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HIGHLANDER ROBOTICS TEAM ADVANCES IN COMPETITION

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Governor Livingston High School's Highlander Robotics, FTC 10785, recently earned 3rd place in the Inspire Award at the Northeast Conference NE Edge League tournament at Bayonne High School. The Inspire Award is the highest distinction in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) competitions, recognizing excellence in robot design, programming, performance, and community engagement. The team advanced to the State Championship.

Mr. Michael Maresca, GLHS Teacher of Technology, Engineering, and Design, shared, "I am extremely proud of the Highlander Robotics team. The team was highly focused on winning and knew the limitations of their initial robot. They took a huge risk designing, building, and programming a completely new robot just four weeks before the league tournament. In the end the team's hard work and dedication paid off with their making it to the final round of competition and capturing the prestigious First Tech Challenge Inspire award. This younger team of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors did an amazing job. I am excited to see how far they will go at next month's state competition --The Garden State Rumble in Hillsborough."



GLHS FENCING TEAM ENJOYS OUTSTANDING SEASON

Berkeley Heights Public Schools

The Governor Livingston High School Fencing Team had an outstanding season including a stellar performance at Districts! The Boys Team delivered a strong performance,

finishing second overall in District 5. The Girls Team also impressed, finishing third overall in District 5. They additionally sent several athletes to the Individual State Championships. Well done athletes!

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GIRLS SWIM ARE THREE-PEAT CHAMPIONS

third consecutive sectional championship in State Competition. Congratulations ladies!

The Governor Livingston Girls Swim Team February. They then went on to make a historic edged out New Providence 86-84 to win their appearance in the NJSIAA Group C Finals at the



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GIRL SCOUTS EARN TOP HONORS AT ANNUAL KLONDIKE DERBY

BSA Troop 280

BSA Troop 280, based in Chatham, NJ, and draws members from surrounding towns, proudly earned top honors at the Patriots' Path Council, Fishawack District's annual Klondike Derby, held on February 1, 2025, at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation involving over 30 sleds of competitors.

The Klondike Derby is a unique winter competition where scouts participate in activities that challenge their outdoor skills and teamwork. This year's Klondike included events such as cooking, fire-building, first aid, shelter-building, pioneering, and other challenges. Scouts are required to navigate through the course with a sled containing essential gear, all while testing their abilities as a team in a variety of outdoor tasks

Troop 280, a troop of girls founded in 2019 when girls were officially allowed to join BSA, took home first place in the Senior Sled category, demonstrating expert leadership, scouting skills, and problem-solving.

"The Klondike Derby is one of the most anticipated events of the scouting year for our troop, and we couldn't be prouder of the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship shown by our scouts," said Amy Walker Wagner, Scoutmaster of Troop 280. "This victory is a testament to their commitment to learning, developing leadership skills, and working as a

team in challenging conditions. Our troop's success is especially meaningful as it highlights the incredible growth of girls in Scouting since Troop 280 was founded in 2019." The formation of Troop 280 was a significant milestone for Chatham's Scouting community, as it marked the expansion of opportunities for girls to experience all the benefits of Scouting. Since its founding, the troop has thrived, taking on challenges with

determination and leading by example. The firstplace finish at the Klondike Derby is just one example of how these young women continue to break barriers and excel.

The victory also highlights the strength of the BSA's values, emphasizing leadership, citizenship, and outdoor skills, while encouraging young scouts to embrace challenges with confidence and perseverance.



(above) For more information on Troop 280, which is a troop of girls from the towns of Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Basking Ridge, Madison, the Chathams, and other neighboring communities, please visit their website: scoutsbsa280.org; and Facebook page:

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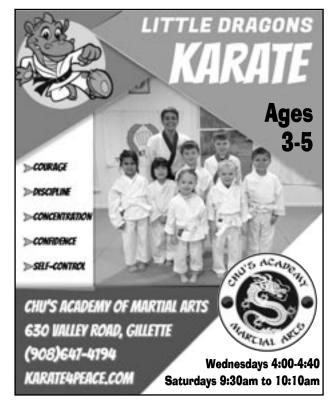
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(above, l-r) Hunter Anderson, 3, a Little Dragon student and Chris Hagopian, 12, a Future Leader in the Leadership Program and assistant in the Little Dragons Program.

HUNTER ANDERSON NOW A LITTLE DRAGON

Hunter Anderson, 3, of Berkeley Heights was accepted into the Little Dragons Program at Chu's Academy of Martial Arts on March 1st as the program's newest student. Hunter took to the orderliness of class immediately and is assisted by the class leader, Chris Hagopian, 12, of Millington, himself a graduate of Little Dragons and now a Future Leader in Chu's Academy of Martial Arts esteemed Leadership Program.



Hunter, in his first session, successfully channeled the enormous energy of a typical three-year-old into such challenges as looking, listening, emulating and following movement, and waiting his turn.

The Little Dragons program is composed of exercises designed especially for 3 to 5 year olds to introduce them to concepts relatable to their age: "doing hard things for a long time;" discovering and enjoying flexibility, movement and strength; listening and watching; doing and keeping things in order.

All programs at Chu's Academy share concrete objectives for movement, health, scholarship, achievement, socialization, leadership and courage. The traditional Korean martial art of Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan is taught worldwide with the mission of achieving world peace through improved human relations. As an art, the study of Soo Bahk Do enhances and develops every area of life including academics, relationships, sports and performing arts.

Chu's Academy of Martial Arts, located in Gillette, has been developing positive attributes in children since 1982. The Academy is led by coowners Lydia Chu and Michelle Cavett, and Program Director Andrew Masini. Chu, Cavett and Masini are internationally certified master instructors in the Korean martial art of Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan.

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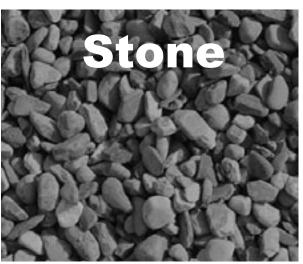
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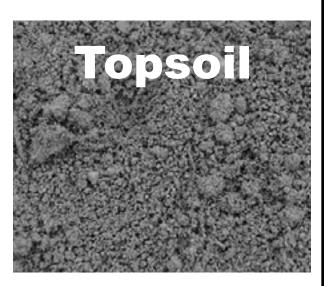


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EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

Berkeley Heights Public Schools

BHPS recently announced the 2024-2025 BHPS Educator of the Year Award Winners. These extraordinary educators have been selected because they demonstrate highly effective engagement with their students, possess outstanding instructional ability, exhibit leadership, and make a significant commitment to their ongoing professional growth, among other attributes.

2024-2025 WINNERS ARE:

- Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center -Erika Barton - Grade 2 Teacher
- William Woodruff Elementary School
- Lauren Mckenna Grade 1 Teacher
- Thomas P. Hughes Elementary School
- Elizabeth Bartlett School Counselor
- Mountain Park Elementary School
- Marie Pellegrini Grade 4 Teacher
- Columbia Middle School
- -Amy Shusta Grades 6-8 English Teacher
- Governor Livingston High School
- Christine DiNoia
- Grades 9-12 Special Education Teacher

Congratulations to these outstanding educators! An awards ceremony which will take place later this year.

Friends of the New Providence Library

calling all artists and photographers in New Providence and the surrounding area to participate in "Emotions Expressed: From your quietest moments to your wildest dreams" a three-month community art show, displayed throughout June, July, and August 2025.

It will be an exciting mix of the arts, crafts, and photography. We will be accepting submissions up to May 10, 2025, in any medium (painting, photography, quilting, fiber, woodworking, ceramics, etc.) that relates to an expression of any emotion, and can be hung in the gallery or displayed on the shelves of the glass cabinet.

We hope this theme is inspiring to all the artists and crafters in our New Providence community. So grab your camera, paintbrush, fabric and sewing machine, embroidery thread, woodwork tools, or clay and get inspired! It's time to start creating!

SENIOR DAY TRIP

The Berkeley Heights Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Monday, April 21. The bus leaves the parking lot at Town Hall, 29 Park Avenue, at 8:30 a.m. And returns at approximately 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$45, which includes bus transportation, and a \$20 voucher for slot play. For more information or reservations, call Ramona at 908-647-3295.

Please be aware that since it is a public space, The Friends of the New Providence Library are the submissions must be appropriate for all ages, no nudity, graphic, or violent images.

> The deadline is May 10th for submissions of artwork to be considered for the show. We are accepting all media - paintings, drawings, printmaking, photography, ceramics, fabric arts, and 3D sculptures (3D to be displayed in the glass cabinet).

> The Friends of the Library curate the exhibits. To inquire about exhibiting your art or craft work, please send an email to Art Curator at npmlcurator@gmail.com with a description of your work, or fill out the online application form.





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April 1 - 30

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WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Baby Storytime

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10am Crafternoon

crafts for ages 4-7 with caregiver Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 at 3:30pm **Toddler Explorations:**

for toddlers with caregiver

Tuesdays, April 1 (art), 8 (music), 15 (sensory exploration), 22 (play - animal tape rescue), & 29 (play - golf and bowling) at 10am **Toddler Storytime** Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

The Summit College Club Annual Book Sale Returns!

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BOOK SALE

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Baby Playtime

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 1:30pm

Block Party

Thursdays, April 3, 17, & 24 at 10am (Build & play with blocks)

Play Pals

Fridays, April 4, 11, & 25 at 10am **Saturday Hangouts**

at 10am

Saturdays, April 5 (play), 12 (craft), 19 (storytime and crafts), & 26 (games) at 10am

MONTHLY CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Lego Play

Friday, April 4 at 3:30pm

Good Tyme String Band Tuesday, April 8 at 10:30am

A fiddle and banjo sing-along

Acrostic Poem Craft

Friday, April 11 at 3:30pm

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, April 23 at 3:30pm **Family Fun Friday**

Friday, April 25 at 3:30pm Decorate a planter & plant seeds

Family Movie Matinee

Brave, Sunday, April 27 at 2:30pm

TWEENS & TEENS PROGRAMS

(For ages 10 and up)

Found Poetry

Thursday, April 3 at 5:00pm

Paint Your Favorite Book Cover Wednesday, April 9 at 3:30pm

Carrot Patch Pudding Cup

Thursday, April 17 at 6:30pm **Teen Book Club**

The Rest of Us Just Live Here Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30pm

Tea & Teens

Thursday, April 24 at 6:30pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tinker Tuesday Crafts

April 1 (recycle CDs into trivets), & April 8 (make cocktail appetizer picks) at 7pm

Pins & Needles Crafting Group

Sunday, April 13 at 2:30 pm

Coffee & Conversation

Wednesdays, April 9 & 23 at 1pm

Watch & Make: Under the Tuscan

Sun, Saturday, April 19 at 1:30pm

Music: Bradford Hayes Jazz Trio

Sunday April 13 at 3 pm **Friday Movie Matinee: Conclave**

Friday, April 25 at 1pm

Armchair Traveler: Australia

Tuesday, April 22 at 7pm

Get Weird with Art

Wednesday, April 23 at 7pm

BOOK GROUPS

Morning Book Group

Friday, April 4 at 10:30am Hamnet

Joy of Cookbooking

Gatsby's Cocktail Fare

Monday, April 21 at 6:30pm

Evening Book Group

Tuesday, April 8 at 7pm The Music of Bees

Mayor's Book Club

Thursday, April 10 at 7pm The Things You Can See Only When You Slow Down

Books Speak Volumes

Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm And Justice for All

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

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2025 Summer Pre-K Camp

Designed for our youngest campers, Berkeley Heights Pre-K Camp offers a fun and nurturing environment where kids engage in imaginative play, obstacle courses, and hands-on activities. Each day includes time in the playroom, mat room, and gym, plus an outdoor snack/lunch (weather permitting).

2025 Teen Scene Travel Camp Registration is OPEN!

Teens, get ready for an exciting summer of daily trips to fun destinations! With five weeks to choose from, each day brings a new adventure. Admission, transportation, and chaperones are all included—just sign up and enjoy the ride!

Additional Summer Camps

Looking for more ways for your child to stay active and engaged? We're also offering a Python Coding Bootcamp, Table Tennis Camp, and Tennis Camp this summer! Whether you're interested in sharpening your tech skills or enjoying some friendly competition, we have something for everyone.

FREE SENIOR PROGRAMS:

Berkeley Heights Senior Spring Luncheon Berkeley Heights Senior Residents are invited to join us for a delightful Spring Luncheon filled with friendship, food, and fun! Come enjoy a delicious meal, great company, and the joy of spring—all for free! We'd love to celebrate the season with you.

When: Friday, April 11, Time: 11:30-2:00 PM, Where: Multipurpose Room

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!

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Community Connections: Fun at the Complex

Join us for a free and engaging community event, sponsored by the Berkeley Heights Recreation Department. Outdoor Fun - Explore Indoors - Meet the Mayor - fantastic recreation spaces. Don't miss this opportunity to come together, celebrate our community.

When: Saturday, May 3, Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Where: 29 Park Avenue, Berkeley Heights, Cost: FREE!

SENIOR INFORMATION FAIR - MAY 3RD

The Senior Affairs Committee of Berkeley Heights is sponsoring its fourth Senior Information Fair to be held on Saturday May 3 from 11am-1pm at Town Hall (29 Park Ave.) in the Highlander Room. All Mature Adults ,Seniors and their families are invited to join us at this event.

Last year 25 organizations participated including health providers; representatives from NJ government; Union County Division on Aging; Union

County Veteran's Affairs; churches; realtors; YMCA; FYZICA; Cognitive and Research Center of New Jersey; Sage Eldercare; and Berkeley Heights Library, Rescue Squad, Police and Recreation Department; Rotary Club; and Senior organizations.

Each organization will provide information on their agency and the services they provide for the benefit of our Seniors and their families.

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Our Event sponsors are The Connections Magazine and NextHome Premier. The Corporate sponsors are Lightbridge Academy, The Orchard Academy and Temple Har Shalom. We will also have a spectacular fireworks show, which concludes the EXPO on Saturday at 10 p.m.

The Lions EXPO attracts more than 10,000 people over the four days and has become the premier family & friends' melting pot, in the Warren Township and the neighboring communities.

In addition to the daily tickets, the EXPO has the pay-one-price wristbands every night. And don't forget the Giant 50/50 cash raffle with the drawing on Saturday June 14th, resulting in thousands of dollars payout to a single winner. The winner need not be present at the drawing. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Expo, every night, for \$5 each.





The EXPO is an excellent platform for local businesses to showcase their services and connect directly with customers through the purchase of a \$500 Exclusive Game sponsor sign or a \$150 non-exclusive ride sponsor sign, displayed at the Expo for the 4 days.

"Interacting with potential customers at a high profile community event can greatly boost a company's image and customer base," noted Anthony Franchini, the Warren Lions Club "Community members deeply Treasurer. appreciate those businesses that demonstrate their local support through events like this."

We are still accepting applications for tent vendors to sell or promote their businesses to the thousands of people in attendance at the gathering. For information on becoming a tent vendor at the 2025 Warren Lions EXPO, please contact Anthony Franchini at 908-334-9304.

All proceed from the Lions EXPO are donated back to the community organizations and sight and hearing foundations throughout New Jersey.

ABOUT THE LIONS CLUB OF WARREN TOWNSHIP

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The Warren Lions Club currently has more than 100 active members from the Township as well as surrounding communities. Members include business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and bonding in the communities.

All funds raised by the Lions Club of Warren Township are used to support a wide variety of community service organizations and projects. The Club holds dinner meetings every second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from September through June and occasionally feature speakers, donation recipients and special guests that inform and entertain. The Club encourages all members to help set the direction of our Club, participate in leadership roles, and identify causes to support and the Club's priorities, while fostering camaraderie and advancing our mission.

To learn more, please visit Warren Lions Club website warrenlionsclub.org, and social media page facebook.com/warrenlionsclub.org.



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(above) The Newark Bait and Fly casting Club Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Echo Lake Park in Westfield, NJ. - Photo from 2019 Derby

ANNUAL YOUTH FISHING DERBY - APRIL 12

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Echo Lake Park in Westfield, NJ. The event is free for children under 16, and \$10 for adults who wish to participate. Sign up is early morning 730/8:00 a.m. and throughout the

Tagged Fish will be stocked that day so the children can see them get stocked. Prizes are awarded for different species of fish. This is an ongoing event until May 3 so if a child cannot

fish that day they can sign up and send in their tag if they catch a tagged fish up to the deadline that tags will be received.

You may donate and sponsor a fish for this event. Download our form online at nbfcc.org, we can mail one to you, or stop in at Ponzio's, 211 Union Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ.

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club was founded in 1907 and remains the oldest fishing club in the nation. We are listed on Amazon Smile and are a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit. We provide outings to support veterans, adults and children as well as people with disabilities which focus on environmental education, fishing knowledge and practice. We are always looking for new members, donations, and volunteers if anyone would like to get involved. Our monthly meetings are held at the Kenilworth VFW, located at 33 S. 21st St., Kenilworth, NJ, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (except July and August). There is no fee to attend a meeting. For more information visit nbfcc.org or contact Bob Jones: BJonesJRNJ@hotmail.com, 908-325-6657.



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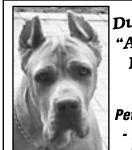
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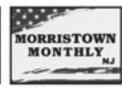
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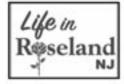
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