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In the Community

JOIN TEAMPAR'S 18TH ANNUAL TOY DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN OF JBWS!



The Holidays Are Coming!

Join **TeamPAR's 18th Annual Toy Drive** to Benefit the Children of JBWS!

We are looking for **Selfless Corporate Elves!!**

You can set up a toy drive in your office, school, professional organization, store, church or Boy or Girl Scout Pack!

- TeamPAR will personally collect your contributions between December 3-10, 2018.
- Take a picture of your "elves" and collections and become part of **TeamPAR's December Acts of Kindness** posts on LinkedIn where we will tag your business.

Check out the "elves" and their amazing contributions from **last year's toy drive!**

All toys stay in NJ. Make a difference this holiday season in our local community -- we need your help! Email Karen to get involved!

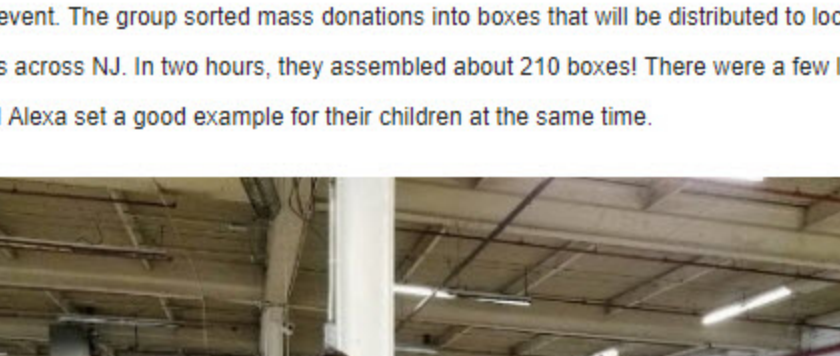
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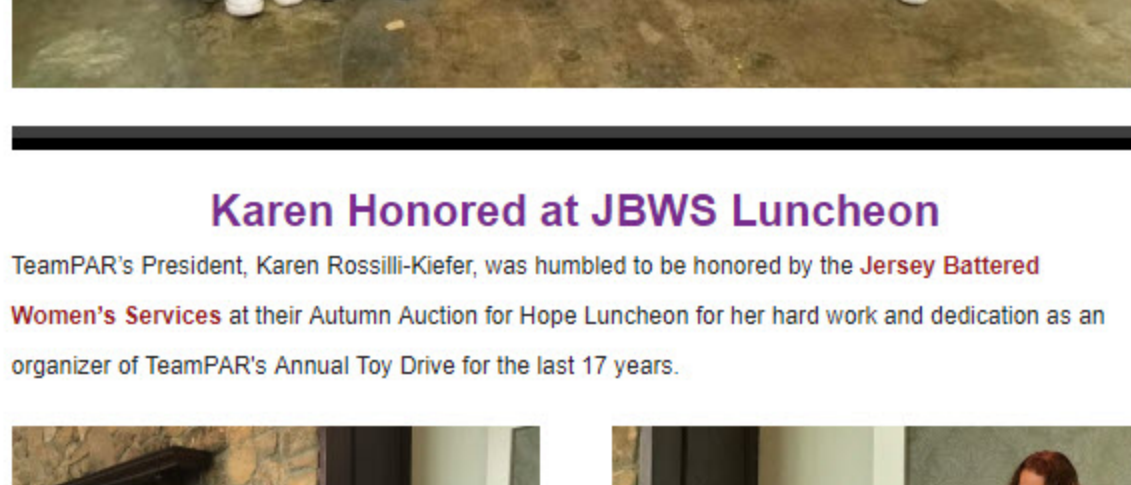
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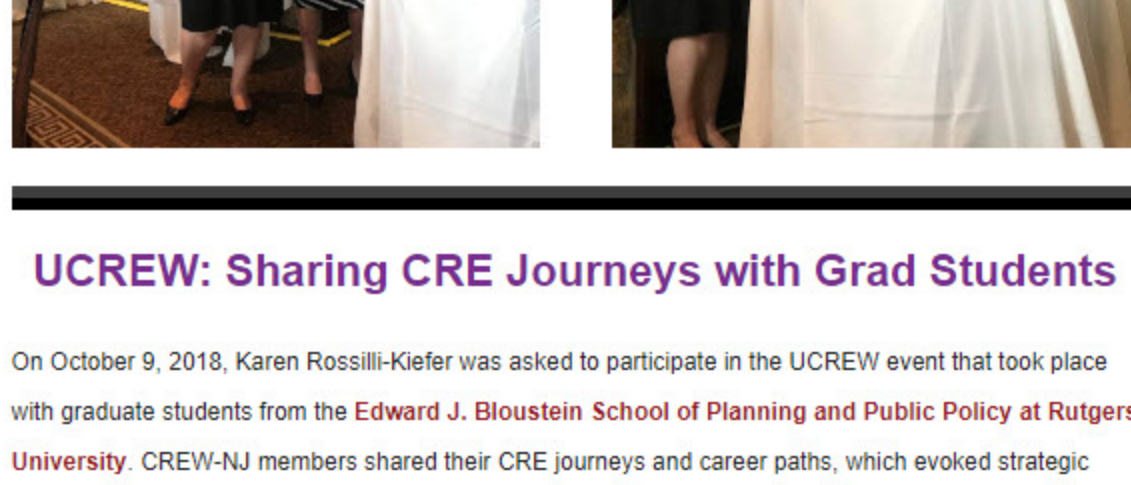
Community FoodBank OF NEW JERSEY

Karen Rossilli-Kiefer and Alexa Varro of TeamPAR, along with their eldest children, donated a few hours of "sweat equity" to the **Community Foodbank of NJ** on September 22, 2018, during the **CREW-NJ** volunteer event. The group sorted mass donations into boxes that will be distributed to local and regional food banks across NJ. In two hours, they assembled about 210 boxes! There were a few laughs and Karen and Alexa set a good example for their children at the same time.



Karen Honored at JBWS Luncheon

TeamPAR's President, Karen Rossilli-Kiefer, was humbled to be honored by the **Jersey Battered Women's Services** at their Autumn Auction for Hope Luncheon for her hard work and dedication as an organizer of TeamPAR's Annual Toy Drive for the last 17 years.



UCREW: Sharing CRE Journeys with Grad Students

On October 9, 2018, Karen Rossilli-Kiefer was asked to participate in the UCREW event that took place with graduate students from the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. CREW-NJ members shared their CRE journeys and career paths, which evoked strategic conversations with students deciding the right CRE career path for them.



Tips & Tricks

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Those of us that have renovated an old home FEAR the wallpaper that is present on the walls. Don't let the cute daisies and rubber duckies fool you...if the wallpaper is solidly in place, leave it be! Removing wallpaper can cause damage to your walls. If the paper is bubble free and adhesion is secure, it is safe to leave it in place, as a form of wall protection. Removing it may open a can of worms (extensive wall preparation) that can be very costly to repair.

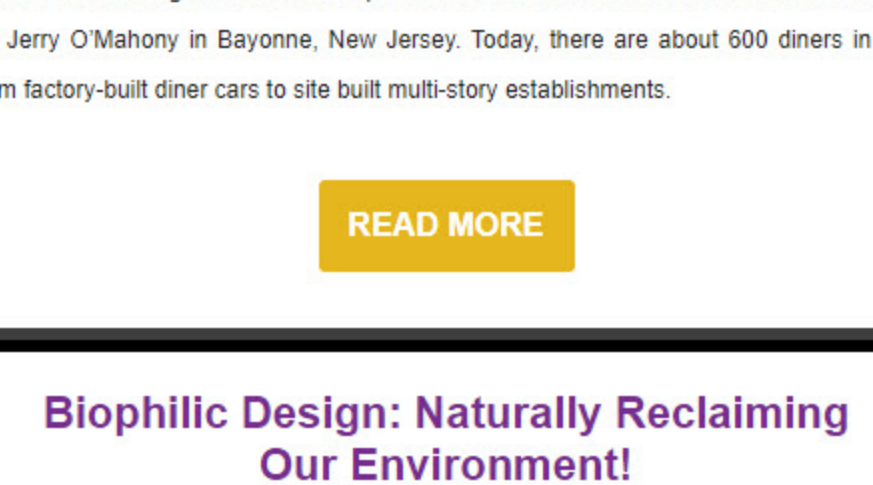
Now, leaving the wallpaper "as is" does not mean that wall preparation is not needed. Prep is critical if you want the finished work to look great:

- Replace any damaged sections and add adhesive to loose pieces.
- Seal the wallpaper edges by applying a thin layer of clear caulk. This will also prevent the wallpaper from peaking and peeling after the painting is completed.
- Apply a thin coat of spackle to smooth out any texture in the wallpaper surface.
- Sand the wallpaper seams to prevent them from telegraphing through the paint.
- Prime the walls with an oil-based primer
- Paint using your choice of interior latex paint!

Voila! Call your friends at **TeamPAR** if you need any technical assistance or help choosing the right color!

Featured Blogs

Diners—a true New Jersey thing!

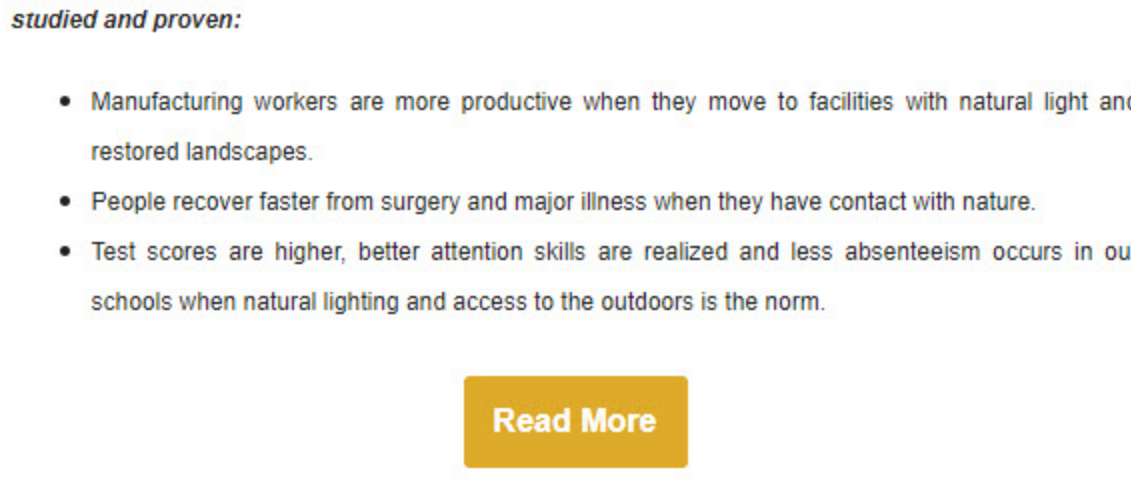


New Jersey is known for its diners. As a "Jersey Girl," diners are a comfort to me. Shiny chrome rail-like cars with neon signs and modern stainless steel and stonewalled structures with booths and jukeboxes on the tables. What is most interesting is that diners are truly a **New Jersey phenomenon**. When you cross over state lines, the presence of diners becomes scarce and are replaced with waffle and pancake houses and chain restaurants.

We proudly hold the ranking as the "Diner Capital of the World." It started in 1912 with the "lunch wagon" created by Jerry O'Mahony in Bayonne, New Jersey. Today, there are about 600 diners in New Jersey ranging from factory-built diner cars to site built multi-story establishments.

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Biophilic Design: Naturally Reclaiming Our Environment!



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Biophilic Design is an innovative way of designing the places where we live, work, and learn. Sounds so mysterious...what does it mean? Simply, Biophilic Design is the conduit for satisfying the need for contact with nature in the modern built environment. **Contact with nature has many benefits that have been studied and proven:**

- Manufacturing workers are more productive when they move to facilities with natural light and restored landscapes.
- People recover faster from surgery and major illness when they have contact with nature.
- Test scores are higher, better attention skills are realized and less absenteeism occurs in our schools when natural lighting and access to the outdoors is the norm.

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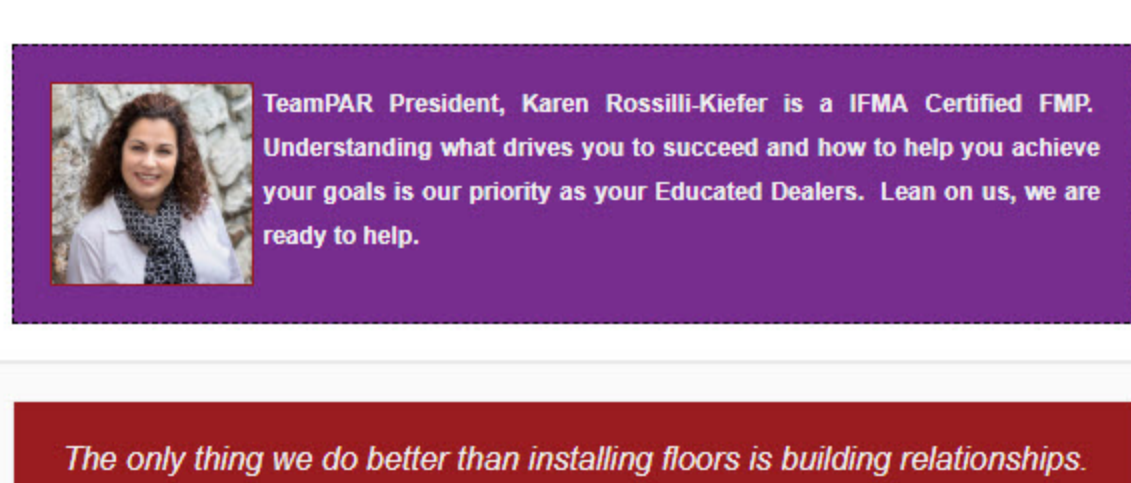
Project Spotlights

Reckitt Benckiser Group plc



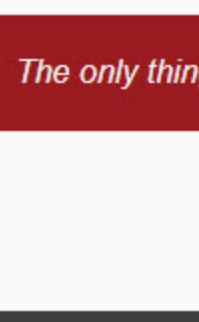
TeamPAR was tasked to fit-out a newly required office space in **Reckitt Benckiser Group plc's** Parsippany location. RBG is a British multinational consumer goods company with a mission to ensure **Healthier Lives, Happier Homes.**

The Kent Place School - Mabie House



We were tasked to modernize **The Kent Place School's Mabie House**. The Kent Place School is a highly selective all-girls independent college-preparatory day school serving students in preschool through twelfth grade in Summit, NJ.

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TeamPAR President, Karen Rossilli-Kiefer is a IFMA Certified FMP. Understanding what drives you to succeed and how to help you achieve your goals is our priority as your Educated Dealers. Lean on us, we are ready to help.

The only thing we do better than installing floors is building relationships.

