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## TWO LONG HILL CHURCHES RECEIVE HISTORIC SITE PLAQUES

Historic site plaques were presented to two of Long Hill Township's oldest churches by the Long Hill Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) at the September 14, 2022, Township Committee meeting.

Long Hill Township Historian, Sam Cornish, presented the plaques to Rev. Victoria McGrath of the All Saints Episcopal Church and Joyce Koenig, the Ruling Elder of The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling.

All Saints Episcopal Church was built in 1905 with stone donated by the Millington Quarry. The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling dates back to the founding of Stirling. Its cornerstone was laid in 1872.

The Long Hill Township HPAC is always seeking older homes and buildings with a history to add to their Historic Site Plaques Program. Please contact the Township Historian, Sam Cornish, at 908-803-8474 for more information.



(above) Bill Smullen, Carol Prasa, Sam Cornish, Rev. Victoria McGrath, Mayor Matt Dorsi, Joyce Koenig, and Carolyn Malfatone.

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## APHASIA COMMUNICATION GROUP OFFERED

The Adler Aphasia Center is currently offering an Aphasia Communication Group for stroke and brain injury survivors with aphasia in Scotch Plains, NJ. This group provides those diagnosed with aphasia an opportunity to socialize with others who share similar experiences, provide tips to communicate more effectively, and time to practice communication skills in a natural environment. Aphasia is a language disorder caused by stroke or other brain injury. It affects spoken language, reading, and writing, but does not affect one's intellect.

This group is facilitated by a licensed speech language pathologist and is offered two Fridays of each month for two hours. A person with aphasia may join the group at any time but must pre-register. There is a nominal charge, but we never turn people away for lack of funds, we offer scholarships to those who are not able to pay \$80 for eight sessions.

To learn more about this communication group and to pre-register, please contact Gretchen Szabo, M.A., CCC-SLP at 551-287-2238 or email [gszabo@adleraphasiacenter.org](mailto:gszabo@adleraphasiacenter.org).

Adler Aphasia Center, a non-profit organization with three full-service facilities based in Maywood, West Orange, and Toms River, NJ and Aphasia Communication Groups located throughout the state, is an innovative, post-rehabilitative program that addresses the long-term needs of people with aphasia and their families. Aphasia is a communication disorder that impairs the expression and understanding of

spoken language, reading, and writing. It occurs most often from a stroke or other brain injury. It affects a person's ability to communicate, but not his or her intellect. This communication disorder affects 40% of all stroke and brain trauma survivors. The Center is considered a world leader in long-term, post-rehab community-based care for people with aphasia. With 2.5 million people diagnosed with aphasia in the U.S., the Center is the only one of its kind in NJ, an area with an estimated 70,000 people living with aphasia. For more information about the Center's programs and services in Maywood, West Orange, or Toms River, NJ, or for information about the Center's Aphasia Communication Groups in Bridgewater, Haddonfield, Hammonton, Maywood, Monroe, Scotch Plains, Toms River, Virtual Spanish Speaking Group and Virtual NJ Group, visit their website at [adleraphasiacenter.org](http://adleraphasiacenter.org) or call 201-368-8585

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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TEACHES FIRE SAFETY

More than 300 children and their teachers eagerly received fire prevention training and learned what to do in the event of a fire. This program is conducted annually by members of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. during Fire Prevent Week (2nd week of Oct.). The children in the classes were taught to “Get Out and Stay Out” when they hear a fire alarm sound, to have a meeting place to go to once they are out of the house so that everyone can be accounted for, and to Stop Drop & Roll if their clothes catch on fire.

They also learned fire safety tips, got to sit in the fire engine, and to their delight – ring the bell on the fire engine. Upon completion of the class each child was given a firefighters helmet and fire safety coloring book. All was provided free through a grant from the State and from donations from the public.

The schools that participated in this important

annual program were the Gillette Elementary School, the Little People’s Playhouse, Goddard School, Hudson Immersion School, Small Society Academy, Long Hill Montessori, and the two The Uncommon Thread schools.

Fire Prevention Week was capped off with an open house at the Stirling firehouse where adults and children were allowed to climb aboard a fire engine, learn about fire prevention and fire safety, and talk with firefighters. The week’s events were a complete success thanks to many of Stirling Fire Company’s firefighters who freely gave of their time.

Anyone who would like to become a Stirling firefighter is invited to contact them at [stirlingfire.org](http://stirlingfire.org). Training and equipment are free. Male and females age 16 and older are eligible. It is a great way to give back to your community and join a fraternity of local heroes.



(above, l-r) Stirling firefighters Matt Sordill, Frank Reilly, Fire Chief John Whitmore, and firefighter/fire company President Craig Tuma.

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### Movie showings

most Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

and Thursdays at 1 p.m.

### line dancing

most Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

### Family Literacy Month

November is Family Literacy Month and of course the LHT Library is supporting this. Every Tuesday we will host a special writing or reading activity. We hope family members will come listen to other family members read. Calling grandparents, aunts and babies! Check our website for more details.

### Dinovember

Sat, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m.

November is also Dinovember, a mash-up of dinosaurs and November. Look for dino hunts in the library, dino crafts and dino parties. More details on our website but do mark your calendars now for a Dino Show.

## OTHER LIBRARY PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

**Diwali Workshop with Crafts and Song**  
(all ages)

Sun. Nov 6, 2-4 pm

**Puritans and Thanksgiving by Joel Farkas**  
(Zoom)

Wed. Nov 9, 7 pm

**Flowering arranging by BeeLee Blooms**

Sun. Nov. 13 1:30-2:30 pm

**Choral Concert by the Notables**

Sun. Nov. 13 3-4 pm

**Genealogy by Eric Midgal (Zoom)**

Wed. Nov. 16 7 pm

In December, we look forward to a return of carol singing by the Broadway Songbirds, a gingerbread house workshop and another talk by Dr. Ian Drake, sponsored by the New Jersey Council for Humanities, as part of the Democracy Conversations project.



(above) Congratulations to Ronan! Winner of our candy corn guessing game held in October.

## "THE DINOSAUR SHOW" IN COMING! – NOV. 19

The Long Hill Township Library presents "The Dinosaur Show" on Saturday, November 19 at 11:00 a.m. for Grades K-6. Real-life field paleontologists, Mike and Roberta Straka, will take you on a fun-filled scientific exploration highlighting the world of dinosaurs. Their experience excavating dinosaurs in North and South Dakota will captivate children's imaginations.

The presentation will feature "Mr. Nixon," an eight-foot Triceratops skull discovered by

the team in 1996. An Albertosaurus skull will highlight the features of carnivorous dinosaurs. They will host the "Dinosaur Game Show" with audience members, show & tell with rare and unusual fossils, a fun science experiment and a touch of magic will round out the program.

You do not have to live in Long Hill to participate. Please register by emailing [childrens@longhilllibrary.org](mailto:childrens@longhilllibrary.org). Suggested audience is Grades K-6.



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Upon arrival at your home, Santa will visit and talk with your child(ren) and your family and you may take as many photos as you wish, as well as take some photos of your whole family with Santa. He'll also be accompanied by firefighter elves to enhance this occasion. Children love Santa and they love fire engines, so what can be better than having Santa arrive at your house on a real fire engine for a visit at Christmas time?

To sign-up for Santa's exciting visit send an email to Firefighter Santa at [stirlingfire.org](mailto:stirlingfire.org). Leave your name and phone number. A

Firefighter Santa's helper will respond to confirm your visit.

This is an annual fundraiser for the Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. and supports them in paying for training, equipment, maintenance, etc. They request a \$40 donation for the visit. You purchase and wrap your child's gift then drop it off at the Stirling Firehouse, 321 Somerset St., Stirling, either on December 15 or 16 between 5 and 8 p.m. Your \$40 donation is due when you drop off your gift. Please make your check payable to the Stirling Vol. Fire Co. If you can afford more of a donation that will be very much appreciated.

The Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. consists of Township residents who stand ready to help every hour of every day and have done so since 1913. Your help and support will be most sincerely appreciated.



(above) Santa and his firefighter elves will be making special visits on their fire engine on Saturday, December 17.

## FIREFIGHTER'S COIN TOSS IN GILLETTE – NOV. 25

The Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. will be conducting their annual coin toss fundraising event throughout the day on Friday, November 25 at the intersection of Valley Road and Mountain Ave. in Gillette.

Firefighters will be carrying a large bucket for passersby to drop in their donations. This type of fundraiser dates back to the late 1940s and continues as a living history in our

Township.

Your support of this unusual event will be greatly appreciated. Please be generous to help your volunteer (unpaid) local firefighter heroes who continue to serve you and thank them for their dedication to our Township residents. They respond to more than 300 calls for help a year, regardless of the time of day, the weather, or what they are doing.

## ENJOY A SCANDINAVIAN SHOPPING SPREE IN NEW PROVIDENCE

After a 3 year delay because of the pandemic, Lodge Linne #429 VOA will once again be sponsoring their annual Import Sale on Saturday, November 19, 2022. The 42nd annual Scandinavian Import and Gift Sale will be held at Salt Brook School, 40 Maple St, New Providence, NJ (off Springfield Ave.). The sale will be open to the public between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and is handicapped accessible. Admission is free.

The sale will feature a variety of traditional holiday and everyday Scandinavian items made from silver, amber, wood, paper, wool, straw, and other materials. These gift and handicraft items are either manufactured in one of the Nordic countries or are designed in a Scandinavian style or motif and manufactured elsewhere.

Many of the traditional Scandinavian decorating items will be offered, including a large variety of elf-like tomten, Jul Bock or straw goats in many sizes, and many Christmas ornaments. Among paper items for sale will be a wide selection of advent calendars, including those filled with chocolate candy, Carl Larsson calendars, Christmas cards, and stationary. An assortment of table linens will be available including runner fabric by the yard for both Christmas and everyday use. For the home one will find trays, baking needs, aprons, knives, Danish wrought iron candleholders, and wooden candleholders for Christmas and general use. Personal items will include lovely sweaters from Dale of Norway for men and women in both cardigan and pullover styles. The jewelry department is selling necklaces, earrings, and

pins.

We will be selling a large variety of Scandinavian baked goods, such as limpa bread, coffee braids, and pastries. Imported foods that will be sold are cheeses such as authentic Farmer's cheese, several types of herring, lingonberries, cloudberry, and various chocolates and marzipan. Scandinavian pastries will be served throughout the day. Drawings for door prizes will be held frequently during the day.

The location of the sale is easily reached by taking either route 24 to Summit or route 78 to New Providence. Springfield Avenue is also known as route 512. The school is also a 5-minute walk from the New Providence Railroad Station on the Summit/Gladstone line from New York City.

Lodge Linne #429 Vasa Order of America is a non-profit organization originally for individuals of Scandinavian descent. However, now membership has been opened up to people who are interested in Nordic heritage and culture. For further information about membership contact Vibeke (908-646-0425) or Judy (908-464-0139). The lodge meets on the third Friday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South St., in New Providence.

Proceeds from the Import Sale benefit many organizations and charities such as First Aid Squads, Summit Speech School, Sage, Bling Foundation, a New Providence High School scholarship, and annually we sponsor a New Providence girls softball team.

Admission is free. Only checks and cash are accepted.



(above) After a 3 year Covid hiatus, Lodge Linne is once again sponsoring their 42 annual Scandinavian Import & Gift sale at Salt Brook School in New Providence, NJ. The sale will be held Saturday November 19th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Karen Jenshoej, Carol Germansky, Patty Seip and Judy Campbell, all from New Providence will be selling these straw goats plus many other traditional Christmas and holiday decorations.

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**November 11-20:** Seussical is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! Immerse yourself in the world of all our favorite Dr. Seuss characters - Horton the, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Mayzie, and Jojo, a little boy with a big imagination

**December 2-11:** A Christmas Carol - Experience the timeless tale of Ebenezer Scrooge on his redemptive journey with Christmas Past, Present, and Future, and rediscover the true meaning of the holidays.

**December 10-12 pm:** All aboard The Polar Express! Come watch The Polar Express on the big screen in your comfiest pajamas with friends and family. Get your Golden Ticket and enjoy the movie, cookies, and a sleigh bell for every child, given out by Santa himself.

**December 16, 8 pm:** Christmas with Chris Ruggiero features fan favorites from his much-anticipated Christmas album such as "Sleigh Ride," "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" as well as songs from his four albums, all delivered in Chris's own classic style. Joined by Emil Stucchio & the Classics.

**December 18, 3 pm:** Brook Orchestra Holiday Pops. Deck the concert hall with holly jolly fun as Conductor Thomas Vacca and the Brook Orchestra fills the theater with timeless holiday music favorites.

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## BROOK ARTS CENTER COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENT SEUSSICAL: THE MUSICAL

Perry Award-winning Brook Arts Center Community Players will present Seussical: The Musical at the Brook Arts Center in Bound Brook, from Friday, November 11 through Sunday, November 20. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 pm. Sunday performances are at 2 pm.

Based on works by Dr. Seuss with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, and a book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. The show was Co-Created by Stephen Flaherty, Lynn Ahrens and Eric Idle. Many of Dr. Seuss's most beloved characters are brought to life by some of New Jersey's most talented artists.

The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many

"thinks." Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping, and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

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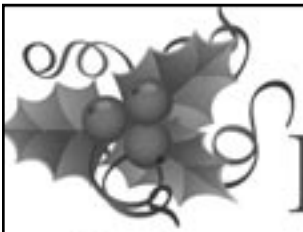
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On the day Suzy was born, doctors told Jane and her husband, Al, that their daughter would never be able to talk or walk or play like other children. While Suzy's special needs were great, Jane and Al kept hope alive that they would be able to persevere on the difficult journey ahead.

"Suzy proved them all wrong," said Jane. "Over the years, she has kept defying all the odds through her tenacity, courage, and strength. She surprised some of the best pediatricians and neurologists in our area by constantly working hard to develop and learn to do all the things they said she could never do."

While Suzy's life seemed to be filled with endless obstacles, she began to develop critical health issues shortly after turning 24 years old. Her kidneys began to fail, and she was soon placed on dialysis.

"It seemed like there were complications in nearly every one of her dialysis sessions," said Jane. "It took its emotional toll on Suzy and all of us, but she always did her best to keep her smile and the staff at the dialysis center loved her."

In December 2000, the Fischer family was in an airport in Jacksonville, Florida, when Jane's pager kept beeping and buzzing. "At the time, I mistakenly thought it was due to air traffic signals creating interference," said Jane. "But when we arrived home in New Jersey after our flight, we received an urgent phone call from our transplant coordinator at Saint Barnabas (Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center). They had a donated kidney for Suzy!"

Suzy received a successful kidney transplant, and the family is forever grateful to the 64-year-old woman who gave the gift of life. For 13 years, Suzy's transplanted kidney restored her health and she continued to fight through other serious health issues, including thyroid cancer that forced her to undergo a thyroidectomy.

In 2013, Suzy's transplanted kidney began to fail, and she faced another uphill struggle as dialysis loomed as the only treatment option. However, Suzy received encouraging news when another donated kidney became available for transplant. This time, her donor hero was a 24-year-old man who passed away in a tragic motorcycle accident.

"Suzy definitely had a lot of survivor's guilt," said Jane. "It helped ease her pain when I explained to her that the young man would have wanted his kidney to go to her to keep his memory alive."

Today, Suzy continues to thrive and enjoy life's most precious moments thanks to her organ donor heroes. Suzy and Jane have made it a priority to support NJ Sharing Network, the nonprofit organization responsible for the recovery and placement of donated organs and tissue in the Garden State. By sharing their story with others, Suzy and Jane hope to encourage more people to register as organ and tissue donors.

"The most important thing is to get others to understand the need for organ and tissue donation and how it saves and enhances the lives of others," said Jane. "We also want to keep hope alive for those waiting for a life-saving transplant. We want to encourage them to never give up. I do not know why Suzy's life has been so hard, but I have always believed it has been to help others and make a difference in someone else's life."

According to United Network for Organ

Sharing (UNOS), there are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others.

"We forever honor our donor heroes, as well as their supportive families, for their selfless decision to save and enhance the lives of others. Because of them, Suzy and all transplant recipients now have more birthdays, holidays, and special moments to share with their loved ones," said Joseph S. Roth, President and CEO of NJ Sharing Network.

To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit [NJSharingNetwork.org](http://NJSharingNetwork.org).



(above, l-r) Jane and Suzy Fischer.

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