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The City of Linden welcomed in the holiday season with a tree lighting event on Friday, Dec. 3rd in front of City Hall. Some of the festivities included were entertainment, make your own smores at a fire pit, and photos with Santa at the Promenade after he lit the Christmas tree.



(above) Linden High School Dance Company



(above) Presentation of Colors by
Linden High School NJROTC.

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(above) Members of the Linden High School
Marching Band.



(above) Madrigal Singers featuring students from Linden High School.

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WINTER SESSION REGISTRATION

Linden Department of Parks & Recreation

Registration has begun for the City of Linden Department of Parks & Recreation winter session. The department offers a variety of classes for youth, adults, and senior citizens, in such areas as soccer, wrestling, karate, art, ceramics, arts & crafts, line dancing, Zumba, knitting, complete fitness, and more.

Visit register.communitypass.net/linden and click on Community Pass to register online. To register in-person, visit the JTG Center at 330 Helen St, Linden, NJ, or the Linden Multi-Purpose Center at 1025 John St, Linden, NJ. First time registrants are required to call during business hours to have an account set up. For more information, email lindenrec@linden-nj.org, or call 908-474-8600. The Parks & Recreation office is located at 330 Helen St, Linden, NJ.

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ARTS PROGRAM PROMOTES GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING

Linden Public Schools

McManus Middle School in Linden has been chosen to take part in the 'United We Create Project', whose goal is to promote understanding between Muslim and non-Muslim students from kindergarten to eighth grade through in the arts.

The project is sponsored by Young Audiences, an arts-in-education organization serving New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.

Students, teachers, and families will participate in the United We Create Project through storytelling, visual arts, music, drumming, and poetry to learn about Muslim cultures around the world as well as improve understanding of connections and shared values among different religions and cultures.

"We're ecstatic to see our school's mission and vision continue to grow through this fully-funded arts education program," said McManus

Principal, Atiya Perkins, who led the application process along with Vocal Music Teacher, Courtney Serpone, and English as a Second Language Teacher, Faten Sumrein.

United We Create helps participating schools increase positive perceptions of Muslim identities and build connected communities. Students will explore the history and culture of a variety of Muslim-majority countries through the arts, while recognizing uplifting Muslim traditions.

"At McManus, we celebrate community, courage, and change, as well as empower our learners daily to embrace their diversity to gain a deeper understanding of the global community around them," Perkins said. "The world is smaller than we think, and the arts are essential in providing a universal language that connects us all in a meaningful way."

The United We Create Project is offered free

to selected schools. These programs are valued at \$18,500; which includes two professional development days for faculty, one assembly focusing on music, movement, and arts from Muslim cultures, two days of in-class workshops led by a Young Audiences artist, a focus group of teachers and students to discuss their journey in the program, and a parent night event.

McManus is one of just five schools chosen to participate, based on an application that highlighted the school's sense of community.

"We promote a sense of belonging by developing an inclusive environment built around diversity, self-awareness, and personalized learning experiences," the application read. "Our goal is to inspire lifelong global learners who are committed to creating meaningful contributions beyond the walls of our school."



(above) McManus School was selected to participate in the United We Create Project.

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CHILDREN’S BENEFIT FUNDRAISER IN ITS 40TH YEAR

Thirty-nine years ago, Joe Sarica of Linden sought to honor the memory of his niece by organizing a toy drive and raising funds to benefit local children in need. This was a grassroots effort that grew each year as his friends, neighbors, and businesses stepped up to help him out. His donations went to several community service organizations including Cranford Family Care, Roselle Social Services, Linden Food Pantry LINCS, and St. Joseph’s Social Services in Elizabeth, New Jersey. This year, 2021, was the 39th anniversary of the Toy Drive/Holiday Party. The Kenilworth Knights of Columbus hosted the party for the first five years and over 25 years at the Linden Knights of Columbus, but the 2021 party was held at the Union Elks Club.

Sarica tapped into his network of musician friends to provide entertainment, forming an “All-Star Band” which featured over a dozen performers. Each year, an array of top talent generously entertains over 200 guests at the superbly catered event. Further, local businesses donate gifts that are raffled off to raise funds, and the toys brought by the guests fill a 10-foot U-Haul truck.

It is impossible to thank all those who volunteered, performed, and donated over the four decades, but when asked Sarica rattled off a

list that seemed never ending, “Jack Helfrich, Denise Helfrich, Mary Sarica, Barbara and Mike Ozeransky, JoAnne and Vito Tortorello, Johnny and Vikki Sarica, Jack Gregory, Bill Daniel, John Dwyer, Yosh and Lori of The Linwood Tap House, Mr. B Printing, Barbara Harris and The Toys, Kenny Wiltshire, Rob Paparozzi, Mitch Eisenberg, Ed and Chrissy Schwalje, Patricia Schwalje Nicole Sarica, Dom and Elena Principato, Greg and Michelle Ginand, Mark and Natalie Tortorello, Mike Noon, Jim Brown, Bob O’Connell, Don Sweeney, Kevin and Patty Kanach, Sharon Cocuzza and the Cocuzza family, Ryan and Kelly Helfrich, Nick Adase, Tom and Cat Pascale, Mike Soresso, Mike Reuben, Joe Rivera and the Fellas, Tony Nardini, Howie and the Elks Club, Linden KOC, Joe LaPlaca, Bernadette Murphy, Sister Jacinta, Kathy Willis, Carmine Coppa, Leo DiGuilio, Dan and Jennifer Holzmann, Hetal Parmar . . .”

The Children's Benefit Toy Drive is the quintessential grassroots community service of neighbors helping neighbors. The network has grown as friends of friends get involved. Social service organizations suffered over the past two years due to COVID-19 restrictions, and in turn, the families they service suffered worse. Sarica would like to make the 2022 event held in December the biggest yet as he celebrates 40

years, therefore, he is casting a wider net to invite anyone who wants to make a donation or purchase a ticket to email him at marleymarion@aol.com.





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If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Additions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

Consider This Alternative To Surgery

Northeast Spine & Wellness Center offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

- Diagnostic fluoroscopy accurately targets the pain, unlike blind injections.
- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- No lost time from work or family.
- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
- Recovery time is almost instant, not months or years.

How Does This New Treatment Work?

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy. This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain, especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. Hyalgan is a natural substance that mimics the synovial fluid that is already produced by your body in your joints. Osteoarthritis sufferers in particular see a reduction in this much needed synovial fluid in their knee joints. Without that cushioning layer of protection, the cartilage in your knee can begin to wear away leading to the rubbing of bone on bone. Through Viscosupplementation Therapy, this natural substance immediately goes to work reducing the swelling and inflammation in the joint and adding a coating layer of protection. Think about Dorothy taking the oil can to The Tin Man. You'll begin to feel that same kind of relief and quite possibly feel like you're ready for a dance down the yellow brick road to recovery yourself. And with a success rate of over 85% in alleviating pain associated with osteoarthritis, it's easy to see why this treatment is so readily covered by Medicare and by most major insurance providers. Diagnostic fluoroscopy to target the pain, Viscosupplementation Therapy to relieve the pain. Simple, fast and no surgery!

Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **Stiffness** - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- **Joint deformity** - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- **Creaking Joints** - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- **Sleepless nights** - Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy we use at **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoroscopy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started. They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation.

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Scot Paris MD, FACS



Here's what our patients have to say

"I'm dancing without pain. I can move with no problem whatsoever. I can go up and down steps with no pain."

- Patricia G.

"Over 85% relief for the first time in 15 years, suffering with knee pain. My life is getting back to normal."

- Perry O.

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RESIDENTS FIND SUCCESS IN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP

Massie Feuerschwenger and Jaclyn Feuerschwenger competed in Northeastern Judo Championship, which was held on Sunday, December 5, 2021 in Paterson, New Jersey. Both attend Cranford Judo Karate Center in Cranford, NJ.

Massie started Judo in September 2021 and took 2nd place in her first tournament. She attends School #8 in Linden, New Jersey.

Jaclyn Feuerschwenger, who is a lifelong Linden resident, took 1st place in her division and won the Grand Champion Award. Jaclyn also is currently ranked second in the U.S. in her division.



(above, l-r) Sensei Nicolas Yonezuka, Jaclyn Feuerschwenger, and Massie Feuerschwenger

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LINDEN HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

City of Linden



T'is the season to bring on the holiday events. Mayor Armstead, Uptown Linden, the Linden Cultural and Heritage Committee, and the Mayor's Youth Commission put together a host of holiday events.

On December 3, 2021, Linden families came together to enjoy the annual holiday tree lighting ceremony in front of City Hall. The event was a huge success and had an unexpected turnout. There were hundreds of residents who came out to celebrate.

The event kicked off with Linden HS Madrigal, Dance Team, and Brass Ensemble and a salute from the ROTC. Mike Bono Director of the Small Improvement District, and Rita Greco of the Linden Cultural and Heritage Committee came together to light the tree.

The festivities included holiday music, photos

with Frosty the Snowman and Santa, hot chocolate, hot pretzels, s'mores making, and a raffle giveaway.

The event would not have been made possible without Mayor Armstead, Linden City Council, the Linden Cultural Committee, Marybeth Strano, Amy Matthes, Keira Ormon, Councilwoman Lisa Ormon, Rita Greco, Ernestine Taylor, Luke Yamakaitis, Evelyn Rivera, Latisha Davis, Débora Azevedo, Sandra Vasquez Jackson, Mikki Ponticello, Mike Bono, Father Ed, Vikos, Linden HS Madrigal, Dance Team and Brass Ensemble, the ROTC, Linden Fire Department, Linden Police Department, Public Works, and Linden City Employees. The City of Linden thanks everyone involved in putting the holiday tree lighting together; it would not have been possible without you.



(above) Linden High Scholl Dance Team



(above) Linden High School Madrigals



(above) Linden Mayor Armstead is surrounded by Council people Media, Blaine, Javick, Oman, Strano, and Board of Ed President Carlos Rivas

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HIGH SCHOOL TV STUDIO WELCOMES GUESTS

Linden Public Schools

Linden High School recently got a chance to host a contingent of educators from Plainfield Public Schools to show off its TV studio and discuss the school's student news program.

Since Plainfield High School is interested in expanding its multimedia program, Superintendent, Dr. Diane Mitchell, reached out to Linden's Superintendent, Dr. Marnie Hazelton, after being impressed by Linden High School's student-run TNT News.

"We were happy to host our colleagues from Plainfield to share thoughts about our shared interest in enhancing our technology and communications curriculums," Dr. Hazelton said. "This kind of collaboration allows us to share best practices and challenges in the area of Career and Technical Education and can only serve to lift up students in both of our school districts."

Linden High School TV/Digital Media Teacher, Chris Paskewich, said that having the special guests from Plainfield was a great experience for him and his students.

"The students put in a lot of hard work, time, and dedication to TNT News," he said. "It's a great feeling when you hear feedback about how people like the show and want to see what you are doing."

Plainfield's contingent was led by Assistant Superintendent, Mark A. Williams, and included Chief Information Officer, N. Chris Payne;

Audio/Visual Specialist, Azumi Baba Ndanani; IT Administrative Assistant, Rose Carson; and Community Engagement Liaison, Gloria Montealegre.

"We would like to thank Linden Public Schools for welcoming us to visit their television studio," Williams said. "The visit was very informative and provided us with the necessary information needed to build our own studio."

Playing hosts on the Linden side were Hazelton, Paskewich, TV/Digital Media Teacher, Gary Miller, and Supervisor of Instructional Technology, Joseph Scaldino.

Paskewich showed visitors around his classroom/TV studio, which is located in the Linden High School Academy Building. He highlighted equipment his students use to plan, film, and edit the TNT News show that airs weekly on YouTube for LHS students and staff.


"Having the Plainfield team here was such a treat," Paskewich said. "They were super excited to see what we do and eager to hear about the show. You can tell they are definitely up-to-date on their knowledge of equipment and technique. They were familiar with our setup, but they weren't afraid to ask questions."

"I think they left feeling good about the direction their program is going to be going in. If they can model the program we run at Linden High School for Plainfield High School, they will be on the right track."



(above, l-r) Educators from Linden Public Schools and Plainfield Public Schools gather in the TV studio at Linden High School during Plainfield's visit. The guests are Plainfield's Chief Information Officer, N. Chris Payne; Linden Supervisor of Instructional Technology, Joseph Scaldino; Plainfield Audio/Visual Specialist, Azumi Baba Ndanani; Linden High School TV/Digital Media Teacher, Chris Paskewich; Plainfield Assistant Superintendent, Mark A. Williams; Linden Superintendent, Dr. Marnie Hazelton; Plainfield IT Administrative Assistant, Rose Carson; Linden Communication Coordinator and TV/Digital Media Teacher, Gary Miller; and Plainfield Community Engagement Liaison, Gloria Montealegre.

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(above) Linden Fire Department personnel with Azariah Clifton, Infineum Community Relations Coordinator (pictured center)

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RWJ RAHWAY SURGICAL WEIGHT-LOSS CENTER ACHIEVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway's surgical weight loss program has received accreditation by the national Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP®), a joint quality program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).

The accreditation as a Comprehensive Center means that patients seeking surgical treatment for obesity have a high-quality choice at a nationally accredited program that meets the highest standards for patient safety and quality.

"We are immensely proud that the program was recognized as MBSAQIP Comprehensive Center," said Dr. Anish Nihalani, FACS, FASMBS, medical director of the RWJUH Rahway Weight Loss program. "The American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) is the national governing body that reviews programs and has rigorous standards for surgical outcomes, pre and post nutritional support and ongoing care of the morbidly obese patient."

MBSAQIP Standards ensure that metabolic and bariatric patients receive multidisciplinary medical care, which improves patient outcomes and long-term success.

RWJ Rahway's commitment to quality care begins with expertly trained staff and the leadership of an experienced bariatric surgeon. The program is tasked with continuous review of surgical data as they continue improving the structure and outcomes expertise necessary to

provide safe, efficacious, and high-quality care to all metabolic and bariatric patients.

To earn MBSAQIP Accreditation, the RWJ Rahway program met essential criteria for staffing, training, facility infrastructure and patient care pathways, ensuring its ability to support patients with obesity. The center also participates in a national data registry that yields semiannual reports on the quality of its surgical outcomes and identifying opportunities for quality improvement. The MBSAQIP Standards, Optimal Resources for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, are published by the ACS and the ASMBS.

The program underwent an extensive site visit by an experienced bariatric surgeon who reviewed the center's structure, processes, and clinical outcomes data.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates about 93 million adults in the United States are affected by obesity, which increases the risks of morbidity and mortality because of the conditions commonly associated with it, such as type II diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and cancer, among other health risks.

Metabolic and bariatric surgery has proven to be effective in the reduction of comorbid conditions related to obesity. Working together, the ACS and the ASMBS have developed accreditation standards for metabolic and bariatric surgery to assist patients with obesity in identifying centers that provide optimal patient care.

WALTER YADLOWSKI



Linden Police Lieutenant, WWII Navy veteran, Walter Yadlowski, 94, of Linden, entered into eternal rest on Friday, December 3, 2021.

Walter was born in Linden to Joseph and Justina (Fucilla) Yadlowski and was a lifelong resident. He proudly served his country in the Navy during WWII. After 20 years of service, Walter retired from the Linden Police Department as a Lieutenant. He was communicant and volunteer at St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church in Rahway.

Walter is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Marlene (Chando) Yadlowski; his devoted children, Alexis Sweeney and Gregory Yadlowski and many loving nieces and nephews.

Walter was predeceased by his sisters, Olga Zavoda and Anne Beach.

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LINDEN'S OWN WILLIAM HASCO JR. SWORN IN AS FIRE CHIEF

On Friday, November 12, 2021, William Hasco Jr. was sworn in as Fire Chief for the City of Linden.

Chief Hasco, a graduate of Linden High School class of 1987, was appointed to the Linden Fire Department on March 15, 1996. Over the next 25 years he climbed his way up the ladder reaching the rank of Lieutenant on July 1, 2006, Captain on April 1, 2010, Deputy Chief on March 1, 2014, and Provisional Fire Chief on October 15, 2019.

In addition, Chief Hasco has been a Deputy Coordinator for Linden Office of Emergency Management since 2016.

Throughout his 25-year Career, Chief Hasco has earned numerous certifications including:

- Certified Emergency Medical Technician
- Associate degree in Fire Science
- Fire Official
- Level 2 Fire Instructor
- Incident Management Level 3 and is a Certified Technician in Rope, Confined Space, & Trench Rescue

Fire Chief Hasco is the recipient of the following valor awards throughout his career:

- NJ State FMBA Valor Award in 1999
- Knights of Columbus Firefighter of the Year Award in 2000
- EMS Service Award in 2000 and 2003
- FMBA Group Effort Award in January 2010
- NJ State FMBA Group Effort Non-Fire Award in December 2014

Chief Hasco has always been an active member of Linden FMBA Local #34 & #234, where he served on the executive board for 18 years, which included being the President of #34 and #234 for a combined 13 years.

During his tenure as Deputy Fire Chief, Chief Hasco oversaw the Linden Fire Department SCBA/Air Monitoring Division. In 2017 he administered a \$1 million dollar project and purchased of all new SCOTT SCBA Air packs, bottles, facepieces and air compressors for the department. In addition, he purchased all new air monitoring meters for the Department. This included for the first time, distribution of Carbon Monoxide meters connected to all the EMS First Aid Bags as well as assigning them to all Fire Prevention personnel to use during inspections. These new safety requirements help detect the early presence of Carbon Monoxide.

Chief Hasco also oversaw the Marine Division. During his tenure he expanded the division by successfully applying for and was



(above, l-r) Barry E. Javick, 2nd Ward Councilman, Fire Chief Hasco, and Mayor Derek Armstead.

Photo by City of Linden

awarded FEMA Port Security Grants. The funds were used to purchase additional equipment and training at a low cost to the citizens of Linden.

Lastly one of Chief Hasco's proudest accomplishments is the creation of the Linden Junior Fire Academy. The JR Academy is a weeklong summer camp for Linden Youth graduating 7th and 8th grades an opportunity to learn about the fire service, through a series of lectures, demonstrations, and fun hands-on activities presented by members of the Linden Fire Department. The "recruits" learn about fire safety and Fire Department Operations and enlighten them on the possibility of a future career in firefighting.

Soon after being appointed as the Provisional Fire Chief, the departments Engine #3 was totaled in an accident on the New Jersey Turnpike. Chief Hasco was able to quickly find a cost-effective temporary engine replacement for only \$4,000, to ensure there was no reduction in fire protection and safety to the members or citizens of Linden.

During the past two years Chief Hasco has overseen the purchase of two new apparatus,

Engine #3 as well as a new Engine #1. These apparatuses provide the department with the resources necessary to provide the most efficient and effective fire protection and rescue capabilities to the department and citizens of Linden.

During the second month of being Provisional Fire Chief, Chief Hasco was challenged with the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic. Under the leadership of Chief Hasco the department worked tirelessly and successfully to meet the demand of patients needed to be treated and or transported to the hospital for COVID 19 symptoms. The department issued over 40 COVID 19 directives to the firefighters to ensure they had the latest information and guidelines available to them. In addition, the department provided the members with all the required PPE needed to protect them from being infected by the virus to the best of their ability.

During the last two years, Chief Hasco successfully increased the compliment of the fire department by funding four firefighter positions bringing the total number of members on the department to 117. This increase allows the department to staff 2 ambulances 24-hours a day with the ability to man a third ambulance at times without reducing the level of fire protection to the city. This increase was extremely useful during the height of the COVID 19 pandemic and has also led to a substantial decrease in overtime over the past two years and an increase in ambulance revenue.

Some other notable achievements over the past two years' worth mentioning is the addition of a Deputy Chief to the training division, updating the clothing standards in the department and beginning the process to update the standard operating procedures of the department as well.

Chief Hasco is a proud graduate of Linden High School Class of 1987. In addition, he was a member of the 1st Linden High School Football State Championship team in 1985 and Captain of the undefeated Watchung championship football team in 1986.

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The Kenilworth Chess Club resumed meeting on November 11, 2021, after twenty months of being closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Club President Jack McCorkell of Cranford held a "Welcome Back Tournament" to celebrate. The casual unrated tournament excited members, and even some new arrivals, who were itching to play "over the board" again. The three-week tournament ended in a tie for first place between Hanna Malko of Clark and Joe Renna of Cranford.

The club was formed in 1972 amid the chess craze in America spearheaded by Bobby Fischer's march to the world championship. For 45 years the club was a force to be reckoned with as its member roster included many Master level players, including state champions.

The club has a reputation for being friendly and accommodating. It welcomes non-members with no obligation or cost. It's a place where beginners can learn in a casual setting without being intimidated. Strong players are generous with their time in analyzing and giving instruction.

The club's website, kenilworthchessclub.org, is well read and features an award-winning blog by Michael Goeller and other instructional features.

Players are welcome to just pop into the Kenilworth Chess Club with no formalities every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Kenilworth Community Center located next to Kenilworth Borough Hall on the Boulevard and the corner of 24th Street.



(above, l-r) Brandon Verno of Kenilworth, John Moldovan of Garwood, Hannah Malko of Clark, Jack McCorkell of Cranford, Mark Shoengold and Louis Leiggi of Colonia analyze a critical position during the post mortem of Welcome Back Tournament game between Verno and Leiggi held at the Kenilworth Chess Club.

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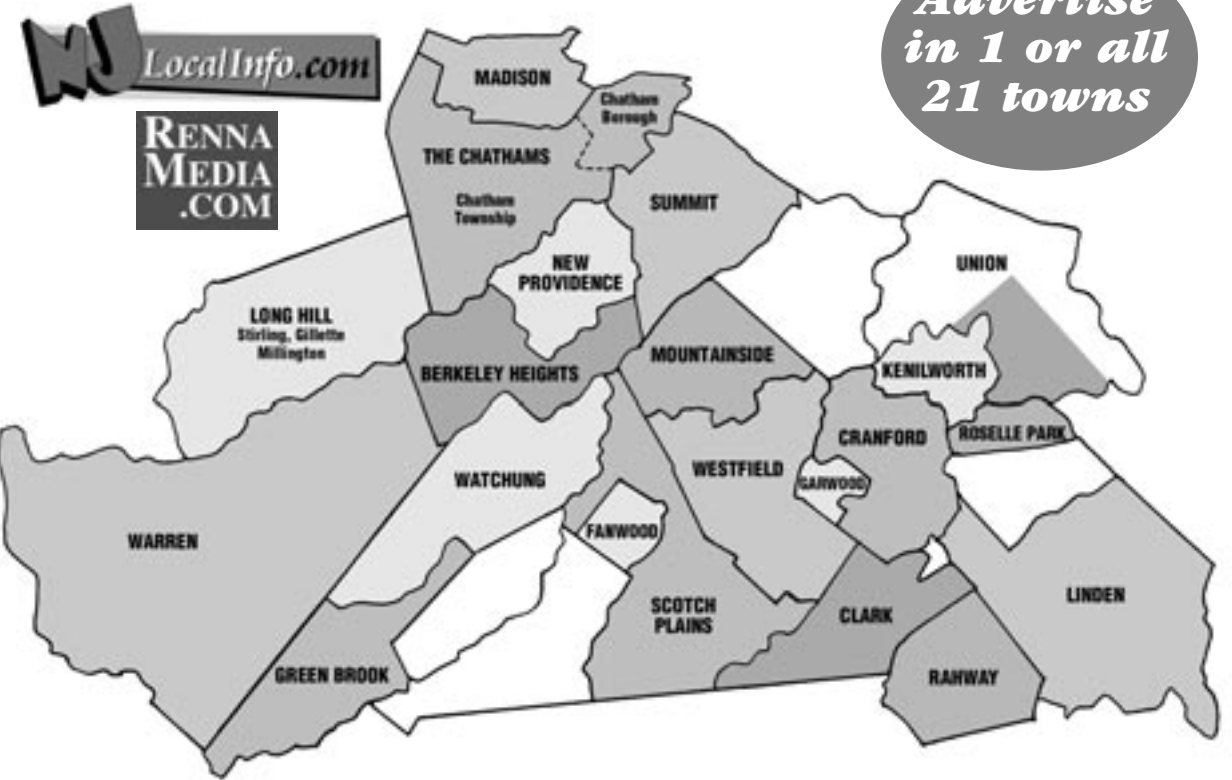
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Sobieski	1.75L	\$19.99
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Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$30.99
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Tito's Vodka	1.75L	\$30.99

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Bacardi Light & Gold	750ml	\$12.99
Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$19.19
Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$25.99
Malibu	750ml	\$17.99
Malibu	1.75L	\$25.09

TEQUILA

Deleon Blanco Tequila	750ml	\$37.99
Deleon Blanco Tequila	1.75L	\$59.99
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WINE

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Barone Fini Pinot Grigio	750ml	\$11.99
Beringer White Zinfandel	750ml	\$ 5.99
Beringer White Zinfandel	1.5L	\$ 9.49
Black Box (All Types)	3L	\$19.99
Carnivor Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	\$10.99
Casal Garcia Vinho Verde	1L	\$ 5.99
Cavit (All Types)	1.5L	\$14.99
Clos du Bois Chardonnay	1.5 L	\$19.99
Dom Perignon	750ml	\$189.99
Dreaming Tree (All Types)	750ml	\$12.99
Ecco Domani Pinot Grigio	750ml	\$ 9.99
Adagio Pinot Grigio	1.5L	\$ 9.99
Freixenet Brut, Extra, Extra Dry	750ml	\$10.99
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Gazela Vinho Verde	750ml	\$ 6.49
Joseph Carr Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	\$26.99
Kendall Jackson Vintners Chardonnay	750ml	\$12.09
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Ruffino Chianti	1.5 L	\$13.97
Ruffino Pinot Grigio	1.5L	\$13.99
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