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APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT DR. ANNE MUCCI

On Monday, December 14, 2020, the Long Hill Township Board of Education with a unanimous vote approved Dr. Anne Mucci as the district's next superintendent, commencing January 1, 2021.

Dr. Mucci, a seasoned Morris County Superintendent, served in various administrative roles in the Mountain Lakes School District, including Superintendent (2011-2019), Curriculum Director, Assistant Director of Special Services, High School Principal, and Middle School Assistant Principal. In her current role as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Association for Supervision and Curriculum development, she leads educators throughout the state and nation in the development of high-quality curriculum and professional development. Throughout her career, Dr. Mucci has demonstrated a strong commitment to educating the whole child and building strong partnerships with all stakeholders.

"Dr. Mucci has a wealth of experience in educational leadership, operations management, and community engagement," said Board president Marta Moakley. "Above all, she prioritizes student achievement. I have every confidence that, as a strategic thinker and problem solver, she will lead the Long Hill Township School District during these challenging times in education, as we navigate the realities of the pandemic."

Dr. Mucci's selection is the culmination of an extensive and thorough search for Long Hill's new superintendent. After multiple interview rounds with a rich pool of highly qualified candidates, the Superintendent Search Committee recommended round three candidates for the full Board's consideration.

Karen Nyquist, chair of the Superintendent Search Committee, shared, "Having served as chair of three superintendent searches, I can say this search presented the committee with the most difficult choices I had experienced as the candidate pool was very impressive. Dr. Mucci exceeded our expectations and the committee and board as a whole were unanimous in their final selection. I am personally excited to have her start her stewardship of Long Hill."

At the end of the round three interviews and after comprehensive background and reference checks, the Long Hill Board of Education presented Dr. Mucci to the school community for a virtual meet and greet. The positive feedback from administrators, staff, and community members



(above) Dr. Anne Mucci

was encouraging, crediting Dr. Mucci as genuine, open, and knowledgeable.

Dr. Mucci is excited at the opportunity to join the Long Hill Township School District team: "I am impressed by the quality and dedication of the faculty, staff, and administration of Long Hill," Dr. Mucci said. "It is an honor to be afforded the opportunity to lead such a caring and close knit community. I look forward to getting to know the students and families of the district."

Dr. Mucci will work closely with interim superintendent Dr. Laura Morana to ensure a smooth transition.

The district thanks Dr. Morana for her leadership, guidance, and expertise these past few months. Dr. Morana has risen to the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic and hybrid and remote learning, in addition to the day to day operations of the district. The Long Hill School district is grateful for the time Dr. Morana has devoted to our school community and is appreciative of the work she has put into preparing the district for its next instructional leader.

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2020 CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

Submitted by Denis Kelly

Four Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) students are among the nine named as award winners in the 2020 Congressional APP Challenge.

New Jersey U.S. Rep. Tom Malinowski, D-7, of East Amwell Township, announced the winners on Thursday, December 10. Malinowski's 7th Congressional District includes Green Brook Township, Warren Township and Watchung Borough.

Malinowski met virtually via Zoom with the First, Second and Third Place winners on Thursday, December 10, the day the winners' names were announced.

THE 2020 APP CHALLENGE WINNERS ARE:

1st Place: Sameer Surapaneni, Arjun Singh, and Jay Fu, all of Warren Township and juniors at WHRHS; their APP is named Farmnet.

2nd Place: Samantha of Brea, Calif.; and Ruoyu Liu of Montgomery Township, N.J., whose APP is named "Vocal"

3rd Place: Victor Hu of Green Brook Township, and a senior at WHRHS, Chris Gu Short Hills, Sid Srivastava of Holmdel Township, and Aman Wadhwa of Bridgewater Township.

Their APP is named "PoliticianConnect"

The students said they were pleasantly surprised to be honored for their achievement in the challenge, and enjoyed the learning experience.

WHRHS Principal William Librera said WHRHS is very proud of this achievement by all the students. He said their achievement is a testimony both to their academic abilities and their work ethic.

"Each one of the finalists demonstrated creativity and a solid understanding of the issues our country is currently facing," said Rep. Tom Malinowski. "I can't wait to see what these young people will create next. Congratulations to all."

Launched by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2015, the Congressional App Challenge is a nationwide call for participation that, "allows students to compete against their peers by creating an APP," for desktop/PC, web, tablet, mobile, or other devices," according to program notes. "Through recognizing our nation's young programming talent, Congress hopes to shine a light on the growing importance of these skills."



(above, l-r) Arjun Singh, Jay Fu, Samar Surapaneni, Victor Hu.

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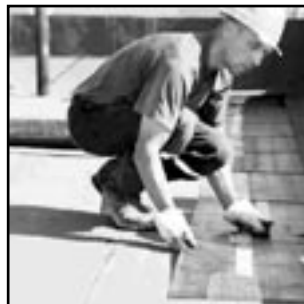
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WHRHS WINTER COLLEGE ATHLETIC SIGNINGS

Submitted by Denis Kelly

Two Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) Student Athletes, Seniors Chad Martini of Warren Township and James Coslet of the Millington Section of Long Hill Township, announced their intentions to matriculate and play football next year.

The announcements were made on Thursday, February 4, at their high school's Media Center.

Martini, WHRHS Quarterback as well as WHRHS Basketball Team member, said he intends to attend and play for the Cornell University "Big Red," Ithaca, N.Y. He plans to study Economics.

Coslet, WHRHS Offensive and Defensive Lineman, said he intends to attend and play for

the Dartmouth College "Big Green," Hanover, N.H. He plans to study Political Science.

Both Martini and Coslet were among several WHRHS players who were named Captains of this year's WHRHS Football Team. Both schools, Cornell and Dartmouth, play in the Ivy League athletic conference, and are Division I Colleges.

Also attending the signing announcement ceremony were the player's parents, Chris and Christopher Martini and Jennifer and Jonathan Coslet.

Earlier in the year, on Wednesday, November 11, there were six other WHRHS Student Athletes who signed to matriculate and play intercollegiate sports: Five at Division I colleges and one at Division II colleges.

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(above) Chad Martini, WHRHS Quarterback as well as WHRHS Basketball Team member, will attend and play for the Cornell University.



(above) James Coslet, WHRHS Offensive and Defensive Lineman, said he intends to attend and play for the Dartmouth College.

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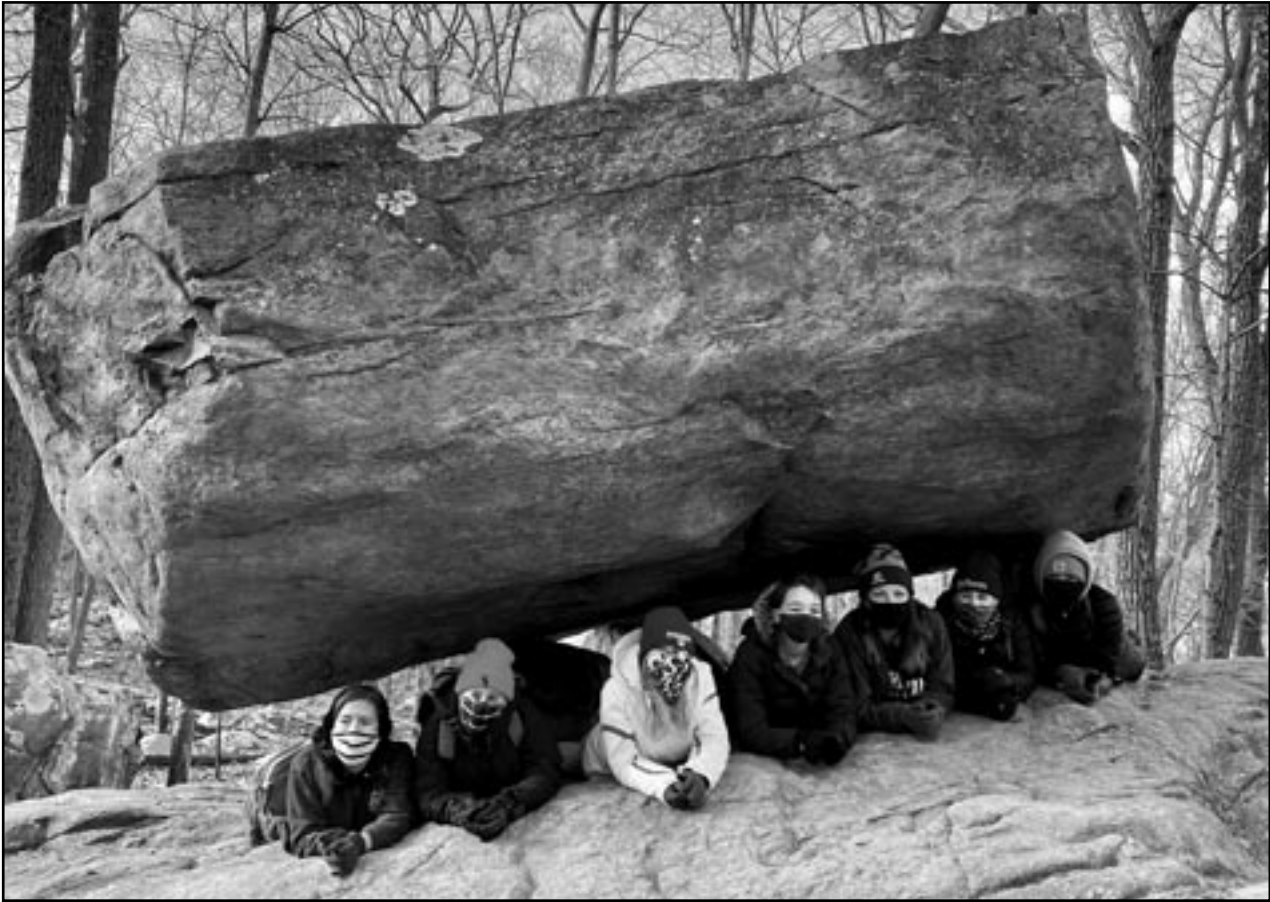
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Members of Chatham’s Venture Crew 28 leadership, personal growth and service hiked Pyramid Mountain on January 23. A cold winter day did not take away from their enjoyment of the outdoors. Crew 28 is an all-female crew that focuses on outdoor adventures, projects. The crew recently passed its four year anniversary. For information about Crew 28, visit venturecrew28.com.



(above) Crew members in this picture live in Summit, Chatham, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and Millburn.

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Dr. Somma has been in practice in Union and Middlesex counties for over 20 years, with an emphasis on excellence and compassion for his patients. He has served as the physician for the Elizabeth Fire Department, the Board of Health of Hillside and has served the Board of Education for Woodbridge NJ. He was granted the Humanitarian of the Year Award by Trinitas Health Foundation in May 2014, for his dedication to the community and his outstanding service to the goals of the Foundation.

Dr. Somma has special interests in various fields of Internal Medicine, including diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular diseases and arthritis/rheumatology. He has represented to major pharmaceutical companies, such as Schering-Plough and Pfizer, in a consulting and educational role for his peers. Dr. Somma has been a clinical educator for Seton Hall’s Physician Assistant Program as an Associate Professor of Medicine for their Internal Medicine program.



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FAITH LUTHERAN, NOT A BUILDING, BUT PERSONS HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Submitted by Larry Holt

Since the surge of the pandemic in March 2020, Faith Lutheran in New Providence has again demonstrated that it is not a church building but a servant community. Because of the contagion of COVID 19, social ministry programs have not been able to occur physically. Nonetheless, the members of Faith have overcome obstacles and continued to conduct their ministries.

Managing this persistent and tenacious initiative is Faith's pastor, Rev. Jane McCready.

The following describes the ministries, adjustments that have been required and the names of Faith's members who lead the ministries.

ST. JOHN'S SOUP KITCHEN IN NEWARK

Since March 2020; members, co-workers and friends of Faith have prepared over 36,000 sandwiches for the homeless persons served by St. John's. The sandwiches, an average of 775 per week, are delivered by Faith each Thursday morning to St. John's. Included with this delivery are fresh fruit, baked goods, snacks and toiletries. Prior to the pandemic, on the second Saturday of every month, for the past thirty-six years, Faith has prepared and served a comprehensive hot meal to the clients of St. John's.

This ministry is led by Joanne and Mike Warin of New Providence and Désirée Bouchat of Springfield.

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise is an organization of churches which hosts families and individuals who are temporarily homeless, with each church providing care for a week at a time. Faith has participated in this program about four times a year for the past three decades. The ministry changed dramatically with COVID 19. In place of hosting, Faith has made generous financial gifts, given three pre-owned cars, grocery store gift cards and clothing to Family Promise, for the people it serves.

This program is led by Kim Delatour of Berkeley Heights.

BROADWAY HOUSE FOR CONTINUING CARE

Broadway House for Continuing Care is a facility in Newark where about eighty persons suffering from HIV/AIDS live. The patients receive care from doctors, nurses, therapists and counselors. Twice a month, a small group from Faith have gone to Broadway House to do crafts and visit with the residents. In response to COVID 19, Broadway House was closed to visitors.

Wendy Naratil of Warren, the leader of the ministry, continues to send to each resident a 3D or music birthday card from Faith. Broadway House says Mrs. Naratil's card is often the only birthday greeting that a resident receives.

NEW PROVIDENCE FALL FOOD DRIVE

Each November, Faith partners with the New Providence Community Service Association (CSA) and the New Providence Cub and Boy Scouts to collect food for needy families. The food is donated to Star Fish Pantry in Plainfield and the CSA. A major part of the Drive is about 130 people gathering on a Saturday in November

to sort and pack the food. This collection of close working people could not occur in November 2020.

To substitute, members of Faith generously gave checks and gift cards to Starfish Pantry and CSA.

The chairperson for Faith is Cheryl Bock of Summit.

CROP WALK TO STOP HUNGER

The CROP Walk to Stop Hunger is a three mile walk through New Providence on a fall Sunday afternoon by members of Faith and other local churches. The purpose of the Walk is to raise money to help eradicate hunger in the United States and around the world. The members of the churches walk as a group, with many carrying signs to publicize this social issue.

In the fall of 2020, a group walk of about 100 persons could not occur. Mike Warin of Faith and New Providence, the chairperson planned and managed a group walk. Participants could choose the time, route and length of their walks. The virtual walkers achieved \$3,120 in contributions toward the reduction of hunger.

SHARING TREE

Through this ministry, members of Faith buy Christmas gifts for persons who live in social agency homes or face economic stress. COVID 19 changed past procedures. While the Sharing Tree was virtual, the gifts for recipients were real. They could choose from a warm hat/scarf/gloves set or a cozy sweatshirt sized to fit.

The leader of the Sharing Tree ministry is Joanne Berryman of Madison.

KNIT, PURL AND PRAY GROUP

The members faced a new experience in 2020. They were unable to meet together and share fellowship while doing their knitting and crocheting. Nevertheless, the group, working individually at home, made 110 hats and scarves for St. John's Soup Kitchen, 337 baby hats for University Hospital in Newark, 60 hats and scarves for St. Stephen's Grace Church in Newark, whose members are largely immigrants, five prayer shawls and four comfort hearts.

The group is led by Theresa Adamson of Warren and Joyce Brandt of Sterling.

PREVIOUSLY OWNED BIKES

In August of 2020, Faith collected 170 used bikes, repaired them and arranged for their shipment to rural Thailand. The bikes are being used by persons to travel to work, go to market and receive medical care. The bikes were collected on behalf of Pedals for Progress, an organization that recycles bikes for persons in developing countries. Faith contributed \$1,700 for the shipment of the bikes.

Casey Walsh of Bridgewater is the leader of the ministry.

TUTORING IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

Once a month about fifteen members of Faith have been tutoring Guatemalan children in English and math at St. Stephen's Grace Church in the Ironbound section of Newark. The members work with adults as well who want to improve their English. At the end of the tutoring, the entire group always plays bingo.

March 2020 changed everything. While

members of Faith could no longer go to Newark to teach the children, Faith did not forget them. Faith gave a check to Pastor Moacir of St. Stephen's Grace to help the immigrant children and their families buy food. At Christmas, the tutors gave thirty-seven sweatshirts to the children and their fathers and money for food. The above mentioned, Knit, Purl and Pray group, made hats and scarf sets for the children and their fathers.

Kim Delatour of Berkeley Heights is the leader of the tutoring program.

Each Sunday morning, Faith's 10 a.m., liturgical service, led by Pastor Jane McCready, can be seen at:

facebook.com/FaithLutheranNewProvidence/live.

The two associate pastors of Faith are Rev. Robert Kriesat of Convent Station and Rev. Lucas Vaga of Millington.

Faith is located at 524 South Street in New Providence. Visit online at famfaith.org or reach by phone at 908-464-5177.



(above) Tony of St. John's Soup Kitchen and Rev. Jane McCready with delivery of 800 sandwiches and other items.

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LOCAL GYM GETS CRUSHED BY PANDEMIC

In 2007, Gabriele Fitness founder, Vince Gabriele, started a Sports Performance training business out of the back of his pick-up truck. Over the past 13 years, the Berkeley Heights based gym has worked with thousands of youth athletes between the ages of 6-18.

When the pandemic struck in March of 2020, the Sports Performance program at Gabriele Fitness was hit hard. They tried to move it on-line but had little success.

Since Covid-19 was too much they decided to put the program on the back burner. They focused on their adult personal training program which held strong due to a very loyal core membership.

It's been close to a year since they shut the Sports Performance program down, but a huge announcement was recently made.

THE HUGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Founder, Vince Gabriele, announced they are bringing the Sports Performance program back and have been behind the scenes working on a full-fledged re-brand.

The new program will be called Grit Athlete Performance. It will serve local youth athletes ages 6-18 who want to perform better at their respective sports.

Founder, Vince Gabriele, was asked why he decided to bring the program back and his answer was very inspiring.

THE STORY THAT IGNITED THE FIRE

Gabriele was sitting at his normal table at the Prestige Diner when a young man in his 20's came up to him, looked him in the eye and shook his hand.

The young man was a student in their Sports Performance program close to a decade ago. He went on to tell Gabriele how much he had learned and still uses the nutrition, fitness and life lessons today.

He entered the program as a slow, shy and awkward kid but transformed himself into a strong, confident healthy adult.

"This was the moment", Gabriele said.

"The moment I knew we needed to bring the Sports Performance program back so we could continue to help create stories like this."

A HAND-SELECTED TEAM OF TRAINERS

Gabriele went out and hand-picked a brand-new team to transform this into the premier Sports Performance training program in the area.

The full-time job of this new team will be to help athletes ages 6-18 get strong, fast and confident so they can build a bigger and better future.

Grit Athlete Performance will help kids get stronger and faster so they can perform better at their sports. The true goal is bigger than that and goes beyond their athletic career.

Grit is not something you need just in sports. Grit is a character quality that every successful human being has had in their life. When you have grit you continue to have the power. When you have grit, anything is possible.

That'll be the take home message when they launch this new program on March 15th. Grit will have 3 programs that serve the following age groups:

- 6-8 years old
- 9-13 years old
- 14+

A VIRAL RESPONSE FROM LOCAL PARENTS

Gabriele recently put a message out to his local list and on the community forum sites with the announcement. The response was overwhelming.

Well over 100 people responded with strong interest to reserve spots in the new program. The first block of training will go from March 15-June 15th. They have stated they will only be taking 50 athletes for the first run. They expect to be fully sold out by March 1st.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD

If you have a child that is in these age groups and have interest in signing your child up for their March 15th-June 15th program, please visit:

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OF KIDS
AGES 6-18**

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This program is for your child if:

- They want to get better at sports but struggle because of lack of speed, strength or stamina.
- They eat more junk food than healthy food and you need another voice to help them understand how important a healthy diet is during these developmental years.
- They need to improve their confidence and you want them to start to get better at recovering from their mistakes.
- They're doing pretty good right now but want to take their performance in their sport to a **higher level**.



Here's what parents can expect to happen:



- **They will get stronger** which means when they show up to their sport they'll be able to perform better than ever.
- **They will run faster and jump higher** so they can show up to their next season and people will start asking what the heck have they been doing.
- They'll become **more coordinated and improve agility** which means they'll pick up new skills their coaches teach them faster.
- **Your children will start to eat better** because we'll be educating them daily on what's good and what they should avoid...don't be surprised if they start asking you to buy more vegetables.
- **Confidence will skyrocket.** When kids get stronger, faster and more fit ...their confidence will rise...so will their self-esteem which means their performance in every aspect of life will get better.
- **Their mindset will improve.** We're going equip your child with very specific mindset skills that'll help them learn how to transform how they think about mistakes and failures.

**Visit www.gritathletes.com
for all the details
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The Details

Dates:

MARCH 15-JUNE 12

Please visit www.gritathletes.com for pricing

THE AGE GROUPS

- **6-8(SPACES REMAINING: 13)**
- **9-13(SPACES REMAINING: 9)**
- **14+(SPACES REMAINING: 14)**

Time Slots:

Please visit www.gritathletes.com
for days/times at each age group.

Location:

All sessions are held at the
GRIT SPORTS PERFORMANCE COMPLEX
(Located inside Gabriele Fitness in Berkeley Heights)

**Sign up before March 15th
and redeem founders club pricing.**



About Grit Athlete Performance (A Gabriele Fitness Company)

GRIT helps kids ages 6-18 get strong, fast and confident so they can build a bigger and better future. They are located in Berkeley Heights inside Gabriele Fitness. All Grit coaches have been handpicked via a very lengthy interview process by Gabriele Fitness founder, Vince Gabriele.

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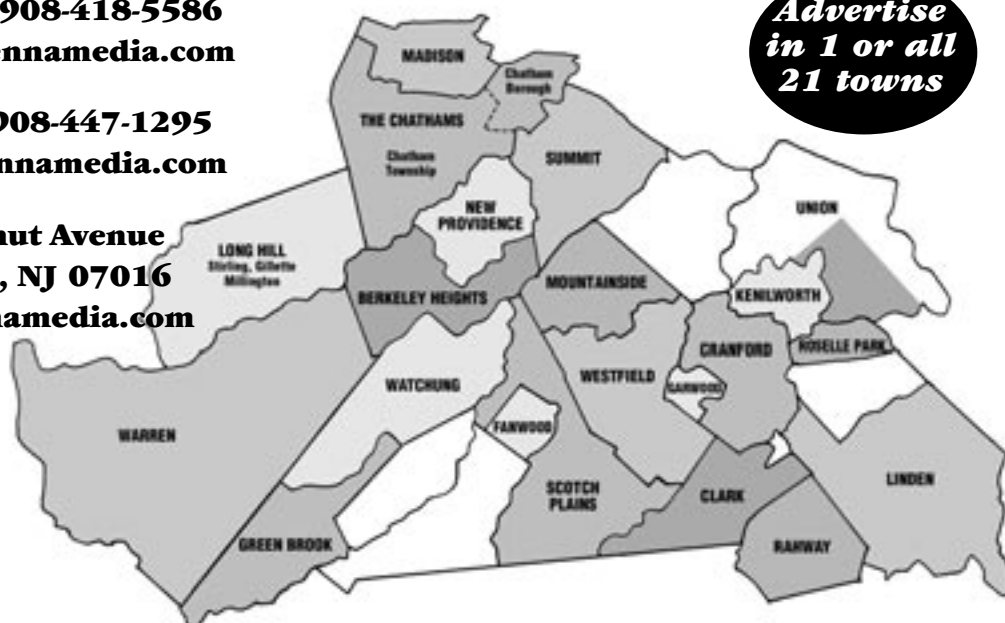
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The Long Hill Chamber of Commerce is revitalizing its membership and planning virtual events to support local businesses according to current Chamber President Michelle Cavett. "There's no doubt the business community has had an extremely difficult year," she said. "The economic downturn due to the pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our businesses, our families, and our community. Our goal is to

reinvent ourselves in this 'new normal' and actively seek out viable ways to support the business community and minimize the impact of this crisis."

The Chamber is currently looking for business owners/operators interested in serving on the board of directors for 2021. If you are interested please contact Cavett at (908)647-4194 or Gary Gianakis of Weichert Realty at (908) 903-1997.

VOLS WANTED FOR MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

The New Jersey Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) – a network of community-based, locally organized units comprised of volunteers – is looking for reinforcements, particularly those with vaccination skills. MRC volunteers are especially vital during emergencies and disasters when paid public health and emergency response assets are overwhelmed. Healthcare professionals (including recently retired individuals) having vaccination skills are

especially needed now that COVID-19 vaccines are available.

In addition to skilled vaccinators, individuals with all types of skill sets (for example, security, language translation/interpretation, education and outreach, warehouse operations, clerical, counseling, and more) are needed. If you are interested in volunteering with the MRC, visit njlmn.njlines.net and click on "Register as an Existing or New MRC Volunteer!"

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The Long Hill Library will host two talks via Zoom in March 2021.

Chocolate and Migrating Birds

Thursday March 18 at 7 p.m.

Join us for the NJ Audubon Society discussing the interesting intersection between chocolate and migrating birds.

Rutgers Master Gardeners Discussion

Tuesday March 23, 7 p.m.

listen to the Rutgers Master Gardeners discuss how to make our garden an oasis for pollinators.

We will also have a paper craft, a women's history reading event, and citizen science project regarding the weather. Our three book clubs continue via Zoom.

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