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KRISTEN BARLETTA WINS BIG AT EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Mountainside mom of two, Kristen Barletta, 45, recently traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, to compete in the 2025 Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) National Championships—returning home with top honors. Barletta brought home both a National Championship in jumping and a Reserve Championship on the flat in the adult division, marking a major achievement in her lifelong equestrian journey.

Barletta was joined in Missouri by her family, who cheered her on during the competition. “Having my family there made the whole experience even more special,” Barletta said. “To share that moment with them was something I’ll never forget.”

Now in its 23rd season, the IEA held its National Finals from April 24–27, drawing over 600 of the top Middle School and High School riders from across the U.S. and Canada. In 2023, the IEA introduced an adult division to expand participation beyond youth competitors. The highest-ranking adult riders from each of the 11 zones in the U.S. were invited to St. Louis to compete for national titles.

Representing Zone 11 (NJ, PA, and WV) and riding as a member of the Bergen Equestrian Team, Barletta entered the competition as the top point earner in her zone for both jumping and flat. This was her first year competing in the IEA adult division.

A lifelong equestrian, Barletta began riding at the age of 9 at Watchung Stables, right here in Mountainside. She went on to ride competitively for Centenary College, qualifying for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championships all four years. After college, she spent time working alongside top Olympic riders across the U.S. and Europe.

“These days, I ride purely for fun,” Barletta shared. “But winning at Nationals reminded me that the passion never really goes away.”



(above) Kristen with ribbons and cup



(above) A young Kristen at Watchung Stables.

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inflatable bounce houses, 23 food trucks, and a beer and wine garden for all to enjoy. In addition to the exciting live music and entertainment – Garwood Rocks’ highlight is its classic car show with over 175 vehicles.

“With the 11th Anniversary of Garwood Rocks this year, we have been planning an even more special event than in years’ past – especially with our continued partnership with Vermella at Garwood Station,” said Carol Kearney, Event Director. “All residents from Garwood and the surrounding towns will be able to experience what the whole community has to offer – and after 11 years – it demonstrates our commitment to the region and the success of the event.”

Along with the classic car show, the live music featured at the event is also a large draw for the nearly 10,000 people expected to attend Garwood Rocks. The main stage at Center and Willow will feature performances from a variety of local and professional bands including 4 Flight Rock and Marie & the Blue Rats. Exit Eleven will be headliner act and will close out the show.

The Beer and Wine Garden, sponsored by the Crossroads of Garwood, will provide adult

beverages throughout the event and the food trucks and vendors will feature everything from empanadas, pizza, burgers, and more.

Garwood Rocks is again sponsored by Vermella at Garwood Station, a highly amenitized resort-style residential rental community located at 450 South Ave. It features 40,000 square feet of amenity spaces for fitness, gathering, and working from home. Vermella at Garwood is located directly adjacent to the New Jersey Transit Train Station for ease of commute into New York City or Newark.

“Our ongoing partnership with Garwood Rocks and the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has always been a day we look forward to every year. Being part of and supporting events like this not only enhances the lifestyle experience for our residents at Vermella at Garwood Station, but also the region, and expresses our desire be part of and contributing members to the community,” said Courtney Mulligan, Vice President of Marketing at Russo Development.

Vendor spots for businesses and non-profits have been sold out a month in advance of the festival.

For more information about Vermella at Garwood Station’s residential rentals, visit www.vermellanj.com.

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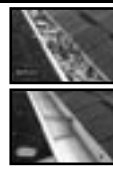
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GlamourGals

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Their very first event laid the foundation for something much bigger: a movement of compassion and connection. For Ivy L., now attending her second GlamourGals visit, the experience has been deeply personal. “We connected over our childhood memories of painting our nails—she used to do her own all the time, and I talked about how my mom would paint pictures and designs on mine,” Ivy recalled. “Today’s visit was another beautiful, memorable experience. I already can’t wait for the next one.”

For fellow volunteer Gayatri S., each visit is a reminder of the deeper mission behind the glitter and polish. “When I think about why we do this, I’m reminded that GlamourGals exists to fight senior isolation,” she said. “Hearing her story helped me realize how much joy and comfort our presence brings. Every time we visit, we’re taking another step toward that goal—and that means everything.”

The Union County Vocational Technical Schools’ GlamourGals chapter is more than a student group—it’s a team of young changemakers leading with empathy. Through their commitment, seniors are reminded that they are valued, seen, and never alone. And for these students, the journey is just beginning.

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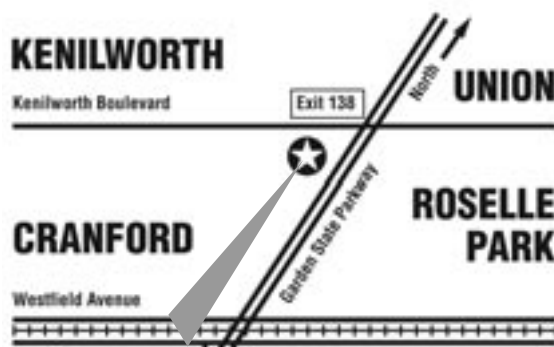
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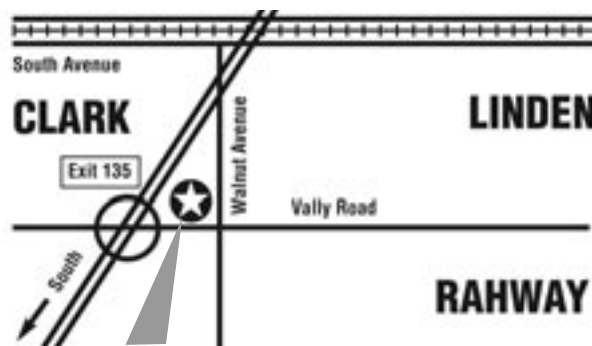
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NJ FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA PRESENT “MOZART IN THE GARDEN” JUNE 14

Back by popular demand, New Jersey Festival Orchestra's highly acclaimed outdoor concert returns on Saturday, June 14, 2025 with “Mozart in the Garden,” a spectacular open-air musical celebration set against the grand backdrop of one

of Westfield's finest residences.

Under the direction of Maestro David Wroe, the NJ Festival Orchestra invites audiences to step into the golden age of European cultural grandeur. From the joyful flair of Mozart's “Prague” Symphony to the toe-tapping rhythms of Kodály's Hungarian folk dances and Elgar's sweeping, romantic elegance, this concert promises a night of unforgettable charm and symphonic brilliance under the stars.

The evening opens with the fiery folk rhythms and gypsy spirit of Kodály's Dances of Galánta, a tribute to the Hungarian countryside of the composer's youth. The program continues with the romantic Viennese-sounding elegance of Elgar's Introduction and Allegro, a virtuosic showcase for the NJFO string section.

The evening culminates in a performance of Mozart's joyful and exuberant Symphony No. 38, “Prague,” a dazzling work that celebrates the composer's special connection to the city that embraced him.

“Viennese giant Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart made his home in Vienna but allowed the city of Prague to adopt him, said Maestro Wroe. His “Prague” symphony jumps for joy and displays a bravado and confidence unique amongst his compositions.”

“This concert highlights cultural and geographical empires at the pinnacle of their power, all unified through the power of music,” Wroe added.

Held under the stars with full theatrical lighting, acoustically enhanced sound, and Westfield's historic elegance as the setting, “Mozart in the Garden” promises an unforgettable summer experience.

“This concert is going to be another phenomenal event,” stated NJ Festival Orchestra board member Keith S. Hertell. “We transform my grounds to create a beautiful outdoor performance experience with stage lighting, acoustics, and a fully professional stage. It's a huge undertaking and we are deeply grateful to Ray Catena of Union for their support.”

Admission: \$45 General Lawn Admission (bring your own chairs and refreshments). \$85 VIP Reserved Seating (limited access seating close to the stage with chairs provided)

Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Free on-street parking and full accessibility available.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.njfestivalorchestra.org, by phone at (908) 232-9400, or in person at the NJFO office, 224 East Broad St., Westfield.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP BEGINNING JUNE 9

The Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights will be hosting a free 8-week Journey through Bereavement support group on Mondays June 9 through July 28. Time is 10 - 11:30 a.m. It will be led by an experienced bereavement facilitator.

The meetings will be held in the Bernauer Parish Center, 290 Plainfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights. Registration is required.

For questions and to register, please contact Dan Grossano, pastoral associate, at 908-464-1585 or email bereavement.lf@gmail.com

SEA SCOUT OPEN HOUSE – JUNE 21

The crews of Liberty Sea Scout Squadron from Patriots' Path Council will host their annual open house at the Carteret Marina, located in the Carteret Waterfront Park, 200 Middlesex Avenue, Carteret, NJ, on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The open house will include tours of our primary training vessel, the Sea Dart II, an introduction to the Sea Scout program, and nautical activities. Our members are from across Northern New Jersey; historically from as far as Warren, Sussex, and Ocean counties.

The Sea Scouting program is open to male and female youth ages 14 to 21. The crews operate a fleet of vessels that include the Sea Dart II, sailboats, powerboats, and paddle craft out of the Liberty Nautical Education Center (libertynautical.org) on the Rahway River in Linden, NJ. Aboard the vessels, young men and women learn nautical skills, including navigation and engine room maintenance, while visiting various ports on their many trips. Come down to visit and the scouts will be glad to welcome you aboard!



(above) Come down to visit and the scouts will be glad to welcome you aboard during our open house on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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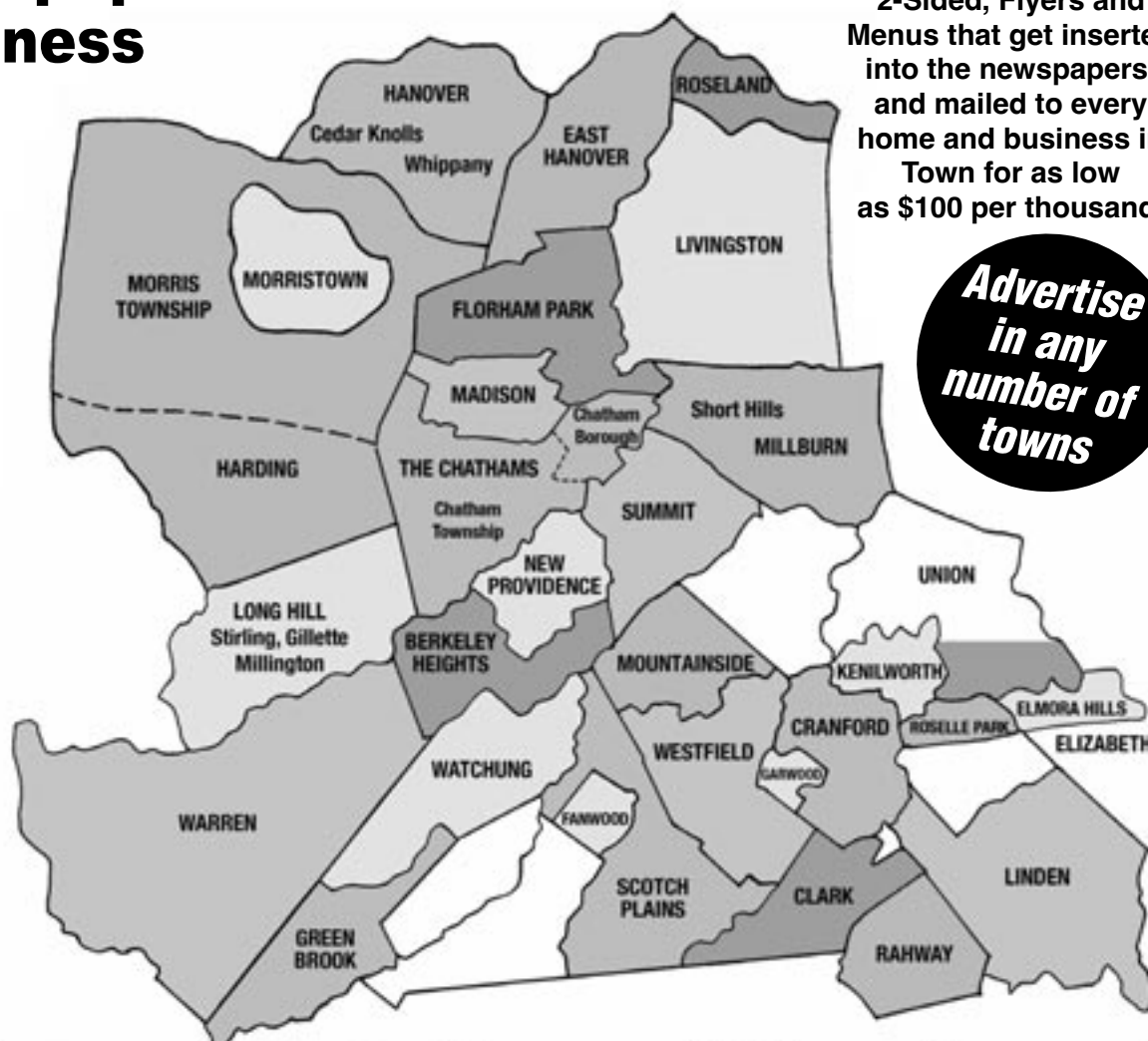
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Wednesday, June 4th, 6:00pm

Virtual Program: Ages 10 & older. Teens will learn how to make delicious yogurt smoothie fruit bowls while mastering produce washing, basic knife skills, and the fundamentals of healthy eating!

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Thursday, June 10th 7:00pm

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Thursday, June 10th, 7:00pm

Virtual Program: Celebrate National Fruits and Veggies Month with a vibrant mango and cucumber salad bursting with flavor and a zesty chili lime kick!

Yogurt Yums

Wednesday, June 18th, 6:00pm

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