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POLICE CARRY THE TORCH FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Morris Township Police Department joined police officers from across the state in the 42nd Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics New Jersey. Over 3,000 police officers took to their local streets to raise funds and awareness for this incredible organization.

About the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New Jersey:

Torch Run began in New Jersey in 1984 as a way to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics New Jersey. The run is a day-long event, split into 26 legs (or starting points) with some legs beginning as early as 4:45 a.m. The run travels through more than 300 towns, covering 750 miles on-foot. About 3,000 runners participated in 2025. Representing over 450 police departments. To learn more, visit NJTorchRun.org.



(above) Morris Township police officers participated in the 42nd Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run.

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AMERICAN FRIENDS OF LAFAYETTE PARADE - JULY 13

The American Friends of Lafayette is sponsoring a 13-month long reenactment of General Lafayette's 1824-1825 Farewell Tour as America's "National Guest." It began in August 2024 in New York City and follows the General's itinerary with programming throughout 24 states. In July 2025, the General will return to Morristown - the Military Capital of the Revolution. In 1825, Lafayette visited Morristown on July 14, Bastille Day, and now 200 years later he will return to Morristown on July 13, 2025 and July 14, 2025. Activities planned include a Parade and a celebration at the Morristown Green.

A reenactment of the 1825 fete at the Sansay House, and a symposium examining Lafayette's contributions, not only to the founding of our country, but also his commitment to human rights throughout the world.

The plans include having local businesses, historical and lineage societies, and non-profits on the Morristown Green concurrently with the parade and celebration on Sunday July 13, 2025.

Local and French dignitaries will be on hand, and our goal is to have 1,000 spectators actively participating on the Green.



THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF LAFAYETTE
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Parade and Welcome Ceremony Reenactment
Sunday, July 13, 2025
Morristown Green @Park Place
Noon to 3:30 p.m.

History and Community Exhibitors
Parade and Welcome Ceremony at 12:45 p.m.
Toasts, Cannon Salutes, Bell Ringing
Reenactors and Period Music
World Premiere of the "Lafayette Suite"
Historic Flags Display - Salute to Veterans
Lafayette Pop-Up Museum 11a.m. to 5p.m.
Children's Activities - Food Trucks - Free Ice Cream

Symposium: Lafayette - Human Rights Champion
Monday, July 14, 2025
Morris County Library
30 E. Hanover Avenue, Whippany
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lafayette experts, reenactors, and community members
Light Lunch
Seats limited and registration required Lafayette200.org
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SISTERS OF ST. BRIGID VISIT NYC

The Sisters of St. Brigid, a local non-profit women’s social organization that celebrates Irish history and culture, recently visited the Irish Tenement Museum in New York, NY. The museum's two historical tenement buildings were home to an estimated 15,000 people, from over

20 nations, between 1863 and 2011. The museum, which includes a visitors' center, promotes tolerance and historical perspective on the immigrant experience. For more information about the organization, or to become a member visit sosbnj.org.



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MORRISTOWN AUTHOR MARK EHRENKRANZ DISHES ABOUT JERSEY AND THE MOVIE BIZ

The Great American Suburban Experiment is a deeply personal, unflinchingly honest exposé from industry veteran Mark Ehrenkranz. Set against the backdrop of post-war suburbia - a time of rapid growth, excess, and evolving values - the book explores America's most prosperous decades through the lens of one man's life, struggles, and redemption.

Spanning 43 years in the film industry, Ehrenkranz's journey from suburban boyhood to Hollywood insider is layered with raw accounts of addiction, recovery, and self-discovery. With candor and courage, he questions whether the comforts of suburban life and the rise of consumerism may have inadvertently fostered unhealthy behaviors and dependence.

With a unique voice and a lifetime of behind-the-scenes experience, Ehrenkranz shares intimate stories involving notable Hollywood figures, as well as deeply personal family revelations. His background as the producer of The New York Film Critics Series® - which brought major films and filmmakers to audiences across the country - offers readers an insider's look at the entertainment world.

Mark Ehrenkranz is a veteran of the entertainment industry and a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist. Mark's four-decade career includes film consulting, theatrical and home distribution, and festival strategy. Today, he devotes his time to helping others recover from substance use disorders at a leading hospital in Northern New Jersey. He is happily married to his wife Allison of 38 years and is the proud father of two daughters, Jamie and Niki.

The Great American Suburban Experiment is available for purchase in book form on Amazon.com and digitally on Kindle.

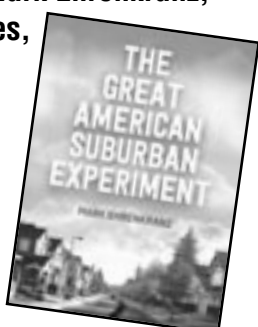


(above) Author Mark Ehrenkranz enjoying the premiere for one of his movies.

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AMERICAN ANTHEMS CONCERT - JULY 8

Looking toward Independence Day, the renowned Hanover Wind Symphony will put patriotism at center stage in a free concert titled "American Anthems".

The concert will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 7 p.m., at Ginty Field, 45 Woodland Ave., in Morris Township. The concert is sponsored by the Morris Township Department of Parks and Recreation. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Says Matthew Paterno of Parsippany, HWS musical director and conductor, "The Hanover Wind Symphony invites you to celebrate America and experience the music that represents her. Enjoy both patriotic and original works that speak to the majesty and resilience of our country."

Conductor Ayden Khan of Wayne, is currently the director of bands at Soehl Middle School in Linden. He was previously director of bands at Neptune High School since 2017. He received his master's in percussion performance, as well as his bachelor's in music education, from Montclair State University. He regularly performs in New Jersey, New York City, and Philadelphia. Additionally, Khan has taught master classes and coached percussion ensembles and drum lines in several different schools in New Jersey. He was the first recipient of the merit-based Centanni Percussion Scholarship for showing excellence in artistic performance, advanced methods, and demonstrating high academic achievement. Among his numerous accomplishments, the guest conductor was honored with the opportunity to perform as the principal timpanist at Carnegie Hall, and on tour in Spain and Argentina with the Grammy Award-winning New York Youth Symphony.

Conductor and trumpeter Rich Barrieres of Stockholm is the former director of bands at Jefferson Township High School in Oak Ridge. In his position at Jefferson, Barrieres taught symphonic band, two levels of music theory, and directed many co-curricular ensembles, including Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Marching Band, and chamber ensembles. He currently teaches instrumental music at Pope John Middle School,



(above, l-r) Ayden Khan of Wayne, HWS associate musical director and Barrieres of Stockholm, HWS guest conductor.

Courtesy Photo

Faith Center for the Arts, and Northwest Christian School and is an adjunct professor at County College of Morris. Barrieres also teaches private lessons on trumpet and euphonium at his studio in Stockholm. The current conductor of the Sussex County Youth Orchestra in Sparta, he has served as interim conductor with the New Sussex Symphony Orchestra, also in Sparta. Complementing his work as a director and teacher, the guest conductor is an active freelance trumpeter and plays with the New Sussex Symphony and Brass Dynamics Brass Quintet. He also plays euphonium with the Hanover Wind Symphony.

For four decades, the Hanover Wind Symphony (HWS), now celebrating its grand 40th anniversary, has played to enthusiastic audiences. HWS members are volunteers who share a love for music and a passion for enriching the cultural fabric of the community with the thrill of live wind band performances.

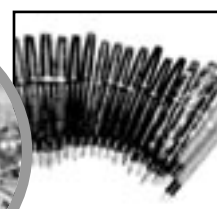
By day, HWS members are accountants, engineers, teachers and executives. They come together to connect musically with others, share the enjoyment of music with live audiences, and help mentor the next generation of wind musicians. For further information about the Hanover Wind Symphony, visit hanoverwinds.org.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Lafayette: Music for the Marquis

Tuesday, July 8, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Step back in time with performers Anne Enslow and Ridley Enslow, in a program that brings both music and history together in a heartfelt tribute to French-American hero, the Marquis de Lafayette. No registration is required; however, seating is first-come, first-seated.

ALL AGES

Chess Club

Wednesday, July 9, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Friendly & non-competitive chess games between players of all ages and ability levels. Basic knowledge of the game's rules is suggested, though not required. Drop-in.

Spanish Conversation: NEW program!

Thursday, July 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Practice your Spanish language proficiency in a casual small group environment. A basic level skill is recommended, but any skill level is welcome. No registration required. For teens and adults.

Master Gardeners

Saturday, July 26, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Master Gardeners will be available in our lobby to answer your gardening questions. No registration needed; drop-in.

TEENS

Teen Summer Reading Bingo

From June 23 - August 23, 5:00 p.m.

Stop by the Readers Services desk and pick up a bingo card. The first teen participants to submit their 1st bingo card will receive a Color Our World goody bag, while supplies last. For ages 13-18. One teen will win a \$50 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

Bingo cards must be returned to our Readers Services desk by 8/23/25 @ 5:00 p.m.

Summer Grab and Go Craft Kits

June 30 - August 23

Stop by the Reader Services Desk and pick up a craft – a different craft each week! One craft/teen/week. For ages 13-18.

Teen Paint & Sip

Friday, July 11, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate our Summer Reading Program with a fun painting class capturing a summer scene on canvas. Led by Brush Crush. For ages 13-18. Registration required and begins 6/30

Teen Space

Friday, July 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Come hang out with your peers at our monthly program! Unstructured time to just hang or enjoy games, crafts, and, of course, snacks. For ages 13-18. Drop-in; no registration necessary.

ADULTS

Adult Summer Reading Bingo

From June 2 through August 30, 5:00 p.m.

Pick up an adult bingo card at Readers Services. Get bingos through reading prompts; each bingo is a chance to win one of three \$50 gift cards to Barnes & Noble. Bingo cards must be returned to our Readers Services desk by 8/30/25 @ 5:00 p.m.

Tech Help Mondays

Mondays in July, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Drop-in Monday afternoons, anytime between 2:00–4:00 p.m., for help with your device, general internet instruction, and how to use library catalogs, databases, and apps. All Friday Afternoon Movies @ 2:00 p.m.

(drop-in, no registration required)

7/11: "Baraka"

7/18: "I'm Still Here"

(in Portuguese with English subtitles)

7/25 "Calendar Girls"

Tuesday Book Club

Tuesday, July 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Meets the second Tuesday afternoon of every month. This month, in honor of Shark Week, we're talking about Jaws by Peter Benchley!

True Crime Chat (Via Zoom)

Thursday, July 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Virtual true crime discussion group meets via Zoom on the second Thursday evening of each month. The Zoom link will be emailed to you shortly before the program start time. Register required. July topic: the SS Morro disaster – accident, negligence, or worse?

Socrates Cafe

Tuesday, July 15, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

A discussion group using the dialogue of the Socratic Method. The only requirement for this program is a willingness to listen respectfully. Speaking is not required, although encouraged. Light refreshments provided.

Drop-in; no registration required.

Writers' Circle

Monday, July 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join our Writing Circle for experience, tips on writing, reading, editing, and revising your work, whether poetry, prose, or long story. No registration needed.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, July 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

We read and discuss books chosen by the group. No registration necessary. This month's book: Dog on It by Spencer Quinn.

CHILDREN

Preschool Storytime & Music w/Mr. Laurence

Tues, July 1, 15, & 29, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Stories, fingerplays and music with Mr. Laurence. For ages 2-5. Drop-in.

Summer Reading Club --"Color Our World"

Read and report June 30 - August 9.

Stop by the children's services desk and register for the Summer Reading Club. Goody bags will be given out to all who register. Read and report every week for raffle tickets! Children will be entered in a grand prize raffle to win Barnes & Noble gift cards! For ages birth to 12.

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

July 1 - August 30.

Have fun with a scavenger hunt outside. Parents and/or caregivers must accompany children on the scavenger hunt. For ages birth - 12.

Science Heroes

Adventure of the Missing Color

Thursday, July 10, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

This interactive and exciting STEM show combines the wonders of science with storytelling! For ages 5-11.

Kids' Trivia Time

Saturday, July 12, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Yep, another NEW program! This trivia challenge has 10 fun questions covering all kinds of cool topics: animals, science, math, history, sports and more. Use your brainpower or library resources – or both! – to find the answers to each question. For ages 7-12. Drop-in; no registration required.

CHILDREN

LEGO Club

Saturday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Create and build using LEGO! Your creations will be displayed in the children's room. For ages 4-12. Registration (required).

Parents/carers must remain with children.

Monday Family Films @ 2:00 p.m.

(drop-in, no registration required):

7/21: "Inside Out 2" (PG)

7/28: "The Wild Robot" (PG)

Move and Groove with Miss Jolie

Tuesday, July 22, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Join Miss Jolie for music, movement and fun! For ages 6 and under. Registration required.

Brian Richards Color Your World with Books

Thursday, July 24, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Join magician Brian Richards for magic, comedy, and storytelling with puppets! For ages 3-12. Registration required.

Balloon Art Workshops

Thursday, July 31

Join Ms. Cosby for a fun balloon workshop. Registration required.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. for ages 6-9

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. for ages 10-12

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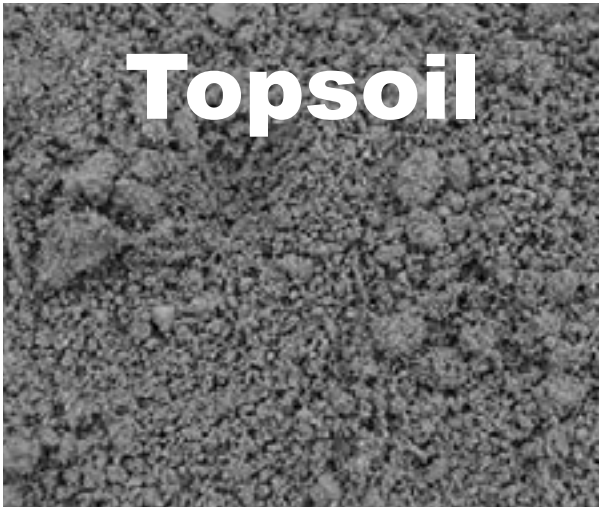
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Events will take place outdoors at Vail Mansion Plaza, adjacent to MPAC, and Pioneer Park, by 1776 on the Green.

All summer free events start at 6 p.m.
Country Line Dancing with Paul Stoddard
Wednesday, July 9

Location: Pioneer Plaza
Put on your cowboy boots for a honky-tonk evening of country line dancing with DJ and dance instructor Paul Stoddard.

Bollywood Dance Party with DJ Arjun
Wednesday, July 23
Location: Pioneer Plaza

DJ Arjun is known for his Bollywood and Top 40 dance music mix. B2Z Dance School returns to bring the rhythm of Bollywood moves and Mehndikalogie will provide henna art.

Salsa at Sunset
Featuring Bri'La Flor Dance Studio
Wednesday, August 6
Location: Pioneer Plaza

MPAC's annual salsa night. Instructors will be on hand to help you learn all of the steps!

An Evening with Singer-Songwriters Megan Chappius and Jeiris Cook
Wednesday, August 20

Location: Vail Mansion Plaza
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Recently Captain Jens P. Hinge, CAP, of Madison, NJ, and former Squadron Commander of the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, was presented with two awards for his outstanding service by Col. Amy T. Myzie, NJ Wing Commander with support of Captain Adam Fitting, Squadron Commander.

The first was the Civil Air Patrol, Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, Commander's Commendation Award for outstanding duty performance by Capt Jens P. Hinge, CAP, during the period from Dec 9, 2020 to Dec 8th, 2024, by Col Amy T. Myzie, NJ Wing Commander and Major General Regena

M. Aye, National Commander. This was for his leadership of the Squadron with just a few cadets and seniors during COVID to about 50 cadets and 15 seniors during the period cited.

The second was for the Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary Command Service Ribbon to Capt. Jens P. Hinge, in recognition for his continued service as Commander of the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron by Col Amy T. Myzie, NJ Wing Commander. This was given in recognition of his continued service as Commander during the above period cited.



(above, l-r) Col Amy T. Myzie, NJ Wing Commander; Captain Jens P. Hinge, and Captain Adam Fitting, Squadron Commander

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More than 100 people gathered on Friday, May 30, 2025, at the County College of Morris (CCM) to celebrate the official opening of the Morris County Career Training Center, a new facility of the Morris County Vocational School District (MCVSD) on the college campus in Randolph.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the completion of a 46,350-square-foot, two-story building that will expand MCVSD’s capacity by hundreds of high school students starting with about 150 in the fall 2025 semester. The center will offer share-time programs focused on career and college readiness in fields ranging from medical and dental assisting to artificial intelligence, renewable energy and supply chain management.

The \$26.8 million project was funded through \$18.6 million from the Securing Our Children’s Future Bond Act and \$8.2 million in county support. The building is located adjacent to CCM’s Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Center and the future Entrepreneurship and Culinary Science Center, which is currently under construction, forming a hub of career and technical education in the county.

Programs offered at the center will provide students with hands-on experience, industry-recognized credentials and the opportunity to earn up to 18 college credits. The share-time model allows students to attend specialized technical training for half the school day as part of their junior and senior year high school programs.

“This building does not feel like a high school. It feels like a high-tech, innovative space, and I know students will love learning here. They will know they are in special space,” said MCVSD Acting Superintendent Shari Castelli, who emceed the event.

“This event is not just about the opening of a new building. It’s about opening the doors to our students, where they will be able to cultivate their dreams, hopes and aspirations. They will have a safe and inspiring environment where they can

explore the many possibilities and opportunities that will be available to them to discover their own individual talents,” said MCVSD Board of Education President Barbara Dawson.

“The Morris County Vocational School District Career Training Center is the result of a unique and innovative partnership. It’s a shining example of what can be achieved when educators, with the support of county and state leaders, come together with a shared mission to empower the next generation of young people,

and ultimately strengthen our community,” said Paul Licitra, chair of the CCM Board of Trustees.

The project was made possible through collaboration among CCM and its Trustees, MCVSD and its Board of Education members, federal and state legislators, Morris County and the Board of County Commissioners, and the Township of Randolph and Councilmembers. During the event, the contributions of former MCVSD Superintendent Scott Moffitt were also recognized.



(above) Students who will benefit from the Morris County Career Training Center gather during the ceremony.



(above) Exterior of the finished building, the Morris County Career Training Center.

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In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month in May, SCORE, a national nonprofit organization that assists small businesses, has developed specific resources for use by its 10,000 mentors nationally in mentoring veterans.

The SCORE Veterans Small Business Resource Guide features veterans-specific resources to offer insight on developing a business plan, securing funding, starting a business, buying an existing business, buying a franchise, connecting with one of SCORE's volunteer mentors, and gaining a better understanding of business through webinars and workshops.



(above) Since 1964, SCORE has helped more than 17 million entrepreneurs start, grow or successfully exit a business. SCORE's 10,000 volunteers provide free, expert mentoring, resources and education in all 50 U.S. states and territories. Visit SCORE at score.org.

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"Volunteering at SCORE is my way of showing appreciation to those who helped and guided me during my career while sharing my background and experience to help entrepreneurs succeed," said SCORE Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President Ed Coleman. "While I enjoy working with all SCORE clients, as a U.S. Army veteran, I particularly enjoy working with veterans to translate their military experience into

entrepreneurship. Helping clients realize their dreams is very gratifying and the essence of the SCORE mission."

SCORE Central Jersey Chapter Chair Nancy Verduin said mentors continually expand their knowledge base to better assist veterans on their entrepreneurial journey.

"Military transitioning from active duty have different needs than civilians in terms of starting a business," said Verduin. "It's wonderful to have veterans' resources at our volunteers' fingertips to aid in mentoring our service men and women."

Veterans account for about 10 percent of SCORE's client base. Veterans own 10 percent of small businesses and 14 percent of franchises. Since franchisors have a defined plan of what the business should entail, veterans represent the perfect franchisee given their ability to effectively execute plans as intended.

Nationally, veterans own nearly 2 million businesses, employing more than 5 million Americans, and generating more than \$1 trillion in annual income. Of those, 40 percent of veteran-owned businesses generate more than \$500,000 in annual revenue.

To learn more about SCORE, request a mentor or volunteer to be one, visit score.org.

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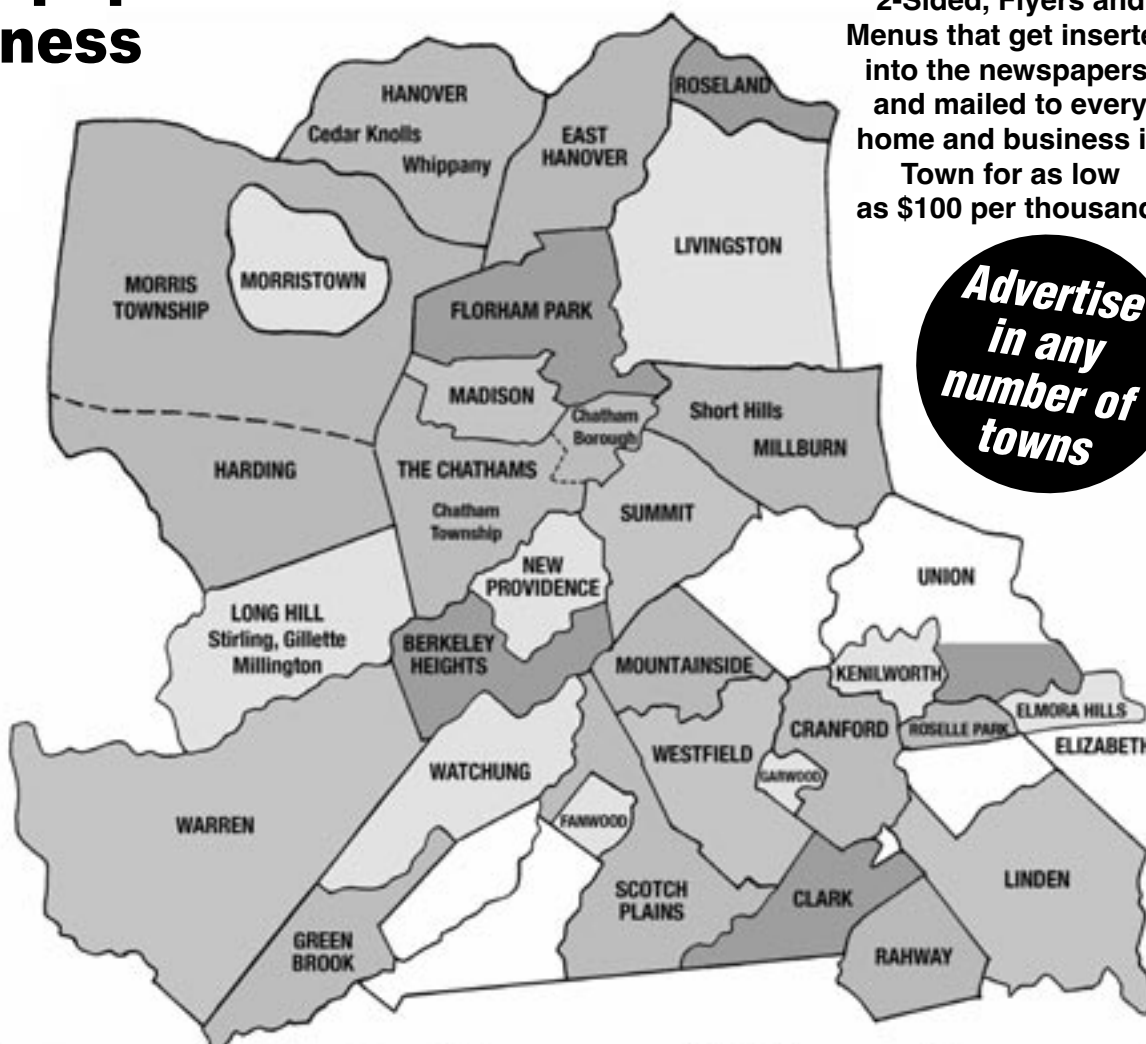
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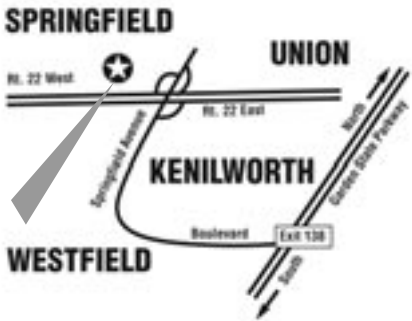
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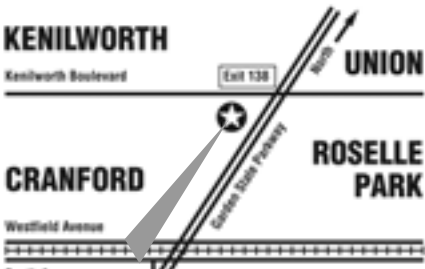
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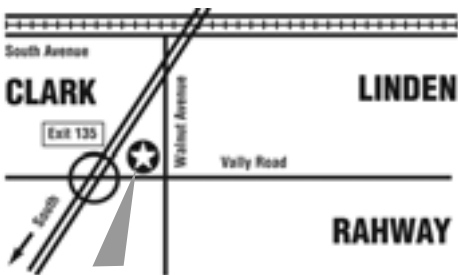
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Wed, July 2, 7 PM

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Thurs, July 3, 7 PM on Zoom

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Sunday, July 6, 2 - 3 PM

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Thurs, July 10, 10 AM

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July 7, 2 PM

Test your engineering skills and build an "earthquake-proof" tower using pasta and marshmallows! For ages 5-9. Registration is required

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Aug 4, 6 PM

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July 18

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Build It Challenge!

Wed July 30, 7 - 8 PM

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Summer book clubs meet weekly from July 8 - August 14. Each book club title will have two meeting dates, one during the day and one during the evening.

TEEN SUMMER PROGRAMS

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Crochet Camp

Mondays at 3 PM.

July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28.

Teen Crafternoon Tuesday

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Retro Beaded Keychains

July 8

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Thurs July 24 at 4 PM

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