighting at the stations and a new train car celebratthe U.S.

As for public safety, "we want to be good neighbors and work with local law enforcement," said NJ Transit Police Chief Christopher Trucillo."The local police departments are fantastic, and many times they are there before we get there" (in responding to an incident).

Trucillo added that many of the transients who ride the rails "are people who are homeless and have drug addiction and mental-health issues. We will work with social service agencies to help

from the presentations made at the meeting.

Reliability

- NJ Transit will take full control of the River LINE in Quarter 12026.
- On-time performance in 2025 increased slightly over
- · Delays and cancellations were 22% lower than in 2024.
- NJ Transit purchased and installed 17 new APUs to prevent trains from overheating in the summer.
- The agency performed an assessment of River LINE cars and overhauled two so far with new engines, seats, lighting, signs and more. Plans are to rebuild or replace the entire fleet in the next five to seven years
- \$19 million has been invested in infrastructure, new

signage, tracks, signals, parts, lighting and more.

Service/customer experi-

- NJ Transit completed three station revitalizations.
- It overhauled station audio announcements, installed new signage, maps and timetables.
- Plans are to return to a 15-minute schedule during peak times once equipment and service is fully stabilized

Pedestrian safety

- Two-hundred signs have been installed to prevent walking on tracks, as well as more visible and bilingual signage at road crossings.
- NJ Transit conducted safety programs at local schools and Public Blitz efforts in Burlington City, Trenton and Riv-

 It installed new fencing along tracks in Palmyra, Burlington City and Riverside

Public safety

- · NJ Transit has increased unformed patrols (5,240 direct patrols), plainclothes officers and fare enforcement (61,000 ticket inspections were performed and nearly 1,900 summonses were written).
- · The agency collaborated with local police departments, and its Transit Outreach directed homeless people and those with mental-health issues to its cooperating organi-

To watch the second River LINE public meeting, visit https://youtu.be/CuIVgYWuJaI





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Chanin Coyle loved Thanksgiving so much that she cooked two turkey dinners, one for her parents in Pennsylvania, and the other for family in New Jersey. The 54-year-old Camden County resident also put up multiple Christmas trees, with finishing touches that included twinkling lights and the sounds of a carriage ride. Chanin also helped decorate her parish for

Gregory Alvord might have played Santa, but he had a real fondness for Halloween. The 59-year-old Marlton resident walked through the school where he was a physical education teacher every October for his students and colleagues, then showed up again to play Santa. Perhaps that's because, as one online tribute noted, "he immediately lit up the room with his unique personality and his love for everyone."

Sources: Legacy.com, Bradley Funeral Home, Bordentown Home for Funerals, Mount Laurel Home for Funerals

The Good Life appears twice a month. To suggest someone who recently passed away for a tribute, email Christina Mitchell at cmitchell@donnelly.media. Please describe in a few words something about the person's life.



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Thursday: 10:15 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Saturday:** 7:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

Land Use Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., 20 W. Broad St.

MONDAY, DEC. 1

Borough Council meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., 20 W. Broad Street.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

The annual Tree Light Ceremo-

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ny will be held at 7 p.m. at the Band Shell. The event is rain or shine. Santa's Elves will make the call at 5:30 p.m. whether Santa will first tour the community on one of Palmyra's fire trucks. In event of rain, festivities will move to the Community Center.

BY FRIDAY, DEC. 5

The Palmyra Police Officers Association is hosting a Christmas Sharing Program. The goal every year is to assist families during the holidays. All forms must be submitted by Dec. 5. Donations can be dropped off at the Palmyra Police Department. For questions contact (856) 829-0198 or contact Officer Antony Perkins at aperkins@palmyrapd.org. Find the form the department's Facebook page.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

It has become a tradition for the Palmyra Fire department, along with the Palmyra Ladies Auxiliary and Palmyra CERT Team to lay wreaths for Wreaths Across America at the local Veterans Cemetery during their annual wreath-laying event. The ceremony will be held at noon at the Palmyra Fire Department, 115 W Broad

State Sen. Troy Singleton will partner with Wreaths Across America for his December "Serve with Senator Singleton" event. The monthly community service event will be

held on Saturday, December 13th from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Beverly National Cemetery, 916 Bridgeboro Road, Beverly, NJ 08010.

The senator and a group of volunteers will help Wreaths Across America lay wreaths. Anyone interested in volunteering can sign-up on the Senator's website: https://www.troysingleton. com/wreaths2025

RIVERFRONT SENIORS

Riverfront Seniors, formerly Palmyra Seniors, is a non-profit, non-partisan organization for persons 55 years or over who reside in Burlington County and surrounding areas. Members from area towns meet at the Palmyra Community Center each month September to June. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays. Doors open to the members at 9 a.m., the meeting starts at 10 a.m., and at 11 a.m., the program is presented. On first and third Fridays, members can enjoy Bingo, lunch and a movie at the community center. Anyone may attend one meeting free to meet everyone. For questions, contact President Barbara Nowicki (856) 829-5341.

PALMYRA WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

mittee meets four times a year and holds its annual Memorial Day observance. They also do cleanups at the memorial at least two times a year. If you

are interested please email palmyrawarmemorial@gmail.com.

SENIORS LUNCH

The monthly seniors lunch event is held every third Tuesday at the Christ Episcopal Church Parish House, 4th and Howard St., Riverton. All are invited for the free lunch and can bring a friend. A chair lift is available. If you need a ride or know someone who does call SEN HAN Transportation at (877) 603-5111 to register. For more information visit christriverton.org. The lunch is free of charge, but donations are welcome.

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The Palmyra War Memorial Com-

Food drive goes through Nov. 28

A food collection in Burlington County will continue through Friday, Nov. 28, despite the end of the federal government shutdown and the resumption of SNAP bene-

Local food banks have experienced record demand due to the shutdown, so local offices are collecting new, unexpired, shelf-stable pantry items to help replenish community pantries in the county. Suggested donations include canned chicken, tuna, fruits, veggies, soups, beans, pasta, rice, jar sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars and baby food.

Drop off donations are accepted at the offices of state Sen. Troy Singleton, 400 North Church St., suite 260 in

Moorestown; Assemblywoman Carol Murphy, 750 Centerton Road in Mount Laurel; Assemblyman Balvir Singh, 8008 Route 130 North, suite 450 in Delran; and Assemblywoman Andrea Katz at 100 High St., suite 101 in Mount Holly.

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