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Readers know where to go for hair care

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Suburban Trends readers have spoken. When it comes to hair grooming, Jimmy the Barber's in West Milford and Zayna's Cuts for Kids in Pompton Lakes are a cut above the rest.

Jimmy the Barber's

For a good old-fashioned haircut and some good old-fashioned ribbing, drop by Jimmy the Barber's for both.

Hair grooming is in the blood of shop owner James "Jimmy" Thurstans. His grandparents ran a hair dressing and wig making business in Hayes, Middlesex, England. His father also had training in the hair trade, but chose not to pursue the profession. Jimmy's son Adrian also works at Jimmy the Barber's.

Though Thurstans has owned his own barbershop for two decades, he has been cutting hair since his high school days. During that time, he studied at the Atlas Barber School in New York City for six months, and then took a 1½ year apprenticeship in Butler. From there, he spent three years in the Army as a tank commander before working at Little Al's Barbershop in West Milford for the next 19 years.

"It just clicked together," he said. After the owner of Little Al's moved away, Thurstans went on to establish his own barbershop, which he has been running for 20 years, not only cutting hair but joking around with customers.

"We have a very good service, a friendly staff ... We can bust chops," he said. "We like people."

If customers want to get a brief history lesson of the barber trade, they can check out Thurstans' interesting collection of old grooming tools in a display case at the front of the store. This is the same case where he keeps an old photograph of his parents back in England.

Cathlyn Fierro of West Milford takes her son Thomas to Jimmy the Barber's. Though they have been there before, it was the first time Thomas had Thurstans cut his hair.

According to Fierro, Thomas found out about Jimmy the Barber's from a TV commercial. When he saw the commercial, "he was starstruck," the mother said, especially because Jimmy fronts his own rock n' roll band.

Like other customers, the Fierros have spotted Jimmy the Barber's fun atmosphere.

"It's not boring," said Fierro.

Jimmy the Barber's is located at 21 Marshall Hill Road in West Milford. Hours are Tuesdays to Fridays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 973-728-9837. No appointment is necessary; only walk-ins are accepted.

Zayna's Cuts for Kids

Who knew that getting a haircut can be child's play?

Suburban Trends readers have voted Zayna's Cuts for Kids not only the best hair salon, but also the best place to throw a child's birthday party.

Maisha Haopshy, who co-owns Zayna's Cuts for Kids with her brother Moody, is grateful for the honor.

"It's such a good feeling and a wonderful thing," she said. "Thanks, readers, for voting."

Zayna's Cuts for Kids is no ordinary hair salon. This is a place where infants up to toddlers can get the salon treatment with trendy haircuts and hairdos. The salon also caters to special education children.

For children 5 and under, three stations are set up with their own theme: safari, princess, and race car. Children in this age group sit in cars instead of chairs, and can watch videos while getting their hair done.

For kids 6 years old and over, they're entertained with movies and video games on widescreen TVs while getting accommodated. There is even a train set established in the middle of the salon for little children.

Moody and Maisha Haopshy each have over 17 years' experience working with children's hair. They launched Zayna's Cuts for Kids in September of 2007 and "wanted to put our touch to it," said Maisha Haopshy.

The salon is not only fun for kids, but safe too. Zayna's uses and sells chemical-free and organic hair products.

"We try to stay as organic as possible," said Maha Bayan, a stylist at Zayna's.

The hair salon hosts glamour parties for children, private gatherings during which Zayna's is closed for two hours. Boys get their hair gelled in different colors, while girls receive updos. The celebration also has fun stuff like



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Jimmy the Barber's staff includes (l-r) barbers Adrian Thurstans and Tanisha, barbershop owner James "Jimmy" Thurstans and barber Joe Florio. Located at 21 Marshall Hill Road in West Milford, Jimmy Thurstans has owned his barbershop for 19 years. The barbershop is not only known for its old-fashioned approach to haircutting, but also for the staff's fun ribbing with its customers.



Zayna's Cuts for Kids of Pompton Lakes garnered two favorites from *Suburban Trends'* readers, one for favorite place to have children's parties and the other for favorite hair salon. Shown here Kara Roman, Maha Bayan, Bar Haopshy, Maisha Haopshy, Dallal Bayan and Vanessa Mirkov.

hula hoops and dancing.

"They love it," said Haopshy.

Zayna's offers more than haircuts and fun. The salon also sells and hair accessories, created by local mothers, and toys. The place gives complimentary temporary tattoos to boys and free manicures to girls. Zayna's also gives out complimentary first haircut certificates and photographs, and does free ear piercings with a \$25 pur-

chase of earrings.

Not only does Zayna's style hair for the community, but it also gives back to the community. The salon promotes local businesses, and fund-raisers like Locks of Love, in which 100 percent of proceeds go toward a children's charity.

The salon will be closed from Monday, July 26 to Thursday, July 29 because of vacation.

Zayna's Cuts for Kids is located at 122 Wanaque Ave. in Pompton Lakes. The phone number is 973-831-2390. Hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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