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(above) The Stirling firefighter chefs always please everyone with their annual sumptuous meal featuring venison cooked several different ways ranging from mouthwatering tenderloins and other choice cuts, to chili, tacos, stuffed peppers, meatloaf, and more!

The Stirling Volunteer Fire Department's popular annual Venison Dinner will be held on Sat., March 26 in the firehouse at 321 Somerset St., Stirling – doors open at 6 p.m. The \$50 per person (\$25 for children under 12) donation, includes a sumptuous meal with venison cooked several different ways ranging from mouthwatering tenderloins and other choice cuts, to chili, tacos, stuffed peppers, meatloaf, and more.

Additionally, there is salad, a variety of freshly prepared hot sides, fresh baked bread, and dessert. For beverages there is complimentary wine, beer, soda, coffee, tea, and bottled water. The food is served buffet style and you can eat all you care to eat.

This meal is expertly prepared by Stirling firefighter chefs and always pleases everyone. Each year attendees rate this venison dinner the best in the state and attendees come from throughout central and northern NJ to partake in this once a year feast. So please come out and enjoy this fabulous meal while supporting our local volunteer firefighter heroes.

Tickets are available by calling 908 304-3975, or from Stirling firefighters or may be purchased at the door. There will be an extensive Tricky Tray with fantastic prizes, a 50-50, and other raffles.



This is one of the Stirling Fire Department's major fund raisers and residents and non-residents are welcomed to enjoy themselves at this exceptional event. If you cannot attend and wish to support these dedicated volunteer firefighters, please send your donation to: Stirling Volunteer Fire Co., c/o Venison Dinner, P O Box 123, Stirling, NJ 07980.

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20TH ANNUAL STIRLING STREET FAIR

The Long Hill Chamber of Commerce plans to hold the 20th Annual Stirling Street Fair on Sunday, April 24, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Avenue in Stirling.

Long Hill merchants who want to participate should visit jcpromotions.info and navigate Events > Street Fairs > Stirling to find the registration form.

The Street Fair will feature shopping, food, all-day entertainment, kids' rides, local vendors and organizations and a chance to see fire and first aid equipment up-close.

Main Avenue residents should move their cars to a side street before 7 a.m. Churchgoers should allow extra time for detours around downtown Stirling.

The Long Hill Chamber of Commerce is an organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the local businesses in our community. Through regular meetings and networking events, members share ideas and concerns unique to Long Hill Township, which includes Millington, Stirling, Gillette and Meyersville. Visit longhillchamber.com for more information.

CHECK TREES FOR SPOTTED LANTERNFLY EGG MASSES

NJ Department of Agriculture

The weather is warming up, check your trees for Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) egg masses. When you find them crush them. Use an old bank card, small rolling pin or putty knife.

Citizens are advised to destroy the Spotted Lanternfly in all its forms.

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

SLF is a serious invasive pest with a healthy appetite for our plants and it can be a significant nuisance, affecting the quality of life and enjoyment of the outdoors. The spotted lanternfly uses its piercing-sucking mouthpart to

feed on sap from over 70 different plant species. It has a strong preference for economically important plants and the feeding damage significantly stresses the plants which can lead to decreased health and potentially death.

As SLF feeds, the insect excretes honeydew (a sugary substance) which can attract bees, wasps, and other insects. The honeydew also builds up and promotes the growth for sooty mold (fungi), which can cover the plant, forest understories, patio furniture, cars, and anything else found below SLF feeding.

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Chrissy Sloan
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Twelve Baskets provides food and various non-perishables to individuals, families, seniors, and veterans in Long Hill and surrounding areas. A valid driver's license or state ID to verify local address is the only documentation needed. Anyone in need of walk-in hours for emergency appointments can call 908-647-0067 ext. 4 and arrangements will be made. All calls and visits are free and confidential. Masks are required. Please bring reusable bags for food.

The goal of the pantry is to help supplement families during these difficult times. Donations are accepted and can be placed in our donation barrels located in the side door at All Saints'

Church, 15 Basking Ridge Road, Millington. We ask that food items should not contain high amounts of salt, sugar, or highly-processed grains. We ask for foods high in protein, healthy fats, and whole grains when possible. At this time, please avoid pasta and all bulk sizes.

In lieu of fresh foods, a ShopRite card donation is appreciated so items such as fruit, veggies, eggs, milk, and bread can be purchased and made available. We also accept donations of fresh produce after 9:30 a.m. on days the pantry is open.

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(above) Volunteers at the Twelve Baskets Food Pantry display myriad food items available for neighbors in need. Call 908-647-0067 ext. 4 for assistance.

Photo by Twelve Baskets Food Pantry

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Why on Earth would I want to join marching band?

For one, friendships that will change your life and may very well last a lifetime. For incoming Freshman, marching band can be your ticket to walking in the door that dreaded first day of high school already set with a tight knit group of friends. How? You will have just spent time in late August getting to know everyone during band camp. And when I say "getting to know everyone", I don't say that lightly. By the end of band camp, there are special bonds that have formed between members of the band...you will have become part of the "band family". Which, by the way, will include upperclassmen who will be able to "show you the ropes" and help get you up and running quickly in that new high school environment.

Did you know that marching band can also make you smarter?

As it turns out, human brains are wired for music. Multiple studies have shown that students who learn music are more adept at language and mathematics. Plus, those who are proficient in music demonstrate higher IQ

scores. Not to mention, music is also a great stress alleviator. Who can't use a little of that these days?

Let's not forget one of the most important reasons though...marching band is a LOT OF FUN!!!! There's the thrill of watching an entire performance show come together, step by step. And the pride that comes with performing it for your parents for the very first time. Then there are fun bus rides, cheering for the football team while playing sing-along stand tunes, competitions and the thrill of victory when WHRHS takes home a first place win. The band also schedules bowling nights, pool parties, backyard movies, trampoline parties and more, which you can join! Sum it all up and it spells a ton of F-U-N!!

Well, there are literally hundreds of reasons why you should join marching band, so over the next few months you'll get to hear from current members themselves...why they joined and what they love most about it.

If you'd like more information, or have any questions about joining the marching band, please reach out to either Michael Banker at 908-462-4446, or Jake Bilotti 908-910- 2498 or email jakeabilotti@gmail.com. They're waiting to welcome you into the WHRHS Marching Warrior family!



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FLINTLOCKS CELEBRATE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MEMBER

Dr. D. Michael Hart

Not many centenarians get to celebrate their 100th birthday surrounded by friends. On Thursday, February 17, the Flintlocks celebrated Fanwood resident Joe Schott's 100th birthday. Joe has been active in this volunteer group for 33 years since retiring from Bells Labs. He recruited many of his friends to join, and even a few relatives. Joe has a wry sense of humor, so they presented him with a parking plaque which reads: "Reserved Parking Only for Flintlocks Over 100 Years Old."

The Flintlocks are a group of retired scouts who devote every Thursday all year round to helping the Scout Camps. They build cabins,

make picnic tables, paint the dining hall, do maintenance and build craft kits for the Scout shops. The Flintlocks represent a wide range of skills, including: two electricians, a millwright, carpenters, plumbers, diesel mechanics, police officers, heavy equipment operators, but also many professionals such as a dentist, two college professors, computer experts, financial advisors, salesmen, etc.

The most popular craft kits sold at the Cedar Knolls and Mountainside Scout Shops are the bird houses, bird feeders, benches and handy boxes. The men also volunteer at many of the Patriot Path Council activities for the scouts. Since they are a 501c3, they do not need to pay

sales tax, and they provide skilled labor for free. The Council has 3 camps and the volunteers are important to keep things running smoothly. Many of the scouts had children or have grandchildren in the scouts. More than half of the volunteers have been awarded the Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest National Honor offered by the Boy Scouts of America. They are an outstanding group of volunteers.

The Flintlocks meet every Thursday from 8 am to 2 pm at Camp Winnebago in Rockaway. Guests are always welcome. For information, contact Secretary Dr. D. Michael Hart by email drmhart@yahoo.com.



(above) Joe Schott seated to the immediate right of the parking sign, behind the cake, in a flannel shirt; celebrating his 100th birthday with his 24 Flintlock friends around him.

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over rocky and occasionally steep terrain. The 6,300 acre preserve, known for its boulder formations, is about 30 minutes from Long Hill and it is featured in the book, "Best Day Hikes in New Jersey".

Troop 56 meets every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Monday at the Stirling Elks Club. Parents or youth who are interested in scouting are welcome to contact Troop 56 at LHTtroop56@gmail.com.

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202 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016

Online at RennaMedia.com
and NJLocalInfo.com



Call today for FREE consult on marketing and business plans.

Advertise in 1 or all 24 towns



Qty: 4,700
Zip: 07922



Qty: 7,500
Zip: 07928



Qty: 6,700
Zip: 07066



Qty: 9,900
Zip: 07016



Qty: 5,400
Zip: 07208



Qty: 3,000
Zip: 07023



Qty: 5,500
Zip: 07932



Qty: 2,500
Zip: 07027



Qty: 3,000
Zip: 08812



Qty: 3,500
Zip: 07033



Qty: 17,900
Zip: 07036



Qty: 3,500
Zips: 07933, 07946, 07980



Qty: 6,300
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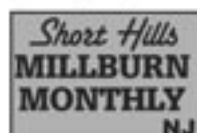
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Qty: 9,600
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Qty: 6,800
Zip: 07083 (partial)



Qty: 6,200
Zip: 07059



Qty: 2,700
Zip: 07069



Qty: 11,800
Zip: 07090

NEWSPAPER AD RATES

Units	Size	1 TOWN	3 TOWNS	6 TOWNS	9 TOWNS	12 TOWNS	15 TOWNS	18 TOWNS	21 TOWNS	24 TOWNS
1 Unit (Business card)	3.25" x 2"	\$60	\$150	\$250	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$550	\$600
2 Units	6.5" x 2" or 3.25" x 4"	\$100	\$250	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1000
4 Units	3.25" x 8" or 6.5" x 4"	\$180	\$450	\$700	\$900	\$1100	\$1300	\$1500	\$1700	\$1900
6 Units	6.5" x 6.25" or 10" x 4"	\$240	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000	\$2200
9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400	\$2700
12 Units	10" x 8"	\$360	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700	\$3000
18 FULL PAGE	10" x 14"	\$400	\$1000	\$1400	\$1800	\$2200	\$2500	\$2800	\$3000	\$3400
2-PAGE SPREAD	21" x 14"	\$700								
BACK PAGE	10" x 14"	\$500								
FRONT PAGE BANNER	8.25" x 2"	\$320								
FRONT PAGE BOX	1.5" x 4.5"	\$240								

Back cover, front page banner and front box reserved on first-come, first-served basis. Current advertiser has right of first refusal.

Rates are per month. Artwork included in price. Newspapers are black on white.

PREPAY 6 MONTHS AND GET 1 MORE FREE
PREPAY 12 MONTHS AND GET 3 MORE FREE

Make Checks payable to Renna Media, 202 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016

REPAIR CAFE EVENT SET FOR MARCH 26

Bring your beloved but broken items to Summit's Repair Café on Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Christ Church, located at 561 Springfield Avenue, at the corner of Springfield and New England Avenues, Summit, NJ. Please follow outdoor signage and enter the event from New England Avenue. No appointment necessary. Non-Summit residents are welcome.

Repair services available at this event include small electronics, jewelry, sewing/textiles, lamps, wooden items, and knife sharpening. This is a free event, but please note that a voluntary contribution is appreciated when an item is brought for repair. Donations help to fund future repair events. Replacement parts for lamps will be on hand for an at-cost fee. Please only bring items that you can carry unaided into our event.

Summit's Repair Café events are co-sponsored by the Summit Area Green Faith Circle and Repair Café Garden State. Green Faith Circle's goal is to inspire, educate, organize, and mobilize people of diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds globally for environmental action. Repair Café Garden State is a network of community organizers who host monthly repair events across the state. This collective shares news and schedules of all upcoming Repair Café events in New Jersey via their website repaircafegs.org. Here you can find all the details of Summit and other local repair events.

If you would like to volunteer or help repair beloved but broken items at this event or future events reach out via email:

summit@repaircafegs.org

or visit repaircafegs.org for more information.



(above) Bring your beloved but broken items to Summit's Repair Café on Saturday, March 26.

RENNA MEDIA LAUNCHES THREE NEW NEWSPAPERS

Beginning in March three new towns have joined Renna Media's growing family of newspapers: Florham Park Press, Millburn Short Hills Monthly, and Elmora Hills Elizabeth. Renna Media is now mailing 160,000, town-specific newspapers, to 24 towns each month.

The newspapers' goal is to be a positive influence on the economic development and overall well-being of the town. Our publications exist to share community service news and the good things that are happening in the community.

Renna Media is a Cranford, NJ based business owned and operated by husband and wife team of Joe and Tina Renna. Renna Media's family of 24 community newspapers are published in Morris, Essex, Union and Somerset counties, with a total circulation of 160,000. The publications are "hyperlocal" in nature in that they contain information focused on each individual town, and are direct mailed within those towns.

The concept of being hyper-local is to give local businesses a venue to promote services. Reaching local customers gives you the highest return for your advertising dollars. The newspapers are designed (black ink on newsprint) to keep the cost of an advertisement to as low as \$60. Regional businesses can take advantage of one low rate for advertising in multiple towns.

Renna Media also prints full-color flyers that get mailed along with the newspapers. A cost effective alternative to mailing postcards.

For more information about Renna Media publications, please visit rennamedia.com.

You can contact Tina Renna regarding advertising, or to submit news, via email info@rennamedia.com; or call 908-418-5586.

Full Color Flyers and Menus Printed and Mailed to Every Home and Business in Town!

MENUS - PRINTING - \$50 PER THOUSAND

Rate is for quantities of 25,000 or more.

For quantities less than 25,000 cost is \$68 per thousand.

11"x17" / Full color / 2 sided / 60lb gloss coated stock / Includes folding (quarter fold or tri-fold, with or without coupons tab)

FLYERS - \$35 PER THOUSAND

8.5" x 11" / Full color / 2 sided / 60lb gloss coated stock / Tri-fold add \$10 per thousand

INSERTED AND MAILED TO EVERY HOME AND BUSINESS \$60 per thousand. (as low as \$30 per thousand depending on quantity.)

Joe Renna at 908-447-1295

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FLYERS

\$35
PER 1,000

MENUS

\$50
PER 1,000

ONLINE ADS & PRESS RELEASES DRIVE LOCAL TRAFFIC TO YOUR WEBSITE

• GET UNLIMITED CLICKS

An alternative to expensive pay-per-click programs

• FREE AD DESIGN AND COPYWRITING

Advertising webpage includes many features including write-up, images, video, Google map, etc.

• POSTS ARE SHARED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

Posts shared on multiple Facebook pages and twitter.

• PAID SEARCH ENGINE PROMOTIONS

Posts are promoted by industry, key words and location.

• TRACKABLE RESULTS

All ads include a live view counter.

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\$10
PER POST
Block of 20 for \$200
Single pay is \$20

WEBSITE / SEO SERVICES

• STARTER WEBSITE: \$500

Basic static site that can be developed further

• WEBSITE CREATION/UPDATE: \$2,400

Cost for average website: 12 pages, contact form, SEO friendly, responsive design

• WEBSITE HOSTING: \$300 PER YEAR

Includes website hosting, software updates, monthly website content updates

• SEO SERVICES: AVERAGE COST \$1,000 - \$2,000 PER MONTH

Custom tailored solutions: Google Ranking, Local SEO, Social Marketing

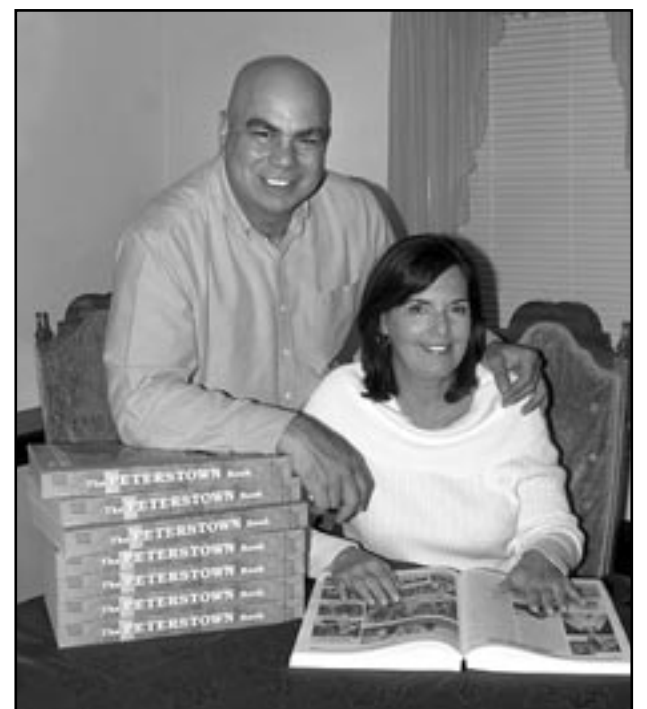
Call for free a consultation if you need

help developing an online marketing plan.

STARTER
WEBSITE
\$500

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(above) Joe and Tina Renna, owners of Renna Media, LLC, publish 24 direct-mailed community newspapers with a total circulation of 160,000. They have been publishing community newspapers since 1998. For more information, please visit rennamedia.com.

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