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LONG HILL GIRLS ON THE RUN

Starting in September, girls in Long Hill met together twice a week at Kantor Park and learned what it means to be strong, confident, while making new friends and having fun. The meetup featured the exercise of running through the Girls on the Run program.

Their amazing coaches were Jennifer Chiodo and Catherine Steege. The highlight of the fall 2025 season was on November 15, 2025 at Branch Brook Park in Newark, NJ where all participants ran a 5k race with their running buddy.

Girls on the Run® is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization designed to enhance participants' social, emotional and physical skills to successfully navigate life experiences. Their aim is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. The group envisions a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams.



(above, l-r) Coaches: Jennifer Chiodo and Catherine Steege; Girls: Nora Jimenez, Delaney Hurley, Anna Luna Gomez, Margalit Chiodo, Maya Steege, Elisa Steege



(above, l-r) Standing coaches: Jennifer Chiodo and Catherine Steege; Girls: Anna Luna Gomez, Elisa Steege, Maya Steege, Margalit Chiodo, Delaney Hurley, and Nora Jimenez

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CENTRAL RR HISTORY BOOK AVAILABLE

This extraordinary 80-page book is packed with interesting photos and illustrations, many in color. NJ Transit's Raritan Valley Line and North Jersey Coast Line were originally owned and operated by the Central RR of NJ and this is their history. The book is written by former railroad official Frank Reilly. A discount price is offered to Long Hill Leader readers of \$25 and will be autographed on request. Mail \$25 check to: CNJ Historical Society; 460 Elm St.; Stirling, NJ 07980-1126.



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What can be better than having Santa make a personal visit with your children at your house? Santa arrives on a real fire engine, delivers a special present, and talks with your children and family. He will be making his visits on Sat., Dec. 13, so sign up now and get an unforgettable and treasured holiday memory for your child and your family, one they'll cherish for years to come.

You may take photos with your family and Santa with his fire engine, as well as take photos

of your whole family with Santa. He'll be accompanied by costumed firefighter elves to enhance this experience. Children love Santa and they love fire engines, so what can be better than having Santa arrive at your house on a real fire engine for a Christmas visit?

Sign-up for Santa's visit by sending an email to Stirling's Santa at stirlingfirecompany@gmail.com.

Leave your name and phone number and a Firefighter Santa's helper will respond to confirm your visit. The firefighters request a \$50 donation for the visit.

You purchase and wrap your child's gift then drop it off at the Stirling Firehouse, 321 Somerset St., Stirling either on Dec. 11 or 12 between 5 and 9 p.m. Santa will deliver it on Sat., Dec. 13. Your \$50 donation is due when you drop off your gift. Please make your check payable to the Stirling Vol. Fire Co.

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Joining the Stirling Vol. Fire Co. is easy and all training is provided free as is all personal firefighting gear. Firefighting here is a real brotherhood and anyone age 16 or older in good health, male or female, is eligible to join. Contact the Fire Co. at stirlingfirecompany@gmail.com for more information and a free tour of the Stirling firehouse. If you and your group would like a talk about fire prevention and fire safety as well as take a tour of the firehouse, please email us. It's free.



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MARTIAL ARTISTS EARN INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION

Vedika Ghosh, 15, of Berkeley Heights, and Julia Barrance, 13, of Stirling, received their international certification as junior instructors in the art of Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan on Thursday, October 9th at Chu's Academy of Martial Arts.

As first degree black belts, Ghosh and Barrance excel in advanced techniques and understanding the underlying principles. The rigorous three month instructor program challenged them to add articulation and logical development of technique to effectively instruct their students.

Ghosh and Barrance have been training at Chu's Academy for seven and eight years respectively. Both are members of the elite Leadership Team at the Academy, and Ghosh is a member of the Academy demonstration team that took first place in the national competition this past July. "The effort I put in, and supported others to put in, is what I'm most proud of", said Ghosh. "I know that I will discover many, many new things. I'm excited to keep on growing and immersing myself in the art, no matter what stands in my way", said Barrance of this new certification and what the future holds.

ABOUT CHU'S ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS:

Chu's Academy of Martial Arts, located in Gillette, has been developing positive attributes in children since 1982. The Academy is led by co-owners Lydia Chu and Michelle Cavett, and Program Director Andrew Masini. Chu, Cavett and Masini are internationally certified master instructors in the Korean martial art of Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan.

For more information, call or text 908-647-4194 or go to www.karate4peace.com



(above, l-r) Vedika Ghosh, 15, of Berkeley Heights and Julia Barrance, 13, of Stirling

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Long Hill Township Girl Scout 2nd and 3rd Grade Brownie Troops gathered on Monday, November 17, at Millington's historic Old Schoolhouse to assemble 24 Tres Leches Cake ingredient kits for families served by Twelve Baskets Food Pantry.

Using proceeds from their annual cookie, nut, and candy sales, the Scouts purchased all the ingredients needed for each kit. During the meeting, the girls worked together to portion and package the kits, and they decorated festive Thanksgiving tags to attach to each bag, adding a personal and cheerful touch for the holiday season.

The service project reflects the Girl Scouts' commitment to community involvement, teamwork, and helping those in need

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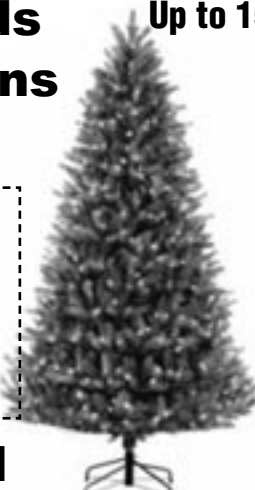
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Winners will be judged in the following categories:

- Best Traditional/Classic
- Most Unique
- Best Theme
- Best Dressed Business
- Brightest
- High Tech
- Best Yard Display

Register on Community Pass by December 8th. Judging will take place Dec. 9th - 15th. Participants agree to have exterior photos of their decorated homes/businesses posted on the website, social media, and in the newspapers. Registration is open to all Long Hill Residents & Businesses.

Questions? Please contact Long Hill Parks & Recreation at 908.647.8000 x219 or x267
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TWO CONCERTS: HOLIDAY TENORS & BROADWAY THROUGH THE AGES

New Jersey Festival Orchestra ushers in the holiday season with two major December performances that showcase the full breadth of the orchestra's artistic range.

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.

RETURN OF THE 3 HOLIDAY TENORS

Sat Dec 6, 7 PM

The Presbyterian Church, Westfield

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Wed., Dec. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Jane Austen at 250: Her Novels and Their Afterlives: Join Patricia Ard, Austen scholar and professor of literature, for a discussion of why Austen's six brilliant novels have earned her lasting fame and a worldwide readership across centuries. Hybrid: attend in-person (no registration required) or via Zoom (registration required at <https://tinyurl.com/mcl-austen3>).

Austen-themed Friday Afternoon Movies

@ 2:00 p.m.:

12/5: "Pride & Prejudice" (2005)

12/19: "Emma" (2020)

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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.

ALL AGES

Escape Room: The Mad Hatter's Hurried Hunt

Sat., Dec. 6, Mon., Dec. 8, & Tue., Dec. 9, various times

Help the Mad Hatter find the lost key to his treasured Time-Locked Tea Caddy! Participants 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration required & more info at

<https://tinyurl.com/mcl-madhatter>.

Spanish Conversation for Adults & Teens

Thu., Dec. 18, 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.

ADULTS

Tuesday Book Club

Tue., 12/9, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

This month's book is North Woods by Daniel Mason. No registration needed.

Medieval Book Club

Wed., Dec. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

We're reading Revelations of Divine Love by Julian of Norwich. No registration needed.

Socrates Cafe

Wed., Dec. 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

A discussion group using the dialogue of the Socratic Method. No registration required.

TEENS

Celebrate Taylor Swift's Birthday!

Fri., Dec. 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Taylor's birthday (Dec. 13) one day early! Come to dance, sing-along, make friendship bracelets and other crafts, take pictures, and have fun with other Swifties! For ages 18 and under. Children under 12 must be with an adult at all times. Registration (required) at <https://tinyurl.com/mcl-swifties>.

CHILDREN

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all children's programs.

Move & Groove with Miss Jolie

Tue., Dec. 2, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

The always popular Miss Jolie returns for more music, movement and fun! For ages 6 & under. Registration required at inyurl.com/mcl-kids9.

A Dickens Tale

Thu., Dec. 11, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Join old Scrooge, bumbling Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, old Jacob Marley, and the ghosts while discovering the true meaning of the season. For grades 2 & up. Registration required at <https://tinyurl.com/mcl-kids10>.

LEGO Club

Sat., Dec. 13, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Create and build using LEGO! For ages 4-12. Registration required at tinyurl.com/mcl-lego4.

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High school seniors in New Jersey who are U.S. citizens, are in need of financial assistance to continue their education, and plan to attend a college or university in the U.S., may apply for one or both scholarships offered by the New Jersey State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

The Vail Scholarship provides a one-time award of \$2,000 to a student who plans to major in political science, history, government or economics.

The New Jersey State DAR Scholarship offers a one-time award of \$1,000 to a student who reflects the DAR objectives of community

service and patriotism.

The deadline to submit applications is December 31, 2025. Scholarships will be awarded in April 2026.

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

DAR is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, service organization open to women 18 and older who are descended from a man or woman who aided the cause of American independence. The mission of the DAR is to promote education, historic preservation, and patriotism.

Learn more at www.DAR.org.

CAFE FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

Christ Church, Summit, NJ

Too often, those living with memory loss can suffer from social stigma and isolation. A Memory Cafe is a social gathering for those living with cognitive loss, together with their care-partners. It's a welcoming community where all feel safe, accepted, and understood.

"The Gathering Place" is a monthly Memory Cafe hosted by volunteers at Christ Church in Summit. They meet the first Wednesday of every month, from 12 - 2 p.m.

Guests socialize over a light, nutritious lunch

and share friendship, information, and often a few laughs. It is non-sectarian and all are welcome. From guests: "It was enjoyable, uplifting, and worthwhile," and "I wish my mother had something like this to participate in while she was able."

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.

LONG HILL TOWNSHIP LIBRARY DECEMBER PROGRAMS

CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS:

Christmas Caroling with Tri-M chorus

December 6 at 1pm

December 7 at 1:15pm

December 20 at 1pm

Come and enjoy an afternoon full of carols to get you in the holiday spirit! Presented by the Tri-M Chorus of Watchung Hills Regional High School, the only national honor society for student musicians in the country.

Library Chef for Kids and Teens

December 10 and 17 at 6pm

online on the Library Chef platform

Enjoy live, virtual classes that teach basic kitchen safety and cooking skills, while demonstrating how to make delicious recipes. This month's recipes include Jam Thumbprint Cookies (Ages 10+ on 12/10) and Chocolate Chip Cookies (Ages 5-9 on 12/17). Classes are recorded and available to view anytime.

Kids' Book Club (Ages 8-12)

December 17 at 4pm

Come join our book club where we'll discuss Charlotte's Web by E.B. White, do an activity, and share a snack. Please read the book before the meeting. Stop by the library to pick up your copy of the book and join us!

Creative Movement (Ages 18mo-4yrs)

December 19 at 10:30am

Starstruck Dance Studio of Gillette presents a class of dance and movement activities with stories in between!

Read to a Dog Storytime

December 20 at 10:30am

Join us for storytime with a therapy dog from Creature Comfort. Listen to a few stories and hang out with the dogs! Participants will have a chance to sit independently and read to one of the dogs.

Ms. Rachel Performer Show (Ages 6mo-3yrs)

December 20 at 12pm

Join Miss Aly, a professional Ms. Rachel impersonator, for singing, dancing, and storytime. Includes an interactive meet and greet for the whole family.

Teen Craft: Make a Bath Bomb

December 23 at 2:30pm

Come make a bath bomb at the library! We'll provide the materials, including various scents, and show you how to craft a bath bomb for you to enjoy or give as a gift!

Dungeons and Dragons (Ages 9-18)

December 23 at 5:45pm

Join us for a game of Dungeons & Dragons!

Whether you're new to D&D, or a skilled

Dungeon Master, all skill levels are welcome.

During this program players will have the

chance to learn the mechanics of Dungeons &

Dragons and expand their D&D skill set.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Virtual Art Talk: Surreal Sixties

December 2 at 7pm online

Join us as retired art professor, Mary Vahey, takes us on a virtual tour of Sixties Surreal, an exhibit at the Whitney through January 19.

Sixties Surreal is a scholarly reappraisal of

American art from 1958 to 1972 that

foregrounds the role of surrealism during a

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Library Chef Wellness & Cooking Classes

December 3, 10, and 17 online

on the Library Chef platform

This month's live, virtual, expert-led classes

include Chocolate Truffles (12/3), Quick Daily

Meditation (12/10), and Zucchini Cups filled

with Creamy Spinach (12/17). Classes are

recorded and all previous classes are available

to view anytime.

Virtual History Talk:

Metropolitan Museum of Art's Christmas Tree

December 8 at 7pm online

Art historian, Mallory Mortillaro explores the history behind one of New York City's most

beautiful and beloved Christmas traditions: The

Metropolitan Museum of Art's Neapolitan

Baroque Angel Tree and Nativity Scene. We

will dive into the story behind many of the

18th-century artists and objects themselves.

Estate Planning

December 11 at 11am

Learn about the essential legal documents for estate plans in 2026. We will discuss the advantages of Last Wills and Testaments, Revocable Living Trusts and Powers of Attorney for Health and Assets and Living Wills. We will also address legal strategies to preserve assets and family inheritance from creditors, divorce, and lawsuits, minimize taxes on retirement.

Hickory Tree Chorus Concert

December 14 at 3pm

Hickory Tree is an award-winning women's chorus dedicated to advancing the musical art form of four-part a cappella harmony sung in the barbershop style. As a chapter of Sweet Adelines International Organization, The Hickory Tree Chorus has been entertaining audiences in the New Jersey area since 1968.

Virtual Art Talk: Ruth Asawa

December 15 at 7pm online

Ruth Asawa, Japanese American sculptor, educator, and arts activist, is known for her extensive body of work including paintings, printmaking, public commissions, and especially her wire sculptures that challenge conventional notions of material and form. Come and hear about this pioneering and inspirational artist and be well prepared to enjoy MoMA's monumental Ruth Asawa exhibit.

The History of Christmas Carols

December 17 at 7pm online

Trace the evolution of Christmas Carols from pagan solstice songs to the wide range of carols played and performed around the wintertime holidays today. Participants are encouraged to sing along while exploring the specific histories of a number of popular carols.

Piano Concert: Jongsun Lee

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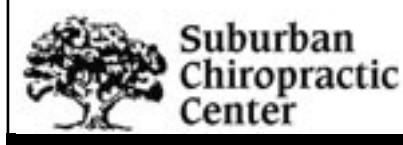
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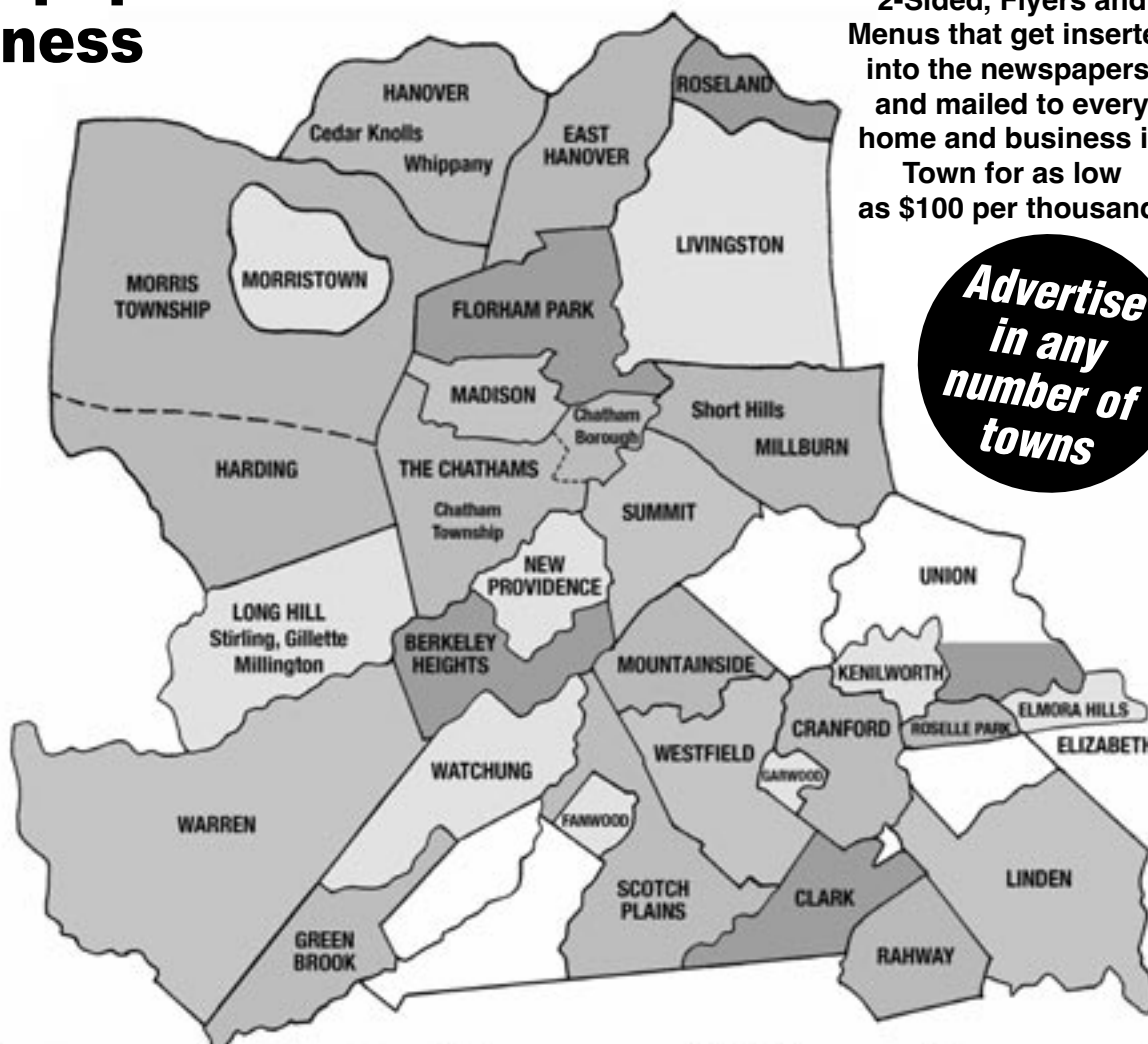
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A JOYFUL FREE FAMILY CONCERT - DEC 13

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

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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.

LOCAL ARTISTS SHINE AT COUNTY ART SHOW

Morris County

The Morris County Office of Aging, Disabilities and Community Programming joined Norwescap recently as it hosted the 2025 Annual Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Art Show Awards Ceremony and Reception at the Morris County Library.

Two dozen artists and their supporters recently gathered for the luncheon and awards ceremony, which spotlighted the artistic talents of Morris County residents over the age of 55 or people who have a disability. The 18th annual show featured 30 creative works across five art categories: acrylic painting, watercolor painting, photography, mixed media and drawing. The artwork had been on display at the Morris County Library's gallery space.

The Morris County Commissioners annually approve approximately \$5,000 through grants in aid to fund the art program. The show is presented by Norwescap and staff through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in partnership with the county's office on Aging. Winners received gift cards.

In addition to supporting seniors, Norwescap's services include early childhood programs, employment services, nutrition and food security initiatives, housing and community development, and volunteer and civic engagement programs. For more information visit: norwescap.org

Morris County congratulates all the participants and thanks the dedicated team from Norwescap who helps make the program happen each year. The 2025 Morris County Seniors & Persons with Disabilities Art Show & Awards Ceremony Winners are:

The Morris County Division on Aging, Disabilities and Community Programming offers resources including senior centers, caregiver support and care management, transportation assistance, nutrition programs, food pantries and meal services, disability services, veterans services, and more. The office is located at 340 West Hanover Avenue in Morris Township and is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For assistance and information on local services, please contact 973-285-6848 or 1-800-564-4656.



(above) Artist Sorky Lampe with her first-place mixed media work, "Boardwalk."

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