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GENE SPILLANE REFLECTS ON SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Submitted by Daniel Cannon, Commander, Sons of American Legion Squadron 140

In an emotional and deeply personal address, Army Captain Eugene "Gene" Spillane recently stood before a gathering of 20 veterans, Sons of the American Legion, and community members at the Guy R. Bosworth American Legion Post in Millburn to share his journey of service, sacrifice, and healing, 17 years after returning home from war.

Captain Spillane, a proud Millburn native and 1983 graduate of Millburn High School where he played football, recounted his remarkable path from local banker to battlefield leader. A former employee at PNC Bank on Essex Street, Spillane graduated from Army Airborne School in 1985 and made his fifth jump right here in New Jersey at Fort Dix. Married and the father of twin daughters, Spillane's life took a dramatic turn when he was deployed as an Army Reservist from Fort Bragg to Sadr City in northern Baghdad.

Assigned to a Civil Affairs unit under the direction of General David Petraeus, Spillane's mission was nothing short of rebuilding a war-torn community. With a background in finance, he jokingly referred to himself as a "banker turned tanker". In the combat zone, he quickly became known as "the money man." His work included reestablishing essential services: reopening markets, delivering electricity and clean water, building schools and clinics, and establishing police and fire departments to bring a sense of normalcy and stability back to the people of Sadr City.

During his deployment, the Millburn Post and Squadron supported his unit with a care package that was filled with comfort items like Kool-Aid, socks, and even some spirits to lift morale.

Captain Spillane proudly presented the Post and Squadron with a flag signed by members of his unit, along with a commemorative Commander Coin he had received from his commanding officer, Colonel Hort. "It's my way of saying thank you," he said.

In a moving moment, Captain Spillane admitted that he had recently opened his footlocker for the first time since returning home at the age of 42. Encouraged by his wife, who he credits with helping him finally face the past, he shared stories that had been locked away for nearly two decades. His voice cracked with emotion as he recounted how his interpreter and dear friend, Ali, saved his life on two separate occasions.

Spillane recalled June 24, 2008 as a day of both joy and tragedy. While home for the birth of his twin daughters, a bomb exploded at a District Advisory Council meeting he would have attended. Among those lost that day were:



(above, l-r)

- SGT John Kyle Daggett, 21, of Phoenix, Arizona, killed in a separate attack in May 2008.
- Mr. Steven L. Farley, 57, Navy veteran and State Department worker from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, husband and father. June 24, 2008.
- CWO Robert C. Hammett, 39, from Tucson, Arizona, husband and father. June 24, 2008
- MAJ Dwayne M. Kelley, 48, of South Orange, New Jersey, husband and father. June 24, 2008.
- PVT Nicole Suveges, PhD, 38, of Illinois, wife and stepmother. June 24, 2008

"These were the best of us," Spillane said solemnly. "When you send people to war, you send your best."

Through his grief, Captain Spillane shared the hope that came from his team's accomplishments. By the end of his tour, schools were open, adults were taking computer and nursing classes, and Sadr City had stabilized. "God puts you in places where you are needed," he said. "And we were needed there."

Now 17 years later, Spillane continues to live with purpose. I try every day to be a good father, husband, friend, and American. "I had to put everything away and figure out how to live," he said. "Tonight, I feel like a weight has been lifted."

Joseph Cobianni, American Legion Essex County Commander, was in attendance and shared, "As a Vietnam veteran, I understand where he comes from. I know more than anyone else about the pain and emotion he had to wait 17 years to share and get out of his system." And Darrell Collins, a member of the American Legion Department Executive Council, reflected on the power of the evening: "I am fortunate to be here tonight as he was bringing us into his story, and many soldiers don't tell their story. These are stories that need to be heard and need to be shared with others."

"We thank Captain Spillane for joining us tonight, presenting us with his unit's flag that will be prominently displayed in our hall as a poignant reminder of the price of freedom and the healing power of community" said American Legion Post 140 Commander, Burt Brown.

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CAPTAIN EUGENE “GENE” SPILLANE HONORED

American Legion Post 140 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 140 hosted a memorable evening on March 27, 2025 honoring former Millburn resident Army Captain Eugene “Gene” Spillane (MHS Class of 1983) with a special presentation.

Captain Spillane, who deployed to Iraq in 2008, shared his experiences from his time serving in Sadr City, Iraq. In a touching gesture,

he presented an American flag signed by his unit that flew during the conflict as a heartfelt thank-you. Back in 2008, under the leadership of Commander Coin, Post 140 sent a care package to Captain Spillane’s unit, and now, he’s bringing this symbol of appreciation home.

Captain Spillane is currently a proud member of American Legion Post 450 in Pompton Plains/Pequannock, NJ.



(above) Captain Spillane and members of American Legion and Sons of American Legion pose with an American Flag signed on seam by Spillane’s unit. Photo by Karen Bigos



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MEMORIAL DAY: A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND ACTION

Michael Boll, New Jersey Veterans Network

Every Memorial Day, millions of Americans attend parades, fire up their grills, and host large backyard BBQs for friends and family. As a veteran, I look forward to marching in a parade and attending a BBQ. However, before the festivities begin, I make it a point to check in on fellow veterans and ensure they are in a good place. For some veterans, Memorial Day is a difficult day, and they could use some reassurance from a friend or comrade.

For too long, our military members and veterans have been facing a heartbreaking crisis. A new study suggests that 44 veterans and service members take their lives every day. This has become a nationwide epidemic, and countless families are struggling with this issue alone. Fortunately, there are many organizations working tirelessly to help our uniformed heroes get through these difficult times.

In 2017, the New Jersey Veterans Network (501(c)3) was created with a focus on the well-being of military members, veterans, and their families. The NJVN is a volunteer-driven mobile outreach team that actively seeks out veterans in need, providing them with free, life-saving resources and services. As a grassroots organization, we have a unique perspective on the needs of our uniformed heroes.

Our approach, combined with the ability to collaborate with other organizations that share our mission, has allowed us to save lives and help veterans live a better quality of life. Recently, the NJVN has ramped up our mentorship and peer support programs. However, our recreational therapy events and functions have produced the most impactful results.

The NJVN has had great success hosting social events. Every year, the NJVN sends veterans to Camp Patriot (a PTSD retreat) for a week of healing.

Each week, the NJVN provides veterans with food, clothing, housing assistance, VA benefits information, and mental health support. By partnering with numerous other groups and organizations, we can offer our uniformed heroes a better way of life.

We are always looking for volunteers that can both assist with upcoming events and help mentor veterans so they can live better productive lives. Volunteers are the most important NJVN resource, and we would love to have more people help us save lives. If you need assistance, or are interested in joining our team of volunteers, please send us your name, email, and phone number to NJVN1775@gmail.com or call 973-332-1556. For more information visit NJVN.org.



(above) Memorial Day parade march

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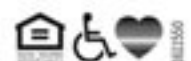
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Millburn Township Public Schools

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Seven Millburn High School students have won 9 National Medals for Art, the highest honor a student can earn in visual arts in our nation.
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earn in the Visual Arts. To be eligible for this award, graduating seniors must submit a series of 6 distinct works that communicate versatility in artistic vision and a high level of technical skill.
Obenewaa Frimpomaa is one of eight national gold medal recipients of a 2025 Gold Portfolio

Award in Art for her portfolio, For Her Voices, which was chosen from a pool of more than 6,162 portfolios. That's less than 0.1%! Winners of this highly selective award receive a \$12,000 educational scholarship and are specially highlighted at the national awards ceremony held at Carnegie Hall in New York City.



(above) NATIONAL GOLD: Obenewaa Frimpomaa - (2 medals incl. Portfolio Scholarship), Reagan Heinrichs (1 medal), Yuvi Chaudhary (1 medal), Esther Hong (1 medal), NATIONAL SILVER: Eliana Goodman (2 medals); Colby Berens (1 medal) NATIONAL HONORABLE MENTION: Esther Hong (1 medal in Portfolio) WRITING AWARD: Senior Samantha Rose was awarded a National Scholastic Writing Silver Medal for her work, "The Laws of Escapism."

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MAY 3RD & 4TH

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ASTRONOMY DAY MAY 17, 2025

Amateur Astronomers, Inc. along with the North Jersey Astronomical Group, two amateur astronomy clubs located in New Jersey, are once again holding their annual Astronomy Day on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The event will be held in 2 locations: Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside in the afternoon and at William Miller Sperry Observatory on the campus of Union College in Cranford in the evening. The theme is "Solar Max, Unlocking the Secrets of the Sun." This is a family friendly event that focuses on learning about our Sun and its impact on us, and also about astronomy and related sciences in a fun and easy to understand atmosphere. This event appeals to both children and adults. The event is free and open to the public and does not require preregistration. So, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 17, 2025, and come out to learn more about the Sun and our universe!

75 YEARS NIGHT SKY GAZING

Amateur Astronomers, Inc (AAI) of Cranford, NJ celebrated their 75th Anniversary on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at The Westwood Caterers of Garwood, NJ. In attendance were 53 past and current members who range from teenagers to seniors.

AAI has always interested anyone who loves looking and learning about the night sky. Housed in the William Miller Sperry Observatory on the Union College campus in Cranford, the observatory is open to the public every Friday night with their twin domes looking at the heavens. One of the domes houses a 24-inch reflector and the other dome houses a 10 refractor, which was constructed by club members. Public lectures start at 8:30 p.m. on Fridays, they are on current topics in Astronomy.

Youth lectures are presented by the club at 7:00 p.m. to preregistered scout groups to help them earn their patches in science. If you are interested in preregistering a scout group, please contact info@asterism.org.

The club also celebrates celestial events such as eclipses by opening the Observatory and having numerous telescopes outside the building. For more information about AAI email, membership@asterism.org or visit asterism.org.



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FAMILY ROCKET LAUNCH EVENT - MAY 10

Roseland's Pack 801 Cub Scouts will be hosting our annual Rocket Launch event on Saturday, May 10th, at 4 p.m. at Lynn DeBell Field in Roseland, located at 20 Fernwood Ave. This year, we are opening up our annual Rocket Launch to the entire community! Your child will have an opportunity to launch a model rocket, as well as take part in other scouting activities.

Pack 801 is open to boys in kindergarten through 5th grade in Roseland and surrounding areas. We meet monthly to learn valuable life skills, develop character, and build friendships through a variety of activities, including outdoor adventures, skill-building, and community service.

(right Local kids and their family are invited to participate in a Rocket Launch.



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Millburn Township Public Schools

Thirteen Millburn High School Science Research Program students competed at the 2025 Terra North Jersey STEM Fair (TNJSF) and did remarkably well.

AWARDS EARNED BY MHS STUDENTS AT TNJSF:

- **Qianheng (Hendry) Xu** - ISEF Grand Prize Winner, ISEF Trip Award Finalist, Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Category Award - 1st Place, Association for Computing Machinery Award, Karen Kranz Memorial Award, Regeneron Biomedical Science Award
- **Neel Ahuja** - Environmental & Plant Science Category Award - 1st Place, ISEF Trip Award Finalist, NJ Water Environment Award, Ricoh Sustainable Development Award
- **Tanvi Akunuri** - Computational Oncology Category Award - 3rd Place
- **Ishaan Bharadwaj** - Kean University Student Club Award

- **Ryan Farashuddin** - Physics & Math Category Award - Honorable Mention, Air Force Award
- **Daniel Han** - Computational Oncology Category Award - 1st Place, ISEF Trip Award Finalist, Association for Computing Machinery Award
- **Alex Kolodkin** - Computer Science Category Award - 2nd Place, Association for Computing Machinery Award
- **Benjamin Li** - Computational Oncology Category Award - Honorable Mention
- **Subhiksha Stephan** - Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Category Award - 2nd Place, Association for Computing Machinery Award
- **Paridhi Tyagi** - Animal Sciences Category Award - 2nd Place
- **Ryan Wang** - **Bioinformatics and Computational Biology** Category Award - Honorable Mention



(above, l-r) MHS Science Research Program students who participated at TNJSF. Front Row: Tanvi Akunuri, Daniel Han, Neel Ahuja, Kabir Khosla, Subhiksha Stephan; Back Row: Ryan Farashuddin, Alexander Kolodkin, Qianheng (Hendry) Xu, Ryan Wang, Benjamin Li, Ishaan Bharadwaj. Not pictured Jonah Ladetsky and Paridhi Tyagi. Also not pictured are Kevin Eng and Krish Kohli, who participated but are not Science Research students.

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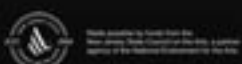
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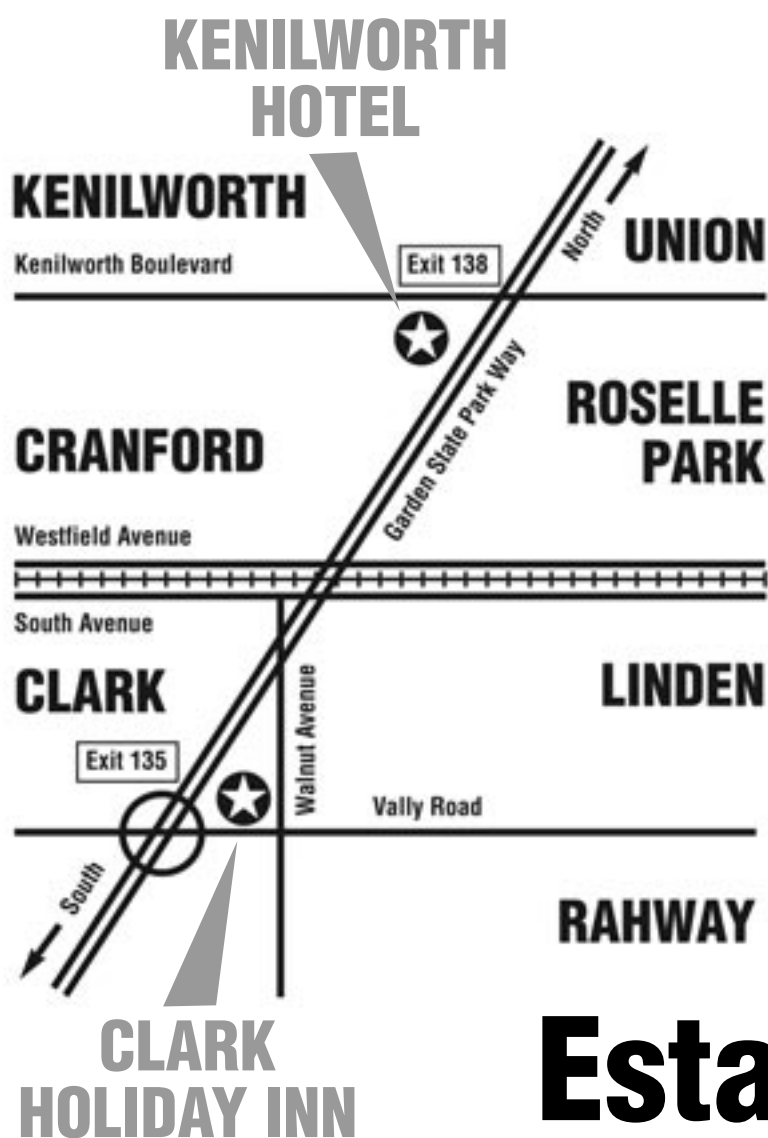


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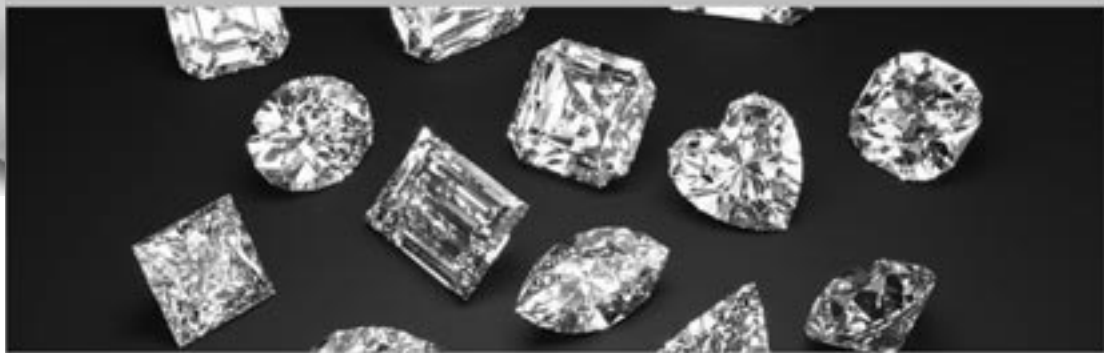
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The Perilous World of Springtime Yardwork

Submitted by Emilie Whitley, MSHVFAS

When I hear the chipper roar, or the chainsaw rev, I wince, as a picture of an ER visit unfolds. My husband openly admits he's afraid of heights, so normally I'm the one who climbs the ladder. Having returned that morning on the red-eye, he was the one to climb. Jet lagged, or the lure of a warm spring day, fate was sealed.

It's spring! The house needs fixing, the yard needs cleaning, we dust off those tools and fire up those engines. It's also a time when the Millburn Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad (MSHVFAS) would probably prefer we weren't so zealous. Falls off ladders, especially when improperly secured, are common. MSHVFAS responded to 201 fall calls in 2024, including residents clearing gutters or repairing roofs. Falls from such heights can result in serious injuries, from spinal fractures to internal trauma¹.

We unleash our power tools come spring to do battle with bushes, trees and lawns. These can inflict serious injuries, from lacerations, eye injuries to amputations. Yard work is physically tough and heaving mulch, digging or wrestling wheelbarrows, can turn into an extreme workout. Renewed physical activity can stress the heart, leading to angina or heart attacks.

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Out in the garden, poisonous plants can cause severe skin rashes (poison ivy, poison oak, giant hogweed, and poison sumac)². Sheds, or roof soffits, are places where hornets and wasps like to nest over winter. Removing nests without proper protection can cause hornets to swarm and sting. Skin scratches or punctures can become contaminated with the tetanus bacteria, a reminder to keep up to date with tetanus vaccinations³.

My husband got away with a torn ligament, a nasty graze, and a Jackson Pollock original on the balcony. The man in the opposite bay who'd also fallen wasn't so lucky – he broke his neck. We left hospital with a new resolve; some jobs are

best left to the professionals. But don't let this put you off. Get out there. Feel the sun on your face, get your hands dirty. Just be smart, keep your wits about you, stay alert, and whatever you do, don't climb ladders when you're running on fumes and espresso.

About the Millburn-Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad

The Millburn-Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad (MSHVFAS) has been a community tradition since the squad answered its first call in 1958. It has been staffed 100% by dedicated volunteers, funded solely by private donations, and has never charged for any services rendered. The squad serves the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For more information on joining MSHVFAS, visit our website mshvfas.org, or give us a call 973-379-7969.

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Register at millburnlibrary.org/events. For virtual programs, registrants will receive a Zoom link.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

After Hours Event: Bingo Night

Friday, May 2, 6-8pm

Library Gallery

Join other adults for a fun-filled night of Bingo.

Bring your best game face and get ready for some friendly competition, and the chance to win some really cool prizes. Registration required.

Virtual Culture Talk:

Ten Films That Changed America

Thursday, May 8, 7-8pm

Zoom

Filmmaker Wilhelm Kuhn leads us on a guided, multimedia tour of the 10 iconic works that explain our American identity. Registration required for virtual link.

Spring Book Swap

Friday, May 16, 10-11am

Library Gallery

Join us for a book swap extravaganza! Are your bookshelves overflowing with books you've already read? Come to our Spring Book Swap and exchange your used books for something new to you. Bring 3 books, take 3 books home. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

Children's Author Visit & Nature Craft

Saturday, May 3, 3-3:45pm

Library Gallery, Ages 4-10

Join local author Kristin Mahoney for a reading of her picture book, A Pocket Full of Rocks.

Make a craft based on the story.

Registration required.

Dragon Boat Festival

Thursday, May 29, 5:30-6:30pm

Children's Room, Ages 5-12

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TEENS AND TWEENS:

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Friday, May 9, 3:30-4:30pm

Teen Space

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Monday, May 19, 7-7:45pm

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JUNE 5 AT 7:30 PM
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Throughout the weekend, visitors can explore the sights and sounds of a recreated 18th-century military encampment. Demonstrations will include musket drills, military inspections, cooking, sewing, and other camp chores. Younger guests are invited to take part in the "children's muster," where they'll be taught how to march and drill like Revolutionary soldiers. This year's encampment includes additional interpretive demonstrations sponsored by the Friends of Jockey Hollow. Visitors can observe 18th-century carpentry with Scott Lance of At the Sign of the Adze, Ace, and Chisel, historical laundry methods, and trade interactions with the camp sutler.

All activities are free and open to the public. The schedule is as follows:

SATURDAY, MAY 3

- 11:00 a.m. – Camp Opens
- 11:30 a.m. – Inspection of the Troops
- 1:00 p.m. – Firing Demonstration and Drill
- 1:30 p.m. – Children's Drill
- 3:00 p.m. – Firing Demonstration and Drill
- 3:30 p.m. – Children's Drill
- 4:00 p.m. – Camp Closes

SUNDAY, MAY 4

- 10:00 a.m. – Hike to the Huts with Soldiers (meets behind the Wick House)
- 11:00 a.m. – Camp Opens
- 12:30 p.m. – Inspection of the Troops
- 1:00 p.m. – Firing Demonstration and Drill
- 1:30 p.m. – Children's Drill
- 3:00 p.m. – Firing Demonstration and Drill
- 3:30 p.m. – Camp Closes
- The Wick House will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.
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(above) Re-enactors at the Jockey Hollow Spring Encampment in 2023 Photo by NPS

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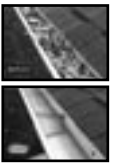
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Struggling to build your business' online presence? NJLocalInfo.com offers not only a powerful, cutting-edge content marketing service, but also a high quality local directory to connect you with leads directly.

NEW JERSEY: POWERED BY SMALL BUSINESS

It would not be a stretch to say that the New Jersey economy is built on the backs of the small businesses that call the state their home. Nearly one million SMB enterprises are registered in the state as of 2024, a sector of the economy that now accounts for half of all employment in the state. Things are competitive, to say the least. So, how do you, as a business owner, stand out?

WHAT TO BOOST YOUR ONLINE VISIBILITY? VISIT NJLOCALINFO.COM

To answer that question, we need to first understand the shape of the problem facing many small business owners. There is one very critical thing putting many businesses at a massive disadvantage, not only when compared to other SMBs, but against larger competitors as well. That key ingredient? Digital marketing.

A recent Forbes report found that over half of all small business growth in 2025 comes from digital sources. Translation? Without a digital presence, you are leaving a huge chunk of your potential revenue on the table.

NJLOCALINFO TO THE RESCUE

To help level the playing field, NJLocalInfo.com has developed a two-fold visibility solution that will allow your business to quickly and sustainably build organic traffic in your local market. They accomplish this both by establishing high-quality backlinks to build site authority, and by promoting your business directly to customers through their own directory.

PROVEN SYSTEM

Their content marketing services are based on their "Create, Repurpose, Distribute" system, which combines the talents of a team of human experts with leading automation technologies to facilitate broad-reach campaigns on a budget. The system relies on informative yet engaging content, which is then transformed into various formats using automation and distributed to hundreds of high-authority channels

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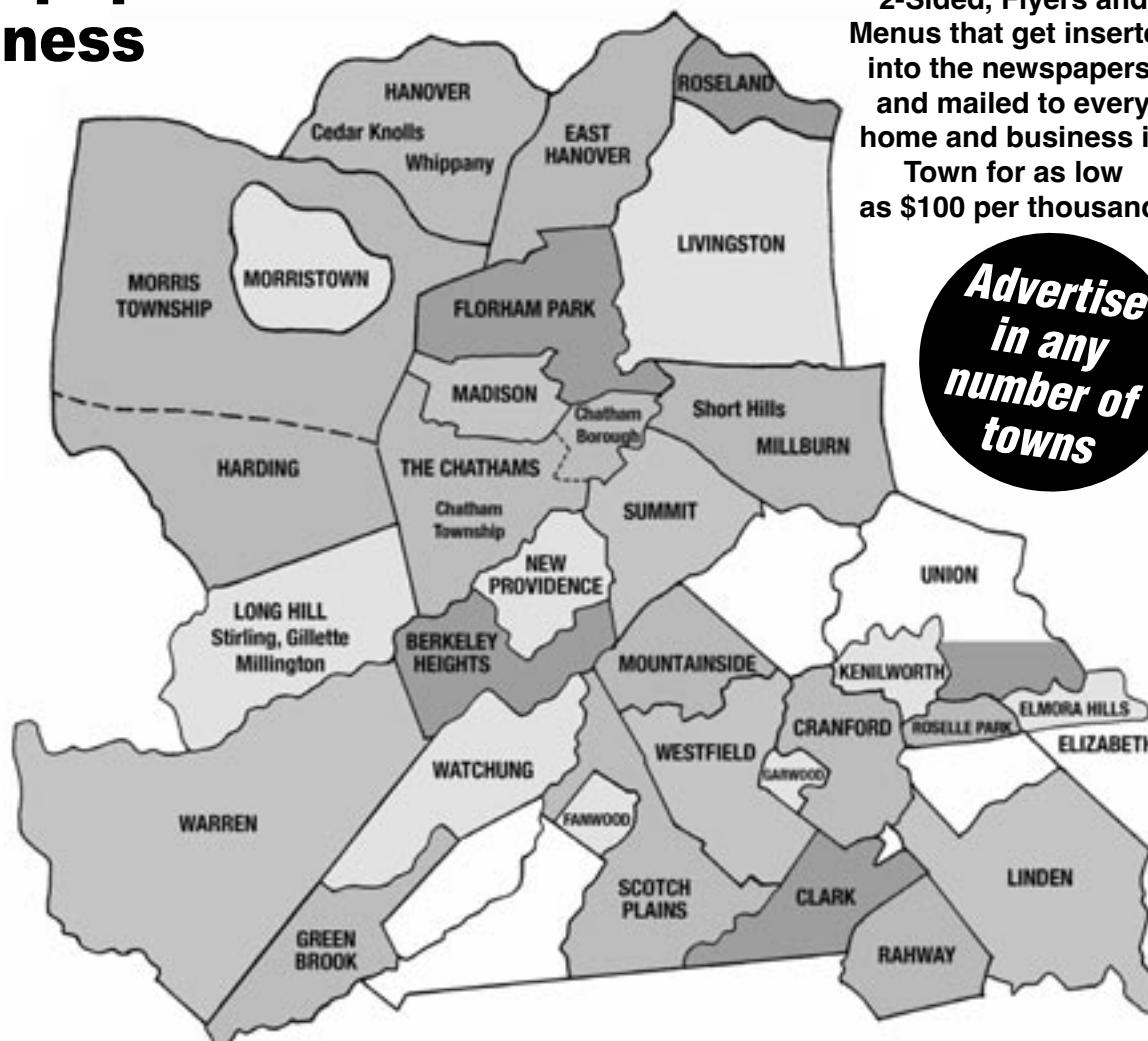
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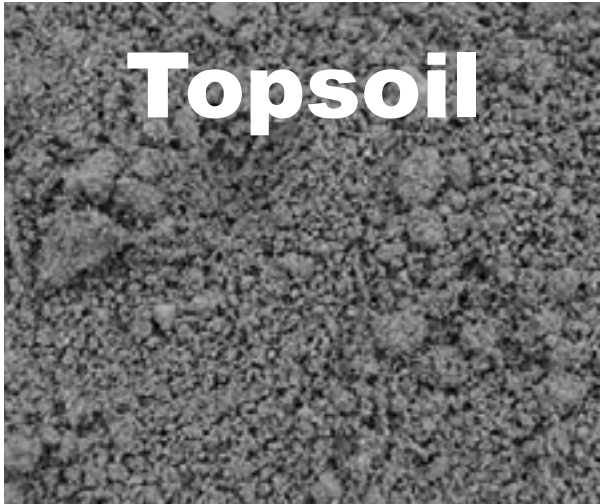
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