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Beginning on or about Aug. 15 the Asbury Park parking lot on Memorial Drive between Bangs and Springwood Avenues will be permanently closed in order to prepare for construction of the new Asbury Park Fire Department headquarters. Construction is anticipated to take approximately 16 to 18 months. The southbound New Jersey Transit train platform will remain open and accessible for use during this time.

The Ocean Grove Ladies' Auxiliary will hold the second of two annual Fish (or Chicken Fenders) and Chips Dinner featuring Thistle Catering and

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 Andrea Brachfeld (above) performs at a fundraiser to restore the Turf Club (right) in Asbury Park.



Music Plays Again At Asbury Park's Turf Club

By WILLIAM CLARK

The thunderstorms might have forced Andrea Brachfeld inside the Blackbird Community Commons in Asbury Park last week but being indoors didn't diminish the jazz flutist's appearance in support of Tuesdays at the Turf.

Since the end of June the weekly summer fundraiser and outreach of the Asbury Park African-American Music Project has brought multiple different musicians to the former Turf Club on Springwood Avenue.

The only thing that has dampened the spirits of the performers and attendees is the weather, which can be problematic since the Turf Club does not currently have a roof. But when the weather cooperates, it is filled with sup-

porters who bring folding chairs to enjoy a night of music.

"It's pretty magical in there for a number of reasons," said Jennifer Souder, a member of the organization's Board of Directors. "The sound is really good in there. Without fail the musicians can feel the magic."

The free performances, which have been relocated into Blackbird Community Commons several times due to inclement weather, bring out local and national luminaries of the scene.

Brachfeld, with accompanying musicians on bass, drums and keys, led two hours of music for attendees that was meant for the outdoors.

The songs she selected were "full of sand, full of beach, full of

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In Bradley Beach Chinatown-by-the-Sea Reunion Planned

By DENISE HERSCHEL

Beginning in the 1920s, families from New York's Chinatown came to vacation in Bradley Beach every summer. And whether it was to enjoy the small seaside town for only a few days or a few weeks, they usually stayed at Cliff Villa, owned by the Church of All Nations, a Methodist Settlement House in the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

The Villa, opened in 1922, was a large boarding house at 110 Cliff Ave. in the borough. As precursor of the Fresh Air Fund, the church sent different groups to stay there and was run by director Thelma Burdick and Joe Giglia who took care of each group, looking to escape the hot city and enjoy the beaches and boardwalk that Bradley Beach had to offer. Sadly, the much loved retreat burned down in 1965.



This photograph was taken in the 1940s in front of what is believed to be Cliff Villa in Bradley Beach. Photo courtesy of the Jack Chin family.

Many today are unaware of the ties that Bradley Beach had to the Chinese American community almost a century ago. As a way to celebrate what might have been a long forgotten experience, the

Bradley Beach Historical Society and Museum is hosting a multi-generational event of the Chinese American experience called Chinatown-by-the-Sea Reunion in Bradley Beach Sat., Aug. 26

from 1 to 7p.m. Most of the activities will take place at the Bradley Beach Fire Department's banquet hall, 815 Main St.

Jayne Mackta, one of the event's organizers, said that this event is a celebration of the long Chinese American experience in the borough which dates back to the 1920's.

"It is the first of what we expect will be a series celebrating various ethnic groups who have contributed to the rich diversity of the borough when people of every background are valued members of the community. We are having it at the firehouse because it is the largest facility in town with parking and a catered kitchen. The schedule allows plenty of time to tour Newark Avenue, walk on the boardwalk, take photos or trade stories," she said.

Sponsored by the historical

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Carole King, James Taylor Tribute Planned at Axelrod Performing Arts

Take a trip back to the '70s when Troubadours, a tribute to the music of James Taylor and Carole King, comes to the Axelrod Performing Arts Center in Ocean Township at 8 p.m. Thurs., Aug. 3.

Deb De Lucca and Sam Hyman provide an evening celebrating the music of these beloved performers.

The concert consists of two

bands joining together for Home Again - A Tribute to the Music of Carole King and Steamroller - The Music of James Taylor.

Home Again is comprised of professional musicians who have been working together for over 30 years, dedicated to preserving Carole King's legacy and starring Deb De Lucca on piano and lead vocals.

Hyman's shows have been

called "a masterful tribute to the music of James Taylor." His uncanny resemblance to the artist, combined with his capture of Taylor's vocal and guitar styles, leaves audiences feeling like they've just seen and heard the legend himself.

De Lucca, joined by her band of seasoned musicians, takes the audience on a journey through King's expansive repertoire. Her

performance is true celebration of Carole King's anthology and captures the "Beautiful" spirit of a unique time in music history.

"I am so happy to be paying a tribute to one of my first and most cherished musical memories, Carole King!" she said.

De Lucca said that while she was growing up, King's album "Tapestry" was a constant on the family's turntable.

"I have always gone back to Carole's repertoire over and over, year after year, as the songs never lose their impact, nor do they ever age!" she said.

Tickets are \$38-58. The Axelrod Performing Arts Center is located at 100 Grant Ave., Deal Park section of Ocean Township, with free parking.

For more information, call 732-531-9106, ext. 14.

Turf Club

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sun," she said before allowing her fingers to fly along the length of her flute.

It didn't matter that what sunlight did come it ended up shining in through the window, creating a natural spotlight as the band allowed each member their moment of jazz highlight, showcasing their skills.

"It's nice to have something consistent," Brachfeld said of her hope that the Turf Club will be resurrected one day.

The shell that remains of the Turf Club sits at the corner of Springwood and Atkins Avenues.

Souder said the organization eyed the purchase of the property from the former owner.

"We didn't have the money or a way to try to save it," she said.

But after "long conversations and luck and patience we were able to" purchase the property in January 2022.

Souder said the intention is to restore it to its former glory.

But big plans require big money. Souder said the organiza-

tion has a \$2.5 million dollar target. They have raised about half a million dollars, a sizable chunk of the needed money, but still well short.

"We still need some deep pockets or a deep pocket," Souder said.

But until the funds are raised, the music project will continue with its mission.

"Our guiding vision is first and foremost to celebrate musicians from Springwood Avenue," Souder said.

The final night of the 2023

schedule of Tuesdays at the Turf is Aug. 8. The scheduled performance is the Turf Club Jam where many musicians from the area will come together in the spirit of jazz and play together.

It's what Souder hopes will kick off the Turf Club when all the funds are raised, the roof is rebuilt and local musicians are ready to start the next generation of sounds along Springwood Avenue.

"A whole extravaganza of west side music," Souder said.

The music project will contin-

ue to apply for grants and seek donations in addition to honoring those that have graced the stages of Springwood Ave in the past.

The hope is that this gets finished soon so that some of the older performers can see the venue become whole again.

"We have lost several of those musicians that were such a part of it," Souder said.

If they aren't there when the new Turf Club hosts its first jam of the new chapter?

"We know that they'll be there in spirit," Souder said.

Chinatown

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society and museum the reunion is being organized by a volunteer leadership team comprised of Janette Lau, Robyn Flipse and Mackta. There has also been assistance from John Mok, whose grandmother was the first Chinese person to purchase a Bungalow on Newark Avenue in 1941 blazing the way for more

families to buy or rent in what was soon called Chinatown-by-the-Sea.

"The goal of the reunion is to begin collecting photographs, artifacts and oral histories of Chinese families who have summered and settled in Bradley Beach for generations. The program is to attract younger generations who may not be familiar with this history as well as the broader public," Mackta said.

According to Lau, "So many friends and neighbors in Bradley Beach have expressed surprise at the large numbers of Chinese Americans who have close ties to Bradley Beach."

Mackta said that the involvement of the Museum of Chinese in America located in New York's Chinatown will provide a context for guests who are not aware of the history and traditional culture that influenced Chinese families

over the years as they settled in the United States.

"The response to this program has been extraordinary. Ticket sales are booming. Families who summered in Bradley Beach are arriving to come back. We are limited by the capacity of our venue to 125 guests," Mackta said.

The adult ticket price is \$30 a person and includes a one year membership in the Historical

Society. Tickets for children under 16 are \$10. Refreshments will be served and there will be a book signing by author Ava Chin. Another guest will be actress Jodi Long who will share an excerpt from her play.

To purchase tickets or learn more go to bbhistory.org or email jaynemackta@gmail.com

Town Talk

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fresh cod fish. The event will be Wed Aug 9 from 4:30 to 7:15 p.m. An adult fish or chicken tenders plate is \$20, kids plate is \$12. Dine in and take out will be available. The event takes place in the Auditorium Pavilion, at Pilgrim and Ocean Pathway. All proceeds benefit Ladies' Auxiliary projects throughout Ocean Grove.

The Asbury Park Chamber of Commerce and the Greater

Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce are hosting a business card exchange Wed., Aug. 16 at Seahorse in the Grand Arcade in Convention Hall, Asbury Park from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be sunset happy hour specials and light fare. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for future members.

The Ocean Grove Ladies' Auxiliary will hold two events on Sat Aug 12. Art in the Park features fine collectible art, jewelry, and literature and is scheduled for noon to 9 p.m. The Ice Cream Social includes

several ice cream flavors and loads of toppings. The social runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$5. Both events take place in and around the Auditorium Pavilion, at Pilgrim and Ocean Pathway. All proceeds benefit Ladies' Auxiliary projects throughout Ocean Grove.

Stop by the New Jersey Blood Services Busmobile at the Italian American Festival Wednesday, Aug. 9 or Thursday Aug. 10 from 4 to 10 p.m. at Joe Palaua Park, Ocean. Appointments preferred but walk-ins welcome. Register at nybc.org or call 800-933-2566. Free zeppole for every donor!

the Asbury Park Wall Elks lodge will be stuffed shells with meatball and sausage, salad and dessert. Dinners are \$12 each and served from 5 to 7

p.m. at the lodge on West Bangs Avenue in Neptune.

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