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## OVER \$185,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED LOCALLY

The Summit Foundation is proud to announce the awarding of over \$185,000 in scholarships to more than 60 students in the Summit, NJ area this year, empowering them to pursue higher education.

Every year, the Foundation partners with generous donors to provide financial support that helps students cover not only tuition but the many other costs of college life, such as books, dorm supplies, and living expenses. This support allows students to attend schools of their choice, to live on campus, and to take on fewer student loans.

“Before I even applied to colleges, I remember how afraid I was of not being able to afford an education after high school,” shared April Sanchez, a rising senior at Gettysburg College and recipient of the Elevating Summit Students Scholarship. “Never did I imagine how many resources there were for people like me. With pride I say today that because of foundations like these, I have traded my fears for hope and gratitude... Not only am I a better friend, daughter, student, employee, and overall person, but I am also an even more hopeful and driven person than I was before.”

This year also marks the launch of a new scholarship: Red and Terry Ahern Scholarship, created by the Ahern family to honor the legacy of two longtime Summit residents who were deeply committed to education. The endowment, established after a conversation between the Ahern family and The Summit Foundation, provides long-term support for students pursuing careers in education.

“It’s been a joy to support these well-deserving students,” said Martha Sayre, Scholarship Committee Chair, “but even more so, it’s amazing to see them grow during their college years as they come back to check in.” She added: “It’s inspiring to see how determined these students are to go to college and how the scholarships can really change the direction of their lives. One student received a full-ride scholarship in real time, just as we were on the phone preparing to accept admission to his second-choice school. Moments like that stay with you.”

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Whether you're reliving the golden age of rock with tributes to Mellencamp, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Led Zeppelin, swooning to the timeless croon of Sinatra, swaying to soulful harmonies from The Duprees and The Classics, or laughing out loud with the offbeat charm of Rodney Norman, this series is designed to stir memories, spark new favorites, and keep every guest entertained from curtain rise to final bow. With appearances from The BStreet Band, Jersey Four, Motor City Revue, and A Brother's Revival, Drew University's Concert Hall has become a destination for music lovers and comedy fans alike.

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- Sept. 26 – Southern Steel: A Tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd
- Sept. 27 – Rodney Norman Live: Comedian and Viral Star
- Sept. 28 – Lights Out: The Jersey Beach Boys
- Oct. 5 – Afternoon of Doo Wop: The Chimes, Emil Stucchio & The Classics, and The Fireflies
- Oct. 11 – Michael Martocci and Brandon Tomasello, Sinatra, A Man & His Music
- Oct. 18 – Jersey Four: A Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, Feat. Gerry Polci
- Oct. 25 – Four Sticks: A Led Zeppelin Experience
- Nov. 1 – The BStreet Band: The Original Tribute to The Boss
- Nov. 15 – Your '80s Request Show Performed by 1989
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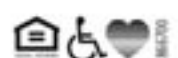
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Crossing guards will work Monday-Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and again from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., on days school is in session. Uniforms and training are provided by the Summit Police Department. Individuals are eligible for an incentive bonus for those that maintain a perfect attendance during the school year.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, provide their own transportation to and from their crossing post, and be cleared through a background screening. Applications are available at the Police Department (512 Springfield Ave) and on the city website at [cityofsummit.org/employment](http://cityofsummit.org/employment).

With any questions, please contact the Traffic Bureau at 908-273-0051 or [traffic@spdnj.org](mailto:traffic@spdnj.org).

## LESLIE SCOTT AWARDED LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Summit Lions Club presented their annual Leslie Scott High School Scholarship to senior Ava Wallach in June during the Summit High School Awards Ceremony. Lion Fred Cuozzo, past president and chairman of the Scholarship Committee presented the award to Ava who will be attending University of Florida this Fall. Each year the Lions select a student that excels in their studies and service and plans to study in the medical field. The Summit Lions Club will be celebrating their 100th year serving needy children in need of eye exams and eyeglasses and more! Visit [summitlionsclub.org](http://summitlionsclub.org).



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## BUSY YEAR SO FAR FOR 1ST AID SQUAD

### Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad (SVFAS) had an exceptionally active and community-focused start to 2025, responding to nearly 1,200 emergency calls and providing vital services and outreach throughout the city.

Between January 1 and June 30, SVFAS volunteers answered 1,196 emergency patient calls, delivering prompt, professional medical care to residents and visitors alike. From medical emergencies and accidents to mutual aid in surrounding towns, the all-volunteer team remained on call 24/7—365 days a year—without ever billing a patient.

In addition to emergency response, the squad was a visible and vital presence at numerous special events in Summit, providing standby crews to ensure public safety. These events included the Summit High School graduation ceremony, the Memorial Day parade, 4th of July celebrations and fireworks and various community festivals and athletic events.

Beyond its emergency services, SVFAS continued its commitment to community

wellness and education. The squad offered two free glucose and blood pressure screening events, providing residents with important preventative health information. SVFAS also hosted several local Brownie and Girl Scout troops, helping young scouts earn their first aid badges through hands-on demonstrations and educational tours of the squad building and ambulances.

“This has been a busy and rewarding six months,” said SVFAS Chief Laura Benevento. “Our volunteers have gone above and beyond to serve the community—not just in emergencies, but through education, outreach, and event support. We’re proud to be a trusted and dependable part of Summit.”

All services provided by the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad are funded entirely by donations and grants. The organization receives no taxpayer funding and relies on the generosity of residents and local businesses to sustain its life-saving mission.

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# VISUAL ARTS CENTER OF NEW JERSEY RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FROM THE SUMMIT FOUNDATION

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey (VACNJ) was recently awarded a \$12,000 grant by The Summit Foundation to help fund outreach programs with Summit area nonprofits serving seniors, adults with disabilities, and underserved youth.

“We’re incredibly grateful to The Summit Foundation for this generous grant, which will greatly strengthen our ability to deliver impactful in-community programs for Summit residents,” said Melanie Cohn, Executive Director of the Art Center. “Their ongoing support is essential to sustaining our work with partner organizations and advancing our mission of transforming lives through the shared experience of art.”

Specifically, the funds provided by The Summit Foundation will be used by VACNJ to help fund: Art from the Heart at SAGE Eldercare; Language and Literacy Through Art with Empowering Kids Organization (EKO); Art Intensive with Summit PEP; and Education, Careers & Lifelong Community (ECLC) PRIDE programs.

“We are pleased to support VACNJ - right here in Summit - and its capacity to deliver hands-on art experiences to people of all ages and abilities, so they may delight in the exploratory facets of creating art,” said Dana Turk, President of The Summit Foundation.

## ABOUT THE SUMMIT FOUNDATION

The Summit Foundation fosters philanthropy and strengthens resources to address local needs and enhance lives in the Summit, NJ area. In the past 10 years, it has invested over \$10 million in the community through grants, scholarships, donor-advised distributions, and special purpose funds.

For more information, visit [summitforever.org](http://summitforever.org).

## ABOUT THE VISUAL ARTS CENTER OF NJ

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# PEP PROGRAM CELEBRATES 13 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

### Providing Educational Possibilities

On June 11, 2025, the PEP (Providing Educational Possibilities) Program celebrated the graduation of three students from college and ten students from Summit High School. PEP is a college-access program that provides academic, social-emotional, and financial support to select, motivated students from Summit, NJ, public schools. The program serves students from grades 7 to 12 and continues to support them through college.

Established in 1996, the PEP Program served 70 students during the 2024-2025 school year. "We're incredibly proud of these graduates who represent the heart of what PEP is all about—supporting motivated students in achieving their educational dreams regardless of their economic circumstances," said Maria Shepard Mendez,

Executive Director of the PEP Program. "Knowing that Annie, Brian, and Alex have successfully completed their college degrees, and watching our ten high school graduates embark on their next chapter, reminds us why this work matters so deeply. Each of these students has overcome challenges and worked tremendously hard to reach this milestone."

- Annie Kuehne, a 2019 Summit High School graduate, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies from Montclair State University.
- Brian Peterson, a 2019 Summit High School graduate, earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Technology with a minor in Engineering Technology from New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT).
- Alex Roman, a 2022 Summit High School graduate, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies with a concentration in Public Relations and Advertising and a minor in Spanish from Stockton University.

The following PEP students are members of the Summit High School Class of 2025 and will continue their college studies in the Fall:

- Jimena Chaves will attend Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (New Brunswick) and plans to major in Finance and Marketing.

- Nayelly Cubero-Campos will attend Union College of Union County and plans to pursue the Medical Assistant Program.
- Nicholas Fenelus will attend American University and plans to major in Political Science.
- Quinn McNamara will attend the Fashion Institute of Technology and plans to major in Fashion Business Management.
- Hennesys Mora-Luna will attend Rider University and plans to major in Sports Media.
- Lindsay Noriega will attend Fairleigh Dickinson University and plans to major in Graphic Design.
- Mariana Porsse will attend Monmouth University and plans to major in Economics.
- Ashley Rodriguez will attend Union College of Union County and plans to major in Health Sciences.
- William Qiu will attend Purdue University and plans to major in Engineering.
- Catalina Zumbado will attend The Catholic University of America as a scholar-athlete and member of the Women's Varsity Soccer and Track & Field teams.

For more information about the PEP Program, please visit [pepprogramnj.org](http://pepprogramnj.org). The program takes applications in late winter.



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Summit will join thousands of communities around the United States to celebrate National Night Out, a community-building event that takes place annually on the first Tuesday of August. Featuring a variety of state, federal, and municipal level agencies, National Night Out provides a chance for community members to come together with law enforcement individuals.

The event will feature displays and demonstrations from various federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies, in addition to the Summit police and fire departments, Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, and Division of Public Works. Attendees can also enjoy food trucks, bounce houses, performances, and a concert.



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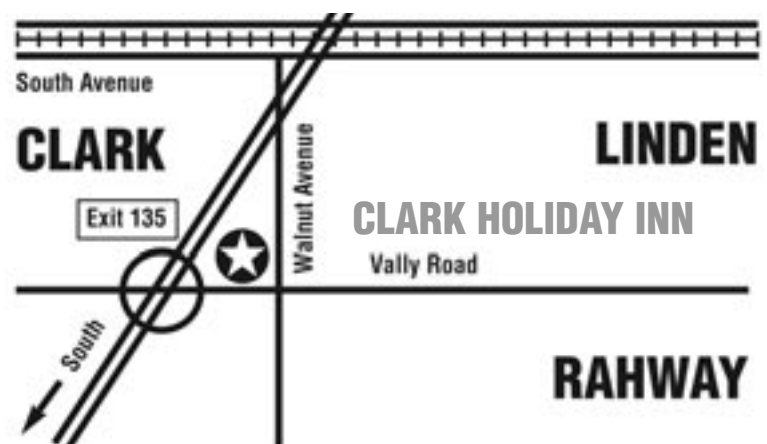
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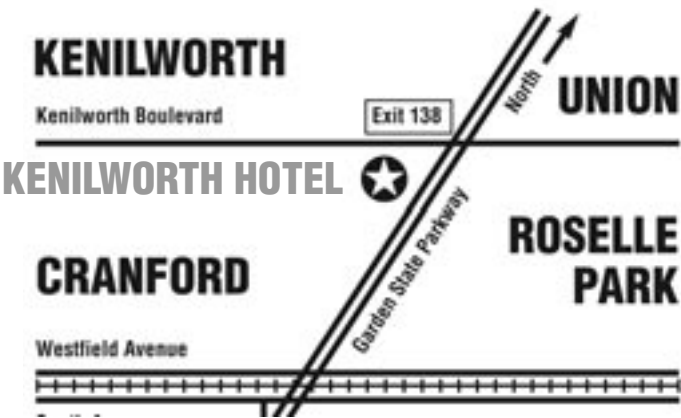
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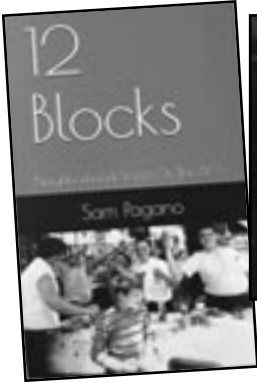
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12 Blocks: Neighborhood Stories by Sam Pagano is available digitally or as a paper back book on Amazon.com



(above) Sam Pagano.

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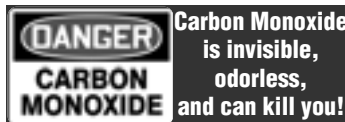


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## OVERLOOK AUXILIARY ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON & MEETING

With gratitude in full bloom, the Overlook Auxiliary welcomed more than 100 guests to its Annual Spring Luncheon & Meeting held at the picturesque Baltusrol Golf Club. Embracing a joyful baby shower theme, the event celebrated the Auxiliary's deep commitment to supporting Overlook Medical Center with imaginative volunteering and fundraising efforts.

Attendees were honored to hear from two guest speakers: Dr. April Graham, Pediatric Physician with Atlantic Medical Group, and Dr. Meg Rosenstein, Associate Chief Medical Officer and Director of Obstetric Anesthesia at Overlook Medical Center. Their moving and informative remarks highlighted the essential care they provide and the lasting impact of Atlantic Health's mission in our community.

A heartfelt thank-you also goes to author Brittany Plumeri, whose inspiring message on the importance of reading to children touched everyone in the room. Her generous donation of books will go directly toward supporting early childhood literacy through local programs.

The event also proudly recognized three outstanding honorees for their exceptional contributions:

Karen Canniffe was honored with the Auxiliary Pillar Award for over 13 years of unwavering service, leadership, and involvement with numerous initiatives including NP Twig 10 and Art for Overlook. Karen lives in New Providence and works in Summit NJ.

Erin Donadio, recipient of the Community Award, was celebrated for launching the Thanksgiving Baskets initiative, which has grown from 36 baskets in 2017 to over 500 meals delivered in 2024, providing nourishment and kindness to families in need. Erin lives in Madison, NJ.

Christine Mahoney received the Youth Leadership Champion Award for her mentorship of over 80 student volunteers in the Oak Knoll Jr. Twig, inspiring a future generation of community leaders. Christine lives in New Providence and works in Summit NJ.

A highlight of the afternoon was a fashion



(above) Overlook Auxiliary Board Members

Courtesy Photo

show featuring apparel and accessories sold at The Gift Shop & Bloom at Overlook. Models showcased a curated selection of stylish items, giving attendees a glimpse into the unique offerings available at the shop. The Gift Shop & Bloom is the largest fundraiser for the Overlook Auxiliary, and all purchases directly support the Overlook Medical Center community.

In line with the baby shower theme, donations collected at the event supported mothers and children served by Overlook Medical Center through Onesies for new moms in the Frank and Mimi Walsh Maternity Center; Books for the Reach Out and Read (ROR) initiative; and Toys and diapers for children supported by HealthStart.

Additionally, the Overlook Auxiliary was proud to announce a \$32,000 donation to fund outdoor furniture to enhance employee areas at Overlook Medical Center. This investment in the well-being of hospital staff reflects the

Auxiliary's deep appreciation for their dedication and tireless service.

With gratitude in full bloom, we extend our deepest appreciation to our generous sponsor, Lisa Neira and Corient Wealth Management, for helping to make this meaningful gathering possible, as well as all who participated in and supported this year's luncheon. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the lives of patients, families, and caregivers throughout our community.

The Overlook Auxiliary is a 501(c)(3) organization that supports Overlook Medical Center with volunteering and fundraising efforts. Founded in 1916, the Overlook Auxiliary has over 300 active members and has contributed more than \$21 million to the Medical Center community since its inception.

For more information on the Overlook Auxiliary, visit [oaux.org](http://oaux.org), follow us on Instagram and Facebook @OverlookAuxiliary, or email [info@oaux.org](mailto:info@oaux.org).

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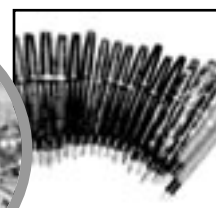
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# SUMMIT 8TH GRADERS HONORED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

## City of Summit

Summit's 8th graders wrapped up the school year, and their middle school journey, with a morning of well-earned celebration this week, as they gathered for the annual 8th Grade Community Service Breakfast and pool party.

The breakfast is a cherished tradition held in memory of beloved Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School teacher Michael Ryder, who passed away in 2010. Mr. Ryder, who taught industrial technology, was known throughout the community for his selfless spirit and dedication to helping others. His legacy of service lives on through this program and through the students who participate in it.

To attend the celebration, students were required to complete at least 20 hours of community service this year. Many went well beyond that minimum, with some logging hundreds of hours of volunteer time across Summit and beyond.

One standout among this year's honorees was Sebastian Millman, who received the award for most community service hours with an impressive 317 hours of giving back.

Following the breakfast, the 8th graders enjoyed a pool party, a well-deserved chance to celebrate their achievements and their shared commitment to making Summit a stronger community.

# SUMMIT PUBLIC LIBRARY AUGUST PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, registration is required at [summitlibrary.org](http://summitlibrary.org), and programs are held in-person at the Summit Library: 75 Maple St., Summit NJ.

## ADULTS PROGRAMS

### Virtual Author Talk – Jay Falk

Tuesday, August 5, 2:00-3:00PM

Online. Biologist Jay Falk discusses his book on bird life and history. Live Q&A to follow.

### Art Talk: Georgia O'Keeffe

#### Speaking with Colors and Shapes

Wednesday, August 13, 7:00-8:00PM

Online. Janet Mandel explores the life and works of artist Georgia O'Keeffe.

### GRACE Pop-Up Distribution

Tuesday, August 19, 11:00AM-12:00PM

Free food and household essentials for those who live, work, worship, or receive care in Summit. No preregistration required.

### Virtual Author Talk – Casey McQuiston

Wednesday, August 20, 7:00-8:00PM

Online. McQuiston discusses their romantic comedy The Pairing. Live Q&A to follow.

### Brown Bag Book Club

#### Garbage Land by Elizabeth Royte

Friday, August 22, 12:30-1:30PM

Lunchtime book group. Light refreshments provided. Bring your lunch!

### Virtual Author Talk – Dr. Tasha Eurich

Thursday, August 28, 2:00-3:00PM

Online. Dr. Eurich shares insights on thriving through chaos and building more than just resilience. Live Q&A to follow.

### Toastmasters

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00PM

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Thursdays, 10:00-10:45AM

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## YOUTH & FAMILIES PROGRAMS

### Monday Fun Day – Storyfaces

Monday, August 4, 7:00-8:00PM

Artist Christopher Agostino blends storytelling and face painting in this interactive art performance. For Grades 1-5, families.

### Teen Night – Rainbow Jar Craft

Tuesday, August 5, 5:00-6:30PM

Create a colorful mason jar using paint and craft supplies. For Grades 6-12.

### Pigeon Party

Wednesday, August 6, 2:00-2:45PM

Celebrate Mo Willems' beloved Pigeon, winner of our 2025 Book Madness! For ages 2-6.

### Teen Night – Rainbow Mac n Cheese

Tuesday, August 12, 5:00-6:30PM

Make and enjoy colorful mac and cheese. For Grades 6-12.

### End of Summer Library of Things Carnival

Thursday, August 14, 4:00-6:00PM

Celebrate the end of summer with games from our Library of Things and ice cream! For families.

### Therapy Horse Storytime

Tuesday, August 19, 10:00-11:00AM

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Who's ready for the 2nd annual Warren Labor Day 5K Run/Walk? Like last year, the 5K will be held at 8:45 AM on Saturday, August 30th at the Warren Municipal Complex.

Get ready for a fun-filled morning of movement and community synergy. Whether you're aiming for a new personal best or want to enjoy a relaxing walk, this event has something for everyone!

Take in the fresh air, soak up Warren's natural beauty, and enjoy the energy of fellow runners and walkers as we kick off Labor Day weekend in a spirited way. There will be medals for

winners in every age category! Early check-in will be at the Lions Club Pavilion on August 27th, 28th, and 30th, between 5 PM to 7 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help out with check-in, race set-up, water stations, and race clean-up. If you are interested, please register through the race website! This year's 5K proudly supports the Mayors Wellness Program, promoting a healthier and more active community.

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# GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF NJ 5K AT ORANGE RESERVOIR - SEPT 21ST



On Sunday, September 21, Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) will host its annual “I Run for Girls 5K Run/Walk” at a brand-new location: the scenic Orange Reservoir in West Orange. The event kicks off at 9:00 AM, with check-in beginning at 8:00 AM.

This USATF-sanctioned race is open to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities—including families with strollers and individuals using wheelchairs. Participants will enjoy a vibrant morning of community, fun, and purpose, with proceeds supporting Girl Scout programs that help girls explore new interests, gain real-world skills, and build lasting friendships.

All registrants will receive a custom event T-shirt and medal. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each USATF age category.

Proceeds from the race help fund Girl Scout programs that spark curiosity, build confidence, and foster leadership in more than 13,000 youth from kindergarten through 12th grade. Girl Scout troops from across the region will also be on hand to help bring energy and spirit to the day.

“Whether you’re racing or strolling, you’re helping create life-changing opportunities for young people,” said Natasha Hemmings, CEO of GSHNJ.

To register, donate, or start a fundraising team, visit [www.gshnj.org/irunforgirls](http://www.gshnj.org/irunforgirls).

**ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF NEW JERSEY**

Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) believes in the power of every girl. Our leadership program is designed to help girls discover who they are, what they can do, and

connect with a powerful community of girls and mentors to make it happen. With unique opportunities, Girl Scouts explore, learn, succeed, and take action to make a difference in their community. Providing over 13,000 girls from kindergarten through 12th grade access to leadership programs and mentors throughout Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union, southern Warren, and parts of Middlesex counties, GSHNJ offers girls a chance to practice a lifetime of leadership. GSHNJ operates two service centers located in North Branch and Westfield and the Girl Scout Leadership Center in Newark as well as three camp locations: Camp Hoover in Middletown, N.J., Camp DeWitt in Hillsborough, N.J., and The OVAL in Maplewood, N.J. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, or join, please visit [www.gshnj.org](http://www.gshnj.org).

**Event Details**

- Location: Orange Reservoir, 9 Cherry Lane, West Orange, NJ 07052
  - Check-In Opens: 8:00 AM
  - Race Starts: 9:00 AM
  - Awards: Top three finishers in each USATF age group category
  - All registrants receive: T-shirt and medal
- | Registration Fees   | Sept. 1 - 20 | Race Day |
|---------------------|--------------|----------|
| Adult Runners (18+) | \$50         | \$60     |
| USATF Members       | \$45         | \$55     |
| Adult Walkers (18+) | \$45         | \$50     |
| Youth (under 18)    | \$25         | \$25     |
- running or walking
- Register/donate: [gshnj.org/irunforgirls](http://gshnj.org/irunforgirls)**

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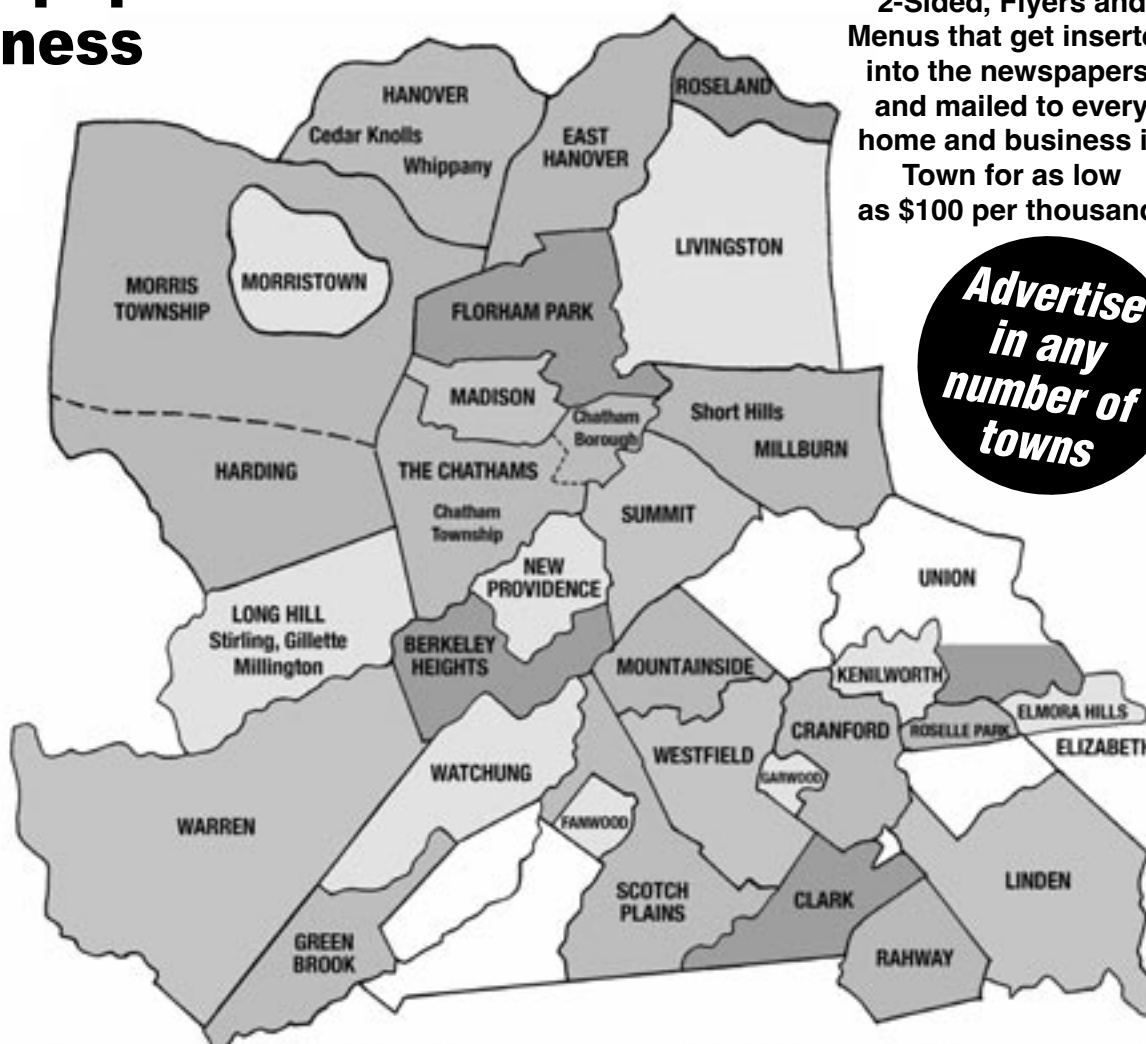
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