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A note from Farmer Shaun... "We have had an amazing season and I can't thank you enough for being there with us throughout it all. It is such a pleasure to grow produce for such a wonderful community. I have been growing for 15 years now, and the skills and friendships I have made along the way is what makes this farm such an amazing place. Each year we learn new skills and make new friends who continue to be a part of this community of growers. I am so proud of all our interns and farmers who made this season such a success. We should all give our high school interns a big high five as they really came together to make this season happen. Many of our interns are in their first year and I can't wait to have them back next season. The respect we all have for this farm is something to cherish, and I look forward to seeing you all again next season."

Come visit our team at the Grow It Green Winter Market, starting December 7th. We will be selling our produce once a month, so you can still get a taste of our local harvest. For more info visit: growitgreenmorristown.org



(above) Volunteers from Morristown High School.

(below) Farmers and interns

Courtesy Photo



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.

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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.

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(above) A blood drive, organized and staffed by dedicated Rotary Club of Morristown volunteers, resulted in the collection of 50 units of blood. Each unit has the potential to save up to three lives, meaning this single event could be a life-saver for up to 150 people in need.

Courtesy Photo

ROTARY THANKS ALL FOR BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

The Morristown Rotary Club is proud to announce the overwhelming success of its American Red Cross Blood Drive, held today, Saturday, November 15th in this time of Emergent need. The event saw a strong turnout from the community, resulting in a significant contribution to the local blood supply.

The blood drive, organized and staffed by dedicated Rotary Club of Morristown volunteers, resulted in the collection of 50 units of blood. Each unit has the potential to save up to three lives, meaning this single event could be a life-saver for up to 150 people in need.

The Morristown Rotary Club extends its sincerest thanks to St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Morristown for their gracious generosity in lending the use of their beautiful Parish Hall for the event. The spacious and accessible venue provided an ideal setting for the Red Cross to

conduct the drive efficiently and comfortably.

The blood collected at the event will be processed by the American Red Cross and distributed to hospitals to treat trauma victims, surgical patients, and people battling diseases like cancer. The Rotarians were pleased to partner with the Red Cross to help ensure a steady supply of blood is available for patients.

The Morristown Rotary Club is committed to continuing its support for the community and encourages all eligible individuals to find a future opportunity to donate blood.

ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF MORRISTOWN

The Rotary Club of Morristown, part of Rotary International, is an organization of diverse community members united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

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Full details at **pipesofchristmas.com**

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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CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPERA SPECTACULAR

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.

Why You Can't Miss It

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.

Tickets are \$30 for general admission, with student discounts available. For tickets and more information, please visit operaatflorham.org. Purchase in advance on line or at the door.

Upcoming Performances

- Sunday, February 15, 2026
– Valentine Serenade
- Sunday, April 12, 2026
– Revenge, Romance & Revelry:
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- Sunday, May 17, 2026
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Austen-themed Friday Afternoon Movies

@ 2:00 p.m.:

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

12/19: "Emma" (2020)

No registration required.

In Our Gallery and Exhibit Cases

Austen-themed art, books, artifacts, and other items will be on display during library open hours throughout December.

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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Qigong

Every Saturday at 9:30 AM

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Chess Club

The first & third Thursdays of each month, 5:30 - 8:30 PM, Dec 4 & 18

Please note this is not a class, players are expected to know the rules of play. Please bring your own chess set.

Library Stamp Club

1st Thursday every month, Dec 4, 10 - 11 AM for stamp collecting fun & information!

Knitting & Needlework Group (In-Person)

Second and fourth Fridays of each month from 1 - 3 PM, Dec 12 (Dec 26 canceled)

Bring your latest project- knitting, crochet, needlepoint. Everyone is welcome.

Surreal Sixties (Zoom)

Tuesday, Dec 2, 7-8 PM

Zoom art history program will discuss the

surrealistic art created during a period of social and political upheaval.

Make 'Em Laugh: Danny Kaye

An Evening with John Kenrick (Hybrid)

Tuesday, Dec 2, 7-8 PM

Join us for an riotously fun evening with popular local entertainment historian.

Zoom and in person.

Foreign Film Lovers Club (ZOOM)

Wednesday, Dec 3, 7PM

"I, Daniel Blake" Directed by Ken Loach.

Memoir Writing Workshop:

For Veterans And Their Families

Thursdays from 7 - 8:30 PM, with sessions

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February 5th

free, 8-week workshop series is to help you build the skills needed to tell your story.

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Saxophone Quartet Holiday Concert

Friday, Dec 5, 7-8 PM

From Mozart to Glenn Miller to Journey.

Light refreshments will be served.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Christmas Tree: A Holiday Tradition

Monday, Dec 8, 7-8 PM

This lecture explores the history behind one of New York City's most beautiful and beloved Christmas traditions.

Downton Abbey Support Group returns!

Wednesday, Dec 10, 6:30 PM

Join us ONE MORE TIME for a screening of "Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale".

Ruth Asawa: Sculptor, Educator, Arts Activist

Monday, Dec 15, 7 PM (ZOOM)

Lecture about the MoMA's current blockbuster exhibit on American artist Ruth Asawa.

Foreign Cinema Series

(IN PERSON & HYBRID DISCUSSION)

Wednesday, Dec 17, 6:30 PM

Join us to celebrate Jane Austen's 250th!

Discussion will start around 8:10 PM.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS:

The Seekers Book Club

First Wednesday of every month at 7 PM discuss all things related to spirituality, self-help, motivation, and inspiration.

Dec 3 "Stillness Speaks" Eckhart Tolle

Book Lovers Circle

first Thursday of every month - Dec 4 at 7 PM on Zoom

Hear about new & popular books, receive a reading list and share your own favorites.

Silent Book Club

first Sunday of the month - Dec 7, 2-3 PM

A gathering on the for book enthusiasts seeking a quiet communal reading experience.

Morning Book Club

Second Thursday at 10 AM, Dec 11

"James" by Percival Everett

Evening Book Club

Third Tuesday at 7 PM, Dec 16

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

BOOK CLUBS

Registration is required.

2nd - 3rd Grade Book Club

third Thursday of every month at 7 PM. "Leave It to Plum!" by Matt Phelan. Dec 18

4th - 6th Grade Book Club

second Thursday of every month at 7 PM "The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl" by Stacey McAnulty. Dec 11

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Author Reading: "Glow" by Brynn Stanley

Saturday, Dec 6, 11 AM -12 PM

Join us for a visit from local author and singer-songwriter Brynn Stanley! Brynn will read her new book, "Glow,"

Author Reading: "Mirabel and the Magical Music Shop" by Jennifer Stone

Saturday, Dec 13, 11 AM

Join us for a visit from local author Jennifer Stone! She will read her book, "Mirabel and the Magical Music Shop," which tells the story of a girl who lives in a snow globe in a Music Shop in Lincoln Center. With the help of a magician, she and her croissant-loving dog Claude come to life and go on a magical adventure. After the reading, attendees can draw their own magical snow globes!

Stay and Make: Snowman Card

Friday, Dec 19, 2-4 PM

Come make a craft in the Children's Room! Use cardstock and sequins to make a festive snowman card. For kids ages 4-11.

TEEN PROGRAMS:

Teen Fall Book Club

Monday, Dec 8, 5-6 PM

We provide the book. "The Golden Compass" by Philip Pullman, for teens in grades 7 – 12.

Crochet Camp

Monday, Dec 8, 6 - 7 PM

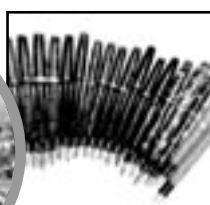
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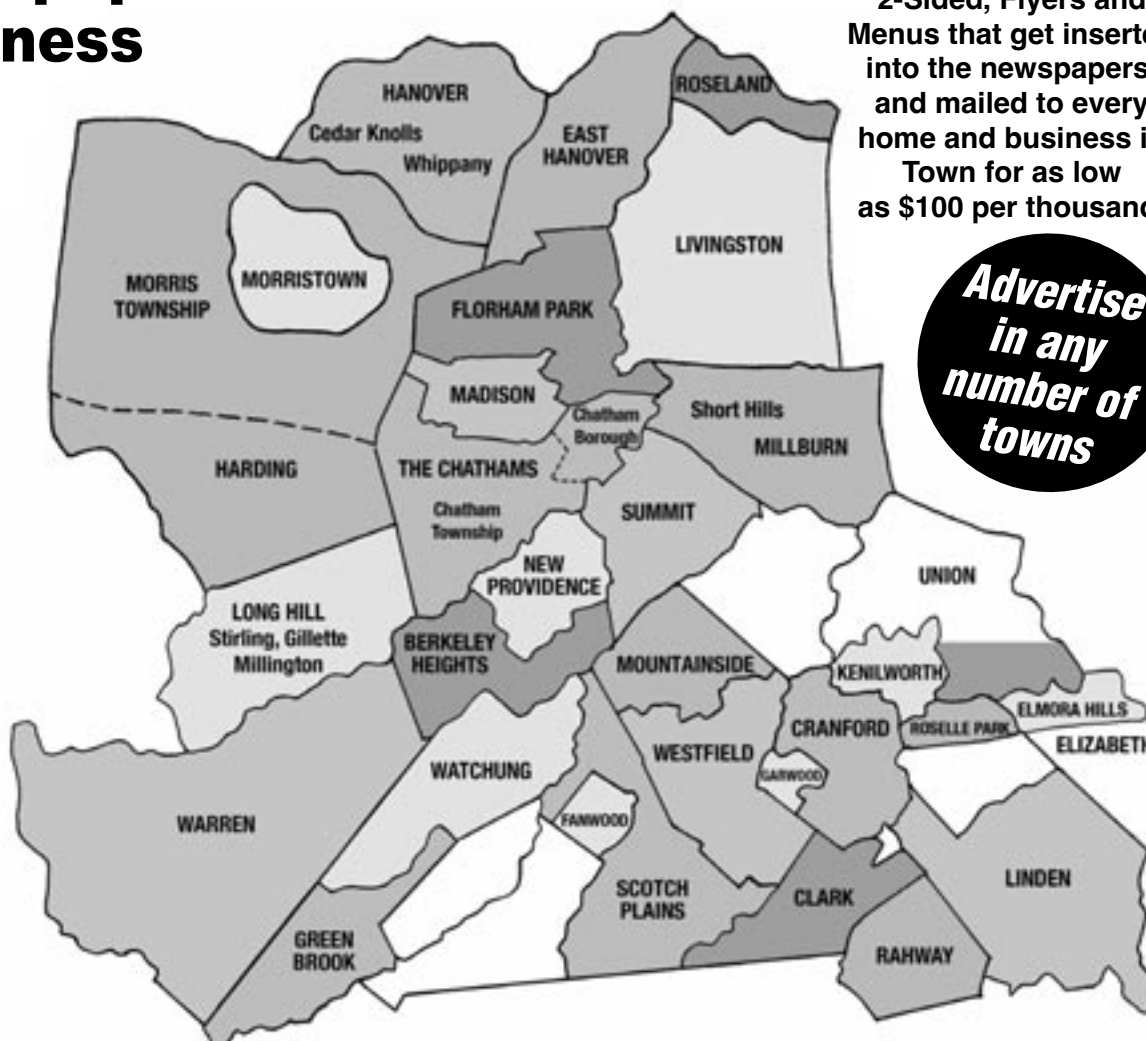
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ENROLLING IN MEDICARE AND UPDATING YOUR PLAN

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.

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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.

When evaluating options, beneficiaries should consider cost, provider networks, additional benefits, drug coverage, and changes in their health or medications.


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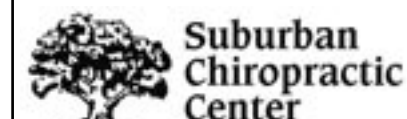
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