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The Florham Park Rotary annually awards scholarships to high school seniors living in Florham Park who have demonstrated community involvement. That's something significant in a community that prides itself as a "Community of Volunteers".

Sydney Stavraka and Samantha Howden are this year's scholarship award winners. Stavraka and Howden received their certificates at the Hanover Park Awards Ceremony on June 6, as presented by Peter Nicolas, Florham Park Rotary Sergeant-at-Arms.

Sydney Stavraka was the winning recipient of the Rotary Scholarship Award for her long history of volunteerism, including her work in the Market Street Missions, which helps feed the homeless. She was also recognized for her work at the United Nations Youth Association. It is interesting to note that Rotary was present at the start of the United Nations in 1945 to serve as consultants to the U.S. delegation to the UN charter conference.

Samantha Howden received the Rotary Community Service Certificate, her volunteerism, including her work and skills with the kids at SparkLab, a place that provides a safe, interactive space for kids to engage with the invention process.

In reflecting on the two, George Gregor, Rotary President, commented "Both are fine young people. They are a credit to their families and to the Florham Park community. This is an important stage in their lives and we wish them success."

On July 4, residents, friends and neighbors can wave to them in appreciation as they ride by in a silver 2000 Ford Mustang convertible as part of the Florham Park Independence Day Parade route.

Gregor welcomes guests to join a weekly Rotary breakfast meeting from 7:47 a.m. to 8:47 a.m. held every Friday at the Florham Park Diner at 182 Ridgedale Ave.

"The Rotary of Florham Park is a sophisticated, yet fun, network of professionals who enjoy providing service to our local and global communities," he said.



(above, l-r) George Gregor, Samantha Howden, Sydney Stavraka, and Peter Nicolas

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To learn more about local Rotary, to see photos of some of the recent scholarship winners, many past events, and future plans, visit FlorhamParkRotary.com.



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THREE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS **BEGIN TRAINING**

Ryan Cassidy, Matthew Liberato, and County Police Academy on June 9, 2022. The newest officers have begun their Field Training and service to the Borough of Florham Park.

Please give them a Florham Park welcome Nicholas Cotterell graduated from the Morris when you see them out with their training officers.

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FLORHAM PARK'S 65TH ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Florham Park 4th July Celebration Committee

We are excited to announce Florham Park's 65th Annual Fourth of July Parade. It is reported to be the longest continuously running 4th of July Parade in NJ.

The parade was started in 1957 by members of the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department. This year, we are celebrating not only the 65th parade, but also the 125th anniversary of the FP Volunteer Fire Department as well.

The Florham Park 4th July Celebration Committee is returning with its traditional fullday schedule of activities on Monday, July 4, 2022. The day starts with a ceremony at Fire Company 1 at 9:00 a.m., immediately followed by the Parade kicking off around 9:30 a.m. with the Parade ending on the grounds of the Florham Park Municipal Complex.

After a 2-year hiatus, the Committee is excited to announce the return of the Family Picnic and Social Garden. This late morning, early afternoon fundraising event includes rides, food, ice cream, and a Social Garden for those aged 21 and older (ID verification required). The day concludes with fireworks at the rear of the municipal complex near Emmett Field starting at dusk.

The Parade will march on rain or shine. The afternoon events are weather dependent. In case of inclement weather, only the fireworks will be rescheduled for Saturday, July 9, 2022.



The Fourth of July Celebration depends on community support through donations and volunteer service. We need your support to ensure that our treasured celebration can continue. You can sign up to volunteer by visiting:

signupgenius.com/go/8050D44A4AA22A1FF2florham.

Donations should be directed to "Florham Park 4th July Celebration" and can be sent to PO Box 471, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Donations can also be made through our website fpjuly4th.com, or through Facebook @ Florham Park 4th of July, or Venmo @fp4thjuly.

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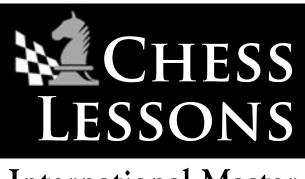
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MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

Submitted by Paul Chase

Memorial Day Remembrance event on May 25, 2022, at the Florham Park Community Center. A panel of retired Army and Navy veterans, including Jerry Kelly, Bob Newhouse, and Dan Von Brook of Florham Park, and Joe Noonan of Madison, shared their experiences from serving

The Florham Park Senior Citizens Club held a in the armed forces. These veterans served from World War II to the Vietnam War. They spoke about how this experience changed their lives and helped them with their professional careers once they left the service. All had lasting impressions which gave valuable insights into the sacrifices they made.



(above) Dan Von Brook, Army, Sergeant, (retd.); Bob Newhouse, Army, Private First Class, (retd.); Joe Noonan, Navy, Petty Officer 2nd Class, (retd.); and Jerry Kelly, Army, Sergeant, (retd.) Courtesy photo

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Starting Memorial Day weekend, entry to all automatically receive a full refund. New Jersey State Parks, forests, and recreation areas will be free of charge this summer. Park entrance fees will be waived for all visitors, regardless of residency. Anyone who already purchased a 2022 annual State Park Pass will

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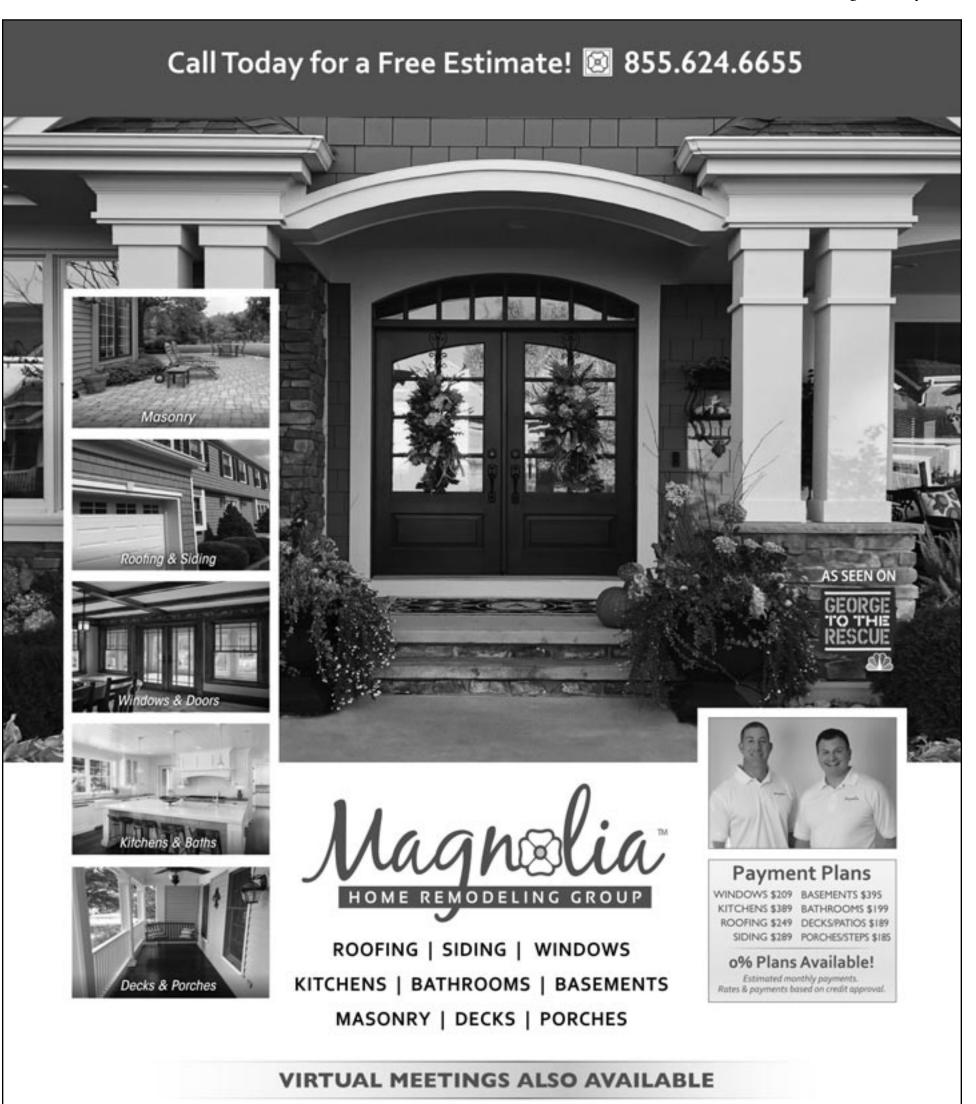
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Florham Park P.B.A. Local 78

On June 10, members of the Florham Park PBA Local 78 participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit the NJ Special Olympics which were held at The College of New Jersey.

Accompanying our team was NJ Special Olympian and former Florham Park resident, Steve Kryspen. Steve has been competing for over 20 years, starting in his teens as a swimmer and now competing as a power

lifter – he puts up some amazing numbers! During our run, we were escorted by other Florham Park Police Department and Office of Emergency Management as well as Motor Units from the Morris County Sheriff's Office.

The Florham Park Police team received the torch at Blue Foundry Bank in Florham Park from our friends at the East Hanover Police Department. Thank you to Blue Foundry Bank for making a generous donation (and for the cold water!) to this great cause. We ran a little over 3 miles and made sure to pass through all the Borough schools on our way to the end of our leg at the American Legion on Ridgedale Ave. Thank you to all our local schools for selling t-shirts and raising money for this great cause as well!! Outside the Legion, we literally passed the torch to the other amazing team organized by the Madison NJ PBA 92.

In total, we raised over \$3,500!



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MICHAEL G. SPENZOS COMMISSIONS AS SECOND LIEUTENANT



(above) Second Lieutenant Michael G. Spenzos

The Providence College (PC) Army ROTC commissioned four cadets as second lieutenants in the United States Army on Friday, May 13 at the College. One of the cadets, Michael G. Spenzos, was from Florham Park, NJ. The commissioning took place at the College's War Memorial Grotto with PC President Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P., giving welcoming remarks. Other attendees included Professor of Military Science Lieutenant Colonel Tyler L. Jones. The guest speaker was Major General Christopher P. Callahan, adjutant general of the Rhode Island Army National Guard.

As a second lieutenant, these new officers will be responsible for leading platoons and companies in the full range of Army operations. Active-duty lieutenants serve full time as Army leaders, while National Guard lieutenants serve part time with their respective state national guards.

Second Lieutenant Spenzos earned a bachelor of science in marketing. He will attend Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma followed by service in the active duty Army.

Founded in 1917, Providence College is the only college or university in the United States administered by the Dominican Friars and has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 4,100 students. Providence College has ranked first among regional colleges and universities in the North for the last three years according to U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges."

SUMMER READING PROGRAM OFFERS "OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES"

Summer Reading is back at the Florham Park Public Library! This summer, kids will explore the theme Oceans of Possibilities through reading and sharing some of their favorite books, authors, and series. Young readers will win prizes and get other fun incentives just for enjoying a good book!

The Library will also offer many ocean themed events during the 8 week long summer reading program. Highlights include a visit from the Whalemobile in July, which features a life-size whale that participants can go inside to explore the creature's anatomy! The Library is also pleased to offer a virtual experience with the Beluga whales at Mystic Aquarium, and can meet the penguins from Jekinson's Aquarium inperson. The summer kick-off event takes place on Wednesday, June 29th with a spectacular show from the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ.

Following our kick off event, the Library will

be open for Summer Reading registration. Reading incentive programs run for all 8 weeks and the Library offers something for every age group. Early Literacy readers complete fun, literacy activities to win a weekly prize. Elementary readers (K-5th) keep track of the number of minutes they read each week to earn a prize, and tween/teen readers (6th-12th) are invited to fill out a review bookmark for each book they read this summer and return them to the library for a book of their choice. Elementary and Teen readers will also be entered into a drawing for the chance to win one of three grand prizes at the end of the summer. One winner from each age group will be chosen.

For more information visit the Library's website at https://florhamparklib.org/youthservices/summer-reading/ or email Ms. Kate, the Library's Youth Services Librarian at kate.dinneny@flo.mainlib.org.





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