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THOMAS BELSCHER APPOINTED AS HONORARY POLICE OFFICER

It was a very special day for the Florham Park Police Department when during a recent borough council meeting we had the distinct honor and privilege of appointing 7 year-old Florham Park resident, Thomas Belscher, as an Honorary Police Officer. Thomas is the first Honorary Police Officer to serve with the Florham Park Police, donning badge #001.

Officer Belscher is a bit of a community and Briarwood School celebrity who quickly charmed and caught the attention of School Resource Officers Kevin Langereis and Faith Carney. Thomas has Barth Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. Despite adversity, Thomas always has an infectious smile, positive attitude and a brave spirit. All the characteristics akin to the making of a great Police Officer.

We welcomed Thomas to our department at the council meeting where Thomas got sworn in alongside his parents and sister. Officer Belscher had a sea of supporters who were cheering him on and rallying around him. A crowd full of

family, loved ones, Briarwood School staff, his Falcons Football team, and of course his new brothers and sisters in blue. We couldn't ask for a better addition to our team! It is our pleasure to introduce to the Florham Park community, Honorary Police Officer Thomas Belscher.



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OFFICER THOMAS BELSCHER TOY DRIVE

We are happy to announce the start of a new tradition, the Officer Thomas Belscher Annual Toy Drive! Florham Park resident, Thomas Belscher, was sworn in this month as the first ever Florham Park Police Department Honorary Police Officer. Officer Belscher, who is 7 years old, has Barth Syndrome and Adrenoleukodystrophy; two rare genetic disorders. Despite adversity, Thomas can always be found with an infectious smile and brave spirit!

Thomas receives treatment and care at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). This year, Officer Thomas Belscher, the Florham Park PBA Local 78 and CHOP are teaming up for a virtual toy drive in Thomas' name. Please help the Officer Thomas Belscher Toy Drive team meet our goal of \$1,000. These donations go directly to the purchase of toys and fun experiences for patients at CHOP.

The Florham Park PBA will be making a donation match of \$1,000 when we reach our goal! We appreciate all the support and generosity in our effort to help the patients and families at CHOP have a magical holiday season. Please visit the link below to donate, support or share.

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SENIOR CITIZENS HOLIDAY EVENTS

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HOLIDAY FUND FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 27TH THRU DECEMBER 15TH 2023

The annual holiday fund food drive will be held from November 27th to December 15th, 2023. Please donate paper products, such as paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, and canned products with pull tops, no expired products such as soups and vegetables, shelf stable drinks and disposable bags. Please drop off at the Florham Park Community Center/ Recreation Center or Senior Center, both locations located at Florham Park Borough Complex, 111 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, N. J., Thank you in advance for your donations and participation.

HOLIDAY SEASONAL CAROLS CONCERT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2023

We are looking forward again this year to a holiday concert performance from the Ridgedale Middle School 6th graders on Thursday, December 7th, 2023. The holiday concert performance begins promptly at 10:45 a.m. and will end around 11:30 a.m. at the Florham Park Community Center/Recreation Center, (large brown building). Light refreshments will be provided.

For your convenience you could bring your holiday fund food drive donation to the holiday concert, we will have tables setup in the back for

leaving your donations, please reference the recommended product list in the Holiday Fund Food Drive article.

2023 ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

For many years the Senior's Club members have looked forward to our Annual Holiday Luncheon as a time to celebrate the holiday season. Again, as in the past, the luncheon will be at the Hanover Manor, 16 Eagle Rock Avenue, East Hanover, N.J. The senior Club luncheon date is Wednesday, December 13, 2023, starting at 11:30 a.m. With a Cocktail hour and a wide variety of delicious appetizers, starting at 12:30p.m. The luncheon entree is served with a fabulous entree's choice of the following: roast top sirloin, salmon filet, chicken franchise, or eggplant parmigiana.

While enjoying lunch our entertainment will be provided by the Hanover Park High School Chamber Singers. The cost for senior club members is \$38 and for senior non-members or guests \$48.

The deadline for reservations and full payment is Wednesday, December 6, 2023, make sure to select your entrée choice and any seating request. Please make a check payable to the Florham Park Senior Citizens Club and drop off or mail to Florham Park Senior Citizens Club, Attn: Robert McCoy, 111 Ridgedale Ave., Florham Park, N.J. 07932.

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TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR 24TH ANNUAL PIPES OF CHRISTMAS

The Pipes of Christmas will celebrate its 24th joyous season with performances in New Jersey and New York this December. The holiday favorite opens on Saturday, December 17 at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 921 Madison Avenue (at 73rd Street) for two performances at 2 and 7PM. The concert moves across the Hudson River on Sunday, December 18 to Central Presbyterian Church located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, NJ also with performances at 2 and 7PM.

For those weary of the ceaseless stream of secular seasonal music from department stores to TV, the Pipes of Christmas offers a spiritual and traditional take on the season that connects concertgoers to the holiday in a fresh, meaningful way. The show features tunes such as, "Highland Cathedral," "Joy to the World", and "Amazing Grace", all performed live on pipes and drums, harp and fiddle, and organ and brass and more. Not only does the performance define Christmas cheer, but also it inspires those of Celtic descent to retrace and reconnect to their ancestry.

According to producer Robert Currie, "We are absolutely delighted to be bringing our concert back to full force after two devastating years weathering the Covid pandemic. Supporting our GoFundMe campaign will continue to make these concerts possible."

The 2022 production marks the NYC solo debut of soprano Sharon Lyons originally from Dublin, Ireland.

The concert presents the music of Christmas accompanied by readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. In addition to Ms. Lyons, featured performers include James Robinson from the film "Braveheart," New England fiddle champion Paul Woodiel, champion harpist Rachel Clemente, and the Pipe Major Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band from Redlands, CA among many more.

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Proceeds from the concert support an extensive music scholarship program, which include annual gifts to the National Piping Centre and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (both located in Glasgow, Scotland) the Gaelic College of Nova Scotia and the Carol Hassert Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship at Summit (NJ) High School.

Proceeds also support the annual Tartan Day on Ellis Island celebration and the Society's sponsorship of the US National Scottish Harp Championship, the Gaelic Literature Competition at Scotland's Royal National Mod, and an academic research prize at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Scotland's Gaelic college on the Isle of Skye.

Each year, concert highlights are webcast in hi-definition over the Christmas holiday to a global audience in cooperation with HomeTowne Television. In addition to winning multiple Telly Awards for broadcast production excellence, the 2020 virtual concert was a finalist for the coveted

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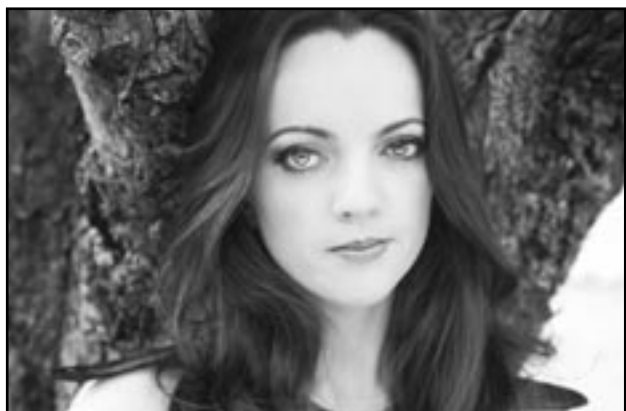
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ABOUT "THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS"

Since making its debut in 1999, The Pipes of Christmas has played to standing room only audiences. Now a cherished holiday event, the concert provides audiences with a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit. Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the Pipes of Christmas has become part of their family's annual Christmas tradition.

The concert has been lavished with critical acclaim. In his review for Classical New Jersey Magazine, Paul Somers wrote, "The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof. In short, it was like a well-constructed fireworks show on the Glorious Fourth. The Westfield Leader described the concert as "a unique sound of power and glory nowhere else to be found."



(above) Soprano Sharon Lyons originally from Dublin, Ireland, made her NYC solo debut at the 2022 Pipes of Christmas concerts NJ.



(above) Pipers from the Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band are returning to join the company of the 24th annual "Pipes of Christmas" concerts.



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COPING WITH LOSS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

There is so much pressure to be happy in our culture, especially at the holidays. We are supposed to have a Happy Thanksgiving, a "merry little Christmas" or a Happy Hanukkah. But grief doesn't take a holiday.

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss would like to offer support to those navigating the challenges of grieving during the holiday season and offer some coping strategies as well. On Thursday December 14th from 6:30-8 pm, Imagine will offer a workshop on Coping with Loss During the Holidays. The free workshop will be held at their center at 244 Sheffield Street in Mountainside and is open to adults and children grades 3 and older.

Imagine's Grief Educator, Connie Palmer, LCSW will present the workshop in English and Training and Education Director, Veronica Ortiz, LPC and Bilingual Program Manager, Sonia Nuñez will present the workshop at the same time in Spanish. Pizza dinner is available prior to the session beginning at 6:15 for those who sign up. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served as well.

If you are looking for support as you cope with a loss this holiday season, the staff at Imagine would like to help, and hope to see you at the workshop on the 14th.

Imagine is a 501c3 nonprofit that offers free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with

a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine also offers grief and loss education and training to the community. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imagineenj.org.



(above) If you're interested in attending the workshop presented in English, please scan the QR code or visit Imagine's website at imagineenj.org/education-training/community-webinars/ to register. Registration is not required for the workshop presented in Spanish.

KNITTING TOGETHER WHILE MAKING NEW FRIENDS

The Gates Avenue Knitters celebrated their 23-year anniversary in April. The group has been meeting at the Long Hill Township Library, located at 917 Valley Road, Gillette, every Monday from 1p.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in.

In the month of April in the year 2000, Gates Avenue, Gillette resident Arlene Kaplan, started a knitting group along with 4 friends. Twenty-three years later the group, now called the Gates Avenue Knitters, are still knitting together, including 4 of the 5 original knitters who still live in town.

Eighteen to twenty ladies show up on any given meeting day. Their skills range from beginner to experienced knitters (and crocheters). They help each other get past problems with patterns, and they are excited and willing to teach beginners to knit.

They come from Long Hill Township and surrounding towns, including Warren, Watchung, Bridgewater, Springfield, Chatham, Madison, Summit, and Westfield. Many were introduced to the group thru friends.

Along with their own projects, the group knits for causes. They knit approximately 500 hats per year and distribute them to local charities. Beginning in November they have a display at the library and the hats are sold as a fundraiser thru the end of February for \$10 each. The group

recently presented the library with \$1,300 from the proceeds of the last hat sale, which is the most funds ever raised.

The group welcomes donations of yarn and knitting and crocheting supplies. Donations can be dropped off at the Long Hill Township Library any day during business hours.



Photo by David J. Kaplan

(above) A display at the Long Hill Township Library features items made by the Gates Avenue Knitters. They are for sale as a fundraiser for the library. It will be stocked thru the end of February, or while supplies last.

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They're back! Under the baton of Maestro David Wroe, the orchestra will kick off the festive season with a bang and plenty of bling as The Three Holiday Tenors join NJFO to present a family festival of traditional and contemporary holiday songs and music.

"We cannot wait to return to Drew University at this special time of year and are thrilled to welcome back The Three Holiday Tenors – each more talented than the next – to help us celebrate the Holiday season," said Wroe.

The concert features Metropolitan Opera's internationally acclaimed tenor Errin Brooks and award winning tenors Jeremy Brauner and Mackenzie Whitney to celebrate and captivate with a dazzling selection of renowned tenor arias. Traditional carols, signature versions of familiar fare and a host of wintertime curiosities are also sure to delight.

"We believe there is something for everyone in this performance. Our holiday concert is a vessel for children, parents, grandparents and friends – indeed the entire community – come together through festive music at this unique time of the year."

The concert will take place on Sunday, December 10th at 3pm at the Concert Hall, Drew University, 36 Madison Ave, Madison. For tickets and further information go to www.njfestivalorchestra.org or call 908 232 9400.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH NJFO!

NJFO's quintessential New Year's celebration is also back on Monday, January 1 in Basking Ridge with "The Great American Songbook," a superb revue of American musical theater showstoppers from Golden Age classics to Broadway's greatest hits presented in glorious symphonic splendor.

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The performance will take place on Monday, January 1 at 2:30 pm at The Sieminski Theater, 800 Fellowship Road, Basking Ridge. For tickets and information go to www.sieminskitheater.org or call 908-580-3892

"There is much to celebrate this holiday season," continued Wroe. "So gather your friends and family for a series of merry musical programs of song and dance for audiences of all ages!"

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For more information and event schedules, please visit the Library's events calendar at florhamparklib.org/events/ or contact the Library at 973-377-2694.

Winter Holiday Music

December 10

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'Impossible is an Illusion': Inspirational Lecture

January 14

Kick off the new year in a positive way! Join Dr. Paul Semendinger, a writer, speaker, educator, and marathoner, as he shares motivational ideas from his book "Impossible is an Illusion". Discover how to achieve excellence, set and reach goals, and embrace a positive outlook on life in 2024.

Exciting Discoveries in Art History

February 11

Who doesn't love the story of a priceless painting being found in an attic? Or of a sculpture, sitting for decades in a public garden, being authenticated as an Italian treasure?

After finding herself in the middle of an art history discovery when she uncovered the provenance of a Rodin sculpture in Madison's town hall, Mallory Mortillaro set out to learn about other unexpected art finds. Mallory will share the stories of several important and valuable works of art that have been rediscovered in unexpected places. She will present a background of each piece and its artist, as well as how the piece was 'lost', and then found.

The Garden State in Bloom

March 10

Acclaimed photographer Walter Choroszewski will transport us through the enchanting public gardens of New Jersey. Witness vibrant colors, blossoming flowers, and breathtaking landscapes through Walter's lens; green thumbs will be wildly inspired to begin spring gardening.

Take Me Out to the Ballpark

April 14

Calling all baseball fans! Join us for a riveting session with Yogi Berra Museum docent, John Cerilli, as he presents his personal rankings and reflections on all 30 current MLB stadiums.

From the best fields to the most delicious ballpark food, John's insights and experiences as a longtime baseball aficionado will delight and entertain all in attendance.

FLORHAM PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

STORIES FROM THE MAYFLOWER: WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?

Submitted by Peter Nicolas

What a marvelous presentation by Patricia Wells, on Monday, November 13, to a packed house at the Florham Park Library! If we had lowered the ceiling to 5 feet it would have given an impression of how just how crowded the Pilgrims felt in sailing over, as they basically sat in place for 66 days!

Ms. Wells is the vice president of the Chatham Township Historical Society, and an amateur historian, researcher and speaker. She is also a descendant of two of the Pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower. Indeed, the evening audience included two others who had ancestors on the ship.



(above) Pat Wells flanked by two history buffs, Marie Anzalone (107 years old) and Dr. Bob Newhouse (99 years old)!

Pat's interactive style of presentation of having the audience rate the various situations the Pilgrims face helped keep everyone involved during the presentation in addition to the facts she shared that students may not have heard while attending elementary school.

For the younger readers of this article, it may be interesting to note that actress Tamera Mowry-Housley. (Tia & Tamera, The Real, and Home & Family) is a Mayflower descendant. Coincidentally, a PBS Special – "Finding Your Roots" was broadcast on Sunday and I saw that she was completely surprised to learn that, per Peter Nicolas, vice president of the Historical Society of Florham Park.

For anyone interested in learning more about the Mayflower, here are a few recommendations from Patricia Wells: Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War, Nathaniel Philbrick; Of Plymouth Plantation, William Bradford (archive.org); Caleb Johnson's MayflowerHistory.com; American Ancestors by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, americanancestors.org

The Historical Society of Florham Park was founded in the 1930s to save and preserve the Little Red Schoolhouse. Located on the corner of Columbia Turnpike and Ridgedale Avenue the former schoolhouse was converted into a museum and is the symbol of Florham Park. Virtually all the artifacts in the museum were donated to and are the responsibility of the Historical Society. The Historical Society looks forward to once again opening the museum up again in 2024 on the first Sunday of each month to offer tours of the museum

WARM UP TO WINTER WITH DIGITAL OFFERINGS

As we gear up for the chilly months and unpredictable weather, it's an ideal time to utilize the Florham Park Public Library's vast collection of free digital resources. Whether you're looking to watch a movie, read a book, study for an exam, update your resume, or research a product, these resources are available free with your Library card:

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HeritageQuest - Family visiting during the holiday season? Delve into HeritageQuest, a valuable resource for investigating your family history. With experts available to assist in your research, it's the perfect time to explore your roots.

The Florham Park Public Library is committed to providing the community with diverse and engaging resources, and these digital offerings are just a click away. Visit the Library's website florhamparklib.org and click on the Learning tab for an a-z list of available databases. Stay connected, informed, and entertained while cozying up at home!

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Florham Park Rotary

In a 25+ year annual tradition the Angel Tree is once again standing in the Florham Park Post Office at 187 Columbia Turnpike.

Sponsored by the Florham Park Rotary in coordination with the NJ state Division of Child Protection and Permanency, Rotary members decorated the tree on Friday, November 17. Written on each tag is the wish of a local child. Per Rotarian Rex Lyon, in many cases these may be the only gift they receive for the holidays.

Examples of ornament wishes from previous years include:

No. 5, 13-month old male - diapers (size 5), Crayola color wonder markers/set, and a ball.

No. 14, 5-year old female - Hannah Montana dolls, kitchen toys, anything with unicorns, and age appropriate books

No. 29, 12-year old female - clothing (girls size 7/8), nail polish kit, sneakers (girls size 7), winter coat, hat, gloves, scarf anything for drawing, coloring or painting

Residents and businesses are encouraged to donate new holiday gifts under the Angel tree by reading the ornaments, selecting a wish they can grant, and returning the wrapped gift by December 20.

Rotary International is a nonpolitical and nonsectarian organization open to all people, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, or political preference.

40,000+ clubs in 200 countries worldwide dedicated to humanitarian services, high ethical standards, and goodwill and peace around the

world. This global network of 1.4 million people who volunteer their skills and resources to solve issues and address community needs.

One such club is in Florham Park. To learn more and consider joining, guests are welcome to attend a weekly Rotary breakfast meeting at the Florham Park Diner at 182 Ridgedale Ave. Meetings are 7:47 to 8:50 a.m. every Friday.

For additional information about the Florham Park Rotary visit the new website at www.FlorhamParkRotary.org, check Florham Park Community TV (Channels 21 for Cablevision and 35 for Verizon), or write or call Membership Chair George Gregor at ggregor@florhamparkrotary.org or (917) 848-0982.

CHRISTMAS TOUR 2023

Halos For Angels is earmarking this year's fundraiser for recipients living amongst us, especially a family in Madison, 38 year old woman with last stages of cancer, a (mommy) of two young children.

www.halosforangelsinc.org



(above) The Angel Tree is located in the Florham Park Post Office at 187 Columbia Turnpike

Courtesy photo

KNITTING AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

The Gates Avenue Knitters celebrated their 23-year anniversary in April. The group has been meeting at the Long Hill Township Library, located at 917 Valley Road, Gillette, every Monday from 1p.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in.

In the month of April in the year 2000, Gates Avenue, Gillette resident Arlene Kaplan, started a knitting group along with 4 friends. Twenty-three years later the group, now called the Gates Avenue Knitters, are still knitting together, including 4 of the 5 original knitters who still live in town.

Eighteen to twenty ladies show up on any given meeting day. Their skills range from beginner to experienced knitters (and crocheters). They help each other get past problems with patterns, and they are excited and willing to teach beginners to knit.

They come from Long Hill Township and surrounding towns, including Warren, Watchung, Bridgewater, Springfield, Chatham, Madison, Summit, and Westfield. Many were introduced to the group thru friends.

Along with their own projects, the group knits for causes. They knit approximately 500 hats per

year and distribute them to local charities. Beginning in November they have a display at the library and the hats are sold as a fundraiser thru the end of February for \$10 each. The group recently presented the library with \$1,300 from the proceeds of the last hat sale, which is the most funds ever raised.

The group welcomes donations of yarn and knitting and crocheting supplies.

Donations can be dropped off at the Long Hill Township Library any day during business hours.



Photo by David J. Kaplan

(above) Long Hill Township Library features items made by the Gates Avenue Knitters are for sale as a fundraiser for the library.



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New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will be entertaining families on Sunday, December 10, 2023 with a free concert of seasonal holiday favorites. The concert will be from 2pm to 3pm at the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ. Families with children of all ages are invited to come and join in the fun!

NJIO's three orchestral ensembles will combine to perform music by Strauss, Mozart, Brahms, and more! The concert concludes with Leroy Anderson's exciting Sleigh Ride, with percussion accompaniment provided by the youngest members of the audience!

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Following the concert, the famous NJIO Instrument Petting Zoo returns! Experienced NJIO musicians will guide young audience members and assist them in safely trying out the instrument of their dreams. Instruments are loaned by Elefante Music of New Providence and Scotch Plains.

Concert Details:

Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 2 pm
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This concert is made possible by funds from: the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts; Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation; The Lillian Schenck Foundation; The Henry S. and Agnes M. Truzack Foundation; Investors Foundation; Standish Foundation; and many other generous supporters. NJIO is a proud participating organization in the Families First Discovery Pass Program, a program of the NJ Departments of Health and Human Services.

NJIO is committed to ensuring that its programs and concerts are accessible. For more



(above) Young audience members get to try out orchestra instruments at NJIO's Holiday Concert Instrument Petting Zoo. Instruments are loaned by Elefante Music.

information regarding the concert or to inquire about patron services, please contact NJIO at info@njio.org, or visit NJIO's website njio.org.

New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, now in its 30th season, has been nationally recognized as a leader in intergenerational excellence through its unique approach to teaching musical performance and as a model for intergenerational orchestras across the country. Depending on space availability, NJIO welcomes new members of all ages and abilities each concert period to one of its several orchestras - no auditions needed!

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Sunday, April 21, 2024, 3 pm
Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church,
Plainfield, NJ

ASSUMPTION CHURCH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park, in conjunction with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, is coordinating a Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening, December 6th @ 7 PM.

New Jersey's own Chris Pinnella and His Quartet will be performing an array of Christmas and Holiday Classics. Chris is a world class vocalist who has been compared to Josh Groban and Micheal Buble.

All proceeds from the concert will benefit Assumption Church and Catholic Charities.

Tickets in advance are \$20, and can be purchased via the Rectory or by visiting assumption23.givesmart.com. Tickets at the door will be \$25.

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For more information contact Peter Ruccione @ 973-818-4060. pruccione@ccannj.org

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