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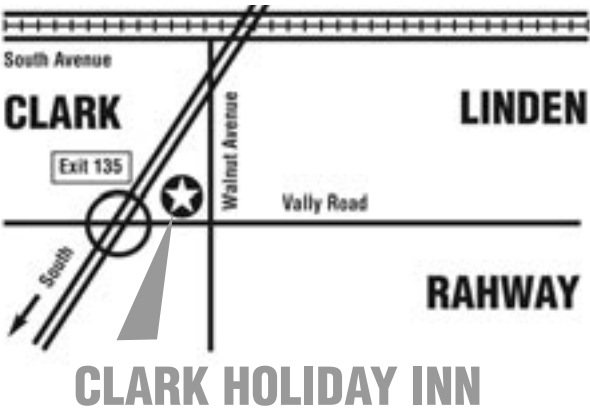
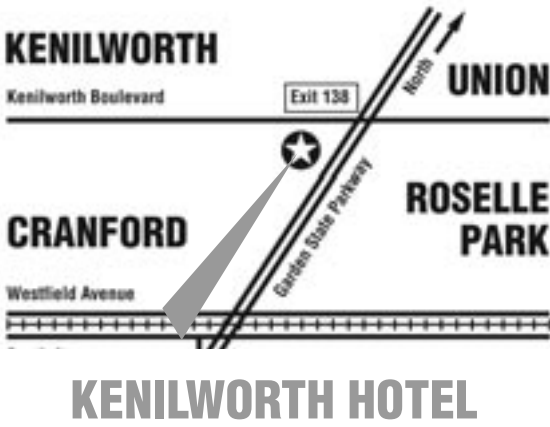
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“With the 11th Anniversary of Garwood Rocks this year, we have been planning an even more special event than in years’ past – especially with our continued partnership with Vermella at Garwood Station,” said Carol Kearney, Event Director. “All residents 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.

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For more info about the Garwood Rocks event, contact Carol at 908-789-3306 or [carol@uniquecruiseandtravel.com](mailto:carol@uniquecruiseandtravel.com) or Donna Vella at [donnavellastreetfairs@yahoo.com](mailto:donnavellastreetfairs@yahoo.com).

# BETH ISRAEL VOLUNTEERS READ ON

A weekly "book club" has formed between volunteer readers from Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) in Scotch Plains and K-5 students at Stillman Elementary in Plainfield. Initiated through the synagogue’s Caring Community Committee, the book club has become a win/win/win for the students, the Stillman teachers and leadership team, and the CBI volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a weekly (or occasional) reader, please contact Congregation Beth Israel at [office@cbisp.org](mailto:office@cbisp.org), or 908-889-1830.



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Mayor Al Smith and supported by current Mayor Josh Losardo, the township engaged residents and businesses in a month-long campaign in May. Green-themed window displays created by student-business partnerships were seen throughout Scotch

Plains, along with symbolic green ribbons adorning the town. A highlight was a Mental Health Fair held on Saturday, May 3 at the Alan Augustine Village Green at Town Hall in conjunction with the Farmer's Market opening day.



(above) Scotch Plains "Paints the Town Green" for Mental Health Awareness

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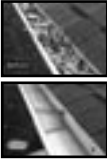
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# EMILY LITZ RECOGNIZED BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

*Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools*

Emily Litz, a fifth-grade teacher at Nettingham Middle School, continues to bring pride to Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools. On May 7, she was formally recognized by the New Jersey State Board of Education (NJSBE) for winning the Milken Educator Award, often referred to as the ‘Oscar’s of Teaching’.

“We recognize you. We value you and we thank you,” said NJSBE Division of Teaching and Learning Services Assistant Commissioner Dr. Jorden Schiff.

Other NJSBE members also spoke about how Litz is a dedicated teacher who worked hard to earn this recognition and how she is a “bright light” in the teaching profession.

The Milken Family Foundation honors 45 teachers nationwide every year, and in 2024 Litz was the sole winner in New Jersey. Recipients of the award receive a \$25,000 cash prize and have access to mentorship and networking opportunities through the Milken Family Foundation.

“Mrs. Litz continues to make Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools proud,” said Superintendent Dr. Joan Mast. “She continues to lead not only our students, but the teachers around her, to make our schools the best they can possibly be.”



(above) Scotch Plains-Fanwood teacher and Milken Educator Award winner Emily Litz was recognized by New Jersey State Board of Education.

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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.

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The museum will have on display, from their vast antique clothing collection, late 19th and early 20th century traveling clothes to accompany their "Coming to America and Scotch Plains" theme. There will also be games for kids to play and a fun craft!

In addition, The High School History Club of Scotch Plains/Fanwood will be at the museum sponsoring a soft pretzel sale. All proceeds of the sale will benefit the museum maintenance fund. Come out to visit our town museum and support our High School students' pretzel sale. We look forward to seeing you on June 1st!

Admission to the Osborn Cannonball House is free and the museum is open the first Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m., March to December, or at other times by appointment. For any questions call 908 322-6700, Ext.

230 or Info@HistoricalSocietySPFNJ.org.



Photo by Paul Peyton

## 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

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(above) 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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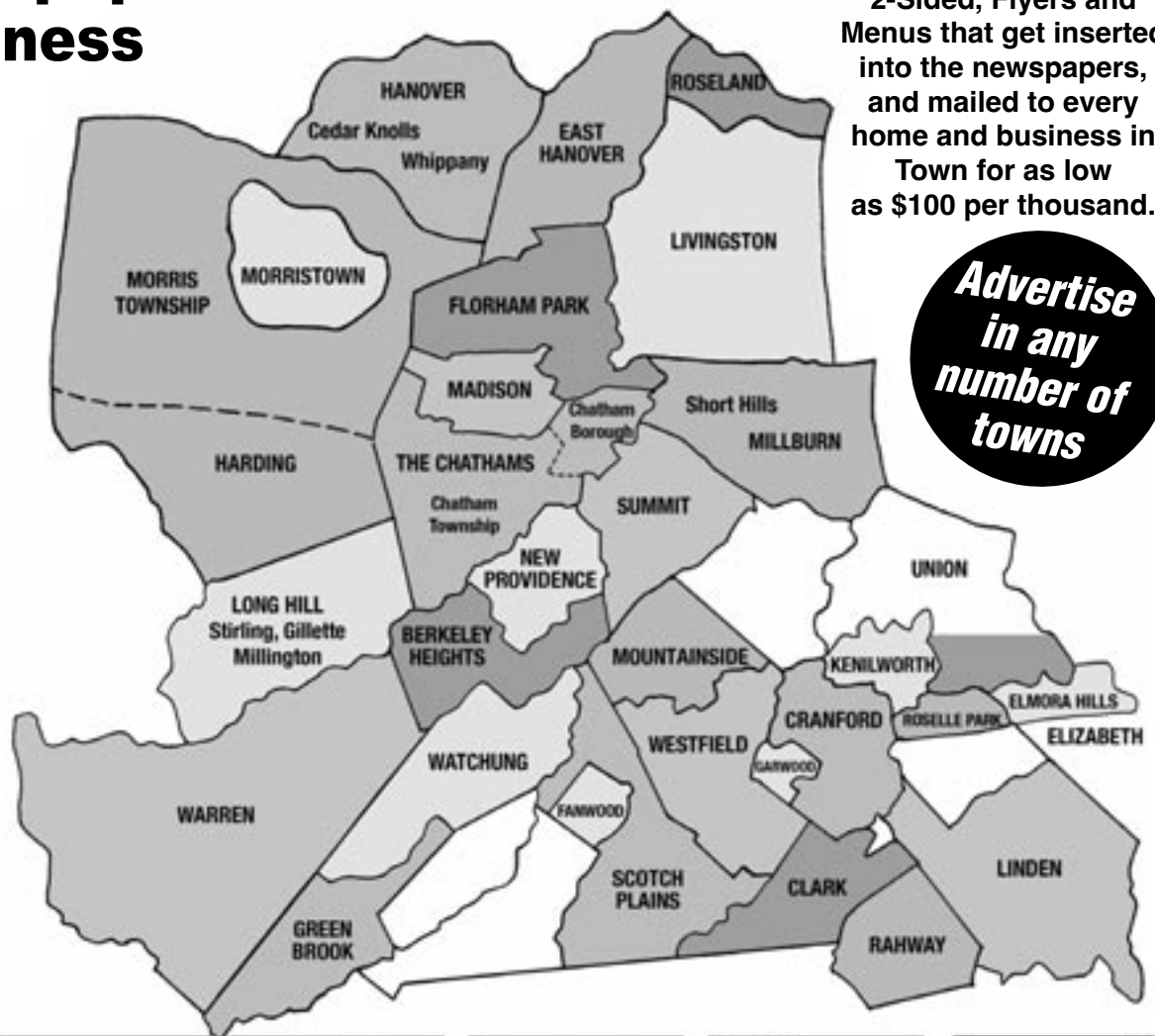
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