

# **THE FROG RESTAURANT & BAR MARKS 25 YEARS**

The coming of Y2K may have been worrisome for many in late 1999, but not for three local entrepreneurs intent on opening a restaurant and making their mark in downtown Morristown. Jack Welch, Jeff Beers and Jim Finnegan were hard at work conceptualizing a restaurant theme and a menu, hiring staff and so much more in preparation for opening their doors on Washington Street before the momentous turn of the century.

The Frog Restaurant & Bar found its home between the Morris County Court House and the historic Morristown Green in November of 1999. From the outset, this family friendly restaurant steadily drew in the crowds from Morristown and the surrounding communities with its consistently good food, full-service bar and way back then, self-serve popcorn baskets and Wednesday night roaming magician for the kids. While popcorn and magicians are not currently on the menu, the restaurant uses the same burger blend from the day they opened and prides itself on its signature chicken fingers made with Ritz Cracker crumbs and house made mustamaize sauce. Chef Luis Torales creates all the specials and new menu items then carefully trains his culinary staff to maintain the quality and innovation that the Frog is known for.

Only one year after its initial opening came The Side Bar, a no-jeans, no-sneaker hideaway for the over 23 crowd to enjoy premium cocktails and small plates. The Side Bar would adapt through the years, becoming a cigar bar in 2009 and ultimately was renamed HOPS Beer & Craft Bar in 2014. HOPS is an ideal location for social and corporate events.

Now called Legends Sports Bar and Local Legends Rec Room (formerly 'The Annex'), The Frog offers something for everyone. General Manager, Brian Engler and Chef Luis run the establishment with an attention to detail and maintaining the high quality food and beverage service that patrons have counted on for many years. Still a great place to gather with friends and family for great food and drinks, it also draws the competitive crowd for a lively game of shuffleboard, pool or cornhole. And last but not least, Finnegan's Beer Garden is a cozy outdoor patio space in the fairer months.

March is by far the busiest month for the longstanding restaurant. For 35+ years, The St. Patrick's Parade has drawn crowds from throughout Northern NJ and The Frog is an integral part of the day. Year after year the lines grow for returning and new visitors to enjoy one of the most exciting days each year in Morristown. The excitement doesn't stop there. NCAA March Madness is an electric time of year for basketball fans and there's no better place to follow your



(above) Chef Luis Torales, Owner Jim Finnegan, GM Brian Engler of The Frog Restaurant, 18 Washington Street, Morristown, NJ (973) 540-9601 / famishedfrog.com

bracket and cheer for your favorite teams. Throughout the year, Legends Sports Bar caters to sports fans with watch parties for the likes of Penn State, Rutgers, Tennessee, Alabama, Villanova and Providence! Food and beverage specials geared to all adult sports teams add an extra layer of fun!

The fall brings its own brand of fun to Morristown and once again The Frog is in the center of it all. The restaurant plays host of the very popular Beer Tent for the annual Morristown Festival on the Green event, run by the Morristown Partnership; they bring their expertise outside for the fall gathering that draws thousands each year to the downtown on a Sunday afternoon. And throughout the season, Legends Sports Bar caters to sports fans with watch parties for the likes of Penn State, Rutgers, Tennessee, Alabama, Villanova and Providence! Food and beverage specials geared to all adult sports teams add an extra layer of fun!

Twenty-five years from their doors opening, The Frog is celebrating their anniversary from November 16th through the New Year!



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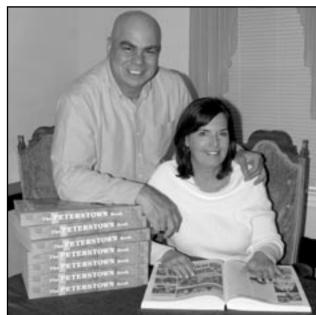
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## **NJ WOMAN'S LIFESAVING PANCREAS TRANSPLANT**

### NJ Sharing Network

Kerry O'Connor celebrated a significant milestone this September – it is 11 years since a pancreas transplant saved her life. Reflecting on her journey, Kerry is using this anniversary to advocate for NJ Sharing Network and encourage people to register as organ and tissue donors to



(above) Pancreas transplant recipient Kerry O'Connor enjoys a precious moment with her husband Billy and their children Saoirse, Gracyn, and Seamus. Courtesy photo

help save and enhance lives.

"Not a day goes by that I don't think about the incredible gift my organ donor gave me. Their selfless choice has given me a life I never imagined possible," said Kerry. "Sharing my story with others is my way of honoring my donor's legacy and supporting the vital work of NJ Sharing Network."

Kerry's health challenges began at a young age when she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Despite using the most up-to-date diabetes technology, including an insulin pump and Continuous Glucose Monitoring System (CGMS), Kerry struggled with severe hypoglycemia unawareness. Her blood sugar levels could drop dangerously low without warning, putting her life at constant risk. Simple activities like folding laundry could cause her blood sugar to plummet, forcing her to administer glucagon to herself to prevent losing consciousness.

Kerry had been living with Type 1 diabetes for 28 years. The only solution to her condition was a pancreas transplant. She was placed on the waiting list, and after 11 months, she received the life-changing call. Kerry's donor, like her, was CMV and EBV negative, a rare match that allowed for the successful transplant on September 3, 2013, at University of Minnesota Medical Center.

Since her transplant, Kerry has not only regained her health but has also embraced life with a renewed sense of purpose. She has traveled to France, volunteered often for NJ Sharing Network, and most notably, welcomed three children into the world. Her children, Gracyn (8), Saoirse (6), and Seamus (3), are a testament to the incredible second chance at life that her transplant provided.

"Most pancreas transplant recipients don't have children, let alone three," said Kerry. "My husband Billy and I are truly blessed. I am living proof of the lifesaving power of organ donation. Our children are a daily reminder of what a miracle this journey has been. I hope my story inspires others to consider registering as organ and tissue donors. You truly have the power to save lives."

According to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), over 100,000 Americans are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant, with nearly 4,000 of them in New Jersey. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. But the need for registered donors is critical, as only 3 in 1,000 people pass away in a manner that allows for organ donation.

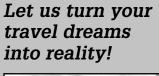
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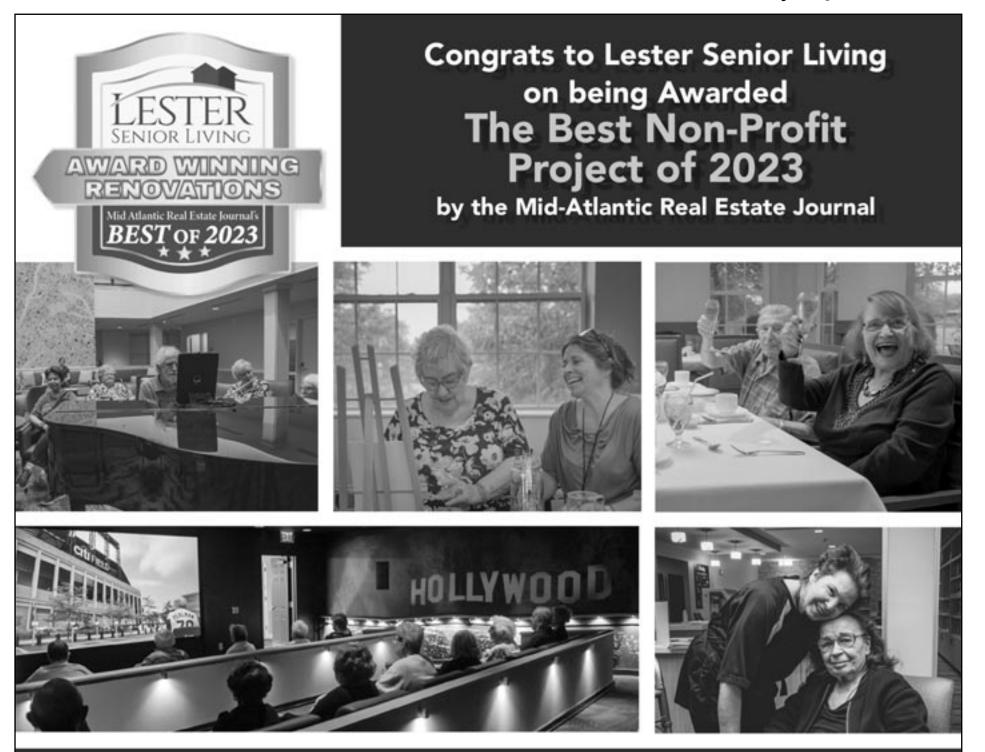




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(above) Madelyn Monaghan



# **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 theMadison 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," 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,
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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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# 'HOLIDAYS IN HANOVER' CONCERT – DEC. 15



(above, l-r) Phil Huges, tuba, Whippany; Gail Lalk, French Horn, Morristown; Marissa Raczynski, Basson, Stockhom



(above, l-r) In the holiday spirit: Ayden Khan, HWS assistant musical director and guest conductor; Ester Musilli, trumpeter and guest conductor; and Matthew Paterno, HWS musical director and conductor.



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Hanover Wind Symphony

Mid-December is the perfect time to get into the holiday spirit, and a free concert will certainly make the yuletide bright! The Hanover Wind Symphony will present a free "Holidays in Hanover" concert on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m., at Memorial Junior School, 61 Highland Ave., in Whippany. This concert is part of the 40th anniversary season of the renowned 85-member wind band.

Joining the HWS musicians will be the Morris Music Men, under the direction of Nate Barrett.

Speaking about the upcoming holiday concert, Matthew Paterno, musical director and conductor of the Hanover Wind Symphony, says, "Our annual 'Holidays in Hanover' concert has been an integral part of the holiday season for our entire HWS family. We look forward to again sharing the concert with the wonderful and energetic Morris Music Men. The concert finale is a combined work for both the Hanover Wind Symphony and the Music Music Men, titled 'A Little Christmas Carol.' This piece was compiled by Elaine Schlatter, who grew up in Whippany, and features the voice of the HWS, Dr. James Sodt, and longtime trumpeter Paul Berman." Schlatter is vice chairman of the HWS board, the HWS archivist, and a founder of the wind band.

Among the pieces to be performed at the "Holidays in Hanover" concert are the following: "A Christmas Overture" by Nigel Hess, "As All the Angels Sing" by Rob Romeyn, "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin/arranged by Robert R. Bennett, "Silent Night in Gotham" by Julie Giroux, with Ayden Khan as guest conductor, "Winterscape" by Gavin Lendt, with Ester Musilli as guest conductor, "Home Alone" by John Williams/arranged by Paul Lavender, "Chanukah Here," Is а traditional melody/arranged by Calvin Custer, and "A Little Christmas Carol" by Elaine Schlatter

Guest conductor for "Winterscape" Ester Musilli built a career around playing and teaching music, and embraced the opportunity to join the Hanover Wind Symphony as a trumpet player in 2021. Her formal training includes studying trumpet with Dr. Craig Davis from William Paterson University as well as with Scott Natzke from the Finnish National Opera in Helsinki. The HWS guest conductor has been a middle school band director in the Parsippany-Troy Hills school system for over 30 years and has also worked as a marching band brass consultant within the Morris County area.

Guest conductor for "Silent Night in Gotham" Ayden Khan is currently the director of bands at Soehl Middle School in Linden. He was previously director of bands at Neptune High

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The Hanover Wind Symphony is a unique extension of the great American tradition of adult music performance. One of only a handful of outstanding community-based adult wind bands in New Jersey, the Hanover Wind Symphony delights audiences of all ages by giving a contemporary twist to traditional favorites. The large orchestra, made up exclusively of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, embraces as its mission bringing "music to people and people to music."

For 40 years, the Hanover Wind Symphony has played to enthusiastic audiences. HWS members are volunteers who share a love for music and a passion for enriching the cultural fabric of the community with the thrill of live wind band performances. By day, HWS members are accountants, engineers, teachers and executives. They come together to connect musically with others, share the enjoyment of music with live audiences, and help mentor the next generation of wind musicians.

The Morris Music Men have been treating northern New Jersey audiences to the uniquely American form of vocal music known as barbershop harmony since the late 1950s. They are a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, the world's largest men's a cappella singing society. Their director, Nate Barrett, is a professionally trained musician. The Morris Music Men sing for civic and charitable organizations, private groups, local festivals and fairs, houses of worship, community events, and fundraisers. Their wide-ranging repertoire features America's most popular music, from pop standards and Broadway show tunes, to country and rock.

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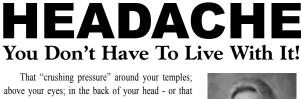
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> NJIO's Winter Concert Sunday, February 23, 2025, 3 pm – Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, NJ NJIO's Spring Concert Sunday, April 27, 2025, 3 pm - Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, NJ

We hope to see you there!



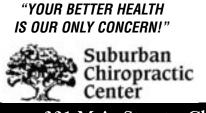
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### Morristown Monthly • Page 12 • December 2024 **NEW CRICKET FIELDS AT LEWIS MORRIS PARK**

### **County of Morris**

The Morris County Board of County Commissioners joined the Morris County Park Commission and local leaders at Lewis Morris County Park on October 16th to dedicate two new cricket fields in honor of Russell W. Myers, the first Director of the Morris County Park Commission.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked a significant milestone in accommodating the growing popularity of cricket within the county. Among those joining the event were state Sen. Joe Pennachio (Morris-26), state Sen. Anthony Bucco (Morris-25), Mayor James Barberio of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Sheriff James M. Gannon and representatives of the New Jersey Softball Cricket League. Cricket players from the league, including members of Teams Titans XL and Parsippany Sports Cricket XL, showcased their skills at the event.

The project's roots go back several years, when the growing Indian American community in Parsippany Township began searching for more places to play cricket, a popular sport in Britain, India, and many other places around the world. Sen. Pennacchio and Mayor Barberio took up the search, approaching Executive Director Dave Helmer of the Park Commission, which has been accommodating cricket team games for years on picnic grounds.

The Morris County Board of County Commissioners stepped in last year and agreed to finance development of two cricket fields at Lewis Morris Park when the Park Commission identified an open field area.

The dedication honored the late Russell W.

### **AUDITION FOR MORRISTOWN ON STAGE BY DEC. 2ND**

### Morris Educational Foundation

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As the Morris Educational Foundation's largest fundraiser, Morristown ONSTAGE brings people of all ages together to celebrate and discover unique local talent, all to benefit the Morris School District and support public education. At the must-see family event of the year, the selected finalists will perform at the Mayo Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, with a chance to win \$1,000.

Auditions will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Morristown High School and are open to those who live, work, worship, receive talent training or attend school in the towns of Morristown, Morris Township and Morris Plains, as well as alumni of Morristown High School!

All acts must register in advance by December 2 at morristownonstage.com.

Be a part of this unforgettable experience and help us raise funds for the Morris School District!



(above, l-r) Jigar Shah, Mayor James Barberio, Commissioner Deborah Smith and Douglas Cabana, Commissioner Director Christine Myers, Commissioner Deputy Director Stephen Shaw, Stu Lasser, Commissioner John Krickus, Betty Cass-Schmidt, Sen. Joe Pennachio, Sen. Anthony Bucco, KC, Dave Helmer (back), Parsippany Councilman Justin Musella and Matt Manzi of the Morris County Park Commission.

Photo by County of Morris

County Park Commission from 1957 to 1983. Under his leadership, the park system expanded dramatically, and his legacy continues to shape Morris County's recreational spaces today.

The newly developed cricket grounds, located in the Russell W. Myers Recreation Area, will serve as a dedicated space for cricket beginning in spring 2025. Cricketers will need to schedule use of the fields through the Park Commission.

Myers, who served as Director of the Morris version of cricket. The site, previously used for overflow parking, is located close to restroom facilities in the park and has ample parking onsite and nearby.

> Lewis Morris County Park, established in 1958 as the county's first park, has grown from 350 acres to 2,213 acres, making it the secondlargest park in the Morris County system. Address is 270 Mendham Rd, Morristown.

For more information on Morris County parks and facilities, please visit the Morris

The two fields are tailored for the softball County Park Commission website.

# **OLD TIME STING BAND 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. Courtesy photo



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#### 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. George Gershwin: Behind the Music,

Wed., Dec. 11, 12:00 p.m.

Lecture by FDU Professor of Music, Allen Cohen, about the life, legacy, and music of George Gershwin.

Kings, Queens & Guillotines

Wed., Dec. 18, 11:00 am. Joel Farkas, Lecturer, will talk about the American and French Revolutions, two kings, two queens, two countries, two revolutions, and

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*Tues., Dec.* 17, 12:00 p.m. Learn how to play the famous board game from Center member Lee Corcoran.

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# **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.

For 35 years, the Senior Center of the Chathams serves the senior population from the Chathams and older adults from a wide surrounding area. The Center helps older adults age in place and remain active and engaged through activities and services that educate, empower, and promote community engagement. 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.

## **ATTENTION MORRIS AREA RUNNERS**

Whether or not you are affiliated with a running club come check out the Rose City Runners! We meet every Saturday morning at the Kitchell Rd. parking area of nearby Loantaka Park in Morris Township. Meet time is at 9 a.m. November-March and 8:30 a.m. April-October. We leave promptly so if it's your first time come a little early so you can be introduced.

We share post Saturday run breakfast on a park picnic bench. We even have a fire in the shelter fireplace on cold winter days to keep us warm when we share breakfast. We do have other activities including member hosted house parties. Some members also race, and we form a team when there is enough interest from members. Racing is an option and not a requirement for membership.

Just come some Saturday! Members run varying paces (including a few walkers) and cover 3-8 miles, much on quiet wooded park trails. We often have turnouts of over 20 runners even on cold days. We have a diversity of ages from 20's to 70's. When park trails are icy or snow covered, we use alternate routes. We are a friendly welcoming group.

Contact BarbaraRushman@yahoo.com or visit our website RoseCityRunners.com to join or to learn more. There is no cost for membership.



(above) A recent Rose City Runners club run.

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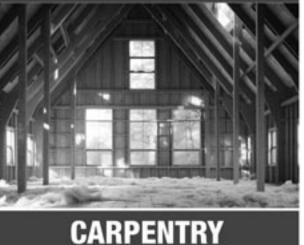
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