Check out this month's guide for vendors and services to help make your special events even more memorable.

Cryolete Body Sculpting & Wellness Center is Asbury Park's first premier wellness spa, most known for its state-of-the-art body sculpting; non-invasive, anti-aging face lifts; whole body cryotherapy; and infrared sauna. The atmosphere is welcoming, and the staff goes above and beyond to ensure clients receive the ultimate experience to look and feel their best. Cryolete's services take self-care to a whole new level with the newest technology on the market. Detoxing in the infrared sauna followed by reducing inflammation in the sub-zero cryotherapy chamber is a must-try sensation. Take it one step further and pamper yourself to a wrinkle-reducing face lift to tighten, tone and turn back time.

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Contact 732-455-2256 to book your complimentary tour and consultation. Follow @cryolete on social media for updates on promotions and products! Ask about their in home services and their available party options!

Hotels Unlimited operates some of New Jersey's most popular hotels and banquet facilities including six award-winning banquet halls in central New Jersey. Each offers spectacular service, experience and style for weddings, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs, holiday parties, birthdays, meetings, events and more.

There are choices to perfectly match your event's size, budget, style and location. Whether you choose the Grand or Regal Ballroom at the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel, Sterling Ballroom at the DoubleTree Tinton Falls, Crystal or Emerald Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel Freehold, Versailles Ballroom at the Ramada Hotel & Suites Toms River, Atlantis or Coral Ballroom at the Days Hotel Toms River, or the Windsor Ballroom at the Holiday Inn East Windsor, you'll host award-winning weddings and events, with all-in-one convenience.

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events@sheratoneatontown.com
Sheraton Eatontown Hotel completed a top-to-bottom renovation in 2018, including all new guest rooms, bridal suites, and the unparalleled Grand and Regal Ballrooms for up to 350 guests. Sophisticated couples will love the infinity chandeliers, starlit atriums, rich natural textures and shimmering metallics.

STERLING BALLROOM
700 Hope Rd. in Tinton Falls
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Sterling Ballroom at the DoubleTree by Hilton Tinton Falls is a sleek, modern wedding and banquet venue in Monmouth County near Eatontown, Red Bank, Asbury Park, Long Branch and the best of the Jersey Shore. They offer everything you need under one fabulous roof.

CRYSTAL AND EMERALD BALLROOMS
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The Crystal and Emerald Ballrooms are two glamorous venues for any wedding reception, social event or corporate gala. With gorgeous crystal chandeliers, indoor and outdoor ceremony areas, gourmet catering, and an expert team of event coordinators, it’s easy to see why the Crystal Ballroom is a Monmouth County favorite.

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Whether you are planning your wedding, Sweet 16 or graduation, no matter how big or small, KLink Designs will create the perfect invitation suite of your dreams. As you head into spring and the newest wedding season of 2020, one of the specialties of KLink Designs is their ability to bring every engaged couple’s vision to life. Your invitation sets the tone for your wedding. Often the inspiration for many of the designs is developed from ideas discussed at the studio. Invitation designs range from rustic to beach, from the simple to the sublime. This boutique studio is bursting with ideas that impress even the most discerning taste. Your options are almost limitless!

KLink Designs offers some of the latest on the market, including foil, acrylic, letterpress and laser invitations as well as the beautiful embellishments like wax seals, Swarovski crystals and brooches that are as varied as the icing on a cake. From classic designs to the latest trends, KLink Designs has something for every budget. If total custom work is not for you, KLink Designs is an authorized dealer to many of the most prestigious invitation companies and on-line retailers offering semi-customizable invitations. To give their undivided attention to each client, KLink Designs is open by appointment only. They also offer evening and weekend appointments to meet the needs of their clients. Their newly expanded studio, “Beyond Your Invitation,” has everything for your day of event needs including programs, table numbers, place cards, seating charts, favors etc. Remember that KLink Designs caters to all special occasions, not just weddings. Call to make your appointment for personalized service, expert advice and attention to detail to make your event an enjoyable and stress-free experience as you plan to celebrate your most special day!

The Local Line, right off Broad Street in downtown Red Bank, was started by Kristen Stahl as a way to support New Jersey creators and artists by giving them a platform to showcase and sell their products. It is a unique space with an amazing array of one-of-a-kind treasures from accessories to custom home goods. All pieces are handmade and can be personalized to fit your style and needs.

The Local Line has collections of apparel, beauty, bath, candles and fragrances, coasters and dreamcatchers, home décor, kitchen and pantry, lifestyle, local leash for the pets, outdoor, painting and prints, seasonal, stationary and novels, and of course wedding.

In addition to their collection of one-of-a-kind products, The Local Line will be hosting intimate “how to” classes where Local Liners to learn how to create their own masterpieces. Their exciting workshop calendar includes a variety of workshops that you can sign up for on their website.

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Last minute shoppers buying on a time crunch don’t have to pick up a gift card when the expert staff of The Local Line will help you find the perfect present whether it be personal, holiday or corporate. The personal touch for weddings and engagements are sure to be a big hit. Items include things like calligraphy table numbers, card boxes, wedding party hangers, seating charts, chalkboard, menus, Mr. and Mrs. forks, glassware, ice buckets, place cards, centerpieces, cake toppers and find-your-seat boards, just to name a few! Visit their website for a peek at some items and visit the store to see the original works and support your favorite local artists.

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49 years, and owner Dick Palazzo said, “I have always considered my pets as members of our family. One of my favorite pictures is my daughter, Koren, posing on her wedding day with our German shepherd, Martha. That picture inspired the wedding packages at Purr’n Pooch Pet Resorts.

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Simones Jewelry is more than a fine jewelry store; it’s the jewelry store that treats you like family. The staff at Simones makes customers feel so at home that many stay well beyond their purchases just to talk and catch up on life.

As a long-standing, family-owned business, loyalty, integrity and service mean a great deal. Whether it’s a new engagement ring or an upgrade to a larger diamond for a big anniversary, the Simones staff will help you choose that special piece. With more than 3,000 items to choose from, it’s never difficult. And there’s more good news. Last year, Simones Jewelry began buying diamonds directly from Antwerp, Belgium, the diamond capital of the world. “With these new contacts, our selection of diamonds has expanded beyond our expectations,” Simones’ owner said.

Simones also offers extraordinary custom designs. Their talented designers can create a one-of-a-kind piece, supplying the diamonds and gems, or transform your outdated jewelry into a new family heirloom you’ll treasure for years to come. With 29 years of experience, Simones is also the place for restoration or repair of your precious jewelry and overhaul and reconditioning of your watches.

In addition, Simones also offers many high-end brands including BB Becker, Carla/Nancy B, Novell, Tissot, Edward Morell, Forge, Inox, Rembrandt Charms, Stuller, Tantalulum, and Unique Settings of New York. They are proud to be one of the first GREEN jewelry manufacturers located in the United States.

Stop by today and find out what great customer service really is and why they have so many repeat customers!

Dear Cassie: I am getting married in a few months, and my soon-to-be wife has asked me to sign a prenuptial agreement. How will a prenuptial agreement impact me if she and I get divorced in the future? -T.B.

Dear T.B.: A prenuptial agreement is a contract between two people that identifies the terms for the payment of support and/or the division of assets and liabilities in the event of a divorce. The terms of the prenuptial agreement replace what would otherwise occur according to New Jersey law in existence at the time of the divorce. For example, a prenuptial agreement could provide that no alimony will be paid in the event of a divorce, even though a party might otherwise be entitled to alimony from the other party if the prenuptial agreement did not exist. Or a prenuptial agreement could provide that a party’s premarital business is not subject to equitable distribution in the event of a divorce, even if that party continued to operate the business, and the value of that business appreciated, during the marriage.

Under New Jersey law, a prenuptial agreement is enforceable at the time of a divorce (meaning its terms will be binding on the parties), unless:
1. The party who wants to set aside the prenuptial agreement executed the agreement involuntarily; or
2. The agreement was “unconscionable” when it was executed because that party, before execution of the agreement:
   (a) Was not provided full and fair disclosure of the earnings, property, and financial obligations of the other party;
   (b) Did not voluntarily and expressly waive, in writing, any right to disclosure of the property or financial obligations of the other party beyond the disclosure provided;
   (c) Did not have, or reasonably could not have had, an adequate knowledge of the property or financial obligations of the other party; or
   (d) Did not consult with independent legal counsel and did not voluntarily and expressly waive, in writing, the opportunity to consult with independent legal counsel.

Particularly in cases involving long-term marriages or complex financial circumstances, prenuptial agreements can have far-reaching consequences on both parties. Therefore, it is very important that a prenuptial agreement be entered into with both parties fully understanding and agreeing to the terms, including all of the risks associated with entering into such an agreement. It is also very important that any prenuptial agreement be clear, concise and unambiguous, so it is clear at the time of divorce.
When the weddings, engagement parties, showers and anniversaries are done, please consider donating your wedding and formalwear to Lunch Break for their prom drive. Male and female clothing is welcome, including shoes, jewelry, shirts and handbags. Donations are accepted from Monday, March 2 to Tuesday, March 31, weekdays from 9 am to 2:30 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to 12:30 pm. For more information, call Melia Owens at 732-747-8577 or email mowens@lunchbreak.org.

Lunch Break is also in real need of Male Mentors to work with kids. There are two groups. Eighth through 12th grade mentorships are going on now through June. Third through seventh grade mentorships will be held September through December. Sessions are held on the second and third Mondays a month from 5:30 to 7 pm at Lunch Break, 121 Drs. James Parker Blvd. in Red Bank.

Those 18 years old and older who would like to learn more and participate, call Sharda Jetwani Love at 732-747-8577, ext. 3011 or email sjetwani@lunchbreak.com.
Finding that Special ‘Something Old’

The old adage goes, “Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue.” Couples in search of something old may want to consider choosing one of the many beautiful and expertly appointed and maintained Monmouth County historic sites as their place to pledge their commitment. There are options for groups from 20 to 200, and each is a unique, memorable and distinct choice that will impress your guests.

Having found your Mr. or Mrs. Right, you are no doubt feeling on top of the world, and if you would like a view to match, there is no more dramatic spot than the Twin Lights Lighthouse in Highlands. Next to nearby Mt. Mitchell, the Twin Lights sits atop the highest spot on the Eastern Seaboard. The 360-degree panoramic views are, in a word, breathtaking and include Manhattan, the Verrazzano Bridge, the Sandy Hook inlet and the Jersey shoreline. This is a site for a ceremony only since there is no indoor space. It is a good choice for small groups or vow renewals as the parking is limited. It is extremely affordable, and if you get the perfect weather day, the sites are priceless. Visit TwinLightLighthouse.com for a peek. For specific information, date reservations, restrictions and more, email Maggie M. Mitchell Superintendent Leonardo State Marina, Forked River State Marina & Twin Lights Historic Site at maggie.mitchell@dep.nj.gov.

If a full blown rustic-contemporary wedding and reception in a charming farm setting is your thing, consider Bayonet Farm in Holmdel. The 240-acre publicly owned park within Holmdel Township is a symphony of natural beauty and provides a spectacular backdrop for your special event. Your guests will be enveloped in the peace and tranquility of this historic site. Its renovated buildings, scenic trails, rolling lawns and acres of actively farmed lands are the perfect backdrop for lots of glorious photos. In addition to the green hills and fields is a complex of historic buildings including the Harding House, Swanson House, Red Barn and Gray Barn, all of which are in impecable condition thanks to a $1.6 million grant from the State’s Green Acres program for the purposes of conserving open space, horticulture, public gardens, bird sanctuaries, arboretums, and nature and equestrian trails.

The farm is operated by the township and is available for rental for weddings, parties and events. Built in the 1930s, the Red Barn retains its original charm with modern conveniences and bathrooms. It can accommodate up to 100 people. The Gray Barn was built in the 1940s. It’s a one-wedding-at-a-time facility, and couples can use their own decorations, catering, entertainment and more. Bayonet Farms is open from spring until early fall. Tables, chairs and a tent for up to 200 people are provided in the rental price. Bayonet Farm is located at 41 Middletown Rd. and is the largest park in Holmdel Township Park. For more information on renting the facility, call 732-946-2820, ext. 1224 or email ddog@holmdeltownship-nj.com. Holmdel residents enjoy special discounts on rentals.

For those with a taste for vintage and a group of up to 150, check out the Taylor-Butler House in Middletown. This Victorian mansion was built in 1853 and is one of five properties owned and operated by the Monmouth County Historical Association.

The property has a sweeping staircase, a large porch, Dutch doors and all the finishing touches. Your party can use the entire home, which includes eight rooms, five downstairs and three upstairs, as well as the beautiful 5-acre grounds and the circular driveway.

It can comfortably hold 100 guests for a sit-down dinner, and 150 for buffet-style service or for a cocktail party. Couples are able to use the decorations, caterer and entertainment of their choice, though some restrictions apply.

The Taylor-Butler House is located at 127 Kings Highway in Middletown. Check it out at MonmouthHistory.org/HostAnEvent. For date information and other questions about hosting an event, contact Beth Gardella Assistant Development Director at 732-462-1466, ext. 13 or email bgardella@monmouthhistory.org.

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How to Choose the Perfect Event Venue
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Even if you love hosting guests at your home, at some point you may need to plan a larger event that requires a banquet hall, conference room or a special ambiance. Perhaps you are celebrating your child’s Sweet 16 or wedding, organizing a large family reunion, or arranging a large corporate meeting for your employer.

Start by selecting possible dates and times, and then consider the following:

Plan Your Budget
Money is typically the deciding factor on the type of venue you select, but you don’t have to break the bank to have a wonderful event. If you can afford the five-star mansion, go for it. But if you can’t, think outside the box and search for a unique venue that will leave guests with fond memories. Rent an entire summer camp at the end of the season for a fun, casual, all-weekend wedding. Hold your company’s annual holiday party at a local brewery where guests can dress casually.

Location, Location, Location
Selecting a location closest to the majority of your guests makes the most sense, not only for convenience but also cost. Destination events such as weddings, bachelor parties or company meetings will most likely result in smaller attendance, especially if it requires an overnight stay.

Also, take a close look at the neighborhood where the venue is located. The facility may be beautiful on the outside, but is it located in an industrial park or a blighted neighborhood?

Check the Space Details
Even if a venue looks amazing on its website, be sure it can comfortably accommodate all your guests and your needs. Will your event take place in one room or multiple adjoining rooms? Are there enough restrooms? If it’s a family event, is there a changing table for babies and a safe area for children to play? Does the venue offer audio/visual technology and assistance if needed for special presentations? Is there a designated area for smokers? Is the venue insured, and is security available if necessary?

Parking and transportation is one of the most important details. Can the parking lot or valet service accommodate all guests’ vehicles? For those who don’t drive, is there easy access to public transportation?

Number of Events
Many catering venues have multiple banquet rooms and can host several events at one time. If you are arranging a corporate meeting, be aware that a live band may be rocking in the room next door.

Ensure Adequate Staff
Check with the venue manager to find out the ratio of servers to guests. Formal sit-down affairs require more wait staff, but even a casual buffet needs staff to refill serving dishes and clear dirty dishes.

If a venue does not have specialists who can handle certain details like alcoholic beverages, musical entertainment, photographers, decorations or a special cake, are you permitted to hire outside vendors? Some venues require you to use their exclusive vendors for these services.

Wish for Sun, Plan for Rain
Even if you hope for a gorgeous warm day to host an outdoor occasion, make sure there is a backup plan in case of inclement weather. That includes rain, snow and extreme heat. Most banquet halls with outdoor patios will typically save an indoor space that can be quickly converted into your “Plan B” venue. Also ask the venue manager how they handle unexpected weather emergencies such as blizzards or severe storms that may force a cancellation.

Accommodate All Guests
Does the venue have handicapped access, including ramps and elevators? Even if none of your guests are in a wheelchair, some elderly guests may struggle with stairs or hills leading to the venue. If you want to rent a campsite or private beach for a family reunion, will all guests be able to safely maneuver around tree roots, sandy soil and/or rocky ground?

Prioritize Your Wants
Consider what’s most important to you and your guests. Is high-quality cuisine or top-shelf liquor a priority? Are you looking for memorable décor and ambiance?

Check for Customer Satisfaction
Does the event venue have a good reputation? Ask friends, check online reviews, and try to visit during an actual event to see the management in action. Ask if you can sample the cuisine.