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20 YEARS OF SUPPORTING YOUNG WOMEN CELEBRATED

The Fortnightly Club of Summit

The Fortnightly Club of Summit, a women’s club which draws members from Summit and surrounding towns, has a 132-year history of community service, volunteerism, and historic preservation. The Club recently hosted its annual scholarship luncheon. This celebration marks more than 6 decades of awarding scholarships to young women in the community. This year’s winners include Summit High School students Chelsea Asitimbay (Boston College), Diane Saint-Louis (The College of New Jersey), and Keilah Torillo (The College of New Jersey).

To date the club has awarded more than 60 scholarships to young women pursuing a secondary education including college or a trade education. At the luncheon, the club announced this year’s scholarship winners, and celebrated past winners as well. This year’s luncheon featured:

An inspiring speech by Girls on the Run East’s Executive Director, Suzanne Elliot spoke about the importance of supporting girls in communities and how Girls on the Run has helped transform the lives of 2.25 million girls.

The incoming board honored the contributions of outgoing board members for their many years of service to the Fortnightly Club. New Executive Board members include Summit residents Renee Frank (VP) and Laura Sankowich (Secretary) as well as Heather Althoff of Madison (President) and Liese Kant of Short Hills (Treasurer)

"We are thrilled to support the young women in our community," said Terry Andrews, outgoing President of the Fortnightly Club of Summit. "The luncheon provides a unique opportunity for our community to come together, show their support, and make a meaningful difference in the lives of young women in Summit. We were also honored to host our guests from Girls on the Run as they discuss the empowerment of girls at a community level, which is closely aligned with the spirit of the luncheon."

Luncheon attendees supported the Fortnightly Club through participation in the luncheon and donations. Items were also collected for donation to Girls at the Run at the event, including first aid kits, lap counters, travel tissue packs, and other essentials that are required for Girls on the Run coaches’ practice kits.

"Our members are civic minded, compassionate community members who constantly come together to make a difference. Together, our members create positive change and transform lives," said Andrews.

For more information about the Fortnightly Club, and how



(above) 2024 Scholarship winners are Chelsea Asitimbay (Boston College), Diane Saint-Louis (The College of New Jersey), and Keilah Torillo (The College of New Jersey).

to become a member, please visit fortnightlyclub.org or email fortnightlyclubtwinmaples@gmail.com.

ABOUT THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

The Fortnightly Club is a volunteer group dedicated to causes that improve the lives of members of the Summit community and surrounding areas. The club supports various organizations related to education, women’s issues, veterans, the elderly, and cultural institutions that serve the greater community. The club is also dedicated to preserving the historic Twin Maples Estate.

Founded in 1893 by Mrs. Mary B. Wilcox, the Fortnightly Club continues to embrace its legacy of transformative, and impactful community service. The Fortnightly Club’s members are a diverse group of professional women, stay-at-home moms and retirees who share a commitment to volunteerism and community service. New members are always welcome; we serve members from Summit and surrounding towns in New Jersey, including New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Short Hills and more.



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FAMILIES PARTICIPATE IN BUTTERFLY RELEASE

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss

Often when we've experienced the loss of someone close to us, we need opportunities to honor and remember our person who died. Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss has been partnering with Fairview Cemetery to hold Butterfly Releases where families remember their special person as they release butterflies in their honor.

The most recent Butterfly Release was held on a sunny evening and planned by Kristin Imbimbo, Imagine's Mountainside Program and Partnership Manager along with Sharon Rossman and Rick Ralph of Fairview Cemetery. The event provided an opportunity for reflection, with participants sharing their stories of loss and remembrance. The evening concluded with each participant releasing a butterfly in honor and memory of their person who died.

Kristin shared this of the event: "This year we were able to release Monarch butterflies, which are so vibrant and matched the vibrancy that the many different aged children brought to the day. We had so many children share their names and the name of the person who died, which mirrored our opening circles on a night of support. It was a beautiful evening filled with laughter, tears, and community."

If you are in need of support for your family following the death of a close family member, please reach out to Imagine, A Center for Coping

with Loss at 908-264-3100 or visit Imagine's website at imagine-nj.org.

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is a 501c3 that offers grief and loss education and training to the community and 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. For more information, please contact info@imagine-nj.org or 908-264-3100.



(above) A butterfly release event offered the opportunity for reflection, with participants sharing their stories of loss and remembrance. The evening concluded with each participant releasing a butterfly in honor and memory of their person who died.

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Summit's Santa Claus Shop

For the 58th consecutive year, the Santa Claus Shop will open its doors to area families to provide complimentary holiday shopping. The Shop serves more than 1,500 low-income family members and senior citizens from Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights.

This year's Santa Claus Shop will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Avenue in Summit. Families will be offered shopping hours by invitation only during the first week of December.

The Santa Claus Shop is chaired by Summit residents Jen Adel, Amanda Darnowski, Jenny Groves and Corinne White and co-chaired by Stephanie Phiebig, Hilary Reilly, Teresa Solano, Jessica Whitehorne and Roseanne Wilson. The Santa Claus Shop exists solely on donations and volunteers. With the monetary donations from area residents, local organizations and businesses, the Santa Claus Shop can purchase the gifts that allow less fortunate neighbors to experience the joy of holiday giving without financial burden.

To keep the holiday spirit alive for local residents in need, the Santa Claus Shop chairwomen ask for members of the community to consider giving. Checks can be made payable to SHIP, with Santa Claus Shop noted on the check's memo line, and mailed to the Santa Claus Shop, P.O. Box 119, Summit, NJ 07902. The ability to make an online donation is also

available at summitsantaclausshop.com. If you would like to find out more information or get involved, please visit the Santa Claus Shop

website or follow the organization on Facebook at Santa Claus Shop - Summit, NJ and Instagram - @santa_claus_shop_summit.



(above, l-r) The chairs of this year's Santa Claus Shop: Corinne White, Jen Adel, Amanda Darnowski and Jenny Groves.

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SENIOR SCAM ALERT

Township of Berkeley Heights

Please be advised that there are individuals going around town in unidentified vans and trucks, knocking on senior citizens' doors, to try to convince them to do work on their house. They may offer to fix your chimney or roof, for an extremely low price, then, amidst the work, say they need an exorbitant amount more money to continue. If you do not pay it, they leave the work incomplete. Please do not agree to pay any contractor you are not comfortable with, or one not easily identified, or one that does not have a known reputation, until you do your own research and due diligence. Please call the non-emergency Berkeley Heights Police if you notice these contractors in your area, or if they knock on your door, 908-464-1111

EVENTS AT SENIOR CENTER OF THE CHATHAMS

Those interested in attending should call the Senior Center of the Chathams Mondays-Fridays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to register: 973-635-4565.

Paper Shred Fundraiser

Saturday, Nov. 2, 9AM-Noon

at Chatham Middle School, 480 Main Street, Chatham. Rain or shine. Suggested donations are \$5 per grocery bag, \$10 per medium box, \$15 per large storage bin or large trash bag, payable by cash or check only. Proceeds benefit the non-profit Senior Center of the Chathams. Sponsored by Aquinas Healthcare and Bradley & Son Funeral Homes, LLC.

Understanding American Politics through the Federalists

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 10:00 AM.

Learn how James Madison's short essay written 237 years ago previews the state of American politics in the 21st century, what the framers of the Constitution got right and wrong, and where we go from here. Speaker: Bruce Peabody, Professor of Government & Politics, Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, November 7, 10:30 AM.

This group provides families and caregivers with the emotional support and education they need to better understand Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

New! Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, Nov. 7, 12:45 PM.

The group will discuss "The Lady of the Rivers" by Phillipa Gregory.

Dream Interpretation Lecture

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 11:00 AM.

Ever wonder what your dreams mean? This lecture will cover the 5 fundamental steps to dream interpretation.

The History of PR

& How it Influences Public Opinion

Monday, Nov. 18, 11:00 AM.

This presentation will explore the birth, development and metamorphosis of PR and the lasting implications of its legacy on today's society, corporate and media worlds. Speaker: Chris Caldiero, Professor & Deputy Chair of Communication Studies, Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Virtual Art Tour: The Art Institute of Chicago

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 12:00 PM.

Go on a virtual tour here at the Center of this world-renowned art museum which will highlight some of the museum's works by artists such as Edward Hopper, Grant Wood and Georgia O'Keefe.



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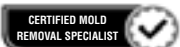
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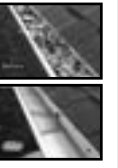
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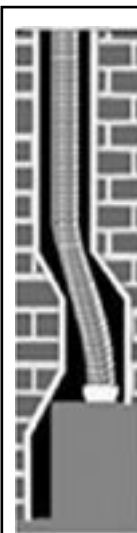


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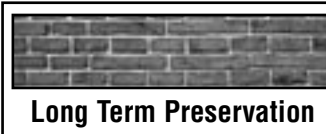
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FREE Senior Luncheon

Friday, Nov 22, 2024, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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PICKLEBALL INFORMATION:

You'll find our Standing Schedule here: berkeleyheights.gov/1511/PickleballTennis-Information

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By visiting jerseyfarmersmarket.com, consumers can easily locate farmers' markets in their area and explore a wide array of locally-grown fruits and vegetables, along with delicious recipes that enhance the farm-to-table experience. Look for the unmistakable Jersey Fresh sign, it insures the purchase of authentic New Jersey produce.

New Jersey boasts over 715,000 acres of dedicated farmland and is renowned for its diverse specialty crops, producing an impressive 1.2 billion pounds of tomatoes, 74 million pounds of blueberries, and 400 million pounds of sweet corn annually. With its unique climate and fertile soil, New Jersey's farmers are devoted to sustainable practices that not only elevate the flavor and quality of their crops but also support environmental stewardship. Specialty crops from New Jersey play a crucial role in both local consumption and national markets, significantly bolstering the state's economy.

The NJFCF supports numerous farmers' markets across the state, fostering community engagement and promoting sustainable living. "New Jersey's agricultural industry is thriving, and our specialty crops are among the best in the

nation," said Joseph Mikulewicz, President of NJFCF. "By choosing local produce, consumers invest in their health while supporting our dedicated farmers and strengthening their communities."

Buying local produce provides numerous advantages: it minimizes carbon footprints thanks to shorter transportation distances, stimulates local economies, and guarantees access to fresher, nutrient-rich food. Research shows that locally grown fruits and vegetables often have higher nutrient levels compared to those transported over long distances.

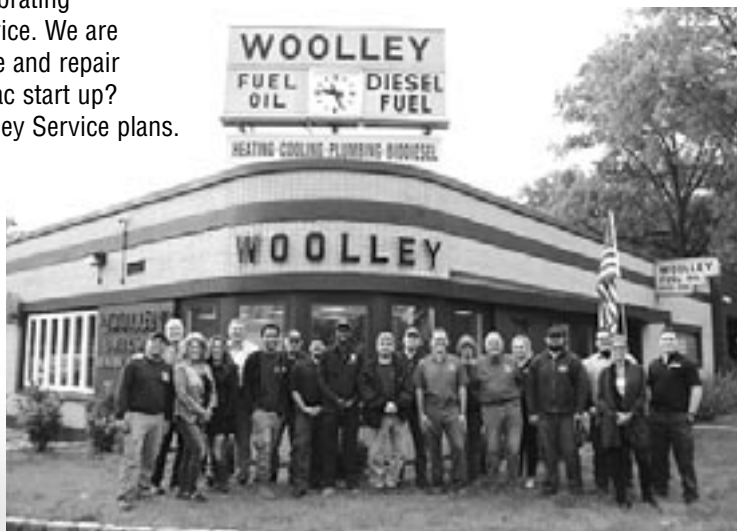
Farmers' markets, along with local restaurants and grocery stores throughout New Jersey, proudly feature locally sourced produce that encourages healthier eating habits while nurturing a sense of community connection. The state remains committed to upholding its leadership in specialty crop production through initiatives centered on education, sustainability, and making fresh food accessible to all residents.

For more information on New Jersey's specialty crops and the benefits of purchasing local produce, please visit jerseyfarmersmarket.com.



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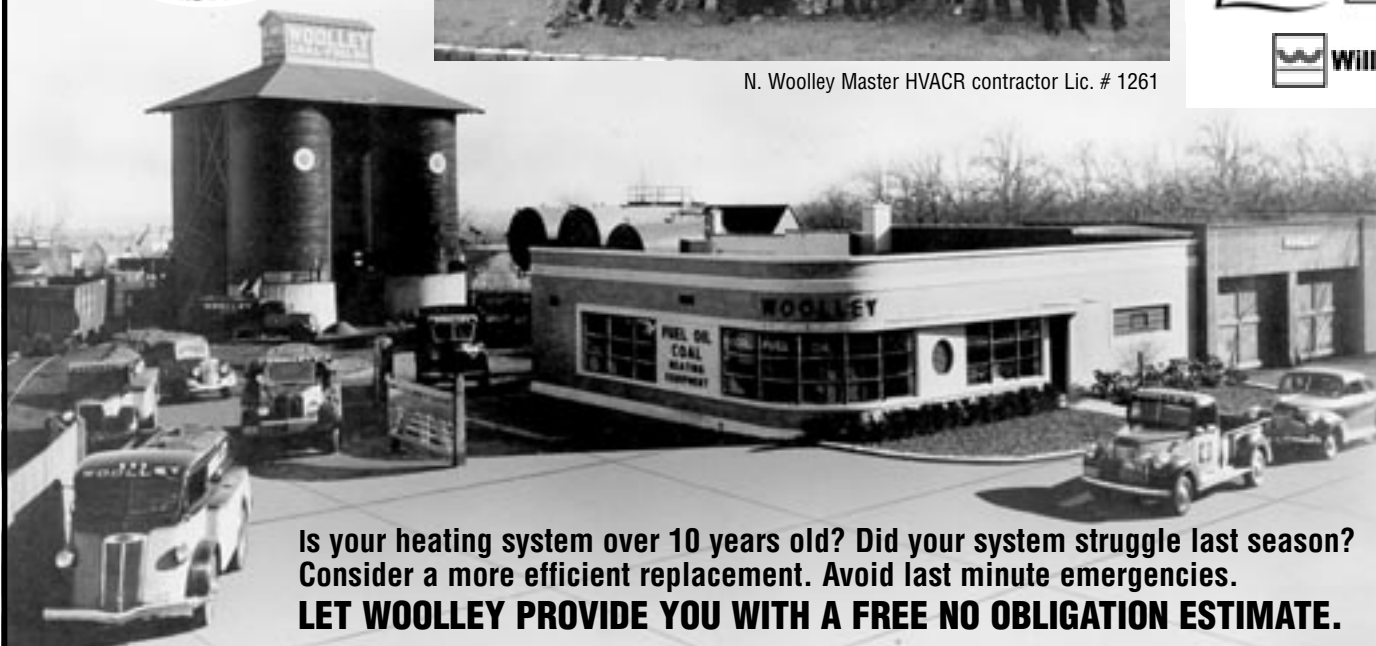
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Family Movie Matinee

Sunday, November 3 at 2:30pm.

Land Before Time

Family Fun Friday

Friday, November 15 at 3:30 pm

Beaded harvest corn craft.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Celebrate DINOvember: Scavenger Hunt

in the Children's Room all month.

Diwali/Day of the Dead Drop-in Crafts:

Friday, November 1 at 3:30pm.

Finger Knitting

Thursday, November 7 at 1:30pm.

Lego Play

Friday, November 8 at 3:30 pm

Good Time String Band

Tuesday, November 12 at 10:30am

A fiddle and banjo sing-along.

Dino Storytime

Tuesday, November 19 at 3:30pm.

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, November 20 at 3:30pm

Kids practice their reading with a furry listener.

WEEKLY DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Crafternoon: for ages 4-7 with caregiver:

Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, & 25

at 3:30pm.

Toddler Explorations

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26

at 10 am

Early literacy for toddlers with caregiver.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, & 27

at 10 am.

Baby Playtime

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, & 20

at 1:30 pm.

Block Party

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21 at 10 am

Build and play with blocks.

Play Pals

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 10 am.

Saturday Hangouts at 10am

Nov. 2 (free play), Nov. 9 (craft),

Nov. 16 (storytime), Nov. 23 (games),

Nov. 30 (play).

TWEENS & TEENS PROGRAMS

(For ages 10 and up)

Interactive Movie

The Nightmare Before Christmas

Thursday, November 7 at 2:30pm.

Switch It Up

Friday, November 8 at 2:30 pm

Play video games on the big screen.

Make a Dino Dirt Cup

Thursday, November 21 at 6:30pm.

(Ages 10 & up)

Teen Book Club

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow

Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30pm.

ADULT PROGRAMS

NaNoWriMo Writing Program

Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, & 25 at

1:30pm.

Tech Help

Saturday November 9, 10am-12pm and

Sunday, November 10 at 2pm-4pm.

Pins & Needles Crafting Group

Sunday, November 10 at 2:30 pm.

Tinker Tuesday Crafts

at 7pm

Make a Thanksgiving Wine Charm

Tuesday, November 12 at 7pm.

(Registration required at

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Coffee & Conversation Group

Wednesdays, November 13 at 1pm.

Self Care Soiree

Saturday, November 16, 1pm - 4pm.

Jazz Concert

Sunday, November 17 at 3pm

Jazz vocalist Ellen LaFurn.

Friday Movie Matinee: The Fall Guy

Friday, November 22 at 1pm.

Armchair Traveler - Hawaii

Tuesday, November 26 at 1pm and 7 pm.

BOOK GROUPS

Morning Book Group

Friday, November 1 at 10:30 am

The Painted Drum.

Mayor's Book Club

Thursday, November 14 at 7pm

The Art of Gathering.

Evening Book Group

Tuesday, November 12 at 7 pm

The Seed Keeper.

Books Speak Volumes

Thursday, November 21 at 7 pm

Hero of the Empire.

Joy of Cookbooking

Monday, November 18 at 6:30 pm

Thanksgiving Sides

Silent Reads

Friday, November 8 at 11am and

Sunday, November 24 at 2:30pm.

Virtual Author Talks

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A Navajo Investigator's Search for

the Unexplained

with Stanley Milford, Jr.

Thursday, November 7 at 7pm.

On Childhood Migration from Central America

with author Javier Zamora

Thursday, November 14 at 4pm.

Native Rights and Culture in Fiction

with author Mona Susan Power

Wednesday, November 20 at 7pm.



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Wharton Arts, New Jersey's largest not-for-profit community performing arts education organization, will present several free concerts during the 2024-25 season at Saint John's Lutheran Church located at 587 Springfield Avenue in Summit.

Said Wharton Arts Artistic Director Helen Cha-Pyo, "We are excited to partner with Saint John's Lutheran Church and music director Christopher Harlow-Jennings for our Wharton Arts in the Community series. From the fun, interactive Halloween Hoopla to uplifting Jazz Vespers and world-class performances, this series offers something for everyone. It's a wonderful way to connect with the Summit community and make music accessible to all."

"I am thrilled to partner with Artistic Director Helen Cha-Pyo and her team at Wharton Arts this season to bring exciting new musical offerings to the greater Summit community," said Saint John's Lutheran Church Director of Music Christopher Harlow-Jennings. "This unique collaboration builds on our respective institutions' strong musical foundations and opens the door for creative, diverse programming to engage listeners of all ages."

WHARTON ARTS CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

November 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a showcase of talented young chamber musicians from Wharton Arts.

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January 26, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., Lucas Button, cello Leah Frank, piano

Allow yourself to be transported by the sound and expression of this inspiring duo praised for

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JAZZ VESPERS

March 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., Lance Bryant Trio and the Saint John's Choir

An inclusive experience of Lenten words and music, both modern and ancient, featuring the Lance Bryant Jazz Trio.

For more information, call 908-790-0700 or visit WhartonArts.org.

Alongside these engaging events, Wharton Arts aims to create meaningful connections and foster creativity in young people, as well as across generations, ensuring that everyone has access to an outstanding music and theater arts education. The depth and breadth of offerings, unmatched in the Garden State, transcends backgrounds and beliefs. Wharton Arts encompasses four distinct programs, each founded to advance music and performing arts education and engagement: the New Jersey Youth Chorus, New Jersey Youth Symphony, Paterson Music Project, and Performing Arts School. Join Wharton Arts this Season of Joy for life-changing performing arts experiences.

Wharton Arts' mission is to offer accessible, high quality performing arts education that sparks personal growth and builds inclusive communities.

Wharton Arts' vision is for a transformative performing arts education in an inclusive community to be accessible for everyone.

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving nearly 2,000 students through a range of classes and

ensembles. The 5 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, an auditioned choral ensemble program for students in grades 3-12, encourage a love and appreciation of choral music while nurturing personal growth and creative development. The 15 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which serve over 500 students in grades 3-12 by audition, inspire young people to achieve musical excellence through high-level ensemble training and performance opportunities. Based in Paterson, the Paterson Music Project is an El Sistema-inspired program of Wharton Arts that uses music education as a vehicle for social action by empowering and inspiring young people to achieve their full potential through the community experience of ensemble learning and playing. From Pathways classes for young children to Lifelong Learning programs for adults, the Wharton Performing Arts School has a robust musical theater and drama program and offers both private and group classes for instruments and voice for all ages and all abilities. With the belief in the positive and unifying influence of music and that performing arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay, Wharton Arts offers need-based scholarships.

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ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST – NOV. 2

The Berkeley Heights Rotary Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to noon at Mount Carmel Hall, 56 River Road, Berkeley Heights. This event serves as the club's fall fundraiser, with all proceeds supporting local projects, scholarships, and community initiatives.

The breakfast will feature pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, and tea, offering a simple but satisfying meal for all ages. "This event is a great way to bring our community together while supporting important causes," says Mike Higgins, Pancake Breakfast Chair.

The suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. The Berkeley Heights Rotary Club invites everyone to enjoy a morning of good food and community spirit.

For more information, contact the Berkeley Heights Rotary Club at berkeleyheightsrotaryclub@gmail.com or visit bhrotary.com.

ABOUT BERKELEY HEIGHTS ROTARY CLUB:

The Berkeley Heights Rotary Club is a dedicated group of community leaders, professionals, and volunteers committed to making a positive impact on the local community and beyond. Through various initiatives, the club strives to promote goodwill, foster connections, and support charitable causes that enhance the well-being of individuals and communities. New members are always welcome.

ALL AREA VETERANS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND CRANFORD VFW VETERANS BREAKFAST

On Sunday, November 10, 2024, Cranford VFW Post #335 will be holding its annual Veterans Breakfast, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Post Home at 479 South Ave. East in Cranford. This free event is open to all area veterans, and a full "sit down" breakfast will be served by the Post Auxiliary.



(above) Acting Adjutant General of New Jersey Colonel Yvonne Mays will headline Cranford VFW Veterans Breakfast. All area veterans are invited to attend this free event.

Several notable speakers will be on hand, while the featured speaker will be U.S. Air National Guard Colonel Yvonne Mays who is currently the Acting Adjutant General of New Jersey and the Commissioner of the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. She previously held the position of Deputy Adjutant.

Colonel Mays began her career in 1983 as an enlisted airman and was deployed overseas during Operation Desert Storm. Through her own tenacity she earned her officer's commission at the Palmetto Military Academy, Fort Jackson, SC in 1999. She began her National Guard career as Director of Personnel and Commander of the Mission Support Flight of the 177th Fighter Wing and within four years went on to become the Executive Officer of the Wing. She has been Deputy Chief of Staff of the NJ National Guard while supporting Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. As today's Acting Adjutant Colonel Mays commands more than 8,400 soldiers and airmen of the NJ National Guard. She is currently awaiting Governor Murphy's actions deeming her permanent in this prestigious position.

This highly attended event is a great chance to meet and greet other veterans. If you are a veteran of any era, VFW Post #335 encourages you to attend this important, fulfilling event. There is no reservation required and more information may be obtained at the Post website at vfw335.org.

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GRANT FUNDING FOR LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

The Atlantic Federal Credit Union (“The Atlantic”) recently had the privilege of facilitating \$50,000 in grant funding across ten local nonprofit organizations through the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York Small Business Recovery Grant Program (“SBRG”).

The SBRG was created to support the financial security of organizations that face economic challenges due to various factors such as inflation, supply-chain constraints, the rate environment, as well as rising operating costs.

“Nonprofit organizations provide critical services throughout the communities we serve, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York is proud to partner with The Atlantic to help provide funding in support of these efforts,” said José R. González, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York.

“Thank you to the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York for their partnership and the opportunity to extend recovery grants to local nonprofits who serve our communities,” said Anthony Mero, Chief Executive Officer of The Atlantic. “The SBRG funding will help our deserving recipients continue to advance their

worthwhile causes, which uplift our neighbors throughout Essex and Union counties. These funds will help ensure residents in need have access to food and clothing, as well as other essential resources.”

The Atlantic was able to grant \$5,000 each to ten local nonprofit organizations to help them continue their mission and serve our communities.

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(above) Mobile Meals of Westfield



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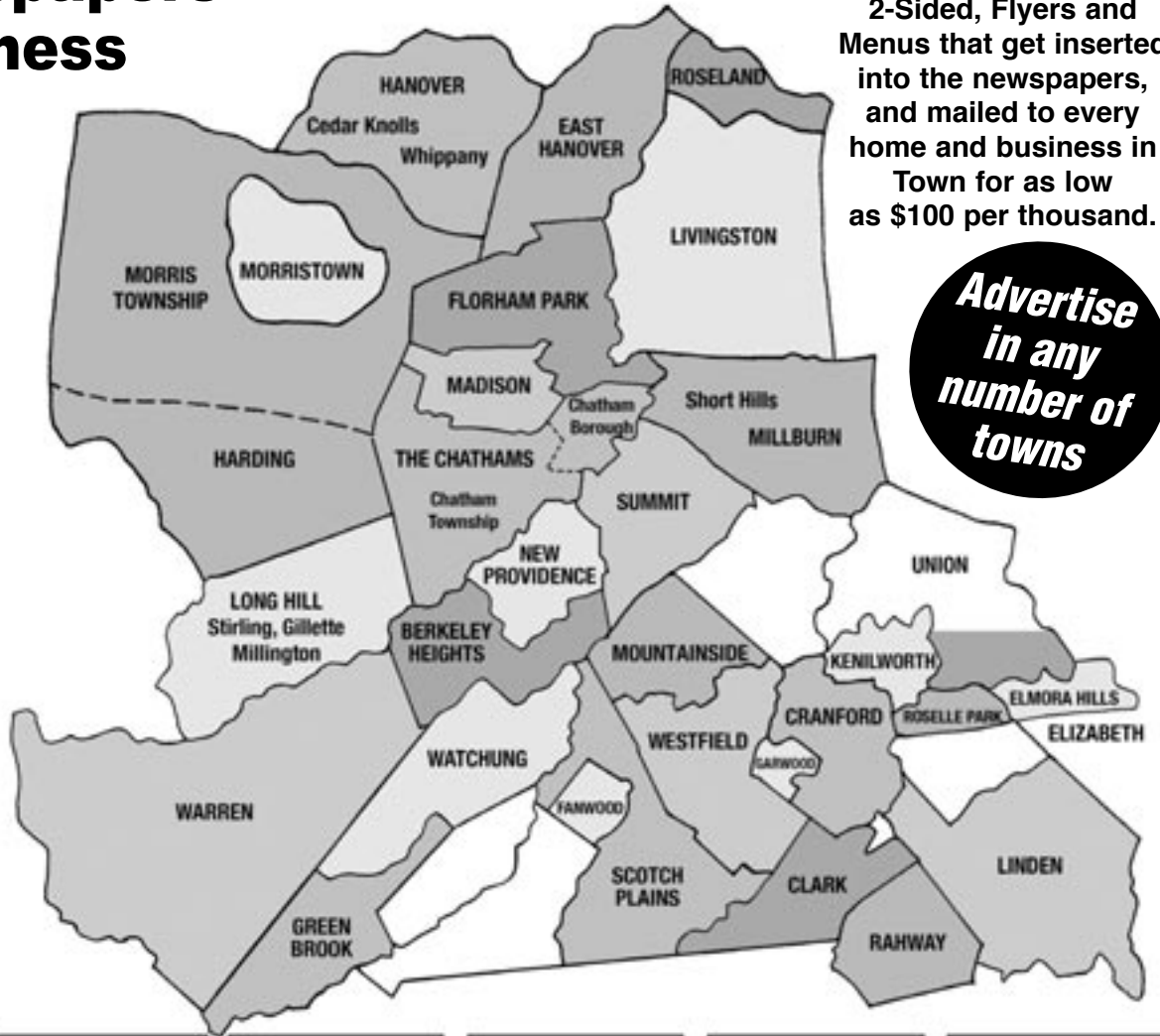
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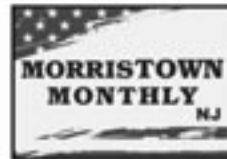
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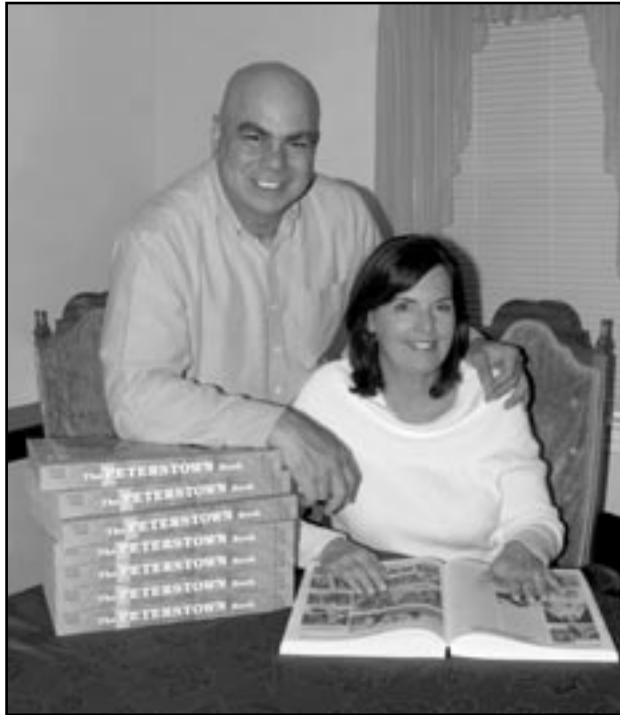
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(above, l-r) Joe and Tina Renna, owners of Renna Media, LLC, are celebrating 40 years in business.

FUNDRAISER GALA FEATURES ONLINE AUCTION

Hearts for Emma a 501©3 in Cranford, NJ is having a gala fundraising evening featuring cocktails, dinner, live music, sensational raffles, & a silent auction featuring original artwork on November 23, 2024, at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, New Jersey.

Hearts for Emma was founded by Cranford residents Nancie & Emma Rothman after Emma received a lifesaving heart transplant at the age of 12. Hearts for Emma provides assistance to families with children in crisis due to cardiac illness and creates and distributes educational materials in support of organ and tissue donation.

Co-founder Nancie Rothman states, "When Emma received her heart transplant, we were and continue to be so grateful to have the support of our family and community to help us through what was the most difficult time in our lives. Hearts for Emma was founded to help us live every day with purpose and to give back. Our gala fundraiser will be a wonderful evening and a way to support a great cause. We invite anyone interested in attending, donating, and purchasing raffle tickets as well as bidding online for the below painting & other exciting items to do so."

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(above) Joe Renna holds an original 36" x 24" oil painting of the 18th Hole at Galloping Hill he created for Hearts for Emma 2024 Auction.

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