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## HISTORIC SITE MARKER PLACED AT MILLINGTON STATION

A dedication ceremony was held on September 28, 2018, at the Millington Railroad Station in Long Hill Township unveiling a Morris County Heritage Commission historic site marker. The Commission received an application for the marker from the Long Hill Township Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC).

HPAC Chairman Fred Rossi opened the ceremony by thanking the County Freeholders and the County Heritage Commission members and staff for approving the application and installing the marker between Division Avenue and the railroad station.

The marker outlines the significance of the Millington Railroad Station. Built in 1901 by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, the station's exterior and interior architectural integrity remains intact. The interior has retained the beautiful original woodwork and ticket window.

Larry Fast, Vice Chairman of the County's Heritage Commission said this was the first historical marker approved by the County in Long Hill Township for more than a decade.

Township Committeeman Brendan Rae, also the liaison to the HPAC, thanked the County Freeholders, County Heritage Commission, and



(above, l-r) Long Hill Township Committeeman Brendan Rae, Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) Chairman Fred Rossi, Long Hill Historical Society President Barbara Grillo, HPAC members Frank Reilly and Carol Prasa, Morris County Heritage Commission Vice Chairman Larry Fast, and Commission employees Peggy Schultz and Amanda Hefferan, and Commissioner Marty Kane

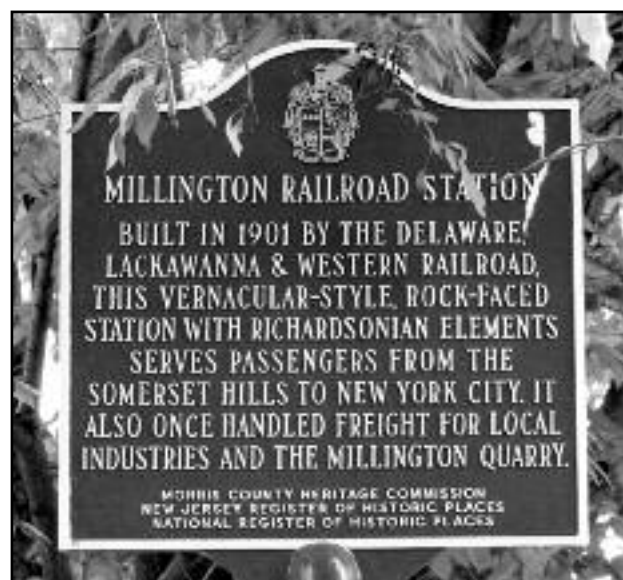
the HPAC members for all the hard work required to justify this attractive and informative historic site marker.

Barbara Grillo of the Long Hill Township Historical Society said, "History is very important to our Township's heritage and must be remembered. This historical marker is an excellent example of preserving our rich history and heritage."

Fred Rossi introduced Frank Reilly of the HPAC, who wrote the historical marker application and gave a brief history of the railroad station. He noted the station was 117 years old and continues to operate as an active railroad station which serves over 500 people a day. For the last twenty-five years, the station building has been adaptively repurposed as a café that serves light refreshments in an atmosphere of the early 1900s. Vintage photographs depicting the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad are on display in the station's interior.

Reilly also noted the stone to build the station came from the nearby Millington stone quarry and is of high-quality granite. He also noted that before railroads came to a town, the average resident during their entire life did not travel more than 20 miles from their home. So having a railroad station in your town was really big news and was historically very significant.

On hand for the ceremony, in addition to the above were MCHC Archivist/Acting Director Peg Shultz, MCHC commissioners Marty Kane, Kathy Fisher, and MCHC Archives Technician Amanda Hefferan. Also in attendance were Carol Prasa of the HPAC, and Phyllis Fast of the Township Historical Society.



(above) New Morris County Heritage Commission historic site marker at Millington Railroad Station in Long Hill Township.

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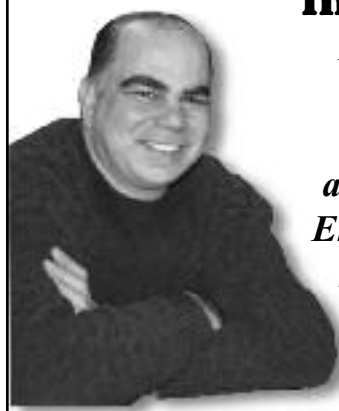
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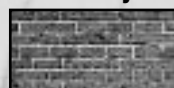
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This event is free to all LHT children and their families. The party will commence outside at 1:00 p.m. Central Middle School 6th Grade Blue & Gold Band, under the direction of Eileen Schanager, will entertain the crowd while waiting for Santa's arrival via a fire truck provided by the Stirling Fire Department. Then the party moves inside with Santa and the countdown to light the beautiful tree, donated by the Beneduce Family from the Great Swamp Greenhouse. Children can then share their wish list with Santa and receive a complimentary gift and candy. The party is also outside with complementary mule-drawn festive redcovered wagon rides and also a petting zoo, presented by Kaska Farms, Warren, NJ. DJ Mike, will provide lots of Holiday music and feature games for the children. Among other activities will be a professional clown that will delight the kids with her exciting magic and balloons. Face painting, and sparkle nail painting, along with decorating holiday cookies and making a craft, will be led by local LH Girl Scouts. Kids ages 3-8 can enter our coloring contest with a prize to

the winner in each age group, donated again this year by John and Pat Murphy of the Learning Express Toy Store. All entries will be displayed at the party, and all winners must be present to receive prizes. Flyers have been electronically distributed through the schools. An entry form can be downloaded at [lhcommunitycenter.org](http://lhcommunitycenter.org). Mail as directed before deadline, Dec. 7th.

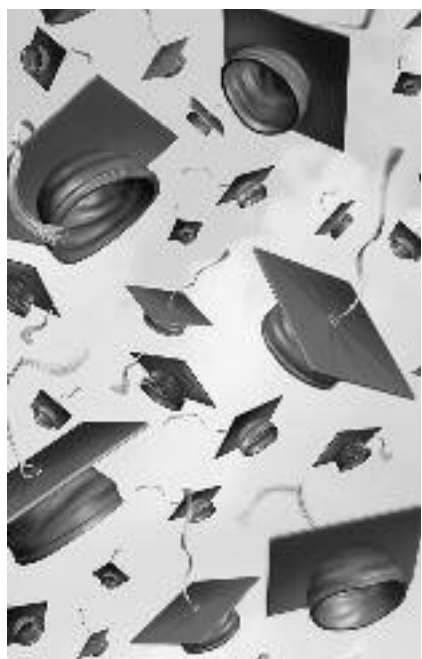
Again this year, the Community Center will be co-sponsoring a Toy Drive in cooperation with The Long Hill Twps. PBA #322 and the Long

Hill Twps. PTO. We ask all who attend the party to please bring a new, unwrapped toy for ages newborn through teen. They will be distributed to sick or injured children hospitalized during the holidays and throughout the year. Holiday treats, brownies, cookies, candy, hot chocolate, cider and coffee will be served throughout the party, donated by The Stirling Hotel, Dunkin Donuts, Burger King, and Shop Rite.

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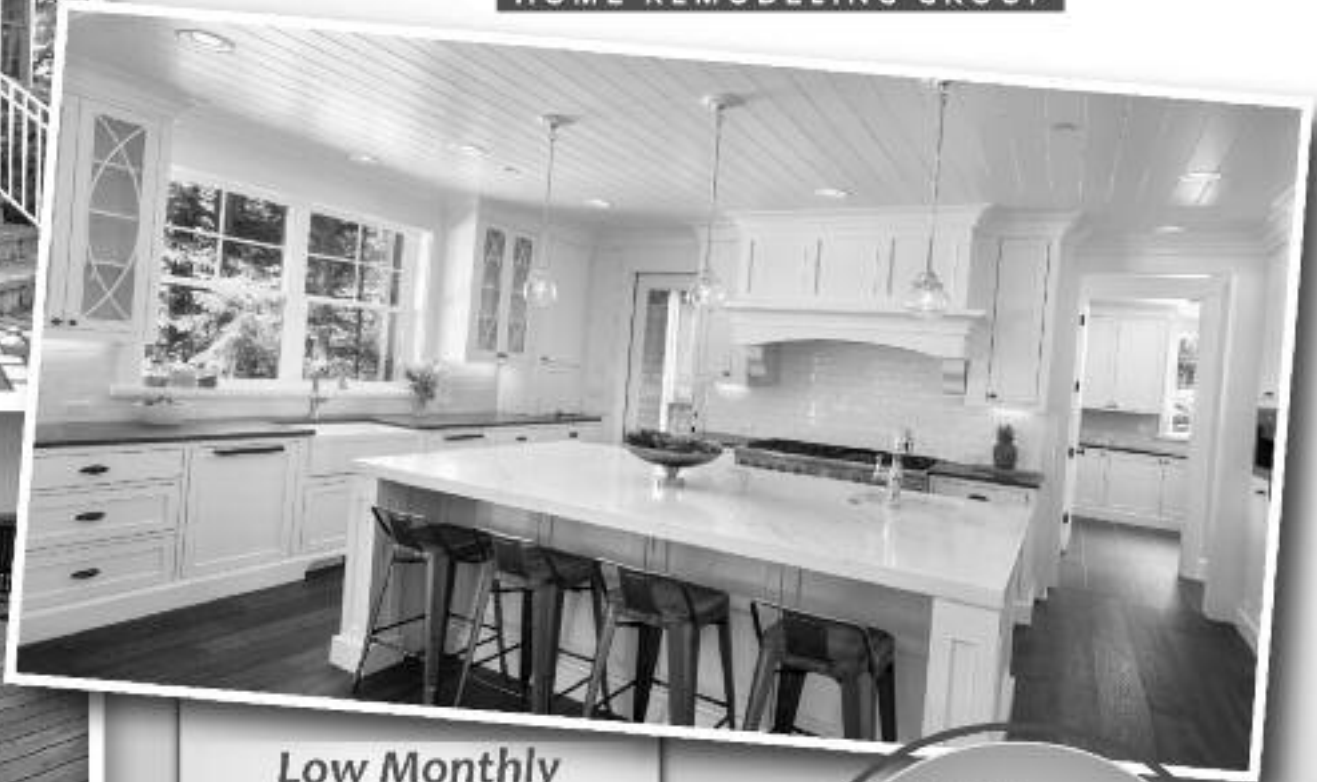


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*Submitted by Allison Kempe*

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The girls came together and learned how to build a fire....and with fire naturally comes S'Mores which is always a fun and entertaining

event!

Each troop led a song, including traditional girl scout songs, patriotic songs, and to be current, even "Baby Shark"!

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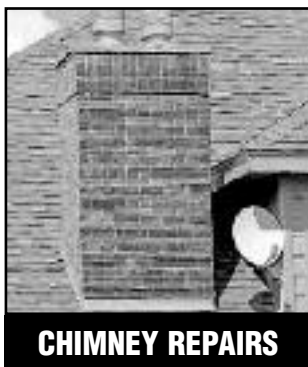
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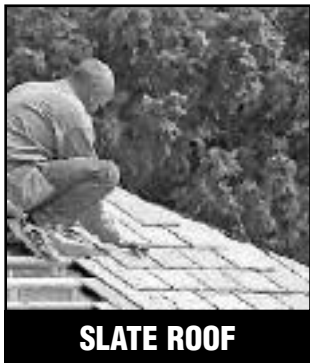
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Submitted by Patricia Mocarski

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The Special Children's Committee sponsors

several functions a year for special children and adults. The Stirling Elks hosted its annual picnic for about 80 Our House residents in September. It was a beautiful sunny day. Residents and staff enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs and other good food. Music was played by Our House resident DJ John West. The Stirling Elks sponsors various events for the residents of Our House. Our House has group homes throughout Union, Essex, Somerset and Morris counties.



(above) Chief Phillips and Fellow Firefighter with Our House Residents.



(above) Bob English, Long Hill Rescue Squad, in back of the ambulance.



(above) Group picture of the Our House residents, workers and Stirling Fire Company enjoying the day at the picnic.



(above) Our House resident and DJ John West playing music.



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## TWO GIRL SCOUTS ACHIEVE THEIR GOLD AWARD

Jessie and Ali Hoffmann from Long Hill's Troop 81752 have recently been awarded their Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can achieve.

Ali's project addressed the issue of the under-representation of females in the STEM field. She hopes to inspire more girls to take STEM courses and further immerse themselves in STEM. With her project, she created an absolutely fantastic website to serve as a resource for girls exploring STEM. It's called "STEMclopedia" and is essentially an encyclopedia for all things STEM related as the name intimates.

"The thing that struck me was that not only do you learn about what STEM is and opportunities of how to get involved, but you get to see the careers that people with a STEM background have. I think in my next life, I'm definitely going

to become a biomedical engineer!," exclaimed Whitney Gaydos, Long Hill co-Service Unit Manager.

It's truly a wonderful resource for girls so check it out! [stemclopedia.com](http://stemclopedia.com)

Jessie's project was centered on leading an active lifestyle to help fight obesity. Instead of people watching TV or using electronic devices, she wanted to inspire them to become more active. Her project involved creating a walking club and marking a walking trail at Kantor Park. She created a video which shows the trail. It took courage, confidence and follow through to get this project approved by the town and finally completed to benefit citizens. at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Congratulations to both Ali and Jesse for these significant contributions to our community!

## SHRED-IT DAY AT THE LONG HILL LIBRARY

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Photos by township of Long Hill Parks and Recreation.



(above) 2nd place goes to the Howard Family of Stirling, dressed as a Medieval Family with their unicorn and dragon.



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On Sunday, October 21st, 2018 a Halloween Parade was held at Matthew G. Kantor Moriral Park in Gillette. The event was sponsored by the

Long Hill Township Parks & Recreation Dept., Advisory Committee, and Chamber of Commerce.



(left and above) 1st place in the group category goes to: The Colasurdo Family of Millington. They were dressed as Walt Disney, Mickey & Minnie Mouse, and Pluto was asleep in the carriage.

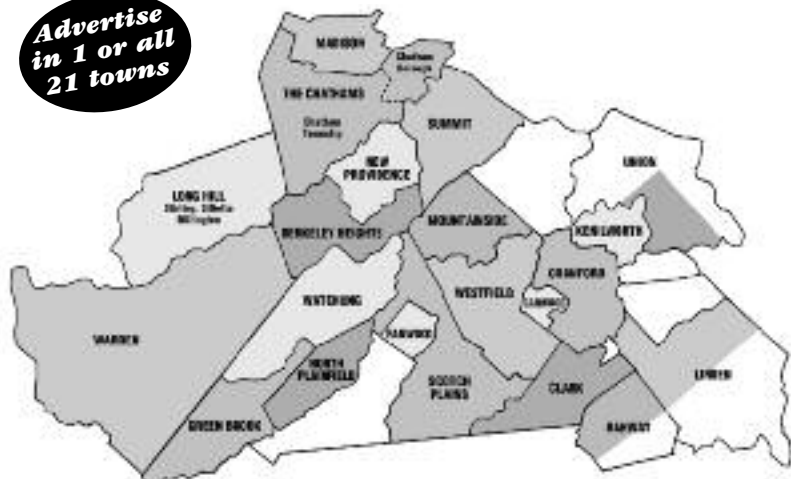
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## Touch a Fire Truck

November 5 at 2 p.m.

The Millington Fire Company is bringing its FIRE TRUCK to the library. Fire men and women will present a short fire safety program with free giveaways and lead the children outside to touch the fire truck.

## Food Fun with Miss Michelle

November 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for stories and a healthy food activity with Miss Michelle, Registered Dietitian from StopRite. Snacks included!

For ages 2-6 with parent/caregiver.

Please notify Miss Jess of any food allergies when registering.

## The Jam Cats Perform

on November 9 at 11 a.m.

Jam Cats Band presents a musical program of instrument discovery. Children will use various instruments to create music using different beats, tempos and dynamics to develop fine motor skills. For ages 1 to 6 years old.

## Sing a Story

on November 17 at 11 a.m.

Children will participate in this award winning interactive musical storytime with piano accompaniment.

For ages birth through 7 years old.

## Science Program: Tornado in a Bottle

on November 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Make your own tornado in a bottle for ages 4 and up.

## Frozen Party Saturday

on December 1 at 11 a.m.

Celebrate Disney's Frozen with a party.

We are going to make Frozen themed crafts, play games, and serve light refreshments.

## REOCCURRING PROGRAMS

### Rhyme Time

on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.,

November 7, 14, 21, 28

Join us for 20 minutes of songs, fingerplays, and simple stories. For babies from birth through age 2 with caregiver. No registration required.

### Creative Stories

on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.,

November 1, 8, 15, 29

Listen to stories and make a craft. For ages 2-6 with parent/caregiver.

### LEGO Challenge Club

Tuesdays, November 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Build with Legos around a challenge or just for fun. Leave your LEGOs at home and come play with ours.

For ages 5 – 12 with parent/caregiver. Beginners welcome! No registration required.

### Storybook Yoga

Friday, November 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Take a break from the heat and join Miss Traci for some energizing sun salutations, stories, and calming meditation. For ages 2-6 with parent/guardian.

## NOV 11 - PIANIST OLGA GUREVICH

On November 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling Welcomes the return of classical pianist Olga Gurevich. Ms. Gurevich is enjoying her career as a concert pianist, chamber musician, and a piano teacher. Her concert appearances include Carnegie Hall Weill Recital Hall, 92nd Street Y, The Symphony Space in NYC, Smirna Opera Theatre in Delaware, Westport Concert Series in Connecticut, Scuola Civica in Cagliari, Italy, and many others..

Olga Gurevich earned her Master's degree in Piano Performance and Piano Pedagogy at Gnesin Academy of Music, and then finished her post graduate studies at Maimonides State Academy in Moscow, Russia. Olga is a winner of international piano competitions both in solo and piano four-hands divisions (XIII Piano International competition in Salerno, Italy, and Ragusa Ibla Foundation International Piano competition in Ragusa, Italy).

In addition to her active performing career, Olga is a devoted educator. She has been teaching piano for more than two decades. Since September 2017, Olga has been on a piano faculty of Bloomingdale School of Music in Manhattan, in addition to her private piano practice. She is a musical director at "Hands ON!" studio in Manhattan, teaching music appreciation to very young children, writing curriculum and training new teachers.

The afternoon's program will include Nicolai Medtner's Sonata Reminiscenza, Rachmaninoff's (Mendelssohn) Scherzo from "A Midsummer Night's Dream", Sergei Rachmaninoff's Prelude in G minor, Prelude in B minor, Prelude in G sharp minor, Polka de W.R., and Modest Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition.

For more information, go to [fpcstirling.org](http://fpcstirling.org) or call the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling at (908) 647-1033.

This will be the second concert in the Church's concert series for the 2018 – 2019 season. Admission, as always, is free. A short reception will follow the concert at which attendees may meet the performer. Refreshments will be served.



(above) Pianist Olga Gurevich will be performing at the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling on November 11 at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

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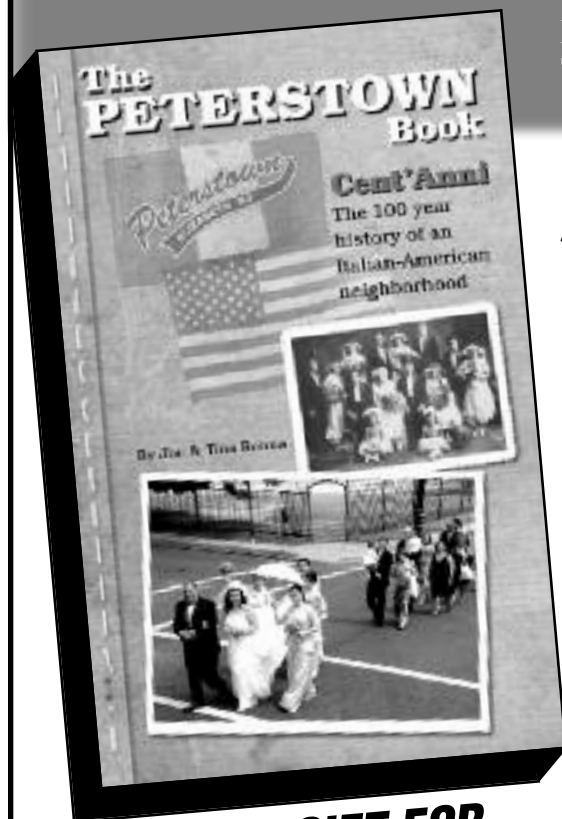
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