

The Scoop

Happenings from Howell Plaza Shopping Center



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July: National Cell Phone Courtesy Month

July 29th National Lasagna Day

It's not just Garfield who loves it, we all do! Too hot to cook it at home? Order out from your local Italian restaurant. Our fav is at **Nonno's Pizzeria**.

Top Five Courtesy Tips from CPR Cellular Phone Repair

1. **Silence and hide your phone during meals** and in meetings since having it on the table means the phone is more important than who you're with
2. **Don't talk/text while driving:** yes, you know it, but don't do it anyway
3. **Keep it private while in public:** It's amazing what can be taken out of context
4. **Whisper** if you must make a call on public transportation or in an elevator
5. **The Cellular Crutch:** don't use your phone when you are not sure what else to do in uncomfortable situations



1,000

Over 1,000 job seekers have landed employment since **Express Employment Professionals** opened in 2015! **Refer a Friend and Receive a \$25 Gift Certificate!** Call (732) 806-9562 to learn more.



August Teaser

The next issue of Howell Scoop will feature:

- **Shhhh** - there's a new tenant in town
- **Fresh Style:** new décor, new style and a new owner at **Precision Family Haircare**
- **Fresh Eats:** **King of Bagels'** new menu, new look and a new Mediterranean flair

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Getting You A Job Is Their Passion



When Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico in late 2017, **Ana Hernandez** (on left) rushed to have her half-sister and stepmother move in with her in Howell. Soon afterwards both she and her husband were laid off when their employer's company was sold. With a newborn son, an 8-year-old nephew and two adult guests, Ana was frightened about her overloaded household with no money for support.

After a month of no leads and concerned at the prospect of landing a new job after 14 years at a warehouse and office, Ana found her way to **Express Employment Professionals**. *"I reached out to Express and spoke with Kim Vargas who immediately said she had the perfect job for me. They got me a job within a week!"*

Within three months at her new job, Ana received a raise and became a Medical Team Associate. *"I see myself working here for a very long time, eventually becoming a supervisor."*

At Express, it is all about who you know.

Several times each week, the office's owner **Anna Santucci** meets with area companies; Senior Employment Specialist **Kim Vargas** (shown middle) goes to area churches and unemployment offices and partners with nonprofits. The entire Express team is constantly on the phone helping people seeking jobs and working to develop business contacts.

Kim feels that the key to employment is the correct employer-employee match. *"I work closely with my corporate clients and have built trust. If I meet someone that would be a perfect fit, I can call and urge them, 'you've got to meet this person.' Sometimes an interview will be scheduled even before my clients have read the candidate's resume!"*

Express Employment Professional operates like a one-stop career center, updating resumes, coaching candidates through mock interviews and providing them with critical success tips including help with what to wear.

When **Dawn Joyce's** (on right) son was two-years-old, she found herself divorced and in need of a job. She found one



as an office manager for a family-owned company and worked there for the next eight years until it downsized during the recession.

Dawn recalls, *"For over a three years I searched, but nothing. After the first year of unemployment, I ended up back at the same restaurant I worked at in college."*

When her son was in high school, Dawn renewed her interest in building a career. She took refresher accounting-related courses at a local college and resumed her job search for years to no avail.

Kim says, *"We worked with Dawn for over a course of six months, coaching and training her and sending her for interviews. I made it my business to challenge everyone in the office to get her the right job."*

Dawn is now an office manager at a small company in Lakewood. She says, *"Express was so helpful; the team was motivated to get me the right position. I can't imagine getting that personal attention anywhere else."*

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