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Hello,

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 selfsufficiency.

**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.

#### Affordable Luxury Living For Families Groundbreaking Ceremony



Edward Bethea, CCAP, Executive Vice President & COO of Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP), led the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Phase II of the Phoenix Redevelopment Area project on Thursday, July 11, marking a significant step in affordable housing development, which would provide fifty-six three-bedroom units. Distinguished speakers at the event included Assemblyman Antwan L. McClellan, Deputy Minority Leader of New Jersey's 1st Legislative District; Kevin Gibala, SVP and Regional Vice President of TD Bank; Hans Lampart, Founder, President & CEO of Eastern Pacific Development and Brookfield Construction; Melanie Walter, Executive Director of the New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency; and Albert B. Kelly, Mayor of Bridgeton and President & CEO of Gateway CAP. Mr. Kelly fondly called the city "The Great City of Bridgeton" and described to attendees what a shotgun house is. Among the other notable attendees were J. Curtis Edwards, President and CEO of CompleteCare Health Network; Robin A. Walton, Vice President of Government and External Affairs at Inspira Health Network, and Chief Michael A. Gaimari Sr., Chief of Police for the Bridgeton Police Department.

Phase II is part of a four-phase development by Gateway Community Action Partnership and Eastern Pacific Development. Thanks to the New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA), financing and equity investment from TD Bank, and support from Enterprise Community Partners, this community project has come to fruition.
According to NJHMFA regulations, the project prioritizes social services, unit amenities, and community engagement, including community policing and state-of-the-art community space. The project will also meet all Energy Star Zero Energy Home standards.
Joseph P. Smith, Senior Staff Writer, is a Reporter for The Daily Journal, Courier-Post, and Burlington County Times (Gannett). Smith captured the event, which he published in the

Courier-Post on July 12, "Hello? I hear you have apartments to rent".

#### **Gateway Partner Of The Month Spotlight**



Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) is grateful for the generous donations from PNC Bank. The commitment of PNC Bank to corporate social responsibility is commendable and sets a fine example for other organizations. Such philanthropic efforts are vital for the betterment of society, and we believe their support will greatly enhance our initiatives. We offer our sincere gratitude for their exceptional support and extraordinary kindness.

## **Gateway's Youth Orientation Day**



Carole Green, Director of Family and Youth Programs at Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP), who oversees Gateway's youth programs, hosted a Youth Orientation Day for young people in the South Jersey Tri-county Area, on July 3. The orientation prepared students for the Cumberland County Summer Youth Employment Program (ages 16-23 and includes two college students); the Wellness Center Internship Program for 11th-12th graders (led by Ashlee Todd, the Gateway Wellness Center's Mental Health Director); and The Gateway Scholars Vocation Trades Program coordinated by Joann Walters,

#### Gateway's Career Readiness Coordinator.

Albert B. Kelly, President & CEO of Gateway, spoke to the youth, shedding light on the agency's advancements. Ed Bethea, the Executive Vice President & COO of Gateway CAP, was in attendance, offering encouragement for their efforts. Additionally, representatives from various Gateway departments and programs were on hand to explain the functions of Gateway in their specific sectors.

Pictured from left to right: Row 1- Albert B. Kelly; Ed Bethea Row 2 - Marcus Weaver, Director of Agriculture & Food Initiatives; Ed Hilt, Grants Manager, Planning Department Row 3 - Steve Quinn, Payroll/Staff Accountant, Finance Department; Joann Walters

#### **Gateway Participates In Norcross Constituent Services Fair**



 Employees of Gateway Community Action Partnership took part in the Norcross Constituent Services Fair on Monday, July 22. They were well-prepared with giveaways, informative brochures, and booklets for the participants.
Pictured from left to right in the group photo are Lucila Barrios, Director of Program Services for Head Start; Jimesha Telfair, Community Liaison for the Wellness Center covering Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties; Celina Frank, Domestic Violence Mental Health Advocate at the Wellness Center's Salem County Office; and Carolyn Robinson, Community Services Manager/Supervisor for the County Council For Young Children (CCYC) across Gloucester, Mercer, and Salem Counties.

**Paulsboro Celebrates Juneteenth** 



On June 22, 2024, Paulsboro hosted its 4th Annual Juneteenth Celebration. The event featured performers, live music, food, games, vendors, and fireworks. The Paulsboro Pride Neighborhood Plan team participated in the event with a photo booth where residents could showcase their "Paulsboro Pride." Additionally, fun activities were provided for residents to contribute ideas to the community of Paulsboro.

The event had a great turnout with a wonderful mix of attendees! Gateway's Edward Bethea, Executive VP/COO; Kyana Evans, Program Operations Manager; Corretta Stringfield, Housing Program Case Manager; Rowan University Summer Interns Jude Vernamonti and Cara Piergiovanni; Council President and Gateway Board member Jennifer Turner; Councilwoman Karen Armstead; and Councilman Theodore Holloway, who chaired the Juneteenth Event Committee. It's fantastic to see such community involvement and support. A big thank you to all the Paulsboro residents who visited the booth!

#### **Gateway Coaching Boys Into Men**



The young athletes and coaches from the Paulsboro Midget Football Organization marked the completion of their involvement in the Gateway Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) program. CBIM, an evidence-based initiative, focuses on engaging young men in fostering healthy relationships, providing effective strategies and interactive scenarios for character development, and promoting community respect and leadership to prevent youth violence. The celebration included the presentation of certificates and a barbecue event, where participants enjoyed a kickball game with their coaches, as well as flag football, cornhole, music, and water ice.

# Distribution Day At Gateway's Emergency Assistance Food Pantry In Bridgeton



Gateway staff (wearing their red 60th anniversary National Community Action tee shirts) and volunteers gathered at the Emergency Assistance Food Pantry in Bridgeton to pack and distribute food to residents.

Summer Program Day Trips - There Is Still Time To Register!



# TO QUALIFY:

- Child must live in household of a primary caregiver (grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other family members) over the age of 55.
  - · Primary residency of child and caregiver must be Cumberland County.
  - Child must be between the ages of 7-18 years old and must be in school.

If you meet the criteria listed above please reach out to your Family Success Center below.

# Cumberland County Residents Call: 856-765-0205 or 856-451-1133

Are you a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or another family member or caregiver, 55 years or older living in Cumberland County, and raising a school-aged child or children between 7 and 18? Then your child or children may be eligible for the Summer Program Day Trips. Contact the Family Success Center at 856 765 0205 OR 856 451 1133.

## Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

**Autumn Brown - Sub Teacher Assistant** 

**Brittany Mangual - WIC Clerk** 

Celina Frank - Domestic Violence Mental Health Advocate

Delia Sweazie - Career Readiness Coordinator

**Destiny Brown - Summer Camp Mentor** 

Haziah Walker - Summer Camp Mentor

Jasmine Ross - EHS Lead Teacher

Jennifer Waldemar - Summer Camp Mentor

Luz Navas - Sub Teacher Assistant

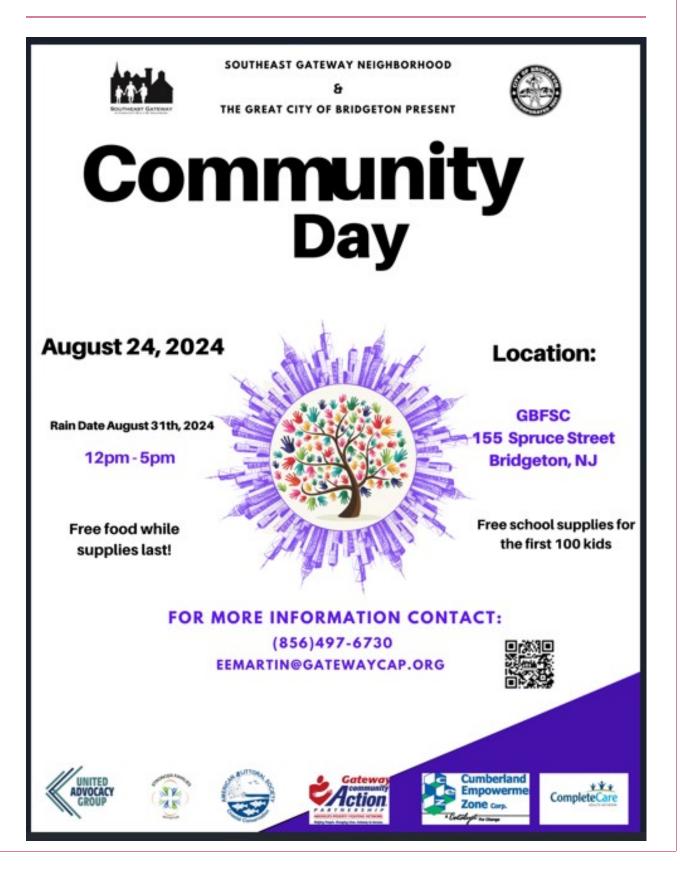
Melanie Scull - Administrative Assistant to Corporate General Counsel

Yahaira Morales Perez - Family Partner Worker

Zafirah Duncan - Center Aide

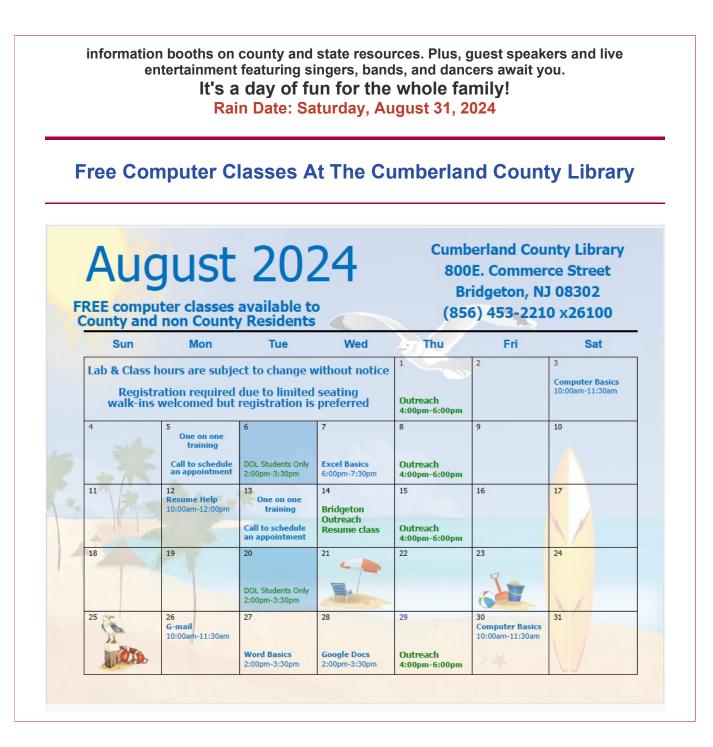


## Join Gateway Community Action Partnership On COMMUNITY DAY!





Join us for Community Day at The Greater Bridgeton Family Success Center, located at 155 Spruce Street in Bridgeton, on Saturday, August 24, 2024. Enjoy a variety of ethnic cuisines from food trucks, inflatable bouncy houses for children, teen-centric attractions, stalls with keepsakes and assorted merchandise, <u>free school supplies for the first 100 kids</u>, and



Date	Class	Description
August 3, 2024 10:00am-11:30am	Computer Basics	Learn basic features: hardware, software, mouse, keyboard, Windows 10 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
August 5, 2024	One-on-one Training	Call to schedule an appointment
August 7, 2024 6:00pm-7:30pm	Excel 2019 Basics	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.
August 8, 2024 10:00am-12:00pm	Resume Help	Need help updating your resume, bring your detailed work history and learn how to create and update your resume and do spell check.
August 13, 2024	One-on-one Training	Call to schedule an appointment
August 26, 2024 10:00am-11:30am	G-mail	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 de- lete and block emails. Must have a G-mail account & password or call & make an appoint- ment to create one before class
August 27, 2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Word 2019 Basics	Learn basic features of Word: ribbon, backstage view, typing and saving a document to your computer, copy cut, paste and more.
August 28, 2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Google Docs	Learn how to use google docs, to create, save and share documents using a blank docu- ment or template.
August 30, 2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Windows 11	Learn basic features of Windows 11 and some tips and tricks

Do you want to sharpen up your computer skills or learn something new? The Cumberland County Library offers free monthly computer classes, here is the August schedule. Classes are open to both county and non-county residents. To register, please call (856) 453-2210 extension 26100.

## Interested In The Summer Olympics?



2024 Summer Olympics / Start date

Jul 26, 2024

Until Aug 11, 2024

Here is How to Watch the 2024 Summer Olympics: Dates, Schedule, Athletes and Live Stream

## Is There Time For Planting And Growing New Things This Summer



Absolutely! Mid-summer is a great time to plant a variety of flowers and vegetables that can thrive and provide beauty and bounty into the fall. By choosing the right plants, you can enjoy a beautiful and productive garden, even in the heat of summer! Click on this link for ideas: <u>26 Plants You Can Still Sow and Grow in July</u>

#### **Gateway Community Action Partnership**

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