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STIRLING FIREFIGHTERS ANNUAL VENISON DINNER

Submitted by Frank Reilly, Stirling firefighter PIO

Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. firefighters held their 19th Annual Venison Dinner on March 4, 2018, in the firehouse, 321 Somerset Street, Stirling, New Jersey. More than 200 people feasted on a dozen varieties of venison specialties that were prepared by the firefighters. Some of the specialties were tenderloin, cutlets, chili, stew, meatballs, meatloaf, sliders, stuffed peppers, and tacos. An array of vegetables, salad, fresh baked bread, beverages, cookies, and cake were also enjoyed by the diners who raved about the excellent tasting food and the great variety.

Chairmen of this annual fund raiser was Deputy Fire Chief Al Gallo who was assisted by more than 25 Stirling firefighters. The firefighter chefs who cooked the food were Al Gallo, Joe Cerami, Albert Pepe, Troy Pytell, Craig Tuma, and Ryan Vrindten.

Almost 400 hours was spent by the firefighters cooking, staffing the event, and cleaning-up afterward. The income raised from this event helps pay for training, firefighting equipment, and maintenance of the firehouse that is owned by the Stirling firefighters.

Diners came from all over central and northern New Jersey. One group of firefighters from Fords arrived in a stretch limousine donated by a limousine company for the trip.

While the Stirling firefighters were setting up for the event on Friday afternoon they heard a loud wood cracking sound and thought it was just another tree branch breaking off during the ongoing Northeaster Storm. But the lights went out momentarily and when one firefighter looked out front he was surprised to see a major telephone pole with three large transformers on top had snapped off at the ground level and fell across Somerset Street toward the firehouse taking down all the power lines with it. It blocked two of the four fire truck garage doors.

The electric company was immediately notified, the Long Hill CERT was called to the scene to provide traffic detours, the firefighters moved their trapped fire engines through the back garage door so they could promptly respond to

alarms for help, of which there were several that evening, and they proceeded to get ready for the big dinner fund raiser the next evening. The downed pole did not dampen the enthusiasm of the firefighters or diners and the street remained closed until four days later when the broken pole was replaced.

For more information, visit the Stirling Fire Department at: stirlingfd.com or call 908-647-2669.



(above, l-r) Ryan Vrindten, Troy Pytel, Albert Pepe, Craig Tuma, Joe Cerami, and dinner chairman Alex Gallo. The firefighter chefs who cooked and prepared all the food.



(above, l-r) Four of the dozen firefighter servers: Danny Rito, Jack Remington, Matt Rozmerski, and Nick Giglio.

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(above) Itay Goren.

Goren will present pianist Itay Goren, on April 15, 2018, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. Goren is making his First Pres Concert Series debut and will perform Robert Schumann's "Carnival Scenes from Vienna," Claude Debussy's "Images, Book 1," and Modest Mussorgsky's "Pictures at An Exhibition."

Described as "an evocative journey from shimmering excitement to calm contemplation" (Classical New Jersey), pianist Goren's performances touch the heart and magically transport the imagination of the listener. Originally from Haifa, Goren studied music at the Rimon School of Music in Tel Aviv before continuing his education at William Paterson University in New Jersey. Under the guidance of pianist Elka Kirkpatrick, Goren graduated with degrees in both classical and jazz performance and received many honors and awards from the University. He is currently on the faculty of the music program at Ramapo College of New Jersey.

In recent seasons Goren performed at concerts dedicated to the music of Bartók, Schumann, Villa-Lobos, Brahms, Mozart and Beethoven. Goren was soloist with orchestras in Beethoven's 4th Piano Concerto and Chorale Fantasy and

Liszt's Eb major Piano Concerto as well as Mozart's concertos No. 20 and 14 and Bach's F minor Concerto which he also conducted from the keyboard. His latest concerto appearances included a stunning performance of Brahms' 1st Piano Concerto at Drew University with the Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra, and a triumphant rendition of Rachmaninoff 2nd Piano Concerto with the Summit Symphony, both orchestras conducted by the Michael Avagliano.

Goren is also a champion of contemporary music. He has performed works by living composers David Winkler, Richard Sorce, and Randall Svane, who wrote and dedicated a new Piano Sonata to Goren. Upcoming performances include recitals in summer festivals in France and Spain with a program featuring Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, concerts with the Madison String Quartet and Baritone Steven Scheschareg commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht which will be performed in venues in the U.S. as well as in the Arnold Schoenberg Center in Vienna, Austria, and a performance of the Brahms 2nd Piano Concerto with the Tübingen Academic Orchestra with conductor Philipp Amelung in Tübingen, Germany.

For more information, go to fpcstirling.org or call the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling at 908-647-1033.

This will be the seventh in the Church's concert series for the 2017 to 2018 season. Admission, as always, is free. A short reception will follow the concert at which attendees may meet the performer. Refreshments will be served.

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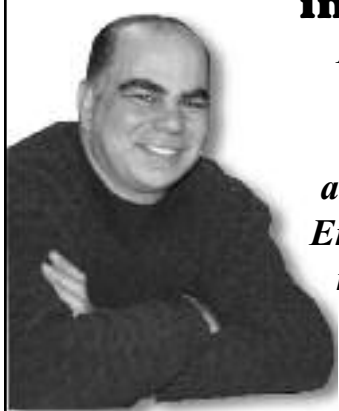
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Although games will start the week of April 9, the parade is a tradition that marks the launch of the Spring Recreation baseball and softball season. The season runs into June, ending with championship games, grilled foods, a carnival, and fireworks spectacular.

The opening day parade goes starts across from Shoprite on Bay Street in Stirling and continues down Poplar to the fields where all teams are announced. Families are asked to park in the Elks Lodge parking lot on Valley Road.

Players typically make customized team banners as a display of team pride.

LHBSA is a non-profit organization established to provide youth baseball and softball programs for players within Long Hill Township. For more information, visit: leaguelineup.com

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LONG HILL PROPERTY OWNERS CAN BUY TREES THROUGH GRANT

Submitted by Melanie Burdorf

Home or property owners in Long Hill can apply to purchase up to two deciduous shade trees for \$175 through a Challenge Grant offered through the Shade Tree Commission (STC). Through this program property owners may purchase a tree for about half the retail value with the Township paying the balance with Grant funds. Installation is free and arranged by the Town, resulting in substantial savings for property owners. Business owners are also encouraged to apply, particularly along the Valley Road corridor.

Those interested in participating must complete an application available from Town Hall or on the Township website accompanied by a check for \$175 per tree with a two-tree limit. Only 20 applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Forms on the website are located either on the STC page or the forms and permits tab. Please be advised that all trees must be located so that they can be seen from the street.

Members of the STC will contact the property owner and schedule a visit to approve the location of the trees on the property. The STC reserves the right to make the final decision on location and arrangement for installation. Once installed, the property owner becomes responsible for the watering and maintenance of the tree as prescribed by the Commission.

Additional information is available from adminassistant@longhill.gov



(above, l-r) Melanie Burdorf, STC member; and Susan Jeans, chairperson of the STC with a previously planted Challenge Grant tree.

CALLING ALL YOUNG POETS IN THE WATCHUNG HILLS

Submitted by Lena Golden

To celebrate National Poetry Month in April The Maija Golden Creative Writing Foundation is once again looking to discover the best young poets from the Watchung Hills sending district during the month of April. The Maija Golden Poetry Rebel award will go to three children/young adults that stand out as poets. The contest is open to all Long Hill, Watchung, Warren and Green Brook residents between the ages 5 to 18 and the awards will be given to one student each from the elementary, middle school and high school level regardless of school attended. The annual award will consist of a Barnes & Nobles gift card and a specially designed diploma. Contributions will be

displayed at the Long Hill Township library as well as published in the local paper following the April 30 deadline. Entries will be judged in early May, with the winners announced shortly thereafter.


Submissions are accepted online by using the following link:
goo.gl/forms/atJkkOE6rYdVPQty2


A reception with an awards ceremony for all participants will be held at the Long Hill Township Library on Friday, May 18, 2018 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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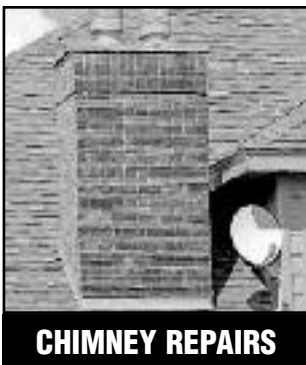
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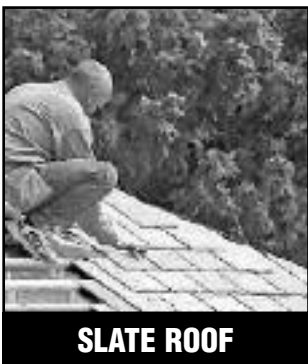
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STIRLING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AWARDS CEREMONY

Submitted by Frank Reilly, Stirling firefighter and PIO

The Stirling Volunteer Fire Company recently held its annual firefighter awards and appreciation ceremony.

The most prestigious award is the distinguished Firefighter of the Year award that was presented to Stirling Firefighter Matt Rozmerski by Fire Chief Kevin Phillips. The chief cited Matt's numerous activities that were far above and beyond the call of duty, for his extraordinary dedication to firefighting and readiness, and for promoting fire safety in Long Hill Township.

Before presenting Rozmerski with the award, Chief Phillips said, "I am so proud of all the Stirling firefighters and I wish I could give each and every one of you an award for your extraordinary and selfless dedication. You certainly are a credit to Long Hill Township and are the Township's heroes every day and every night of the year when an emergency occurs."

Fire Company President George Alto presented the President's Award for outstanding service to Alex Honegger for his dedication working in the firehouse to keep it in top notch

condition, for assisting in administrative duties, and for responding to numerous fire alarms.

A special award was presented to Albert Pepe for serving as the President of the fire company for 35 years. He stepped down in January to infuse "new blood" into the administrative element of the organization. He was hailed for numerous innovations and his expertise.

Years of Service Awards were presented to:

- John Melluso for an astonishing 35 years of service. He is also Stirling's training officer.
- 25-Year awards were presented to Troy Pytel and Jack Dede.
- One 10-Year award went to Joe Cerami
- And eight firefighters received 5-Year awards: Fire Company President George Alto, his son Justin Alto, Antonio Centurian, Patrick Pimentel, Dan Rito, Matt Rozmerski, and Neil Vaish.

Stirling's new officers for 2018 are Fire Chief Kevin Phillips, Deputy Chief Alex Gallo, Assistant Chief John Whitmore, and Captain Randy Wojtech. The administrative officers are President George Alto, Vice President Ryan

Vrindten, Treasurer Daniel Murphy, and Secretary Mike Batog.

The Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. is comprised of 100 percent volunteer members who are well trained in a variety of disciplines. All have been unpaid volunteers since the fire company was formed over 100 years ago. Membership is open to residents age 16 or older, both female and male. Training and firefighting gear is provided at no cost to new and seasoned firefighters. Details on membership and fire company events may be seen at their website: stirlingfd.com. Stirling's primary response area is Gillette, Homestead Park, Meyersville, and Stirling. They also assist Millington and surrounding towns in their time of need.

The volunteer fire companies in Long Hill Township and the surrounding towns rely heavily on donations from the public to support their hard and often dangerous work. Stirling's President Alto urges everyone to be generous in donating to the Stirling Fire Co. Please send a donation to them at: 321 Somerset St., Stirling, NJ 07980-1310.

To contact the Stirling Fire Department, call 908-647-2669 or email: stirlingfd@yahoo.com



(left, l-r) President's Award recipient Alex Honneger and President George Alto.



(above, l-r) Albert Pepe received 35 Years as President Award from 2018 president George Alto.



(above, l-r) President George Alto; Troy Pytel, firefighter; Jack Dede, firefighter; and Chief Kevin Phillips.



(above, l-r) Fire Chief Kevin Phillips, Firefighter of the Year Matt Rozmerski, President George Alto, and Deputy Chief Alex Gallo.



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(above, l-r) Fire Chief Kevin Phillips, Neil Vaish, Matt Rozmerski, Justin Alto, Ryan Vrindten, Antonio Centurian, Dan Rito, and President George Alto.

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The Annual Stirling Street Fair is happening on Sunday, April 22, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held on Main Avenue between Mercer and Somerset Streets.

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Friends of the Long Hill Library's Shredding Day for the Community is Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A shredding truck from Cipshred, LLC will be in the library's parking lot to shred your papers.

The Cipshred Shredding truck uses the latest state of the art equipment and shreds documents while you watch. Security Shredding is licensed, fully bonded, and insured. You drive in, unload your papers, and drive out with peace of mind.

Shredding Day is a fundraiser that benefits the

library. The Shredding fees are \$5 per grocery bag, \$10 per box, and \$35 per 30-gallon garbage bag. It's an opportunity for you to securely dispose of your confidential and personal documents.

The Library will also host a children's book sale June 7 to 10 and ask the community to kindly donate new and gently used children's and young adult books along with games and puzzles for the same age group.

Books and other donations can be conveniently dropped off with your shredding or any other day at the Library. Please note at this time we are asking specifically for young readers' books.

The Long Hill Township library is located at 917 Valley Rd, Gillette, New Jersey.

For more information call 908-647-2088 or visit the website at: longhilllibrary.org.

ANNUAL LONG HILL TOWNWIDE GARAGE

The Stirling Elks will be sponsoring the 10th Annual Long Hill Township Townwide Garage Sale on May 5, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Your address will be included on a map given out the morning of the sale. You will also be given a sign and balloon.

If you are unable to have a sale at your home, or if you live in a different town, there is space to rent at the Elks Lodge for \$25. You need to bring your own table.

Please drop off a check for \$25, made payable to Stirling Elks, (leave in the black mailbox) or mail to: Stirling Elks, Attention Kelly Mazzocchi, 1138 Valley Road, Stirling, NJ 07980.

We are also selling advertising space on the map if you would like to advertise your business, \$20 for a business card size. Customers come from across Central and Northern Jersey, so your company does not need to be local.

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THE NEXT BIG THING!!! JOE RENNA'S HYPER LOCAL NETWORK ON YOUTUBE

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Renna Media has launched a new YouTube channel called Joe Renna's Hyper Local Network! The channel will consist of a variety of shows, each with its own focus. The first episode of each show is up and ready to view.

Mind Your Own Local Business

Mind Your Local Business uses real life examples to illustrate successful techniques for managing and marketing your business. Local businesses will be featured. The first episode is about crafting a 30 second elevator speech. The February 2018 meeting of the Irish Business Association held at Molly Maguire's in Clark, NJ is featured in the first episode. Businesses that would like to be featured in an episode can email Joe at joerenna@rennamedia.com.

The Peterstown Show

The Peterstown show is a video continuation of the Peterstown Newspaper. The show focuses on the 100-year history of an Italian American Neighborhood in Elizabeth, NJ. Like the newspaper, it preserves the culture and traditions while recording the oral history that may be lost. The first episode is an interview with Carmela Lepore who turned 108-years-old on January 30, 2018.

Renna's Arena hosted by Nick Renna

Nick Renna has been the voice of high school sports as a public address announcer and brings that experience to a variety show; an eclectic mix of old and new video about general interests. His first episode is a video he shot of a 5th and 6th grade St. Anthony's Grammar School game from 1989.

The Video Shoebox

As a camera bug from a very young age Joe Renna amassed a collection of VHS tapes and 8 mm film. The first video is of the Linden Debutant Ball that he shot in 1992. There are hundreds of hours of videos to come.

Anyone with 8mm film or VHS tape to transfer should email joerenna@rennamedia.com.

Renna Media will convert film for free if we use it on the show.

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More shows will be coming in the future! And if you have ideas for what you'd like to see, please comment or email me at JoeRenna@rennamedia.com. ▼Please SUBSCRIBE to my channel to get regular business insights and networking guidance: youtube.com/channel/UCqJS. ▼I welcome your likes, shares and comments! You can learn more about me and my business by visiting my website at rennamedia.com. .

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