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## SCOUTS EARN TOP HONORS AT ANNUAL KLONDIKE DERBY

### BSA Troop 280t

BSA Troop 280, based in Chatham, NJ, 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 first-place 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](http://scoutsbsa280.org); and Facebook page: [facebook.com/ChathamT280](https://facebook.com/ChathamT280).

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### REGISTRATION FEE:

\$10 tax-deductible donation to benefit Great Swamp Watershed Association.

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 @ 11:30 PM

You must be a resident of Chatham Township, Chatham Borough, or Madison to list your sale.

One person's trash is another person's treasure. Now is the time to start checking your closets, basement, and garage for those hidden treasures and prepare to host a yard sale at this community event. Scroll to the bottom of this page to register and have your address and a list of your items for sale to appear on a digital, printable map. The map will be linked to this page and publicized in local media and on town sites to potential shoppers far and wide.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

#### Who do I contact with questions?

Please direct all questions to the Environmental Commission of The Chathams and Madison at [MEC@rosenet.org](mailto:MEC@rosenet.org)

#### Why pay to be on the map?

Over the last three years, we have found that our town-wide sales attract shoppers from across NJ, NY, and PA. We promote the sale (and the map) in local media and on popular garage sale sites.

#### Do I need to pay a permit fee?

No. The permit fee for this event has been waived for residents of Madison and The Chathams who register with GSWA to be put on the yard sale map.

### Should I put up a sign if I'm on the map?

Yes. Signs will attract additional customers who are just driving by and help customers with maps to find the right place!

### What should I do with my yard sale leftovers?

Our goal is to have the yard sale be zero waste. Contact following organizations to arrange pickups of your leftovers:

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- Lupus Foundation of America ([Lupuspickup.org](http://Lupuspickup.org))
- GreenDrop ([gogreendrop.com](http://gogreendrop.com))
- Market Street Mission – clothing only, please ([marketstreet.org](http://marketstreet.org))

To register visit: [greatswamp.org/event/spring-25-yard-sale/](http://greatswamp.org/event/spring-25-yard-sale/) - Scroll down and change the quantity from 0 to 1 and click "ADD TO CART" to begin the process.

The Chathams + Madison  
**Town-Wide Yard Sale**  
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## OLD GLORY – HISTORY OF THE FLAG – 4/27

### Chatham Historical Society

Do you know the history of the American Flag? The Chatham Historical Society and Chatham Township Historical Society are inviting the public to a free 60-minute historical presentation with live music on Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m. at the Library of the Chathams Lundt Room.

With original photographs, vintage images, and patriotic music, presenter Kevin Woyce will lead us through the evolution of the American Flag - from its origin in the Revolution to the addition of our 50th state and star in 1960. He will explain how a poem about the 1814 Battle of Baltimore - set to a popular English melody - became our beloved National Anthem.

Kevin is the author of several books, a photographer and musician, specializing in regional American history.

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## SUMMER ART INSTALLATION AT THE LIBRARY

### Friends of the New Providence Library

The Friends of the New Providence Library are 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!

Please be aware that since it is a public space, 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](mailto:npmlcurator@gmail.com) with a description of your work, or fill out the online application form.

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# COLLEGE CLUB FOUNDATION BOOK SALE APRIL 9TH THROUGH APRIL 13TH

The annual Summit College Club Foundation Book Sale will take place from Wednesday, April 9th, through Sunday, April 13th, at the American Legion Post #433, 357 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence, NJ (next to the library).

Donations of books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, and LPs in good condition will be accepted at American Legion Post #433 from Friday, April 4th through Monday, April 7th for those who want to donate items to the sale. Textbooks, manuals, magazines, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, or damaged items will not be accepted.

This Book Sale is the biggest fundraiser for the Summit College Club Foundation each year. The proceeds are used to provide college scholarships to deserving young women from local high schools and to women returning to community college after a break in their education. Since the sale's inception, the Foundation has awarded hundreds of college scholarships totaling over one million dollars.

Preview Day is Wednesday, April 9th, from 9 am to 2 pm. For a \$25 admission fee, book dealers, collectors, and all book lovers will receive early access to the books.

Admission to the sale is free from Thursday, April 10th through Sunday, April 13th. For customers' convenience, the sale has weekday, weekend, and evening hours:

Thursday & Friday, April 10 & 11 from 9 am to 8 pm, Saturday, April 12 from 9 am to 7 pm, Sunday, April 13 (Bag Day) from 10 am to 4 pm

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entire bag full of books for just \$5 or \$10, depending on the bag size.

Summit College Club Foundation is grateful for the community volunteers who help take in and sort the books before the sale, assist customers, straighten the various book areas during the sale, and clean up after the sale. To volunteer to help, please fill out the Volunteer with Us form at [summitcollegeclub.org/booksale](http://summitcollegeclub.org/booksale) (scroll to the Volunteer section).

"The Summit College Club Book Sale is truly a community event," declares Summit College Club President Lynne Rogerson. "Our local communities are rich in readers. Due to their interest and generosity, the book sale has flourished despite the rise in online alternatives to books and print media.

Local communities also support the sale through the many volunteers who donate their time. Finally, the net proceeds from the book sale are returned to local communities. Each year, we award college scholarships to young women in local high schools who have been accepted to 4-year colleges and women attending local community college after a break in their education. What could be better?"

All are welcome! Questions about book donations, sales, volunteering, or the Summit College Club should be directed to [summitcollegeclub@gmail.com](mailto:summitcollegeclub@gmail.com). Learn more about Summit College Club and its Foundation's scholarships at [summitcollegeclub.org](http://summitcollegeclub.org).

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Madison Chatham Coalition and Project Community Pride are so grateful for our partnership with law enforcement!

The Madison Chatham Coalition is a community prevention organization funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. The Coalition seeks to establish and strengthen community collaboration, educate

youth and adults about marijuana and alcohol use and subsequently reduce underage substance use with a focus on 12-17 year old's. Community members and partner organizations work together to specifically address underage drinking and the illegal use of marijuana through the implementation of effective strategic prevention initiatives for community-wide change. For more information visit: [madisonchathamcoalition.org](http://madisonchathamcoalition.org)



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Learn about prep, equipment, maps, food, support and more for day and overnight treks on the Appalachian Trail, Long Path, Highlands Trail and more. This program will take place on Wednesday, April 24th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and is recommended for adults.

During this program, Trail Conference member, Don Weise and Kim Levinsky, from Sassquad Trail Running, will share their experiences and knowledge.

Kim Levinsky is the founder and director of Sassquad Trail Running, a local organization

that hosts trail races throughout the year. Sassquad hosts trail races, group runs, trail workdays, and clinics throughout New Jersey and New York and is open to all ages and paces, making it a welcoming environment for first time trail runners. Levinsky recently achieved Fastest Known Time (FKT) running the 358-mile Long Path from Fort Lee NJ to Albany NY.

Don Weise is an author, hike leader, environmental advocate, and Trail Conference Life Member. His new book Circuit Hikes in Harimann is the first ever comprehensive guide

to circuit hikes in these two highly popular parks. With 35 total loop hikes, including 8 hikes that can also be suitable for other uses, this guidebook is perfect for anyone interested in exploring the rich network of trails.

Participants will also hear about Morris County trails and the new Trail Conference map and guide.

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**How:** Simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera to begin the survey.

## THE STILL UNKNOWN IS ROCKING ON AT CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL ON APRIL 17

*Submitted by Erin Zotti*

The Still Unknown (TSU), a local band comprised of 12-year-olds from Chatham, NJ started off as friends, who shared a love for music. TSU played their first-time gig at the Rockwood Music Hall in New York City. Bandmates, all from Chatham Middle School, are led by Leo Zotti (lead singer), Derek Kahney (guitar), Ben Stroud (drums) and Max Arent (keyboard and bass).

Word started to spread around Chatham and soon they were playing benefit concerts at local venues like Chatham Community Players. In

addition to their love for music, the boys had a strong desire to give back to their community and others, and donated all of their proceeds from the Chatham Community Players show to fund a much needed new roof. They also played at Rocktoberfest in Millburn, NJ and raised funds for pediatric cancer research.



TSU is playing a benefits show for Bailey's Warriors at The Auditorium at Chatham High School on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 pm. You can follow them on Instagram @the\_still\_unknown to see updates and show schedule.


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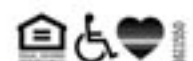
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Madison Rotary

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neighbors from Madison and surrounding towns!

And bring your kids – the Kids’ Take Apart Table will return! See what’s inside everyday items. (Reassembly not required!)

The Repair Cafe is central to Rotary International’s focus on protecting the environment, and furthers our club’s mission of partnering with other organizations to keep Madison one of the “Best Places to Live in New Jersey.” This event is also an important part of Grace’s outreach program.

The repairers will show you how the repairs are made and what tools are needed. Most of the time they can get your things working for you again, keeping them out of the landfills, and saving you some money. You can even learn how to do the repairs yourself. Items should be small enough to be carried in by one person. No gasoline motors or hazardous materials, please. Also, please note: We start our last repair at 2:30! First come, first served! And if you can, it’s helpful if you send us an email telling us what you will be bringing in for repair.

This event is a follow-up to our first two, very successful, Repair Cafes in Madison. Our volunteers and our visitors came from Madison and many surrounding towns. We had over 200 items brought in for repair and we succeeded on getting most of them fixed! Our repairs at our recent events ranged from lamps, to bikes and teddy bears, but also included bird feeders and giant skulls.

And we are always looking for new volunteers to join our team.

Please visit [madisonrotarynj.org](http://madisonrotarynj.org) for more information about Madison Rotary, and [RepairCafeGS.org](http://RepairCafeGS.org) for information about this and other Repair Cafe’s in the Garden State, and [GraceMadison.org](http://GraceMadison.org) for information about Grace Church.

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**Good Friday - April 18**

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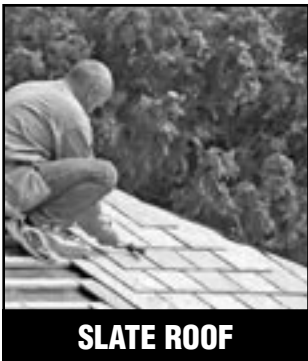
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### Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group

Thurs., April 3, 10:30 AM

### Short Drives to NJ Public Gardens

Wed., April 9, 1:00 PM

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### Understanding Your Family Tree:

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Learn about the new Genealogy Research Kiosk at the Library of the Chathams.

### Medicare Overview

Mon., April 21

This program will provide information about Medicare benefits and costs, Medicare Part A & B, Medigap.

### Are You Ready for an Emergency?

Wed., April 23, 1:00 PM

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## MORRIS COUNTY LIBRARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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### Preschool Story Time and Music

Our popular Preschool Story Time and Music with Mr. Laurence returns. Children ages 2 to 5 can join us for stories, fingerplays, and music. Story Time will be held each Tuesday from thru April 25th, there will also be storytime sessions on May 16th and May 23rd. All sessions are from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM. On June 6th there will be a special Teddy Bear Storytime where children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal! This storytime session is recommended for ages 2 to 5 and runs from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM.

### Grab and Go STEAM Projects

Projects are recommended for ages 5 to 12, and each family can pick up one project to work on together. STEAM projects will be available for pickup on the following Saturdays: April 1st, May 13th and June 3rd. Pickup times for each Saturday will be from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Children's room. STEAM Projects are limited and will be given out while supplies last.

### Dinosaur's Rock

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### National Library Week

During National Library Week, local Author Amy Pollack will be visiting the library! On Thursday, April 27th from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Amy Pollack will be presenting her new book series, "The Adventures of Jelly Bean". Amy Pollack will be reading part of the first book, "The Adventures of Jelly Bean" and will give children the chance to predict the ending, as well as write one of their own! This program is recommended for children in grades 3 to 6.

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For further information about the Hanover Wind Symphony, including dates of upcoming concerts, visit [.hanoverwinds.org](http://.hanoverwinds.org).



(above, l-r) Three conductors: Tommy Sansone of Paterson, guest conductor; Matthew Paterno of Parsippany, HWS music director and conductor; and Ayden Khan of Wayne, HWS associate conductor.

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Audiences will be transported by the passion, drama, and exquisite beauty of Puccini's most beloved Operas, such as *La Bohème*, *Tosca*, *Madama Butterfly*, and *Turandot*. The concert will feature Arias from these best loved Opera as well as a distinguished lineup of rising Opera singers, whose exceptional artistry brings Puccini's masterful compositions to life.

Proceeds from ticket sales will directly support the awards for Opera at Florham's Annual International Vocal Competition, taking place on Sunday, May 4, 2025. This prestigious competition provides critical financial support and performance opportunities for emerging Opera singers, reinforcing Opera at Florham's commitment to nurturing the next generation of Opera stars.

Tickets for *Celebriamo Puccini* are \$30 for general admission and can be purchased online in advance or at the door. More information and ticket details are available at [www.operaatflorham.org](http://www.operaatflorham.org). Student discounts are available.

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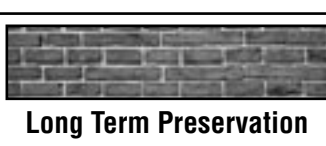
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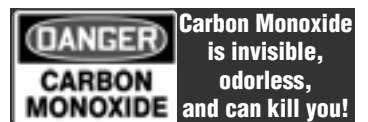
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# CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD CELEBRATES NEW OFFICERS PRESENTS DICK RICHARDS AWARD TO 20+ YEAR MEMBER, STEVE DAVENPORT

*Submitted by Evan Skinner*

The all-volunteer Chatham Emergency Squad (CES) enjoyed a celebratory evening of recognition, awards, dinner and dancing as they lauded outgoing officers and welcomed their 2025 officers. This year's administrative officers were introduced by newly elected President, Nicole DiMaggio –Ellen Blazoski, Secretary; Dan Farkas, Facilities VP; Christine Grobert, Finance VP; Brenda Koehler, Membership VP; and Kara McCaffrey, Community Engagement VP. Bryan McGookin, newly elected Captain, introduced the Operations officers –Jon Carlsson, Training Lieutenant; Marshall Hayes, Operations Lieutenant; and Tom LeRoux, Equipment Lieutenant. Also recognized were members celebrating their 5-year anniversaries - Jon Carlsson, Sam Cooperman, Dan Farkas, Marshall Hayes, and Bill Wolsch.

During his remarks, Captain McGookin reported on CES' strength and breadth of service. Of its 98 members, 73 are EMTs, including 12 high school cadets; 8 members are working towards their EMT certification; and 17 auxiliary members are supporting critical administrative functions. CES members range from juniors in high school to seasoned members, including 10 members with over 10 years of service and a combined 142 years of experience. McGookin also noted that in 2024, CES responded to 1,337 calls. Of these, 136 were "second calls" where the duty crew was on a call and a second dispatch of off-duty members responded and 8 were "third calls" requiring a second off-duty crew and all three ambulances to be in use at the same time.

In addition to CES' first priority of providing

emergency care and transport, CES provides standby non-emergency service for CHS football games, the Fishawack, Turkey Trot and Trot the Manor runs, as well as many other events throughout the community. McGookin also recognized CES' CPR instructors, who in 2024, trained 337 people including 69 CES members and 268 members of the community including police, fire and public works employees, teachers, coaches, and residents.

McGookin emphasized that these impressive statistics are indicators of individual "patient interactions where our dedicated EMTs provided the highest level of care to our sick or injured neighbors." The Captain reminded all those in attendance that "When we answer these calls, we are met with people who may be having the worst day of their month, year, or even their entire life. We use our skills to support them with treatment and transport to the definitive care they require at the hospital."

In addition to the recognition of new officers, the night is an opportunity for members and their families to receive thanks for their extraordinary commitment to CES. President DiMaggio ended her remarks by saying, "So to our members, thank you for your fortitude and adaptability. To our families, thank you for standing by us. And to all of our supporters, thank you for your generosity and your belief in us. Together, we will ensure that the Chatham Emergency Squad remains a pillar of strength and service in Chatham and beyond for many years to come."

Later in the evening, it was announced that Steve Davenport would receive the highly coveted Dick Richards Award. Richards was a

former CES member and considered to be the highest caliber member in the history of CES. Recipients are never told of the award ahead of the presentation, which was made by long standing members and close friends, Sam Francis and Evan Skinner. Davenport, who was recognized earlier in the evening for his twenty+ years of service to CES, was nominated for the award based on his long history of extraordinary service to CES and his leadership of the renovation of the 45 Spring Street headquarters project and the capital campaign that financed it. Following a standing ovation, Davenport paid tribute to those members who came before him and echoed earlier praise of CES' history, strength and commitment to mission.

Following this final presentation, attendees enjoyed dessert and dancing with Fantasy Productions DJ, confident in the knowledge that Chatham citizens' emergency care was being covered by the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad until the following morning.

The all-volunteer Chatham Emergency Squad provides basic life support to the Chatham community 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, at no charge to their patients. CES is almost 100% dependent on donations from the community and is deeply appreciative of the generosity shown in its 85+ years of service, particularly in the last three years while the capital campaign ran. CES is always interested in speaking with anyone interested in knowing more about joining the vibrant and highly trained squad. Interested adults should contact CES by email at [membership@chathamemergencysquad.org](mailto:membership@chathamemergencysquad.org) or via the website at [chathamemergencysquad.org](http://chathamemergencysquad.org)



(above, l-r) 5-Year Anniversaries: Marshall Hayes; Sam Cooperman; and Jon Carlsson.



(above, l-r) Dick Richards Award: Evan Skinner; Nicole DiMaggio, President; Steve Davenport, 2025 Award Recipient; Sam Francis.

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(above, l-r) Officers: Bryan McGookin, Brenda Koehler, Nicole DiMaggio, Marshall Hayes  
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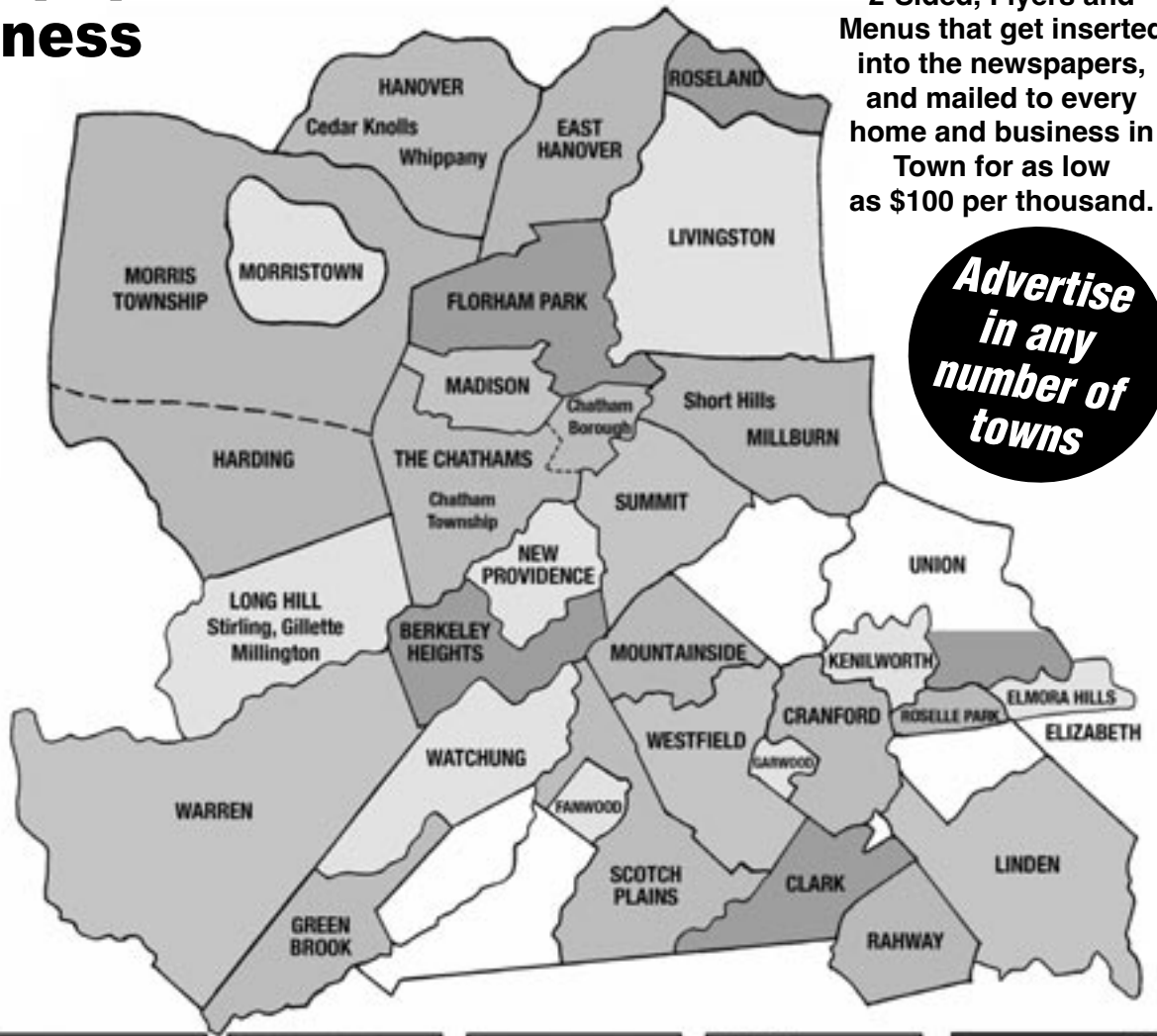
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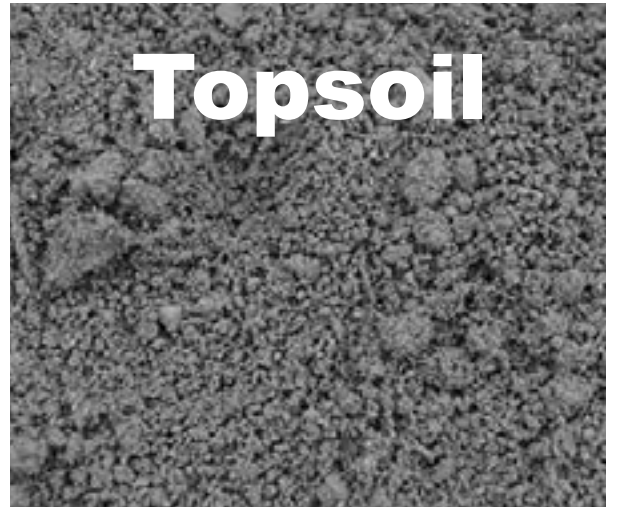
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