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SPRING CONCERTS BEGIN APRIL 5

Fanwood Performance Series

Contemporary folk-music groups, singer-songwriters and an acclaimed blues guitarist will be featured as the Fanwood Performance Series presents its spring season of live music at the Carriage House.

The series returns from its winter break on Saturday, April 5, with folk trio Lara Herscovitch & The Highway Philosophers, in a double-bill with The Honey Badgers. Herscovitch is a singer-songwriter-poet who brings authenticity, integrity, humor and heart to her music. Sound Waves Magazine called her work “songwriting at its best... good for your ears and your soul.” The Honey Badgers are a folk/Americana duo from Delaware, formed in 2011 by Michael Natrin and Erin Magnin. They’re known for intense, sparkling harmonies, honest lyrics and melodies, and captivating onstage chemistry.

Debra Devi, named by American Blues Scene as one of “today’s top female blues/rock



(above) Lara Herscovitch & The Highway Philosophers

guitarists,” brings her Jersey City-based band to the Carriage House on Saturday, May 10. New Jersey Stage compared Devi to “a cross between Bonnie Raitt, Joan Jett and Pat Benatar.” Devi is also the author of “The Language of the Blues.” Opening the show with an acoustic set will be singer-songwriter Cassidy Rain, lead singer of The Outcrops, which played in the Fanwood Performance Series in 2023.

Also returning to the series is another New Jersey musician, Michaela McClain, who will perform on Saturday, June 14, along with Cleveland indie-rock band Vanishing Shores. McClain brings her powerful and expressive voice to her heartfelt original songs. Vanishing Shores is led by singer-songwriter Kevin Bianchi, who draws inspiration from artists such as Elvis Costello, Ray Davies, Tom Petty and Lindsey Buckingham.

All shows start at 7 p.m. at the Kuran Cultural Arts Center (a.k.a. the Carriage House), on Watson Road just west of Martine Avenue, next to Fanwood Borough Hall. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors – cash at the door. Reservations are strongly suggested and can be made by emailing fanwoodperformance@gmail.com.

The Fanwood Performance Series is a presentation of Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Fanwood Borough Cultural Arts Council. It is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of County Commissioners.

The series will continue with three more shows in the fall; dates and performers to be announced. Music fans can find more information and updates at the series website fanwoodperformanceseries.org.



(above) The Honey Badgers

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONORED

Township of Scotch Plains

The Scotch Plains Township Council issued a proclamation honoring Black History Month during a council meeting held on February 18th. Students from the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School Black Student Union and their advisor, April Chestang, accepted the proclamation and

shared information about the events and activities the club undertakes throughout the community.

Black History Month celebrates past achievements and also calls upon people to reflect on the ongoing pursuit of justice, equity, and opportunity for all.



(above) Students from the SPFHS Black Student Union with their advisor, April Chestang, and the Scotch Plains Township Council.

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The Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary held its 15th annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 23, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. As usual, it was a great success. Squad members, along with local girl scouts troops, served over 300 adults as well as a number of children under 5, and raised much needed funds to support this crucial all-volunteer organization.

All-you-can-eat pancakes, toppings, sausages, coffee, tea, and juices were offered for just \$7.00 per person. There was also a raffle for baskets and gift cards for sports and fitness, salons, restaurants, mini-golf and more. These items were generously donated by individuals, local businesses and organizations, some of which donated already-prepared themed baskets.

Attendees had a wonderful time once again, and everyone’s support is greatly appreciated. It really does take a village, and the Auxiliary would also like to give special thanks to Fabio’s

Bistro for their fundraiser night, Lady Bug Pest Services and Construction for donating complimentary tickets to underserved families in our community, the Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club who made the raffle possible, and L&B Printing Inc. for various printing needs.

The Auxiliary looks forward to hosting the

breakfast again next year. If interested in becoming a member of the Auxiliary, come by the Squad building one evening to pick up an application, or email

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Contributing Author: Susan Baldani, a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

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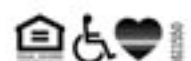
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FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Scotch Plains Fire Department

The dedication and bravery of many members of the Scotch Plains Fire Department were recognized at their annual awards dinner held on March 28, 2025 at Shackamaxon Country Club.

The Township of Scotch Plains thanks every honoree for their service to the town.

AWARDS:

Five Years of Service:

Caitlin Tweedle,
Matthew Eagan, and Christopher Manning.

Highest Call Percentages:

Joesph Flammia,
Daniel Hopkins, and
SPVFA Past President: Sean Biglin

Chiefs Award:

Rick Briamonte

Unsung Hero:

Deputy Township Manager Margaret Heisey accepted the "Unsung Hero Award" at the event, given in recognition of her efforts behind the scenes to support the brave men and women of the SPFD.

VENDOR POP UP - 4/6

Welcome shoppers and community members, you're invited to join us for a delightful day at the Fanwood Train Station parking lot on Sunday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stroll through our marketplace and discover a wide array of unique arts and crafts, handmade jewelry, fashion accessories, candles, vintage women's clothing, children's books, all-natural dog treats, portrait photography, honey, vinyl records, polarized sunglasses, wooden American flags, and much more!

Our selection of food trucks and local restaurants will be ready to satisfy your cravings, and live music will add to the festive atmosphere. Discover one-of-a-kind treasures and enjoy a day of shopping and fun!

This free event is hosted by the Borough of Fanwood and is located at 256 South Avenue, Fanwood, NJ. Please note that the event is outdoors and will be canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please visit [JC Promotions.Info](http://JCPromotions.Info).



(above, l-r) Mayor Josh Losardo, Councilmember Elizabeth Stamler, Deputy Fire Chief Skip Paal, Councilmember Ellen Zimmerman, Fire Chief John Lestarchick, Margaret Heisey, Deputy Mayor Matt Adams

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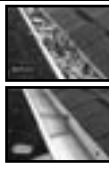
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Scotch Plains officially declared March 12 as Girl Scout Day at during a Township Council meeting. Girl Scouts of the USA is the largest and most successful leadership program for girls in the world and has a strong presence in Scotch

Plains. The organization is entering its 113th year. Members of Girl Scout Troop 130, along with advisor Julie Murphy, were at the meeting to accept the proclamation, in their signature green sashes, of course.



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The new Helpsy drop-off bins are located in three Union County municipalities, including Scotch Plains. Residents can drop off a wide variety of clothing, household linens, textiles, and accessories regardless of condition, as long as they are dry and odor-free. The collected items will be recycled, resold, or reused, and kept out of the waste stream.

Helpsy will supply designated drop-off bins for used clothing, shoes, accessories, and household linens—regardless of condition—as long as these items are dry and odor-free. A full list of accepted materials is available at helpsy.com/what-we-accept.

Diverted from local landfills, the collected items will be repurposed for resale, reuse, and recycling. Residents can donate items at the DPW Yard at 2445 Plainfield Ave. on Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call 908-233-6707 with any questions.

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop

Spring is in the air and on the shelves of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop! Items perfect for refreshing your spring décor and wardrobe are now on full display.

Find warmer weather clothing for males and females in sizes ranging from infants to adults. Shop for tops and bottoms, dresses, jackets, shoes, accessories and more, some brand-new and all in good condition. Household items, toys and home décor that will perk up your spring and summer porch, enliven your living space or put the finishing touches on your holiday table will consistently be re-stocked as the season progresses.

The end of April will also herald Earth Day on Saturday, April 26. Earth Day provides a powerful way to make a positive impact on our environment, whether it's taking part in local clean-up campaigns, planting trees, reducing our carbon footprint, and/or bringing items you no longer need or want to the Thrift Shop for resale. Now is the time to “spring clean” your closets, home and yard and give those items a new lease on life by donating them for future use by someone who needs and will treasure them. Once in the shop chances are that you will also find some terrific items for your own use, too.

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To learn more about the Service League, volunteer opportunities and types of donations accepted call the store during Thrift Shop business hours: 908-322-5420. You can also visit the Scotch Plains Thrift Shop web site (scotchplainsthriftshop.weebly.com/) or search the “Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League” on Facebook.



(above) Hop To It at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop Spring Spectacular.

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"MOVERS, SHAKERS, CHANGE MAKERS" EVENT - MAY 10TH

STUDENT MOVEMENT AGAINST CANCER (SMAC)

Student Movement Against Cancer (SMAC), Inc., established in 2001 by students of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, is proud to announce its third annual signature event, "Movers, Shakers, Change Makers," scheduled for May 10, 2025, at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. Building on the success of last year's event, which raised nearly \$6,000 for the New Jersey-based nonprofit Inspiring Life Together, "Movers, Shakers, Change Makers" continues to embody SMAC's commitment to community engagement and cancer awareness.

This high-energy gathering, designed to bring students together for a day of movement, camaraderie, and philanthropy, will raise funds for Comfort Project 360 in 2025, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the patient experience for those undergoing cancer treatment. Thanks to the support of SMAC's central organization, this event is entirely underwritten—meaning that every dollar raised through student participation, sponsorships, and donations will go to Comfort Project 360.

"We want students and supporters to know that 100% of their contributions will make an impact," said Danielle Delavaux, Executive Director of SMAC. "Because SMAC has covered all event costs, every dollar raised will help provide comfort and support to cancer patients and their families at Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center's Cancer Centers."

SUPPORTING COMFORT PROJECT 360

Student leaders from SMAC's network of chapters selected Comfort Project 360 as this year's beneficiary. The nonprofit is dedicated to enhancing the experience of cancer patients at Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ, by transforming treatment spaces and providing thoughtful amenities. From renovating infusion rooms to offering comfort kits, blankets, journals, and wellness programs, Comfort Project 360 ensures that patients feel supported, comforted, and cared for during one of the most challenging times in their lives.

"We are incredibly honored to support Comfort

Project 360 this year," said SMAC Executive Director Danielle Delavaux. "Our students understand that cancer treatment is about more than medicine—it's about comfort, dignity, and hope. This event will allow them to make a real impact on the lives of patients facing this difficult journey."

REGISTRATION:

Preregistration is required and can be completed at www.supportsmac.org/mscm

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT:

T-shirt Giveaway:

The first 100 registered students will receive an exclusive "Movers, Shakers, Change Makers" T-shirt, symbolizing their commitment to the cause.

Wrist Pedometer Giveaway:

Each attendee will receive a SMAC wrist pedometer to track their activity throughout the evening. The student with the highest step count will have the opportunity to choose from a selection of exciting prizes.

COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES

Local businesses and community members are encouraged to support the event through sponsorships or donations. Such contributions have been pivotal in past events, enhancing the experience for participants and amplifying fundraising efforts. For more details about the event, registration, and ways to contribute, please visit www.supportsmac.org/mscm or contact SMAC at events@supportsmac.org for more information.

ABOUT STUDENT MOVEMENT AGAINST CANCER:

Student Movement Against Cancer (SMAC), Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering the next generation of cancer fighters. Founded in 2001, SMAC has grown into a network of student-led chapters across New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana, raising funds for cancer causes, launching awareness campaigns, and supporting their communities. Since its inception, SMAC has raised over five million dollars for cancer-related initiatives.



(above) Student planning committee.

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Each elementary school planned a variety of activities, ranging from days for students to dress like a detective or superhero to guest readers, including Board of Education members Dr.

Karen Kulikowski and Deb Brody, Scotch Plains Mayor Josh Losardo, Superintendent Dr. Joan Mast and other district administrators.

“Read Across America Week is a time each year to come together to inspire a love of reading in our students,” said Dr. Mast. “These celebrations were a wonderful way to reinforce the importance of literacy. Thank you to the guest readers, teachers, and staff who made this a very special week for SPF students.”

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(above) Dr. Joan Mast, superintendent of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools, shares her love of reading with students at School One.

(above) Scotch Plains Mayor Josh Losardo reads to students at School One Elementary School for Read Across America Week.

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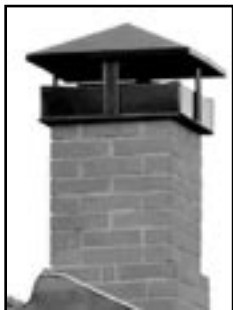
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As the spring flowers bloom all across the beautiful Township of Warren, and we get excited about the much awaited warmer days, the Warren Lions Club announces the fast approaching EXPO 2025. It is the single biggest social and commercial event, held every year around mid-June, at the Warren Township municipal field (46 Mountain Boulevard). The gathering is a classic carnival for all ages, family and friends, 6-10 p.m. from Wednesday to Saturday. This year's EXPO, in its 57th occurrence, will be hosted from June 11-14th, 2025. There will be amusement rides, games of chance, fireworks, food vendors, and an exposition of local businesses, and non-profit organizations.

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.

LOCAL BUSINESS EXPOSITION

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 Treasurer. "Community members deeply 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

When caring people come together, roll up their sleeves and take actions to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness.

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Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides grants that empower the service of our members. Since its inception in 1968, LCIF has awarded more than US\$1.2 billion in grant funding.

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.

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Township of Scotch Plains

Scotch Plains swore in two police officers to their new roles during a council meeting held on February 21, 2025.

David Belford was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Bradley Belford was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.
Mayor Josh Losardo and Police Chief Jeff

Briel thanked the officers for their service to the community and look forward to seeing them excel in their new positions.



(above) Bradley Belford is sworn in as a Lieutenant.



(above) David Belford is sworn in as a Sergeant.

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Kiran Dhaliwal has been a Rotarian with the Fanwood Scotch Plains Club for 15 years. The members of the club affectionately refer to it as the Best Club in the Universe!

Back in 2010, Kiran befriended Robinah Muganz, in Kampala Uganda, who dedicated her life to serving destitute young girls by providing food, shelter, love, and education. Through the non-profit, Set Her Free, Robinah’s work remains inspirational. Set Her Free has successfully transformed lives through vocational training, education and economic empowerment. With the help of Rotary, outside grants, and outside guidance they are changing the world and uplifting a community.

FSP Rotary has been involved from the start. For many years they sold jewelry at the SPF YMCA, FannyWood Day, Scotch Plains Day, and other events. The artistic beads made from paper are a craft native to Kampala and the beads are beautiful! During COVID-19, FSP Rotary assisted Set Her Free in obtaining a farm with an irrigation system. This saved lives and fed the community during this trying time. It was a milestone, however, the work doesn’t end there.

Recently Set Her Free began working with the Ugandan Government to help children and young women who are trafficked and brought to the capital city. The root of the issue comes from the arid northeast part of the country known as The Napak District. Set Her Free aims to expand their proven programs to Napak to stop trafficking at its source. They are working with FSP Rotary and

the Kampala-Kawempe Rotary Club to obtain a Rotary global grant. The grant will help sustain this region and it will be life-changing!

Tickets for the Dueling Piano event can be purchased on Eventbrite and there are also sponsorship opportunities available. For additional information, visit fsprotary.org, or contact Kiran at 908-403-1985.

APRIL RECREATION EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

On April 12th (Rain Date: April 13th) - Hop on over for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt at a NEW location this year – the golf course at Shady Rest Country Club. Kids ages 8 and under are invited to join the excitement. Event highlights include balloon artists twisting up fun creations and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. This is a can’t-miss spring tradition in a beautiful new setting. Gather your little ones, bring a basket, and get ready for a morning of Easter magic. Time: Gather Time is 10:00 a.m. sharp / hunt begins around 10:15 a.m.

EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

On April 26th (Rain Date: April 27th) - from 8 – 10 a.m. - Join us in celebrating Earth Day by giving back to our community! We’re hosting a Community Clean-Up event across various parks in Scotch Plains and are in need of volunteers to help keep our town beautiful. All volunteers are welcome; whether you plan to come solo, or as a group, your efforts will make a difference.

FREECYCLE MARKET

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PASSING OF FANWOOD POLICE OFFICER CARLOS GONZALEZ, JR.

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Carlos Gonzalez, Jr., a decorated Fanwood police officer and resident of Scotch Plains, passed away Wednesday, March 5th at JFK Medical Center in Edison after an extended battle with Lymphoma. He was 35 years old.

Officer Gonzalez was born and raised in Newark and graduated from East Side High School. He attended Essex County College then went on to earn his degree in Criminal Justice from Kean University. He started his career in law enforcement 11 years ago with the Newark Police Department where he served for six years before joining the Fanwood Police Department in 2020.

Carlos played baseball while in high school. He was a huge New York Mets and wrestling fan. He always enjoyed spending time with loved

ones, barbecuing outside, and being adventurous with food.

He will be remembered for his joyful and kind personality, his love for his family, and never giving up. His daughter, Olivia, was the light of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Jessica Martin Gonzalez; his daughter, Olivia; his parents, Carlos and Sonia; his brother, Kevin and his wife Paola; and his grandmothers Julia and Luisa Gonzalez. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.


A GoFundMe has been set up to support Carlos's family during this difficult time. It can be found at gofundme.com, under 'Support Officer Carlos Gonzalez' Family after Loss'.



(above) Officer Carlos Gonzalez, Jr.



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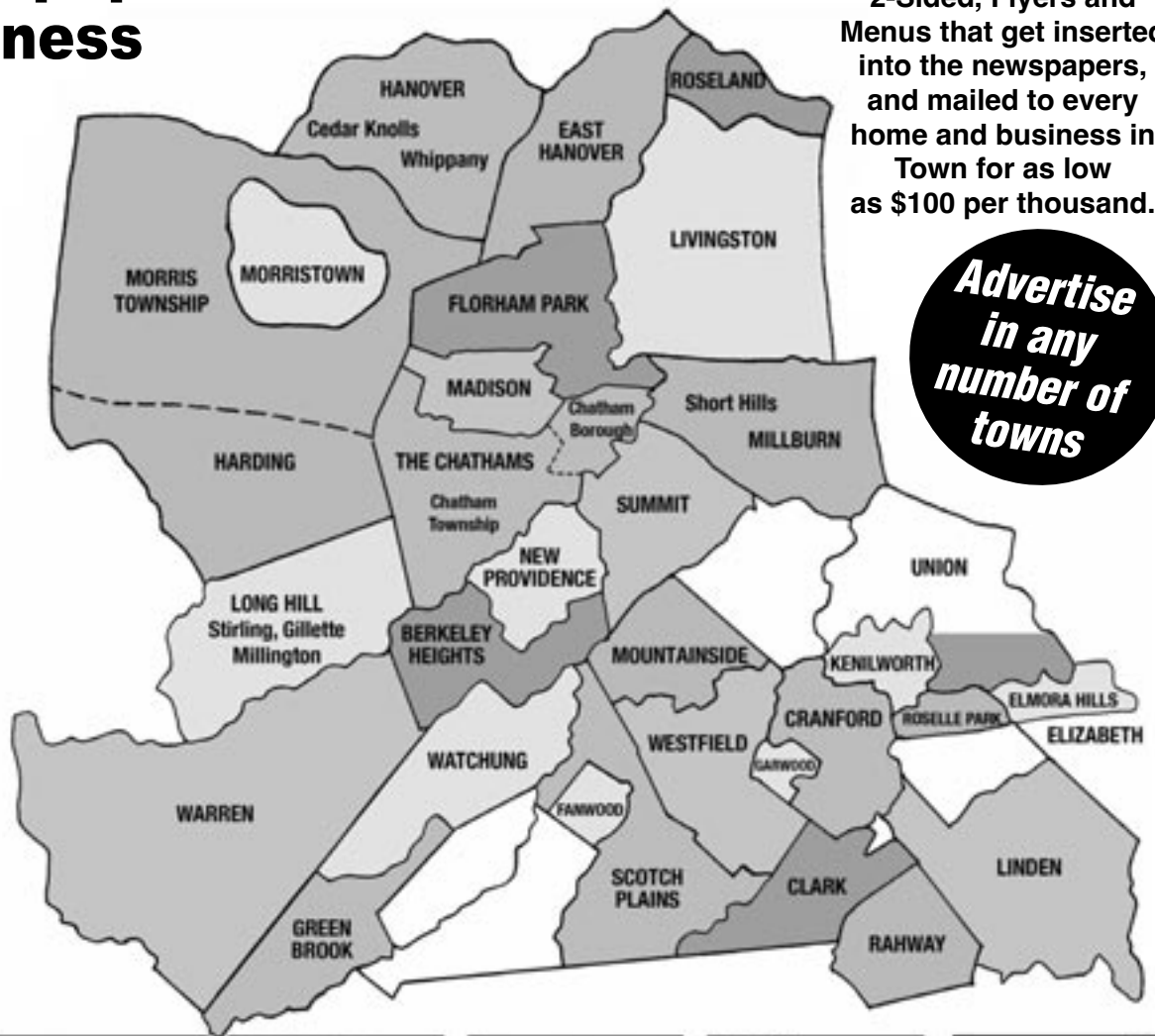
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POETRY NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY – APRIL 3RD

The Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library are proud to present an evening of exceptional poetry with two distinguished New Jersey poets, Moriah Cohen and Robin Rosen Chang, on Thursday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. This special event is free and open to the public.

A 2023 New Jersey Council on the Arts poetry fellow, Moriah Cohen is the author of the chapbook Impossible Bottle (Finishing Line Press). Cohen’s work has been published in Best New Poets, Adroit Journal, Narrative, Gulf Coast, RHINO, and Salamander Magazine, among others. Cohen is the co-founder of The Fields Poetry Reading Series and a reader for ONLY POEMS, Chill Sub’s “#1 Lit Mag of 2024.” You can read more of Cohen’s work at Moriahcohen.com.

Robin Rosen Chang is a 2023 New Jersey Council on the Arts Poetry Fellow and the author of the full-length collection, The Curator's Notes (Terrapin Books). Her poems have appeared or

are forthcoming in Alaska Quarterly Review, New Ohio Review, Michigan Quarterly Review, and Plume, among others, and have been featured on Verse Daily. She was an honorable mention for the Spoon River Review’s 2019 Editor’s Prize and the winner of the Oregon Poetry Association’s Fall 2018 Poet’s Choice Award. Her poetry can be read at robinrosenchang.com.

This event will take place at the Scotch Plains Public Library, located at 1927 Bartle Ave, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. The evening promises to be an inspiring celebration of contemporary poetry, with readings from both poets followed by a brief Q&A session.

This poetry night is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend. If you are interested in supporting the library and becoming a member of the Friends, please visit Friends of the Library.

For more information, please contact the

Scotch Plains Public Library at (908) 322-5007 or visit their website at scotchplainslibrary.org.

About the Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library

The Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library is a nonprofit organization that supports the Library’s mission by organizing events, fundraisers, and initiatives aimed at enriching the community’s access to resources and services.

The Friends are also accepting nominations (self-nominations are welcome) for various board positions including: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and members-at-large. Nominations are due Monday, April 7 at or before the membership meeting at 7:15pm. Board elections will take place Monday, May 12 at 7:15pm. Email spplfriends1@gmail.com for more information or to nominate.



(above) Moriah Cohen



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