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LHS STAGECRAFT STUDENTS TREATED TO IMMERSIVE DEMO

Livingston Township Public Schools

What a night for the LHS Stagecraft classes! Learning went fully immersive as students were treated to live, professional demonstrations by the experts from Garden State Fireworks and Amazing Drone Shows.

This incredible opportunity was made possible by their teacher, Mr. Brian Megaro, who brought his professional network straight to the classroom. Mr. Megaro's extensive background includes working with the company on major productions like presidential inaugurations, A Capitol Fourth celebration, the Super Bowl, and the VMAs! He was thrilled to give students a direct look at this high-level pyrotechnics and cutting-edge drone technology.

"This event represents the realization of a long-held vision. Throughout my teaching career, I have remained committed to providing students with authentic, real-world learning experiences. This initiative offered yet another opportunity to engage them in an unforgettable, hands-on educational moment," said Mr. Megaro. "From live-streaming the daily operations of the presidential inauguration just a few years ago to facilitating last night's drone and pyro demonstration, my students understand that learning in my classroom extends far beyond four walls. I am deeply honored that Livingston Public Schools support and value innovative opportunities that allow me to share my passion for teaching in such a meaningful and tangible way."

Behind the Scenes of High-Stakes Production

Students experienced the power of professional production design firsthand. The demonstration featured a stunning show using 250 drones, giving students a real sense of the scale of modern event production.

This wasn't just a light show; it was a deeply educational experience. The pros generously donated their time—a significant commitment considering that the complex setup and breakdown for these shows take hours. During the session, they shared invaluable behind-the-scenes information, explaining: How pyrotechnics are made and deployed; How large-scale drone shows are executed, from programming to flight; and The critical safety issues and protocols essential to this kind of work.

The Stagecraft students - and some lucky community members who were passing by - witnessed a unique blend of art and engineering, seeing theory translated into spectacular reality.

Bringing in real-world experts proved to be an eye-opening experience for the students, connecting their classroom learning to tangible career possibilities.

Sophomore stagecraft student and LHS theater stage manager Riley Ortiz said, "I thought it was super interesting to learn from all of the professionals from Garden State Fireworks and drone operators from Amazing Drone Shows. Before this whole event I wasn't aware of how much planning and cool technology went into pyrotechnics and drone shows so now I understand how awesome that world is! Also I had never seen a drone show live so it was a really fun and new experience to see happen right in front of me."



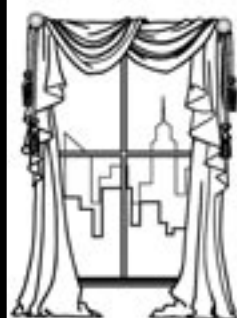
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"Seeing this kind of in-person learning with real-world experts truly opens students' eyes to career possibilities and inspires them to think bigger about what they can achieve," said Dr. Dan Fishbein, interim superintendent of schools.

LPS extends a huge THANK YOU to Mr. Megaro and Garden State Fireworks and Amazing Drone Shows for donating their time and resources to bring this unique, high-flying educational experience to LHS!

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This annual concert is a special fundraising event that supports our cultural outreach and scholarship programs.

The sound of pipes and drums will once again ring out this holiday season as the 27th Annual Pipes of Christmas returns with performances in Boston, New York City, and Summit, New Jersey.

Presented by the Learned Kindred of Currie, the beloved concert celebrates Scotland and Ireland's rich musical and spiritual heritage through a vibrant program of traditional carols, hymns, and readings that tell the story of Christmas through a distinctly Celtic lens.

Audiences will experience stirring performances by world-class musicians on bagpipes, brass, fiddle, harp, and organ, alongside the majestic voices of the Pipes of Christmas Choir. Narrations drawn from the works of Scottish poets, scripture, and classic holiday literature bring warmth, reflection, and inspiration to the stage.

Over the years, The Pipes of Christmas has become a cherished tradition for families across generations, drawing capacity audiences from across North America and abroad.

Beyond the stage, the concert has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support educational and cultural initiatives, including music scholarships in Scotland, the United States, and Canada - helping nurture the next generation of artists and scholars.

This year's program will feature new musical selections alongside cherished favorites such as Highland Cathedral, Auld Lang Syne, and Silent

Night, performed in the rich Celtic style that has captivated audiences for over two decades.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

- Boston, MA – December 5-6, Church of the Covenant at 7PM and Noon
- New York, NY – December 13, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church at 2PM
- Summit, NJ – Central Presbyterian Church at 2 and 7PM

Complete information and tickets are available on the concert website at WWW.PIPESOFCHRISTMAS.COM.

- Global Webcast of Concert Highlights to Follow

For those unable to attend in person, concert highlights will once again be shared with audiences around the world through the Pipes of Christmas Global Webcast, premiering on December 19 for subscribers.

The broadcast brings the magic of the live performances to homes across six continents, allowing friends and families everywhere to share in the music, message, and joy of the season.

ABOUT THE LEARNED KINDRED OF CURRIE

The Learned Kindred of Currie is an international Scottish heritage society dedicated to celebrating Scotland's history, language, and culture. The organization sponsors the annual Pipes of Christmas concerts and a variety of educational programs, including scholarships for young musicians, writers, and scholars.



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DEADLINE TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES IS DEC 1

The Township of Livingston’s Council members are inviting new residents and those who have not previously been active in the community to serve on township committees.

Each year, the mayor and council make appointments to the many township advisory committees at Livingston’s annual reorganization meeting in January.

“We recognize and value the dedicated efforts of our volunteers who contribute so much to our community,” said Mayor Ed Meinhardt. “Each fall, residents are invited to apply to join one, or multiple, of our committees.”

The volunteer application, along with a brief description of each committee, is available on the township website at livingstonnj.org/Committees; completed applications must be emailed to townclerk@livingstonnj.org by Monday, December 1, 2025.

In January, appointments will be made to a large number of township committees, including: Animal Shelter Committee, Arts Council of Livingston, Consumer Affairs Committee, Livingston Committee for Diversity & Inclusion (LCDI), Transportation Committee (Advisory), Welcome to Livingston Committee

A number of township committees fall within similar topic areas, with each having a different focus.

WORKING WITH YOUTH AND/OR SENIORS:

- Livingston Advisory Committee for Disabilities (LACD)
- Livingston Municipal Alliance Committee (LMAC)
- Senior Advisory Committee
- Vision 20/20 Committee

YOUTH/TEEN FORMAL WEAR DRIVE

Livingston Public Library

Do you have an old party dress collecting dust in your closet? A suit you wore to Junior Prom that you’ve outgrown? Give it new life and donate to the Livingston Library’s Youth/Teen Formal Wear Drive!

We’re collecting gently used or new formal wear to help kids in our community get ready for special events like prom, special parties, and more.

Drop off dresses, suits, dress shirts & ties and dress shoes, in the bin located in the Youth Wing, beginning on November 3rd through January 26th. All items should be clean and in good, wearable condition.

All donated formal wear will be distributed at the library on Saturday, January 31st. More details about that event will follow.

Your tax-deductible donation can help another child shine and feel confident & ready to celebrate. Let’s help each other dress to impress, one outfit at a time!

All the best,
Amy Babcock, Director

RECREATIONAL CONCERNS:

- Livingston Green Team Committee
- Recycling & Reclamation Committee
- Trails & Greenways Committee

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

- Livingston Public Broadcasting Committee (LTV)
- Technology Committee

SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS:

- Camuso Collection Preservation Committee
- Fourth of July Celebration Committee
- Golf Tournament Committee
- Memorial Day Parade Committee

“I invite everyone to learn more about our committees and consider volunteering,” said Mayor Meinhardt. “We have such a big volunteer community here, and it is exciting to see new people join and contribute to making Livingston so special.”

The Township Council will meet in early December to review applications.

When vacancies exist, appointments will be made by the Township Council to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Livingston Environmental Commission, Open Space Committee, Local Assistance Board, the Library Board of Trustees, Livingston For All Ages, and Livingston For All (Inclusive Healthy Communities). The volunteer application, along with a brief description of each committee, is available on the Township website at livingstonnj.org/Committees. Residents are reminded to complete and email the volunteer application to townclerk@livingstonnj.org by Monday, December 1, 2025.

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPERA SPECTACULAR - DEC 7

December 7, 2025, 3:00 PM - 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.

After an incredible turnout at our recent Due Soprani e Un Tenore concert, you’ve GOT to get your tickets for the December 7th Holiday Spectacular! This concert will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Morristown, which offers FREE PARKING and plenty of room in the beautiful sanctuary—so gather your friends and family for an afternoon of festive music and joy.

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.

Opera at Florham’s Holiday Spectacular is more than a concert—it’s a heartwarming experience that has become a highlight of the holiday season across New Jersey. Each year, this festive performance transforms St. Margaret of Scotland Church into a winter wonderland of music, where world-class voices and live accompaniment inspire wonder and joy.

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 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.

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By George Sosa, President, The Sosa Insurance Group

Turning 65 marks eligibility for Medicare, a federal health insurance program designed for seniors and certain individuals with disabilities. While the system can be complex, resources are available to help beneficiaries navigate enrollment, updates, and plan changes to ensure their coverage continues to meet their needs.

Original Medicare consists of Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance). Part A covers hospital stays, skilled nursing facilities, home health, and hospice care. Part B focuses on outpatient care, doctor visits, preventive screenings, and therapies. While comprehensive, Original Medicare leaves gaps in coverage, which can be supplemented through Medigap policies. These help with deductibles, co-pays, and sometimes foreign travel coverage, offering flexibility and predictability.

Medicare Advantage (Part C), offered by private insurers, combines Parts A and B and often includes additional benefits like vision, dental, hearing, fitness programs, and lower premiums. These plans have out-of-pocket maximums, but often require use of in-network providers.

Prescription drug coverage (Part D) is also offered through private plans. Each plan has a formulary outlining covered medications, cost-sharing structures, and potential coverage gaps, though assistance programs like "Extra Help" exist for those with limited income. New Jersey also provides state assistance through PAAD and Senior Gold to help seniors manage prescription

drug costs.

For higher-income beneficiaries, Medicare applies IRMAA (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount), which adds extra costs to Part B and D premiums based on IRS tax information.

Enrollment timing is crucial. While some may delay enrollment due to employer coverage, late enrollment penalties apply if coverage lapses without creditable insurance.

Every year, Medicare beneficiaries have an opportunity to review and adjust their coverage. The Annual Enrollment Period (October 15 – December 7) allows switching between Original Medicare and Advantage plans, adding or changing drug plans, or returning to Original Medicare. Any changes take effect January 1. Additionally, the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment (January 1 – March 31) allows those in Advantage plans to switch or return to Original Medicare.

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FREE DECEMBER ZOOM SERIES - 'OBJECTS OF SURVIVAL: MATERIAL CULTURE AND HOLOCAUST MEMORY'



(above) Dr. Angela West, adjunct professor in Drew University's Holocaust Studies Department, will present a free two-part Zoom series, titled "Objects of Survival: Material Culture and Holocaust Memory," on Thursdays, Dec. 4 and 11, at 1 p.m. via Zoom. Register by e-mailing iadpr@aol.com.

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COUNTDOWN TO JULY 4TH, 2026

America250 - In New Jersey & Nationwide

Next year, on July 4, 2026, the United States of America will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our country's past, to honor the contributions of all Americans, and to also look ahead towards the future that we want to create and leave behind for the next generation of Americans.

On the federal level, America250.org is a nonpartisan initiative working to engage every American in commemorating the 250th anniversary of our country. This multi-year effort, from now through July 4, 2026, is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

In New Jersey, RevolutionNJ.org has been set up and is a partnership between the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC), a division of the New Jersey Department of State, and the nonprofit Crossroads of the American Revolution Association to plan the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in New Jersey.

Dr. Angela West, adjunct professor in Drew University's Holocaust Studies Department, will present a free two-part Zoom series, titled "Objects of Survival: Material Culture and Holocaust Memory," on Thursdays, Dec. 4 and 11, at 1 p.m. via Zoom.

The series, sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), West Morris Section and coordinated by the Our Jewish World program, will offer a singular look at how Holocaust captives remained emotionally strong and survived during this most unimaginable of times through "material objects"--items they created, preserved, or stole from World War II Germany.

Our Jewish World is coordinated by Melanie Levitan and Ilene Dorf Manahan, both of Morristown.

Dr. West will focus on a variety of objects that have since served as powerful tools for uncovering and interpreting Holocaust history. Some of the donated historical items have connections to Morris County community members and their experiences.

"The tactile and deep human connection to objects and artifacts tells of individuals' lives and communal experiences during World War II and offers powerful insights into the history of the Holocaust," Dr. West explains. "In the ghettos, concentration camps, and places of hiding, both women and men crafted and saved meaningful items that preserved memories, expressed identity, and sustained their spiritual life under impossible conditions."

In the first session, on Dec. 4, Dr. West will review the kind of stories that objects represent about resilience, survival and resistance, and the role such items--that is, the "material culture" created, saved or hidden in ghettos, camps or secret places--now play in helping future generations remember the past. Through the use of such deeply personal artifacts as a prisoner's uniform, handmade art from Bergen-Belsen, and a saved trapped door, Dr. West will make it clear

how physical objects can preserve memory and offer new ways of connecting to individuals' stories during times of extremity.

In the second session, on Dec. 11, the speaker will turn to the end of World War II and the liberation of the concentration camps, which marked a turning point, but not an end for Holocaust survivors. In the years that followed, many remained in displaced persons (DP) camps, navigating the challenges of uncertainty while beginning to rebuild their lives. Dr. West will share survivors' testimonies from this complex postwar period through the lens of material culture and will include objects that accompanied individuals on their journeys--items that continued to be material witnesses to resilience, identity, and renewal in their postwar lives and offer powerful insights into how people chose to carry memory and reclaim agency in the aftermath of the Holocaust.

Dr. West emphasizes, "Understanding this 'material culture' is particularly helpful to know, especially as the survivor generation continues to shrink and soon the tactile 'things' will be all that remain."

Besides teaching at Drew University, the speaker is also a consulting historian, museum curator, and currently the manager of the Holocaust Remembrance Center at Temple Sinai in Summit. Her recent exhibit documents the stories of child survivors of the Holocaust who now reside in New Jersey. Dr. West is dedicated to advancing public understanding of the Holocaust, far-right extremism, and its implications for contemporary society.

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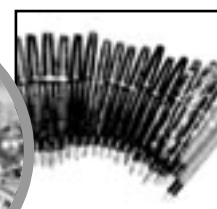
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For application forms, contact Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter DAR at ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com.

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9 Fun Facts about Hanukkah

Monday, December 1, 11:00 AM

Learn all about Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, which begins on December 14.

Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, December 4, 10:30 AM

This group provides families and caregivers with the emotional support and education they need to better understand Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. A trained facilitator guides the group. Visit www.alznj.org to register and learn about their additional programs, or call the Center at 973-635-4565 to sign up for this group

End of Year Household Financial Tips

Monday, December 8, 11:00 AM

The close of the year is always a good time to review annual expenses and maximize savings. Learn a variety of useful household financial tips that can help you get the most from tax benefits, deplete flex spending accounts, cancel subscriptions no longer used, etc.

Holiday Blues

Wednesday, December 3, 12:00 PM

For some, the holidays are a joyous season to be celebrated with family and friends. For others, it can be a time of isolation and sadness. If you, or someone you know, is struggling with holiday blues you are definitely not alone. Join us to discuss this and learn ways to cope during these difficult times. Call the Center to sign up (973-635-4565). This program will also be available on-line.

The Senior Center will be closed for the holidays, Monday, December 22 through Friday, January 2.

A JOYFUL FREE FAMILY CONCERT - DEC 13

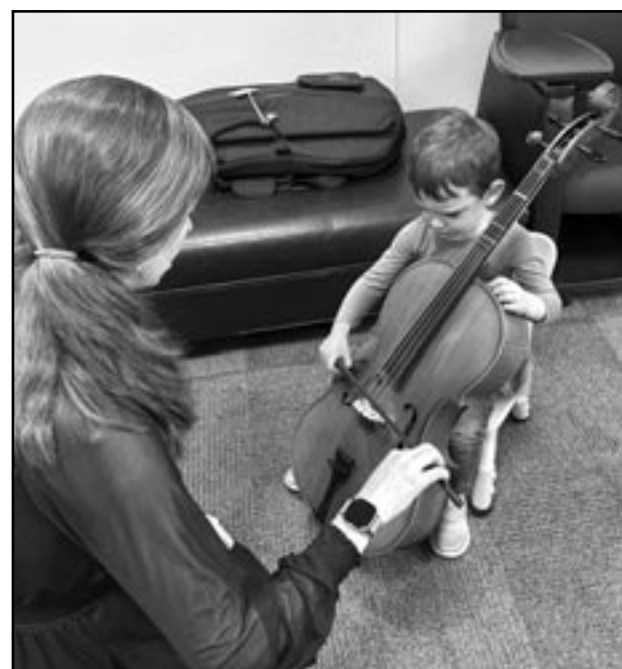
The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) invites music lovers of all ages to celebrate the season at its annual Holiday Spirit concert on Saturday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School in Summit, NJ. Admission is free, with suggested donations of \$10 per person gratefully accepted. The concert will also be livestreamed and recorded, with details available at www.njio.org.

This festive event brings together NJIO's three orchestras—Prelude, Intermezzo, and Symphony—for one joyful performance that showcases musicians of many ages and skill levels performing side by side. The program features a playful mix of holiday and family-friendly favorites, including Reineke's Toy Symphony, Vivaldi's Winter, and the always-rousing Radetzky March (complete with audience clapping). Concertgoers can also join in the fun with a sing-along of classic carols and hand-held percussion instruments for "Sleigh Ride" to close the concert.

Following the performance, families are invited to stay for NJIO's Instrument Petting Zoo, sponsored by Elefante Music, where children can meet musicians and try out orchestral instruments.

Thanks to a generous \$4,000 grant from The Summit Foundation, this year's Holiday Spirit concert will feature extra touches of fun, including printed program books for the sing-along and "instrument passports" for young concertgoers to collect stamps as they explore the Petting Zoo.

This concert is made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, The Summit Foundation, Instrument Petting Zoo sponsor Elefante Music, Allison Ziefert Real Estate Group - Compass, and our season sponsors: the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, The Henry S. and Agnes M. Truzack Foundation, Standish Foundation, and many other generous supporters. NJIO is a proud participating organization in the Families First Discovery Pass Program, a program of the NJ Departments of Health and Human Services.



(above) Future orchestra member tries out the cello at the Instrument Petting Zoo

ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA

NJIO is committed to ensuring that its programs and concerts are accessible. For more information regarding the concert or to inquire about patron services, please contact NJIO at info@njio.org, or visit NJIO's website www.njio.org

New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, now in its 32nd season, has been nationally recognized as a leader in intergenerational excellence through its unique approach to teaching musical performance and as a model for intergenerational orchestras across the country. Depending on space availability, NJIO welcomes new members of all ages and abilities each concert period to one of its orchestras – no auditions needed!

The Holiday Spirit concert is the second of four free NJIO performances this season. Upcoming concerts include the Winter Concert on March 1, 2026 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark and the Spring Concert on May 3, 2026 at 3 p.m. at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.



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JASMIN MORIN AND HER SONS, ALEXANDER AND FRANCIS GRADUATE FROM CIVIL AIR PATROL GROUND SEARCH & RESCUE SCHOOL

Curtiss-Wright Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

During summer break 2025, Livingston resident Jasmin Morin and her sons, Alexander and Francis, graduated from the 2025 New Jersey Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) School operated by Civil Air Patrol's New Jersey Wing. The Morins, who have resided in Livingston for the past five years, are all members of the local Curtiss-Wright Composite Squadron. They were among the 24 graduates of the summer GSAR School hosted on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst from August 9 to August 16, 2025.

Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Francis Morin (16) is a junior, while his brother Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Alexander Morin (14) is a freshman. First Lieutenant Jasmin Morin is a 25-year employee of the Federal Reserve System.

A cornerstone of the Civil Air Patrol's emergency services mission, the weeklong GSAR immersion training helped CAP members earn qualifications for Ground Team Member 3, Ground Team Member 2, and Urban Direction Finding. The Morin family and other students completed online prerequisites before attending in-person classroom sessions and field exercises, culminating in a two-day, overnight field training exercise. Emergency services readiness ensures CAP members are ready to support communities in need after a natural disaster or other community emergency.

"GSAR school is where our future ground team specialists take their first big step," said Col. Amy Myzie, commander of the New Jersey Wing. "The training here combines field readiness with real-world mission skills, ensuring our teams are prepared to assist whenever and wherever we're needed."

Over the past four decades, New Jersey Wing GSAR School has become one of Civil Air Patrol's premier emergency services schools, producing mission-qualified graduates who support search and rescue, disaster relief, and homeland security missions.

A FAMILY COMMITMENT

The Morins have been active members of Curtiss-Wright Composite Squadron (Fairfield, NJ) since 2023. Jasmin Morin serves as the squadron's Cyber Education Officer, where she leads teenage members through national competitions and other activities designed to spark interest and foster career paths in the cybersecurity industry. She is also the Assistant Deputy Commander of Cadets and works closely with the unit's roster of 54 teenage members.

In addition to executing their squadron duty positions, the two Morin brothers recently completed leadership training at New Jersey Wing's Non-Commissioned Officer Cadet Academy and in the Advanced Cadet Squadron at New Jersey Wing's Basic Encampment, a one-week immersion program focused on teamwork, personal growth, cybersecurity, and aerospace. The cadets also attended a one-week Civil Air Patrol Engineering Technology program held at Middle Tennessee State University (Tennessee).

"The Morin family's commitment to the missions of CAP is a great example of the enthusiasm we seek to ignite in all our members," said Lt. Col Carol McCloud, the commander of the Curtiss-Wright Squadron. "A family's relationship with CAP usually begins with a teen's interest in aviation or rocketry, and quite often it blossoms into a family's expression of community service. Parents and teens end up working side by side and independently on the

missions of CAP — to make our communities stronger and safer."

In 2024, New Jersey communities benefited more than \$6.7 million in community service value from CAP New Jersey Wing members (approximately 600 adult members and 954 teen members).

ABOUT CIVIL AIR PATROL

The Civil Air Patrol is the longtime auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and, as such, is a valued member of its Total Force. In its auxiliary role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 single-engine aircraft and 1,550 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. It performs about 90% of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 82 lives annually. CAP's 66,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies.

CAP also plays a leading role in STEM and aerospace education, and its adult members serve as mentors to 32,000 cadets nationwide.

Visit www.CAPNews or www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com for more information.

CURTISS-WRIGHT COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The Curtiss-Wright Composite Squadron is a local unit of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) that has 54 cadets and 25 adult members who reside in area townships, including West Orange, Caldwell, Cedar Grove, East Hanover, Fairfield, Livingston, Morristown, Parsippany, Roseland, and Wayne.

The squadron meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the American Red Cross Northern New Jersey Headquarters, 209 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, NJ.

More about the CAP Curtiss-Wright Composite Squadron is here: nj073.cap.gov/

Prospective members (teens 12+ and adults) are welcome to visit on any Tuesday - Email edward.bikales@njwg.cap.gov for more details.



(Above) Livingston resident Jasmin Morin and her sons, Alexander and Francis

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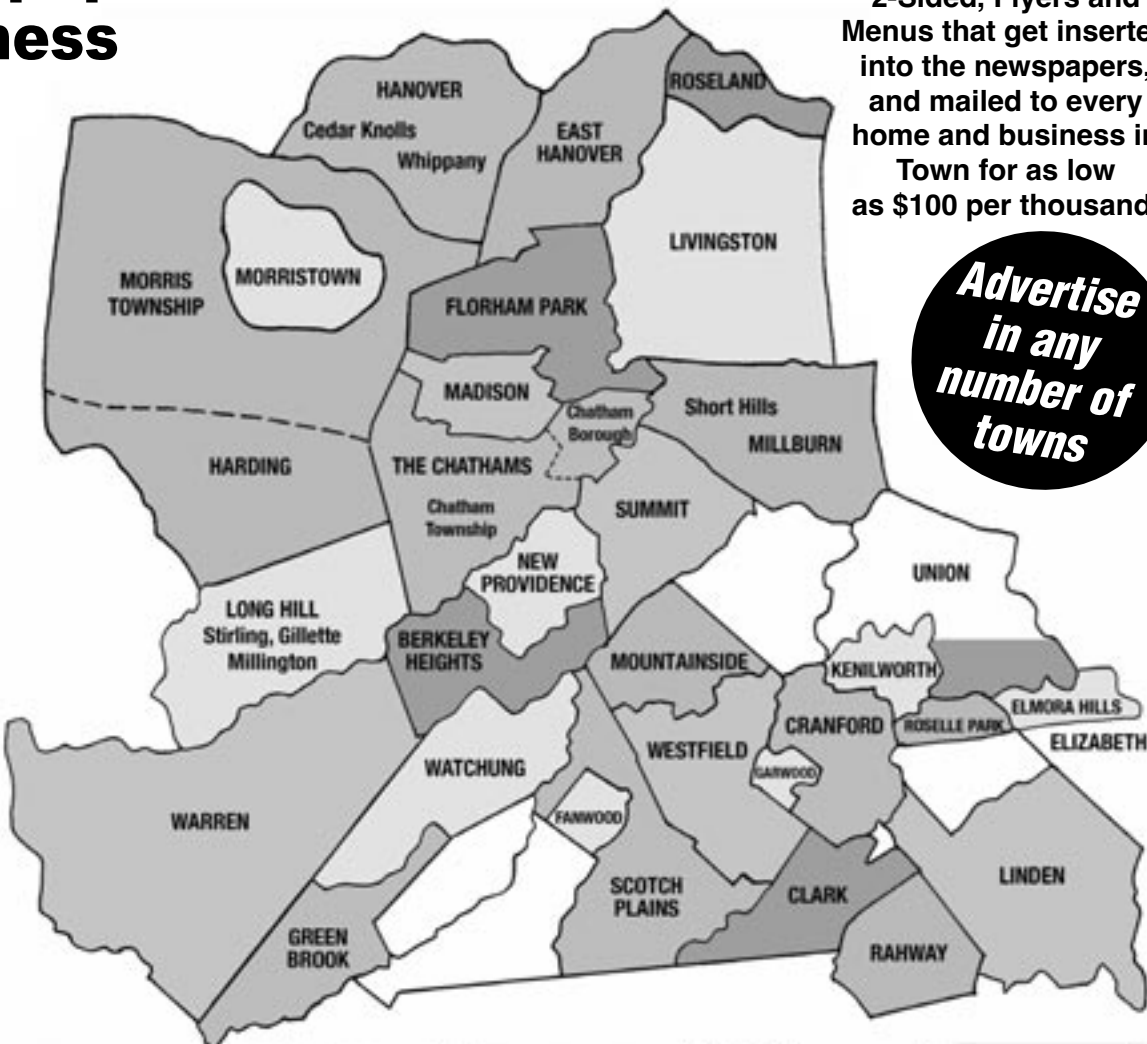
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Under the direction of Maestro David Wroe, NJFO welcomes audiences to celebrate the magic of the season with Return of the 3 Holiday Tenors on December 6 and 7, followed by the orchestra's signature New Year's celebration, Broadway Through the Ages, on December 31 and January 1.

Return of the 3 Holiday Tenors features award-winning vocalists John Kun Park, Luke Norvell, and Michael DeShield, each bringing a distinct artistic profile to this beloved NJFO tradition. Park, praised for his "radiant lyricism," has appeared with major opera houses across the country. Norvell, known for his "effortless charm and ringing tenor," continues to shine as a rising star on both concert and operatic stages. DeShield, celebrated for his powerful presence and versatility, is a frequent soloist with ensembles throughout the Northeast.

The trio joins NJFO for a sparkling program of holiday favorites, classical tenor showpieces, and uplifting choral moments. They are joined by the Holy Trinity Choir of Westfield and Central Avenue Choir of Madison, adding festive warmth and community spirit to this seasonal celebration. Performances take place Saturday, December 6 at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and Sunday, December 7 at Drew University in Madison.

The festivities continue with Broadway Through the Ages, NJFO's dazzling New Year's tradition performed in Westfield and Basking Ridge. This year's concert brings together a powerhouse lineup of guest artists: Tess Marshall, acclaimed for her magnetic stage presence and vocal brilliance; Lisa Marie Rogali, a versatile performer equally at home in opera and musical theater; and Peter Kendall Clark, praised for his "commanding baritone and dramatic flair." This year's program also features stars from the Dance Theater of Harlem, adding movement, elegance, and theatrical artistry to this musical celebration. Together with NJFO, the ensemble leads audiences on a spirited journey through iconic Broadway classics.

"Both programs illuminate what music does best," said Maestro Wroe. "They bring people together, lift the spirit, and remind us of the joy and renewal this season represents."

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