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## 9TH ANNUAL WINTER WALK - DEC. 7TH

The Berkeley Heights Winter Walk Committee is excited to announce the return of the much-anticipated Winter Walk on Saturday, December 7th, 2024. Now in its ninth year, this free community event will transform downtown Berkeley Heights into a winter wonderland filled with family-friendly fun, exciting activities, and live entertainment from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The event draws thousands of visitors from Berkeley Heights and surrounding towns, offering over 80 attractions and performances sponsored by local businesses, civic groups, and performers. Located along Springfield Avenue, Winter Walk is packed with magical moments for attendees of all ages.

Among the featured activities is the crowd-favorite artificial ice rink at the Total Health parking lot, where visitors can borrow skates and glide across the rink with support from Governor Livingston ice hockey team members. Other highlights include horse and carriage rides, life-size snow globes, a trackless train, and visits from beloved characters like the Grinch, Olaf, and a Snow Queen. Guests can also enjoy photo stations, meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, and try their luck with games like the football goal challenge and basketball throw.

Live music and dance performances will take place throughout the day, emceed by Thoro Entertainment. Local talent from Pure Movement Dance Center, Columbia Middle School Jazz Band, Performing Arts 5678, Wharton Arts, and the Governor Livingston Highlander Band will delight the crowd with their shows.

After the Winter Walk, head to Peppertown Park for the annual tree lighting and a dazzling firework show at 6 p.m., generously donated by Garden State Fireworks. Many families stay downtown afterward to dine at one of the area's top-rated restaurants, extending the festive evening.

This year's event is presented by Fieldhouse Gym, Grain & Cane, and Embassy Suites by Hilton Berkeley Heights. For a full list of sponsors and the event schedule, visit berkeleyheightsdowntown.com.

Parking will be available at Upper and Lower Columbia Park (76 Columbia Ave), with a trolley service to transport visitors between the parking lots and Peppertown Park for the tree lighting and fireworks.

Mark your calendars and join us in celebrating the holiday season at the 9th Annual Berkeley Heights Winter Walk!

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6:00 PM: Town Tree Lighting by the Berkeley Heights Recreation Department

The Winter Walk is made possible by:

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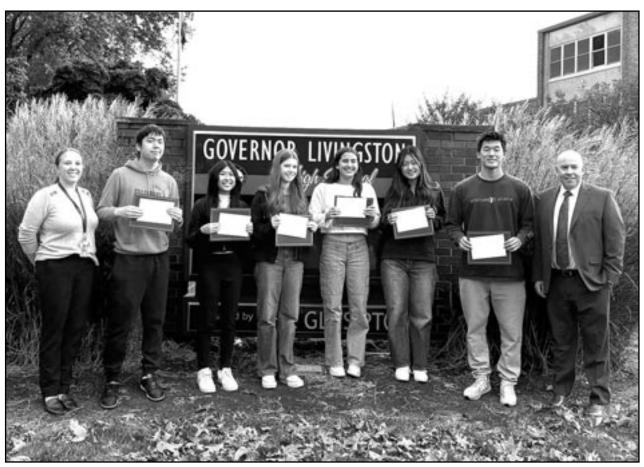


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## **3RD ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE HEIGHTS LUMINARY PROJECT**

The Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights

The much-anticipated 3rd Annual Light Up the Heights Luminary Project is set to ignite the holiday season with a warm glow of community spirit and charity. This cherished project, dedicated to benefitting a conglomerate of local organizations, including the Berkeley Heights Gardeners, Boy Scout Troops 68 & 368, the Berkeley Heights Rescue Squad, Girl Scouts 55, and the Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights, promises to bring joy and support to the heart of the town.

Beginning around Thanksgiving, dedicated neighborhood captains will be tirelessly distributing flyers and order forms door-to-door, galvanizing the local community to participate in this heartwarming initiative. The response thus far has been overwhelming, showcasing the town's enthusiasm and dedication to nurturing a sense of togetherness during this special time of the year.

Orders for the enchanting luminary kits, each comprising 10 white paper bags, candles, and sand, have been pouring in, reaffirming the town's commitment to contributing to a meaningful cause. Each luminary package is reasonably priced at \$25, making it a wonderful opportunity for residents to extend their support and bring the festive cheer to their homes.

For added convenience, residents can also place their orders online at BHRotaryLuminaries.com until December 20.

All luminaries ordered will be promptly delivered to each resident's home in Berkeley Heights, ensuring that they are in possession no later than December 23, just in time to light up the town in preparation for the special evening of December 24.

In the spirit of fostering a unified celebration, residents are encouraged to place their luminaries at the curb in front of their houses at dusk on December 24th away from anything flammable. Together, let us transform Berkeley Heights into a breathtaking winter wonderland, radiating warmth, hope, and unity that epitomize the holiday season.

If assistance is needed purchasing luminaries, please contact berkeleyheightsrotaryclub@gmail.com, or call 908-803-5747.

Join us in making this holiday season a truly magical and joyous experience for all in Berkeley Heights!

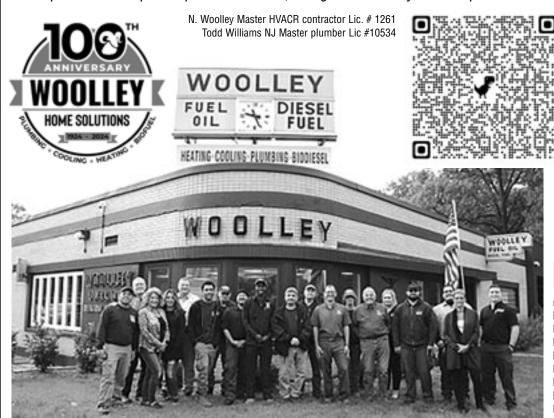
The Light Up the Heights Luminary Project is an annual community initiative designed to foster unity and support for several local organizations in Berkeley Heights, NJ. With the mission of spreading joy and warmth during the holiday season, the project aims to illuminate the town with the spirit of giving and togetherness.



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Child Focus

As the holiday season approaches, Child Focus, the nonprofit child advocacy organization that runs Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Passaic and Union Counties, is thrilled to announce the launch of its annual Holiday Wish List Drive. This initiative aims to bring joy and personalized gifts to more than 400 children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, honoring their unique interests and wishes this holiday season. The holidays can be especially difficult for those involved in the child welfare system, and this drive seeks to ensure each child feels seen, valued, and celebrated.

Child Focus invites community members, organizations, and businesses to support the drive by purchasing items directly from its Amazon Wish List, donating gift cards to popular retailers such as Target, Amazon, Walmart, Macy's, Old Navy, and Sephora, or contacting Child Focus directly to learn what specific items are needed this year. All gifts must be new, unwrapped, and delivered to the Child Focus offices in Wayne or Elizabeth by Monday, December 9.

"The holiday wish list drive is always a bright spot in our programming, as our community comes together to make wishes come true for these children who have experienced so much turmoil in their young lives," stated Child Focus Executive Director, Erica Fischer-Kaslander. "It is an important reminder that a small act of kindness can have an incredible impact in a young person's life. We are grateful for our community partners who have stepped up year after year, including those who have been willing to scour the internet and pound the pavement to locate some of those special gifts, injecting some much-needed holiday magic into the lives of these deserving children."

Child Focus thanks the community partners who continually step up to make wishes come true for hundreds of children in foster care.

For more information on the Holiday Wish List Drive, including a link to the Amazon Wish List, or to learn how you can become a CASA volunteer, please visit childfocusnj.org or call (973) 832-4002.

#### **ABOUT CHILD FOCUS:**

Child Focus prioritizes the needs and well-being of infants, children and teens impacted by, or at risk of, abuse or neglect by amplifying their voices and working toward lasting, permanent solutions that address their unique situations and provide support needed to thrive. This critical work is accomplished through three distinct but complementary programs: CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, NJ Safe Babies Court Team, and the Open Door Store.

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Berkeley Heights Recreation Commission

Santa Visit - December 7th, 2024

Join the Berkeley Heights Recreation Commission and their wonderful volunteers at our annual Santa Visit from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Held at 29 Park Ave., lover level. Bring your own camera to capture the fun in many photo scenes. A free and family friendly event for not just Berkeley Heights Residents. Free hot chocolate, cookies, and horse-drawn wagon rides.

#### **LETTERS TO SANTA**

Your child is encouraged to write a letter to Santa! Please provide a return address so Santa can respond! Letters should be dropped in the red mailbox in the front vestibule of Town Hall. Santa will respond to any letters that include a return address. Deadline to submit letters is December 10th.

Gift Donations

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### **WINTER PROGRAMS:**

**Winter Programs** 

begin on Tuesday, December 10. Registration is available online. Learn More: berkeleyheights.gov/1529/Winter-Programs Register Online:

#### **SANTA VISIT:**

register.communitypass.net/berkeleyheights

Join the fun for another year with Santa! Saturday, December 7, 2024 | 10:00-1:00 Multipurpose Room Learn More: berkeleyheights.gov/1558/Santa-Visit

#### **FREE SENIOR PROGRAMS: Weekly Programs**

Berkeley Heights Recreation offers many fun and free activities for our seniors! We invite you to try them out – Mahjong, Exercise, Yoga, and more! Learn More:

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with the Recreation every Wednesday Learn More:

berkeleyheights.gov/352/Senior-Information Pickleball Open Play in Berkeley Heights Come out and play with us while the weather is nice! You'll find our Standing Schedule here: berkeleyheights.gov/1511/ PickleballTennis-Information

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Recently, a parent shared with Thomas P. Hughes Principal Jessica Nardi that she, "always notices how on top of things, responsible, and

Students in the Berkeley Heights Public friendly to the children he (the crossing guard) is." She continued that she was dropping off her daughter one day when she observed a potentially dangerous situation with an approaching car. The crossing guard, "remained calm and focused his attention on the children and ensuring they were okay and continued to safely cross the road. I was impressed with his quick response and how calmly and effectively he handled the situation."

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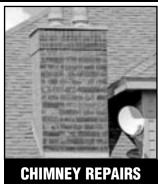
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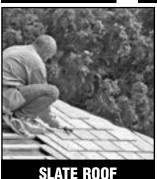




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Starting on November 30, JLS Thrift Shop invites you to its annual Holiday Boutique — a special event with even more incredible bargains on exceptional, high-quality merchandise. They sell holiday clothing, giftwares, decorations, toys, and jewelry.

Shop hours are 9 a.m. -1 p.m., Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and 3 p.m. -7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

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Summit and all items for sale are donated to the shop by League members and the local community. Over \$3,000,000 in proceeds have been returned to the community in the form of grants, projects, scholarships, and other programs.



## FREE CONCERT - DEC. 21

Sawmill Run Old Time Sting Band will bring their authentic American mountain music to The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling, 158 Central Ave., Stirling, on Saturday, December 21 at 7 p.m.

Sawmill Run is New Jersey's own homegrown Old Time String Band. This is an exciting, vital, driving music that predates Bluegrass and Country and gets people moving. Interpreted by four accomplished multi instrumentalists on banjo, fiddle, dulcimer, mandolin, upright bass, guitar and, vocals, this music is created for joyous gatherings, dancing and fun times. The tunes

have been passed from generation to generation for decades. The band regularly attends Old Time music gatherings throughout Appalachia and also studies historic recordings. The band has brought back these tunes to New Jersey to be passed along and the tradition of American String Band music lives on. Sawmill Run Old Time String Band plays in venues and festivals all across New Jersey.

As always, our concerts are free to the public; donations are welcome. For more information, go to fpcstirling.org or call the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling at 908-647-1033.







(above) Sawmill Run Old Time Sting Band will bring their authentic American mountain music to The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling located at 158 Central Ave., Stirling, on Saturday, December 21 at 7 p.m. Free admission.





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There is no membership fee to join. Many programs are offered free of charge, while others involve only a minimal fee thanks to individual donations, fundraising events, and grants.

The Center is located at 58 Meyersville Road (lower level) in Chatham and is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 973-635-4565 or visit chathamseniorcenter.org.

## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE SENIOR CENTER:

French Impressionism & Art Nouveau

Wed., Dec. 4, 12:00 p.m.

Tour Parisian art of the Belle Epoque virtually and explore the birth of artistic movements including Impressionism and Art Nouveau with virtual tour guide Julie Averbach at the Senior Center.

#### **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**

Thurs., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m.

Monthly support group for those who care for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia.

#### Life in America on Pearl Harbor Day,

Wed., Dec. 11, 10:00 a.m. Presentation by Center member Herb Waddell.

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#### Kings, Queens & Guillotines

Wed., Dec. 18, 11:00 am.

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## **OLD GUARD DECEMBER SPEAKERS PROGRAM**

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#### IN DECEMBER, WE WILL HAVE TWO SPEAKERS:

On December 3rd, our speaker will be Ron **Brachman**, an internationally known expert in Artificial Intelligence. In 2023 he retired from his positions as the Director of the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute at Cornell Tech and Professor of Computer Science at Cornell University. He has also held research leadership positions at Yahoo, DARPA, AT&T Labs, and Bell Labs. Ron will discuss the amazing leaps forward in Artificial Intelligence over the past several years, and examine the unexpected, humanlike blunders the programs continue to make. Briefly, the algorithms, capable of constructing solutions to many complex problems, lack what is generally perceived as 'common sense'. In his talk, Ron Brachman will consider what common sense is about, what AI has tried to do about it, and what's

still missing.

On December 10th, James M. Kossler will discuss the FBI versus the Cosa Nostra. Jim spent 23 years as an FBI agent and was the Coordinating Supervisor for the New York office responsible for directing the Organized Crime unit. As an expert witness he testified in numerous mob trials in New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia. Jim was featured in the Netflix documentary "Fear City: New York vs. the Mafia." Jim will provide a brief history of Cosa Nostra (Mafia) and how they went from controlling unions and industry in New York and New Jersey, to being turned into street gangs.





(above, l-r) Dr. Brachman, James Kossler
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## **Christmas Day**

Wednesday, December 25 Nativity of Our Lord Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Service of Lessons, Carols and Eucharist Sunday, December 29 at 10:00 a.m.

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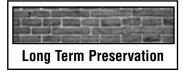
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(above) Madelyn Monaghan



## **CELEBRATE WITH THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS**

The beloved Pipes of Christmas fundraising concert is delighted to be entering their second quarter century with a brand-new production.

The popular holiday event will be returning to the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in NYC on Decemebr 14, and Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, NJ on Decemebr 15.

The Pipes of Christmas brings together musicians, soloists, and performers from across America and the UK to share the magic of the holiday season through the timeless sounds of Celtic music. The show features traditional favorites and newly commissioned works performed on pipes and drums, harp and fiddle, organ, brass, and more, as well as readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

Featured performers include guitarist and music director Steve Gibb from Inverness, Scotland, actor James Robinson of "A Merry Scottish Christmas," "Braveheart," "Outlander," fiddler Caitlin Warbelow from Broadway's "Come from Away," and US Harp Champion harpist Rachel Clemente.

Audiences will thrill to the Commonwealth Pipes and Drums under the leadership of Pipe Major Adam Holdaway and the B-Line Brass Quintet led by CJ Waldrop.

In both locations, the company will include the Solid Brass ensemble and the St. Columcille United Pipe Band led by Pipe Major Cameron MacDougall.

Also making her Pipes of Christmas debut will be Madelyn Monaghan, an Irish American traditional (sean-nós) singer based in New York City. In September of this year, Madelyn was a leading performer at the Celtic World Forum in Dublin alongside the likes of Máiréad Nesbitt and Clannad's Moya Brennan and appeared in the Celtic Music Festival in Rockport, MA. Her voice can be heard via TikTok, museums, film scores, and commercials, and her album éist is available on all streaming platforms.

Proceeds Support Scholarships and Cultural Heritage Initiatives

The Pipes of Christmas is hosted by the Learned Kindred of Currie, a non-profit cultural

and educational organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Scottish and Highland heritage and the arts. As its primary fundraiser, the concert enables the Kindred's continued efforts to support the global Scottish community through initiatives such as:

- Producing Tartan Day on Ellis Island, perhaps the largest Tartan Day event in the world, which received 80,000 visitors in 2024 alone
- Providing scholarships to deserving students in the US, Canada, and Scotland
- Sponsoring competitions and festivals across the globe
- Commissioning of new musical and cultural works
- A global monuments initiative, which helps erect and preserve new and existing locations such as the Scottish Writers Museum and Bale nam Bàrd (the bard's home) on the Island of South Uist
- Developing a cultural heritage center in Scotland (currently in preliminary stages)

#### **TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW**

Tickets are now available via Eventbrite. Reserved VIP and general admission seating is available. Access to the global web stream of concert highlights can also be booked in advance. Tickets for Summit are \$60 general admission and \$150 VIP - reserved tickets.

#### **ABOUT "THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS"**

Since its debut, The Pipes of Christmas has played to standing-room-only audiences. Now a cherished holiday event, the concert gives audiences 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."

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### **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Taylor Swift Karaoke:** 

Thursday, December 12 at 6pm.

#### **Family Fun Friday:**

Friday, December 20 at 3:30 pm Snowman Snow Globe

#### **Family Movie Matinee Frozen:**

Sunday, December 22 at 2:30pm.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Lego Play:

Friday, December 6 at 3:30 pm **Good Time String Band:** 

Tuesday, December 10 at 10:30am A fiddle and banjo sing-along.

#### Read to a Dog:

Wednesday, December 11 at 3:30pm Kids practice their reading with a furry listener.

#### **Yoga Storytime:**

Monday, December 16 at 9:45am. **Fingerknitting:** 

Monday, December 30 at 1:30pm.

## **WEEKLY DROP-IN PROGRAMS**

**Crafternoon:** 

Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 3:30pm.

for ages 4-7 with caregiver:

#### **Toddler Explorations:**

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17 at 10 am Early literacy experiences for toddlers with caregiver.

#### **Toddler Storytime:**

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18 at 10 am. **Baby Playtime:** 

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18 at 1:30 pm.

#### **Block Party:**

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10 am Build and play with blocks.

#### **Play Pals:**

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10 am. **Saturday Hangouts** 

at 10am: December 14 (craft), December 21 (storytime), December 28 (games).

### TWEENS & TEENS PROGRAMS

(For ages 10 and up)

#### Teen Book Club:

a first time for everything, December 17 at 6:30pm.

#### Switch It Up:

Friday, December 27 at 2:00 pm Play video games on the big screen.

### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

#### **Tinker Tuesday Crafts**

at 7pm: December 3: Pressed Flower Bookmark, December 10: Gingerbread Sugar Scrub.

#### Pins & Needles Crafting Group:

Sunday, December 8 at 2:30 pm.

#### **Coffee & Conversation Group:**

Wednesdays, December 11 at 1pm. Tech Help:

Saturday December 14, 10am-12pm and Sunday, December 15 at 2pm-4pm.

#### **Jazz Concert:**

Sunday, December 15 at 3pm. **Friday Movie Matinee: The Holdovers:** Friday, December 27 at 1pm.

#### **BOOK GROUPS**

#### **Morning Book Group:**

Friday, December 6 at 10:30 am Small World.

#### **Evening Book Group:**

Tuesday, December 10 at 7 pm The Idea Factory.

#### **Mayor's Book Club:**

Thursday, December 12 at 7pm The Perfectionist's Guide to Losing Control.

#### **Silent Reads:**

Friday, December 13 at 11am and Monday, December 30 at 7pm.

#### Joy of Cookbooking:

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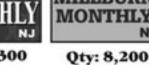


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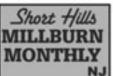
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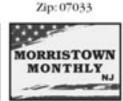
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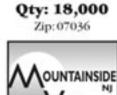
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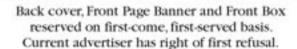
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NJIO's three orchestral ensembles will combine to perform music by Corelli, Reinecke, Strauss, and more! The concert concludes with Leroy Anderson's exciting Sleigh Ride, with percussion accompaniment provided by the youngest members of the audience!

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New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, now in its 31st 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!

NJIO's Winter Concert

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