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2025 RIVERS SPRING CLEAN UP



Hanover Township Mayor Thomas “Ace” Gallagher, East Hanover Township Mayor Joseph Pannullo, and Florham Park Mayor Mark Taylor, have announced an exciting new initiative to compliment the Passaic and Whippany River Flood Task coalition and conduct an all-volunteer “clean-up day” on April 5th with a rain date of April 26th.

Mayor Gallagher stated, “This exciting announcement continues the work already started on trying to alleviate flooding in the area by allowing a volunteer network of contractors, non-profit and civic organizations, and resident volunteers to help with tree removal, the de snagging of the rivers, and clean up along the banks of the Passaic and Whippany Rivers. Along with Mayor Pannullo from East Hanover, Mayor Taylor from Florham Park, Mayor Guariglia from Morris Township, Mayor Dougherty from Morristown,

Mayor Karr from Morris Plains, and Mayor Barberio from Parsippany, we continue to work together to help our citizens and businesses along these water tributaries to make the water flow again and avoid property loss due to flooding.”

Scheduled for Saturday April 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a rain date on Saturday April 26th each town has identified several potential sites to “clean up” for the day. Mayor Gallagher stated, “A number of tree removal contractors, volunteer groups and volunteer citizens have already expressed interest in joining us on April 5th and we ask anyone interested in signing up from any of our communities’ kindly call Mayor Gallagher at 973-441-0114 or e-mail Mayor Gallagher at TGallagher@hanovertownship.com.

We will post sites on each town’s website at a later date.

HIT THE TRAILS AT THE MORRIS COUNTY LIBRARY

Morris County Library

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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To register for events, go to the
Whippanong Library event page at
www.whippanong.org/events-calendar

**Grief Steps – Author Talk with Joan G. Jensen
(Adults)**

Thursday, April 3, 6:30 PM
Whippanong Library
Grief after loss is personal and painful. Most widows feel all alone, as they seek guidance as to what steps to take on the path to healing and happiness. A widow herself, Dr. Joan G. Jensen shares her honest experiences and offers encouraging advice to help those who are suffering to smile again. Must pre-register.

**Happiness in Bloom
(Grades 6 – 12)**
Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 PM

Whippanong Library Join the Kindness Klub in creating beautiful bouquets of flowers for the patients at the local CareOne facility. Must pre-register. Vision Board Workshop with Kara DJ (Adults) **Thursday, April 10, 6:00 PM**
Whippanong Library Spring is here and it's time to achieve some goals! Join collage artist Kara DJ and create your own vision board to set the tone for the rest of 2025. Using paper, pictures, words, and your own personal creative flare, you'll create a beautiful and fun piece of art to inspire you to be your best self! Materials will be provided. Must pre-register.

WIND SYMPHONY 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Please join us for our 40th Anniversary Concert on Sunday, April 27, 2at 3:00 p.m., Morristown High School, 50 Early Street, Morristown, NJ. Admission is free. Donations are welcome and appreciated!

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For further information about the Hanover Wind Symphony, including dates of upcoming concerts, visit .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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COUNTY LIBRARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

No registration is required. All programs will be first come, first served. Contact the Children's Department at 973-285-6980 with any questions.

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


Join a Dinosaur's Rock expert on Thursday, April 6th from 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM for a fun and educational Jurassic journey. Children will be able to experience museum-quality life-size specimens as the backdrop to exploring the world of dinosaurs and fossils. This program is recommended for children ages 4 to 12.

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". This series is about a fourth-grader and the challenges she faces surrounding loss, friendship and family issues, as well as her experiences with learning to make her own choices. 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.

Juneteenth Program

Spring programs conclude with The Diversity of Black Joy, a Juneteenth program presented by Alliah Agostini on Thursday, June 8th from 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM. She is the author of The Juneteenth Story and Big Tune: The Rise of the Dancehall Prince and will be doing a short read-aloud as well as a Q&A session. This program is recommended for children ages 4 to 10.



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INNOVATIVE PET THERAPY PROGRAM

Morris County Surrogate Office

Morris County Surrogate Heather Darling is proud to introduce a new innovative pet therapy program at the Morris County Surrogate's Court, the first of its kind. The program is designed to provide comfort and support to our grieving clients and assist our probate clerks who deal with grief daily. This significant initiative highlights the court's commitment to fostering a compassionate environment for both the families we serve and the dedicated professionals who guide them through complex emotional processes.

Recently, the program welcomed therapy dogs Mulligan and Story, whose calming presence has already made a powerful impact on clients and staff alike. For grieving clients, the dogs offer a soothing connection during one of life's most challenging moments, providing comfort and even smiles amid their sorrow.

For our hardworking probate clerks, who face the emotional weight of assisting grieving families every day, these comfort pets bring much-needed moments of relief and renewal, supporting their well-being as they perform their

vital work. Surrogate Darling is proud to bring this meaningful and beneficial resource to our community, as the pets will visit the Surrogate's Court each month throughout the year. For more information about the Morris County Surrogate, please visit morrissurrogate.com.



(above) Surrogate Darling, Chris Luongo, Chief of Staff Christina Ramirez and Story



(above) Surrogate Staff with Mulligan

Courtesy photos



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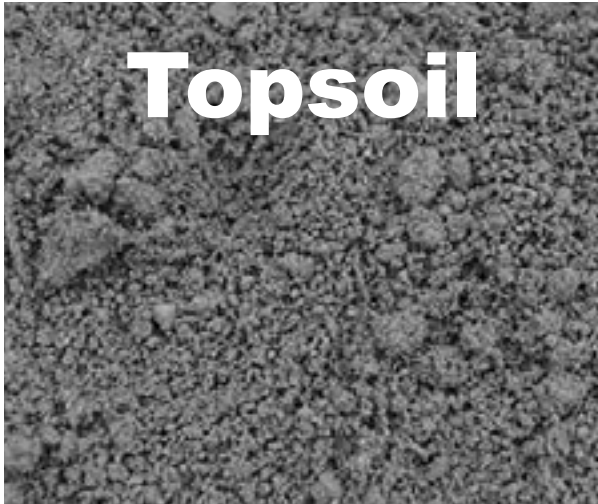
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Madison Rotary

Repair Cafe returns to Madison on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Volunteer repair experts will be helping you to fix your household items for free at Grace Church in Madison (4 Madison Ave.), from 11:00 until 3:00. All types of items can be brought in: lamps, bicycles, clothing and other fabric items, phones and computers, small appliances, wooden things, jewelry, toys, knives in need of sharpening, and many other kinds of

repairs. As a bonus, you will get to meet your 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 for more information about Madison Rotary, and RepairCafeGS.org for information about this and other Repair Cafe’s in the Garden State, and GraceMadison.org for information about Grace Church.

Contact Paul Lemaire for questions about volunteering or about the types of repairs that we do – pjlema@gmail.com, 732-261-6443.

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Opera at Florham proudly presents *Celebriamo Puccini*, a breathtaking concert celebrating the timeless works of Giacomo Puccini. In honor of the recent centenary of Puccini’s death, this special benefit event will take place on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 2:00 pm at The Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson, 285 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940.

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. Student discounts are available.

This benefit concert offers an unforgettable musical experience while directly supporting the



(above 2024 first place winner,
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Morris County School of Technology
The Morris County School of Technology’s (MCST) Academy for Education & Learning, Law & Public Safety, and Healthcare Sciences is excited to announce its Teddy Bear Clinic, a fun and educational event for children ages 3-9, taking place on Saturday, May 3rd. This event, running from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m at MCST’s Denville campus, will provide children with the opportunity to give their stuffed animals or teddy bears a “check-up” while interacting with local first responders from Denville Police, Fire, EMS, Morris County Sheriff’s Office, Saint Clare’s EMS, and the NJ Forest Fire Service.

Education (CTE) for Morris County School of Technology shared, "Unified Career Technical Education efforts by teachers and programs, including collaborations like the Teddy Bear Clinic, in Morris County create opportunity, build awareness, and deliver a positive impact for our students and community." As a direct result of these unified efforts, the community benefits from the positive impact of CTE programs. The Morris County School of Technology continues to develop innovative programs that serve both students and the community.

The Teddy Bear Clinic would not be possible without the generous support of local businesses and organizations, including The American Cancer Society, The Pasta Shop, Pure Barre, Playa Bowls Denville, Thatcher McGhee’s Denville, Kona Ice, Fully Promoted, Morris County Vocational Technical Education Association and the Morris County School of Technology PTO. Their contributions have been instrumental in making this event a reality.

The event is free and open to the public!
To register please visit mcvts.jumbula.com/home.
For any questions regarding the event, please contact Samantha Shane at mcstevents@mcvts.org

THI TRAN PLACES AT COUNTY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hanover Park High School
Congratulations to Thi Tran for placing 2nd in the 100 breaststroke and 3rd in the 100 butterfly at the Morris County Swimming Championships.

HS SENIORS ENLISTING RECOGNIZED

Our Community Salutes (OCS) of North Jersey will host an enlistee recognition ceremony on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, to honor the class of 2025 high school seniors and their families for their commitment to serve the nation in the U.S. Armed Services.

- DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**
- COL Kevin Shilley, Military Deputy in the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Armaments Center at Picatinny Arsenal, NJ
 - Assemblyman Brian Bergen, U.S. Army Veteran
 - Assemblywoman Aura K. Dunn

Since 2009, OCS - USA has conducted hundreds of recognition ceremonies nationwide, honoring tens of thousands of new enlistees and their families.

they embark on their military journey.”

The ceremony will be underwritten by Fairleigh Dickinson University, local businesses, and individuals, ensuring there is no cost to attend. This generous support reflects the community's recognition of the dedication and sacrifice made by the Class of 2025 high school enlistees who have made the selfless decision to serve our country.

Going beyond recognition, the ceremonies also create a network of local support, as well as provide much-needed transitional resources to new enlistees, 75% of whom will only serve for 48 months.

The ceremony, held at the Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Campus in Madison, New Jersey, will open for check-in at 4:00 PM, followed by the commencement of the recognition ceremony promptly at 5:00 PM.

For more information about the North Jersey recognition ceremony, please visit: community.ocsusa.org/north-jersey

For more information about Our Community Salutes - USA, please visit: www.ourcommunitysalutes.org





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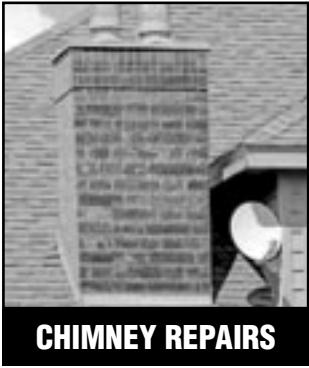
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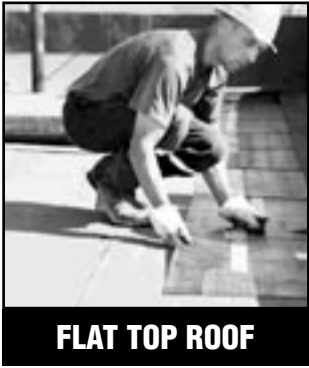
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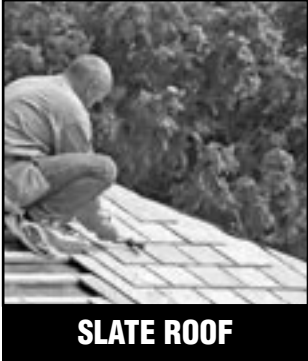
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LOCAL SWIMMERS CELEBRATE 21ST ANNUAL AWARDS BREAKFAST

Masters Yardstick Swimmers

A group of Masters Swimmers from Madison and the surrounding area have now had the privilege of swimming together for more than two decades at the Madison YMCA, the Madison Community Pool, the Summit YMCA and other close by locations. Traditionally, we track monthly swim yardage for the entire year on a user-friendly web site (with support from our web site coordinator Barry Lass). Each of our 70 swimmers has a chance to see how they rank throughout the year in total yards within the group in a monthly newsletter.

As we do every year in January, the Masters Yardstick Swimmers gathered recently at our 21st Annual Awards Breakfast on January 4th- a combined live (at the Kemmerer Library in Harding Township) and online (via Zoom) event- with strong participation (30 in person and 10 on Zoom)! Planned by longtime swimmers Bob Nissen, Joe Donohue, and Richard Clew, with support from Bill Sullivan and Barbara Wattenbach, the multi-media slide show and event highlighted activities of 2024 (aided by our group historian, Barbara Rushman) and brought us together in such a way that all active members could enjoy.

It began with a summary from a questionnaire

on how various participants have progressed and achieved swimming goals throughout the year. We were also entertained with a Surprise Video Tape and Congratulations Message from Rowdy Gaines, 3-time Olympic Gold Medal Winner in Swimming. Rowdy had recently visited the Madison YMCA in the summer of 2024 to address the Madison Mariners Swim Team.

We then assessed our group swimming achievement this year. Collectively, we swam 27.3 million yards in 2024, or 15,525 miles! Since 2004, our cumulative swimming efforts are amazing- logging 398 million yards- or more than 226,000 miles! That is equivalent to swimming “around the world” more than 9 times! Our goal in 2025- to REACH THE MOON- which will now require only 12,500 more miles of swimming yards- well within our reach.

Many of our swimmers enjoy participating in group workouts at the Walker D. Kirby Aquatics Center in its modern eight lane pool at the Madison YMCA. For further information on the pool and swim program, please contact the main desk at the Madison YMCA at 973-822-9622.

We moved on to the highlight of the event- our Annual Awards. Albie Ashbrook of Chatham, Lauren Webster-Garcia of Morris Township, and

Susan Kirk of Califon were each named “Bold Performer of the Year”, for demonstrating improved performance, exceptional effort, and a special commitment to the swimming program. The Team Competition was outstanding, with each of our two squads averaging more than 1 million yards every month. Ultimately, the Moonbound Masters (led by Captain Cindy Viola) bested the Moonstrokers (led by Captain Bill Sjovall).

Finally, our top two swimmers for 2024 were runner up Jennifer Bauman of Parsippany, and Yardstick Winner Jane Ikeda of Mendham, swimming 1,323,895 yards, or 752 miles! Jane was awarded the Doug Clark Championship Yardstick, named in memory of our former “Yardstick Swimmer”.

We all had a great time and were so happy to connect with our swimming friends for the 21st annual celebration. And we will continue our monthly yard tracking in 2025 and are convinced that our program will grow in numbers! Adult swimmers of all levels from beginners to experts are welcome to the Masters programs.

To learn more about our Yardstick Challenge, please contact Bob Nissen at bobnissen@gmail.com.



(above) Row 1- Bree Olivari, Nicole Sullivan, Deborah Fennelly, Lynda Przedpelski; Row 2- Marcia Postallian, Noreen McManus, Bob Nissen, Yardstick Champion Jane Ikeda, Barbara Rushman, Joe Balwierczak, Cindy Viola; Row 3- Bill Sullivan, Chachi Sabatino, Barbara Wattenbach, Bonnie Gannon, Diane Dinsmore, Nicole Bearce, Barry Lass, Andrew Moyad; Row 4- Kristin Kreider, Bill Sjovall, Bill Orton, Phil Ankel, Albie Ashbrook, Susan Kirk, Richard Clew, John Galvin, Richard McKern.

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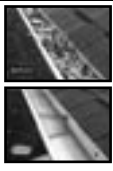
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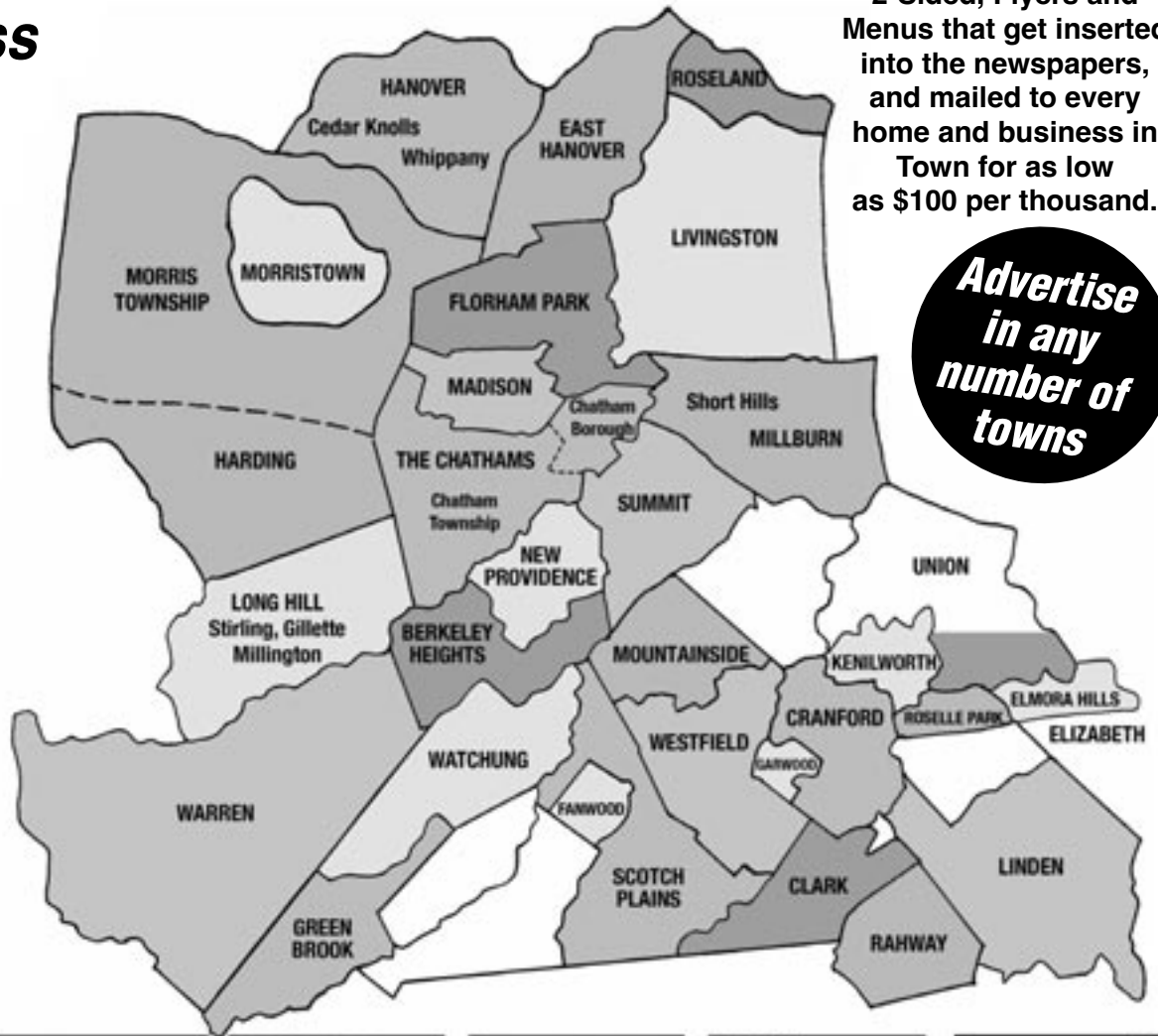
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