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### ROTC STUDENT HONORED AT VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

The Township of Berkeley Heights held a Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2019 at Veterans Memorial Park. Following the ceremony guests were invited to the VFW for a breakfast and an 'Eleventh Hour Service' to commemorate the armistice signing, which ended the Allies fighting in WWI on November 11, 1918.

The Union High School Jr ROTC once again participated as the color guard for the ceremony.

This year, the late Anthony Steitz was honored. Antony was killed in an auto accident last year. He was a student at Union High School and Jr ROTC cadette who regularly participated at Berkeley Heights veteran ceremonies.

The Steitz family were presented with a plaque which stated in part:

In memory of Cadet Captain (P) - Anthony P. Steitz January 2, 2002 - April 20, 2019

This future leader and outstanding JROTC cadet is a credit to his family, Union High School Corps of Cadets, and the United States of America.

He was greatly admired by his subordinates, peers,

and adult leadership for all he did and will be missed by all who came to know him for the superb individual he was.



(above, l-r) The family of Anthony Steitz: Glen Steitz, Gary Steitz, Emily Steitz, Maria Steitz, and Thomas Lombardi, Commander VFW Post 6259.

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(above) Anthony Steitz



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## NEW JERSEY NATIVE ENTERS CLASS OF 2023 PLEBE SUMMER AT THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

ANNAPOLIS, Md. – John Robert Trombetta a graduate of Morristown – Beard School in Morristown, NJ was inducted into the Naval Academy Class of 2023 Thursday, June 27, and will begin six challenging weeks of basic midshipman training as part of Plebe Summer.

Approximately 1,200 candidates are selected each year for the Academy’s “plebe” or freshman class, and each student is required to participate in Plebe Summer. Last year the Naval Academy received over 16,000 applications for the Class of 2022.

During this time, plebes have no access to television, movies, the internet or music, and restricted access to cell phones. They are only permitted to make three calls during the six weeks of Plebe Summer.

The pressure and rigor of Plebe Summer is carefully designed to help plebes prepare for their first academic year at the Naval Academy and the four years of challenge, which awaits them.

As the summer progresses, the new midshipmen rapidly assimilate basic skills in seamanship, navigation, damage control, sailing, and handling yard patrol craft. Plebes also learn infantry drill and how to shoot 9 mm pistols and M-16 rifles.

Other daily training sessions involve moral, mental, physical or professional development and team-building skills. Activities include swimming, martial arts, basic rock climbing, obstacle, endurance and confidence courses designed to develop physical, mental and team-building skills. Forty hours are devoted to the instruction of infantry drill and five formal parades.

Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy today is a prestigious four-year service academy that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen. U.S.

News and World Reports has recognized the Naval Academy as a top five undergraduate engineering school and a top 20 best liberal arts college. Midshipmen learn from military and civilian instructors and participate in intercollegiate varsity sports and extracurricular activities. They also study subjects such as leadership, ethics, small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering and weapons, and military law. Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a Bachelor of Science degree in a choice of 25 different subject majors and go on to serve at least five years of exciting and rewarding service as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.

The Brigade of Midshipmen is comprised of approximately 4,400 students from every state in the union and a handful of international students. Each year, approximately 1,200 young men and women are admitted to the Naval Academy’s incoming class.



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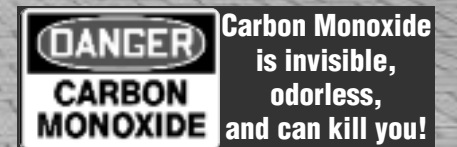
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Over the course of three days, Sept. 20 – 22, 2019, the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission (BHEC) and Sustainable Berkeley Heights co-produced Berkeley Heights Vegan Fest 2019, an event featuring yoga, educational panels, a children’s energized dance session, and a vegan cook-off – activities all aimed at teaching community members and others through engaged participation.

For additional information about Sustainable Berkeley Heights, please visit their website [sustainablebh.org](http://sustainablebh.org) and on Facebook SustainableBH.



(above) Second-place winners for the Vegan Cook-Off Dessert Category

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(above) Members of the Planet-Focused Educational Panel provide informative facts to attendees.

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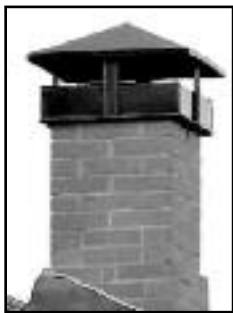
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## BERKELEY HEIGHTS SANTA VISIT & 5TH ANNUAL WINTER WALK

Submitted by Berkeley Heights Township  
& Recreation Commission

Please join with our community on Saturday, December 7th, 2019, for this wonderful holiday celebration!

We will be ringing in the season with Santa visiting Town Hall, 29 Park Avenue, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Bring the kids to meet, talk with and even have their photo taken with Santa! Don't forget to have the children write their letters to Santa for drop off that day. Santa's mailbox will be outside the front doors of the Police Department.

Following the festivities at Town Hall the township's 5th Annual Winter Walk will commence down Springfield Avenue from 3:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. and will include many exhibits, activities for the children, and discounts from local shop owners.

The excitement will culminate later that evening with our annual tree lighting which will take place at Peppertown Park. Immediately following the tree lighting will be an incredible fireworks display, generously donated to the township by Garden State Fireworks.

## GIRL SCOUT TROOP 40944 COLLECTING SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

Each year over 2,600 volunteers participate in about 225 weekly runs to New York City, Newark and Irvington to distribute needed items to help the homeless.

Berkeley Heights Girl Scout Troop 40944 is organizing a Socks Drive to support this effort. The collected socks will be donated to Bridges Outreach for distribution to homeless in these areas.

Although many food items and clothing are needed during winter time for the homeless and shelters, the number one item needed for the cold weather is socks. Warm feet mean a warmer body. The collection will run through December 6. Collection bins are located at the Berkeley Heights YMCA, Town Hall, and Library. Students can also drop off their donation at Thomas P. Hughes, Mountain Park and William Woodruff schools. Thank you for your support.



## DAY TRIP WITH THE BERKELEY HEIGHTS SENIORS

The Berkeley Heights Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Monday, December 16, 2019. The bus leaves the parking lot at the Church of the Little Flower/library at 8:30 a.m. and returns at

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Tuesdays, December 5, 12, 19  
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- Read to Sara the Dog**  
Monday, December 2, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.  
For ages 3 and up
- Sew It! with Ellen Brown**  
Monday, December 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
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Friday, December 27,  
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**New Year's Party**  
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### ADULT PROGRAMS:

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- Morning Book Group**  
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## 2019 CROP WALKERS FROM AREA CHURCHES EARN \$5,000 TO COMBAT HUNGER

Undaunted by the heavy rain, seventy-two walkers and volunteers conducted the 2019 New Providence Crop Walk on Sunday afternoon, October 20, 2019. Their exceptional effort has earned \$5,000 to fight hunger. Matching funds and other contributions are still arriving.

Since 1974, this annual three mile walk through town has been planned by Faith Lutheran Church and hosted by the United Methodist Church. The chairperson for the past four years has been Mike Warin of Faith Lutheran.

The walkers were from area churches. The three with the largest number of participants were the Sebit Presbyterian Church of Warren, Faith Lutheran of New Providence and the Asian Indian Christian Church of Berkeley Heights.

Prior to the walk, Mr. Warin conducted a brief orientation. He reminded the participants that many of the world's poor and hungry have to walk long distances for food and water and that hunger is a significant issue in the United States as well. The walkers were raising funds to help alleviate this international and national issue. Mr. Warin was followed by Bob Hasbrouck of New Providence, who explained the procedures and route of the walk. Mr. Hasbrouck has assisted with the Crop Walk since its beginning forty-five years ago.

Rev. Jane McCready of Faith read a bible scripture and conducted a responsive prayer with the group. John Everson and Courtney Auchter, accompanied by guitarist, Jim Skidmore, the three also of Faith, led the walkers in the singing of "We Are Marching in the Light of God."

In recognition of hunger being a problem throughout the world, one of the verses was sung in Swahili.

Aroused by "We Are Marching in the Light of God," the walkers then lifted their umbrellas, their red and white Crop Walk signs and marched

down Springfield Avenue.

Upon completion, the walkers and volunteers enjoyed ice cream at the Methodist Church. The plentiful chocolate and vanilla ice cream was donated by Zita's Home Made Ice Cream, 1790 Springfield Avenue, New Providence.

All of the contributions will be donated to Church World Service, an interdenominational organization which combats hunger in the United States and around the world. The focus of Church World Service is meeting the needs of the most disadvantaged people. Church World Service will return twenty-five per cent of the money to the soup kitchen at St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Newark. With the pending arrival of winter and other soup kitchens having closed, the needs of St. John's are significant.

Persons wishing to make contributions to the Crop Walk may send their donations to Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ 07974.

The phone number is 908-464-5177.



(above, l-r) Jim Skidmore, Courtney Auchter, John Everson, each of Faith Lutheran, led the singing of "Marching to the Light of God."



(above) Enthusiastic walkers from the Sebit Presbyterian Church in Warren anxiously wait for the three mile hike to begin.

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Submitted by Thomas Lombardi, Commander VFW Post 6259

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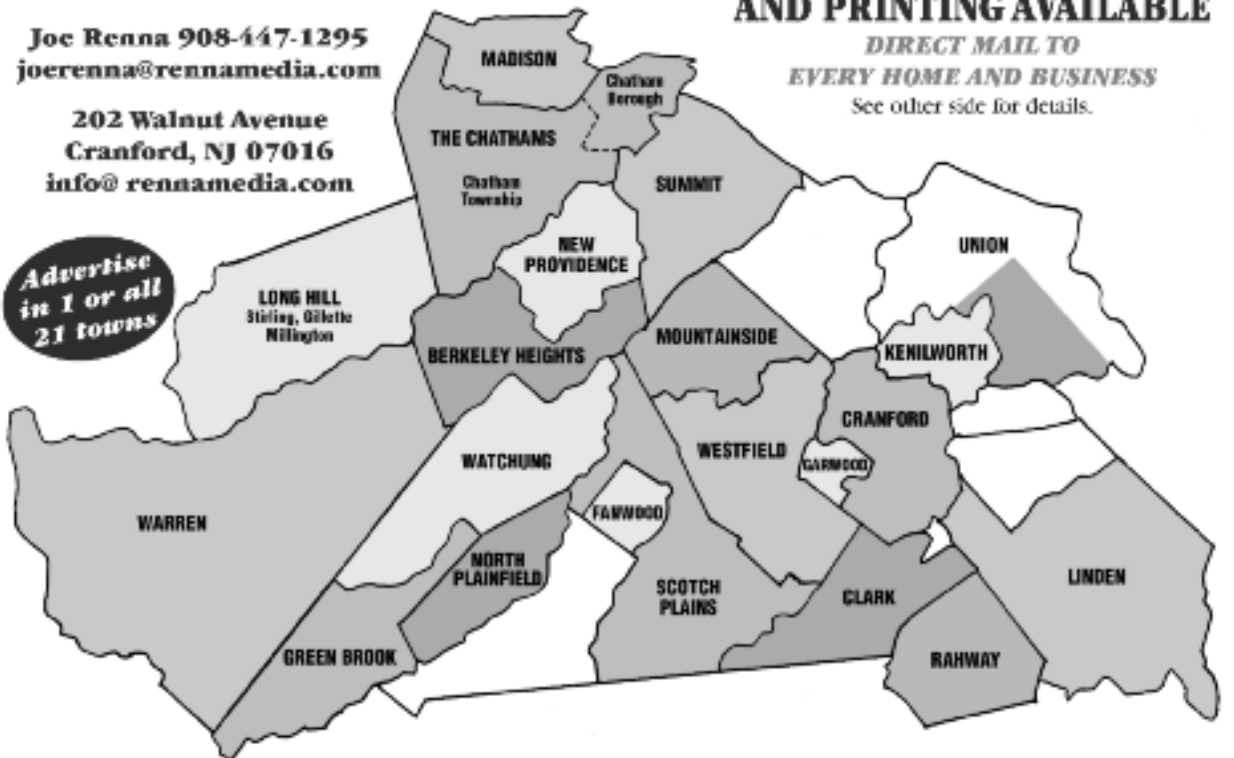
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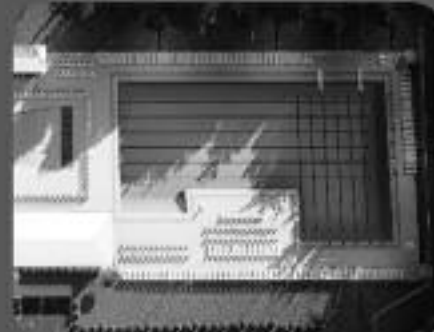
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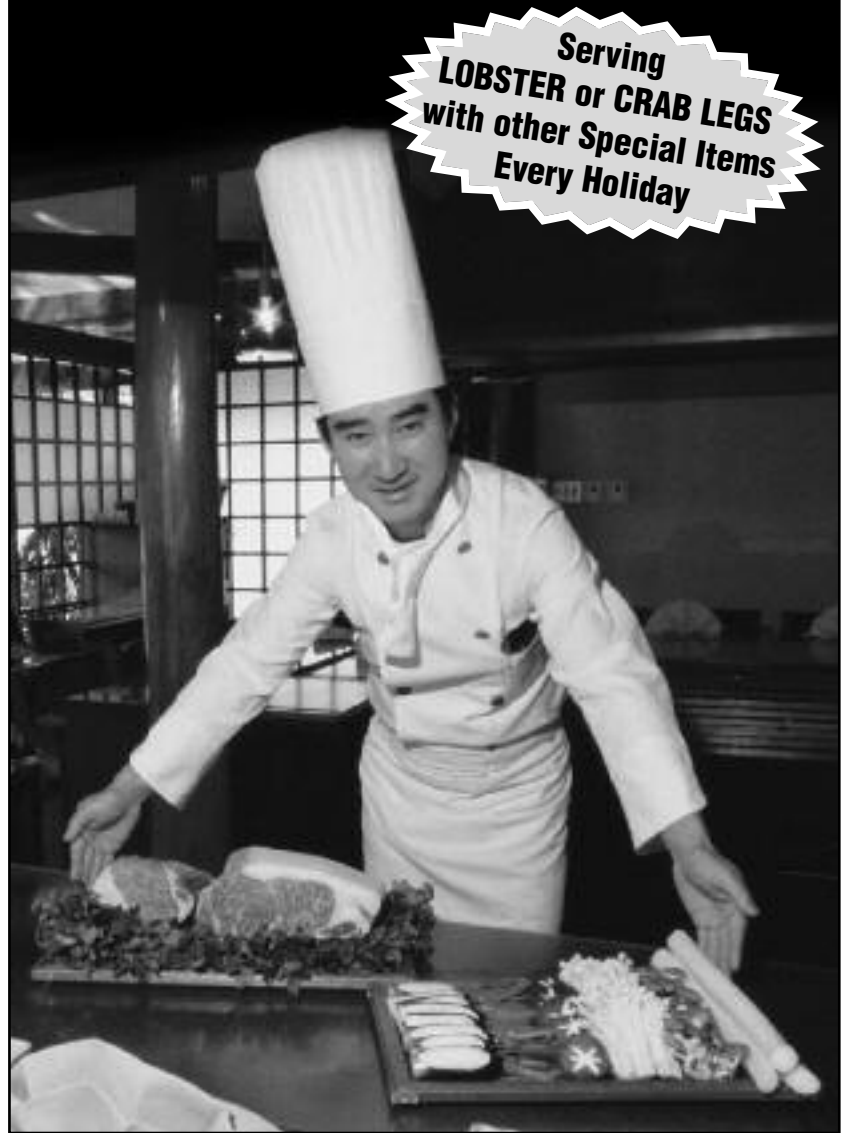
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