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## SANTA'S VISIT KICKS OFF HOLIDAY SEASON

North Plainfield families gathered at Vermeule Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Rd., on November 26 to celebrate the start of the holiday season. Santa arrived on a fire truck, with an elf assistant, and stayed to pose for photos with children. Other festivities included Christmas caroling, refreshments, and the tree lighting.

The North Plainfield High School Music Parents Association donated hot chocolate; the North Plainfield

Recreation Department donated popcorn; the North Plainfield Municipal Alliance donated coloring books and crayons, yo-yos and pencils; and Unity Bank donated a Frosty the Snowman character, who greeted children and took photographs with them.

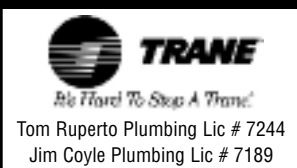
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(above) Kenya Salinas.



(above l-r) Van Dickerson, North Plainfield Recreation Department Chairperson and Roe Woods, Assistant Director.



(above l-r) Eugene Mitchell, Director of Unity Bank, Karizma "Frosty" Roper, and Jonna Strojan.



(above, l-r) The North Plainfield High School Music Parents Association. Anne Fellin, John Fellin, Melanie Garcia, Gustavo Caraballo, and Kathy Keane.



(above l-r) Santa and Christmas Elf arrive.

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## SANTA'S VISIT PHOTOS (continued)



(above l-r) Amanda and Zoe Bssimakopolos.



(above) Abraham Moratti.

Photos from this and other events can be found online at [rennamedia.com](http://rennamedia.com) and on the The Pride of North Painfield page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)



(above) Mayor Michael Giordano.



### Dear Neighbors and Friends

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families the very best this Holiday Season and in the New Year. While we gather together with our families and friends to celebrate during the holidays, let us all be thankful for our many blessings, and reach out to those who are less fortunate.

Happy Holidays and a Healthy and Prosperous 2018!

Sincerely,  
**Mayor Mike Giordano**

## EBOOKS, EAUDIOBOOKS, AND MORE! OH, MY!



(above) For more information about SCLSNJ's new checkout and catalog system, contact SCLSNJ's Director of Operations Lynn Hoffman at [lhoffman@sclibnj.org](mailto:lhoffman@sclibnj.org).

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) boasts the largest eBook collection in the State of New Jersey, and with the release of the Library's new checkout and catalog system, it will be even easier for patrons to find and borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks with just one click.

"I can't wait to be able to see all my holds and checkouts in the same place! With our new integrated catalog, all your books and eBooks will be available to view once you login to your account," said Yvonne Selander, collection development manager.

By combining the new Libby app from Overdrive, the enhanced catalog searching available through mobile devices, and the ability to check out eBooks directly from the catalog, patrons will discover a more streamlined experience. These new features will delight both

frequent eResource users and those patrons who are navigating the eCollections for the first time.

Selander continues, "Want to download an eBook from the new catalog? If the item is checked in you'll be able to download the eBook without having to leave the catalog. The seamless integration of our digital and physical collections is one of the features I am most looking forward to in December."

In early December, the Library System will be completing the installation of the new system, CARL•X from The Library Corporation. SCLSNJ's new checkout and catalog system will offer easier searching yielding more relevant results, innovative account management features, effortless integration with eBooks and eAudio, a librarian-curated kids catalog, and an intuitive layout and user experience.

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Moms Helping Moms Foundation, the community-based not-for-profit organization that distributes diapers to babies living in low-wage families in the New Jersey area, has "Volunteer Saturdays" on the second Saturday of every month.

On Saturday, November 11th volunteers came from Madison, New Providence, Springfield and Summit to help sort baby clothing and organize the warehouse located in North Plainfield. The opportunity to serve their community especially during the holiday season inspired all of them help out on Saturday. They even had a few little helpers from Troop 41253 in Summit, Brownies Nadia Moghal and Chloe Freeden were very excited to sort baby items in the appropriate sized bins. The young helpers were so surprised to see how tiny the premie baby clothing was.

Moms Helping Moms Foundation has volunteer opportunities at their warehouse throughout each month located at 22 Howard Street, North Plainfield.

You can get more information on how to volunteer or donate from their website [www.momshelpingmomsfoundation.org](http://www.momshelpingmomsfoundation.org).

Also coming up on January 27th, 2018 is the Fourth Annual, Moms Helping Moms Snow Ball at The Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains beginning at 7p.m. The Snow Ball is one of the largest fundraisers Moms Helping Moms does to continue to service local New Jersey families in need.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or purchasing tickets at please go to [www.momshelpingmomsfoundation.org](http://www.momshelpingmomsfoundation.org) and click on "Events".



(pictured l-r) Back row: Ali Moghal, Arum Moghal (Brownie Troop Leader 41253), Carly Koehler, Martha Roth, Jim Freeden and Diane Freeden (Brownie Troop Leader 41253). Front row: Nadia Moghal, Chloe Freeden, and Haris Moghal.

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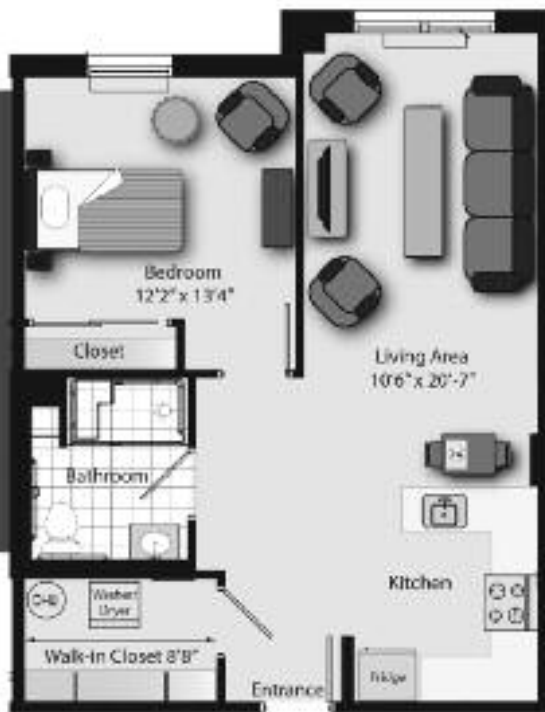
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## JUNIOR CANUCKS ARE “TOO LEGIT TO QUIT”

*Submitted by Michelle Okolo*

On Saturday, November 18th, the North Plainfield Junior Canucks Junior Varsity and Varsity teams celebrated their annual banquet and awards ceremony at the Vermuele center. As in years past the event was filled with lots of good food, music, fun and fanfare. And of course the most highly anticipated moment- the awards ceremony where each player gets called up by their coach to receive a trophy. A small memento and token of appreciation for their work all season.

However, this year’s celebration was far from ordinary or “business as usual”. Late in the summer, the team which in the past operated privately was moved under North Plainfield’s recreation division. In addition, for various reasons many players had either moved to other teams outside of town or just didn’t sign up to play this year. While the flag and varsity teams had more than a sufficient number of players, the junior varsity team had just enough to play with very few extra and thus were faced with the challenge of practicing with limited number of players.

However, the light at the end of the tunnel is how these young boys rose to the occasion before them. Each week at practice they showed up and worked, and with each game both the junior varsity and varsity players came out and gave it their all. Most of them playing both offense and defense throughout the game. And while they

didn’t win any game, they gave it their best each week. Which is what life is all about

And the real prize at the end of this season is the lesson they learned- Never Give Up. And so on November 18th, the North Plainfield Junior Canucks Junior Varsity and Varsity players were all smiles at their banquet. And why not? They emerged the final winners because they exemplified the true meaning of team work and commitment.

A special thanks to Dennis Passe at the North

Plainfield Department of Recreation for all his support and leadership this season. Also thank you to all the coaches especially the Varsity head coach Terrence Roselle and JV head coach Efreem McCrimon, and their assistant coaches for their dedication to the team. A big thank you to all the parents and families for the support of the kids, Last but not least thanks to Texas Roadhouse for their donation towards the banquet.

We look forward to an awesome 2018 season! Go Junior Canucks!



## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE LIBRARY

On October 18, members of the community gathered at SCLSNJ’s North Plainfield Memorial Library branch for a celebration of Diwali. Patrons celebrated the Hindu festival of lights with crafts, food, and music. Patrons of all ages created diya lamps and drew intricate rangoli patterns.

The branch will continue celebrating holidays around the world throughout the month of December.

- From December 11-22 visit the branch between 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, to celebrate Christmas by drafting a letter to Santa.

- On December 15 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. celebrate Hanukkah and create marshmallow crafts.

- On December 26 from 2-8 p.m. celebrate Kwanzaa by creating beaded bracelets.



(above) Diwali Celebration.

## ALLEN GAVILANES NAMED SOCCER OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR & ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Marist men’s soccer freshman Allen Gavilanes (North Plainfield, NJ/St Benedict’s Prep) was named the 2017 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference men’s soccer Offensive Player of the Year as well as the MAAC Rookie of the Year as voted by the league’s 11 head coaches and announced during the conference’s post season awards show held recently.

The accolades mark the first two major awards of Gavilanes’ career, mark the first time since 2003 that the same player was named MAAC Offensive Player of the Year and MAAC Rookie of the Year in the same season (Omar Alfonso, Loyola (MD), 2003) and is the second consecutive Offensive Player of the Year Award for the Red Foxes (Cameron Harr, 2016).

In addition to winning the two major awards, he was also a unanimous selection to the All-MAAC First Team and All-MAAC Rookie Team, the only unanimous selection on the First Team and one of only two unanimous selections on the All-Rookie Team.

Along with Gavilanes’ awards, 10 Red Foxes were also named to the MAAC All-Academic Team, the most of any school in the conference. To be eligible for the MAAC All-Academic team, a student-athlete must have completed two semesters at their institution and hold a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a 4.0 scale.





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# SENIORS ENJOY FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY ROTARIANS

Warm welcomes by Interact Club members and delicious pancakes and sausages cooked by Rotarians were the formula for success at the Rotary Club's Fourth Annual Senior Citizen Pancake Breakfast held on October 28 at the Church of the Holy Cross in North Plainfield.

Rotary club members were joined by helpers from the Interact Club at North Plainfield High School as they prepared the Fellowship Hall with decorated tables and set up one hundred places for their guests.

At the entryway, a table displayed information about Rotary and the worldwide effort to eliminate the deadly polio virus. Just over \$200 was donated to the Rotary Foundation for the "End Polio Now" campaign.

While guests were seated and enjoyed coffee and tea, the chefs and helpers in the kitchen put together plates of pancakes and sausage for table service by the Interact Club members. Using his special recipe, Master Chef Harry Allen worked his magic to create light and fluffy pancakes that filled the plates.

The special recipe was a huge success, with nearly 100 guests raving about the pancakes and the sausage links, many asking for and receiving second helpings.

"We are enjoying this breakfast," said one of the senior citizen guests who came on the Senior Bus from Plainfield. "God willing, we're definitely coming back next year."

The Rotary Club offered the breakfast as a special Community Service Project for senior citizens. "We want to give our seniors a special treat as our way of thanking them for their lives well-lived and for all that they have done over their lifetimes," said Janice Allen, who co-chaired the event with her husband, Harry. Janice is a Rotarian and former club president who served in North Plainfield as councilwoman and as mayor for many years. "We are so happy with the

turnout, almost double last year's breakfast, which was our first event here in North Plainfield."

The Rotary motto was reflected in a special event that took place at the breakfast. "We welcomed our newest member, Dawn McKenzie-Morales of North Plainfield, by inducting her into membership at the breakfast," said Rotary secretary Michael Townley. "It was great to have this brief ceremony in front of so many people from the community who heard the value we place on service to others."

This was the first event for Dawn and her husband Johnny. "We've lived here for a number of years and I decided it was time for me to become involved in a group that helps other people," said Mrs. McKenzie-Morales.

The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield, founded in 1921, has served the community for over 96 years. Members are community and business leaders in the area who meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15 pm at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield. Come to Giovanna's any Wednesday to learn more about how you can join or support this great service club. Contact Michael Townley, club secretary, at [rotarypnp@verizon.net](mailto:rotarypnp@verizon.net) for additional information about the Rotary Club, and its activities or to inquire about membership, or visit the Club's website at [www.rotarypnp.org](http://www.rotarypnp.org).



(above) Rotarian Michael Townley poses with newest club member Dawn McKenzie-Morales after her induction into the club.



(above) Maliek Flynn prepares sausage links for hungry customers.



(above) Newest Rotarian Dawn McKenzie-Morales (foreground) and her husband Johnny worked with Rotarian Maggie Morales (no relation) to prep plates for guests.



(above) Interact Club members served pancakes and sausage and cleared tables throughout the morning.



(above) Guests at the Rotary Club's Pancake Breakfast donated over \$200 to the Rotary Foundation's worldwide effort to "End Polio Now"



(above) North Plainfield High School Interact Club members with their adviser, Alexandra Periera (fourth from left) at the Rotary Club's Pancake Breakfast.





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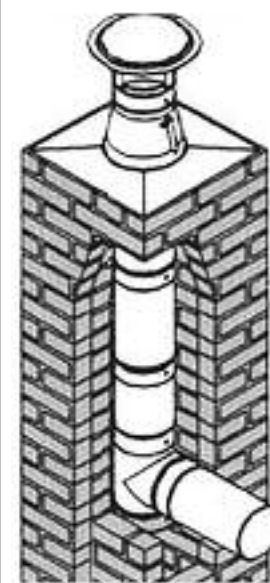
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## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM G. PARENTI

The following Holiday Safety Tips were compiled to contribute to the safety and security of people during the holiday season. The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors. The North Plainfield Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

### Driving

- Avoid driving alone or at night.
- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

### Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside or in a well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
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## NPCCR MEETING

The next meeting of the North Plainfield Citizens for Community Rights (NPCCR) will be Thursday, January 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the the North Plainfield Community Center located at 614 Greenbrook Rd.

Our guest speaker will Police Chief William Parenti. If you have a specific topic you would like discussed, let NPCCR know as soon as possible at 908-757-6353 or frankdsr@comcast.net so we can bring it to the Chief's attention. There will be time for your questions.

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- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- Always carry your New Jersey Driver's License along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas and restaurants.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

### Children

- If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter.
- Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car.
- Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

### At Home

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have

a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers, mail and delivered packages.

- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home.
- Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.
- If you use lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire.
- Place your Christmas tree in water to keep it green.
- Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.

### Strangers at Your Door

- Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved.
- Ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.
- Donate to a recognized charitable organization.

### Hosting a Party

- Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests.
- Find alternative transportation for intoxicated guests.
- Arrange for an official designated driver for your party who will not drink at all.

### Attending a Party

- Have something to eat before consuming alcoholic beverages.
- Eat high protein foods that will stay in your stomach longer and slow the absorption of alcohol into your system.
- Remember only time will eliminate the alcohol from your body.
- Know your safe limit.
- Never drink and drive.
- Take a taxi or Ride Sharing service e.g. Uber or Lyft.

## WILLIAM F. EATON, FIRE CHIEF/DIRECTOR, NORTH PLAINFIELD FIRE DEPT.

The North Plainfield Fire Department participated with the American Red Cross on Saturday, November 4th in their Home Fire Safety initiative. This event involved a few dozen volunteers from the Red Cross who teamed up with our fire department personnel to install smoke detectors in the homes of local residents in a pre-established target area. The Red Cross crews went out ahead of the firefighters to canvass our downtown area and all blocks within

that part of town. They knocked on doors to determine which residents were interested in having smoke detectors installed in their homes. As specific doors/homes were identified, fire department personnel, including some of our volunteer call force members, performed the installations in those homes. This took most of the day that Saturday and just shy of 100 detectors were installed in total.

# SAFE + SOUND SOMERSET ENDING DOMESTIC ABUSE ONCE AND FOR ALL

Domestic abuse is an epidemic affecting individuals in our communities, accompanied by a pattern of abusive behaviors that are used to gain or maintain power and control over a partner; physical violence, sexual assault, financial control, threats, intimidation, isolation and verbal abuse are methods an abusive partner uses to gain control.

Leaving an abusive relationship is not easy and poses threats to the victim and their family and friends. The victim may still be in love with the abuser, in hopes that the situation will change. Feelings of guilt and remorse may overcome the victim as they evaluate leaving the relationship, especially if they have children.

In other cases, the victim may be afraid to leave because of threatening or harassing behavior. Leaving becomes even more difficult if they do not have an independent source of income or the support of family and friends.

Safe+Sound Somerset, a nonprofit agency whose mission is to empower survivors of domestic abuse and engage the community to break the cycle of violence, provides specialized crisis and ongoing supportive services for victims of domestic abuse and their children throughout Somerset County. Safe+Sound Somerset offers a comprehensive range of services to adults and children, including a 24-hour toll-free Call or Text Crisis Hotline, (866) 685-1122.

Safe+Sound Somerset provides safe-house protection, transitional housing and support to victims of domestic abuse, individual or group counseling and legal advocacy.

The overall goal is to empower clients with tools to increase their safety and reduce the risk of future harm to themselves and their children. Ultimately, clients and their children have the capacity to live free from abuse.

Safe+Sound Somerset's Community Education Program provides information to the diverse populations within the County about the dynamics of domestic abuse, teen dating violence and the agency's programs.

All client services, community education and training are provided free of charge in English and Spanish. Safe+Sound Somerset is exclusively dedicated to serving those whose lives have been impacted by domestic abuse.

As a round-the-clock program, Safe+Sound Somerset stands ready to help by providing a safe, supportive and empowering environment that promotes healing and assists individuals as they move forward in their journey from victims to survivors. Confidential services are provided to all survivors of domestic abuse – women, men and children.

## CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION CLASSES

The Union Public Library in partnership with Jewish Vocational Service will be offering free classes to help legal permanent residents prepare and apply for U.S. citizenship. The curriculum will focus on all aspects of the citizenship exam and interview, as well as legal assistance in completing the N-400 Application for Naturalization.

The Union Public Library will hold exam preparation classes on Saturdays, 9am-1pm for 10 weeks beginning January 2018. Registration and the first class; will be held on January 6 at 9am. All prospective registrants must bring their Green Card in order to be registered.

For more information, please contact Inna Kramers at [ikramers@jvsnj.org](mailto:ikramers@jvsnj.org) or 862-704-2283.

The Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., Union, NJ 07083. (908) 851-5450 or on the web at [www.uplnj.org](http://www.uplnj.org).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT BLOOD DRIVES

NJ Blood Services, which supplies blood to 60 hospitals throughout the state, is in need of volunteers, to work blood drives. The blood mobile volunteer is an integral member of the blood collection team whose task it is assist donors with registration, perform canteen duties and make appointments for their next donation.

Volunteers should have the ability to relate to the public, be able to perform different jobs as needed and have the willingness to follow the rules. For additional information contact, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, Manager of Community Relations & Volunteer Services Jan Zepka at 732-616-8741.



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- Shrimp Fra Diavolo
- Stuffed Filet Of Sole
- Homemade Seafood Paella

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- 1 - Tray of Stuffed Shells AND
- 1 - Tray of Your Choice
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**Dessert**

- 2 lb tray of Italian cookies

*Also includes 2 dozen fresh baked dinner rolls*

## Christmas Day <sup>ONLY</sup> \$299<sup>+tax</sup>

JUST HEAT & SERVE - FEEDS 12-15 PEOPLE

**Appetizer**

- Fresh Mozzarella & Tomato Platter

**Salad**

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**Pasta (Your Choice of 1 Full Tray)**

- Homemade Stuffed Shells
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# PIPES OF CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

*Commemorating John Curry and the 1879 Vision at Knock, Ireland*

The Pipes of Christmas will celebrate its nineteenth season with performances in New Jersey and New York this December. The holiday favorite opens on Saturday, December 16 at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 921 Madison Avenue (at 73rd Street) for a 2PM performance. The concert moves across the Hudson River on Sunday, December 17 to Central Presbyterian Church located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, NJ with performances at 2 and 7PM.

The 2017 production will mark the world premiere of “Beautiful Things,” an original composition by acclaimed Celtic harper Cormac De Barra of Dublin, Ireland. The piece commemorates the vision of the Virgin Mary at Knock Cathedral in Ireland in 1879.

Earlier this year, the remains of the last remaining witness to the vision were reinterred at Old St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City from the pauper’s grave where he was laid to rest in 1934. His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, supervised the service.

For those weary of the ceaseless stream of secular seasonal music from department stores to TV, the Pipes of Christmas offers a spiritual and traditional take on the season that connects concertgoers to the holiday in a fresh, meaningful way. The show features tunes such as O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Joy to the World, and Amazing Grace, all performed live on pipes and drums, harp and fiddle, and organ and brass. Not only does the performance define Christmas cheer, but also it inspires those of Celtic descent to retrace and reconnect to their ancestry.

The concert presents the music of Christmas accompanied by readings taken from the Celtic literature of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Featured performers include James Robinson from the film “Braveheart,” New England fiddle champion Paul Woodiel, “Riverdance” Irish uilleann piper and flutist Christopher Layer, Gaelic Mod champion harpist Jennifer Port of Golspie, Scotland, and the Pipe Major Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band from Redlands, CA.



*(above) Pipers from the Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band are returning to the East Coast this December to join the company of the 19th annual “Pipes of Christmas” concerts.*

*Photo by Warren Westura.*



*(above) Cormac de Barra. The acclaimed Irish composer and performer will debut his new composition on the 1879 miracle at Knock Cathedral, Ireland.*

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Proceeds from the concert support an extensive music scholarship program, which includes the Carol Hassert Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship at Summit High School in Summit, NJ as well as annual gifts to the National Piping Centre and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (both located in Glasgow, Scotland) the Gaelic College of Nova Scotia and Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas.

Proceeds also support the Society’s sponsorship of the US National Celtic Harp Championship, the Gaelic Literature Competition at Scotland’s Royal National Mod and an annual academic research prize at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the acclaimed Gaelic college on the Isle of Skye.

Named one of New York City’s “Top Ten” holiday events, the concert is made possible by a generous gift from the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, NJ.

Each year, concert highlights are webcast in hi-definition over the Christmas holiday to a global audience. The 2016 production was the recipient of the prestigious Telly Award for broadcast excellence.

## TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

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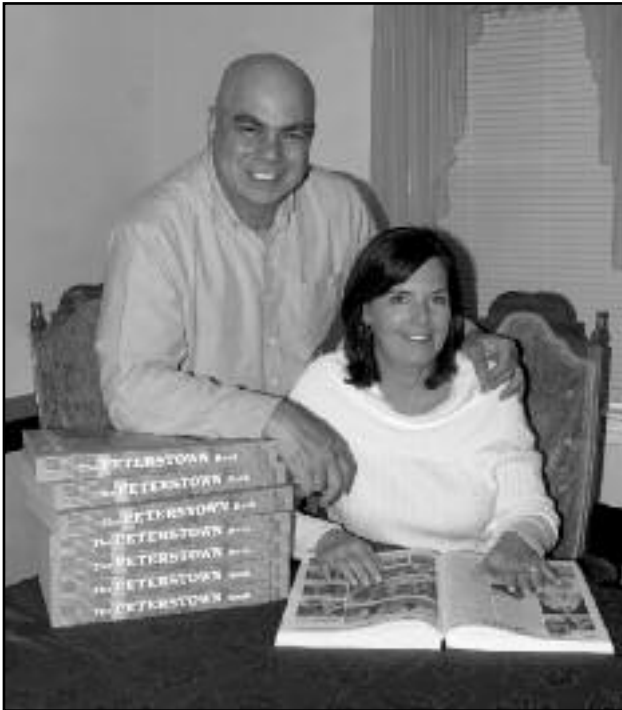
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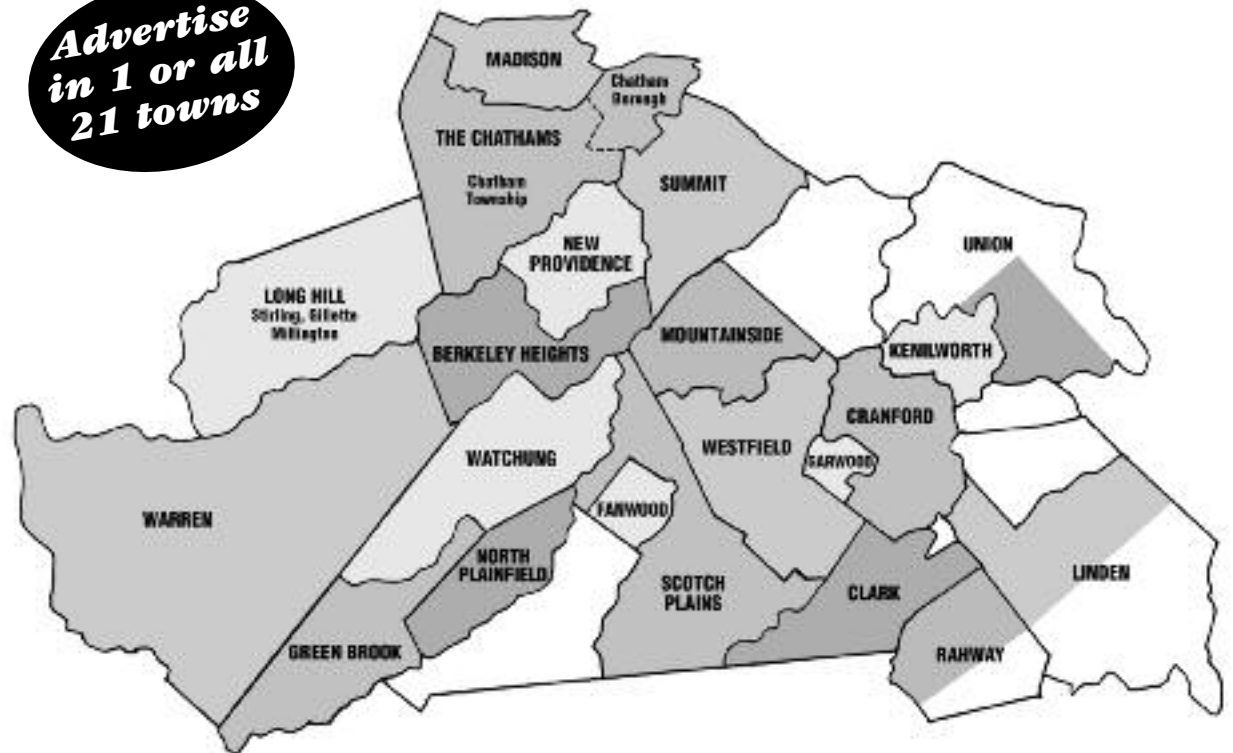
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