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**DOWNTOWN KEYPORT TO HOST EASTER BUNNY; KIDS INVITED**

**KEYPORT, N.J.** – Downtown Keyport is rolling out an early welcome mat for spring. Starting March 12, members of the Keyport Business Alliance will host Spring Fling, featuring fun activities for children including visits with the Easter Bunny, and a festive tent featuring artists, floral arranging displays, spring gift items, and prizes on April 30 in front of the Mini Park at West Front and Main Streets.

The Easter Bunny will be on hand from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Subway, 12 West Front St., on Saturday, March 19. A boxed lunch kid's meal including a Subway toy will be available all day for \$3, and a stuffed animal bunny rabbit will be raffled as a prize.

Also taking place on Saturday, March 19, is the NY/NJ Baykeeper Fundraiser Chess Challenge 2005 at the Baykeeper Office, 52 West Front St. New Jersey Chess Open Champion Tom Bartell will take on 10 challengers at a time in a ten-game simultaneous exhibition. Sessions, at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., are \$25 per spectator or \$45 per player, including lunch, snacks and beverages, with proceeds supporting the Baykeeper's work to help protect waters and wildlife of the Hudson-Raritan Estuary. The winner will receive a tournament-quality chess set, and gift certificates will be raffled. To register for the Challenge, call 732-888-9870.

On Saturday, March 26, the Easter Bunny will return to visit with children from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Keyport Pizza, 42 West Front St. Two slices of pizza, a soda and a photo with the bunny will be offered for \$5.

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### **Downtown Keyport/Add One**

Mitchell Sanborn Gallery, 46 West Front St., is hosting “Colors,” an exhibit showcasing original works by three artists, through March 26, and Espresso Joe’s, 50 West Front St., is featuring live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights through March 26. Call 732-203-9499 for the lineup of performing musicians.

Participating stores and merchants are hosting Spring Fling events, demonstrations and exhibits that will continue through April and include a raffle with multiple prizes, featuring elaborate gift baskets and gift certificates to area businesses and services.

For the complete schedule of KBA events, business listings, money-saving coupons and more, visit [www.keyportonline.com](http://www.keyportonline.com).

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