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### EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY OPENS NEW LEARNING SPACES

*Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools*

Students, teachers, and staff were filled with smiles and pride as they officially celebrated the opening of eight new learning spaces in a wing of Evergreen Elementary School at a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on October 9, 2024.

Amid increasing enrollment and district-wide space constraints, the district moved its Central Offices to a rented space at 313 South Avenue in Fanwood last spring. The summer months were spent renovating and converting the offices into eight learning spaces for use by Evergreen Elementary.

“We are so excited about the new possibilities afforded to us in this space, and we’re grateful to the Board of Education and Dr. Joan Mast for putting Scotch Plains-Fanwood students first,” said Evergreen Principal Erin Mullman. “This addition means so much more to us than a few extra classrooms. It means that Evergreen students now have space throughout the entire school to learn, grow, and thrive.”

At the entrance to the newly renovated wing, students gathered with their school’s mascot to cheer on their classmate as he cut a green ribbon with gold scissors.

The renovated space includes classrooms for second grade, multi-age special education, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech services. This alleviated space constraints in other parts of the school and allowed music and Spanish instruction to have dedicated classrooms, rather

than being held in a multi-purpose room or moving from classroom to classroom on a cart. It also freed up space for basic skills, ESL and additional speech services.

Dr. Mast, whose office used to be in the space, said it was a special moment to see her office converted into classrooms for students. “In seeing this space come to life and knowing that quality teaching and learning is happening here, makes this the best decision the Board of Education has supported in these recent months as we continue to deal with a space crunch,” Mast said. “Thank you to everyone whose support and vision for this space made this possible.”

Mullman also thanked the teachers and custodians who worked quickly in late August and early September to decorate and prepare the rooms to welcome students on the first day of school.

While the new space helps ease the space issues in Evergreen, the district is still facing challenges across the other elementary and middle schools. Last year, the district was up over 150 students from the previous year, and a demographic study found that the trend was likely to continue. The study estimated an additional 500+ students in the next five years.

“We are continuing to evaluate options to address the enrollment growth,” Dr. Mast said. “We are listening to community feedback following the September referendum and hope to in the near future provide an alternative option to address these issues.”

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(above) To ease space crunch, district converts Central Offices into eight new learning spaces for Evergreen students.

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## DAVID LAVERY SWORN IN AS CAPTAIN



(above) Police Lt. David Lavery was sworn in as Captain by Mayor Losardo with his wife and children looking on during the Scotch Plains town council meeting held on October 1, 2024.

Photo by Tom Kranz

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# ELI KRANTZ COMPLETES PLANTS GUIDESM EARNS EAGLE SCOUT HONORS

## Borough of Fanwood

Anyone interested in native plants and invasive species can now access a wealth of information online courtesy of Eli Krantz of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Boy Scouts Troop 104, and candidate for Eagle Scout.

Eli created both Native Plants and Invasive Plants Guides for the Fanwood Environmental Commission's website [fanwoodnj.org/departments/environmental-commission](http://fanwoodnj.org/departments/environmental-commission). Eli worked with members of the Environmental Commission to complete his Eagle Scout project.

The idea for the project was suggested to him

by Gail Rhein, one of the adults in his troop. She passed away before his project was completed. Eli started work on the project in early March 2024, and finished mid-August.

"Native plants are beneficial to the environment because they are well-adapted to local conditions, requiring less water, fertilizers, and pesticides, which results in lower upkeep. Native plants also support local ecosystems by attracting native species such as birds, insects, and pollinators, fostering biodiversity," according to the Native Plants Guide written by Eli and posted on the Commission's website.

"In contrast, invasive plants can be harmful to the environment as they often out-compete native species for resources, leading to a decline in local wildlife. Additionally, invasive plants generally require more maintenance to control their spread, which can be both costly and time-consuming. Overall, promoting native plants over invasive species is crucial for maintaining a healthy and balanced ecosystem," according to the Invasive Plants Guide Eli prepared.

Eli has posted signs in front of the native and invasive plants along with bar codes for more information. The gardens are cared for by members of the Environmental Commission.

Eli graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 2024, and is a freshman at Drexel University.



(above) Eli Krantz stands next to signs he created for native and invasive plants in one of Fanwood's demonstration gardens at Borough Hall.

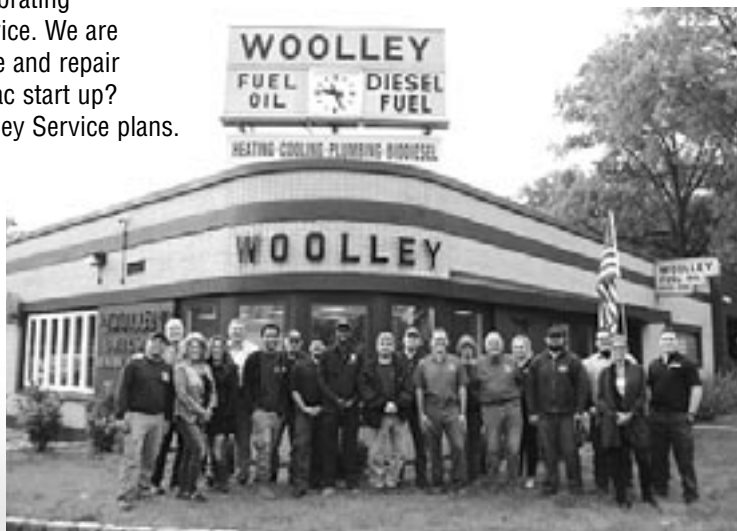


(above) Butterfly Weed, a native plant, as pictured in one of Fanwood's demonstration gardens at Borough Hall.

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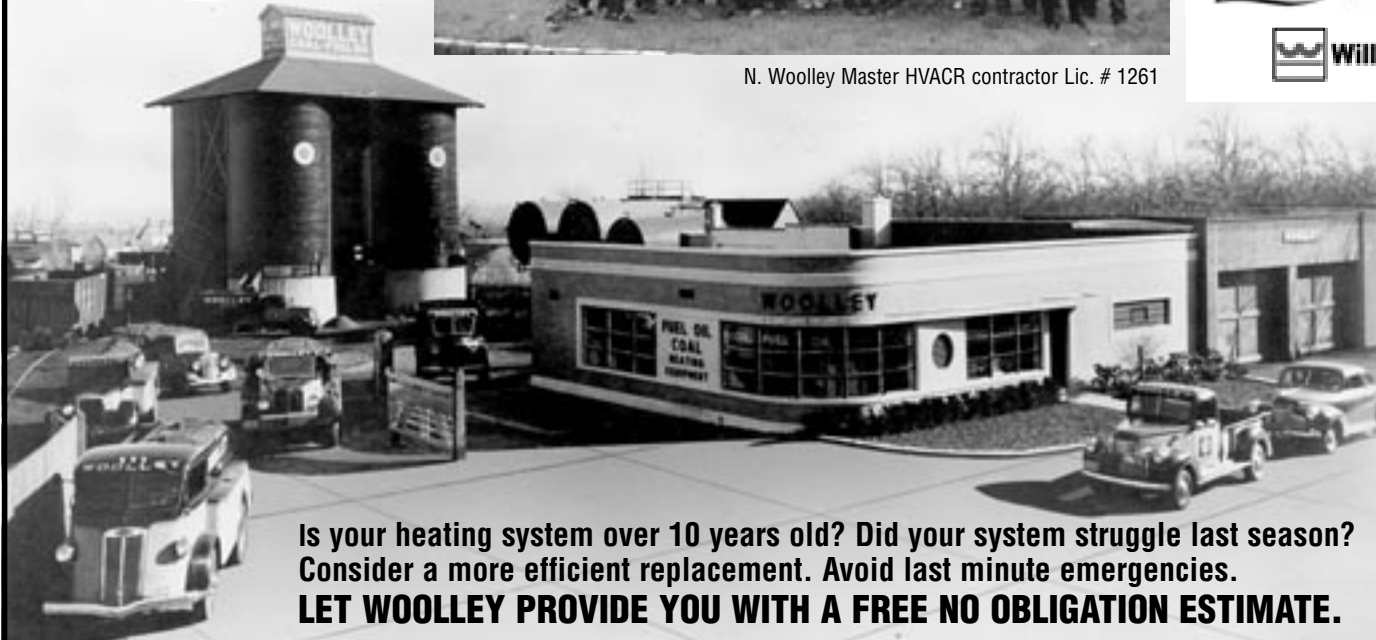
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(above) Brigadier General Cindy M. Saladin-Muhammad is pictured, center, flanked by family members, Mayor Josh Losardo, Council members Matt Evans and Ellen Zimmerman, Congressman Tom Kean, Assemblywoman Linda Carter, and representatives of Senator Corey Booker and Governor Phil Murphy.

Photos by Tom Kranz



(above) Congressman Tom Kean congratulates Gen. Saladin-Muhammad.

A large group of supporters attended the Scotch Plains Council meeting held on October 1, 2024, to honor Scotch Plains resident Cindy M. Saladin-Muhammad, on her promotion to Brigadier General, the first Muslim to be promoted to that rank in U.S. Army history.

She is a longtime Scotch Plains resident and represents her family's total of 75 years of military service (husband in Army, son in Air Force).



(above) Brigadier General Saladin-Muhammad speaks.

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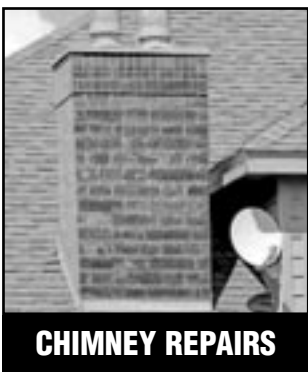
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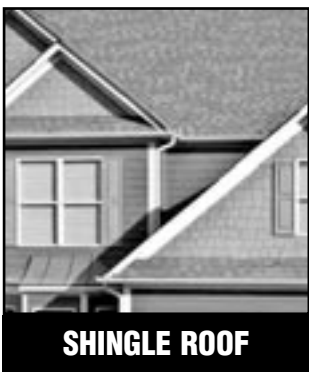
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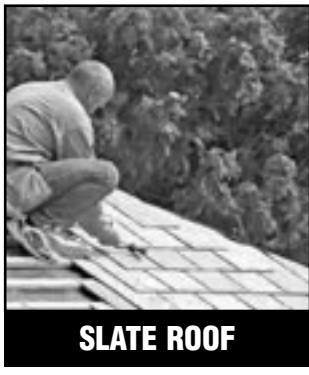
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The Tiny Tim Fund is a registered NJ non-profit Corporation 501 (c)(3) that raises funds to provide financial assistance to help families pay for children's medical expenses in Fanwood and Scotch Plains, including doctors, dentists, and psychological testing. The organization has been assisting local families since 1983.

This year, volunteers can help the Tiny Tim Fund Board members raise funds to continue its mission in two ways.

The Tiny Tim Fund Board invites community members who have enjoyed the tradition of caroling on Tiny Tim Carol Night and spreading holiday cheer while soliciting donations to form a group and commit to caroling on December 5th. A carol group comprises family members, neighbors, co-workers, scout groups, church organizations, etc. If needed, a group can also select a more convenient date to carol.

Since carol groups will not be able to reach all neighborhoods in Fanwood and Scotch Plains, volunteers are also needed to help distribute letters requesting financial support to homes during November and December. Carol Night, in

combination with the letter campaign, will be the organization's sole fundraiser. Donations for this year's fundraiser are being requested during the holiday season and are also greatly appreciated at any time during the year.

To register a carol group, receive more information about Carol Night, or volunteer to deliver solicitation letters, please contact Barbara at 732-259-6348 or Mari at 908-917-5979.

The Tiny Tim Fund is administered by a volunteer Board of Trustees which consists of Fanwood and Scotch Plains citizens from varied sections of the community. There are no administrative fees. All collected contributions

are dispersed for children's needs.

Donations from local citizens, civic and service organizations, will enable the Tiny Tim Fund to continue supporting families in our local community. The trustees are hopeful that community members who have generously supported the Fund in the past will make it possible for the fund to continue providing assistance to current cases and accepting new requests for financial assistance during the coming year.

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(above, l-r) Sue Apostolopoulos and Michele Chatterton are forming a carol group with their sons and some of their sons' friends for Carol Night on December 5th to benefit the Tiny Tim Fund. Tiny Tim board members are hoping that many more groups will join this group and make the fundraiser a success.

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We encourage attendees to bring a dish to share as we come together to celebrate community, enjoy delicious food, and foster connections. The evening will also feature a Children's Craft Corner, ensuring fun for the whole family!

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*Monday, November 11*

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*Monday, November 18 at 7:15pm*

**Afternoon Book Club**

*Tuesday, November 19 at 1pm*

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The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.

**Board of Trustees meeting.**

*Wednesday, November 20 at 7pm*

**Evening Book Club**

*Thursday, November 21 at 7pm*

will discuss

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese.

**Library Closes at 2pm and remains closed until Saturday, November 30 for Thanksgiving.**

*Wednesday, November 27*

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By visiting [jerseyfarmersmarket.com](http://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](http://jerseyfarmersmarket.com).*



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## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE "E"

*Contributing Author: Patricia Buckridee, is a member of the Fanwood Rescue Squad and the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad*

At your local Rescue Squad, we trade in a currency that is stamped with an "E". We wear patches that are imprinted with "EMT" and we transport patients to a hospital "ED" or "ER". But do we really understand what the "E" means?

Once upon a time, you could go to the hospital emergency room and get a problem resolved. In these days of medical hyper-specialization, doctors can't be expected to be jacks of all trades. As a result, hospital emergency rooms - or emergency departments - as they are referred to these days, have largely become a conduit for definitive care, but are not in and of themselves the source of definitive care anymore. Therefore, their purpose has shifted from fixing the problem to stabilizing the patient and referring them to the specialist who will then ultimately fix the problem.

There are advantages and disadvantages to this approach, with the advantages far outweighing the disadvantages. The major disadvantage is that it kicks the timeline for definitive care slightly further down the road; however, it is offset by the advantage of funneling the patient directly into the care of the best possible provider for the patient's ailment, thereby ensuring the best possible outcome.

A physician who has specialized in emergency medicine is not a surgeon, or an orthopedist, or a cardiologist, and if those are the

specialties that you need, those are the physicians by whom you should be seen. The ED physician will refer you to the exact specialist you need once he/she has stabilized you and diagnosed whatever has brought you to the ED. That is the strength of a hospital emergency department.

The crux of the ED is the "E". E = Emergency and an emergency in general suggests a life-threatening condition. One of the reasons why healthcare costs have spiraled out of control in the United States is that people have come to use the emergency department of hospitals for reasons that could have been more quickly, more efficiently, more effectively, and more inexpensively handled at a walk-in urgent care facility or one's own doctor's office. Hospital EDs are frequently overrun because they are required to treat every patient that enters their premises, and they are not permitted to turn anyone away for any reason, including inability to pay, which explains the inordinately long wait times that many patients experience when they go to a hospital ED.

Additionally, many people believe the myth that if they are taken to a hospital ED in an ambulance that they will be seen more quickly, and nothing is further from the truth. The nurses in a hospital ED reception area use triage principles to decide who gets priority, and those with more serious and potentially life-threatening conditions will always be seen first, regardless of when or how they arrive. It is NEVER a first-come/first-served basis in a

hospital. This myth also may have dangerous and potentially deadly consequences because it ties up already scarce resources for patients who may have been better served elsewhere and may not leave any resources available for people who emergently do need them. It's all about the "E".

The next time you are thinking of dialing 9-1-1 for an ambulance, please consider asking yourself the following questions:

- Is this really an emergency?

Examples of life-threatening emergencies:

- Chest pains
- Difficulty breathing
- Altered mental status, convulsions, seizures
- Unconscious, unresponsive, or inappropriate responsiveness
- Trauma, such as an attack/assault, bleeding, broken bones, burns, fall, motor vehicle accident, penetrating injury, such as a gunshot or stabbing, etc.
- Overdose, poisoning
- Am I or the patient having symptoms of a life-threatening condition that I or they have had in the past? If so, this is an emergency!
- Does this urgent medical issue involve an infant, child, or elderly person? If so, it's important to obtain emergency care.
- Is this something a doctor's office or walk-in urgent-care facility can handle?

Obviously, if you are in distress, please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. The dispatch operators are trained to help you determine what type of assistance you may need. And as always, your local rescue squad is there to help.

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## DOLL AND TOY EVENT SERVICE LEAGUE SHOP

With the holidays just around the corner, it's time to get going on purchasing gifts for all the children in your life, be they infants through teens. Smart shoppers will find great options at reasonable prices at the non-profit Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop, when its annual Doll and Toy event kicks off on Tuesday, November 5.

Doll lovers can choose from Barbie dolls, vintage dolls, baby dolls, doll accessories—even a collection of Disney Frozen characters, including Elsa's castle. Find a collection from Star Wars and a wide assortment of toys from Melissa & Doug and other famous brands like Fisher Price and Mattel. Or, fulfill your buying needs with board games, trucks and cars, stuffed animals, books and puzzles (all 100 percent

complete), with all items either new or in excellent condition.

Accompanying the Doll and Toy event will be a terrific array of holiday bric-a-brac and decorations, sure to fill your house with the spirit of the season. Make sure you shop early for the best selection.

Patronizing the Thrift Shop is a great way to stretch your holiday budget while knowing that the money collected for the purchases you make is going for the greater good of local community organizations. All merchandise sold at the store is provided by generous donors and sorted, priced and sold by Service League volunteers who man the store. All profits outside of store overhead are distributed annually via grants to worthwhile organizations or through college scholarships—some \$120,000 during the past two years. What better way to celebrate the annual season of giving!

The Thrift Shop is located at 1741 East Second Street in Scotch Plains. Have questions? You can call the store at 908-322-5420 anytime during business hours: Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please note that the shop will be closed Thanksgiving Week from November 25 through November 29, re-opening on Saturday, November 30 for "Small Business Saturday."



(above) Dolls of all shapes and sizes—including boxed classics like Barbie—will line the shelves of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop during the annual Doll and Toy event starting November 5.

Courtesy photo



(above) Finding character-themed toys under the tree is sure to delight any youngster!

## HOLIDAY THRIFT SHOP

Christmas is still weeks away, but the shelves at the Thrift Shop are filled with holiday decorations, gift items and stocking stuffers. In addition, you will find a large selection of new and nearly new men's and ladies' coats and winter accessories. Christmas and note cards are available at the bargain price of 10 ¢ each. All fall decor items are now half price. Come and browse the shop. The entrance is located on Maclellan Avenue in Fanwood, behind the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. The shop is open for shopping and to receive donations on Wednesdays from 10am to 3pm.

## OSBORN MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE NOV 3RD

On Sunday, November 3, 2024 the Osborn Cannonball House Museum, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains, N.J

The museum will be open to the public from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Come see the c. 1750 home of the Osborn Family and learn the intriguing story of their lives in 18th century Scotch Plains.

The museum will be featuring a bridal display of gowns dating from 1865 to 2012. It is a magnificent display, and should not be missed! Costumed docents will be on hand to give tours. Admission to the museum is free but donations are always welcome. For more information email [Info@HistoricalSocietySPFNJ.org](mailto:Info@HistoricalSocietySPFNJ.org) or call 908-322-6700, ex 230.



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# COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER ON SCOTCH PLAINS DAY



Scotch Plains Day was held on Sunday, October 6 on Park Avenue.

There were food vendors, live music, including local performers, a kid's zone with

games and prizes, and booths manned by community organizations who were able to engage with the public and distribute their information.



Photos from this and other events can be found online at [rennamedia.com](http://rennamedia.com) and on Scotch Plains Monthly page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) Feel free to "Like," "Tag," "Comment," and "Share."



## A CELEBRATION OF ORIGINAL MUSIC - NOV 10

Join us for a free, delightful concert featuring acclaimed composers Katie Wills and Kathleen Basi on Sunday, November 10th, at 2:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains, NJ.

Katie Wills, published with Oregon Catholic Press (OCP), and Kathleen Basi, whose works are published with OCP, GIA, and Simply Liturgical, will share their inspiring original

compositions alongside some beloved favorites. This concert promises to be a beautiful afternoon of music that uplifts the spirit and fosters community.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with the power of music and the community! Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this enriching musical experience. For more information, please contact the Nazareth Center at 908-889-2100.



(above) Katie Wills



(above) Kathleen Basi

## CALLING ALL VETERANS JOIN THE ROTARY CLUB FOR LUNCH! NOV 20

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club is hosting a Veterans Appreciation lunch at their meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 12:15 p.m. at the Stage House Restaurant in Scotch Plains. They'll honor veterans in the club as well as veterans in the local community. The Rotary Club is very grateful to all men and women who served the United States Armed Forces and will pay tribute to those who served, those who continue to serve and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Veterans in the towns of Fanwood and Scotch Plains are invited to attend but should register in advance because space is limited. To register for the event, Veterans can contact Al Smith at 908-317-4646.

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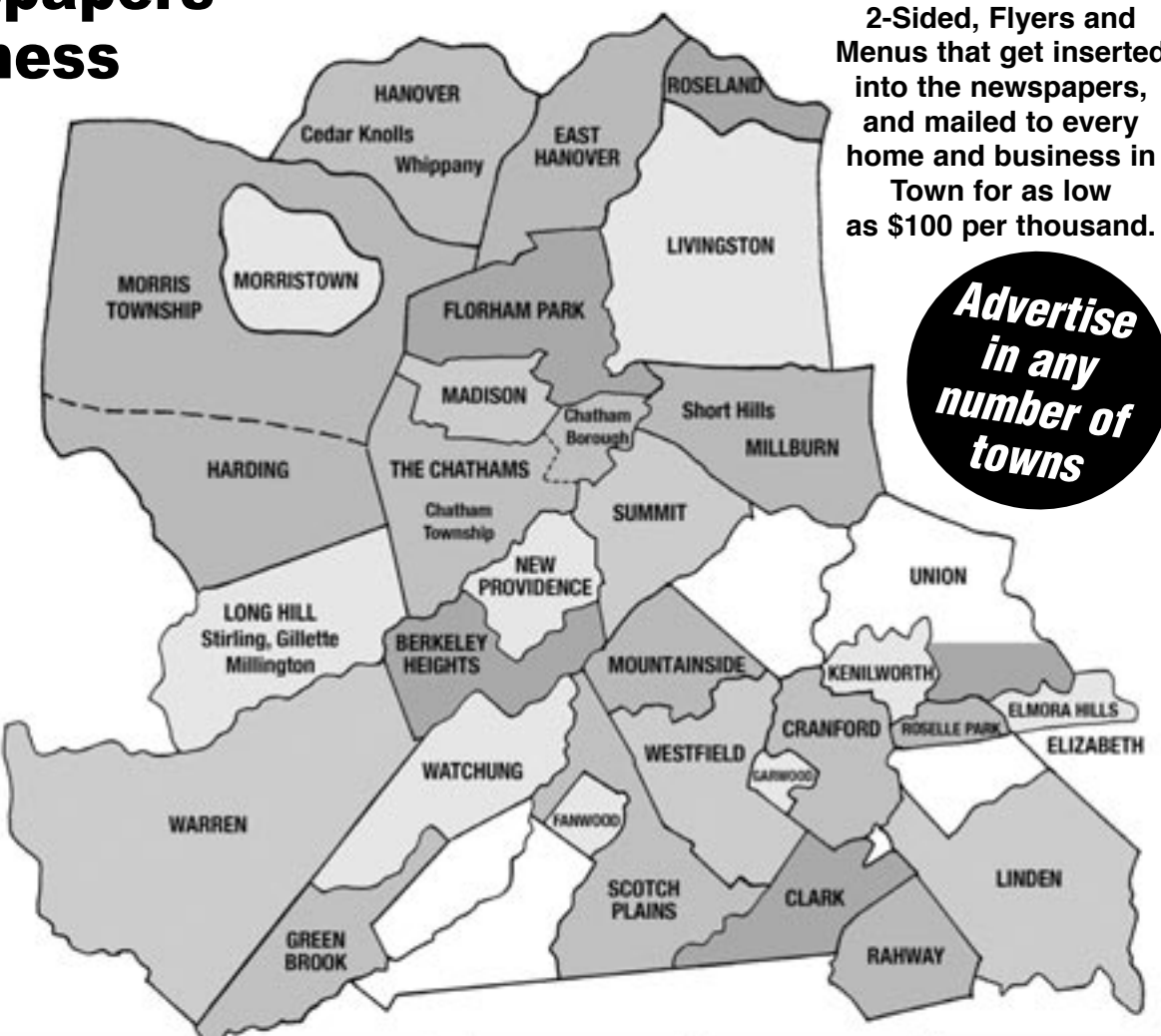
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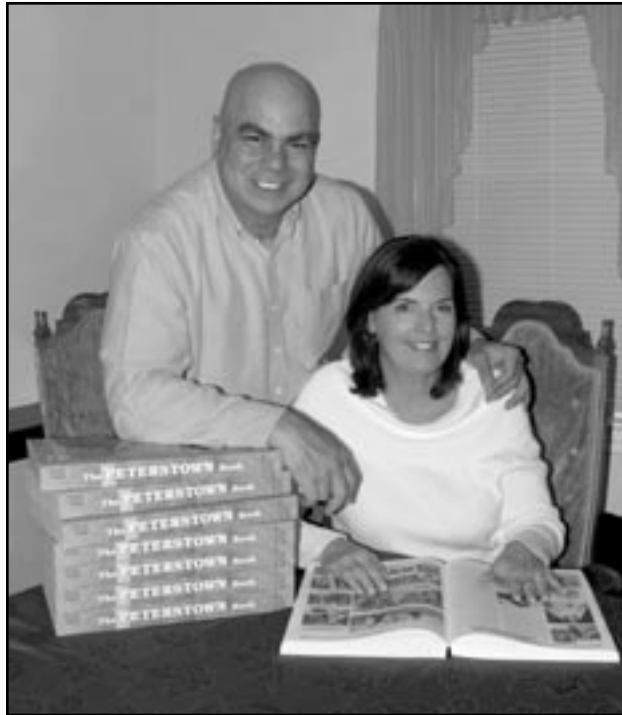
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(above, l-r) Joe and Tina Renna, owners of Renna Media, LLC, are celebrating 40 years in business.

# 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."

For further information, visit: [heartsforemma.org](http://heartsforemma.org)



(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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