The Union County Board of County Commissioners Presents

# Four Centuries in a Weekend









Tour the Historic Sites of Union County

Saturday, Oct. 18 & Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025 12-5 pm • free admission



For late-breaking event information or website links, visit www.ucnj.org/4c

ucnj.org









# Tours, Exhibits & Special Events

Unless noted otherwise, sites are open Saturday, Oct. 18 and Sunday. Oct. 19 • 12 noon to 5 pm

Most sites offer collectible Union County history trading cards. All sites offer the **Union County Passport** — pick one up to have stamped at each site you visit.



This symbol designates a site within the National Park Service's Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, offering a unique stamp for the Passport to Your National Parks book.

# Berkeley Heights

#### Deserted Village of Feltville / Glenside Park 🗘

1 Cataract Hollow Rd. | 908-527-4900 | ucnj.org/dv

- Guided tours of the Village (or self-guided)
- · Visit the general store and museum
- 2 pm, both days: Presentation in Masker's Barn about the artwork of Roberto de la Selva, with a display about his murals and a wood carving.
- Hayrides
- · Apple cider-pressing
- · For children: archaeology activity and old-fashioned games
- Quill pen writing
- Roast marshmallows on a campfire at the circa-1882 carriage house
- Meet characters from the Village's past, including founder David Felt, Revolutionary War soldier John Willcocks and others — plus the research team of historians and archaeologists

Most buildings and activities in the Village are wheelchairaccessible, but spread out over a large, hilly area. From the main parking lot, a hay wagon (accessible for wheelchairs and strollers) will transport visitors around the site, stopping at major points. A golf cart will be available to transport visitors needing assistance with mobility. Wheelchair-accessible parking available near the Church/Store.

Attendants at the entrance on Cataract Hollow Road will direct visitors to parking; please inform attendant of accommodations needed for people with disabilities.



#### Littell-Lord Farmstead

31 Horseshoe Rd.

#### **Open Saturday only (outdoors) Closed Sunday**

 Exterior tours of this circa-1760 farmstead; interior is closed for renovations.



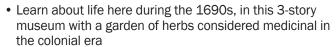
- Festival includes local artists, artisans and crafters, games, pumpkin painting, raffles, a beer and wine garden, food truck, and hot dog stand.
- Display of woodworking and artwork by local students Grounds are wheelchair-accessible.

Limited parking on grounds. Ample parking on Horseshoe Rd. and Mountain Ave. shoulders.

### Clark

#### **Dr. William Robinson** Plantation Museum 🗘

593 Madison Hill Rd. 732-340-1571 | drrobinsonmuseum.org



First floor of building is wheelchair-accessible. Second floor and basement are visible via a video tour shown on the first floor. Street parking available.



#### **Crane-Phillips House** Museum

124 North Union Ave. 908-276-0082 cranfordhistoricalsociety.org



- Displays related to the American Revolution
- Guided tours of this circa-1843 cottage, and its surrounding gardens and outbuildings — showcasing what life was like for a modest family during the Victorian era

Building and bathroom are wheelchair-accessible, except the second floor, which can be seen on a video shown on the first floor. Park in the nearby municipal lot, or in the Police Dept. lot behind the museum.



### Cranford

#### William Miller Sperry Observatory

Union College, 1033 Springfield Ave. | 908-709-7000 asterism.org

- Tours of the observatory by members of Amateur Astronomers Inc. include both large telescopes (among the largest in the eastern United States) knowledgeable members will answer astronomy-related questions
- Safe solar-viewing through a telescope, weather permitting
- Free gently-used astronomy and science-related books and magazines available for visitors to take home

Outdoor solar-observing and the Observatory classroom are wheelchair-accessible; the domes and indoor telescopes are accessed by stairs.

Ample parking near the Observatory and in adjacent college campus lots. Observatory is near the back of Union College campus, between Springfield Ave. and Gallows Hill Rd.

### Elizabeth

# Belcher-Ogden Mansion & Bonnell Homestead •

#### Open 12-4 pm both days

1046 East Jersey St. 908-581-7555 | visithistoricalelizabethnj.org @HistoricalElizabethNJ

- Tours of Belcher-Ogden house provided by the Historical Society of Elizabeth, in English and Spanish
- Picnic tables in Belcher-Ogden back yard available for carry-in litter-free lunch

Belcher-Ogden first floor is wheelchair-accessible from back. Free parking on site at Bonnell House, 1045 East Jersey St.

#### **Boxwood Hall State Historic Site ②**

1073 E. Jersey St. | 908-282-7617

 Guided tours describe the events and people connected with this residence — including Hamilton and Lafayette —

plus George Washington, who dined here on the day he was inaugurated as our first President

New ramp for wheelchair access is under construction; call 908-282-7617 to hear current ADA-accessibility information.

If parking lot behind building is not available due to construction, use street parking.

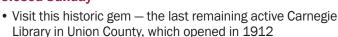


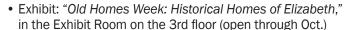


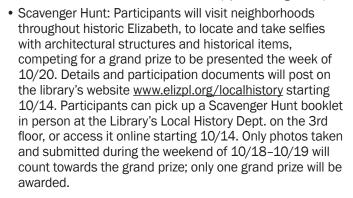
#### **Elizabeth Public Library**

11 S. Broad St. | 908-354-6060 elizpl.org | FB: elizabethlibrary

# Open Saturday only Closed Sunday







Library building and parking lot are fully ADA-compliant.

Free and secure parking available on site, with accessible spaces. Additional visitor parking at Bollwage Garage on Caldwell Place.

# Siloam-Hope First Presbyterian Church & Snyder Academy ♥

42 Broad St. | 908-353-2131

- Explore the historic cemetery, with gravesites spanning four centuries
- Visit the Old First Museum at Snyder Academy, for Revolutionary War artifacts and presentations about the history of this site, where Alexander Hamil

history of this site, where Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr were students

- · Music and family activities
- Presentations about the "313+ Ancestors Speak" project
- **Saturday:** Experience live Revolutionary War reenactments by the 3rd New Jersey Regiment.

Site is wheelchair-accessible via ramp entrance into the church, elevator at Snyder Academy on Caldwell Ave. side, and walking path through the cemetery.

Parking available at the Bollwage Parking Garage at 37 Caldwell Place (across from Snyder Academy), in Parking Lot #6 (1167 Dickinson St.), and on local streets.





### Fanwood

#### **Fanwood Train Station Museum**

230 North Ave. | 908-322-8236

#### Open 12-4 pm both days

- Features local history, focused on rail service over the years
- Exhibit of political campaign buttons and other campaign memorabilia from over the decades, relevant with this year's election for NJ governor.

Building is wheelchair-accessible.

Ample parking available at the Train Station.

### Hillside

# Woodruff House, Eaton Store Museum ♥ & Phil Rizzuto All Sports Exhibit

111 Conant St. | 908-353-8828 hillsidehistoricalsociety.org

- Tours of Woodruff House (dating to 1735) and the Eaton Store, which dates to 1900
- Barn houses the Rizzuto All Sports Exhibit of memorabilia from local baseball legend Phil Rizzuto
- See the new Colonial Garden and vintage Model T Ford on display
- Pick up a brochure with map to take a self-guided tour of historic Evergreen Cemetery, located nearby (listed below)

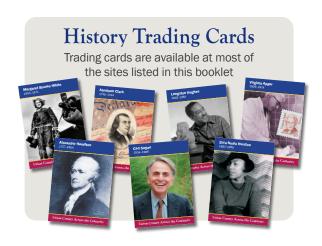
Grounds, barn and Rizzuto exhibit are wheelchair-accessible; house and store are not wheelchair-accessible.

Street parking available.

#### **Evergreen Cemetery**

1137 North Broad St.

 Request booklet at Woodruff House (above) for a self-guided tour of this historic cemetery and its elaborate monuments



### Kenilworth

#### **Oswald J. Nitschke House**

49 South 21 St. | 908-276-9090

- Guided tours in English and Spanish of this circa-1880 authentically furnished home and its teaching garden of heirloom flowers, vegetables and herbs
- Interactive history program portrays the everyday life of an immigrant family in a developing suburb during the late 1800s/early 1900s
- Exhibits: "Generations of Hope" portrays the hopes and challenges facing newcomers to New Orange/ Kenilworth in the late 1800s and beyond; "Through the Eyes of a Child" explores life as a child in the late 1800s/early 1900s



- · Multicultural garden-to-table program
- Tribute to Kenilworth's first acting postmaster, John Hiller Jr.
   Hiller. He and his wife, among the earliest settlers of New
   Orange/Kenilworth, owned and operated a general store
   that housed the local post office. Artifacts from the store/
   post office are on display.
- Preview Kenilworth's plans for celebrating the 250th of the American Revolution in 2026
- · International music performed live on open front porch
- · Light refreshments

Grounds and building are wheelchair-accessible; elevator on site. Free parking in front of building, on the street and in municipal lot across the street.

### Mountainside

# Deacon Andrew Hetfield House ♀

Constitution Plaza, Watchung Ave. (off Birch Hill Rd.) 908-233-3135 | mountainsidehistory.org



- · Ongoing tours of this circa-1760 house all weekend
- Miniature diorama shows the Revolutionary War Battle
  of the Short Hills, fought nearby in 1777. John Sileo, of
  Tri-State Historical Education Simulations, provides lively
  discussion about this battle, augmented by the diorama,
  with hundreds of hand-painted soldiers.
- Stop next door at the restored circa-1818 Levi Cory House Village Shop, open for visits and shopping

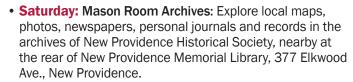
Entry to house is via a 2-step porch. Parking lot on site.

### New Providence

#### Salt Box Museum 🗘

1350 Springfield Ave. | 908-665-1034 newprovidencehistorical.com

- Tours of this mid-1800s farmhouse, displaying fascinating
- · Archival tools displayed outside include an ice plow and a handcrank wringer
- New display about early 1900s baseball league in New Providence



• Saturday: Guided Tours of Churchyard Graves departing 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm from New Providence Presbyterian Church (across from Salt Box), 1307 Springfield Ave. Tour includes graves of local founding families and Revolutionary War soldiers. To register and receive confirmation, email NPcemeterytours@gmail.com with name, preferred time and number of people.

Meet 10 min. before departure time, on sidewalk by church lot.

Library building is wheelchair-accessible; Salt Box Museum is not. Park on the street for Salt Box Museum; in the church lot for the cemetery tour; or in the Library Lot for the Mason Room.

# Plainfield

#### **Drake House Museum**

602 West Front St. | 908-755-5831 drakehouseplainfieldnj.org

- Tours of this 1746 house, where George Washington consulted with his officers during the Revolutionary War
- · Craft activity for children: color a wooden figure commemorating our nation's 250th
- · Children will receive a bag of take-home activities, while supplies last



Grounds and 1st floor are wheelchair-accessible.

To park on site, enter at traffic light. An accessible parking space is available. Or, park on local side-streets.



### **Plainfield**

#### duCret Center of Art

1030 Central Ave. 908-757-7171 | ducretarts.org



· Exhibit of the Ted Davis Art Collection

The Strong residence is not wheelchair-accessible. Parking lot on site has ample parking.

#### **Plainfield Friends (Quaker) Meeting House**

225 Watchung Ave. | clerk@plainfieldquakers.org FB: RahwayAndPlainfieldQuakerMeeting

#### **Open Saturday only Closed Sunday**

· Visit Plainfield's oldest house of worship, in continuous use since 1788. with hand-hewn beams and benches fashioned by some of Plainfield's earliest families - the congregation of this traditional meeting house dates back to 1686



Wheelchair-accessible building, with an accessible parking space. Parking lot on site; or park on local streets.

# Rahway

#### **African-American History & Heritage Learning Center**

261 Central Ave. | 732-382-0541 FB: African American History and Heritage Learning Center

#### **Open Saturday only Closed Sunday**

- · Guided tours of this site, where an 1800s one-room schoolhouse for "colored children" once stood
- · Presentation about the historical significance of the site
- Display about notable contributions made by African American figures

Entrance at back is wheelchair-accessible (one low step). Street parking in front.



## Rahway

#### Merchants & Drovers Tavern Museum 🗘

1632 St. George Ave. (corner of Westfield Ave.) 732-381-0441 | merchantsanddrovers.org

- Tour this restored building, which served as a tavern and hotel from the 1790s to the 1920s, then a stagecoach stop in the early 1800s, and a Girl Scout headquarters in the mid-1900s — docents on hand will answer questions
- · Permanent exhibit on second floor
- Saturday: Cider-pressing in the kitchen
- Sunday: Traditional colonial cooking demonstrated outdoors, with samples available to taste!

First floor is wheelchair-accessible, including restroom. Upper floors, including permanent exhibit, require climbing stairs. Call in advance to 732-381-0441 for a virtual tour of upper floors (video shown on first floor).

Parking available in lot behind the museum and on local streets.

#### **Union County Performing Arts Center**

1601 Irving St. | 732-499-8226 | ucpac.org

# Open Saturday only Closed Sunday

 Behind-the-scenes tours of this 1928 Vaudeville-era theatre include its rare Wurlizter explore this architectural gem and discover what it takes to present live stage performances today



Irving St. entrance is wheelchair-accessible. Accessible parking spaces behind the building, with ramp to enter building.

Free parking available in spacious parking lot nearby at Hamilton Theatre, 276 Hamilton St., Rahway.

### Roselle

#### Abraham Clark House 🗘

101 W. 9th Ave. | 732-221-7211

- Exhibits and artifacts about the history of Roselle and the life of Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. This house is a replica of Abraham Clark's original home, and is the headquarters of the NJ Society of
- Display of items from the Revolutionary War period, the Civil War and World War I
- From the 3rd NJ Infantry Regiment, the "Jersey Greys," a soldier in Revolutionary-era uniform will be on site

Building interior is not wheelchair-accessible. Ample street parking available.

the Sons of the American Revolution.



### Scotch Plains

#### Frazee House 🗘

1451 Raritan Rd. | frazeehouse.org

- Tour this 1700s farmstead and learn the significance of this site on the Battle of the Short Hills Historic Trail
- Photos document the construction here
- · Games and activities for children
- Displays about the Washington-Rouchambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail and the Battle of the Short Hills Revolutionary Trail
- Community garden and bake sale with fall specialities

Restroom cottage with ADA-compliant ramp, pending completion.

Ample parking available on site.

#### Osborn Cannonball House Museum 🗘

**1840 Front St.** | 908-757-1885 (weekends) historicalsocietyspfnj.org

- Costumed docents will give tours of this circa-1750 home of the Osborn family, showcasing the family's history and their role in the Revolutionary War
- Exhibit: "NJ Passengers Aboard the RMS Titanic" includes replicas of actual items used aboard the ship and Titanic-era Edwardian garments from the museum's antique clothing collection, representing the three classes aboard the Titanic
- Craft activity for children and an early Halloween treat!

Building interior is not wheelchair-accessible.

Parking available behind the Municipal Building (around the corner) or on local streets.

#### **Shady Rest Country Club**

820 Jerusalem Rd. | 908-397-3552 preserveshadyrest.org

- Ongoing tours, video clips and films about this site the first black-owned country club in the United States, which hosted performances by musical luminaries, including Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald
- Visit the Shippen Museum
- Live jazz music from 1 to 4 pm, both days
- Mini-golf plus a putting contest with prizes, both days
- Saturday at 12 noon: unveiling of new sign designating this site as part of the New Jersey Black Heritage Trail

Building is wheelchair-accessible, including restroom. Ample parking on site, including accessible spaces.





# Springfield

#### Cannon Ball House 🗘

126 Morris Ave. | 973-912-4464 SpringfieldNJHistory@gmail.org FB: Springfield N.J. Historical Society

- Guided tours of this Colonial home, featuring highlights about its residents and tenants, dating back to 1761
- Learn about the Battle of Springfield booklets and souvenirs about the battle are for sale
- Saturday: Re-enactors from the 3rd New Jersey Regiment

Building is not wheelchair-accessible by ramp, however entrance at rear is just one step up. On Saturday, some reenactors will be outside to engage with anyone unable to access the interior of building. Printed brochure available on request.



Limited parking on site.

### Summit

#### Carter House 🗘

90 Butler Parkway | 908-277-1747 summithistoricalsociety.org

- Tour this circa-1741 cottage with its original Dutch door displays include antique furniture, dishes and more
- Summit Historical Society displays artifacts related to the Revolutionary War era, including a diorama showing how the area looked when Washington marched his troops through the region; and a model of Beacon No. 10, which

stood in Summit ready to be lit if needed, to warn soldiers in Morristown if the British advanced from the east. Learn about bread ovens constructed in town to fool the enemy.



 Shop offers handmade items and gifts with local themes

 The May Room houses the official archives for the City of Summit, including photos, postcards, family histories, scrapbooks, obituaries, house history files, maps, city directories, and Summit High School yearbooks

Ramp at the back of the house provides barrier-free access to the May research room, exhibit room and Colonial kitchen. There is one step to access the restroom and the rest of the house. Garage is wheelchair-accessible.

Ample free parking on the street, or park in the gravel lot on site.

### Summit

#### **Reeves-Reed Arboretum**

165 Hobart Ave. | 908-273-8787 reeves-reedarboretum.org

# Open Saturday only, 10 am-4 pm Closed Sunday

- Visit the public garden, education resource center, and living history museum, with 13.5 acres of pastoral lawns and trails on this historic estate (one area of grounds is closed for construction)
- Guided Horticulture & History Tour at 10:30 am or 1:30 pm (meet in front of the Wisner House).
- Grab a Map & Guide at the Visitors Center for a self-guided walk through the grounds, trails and gardens
- History exhibit displays artifacts and photographs of the Reeves. Reed, and Wisner families
- Art exhibit in Wisner House: Nature's Tapestry a collection of improvisational quilts by Carolyn McKibbin
- See Beacon Signal Fire #10, a replica of the original Revolutionary War beacon

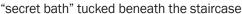
Wheelchair-accessible paths are indicated on signage and on the Map & Guide available at Visitors Center. Buildings are wheelchair-accessible; signal tower and History Walk are not.

Limited parking on site due to construction. Parking is available across the street on the opposite side of Hobart Ave. Observe parking regulations.

#### **Twin Maples**

214 Springfield Ave. twinmaplessummit.org

 Tour this 1908 Colonial Revival estate home, with a facade resembling the White House, a lavish entry hall, ballroom, and a



Interior of building is not wheelchair-accessible. Parking lot on site.

#### **Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church**

138-142 Broad St.

 Tour the church and grounds, and learn about the work of Rev. Dr. Florence Spearing Randolph, the pastor here for 20 years, who advocated for justice, equality, women's suffrage and civil rights



Building is wheelchair-accessible. Chairlift is available.

Parking lot at rear of church. Street parking also available.



### Union

#### Caldwell Parsonage 🗘

909 Caldwell Ave, | 908-687-7977 | unionnjhistory.com

- Debut of "Hannah Caldwell," depicted on the Union County seal, portrayed by Kelly Higgins
- Exhibit about World War II commemorates the 80th anniversary of the end of the war
- · Marbles and other Colonial games
- Make your own lemonade and your own butter
- · Craft a wampum necklace
- "Be Betsy Ross" design your own flag
- Saturday: Meridoc Burkhardt portrays Rev. James Caldwell, narrating this site's history and its place in the American Revolution
- Saturday, 1–4 pm: Acoustic rock/blues duo "Frank and Don" play patriotic tunes and their original "Ballad of Hannah Caldwell"
- Sunday: See how 18th-century tools were used: try wooddrawing using a draw knife and an awl in the Tool Museum.

Building is wheelchair-accessible.

Parking available on street or in the municipal lot, one block away.

#### Connecticut Farms Church 🗘

888 Stuyvesant Ave. | 908-688-3164 | ctfarms.org

- Tours of this church and its grounds: Hear about the Revolutionary War battle that took place right in front of this church; visit the cemetery, with graves of soldiers who fought for American independence, as well as graves of Hessian and British soldiers
- Ring the 600-pound church bell!
- Craft and bake sale with a dessert cafe (proceeds assist families with a child battling cancer)

Limited wheelchair accessibility. Wheelchair entry is via the cemetery, however stairs are required to reach next level inside.

Park in lot at back of the church, off of W. Chestnut St.

#### **Donald M. Payne Vauxhall Meeting Center**

333 Russell St. (Vauxhall) | 908-688-2797 vhs1860@yahoo.com

#### Open Sunday only | Closed Saturday

 Displays and information about the history of the Vauxhall section of Union, presented by Vauxhall Historical Society

Building is wheelchair-accessible and fully ADA-compliant. Meeting Center has its own parking lot.

### Union

#### **Liberty Hall Museum**

1003 Morris Ave. | 908-527-0400 | libertyhall.kean.edu

- Tour the original 14 rooms of Liberty Hall, a Revolutionary-era home built by William Livingston, New Jersey's first elected governor. Tour includes the exhibit "Silver Jubilee: 25 Years of Liberty Hall."
- Gardens highlight historical horticulture, including some of New Jersev's oldest trees
- · Gift shop in the Blue House

Exhibit space is wheelchair-accessible, but main house is not.

Ample parking in the gravel lot on site.



### Westfield

#### **Burial Grounds at Presbyterian Church**

137 Mountain Ave. (across from 140 Mountain Ave.)

#### Saturday 10 am-dusk | Sunday 12 noon-5 pm

 Guided tours about the history of this cemetery (graves date to 1737), with capsule biographies of people buried here

Use either of two gates into the burial grounds. The gate farther from East Broad St. is wheelchair-accessible from the sidewalk. Undulating terrain of grounds may be difficult for wheelchair users. On request, tour will be given with views seen from the sidewalk.

Parking available in church parking lot across the street from the Burial Grounds, adjacent to 140 Mountain Ave.

#### Miller-Cory House Museum 🗘

614 Mountain Ave. | 908-232-1776 millercoryhouse.com

- Docent-led tours of this circa-1740 farmhouse
- Saturday: Visit with "George Washington"
- In the kitchen: authentic 1700s colonial cooking, using period recipes and techniques
- Intermittent demonstrations of fiber crafts

Street parking only.



#### Reeve History & Cultural Resource Center

314 Mountain Ave. | 908-654-1794 westfieldhistoricalsociety.org

· Docent-led tours of this Italianate Victorian-era home

Website offers a virtual tour of the interior. Building interior is not wheelchair-accessible.

Limited parking in lot on site; street parking recommended.

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