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FLORENCE COCCINO COURTYARD DEDICATION

Thursday Morning Club

Thanks to a donation from the family of Florence Coccino, the Madison Community House now has a beautiful new outdoor space. Florence was a member of the Thursday Morning Club (TMC) for over 50 years before she passed. She contributed so much of herself in time and talent over those years. She started the catering department and oversaw money matters at various events. She was known to always greet you with a smile and a kind word.

During this year's TMC annual "Welcome Back Luncheon", held on September 18th at the Madison Community House, Florence's daughter (Patti Kreitler) and granddaughter (Tara Kreitler) were thanked for their generosity. They were able to witness first hand the lovely tranquil space which was created; where members and guests can gather or use as an extension of the gym while entertaining. As Patti Kreitler said, "Mom would have absolutely loved it! It makes us so happy that a little piece of Florence will remain at 25 Cook Ave." In Florence's memory, the plaque hanging on the wall of the side entrance to the Madison Community House reads "The Florence Coccino Courtyard". Thanks to those members of the Thursday Morning Club who helped make this new courtyard a reality, in particular, Gerri Meer who oversaw the project.

The Thursday Morning Club, organized in 1896, is a non-profit which provides services for Madison area communities. It owns, operates, and

maintains the Madison Community House and is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's clubs (NJSFWC) and of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). If you would like to serve the community, make new friends, and enjoy programs and activities, consider joining the Thursday morning Club; for more information, call the community House at 973-377-0244 or visit www.TMCMCH.org.



(above, l-r) Florence Coccino and The Madison Community House courtyard



(above, l-r) Constance Rostiac, Bernie Grohol, Rosemary Dinnhaupt, Patti Kreitler, Tara Kreitler, Mary Jane Burns, Carole Contrì, Peggy Oakes, Rosanna Angelo.

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HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT PRIDE & PREJUDICE

From November 20-22, 2025, the Chatham High School Theatre Department will present their fall production of Pride & Prejudice. Jane Austen’s classic novel is given a fresh, feminine, and fun twist—all while keeping the same beloved characters (just with a little more spice)! The play follows the four Bennet sisters who are on a quest to “ensnare” a wealthy future husband. But Lizzy dreams of more than the schemes and games of courtship. A young woman with a bright mind and free-spirit, she is determined to avoid the trappings of a loveless marriage while laughing at the foolish antics of others. When she meets the solemn Mr. Darcy, she immediately judges him to be all that she detests: proud, arrogant, rude and so without civility that she can hardly endure his presence. Lizzy comes to discover, however, that first impressions may not be all that they seem and that she must learn the true character of others before jumping to harsh

conclusions. Performances will be held Thursday, November 20 at 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the performances must be purchased in advance online at <https://chathamshd.booktix.com> starting Monday, November 3rd. Ticket prices: \$12.00 for students, \$15.00 for adults, and FREE for senior citizens. Senior Citizens: a reserved ticket is not needed for the Thursday matinee as seating is general admission. Friday and Saturday performances require a reserved seat. Select FREESC in the dropdown menu at checkout if you are reserving a seat. Following the Thursday performance is a complimentary dinner for senior citizens provided by the Chatham Education Association. An RSVP for the dinner is required and reservations can be placed by emailing seniorfallplay@gmail.com.



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Celebrate the magic of the season as Opera at Florham presents its beloved Annual Holiday Spectacular at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 6 Sussex Avenue, Morristown, NJ.

This cherished holiday tradition invites audiences to enjoy an enchanting afternoon of Operatic favorites, holiday classics, and festive cheer. Featuring a stellar cast of acclaimed vocalists and musicians, the concert promises to fill the air with warmth, joy, and the timeless beauty of the human voice.

Whether you’re a lifelong Opera lover or discovering Opera at Florham for the first time, this delightful performance captures the spirit of the holidays through music that transcends generations. From beloved Arias to familiar seasonal melodies, the Holiday Spectacular is a joyful celebration of artistry and community - perfect for audiences of all ages.

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Expect to be swept away by the power of the human voice, the beauty of timeless melodies, and the spirit of togetherness that defines this special time of the year. Whether you come to be uplifted, share the magic with family and friends, or simply savor the music of the season, the Holiday Spectacular is a gift you’ll remember long after the final note.

Tickets are \$30 for general admission, with student discounts available. For tickets and more information, please visit operaatflorham.org.

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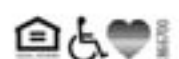
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NJ FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA: CANDLELIGHT CONCERT AND TENORS RETURN

Step into an evening of sophistication and charm as the New Jersey Festival Orchestra presents its first-ever candlelight concert, *Romance in the Mansion*, on Saturday, November 15 at 6:30 PM at the James Ward Mansion in Westfield.

Under the baton of Music Director and Maestro David Wroe, a string quartet of NJFO musicians — Bradley Bosenbeck (Violin I), Théo

Payen (Violin II), Gregory Williams (Viola), and Ansel Cohen (Cello) — will perform an intimate program that blends the romance of Broadway, the emotion of cinematic scores, and the allure of contemporary classics. Audiences will be swept away by lush arrangements from beloved artists such as ABBA, Coldplay, George Gershwin, and more — all illuminated by the warm glow of candlelight in one of Westfield's most elegant settings.

Guests can indulge in complimentary wine and small plates as they enjoy this unique fusion of artistry and atmosphere. With its golden décor, intimate seating, and unforgettable musical program, *Romance in the Mansion* promises to be a highlight of the NJFO season.

NJFO gratefully acknowledges the Ward family for generously sharing their beautiful space to support this fundraising event. Proceeds will help bring notable soloists to future NJFO concerts and fund community initiatives such as the orchestra's Listening is Healing music therapy program. Earlier this season, NJFO musicians Yifei Xu and Matthew Armbruster shared the gift of music with patients at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ, an inspiring example of the impact programs like Listening is Healing bring to the community.

"We are thrilled to present this intimate concert experience and deeply grateful for the generosity that allows us to continue sharing music both on stage and beyond," said Maestro Wroe.

Following *Romance in the Mansion*, NJFO rings in the festive season with one of its most anticipated events — *The Return of the Holiday Tenors*.

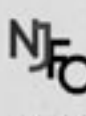
Back by popular demand, this symphonic spectacular will fill the concert hall with the magic of the holidays, featuring award-winning tenors John Kun Park, Luke Norvell, and Michael DeShield alongside guest choruses and the full New Jersey Festival Orchestra. Together, they'll perform an uplifting program of holiday classics, Broadway-style showstoppers, and beloved seasonal songs that capture the joy and wonder of the season.

Under Maestro Wroe's direction, this festive performance blends grand symphonic arrangements with soaring vocals and heartwarming moments, making it a beloved tradition for families across New Jersey.

Performances take place on Saturday, December 6, at 7:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, and on Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 PM at The Concert Hall at Drew University in Madison.

From the candlelit elegance of *Romance in the Mansion* to the jubilant voices of *The Return of the Holiday Tenors*, NJFO's 2025 season offers something truly special for every music lover.

Tickets are available at njfestivalorchestra.org or by calling the NJFO office at (908) 232-9400 during operational hours. Seating is limited, and early reservations are encouraged.


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In this innovative one-woman musical show, supported by a cast of eight characters in her imagination via multimedia, we escape into her movie fantasy where men and women find courage and acceptance to speak their own voice without judgement. Frivolous, fractured, and fun musical moments take you on a ride of pure joy where love always wins. "My (unauthorized) Hallmark Movie Musical" is a unique and captivating blend of live theater and cinema, offering audiences a spellbinding escape into the magic of a rom-com where they, too, can discover their inner love warriors. The story follows an exhausted essential worker who finds solace in binge-watching cheesy Hallmark movies. As she attempts to write her own

Hallmark-inspired musical, the characters suddenly come to life on screen, taking over the story and challenging her to wade through the cheese and find a truly happy ending.

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A suggested donation is \$5 per person. RSVP is requested for menu-planning. Contact Brenda Dodds 908 273-5549 or brenda@ccsnj.org. Christ Church is located at 561 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ.

LIBRARY DREW ART SHOW RECEPTION NOV 9

The Drew Art Association will have their opening reception on Sunday, November 9th at the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main Street, Chatham. The event is free and open to the public. Please join us. The show includes original paintings and photography by the members. There will be refreshments provided by the members. The show continues through November 25th. 20% of the sales will go to the library.



SCANDINAVIAN FOOD & GIFT SALE - NOV 22ND

Lodge Linne #429 will be sponsoring their 45th annual Scandinavian Food & Gift Sale on Saturday November 22nd from, 10 am -3pm. The sale will be held at Salt Brook School, 40 Maple St., New Providence, NJ. We will feature Scandinavian Christmas decorations, Norwegian Sweaters, tomtar, candles, linens, housewares, imported foods and baked goods. Light Scandinavian refreshments will be served starting at 11:00. Lodge meetings are held the 3rd Friday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South St., New

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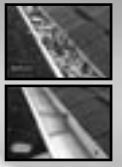
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FRELINGHUYSEN ARBORETUM TO BE SITE OF NEW TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

County of Morris

The Morris County Park Commission and the Morris County Board of County Commissioners recently joined Veterans Valor of New Jersey at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum for a formal signing of an agreement establishing The Healing Garden of Morris, a new public space dedicated to honoring veterans and supporting their families.

The agreement, signed by Park Commission Executive Director Dave Helmer, Park



(above, l-r) Charlie Iuliano, chairman of Veterans Valor, signing the agreement with Stuart Lasser, president of the Morris County Park Commission and Dave Helmer, executive director of the Park Commission.

Courtesy Photos

Commission President Stuart Lasser, and Veterans Valor Chairman Charlie Iuliano, marks the official launch of a project more than two years in the making.

The purpose of The Healing Garden of Morris rests within its name – a garden that serves as a place for peace, reflection and spiritual renewal, while allowing veterans and the broader community to connect. Envisioned as a “living tribute,” the plan is for the garden to host veteran-related art, horticultural programs, wellness seminars and opportunities for creative expression. At its core is the Disarm PTSD initiative, a campaign to help veterans transform their experiences with service-related trauma into a source of purpose and connection.

Will Draper, executive director of Veterans Valor listed and described each of the areas envisioned:

1. Point of Sacrifice: Acknowledging the bravery and sacrifices made by service members.
2. Medevac: Understanding the critical moments of medical evacuation and care in the field.
3. Triage: Exploring the initial assessments and treatments veterans receive upon return.
4. Homeward: Celebrating the emotional journey of returning home and reuniting with loved ones.
5. Recovery: Highlighting the ongoing physical and mental health support essential for veterans.
6. Fallen: Honoring those who lost the battle at home, recognizing their sacrifice and legacy.

7. New Life: Inspiring hope and new beginnings for veterans and their families.

During the event, several veterans -- Aaron Oliver, a 21-year U.S. Army veteran; Rob Hughes, retired U.S. Navy captain and board member of Veterans Valor; and Peter Danchise, a Vietnam veteran and artist -- spoke about the challenges they faced and continue to face with PTSD and readjusting to life after war. They emphasized how meaningful this project is to them and to other veterans who share those experiences. Following the signing, attendees toured the future garden site.

Morris County continues to prioritize veterans through programs and partnerships that provide support and recognition. Last year, the county expanded the Veterans Services Office in Morris Township to accommodate a federal Veterans Affairs Community Access Point. In September, the county partnered with the County College of Morris to provide a Veterans Services Officer twice a month at the college’s Veterans Resource Center.

Veterans Valor, also known as The Healing Gardens of Morris, Inc., is a nonprofit dedicated to honoring and supporting New Jersey veterans, especially those wounded in service, and their families.

The group aims to raise awareness of post-service challenges and create opportunities for healing and connection through community-driven initiatives.

For more information about The Healing Garden of Morris and ways to support the project, visit VeteransValorofNJ.org.



(above) A group shot of veterans, members of the Park Commission, and public officials at the Healing Garden of Morris signing.

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Sat., Nov., 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Please join us for our annual Schubertiade to celebrate the life and music of Franz Schubert (1797-1828). This year's program will be very special, featuring one of Schubert's most beloved chamber works – the "Trout" Quintet (D. 667). Also on the program will be Hummel's Piano Quintet, Op. 87, along with select Schubert lieder sung by the magnificent bass/baritone, Steven Scheschareg. Performers will be pianist, Itay Goren, along with members of the Madison String Quartet (Evelyn Estava, violin; Gerall Hieser, cello) and artists Gabriela Rengel (viola) and Gennaro Marchese (double bass). Registration (required) in the Public Meeting Room.

CALL FOR ART SUBMISSION FOR JANE AUSTEN THEMED EXHIBIT

In honor of Austen's 250th birthday on December 16, the library invites visual artists residing or working within Morris County to help us celebrate the enduring legacy of this beloved author through art. Submit your original, Austen-inspired artwork for inclusion in an exhibition in the library gallery to run through December 2025.

ADULTS

Writers Circle

Wed., Nov. 5, 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.

True Crime Chat (Via Zoom)

Thu., Nov. 13, 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.

Registration (required).

Tuesday Book Club

Tue., Nov. 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

This month we're talking about The Choir by Joanna Trollope. For more info or to reserve a copy of the book, please call 973-285-6970. No registration needed. Note: We meet on the third Tuesday this month because we are closed on the second Tuesday, which is our usual date.

Socrates Cafe

Tue., Nov. 18, 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.

Mystery Book Club

Mon., Nov. 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

We read and discuss books chosen by the group. No registration necessary. This month's book: The Blessing Way by Tony Hillerman. Reserve a copy of the book, please call 973-285-6970.

TEENS

Teen Space

Fri., Nov. 14, 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. in the Conference Room.

CHILDREN

LEGO Club

Sat., 11/1, 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) begins 10/21. Parents/carers must remain with children during LEGO Club.

Minecraft Scarecrow Building

Thu., 11/6, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
or 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Participants battle their way through the Hay Maze to enjoy the fun activities in the Fall Festival. The game then finishes with a Scarecrow Building Challenge! Children are encouraged to bring their own laptops, tablets, and other mobile devices. Presented by Arrayscape Gaming. Parents/carers must remain with children during the program. For grades 2-5. Registration (required) 10/21.

Budget Boosters

Fri., 11/7, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Financial Literacy for Kids: Kids learn about the 50/30/20 rule through a creative budgeting activity that teaches smart money habits early. For ages 8-12. Registration (required) 10/21

Preschool Storytime & Music

Tuesdays, Nov. 18 & 25, 10:00-10:30 a.m.
w/Mr. Laurence: Stories, fingerplays and music with Mr. Laurence. For ages 2-5. Drop-in.

ALL AGES

Chess Club

Wed., Nov. 12, 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. No registration needed.

Holiday Ornament Decorating

Monday, Nov. 17 through Saturday, Nov. 29.

Decorate a holiday ornament for our tree at Frelinghuysen Arboretum's "Festival of the Trees." The children's decorating station will be outside the children's room; the teen/adult station will be outside the meeting rooms.

Drop-in.

Spanish Conversation

Thu., Nov. 20, 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.

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Genetics & Aging

Wednesday November 5th, 12-1pm

How do genetics influence the aging process and what lifestyle choices enhance longevity and quality of life.

Community Word Games

Thursday November 6th, 11AM

The 20th Century in Pictures

Monday Nov 10th, 12:30-1:30

The twentieth century was filled with unforgettable moments - and many of them were captured in images that the world will never forget. From soldiers raising a flag in World War II, to the first steps on the moon, to the powerful faces of leaders, artists, and everyday people, these images tell the story of a century of change. In this presentation, we'll journey through some of the most striking and memorable moments of the 1900s, reliving the triumphs, the struggles, and the milestones that shaped modern history."

Veteran's Day Celebration

Tuesday, November 11, 11-1P

We welcome all local veterans to join us. If you are a veteran please call us at the Senior Center of the Chathams to RSVP for this event.

LIVE Classical Guitar Concert

Wednesday Nov 12, 12 noon

with local musician Jane Pritsker.

The Separation of Powers in the 21st Century

Monday Nov 17th, 1:30-2:30

What is the separation of powers and where does it come from? Bruce Peabody, Professor of Government at Fairleigh Dickinson University will join us for a discussion about "The Separation of Powers in the 21st Century." What are some of the contemporary problems that are straining this system - and what can we do about it? A timely discussion of our centuries-old system of constitutional checks and balances.

Garden Club Meet-up

Wednesday Nov 19th, 10am

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FIRST VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, KELLY BROWN

The Rotary Clubs of Morristown and Dover are proud to announce Kelly Brown as the first recipient of their newly established Veterans' Scholarship Program for the 2025 academic year. Both clubs jointly introduced this groundbreaking initiative to support the successful reintegration of veterans into civilian life.

The scholarship program, designed to aid deserving veterans in their pursuit of higher education and professional development, garnered significant interest, and attracted many applications. To ensure the program's reach and impact, the Morristown and Dover Rotary Clubs collaborated with several key organizations, including the American Legion, County College of Morris, and NJIT, among others.

After thorough review and spirited discussions, the scholarship committee unanimously selected Kelly Brown as the inaugural awardee.

Kelly is currently pursuing her second term towards an associate's degree in Mortuary Science. Upon completion of her degree, she will be eligible to sit for the rigorous National Board Exams, which cover all aspects of her associate's coursework.

Kelly's interest in the mortuary science field was sparked during her military service, where she interned at the Medical Examiner's office. She believes this degree will not only provide her with a stable and fulfilling career but also offer a meaningful way to contribute to society.

Beyond her academic pursuits, Kelly is an exceptional individual who adeptly balances raising a child with special needs, actively contributing as a member of Post 59 of the Local Legion, and studying to become a chaplain.

The Rotary Clubs of Morristown and Dover extend their heartfelt congratulations to Kelly Brown and wish her every success in her future endeavors.



(above, l-r) Kelly Brown, Rotarians
Mel Sengupta, Bill Schuler, Aaron Oliver

Courtesy Photo

ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUBS:

The Rotary Clubs of Morristown and Dover are local chapters of Rotary International, a global network of community volunteers dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Through service and fellowship, Rotary members work to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, and grow local economies. The Morristown Rotary Club put books in the hands of thousands of local children and families by giving away over 2,000 gently used children's books at the Morristown Fall Festival on the Green.

On Sunday, September 28, the Morristown Rotary booth became a hub of literary excitement

as attendees enthusiastically took advantage of the free book redistribution. The selection featured a wide variety of titles, spanning from pre-school through 5th grade level, ensuring there was something for every young reader.

"The response from the community was tremendous," said a representative from the Morristown Rotary Club. "It's truly inspiring to see so many families eager to take home books and instill a love of reading in their children. This initiative perfectly aligns with Rotary's mission to support education and literacy, and we're thrilled to give these gently used books a second life."

We also wish to thank the Morristown High School Interact students for their invaluable services and Peapack Private Bank and Trust and Fully Promoted for hosting our depository boxes.

The event highlights the Morristown Rotary Club's ongoing commitment to community service and educational support in the greater Morristown area. The club regularly organizes and participates in service projects that address local and international needs, with a strong focus on promoting literacy.

About the Morristown Rotary Club

The Morristown Rotary Club is a volunteer organization of community members united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The club meets weekly and is dedicated to making a positive impact in the Morristown community. For more information visit morristownrotary.org.

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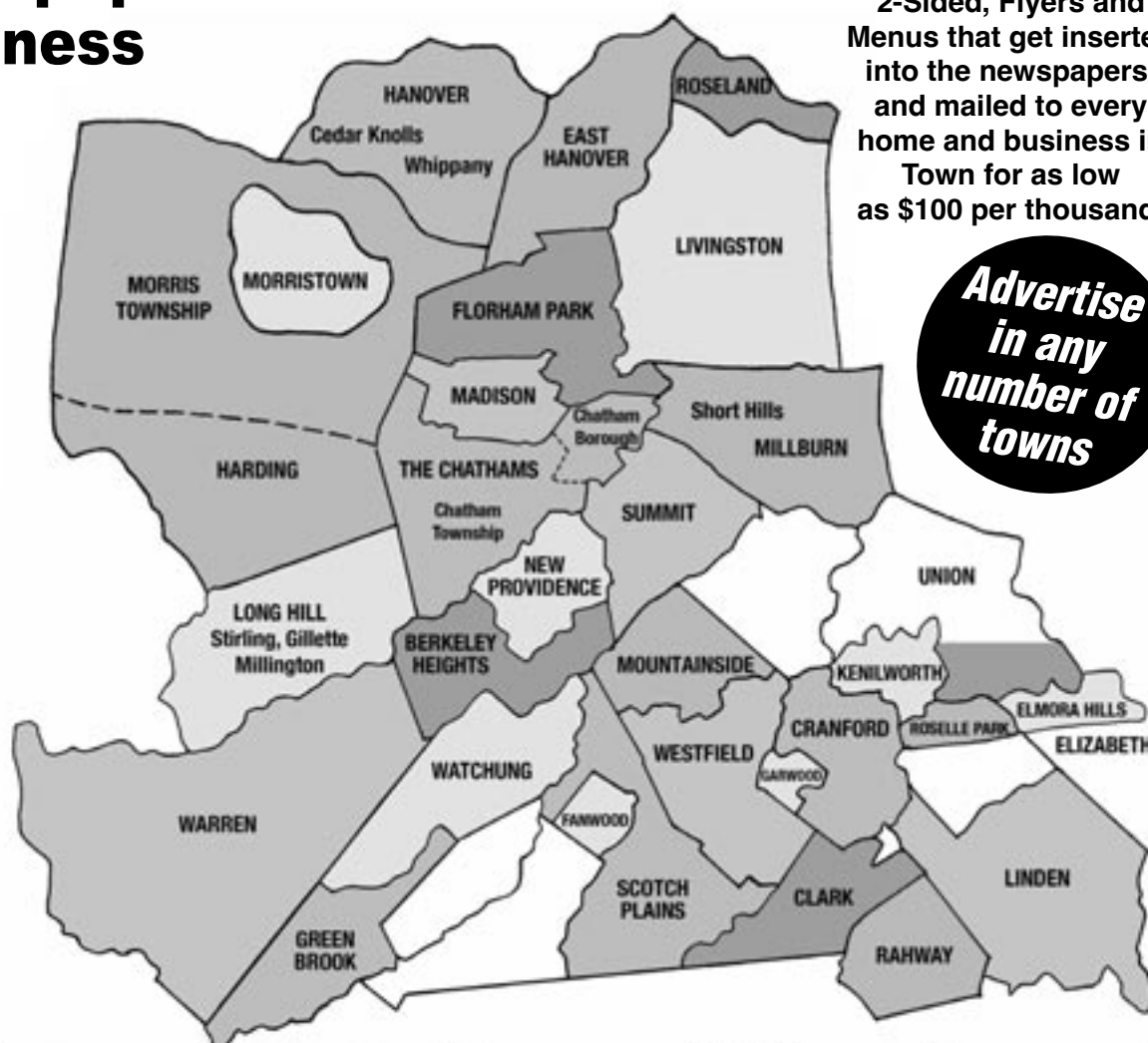
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for children. Highchairs are not available. The weekend event benefits the preservation of Twin Maples, 214 Springfield Avenue, Summit, a property on the New Jersey and National Historic Registers. The house was designed and built by New York architect Alfred F. Norris in the Colonial Revival style in 1908 and resembles the White House. The Fortnightly Club purchased the property in 1949. Today, Twin Maples serves as a clubhouse and hosts many community events and fundraisers. The Fortnightly Club of Summit, a non-profit organization founded in 1893, offers women camaraderie and a full calendar of interesting events and volunteer opportunities. The Club supports the preservation of Twin Maples, education, the arts and humanitarian efforts. For over thirty-years the Club has awarded annual scholarships to deserving young, local women. Fortnightly Club’s 104 members are from Summit and many neighboring towns. To join or for more information, visit the Club’s website at www.fortnightlyclub.org.



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