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#### **SCOUTS MARCH IN NYC VETERANS DAY PARADE**

Scouting America Troop 19

New York City came alive on Veterans Day as the 105th annual Veterans Day Parade marched proudly down Fifth Avenue, stretching from 26th Street to 46th Street. The parade, known as one of the largest celebrations honoring military veterans in the United States, drew thousands of patriotic spectators who gathered to pay homage to those who have served in the armed forces. The event featured an inspiring lineup of marching bands, military units, and veterans' organizations, all united in their dedication to honoring the nation's heroes.

Among the participants were eleven members of Scouting America Troop 19, chartered at St. Rose of Lima Church -Short Hills, NJ, who embarked on a memorable journey to New York City. The Troop departed bright and early at 8 a.m. from Millburn Train Station, traveling via New Jersey Transit to Penn Station, ready to spend the day immersed in the historic and patriotic atmosphere.

This year marked the Troop's fifth consecutive appearance in the parade, a tradition they have embraced since 2019. Once again, they were invited by the USS Intrepid Former Crew



(above) Scouting America Troop 19 marking up 5th Avenue with the Former Members of the USS Intrepid



(above) Scouting America Troop 19 salutes FAO Schwarz at Rockefeller Center

Photos by Scouting America Troop 19, St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills, NJ

Members Association, Inc., to march in honor of all servicemen and women, including those who served aboard the gallant ship. The Scouts, with their honor guard, proudly carried a banner that read, "Scouts Salute – Former Members of USS Intrepid".

Life Scout Sara Winker, who led the Troop into the city, expressed her excitement, "Today is very exciting and eventful. We did some sightseeing in Times Square and Rockefeller Center before hiking downtown, only to march uptown again to honor the former members of the USS Intrepid."

For First Class Scout Elena Katz, the parade was a deeply personal experience. Marching for the first time, she carried the POW flag and shared her feelings, "It is such an honor to carry the POW flag for the soldiers that were prisoners and missing in action."

Assistant Scoutmaster Sandra Winker, a familiar face in recent years' parades, reflected on the day, "It is always an honor to be at the Veterans Day Parade."

Scoutmaster-Emeritus Daniel Cannon encapsulated the spirit of the day, remarking, "I am so proud of Troop 19, as we not only march again with history, but we also marched into it today!"

The Troop returned home to New Jersey by 5 p.m., enriched by their experience and proud of their role in honoring America's veterans. For Troop 19, the Veterans Day Parade was not just an event but a heartfelt tradition, an opportunity to honor the sacrifices of those who served and to demonstrate their unwavering commitment to service and citizenship.

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Community,

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I am truly honored and grateful to the Board of Education for giving me this opportunity entrusting me to be the

Superintendent of Millburn Township Schools. It is a privilege to serve a district so rich with academic excellence, creativity, and a commitment to the growth of every student. It is an honor to step into this position and continue the work of advancing excellence across our schools.

I thank our dedicated staff for their unwavering passion, resilience, and commitment to our students. Each of you plays a vital role in shaping the lives of the young people in our community, and I am inspired by your dedication to both their academic and personal growth. Together, we will continue to foster an environment where all students feel valued, supported, and inspired to reach their fullest potential.

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> To the Millburn community, thank you for your steadfast support and belief in our schools. Your involvement and commitment make our district stronger and our vision clearer. Together, we will work toward a district that honors Millburn's legacy of excellence, embodies innovation, inclusivity, and compassion, and evolves to meet the needs of our students' future.

> Once again, thank you to the Board of Education for this honor. I look forward to partnering with you, our staff, our families, and our students to make Millburn Township Schools the best they can be. Together, we will make a difference—one that is impactful and lasting.

> I look forward to building upon our successes and creating a vibrant learning environment that supports every member of our community students, staff, and families. I am excited to lead Millburn Township Schools in partnership with each of you toward a future filled with growth, achievement, and unity.

Warm regards,

Dr. Kate Diskin Superintendent of Schools

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#### **REC DEPARTMENT IS A GREAT PART OF MILLBURN**

Submitted by Thomas Fialko

It is my opinion that the Recreation Department is a great part of Millburn, and I think the staff should be recognized for their fantastic work. It continuously offers different activities and sports to the community. I have participated in a lot of the Rec Program activities since Kindergarten. I sign up each season and look forward to meeting my teams. Even now as I play more travel sports I still play rec soccer, basketball, and I am on the town swim team. The Rec Program always does its best to make the activities fun and I have many friends who also participate.

Another thing done well by the Rec Department is the maintenance of the fields, courts and the pool. The fields and courts that anyone can play on in parks such as Taylor and Gero are great and are well kept. The pool is also amazing and the changes made to the pool in the past years have been appreciated. All in all, I think the Rec Program does a great job and they should keep planning activities and events for the people of Millburn. I also hope they are recognized and thanked for their efforts and hard work.

Tommy Fialko is an 8th grader attending Millburn Middle School. He is a Boy Scout in Troop 17 Short Hills and is currently working on his communications merit badge. One of the requirements is to write to a local newspaper and express an opinion on a topic.



#### SUPPORT THE FIRST AID SQUAD THIS HOLIDAY

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Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support. To make a donation, visit our website at mshvfas.org.

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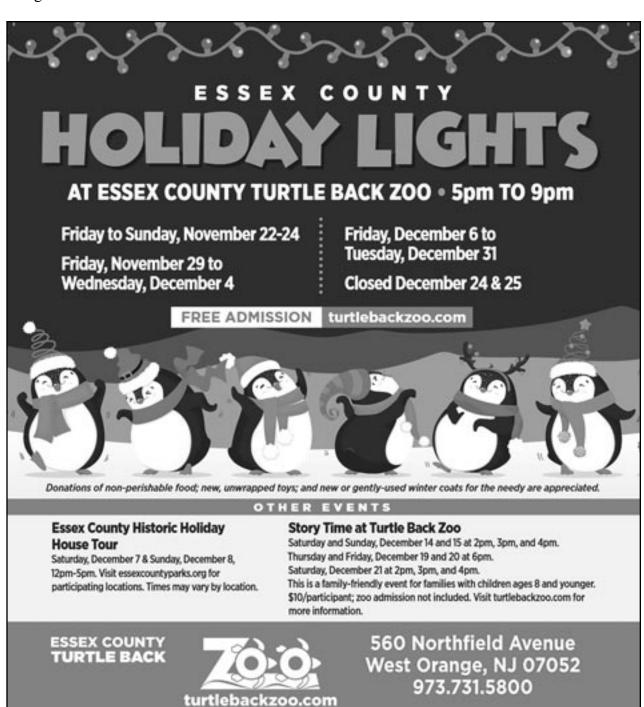
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Caring Kids is reaching out to our community to bring the joy of the season once again to so many children, young adults, and families in need. If you would like to sponsor someone and provide them with gifts for the holidays, or if you need more information, please email Sharon Cohen at sharonmcohen2@gmail.com.

We are also collecting Shoprite and Walmart gift cards to help the families with necessities. And save the date for our holiday party. On Saturday, December 14th, from 12-2 p.m., you may bring the gifts to Hartshorn School for a festive gift wrapping, card making, chocolate treat dipping celebration. Please help Caring Kids spread our message of changing the world, one kid at a time, by sponsoring someone in need.









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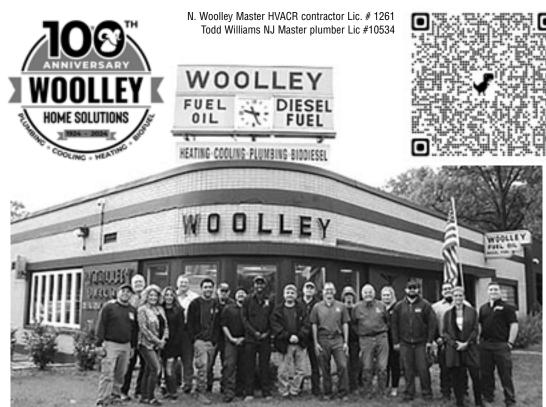


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#### **Sleepytime Tales Storytime**

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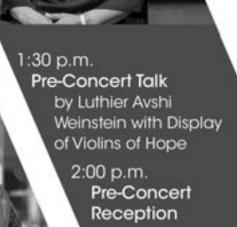


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The entire family is invited to one of the areas loveliest historic homes, Twin Maples in Summit, on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8 to join Santa for food and fun. The weekend event is hosted by the Fortnightly Club of Summit and sponsored by the Peapack Gladstone Bank.

Festivities begin each morning at 9:30 a.m. with a delicious Holiday 'Breakfast with Santa' served in the beautifully decorated ballroom with catering by 'What a Dish.' Breakfast includes live music, family photos and stories with Santa.

For those who can't make it for breakfast, 'Stories with Santa' is available at reserved intervals between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on both days. This portion of the event gives families the opportunity to join Santa for photos, cocoa and homemade cookies, stories and sing-alongs. There even might be some gingerbread!

Tickets to Santa at Twin Maples can be purchased at https://www.fortnightlyclub.org.

Pricing for Breakfast with Santa is \$45 for adults and \$20 for children. Please bring booster seats for children. Highchairs are not available.

Reserved tickets for Stories with Santa are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.

The weekend event benefits the preservation of Twin Maples, a property on the New Jersey and National Historic Registers. The house was designed by New York architect Alfred F. Norris in the Colonial Revival style, referencing the White House. The Fortnightly Club purchased the property in 1949. Today, Twin Maples serves as a clubhouse and hosts many community events and fundraisers.

The Fortnightly Club of Summit, a non-profit organization founded in 1893, offers women camaraderie and a full calendar of interesting events and volunteer opportunities. The Club

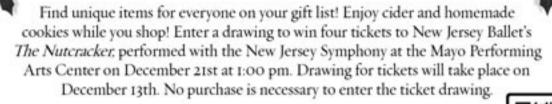
supports the preservation of Twin Maples, education, the arts and humanitarian efforts. For over twenty-years the Club has awarded annual scholarships to deserving young, local women.

Fortnightly Club members are from Summit and many neighboring towns. To join or for more information, visit the Club's website at https://www.fortnightlyclub.org.



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#### **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 theMadison Avenue Presbyterian Church in NYC on December 14, and Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, NJ on December 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," and "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
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- 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)

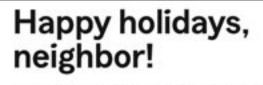
#### **TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW**

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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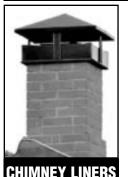
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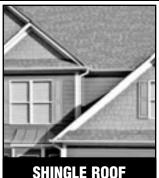






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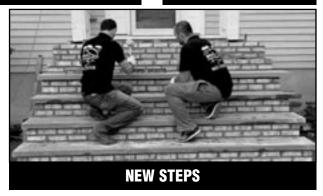


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New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will be entertaining families on Sunday, December 8, 2024 with a free concert of seasonal holiday favorites. The concert will be from 2pm to 3pm at Summit High School, 125 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, NJ. Families 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 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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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 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 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!

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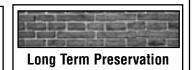
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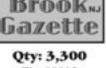
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