February 2025 Newsletter



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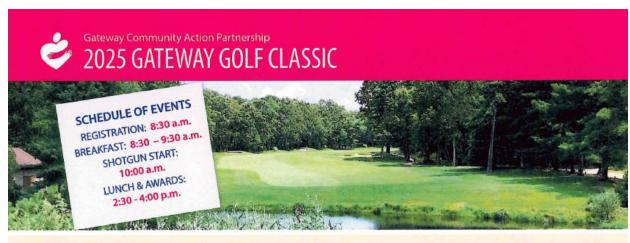
The name Gateway Community Action Partnership reflects our expanded coverage area, but more importantly, it signifies what we are all about. We are a gateway to success for individuals and families in our community and we achieve those results through actions done in partnership within that very community we serve. So please take a minute to read our newsletter and learn more about Gateway Community Action Partnership and our impact in our communities.

# **Agency Mission And CAP Promise**

The agency's mission is to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.

**CAP Promise:** Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

The 11th Annual Gateway Golf Classic Is June 16, 2025



#### PREMIER SPONSOR ... \$15,000

- · Breakfast, lunch and golfer gift.
- Banner prominently displayed.
- · Four hole signs.
- Package also includes (at a future date) round of golf for four and lunch at Little Mill Country Club, a private facility.

#### EAGLE SPONSOR ... \$7,500

- Two foursomes.
- · Breakfast, lunch and golfer gift.
- Two hole signs.
  Banner prominently displayed.

#### BREAKFAST SPONSOR ... \$5,000

- . Breakfast, lunch and golfer gift.
- Banner prominently displayed at breakfast.

#### LUNCH SPONSOR ... \$5,000

- · One foursome.
- Breakfast, lunch and golfer gift.
- · Banner prominently displayed at lunch.

#### **GOLF BALL SPONSOR ... \$5,000**

- Company logo with Gateway logo on golf ball.
- Each golfer will receive a sleeve of golf balls. Includes foursome with breakfast, lunch and
- golfer gift.

#### GOLF CART SPONSOR ... \$4,000 Company logo with Gateway logo displayed

- · Includes foursome with breakfast, lunch and
- One hole sign.

#### BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR ... \$4,000

- . Company logo with Gateway logo displayed
- on beverage cart.

  Includes foursome with breakfast, lunch and

#### BIRDIE SPONSOR ... \$3,500

- One foursome.
- · Breakfast, lunch and golfer gift.
- · One hole sign.

#### SNACK STAND SPONSOR ... \$2,500

. Company/Family name on signage at Snack Stand.

#### DRIVING RANGE /

#### PUTTING GREEN SPONSOR ... \$2,000

. Company/Family name on driving range or putting green.

#### MULLIGAN SPONSOR ... \$1,000

· Company/Family name on ticket to be redeemed for Mulligans.

#### HOLE SPONSOR ... \$500

. Company name on hole on course.

#### GATEWAY PARTNER ... \$250

· Recognition in event program.

GOLF ... \$300 per person Includes breakfast, lunch and golfer gift.

#### LUNCH ONLY ... \$100 per person

For more information, contact us: 856.497.6652 · ehilt@gatewaycap.org

Gateway Community Action Partnership Golf Classic Registration and sponsorships are now available - sign up Today! The 11th Annual Gateway Golf Classic is June 16, 2025, at Little Mill Country Club, Marlton, New Jersey 08053.

Visit: https://www.gatewaycap.org/golf

## **Head Start Visits to The Barn Studio**











# **Head Start Vineland 3 Center classroom 4**



**River's Edge Center classroom 10** 



# **River's Edge Center classroom 1**

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) is pleased to announce that we are once again the recipient of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission Block Grant for 2025. This grant supports our Head Start program's participation with The Barn Studio of Art, in Millville. The program instructor provides children with hands-on art experiences, introduces them to painting, conducts nature lessons, engages students in pre-ballet and classical music, and offers a basic introduction to pottery.

Funding has been made possible partly by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners through the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission. Pictured are our children from the Vineland 3 and River's Edge Campus participating in the 2024 program.

# **Partner Of The Month Spotlight**



Our Partner of the Month for February 2025 is Becker's School Supplies
We thank Becker's School Supplies for all its generous contributions to Gateway CAP.

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) expresses heartfelt gratitude to Becker's School Supplies for their generous support. Their commitment to corporate social responsibility is commendable and sets a strong example for other organizations. Philanthropic efforts like these are essential for improving society, and their support will significantly enhance our initiatives. We sincerely thank them for their exceptional assistance and extraordinary kindness.

# **Head Start Learning Centers**



Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) provides affordable childcare and pre-school facilities for children ages 0-5 years. You may qualify for services if you are working or attending school. Services may be free for income-eligible families. Our centers offer: Experienced teachers • Nutritious breakfast, lunch, and snacks daily • Age-appropriate instruction • Supervised playtime • Full-year program.

For more information, call 856-451-6330 (ext. 1910 or ext. 1912. for Cheryl Chadwick center) and (ext. 1713 or ext. 1716 for River's Edge campus) <u>OR</u>

Complete the application form on the <u>Gateway website</u>

# **Valentines At Ivy Square**





Eugenia Joynes, the Director of Emergency Assistance and Shelter Support at Gateway, and Ruby Chestnut, Family Partner Worker from the Greater Bridgeton Family Success Center organized festive activities and crafts for the resident children at Ivy Square Apartments in Bridgeton, one of Gateway's family apartment service areas.

The children decorated hearts for Valentine's Day, which Ruby provided. The children love Ms. Ruby and her crafts.

# Sencit Liberty, Atlantic City Naming That Tune

















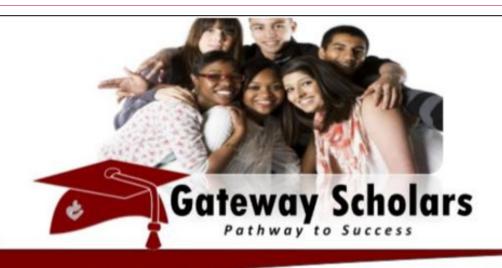
The residents at Sencit Liberty Apartments in Atlantic City, another one of Gateway's family apartment service areas played "Name That Tune" to win prizes, with Eugenia Joynes. They enjoyed snacks and received information about local social services. Everyone had such a good time it felt like they were getting a record contract.

# **Seniors Celebrate Valentine's Day**



Seniors at Landis Square Senior Apartments in Vineland decorated hearts for Valentine's Day with Eugenia Joynes, and played their favorite game, "BINGO," to win prizes. This seniors community is happy, funny, and loving.

# **Gateway Scholars Program**



#### YEAR-ROUND TRAINING

This program offers you year-round training for your future.

- · Paid self-development classes (up to 4 hours per week)
- · Six-Eight weeks of paid summer internship

#### Focus Areas

- Job Training
- · Career Development
- College Readiness Training
- Summer Employment & Other Employment Opportunities
- SAT/ACT Preparation, along with one Paid Test Fee
- · Paid College Tour
- · Life Skills
- Mentoring

#### Requirements:

- Must meet income guidelines
- Must be in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade during school year
- Parental Involvement Mandatory
- MUST COMPLETE SELF DEVELOPMENT CLASSES FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

For more information, please contact >>>

#### To be considered for our limited number of slots:

- Submit application and a 50 word essay about future plans after graduation, including community and school activities
- Letter of Recommendation from Guidance Counselor
- Participate in interview with parent(s) or guardian



#### Submit information to:

Gateway Community Action Partnership c/o Carole Green cgreen@gatewaycap.org 110 Cohansey Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302 856.451.6330

Parents, do you have a child who might be eligible for the Gateway Scholars Program? We at Gateway are dedicated to mentoring your child on the Pathway to Success. We provide year-round training and six to eight-week summer internships.

Please check the details in the brochure and give us a call at 856 451 6330





# **Taxpayers Have Many Options For Help**

Taxpayers can visit IRS.gov for quick answers to their tax questions. The Interactive Tax Assistant (ITA) on IRS.gov provides personalized answers to various tax law questions. It can help determine your filing status, whether you need to file a tax return, if someone can be claimed as a dependent, the taxability of certain income, eligibility for credits, and deductible expenses.

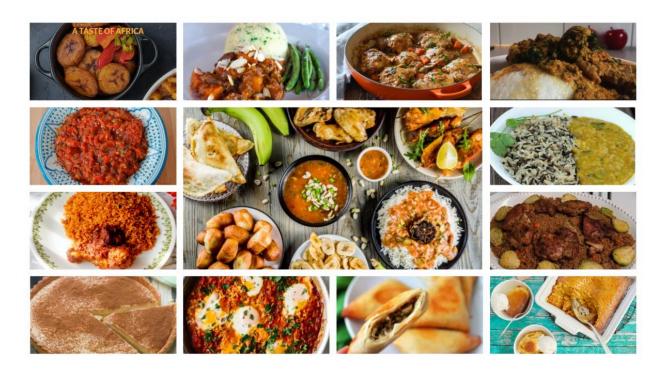
The IRS recommends filing tax returns <u>electronically</u> and opting for <u>direct deposit</u> to ensure faster and more secure refunds. According to the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service, paper refund checks are 16 times more likely to encounter issues such as being lost, misdirected, stolen, or uncashed. Electronic filing reduces errors since tax software performs calculations, flags common mistakes, and prompts for missing information.

### Free tax filing options

The IRS offers <u>free online</u> and in-person tax preparation options for eligible taxpayers through <u>IRS Free File</u>, <u>IRS Direct File</u>, and <u>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs.</u>

**Happy Filing!** 

# **A Taste Of Africa**



We have been celebrating Black History, and as we near the end of the month, let us look at <a href="mailto:some of the foods">some of the foods</a> that African foreparents introduced to America.

African cuisine is diverse, decadent, and delicious, made with spices and other condiments to create a culinary paradise. From North Africa to the West, head South, and then unto the plains of the East, every region serves a delicacy that exceeds expectations.

Click the highlighted links for recipes.

# **Jollof Rice - West Africa**



Jollof Rice is a one-pot rice dish popular in many West African countries. Demand Africa, an African online channel recognizes it as a dish that has spread to become the best-known African dish outside the continent. Jollof Rice can be served with fish, chicken, beef, pork, mutton, eggs, or turkey, and vegetables.

# Chicken Muamba - Angola, Southern Africa



<u>Muamba Chicken</u> is an Angolan Chicken Stew, flavored with garlic, onions, chili, paprika, and vegetables, cooked in palm oil, and thickened with okras. It is an extremely popular chicken stew in Central Africa.

# **African Lemon Ginger Pineapple Tea**



This traditional West African drink is a spicy, tangy, and sweet thirst-quencher that goes beyond the usual lemonade. It offers a perfect balance between refreshing and warming sensations. Its beautiful yellow color makes it even more appealing.

# **Egyptian Basbousa: A Sweet, Syrupy Delight**





The origins of Basbousa can be traced back to Egypt's rich history of trade and cultural exchange, which influenced the evolution of its cuisine. Egypt has a long-standing tradition of syrup-soaked desserts, with Basbousa being one of the most popular examples. The concept of adding syrup to pastries and pies has ancient roots, reflecting a cultural appreciation for sweet, fragrant treats that are both satisfying and filling. This syrup-soaked quality also ensures that Basbousa remains moist and flavourful even after a few days, making it a practical and beloved dessert in Egyptian households. Basbousa has become a favorite among international food lovers who appreciate its unique texture and syrupy sweetness.

To make this delightful dessert go to "The Cooking Foodie"

# Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Angelica Zuluaga - EHS Floating Teachers Assistant

**Austin Gray - Prevention Specialist** 

Babak Movaghar - General Dentist

Favour Izah - Sub Teacher Assistant

**Keshia Golding-Cooper - Domestic Violence Therapist** 

**Lisa Bogert - Sub Teacher Assistant** 

Maria Matos - WIC Clerk

Maria Ysabel Suarez De Melo - Sub Teacher Assistant

**Serenity Colon - Sub Teacher Assistant** 





Goodbye February

# Hello, MARGM

Bridgeton Semi-Annual Citywide Cleanup - March 22, 2025 Rain Date - March 29, 2025



#### ALL ARE INVITED!

\*KIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GUARDIAN

# **BRIDGETON'S**

# SEMI-ANNUAL CITYWIDE CLEANUP

MARCH 22, 2025 9:00AM-1:00PM

RAIN DATE: MARCH 29, 2025

GATEWAY CAP WARMING CENTER
7 WASHINGTON STREET
BRIDGETON NJ, 08302















#### HERE'S WHAT YOU DO:

 MEET AT THE GATEWAY WARMING CENTER FOR REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

#### PLEASE REMEMBER:

- WATER, T-SHIRTS, AND CLEANING SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR CLEANING
- COLLECT YOUR FREE GIVEAWAYS AT THE END OF THE EVENT



#### FOR MORE INFO:

- (856)497-6730
- . EEMARTIN@GATEWAYCAP.ORG

Limpieza Semianual de La Cuidad de Bridgeton 22 de Marzo de 2025

# Fecha de Lluvia - 29 de Marzo de 2025



# LIMPIEZA SEMIANUAL DE LO QUÉ HARÁS:

# LA CUIDAD DE **BRIDGETON**

22 DE MARZO DE 2025 9:00AM-1:00PM

FECHA DE LLUVIA: 29 DE MARZO DE 2025

> GATEWAY CAP CENTRO DE CALENTAMIENTO 7 WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGETON NJ, 08302

















## ¡TODOS ESTÁN **INVITADOS!**

\* LOS NIÑOS DEBEN ESTAR ACOMPAÑADAS POR SUS PADRES/GUARDIANES

 REUNIRSE EN EL GATEWAY CENTRO DE CALENTAMIENTO PARA REGISTRO Y DESAYUNO

#### ATENCIÓN:

- SE PROPORCIONARÁ AGUA, CAMISETAS Y EQUIPO DE LIMPIEZA.
- RECIBIRAS TU REGALO GRATIS AL FINAL **DEL EVENTO**



#### PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN:

- (856)497-6730
- EEMARTIN@GATEWAYCAP.ORG

# **Free Computer Classes At The Cumberland County Library**

# March 2025

Free Computer Classes
Available to County & Non county residents

800 E. Commerce Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302 (856) 453-2210 x26100

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
-	& Class hours are subj Registration required	d due to limited seatin	ng			1 Gmail Basics 10:00am-11:30am
	One-on-one Training Call to schedule an appointment	DOL Students Only 2:00pm-3:30pm	5  Excel 2019 Basics 1 6:00pm-7:30pm	6 Outreach	7	8
	Computer Basic Part 1 2:00pm—3:30pm	Computer Basic Part 2 2:00pm—3:30pm	12 Excel 2019 Basics II 6:00pm-7:30pm	13 Outreach	0ne-on-one Training Call to schedule an appointment	15
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	24 Word 2019 Basics 1 10:00am-11:30am	25 Word 2019 Basics II 10:00am-11:30am	26 One-on-one Training Call to schedule an ap- pointment	27 Outreach	28 Southwest Council Presents Medication Safety & Proper Disposal Initiative 10:00am	29
	Google Drive 10:00am-11:30am Learn to Type 2:00pm-3:30pm			40	-	

Date	Class	Description		
March 1, 2025 10:00am-11:30am G-mail Basics		Learn how to send, receive, attach documents, save to the cloud, delete items from cloud, spell check, add a signature, schedule a message, and format your email. Learn how to delete and block emails. Must have a Gmail account & password or call & make an appointment to create one before class.		
March 3, 2025	One-on-one Training	Call to schedule an appointment		
March 5, 2025 Microsoft Excel 2019 6:00pm-7:30pm Basics Part 1		Learn the basic features of excel, reviewing the main screen. How to enter data and create a simple spreadsheet, how to save a workbook, the different types of cursors and what each cursor does. Learn how to copy, cut & paste, insert a row/column. Hoe to delete a row/column, how to shift data when deleting cells, how to modify the column width & row height, how to rename a worksheet, how to insert a worksheet, how to move / copy a worksheet, color code worksheets and how to change global settings to open multiple sheets in a workbook.		
March 10, 2025 2:00pm-3:30pm Computer Basics Part 1		Learn basic features: hardware, software, mouse, keyboard, Windows 11 desktop, taskbar, start menu, how to sign on/off with user account, using search features, file explorer. How to open a file, folder, and programs. How to save your files and different ways to find them.		
March 11, 2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	Computer Basics Part 2	This is a continuation of Computer Basics Part 1		
March 12, 2025 6:00pm-7:30pm	Microsoft Excel Basics Part 2	Learn how to create a spreadsheet with basic formulas using, sum, average, min, max, how to use the flash fill, how to create a spreadsheet and pull data from your worksheet to a summary page.		
March 14, 2025	One-on-one Training	Call to schedule an appointment		
March 17, 2025 10:00am-11:30am	Learn to Type	Learn to type with our Mavis Beacon program or just improve your skills.		
March 19, 2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	Internet Basics	Learn basics of Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, how to use the main screen, learn the difference between the address bar and searching, how to change your home page, how to open and separate tabs, what are hyperlinks and how to navigate websites.		
March 22, 2025	One-on-one Training	Call to schedule an appointment		
March 24, 2025 10:00am-11:30am	Microsoft Word 2019 Basics Part 1	Learn basic features of the main screen, create and format documents, open, save, & delete documents, save files as 97-2003 versions or a PDF. Copy, cut, paste, learn different ways to select text, drag text, undo, redo, find and replace, change margins, and spell check.		
March 25, 2025 10:00am-11:30am	Microsoft Word 2019 Basics Part 2	We will modify a document to create a flyer that includes a table & photo. Learn to add watermarks, custom watermarks, page borders, print back- ground color and images. Insert page numbers, header and footers and create columns.		
March 26, 2025	One-on-one Training	Call to schedule an appointment		
March 28, 2025 10:00am	Southwest Council Presents	Medication Safety & Proper Disposal Initiative		
March 31, 2025 10:00am-11:30am	Google Drive	Learn easy ways to keep your Google Drive tidy and manage your storage effectively. Discover tips to organize your files and ensure you always find what you need without clutter		
March 31, 2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	Learn to Type	Learn to type with our Mavis Beacon program or just improve your skills.		

Looking to enhance your computer skills or pick up new ones? Cumberland County Library provides free computer classes every month.

These classes are available to residents of the county and non-residents alike.

#### OR

Email: www.cclnj.org

# **Upcoming Notable Dates In March**



Ash Wednesday - March 5

**International Women's Day - March 8** 

Daylight Saving Time 2025 - March 9

Ides of March - March 15

St. Patrick's Day - March 17

## **Gateway Community Action Partnership**

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