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SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB 2025 HOLIDAY PARTY

Submitted by Angela DeLorenzo

The Florham Park Senior Citizens Club Holiday Luncheon was a big success with 140 people in attendance, the luncheon was held at the Park Savoy Estate, Florham Park. With the beautiful holiday decorations at the Park Savoy Estate and the delicious food made for an excellent luncheon event for the club.

Fabulous luncheon entrée's choices that were served: Chicken Sorrentino - Chicken breast layered with prosciutto, eggplant, fresh tomato and mozzarella with Marsala wine sauce. Chateaubriand - Marinated and roasted beef in a classic cabernet sauce. Salmon Oscar - Topped with crabmeat and asparagus in a béarnaise sauce. Spinach and Ricotta Stuffed Eggplant - baked with a tomato-basil sauce.

Entertainment was provided by the talented and fabulous Hanover Park High School Chamber Singers, under the direction of Taylor Hine performed a Holiday Program that once again was outstanding during our lunch.

Bob McCoy, Luncheon Chair for the Florham Park Senior Citizens did a great job on the 2025 Holiday Luncheon and Bob will continue as the 2026 Luncheon Chair. Bob McCoy wanted to let everyone know the Florham Park Senior Citizens Club - Spring Luncheon will be on Wednesday, June 10th, 2026 also at The Park Savoy Estate so mark your calendar and additional information will be provided in May 2026.

FLORHAM PARK SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Florham Park Senior Citizens Club Membership is open to all Florham Park seniors (age 62 and older) are welcome to join the club. Club membership per person for the year cost is \$15 and provides opportunities for socializing to meet and make new friends. Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday, January through May, and September through November, we also have member only social events that provide information and refreshments. We have 2 big social events at the Park Savoy. Activity highlights include a variety pf exercise programs (Qi Gong, Chair Yoga, and Chair Exercise), bingo, crafts, games and movies. The club publishes a bi-monthly newsletter to keep members informed of our meetings and activities. Please stop in the Florham Park Senior Center the (yellow building) located in the Florham Park Town Hall Complex for a visit. Our Florham Park Senior Center Manager is available for building tours and questions Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.



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The series runs for 12 weeks on Monday nights beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. It will begin February 2nd, 2026, and end May 4th, 2026. Five of the sessions are live in person and the remainder are on Zoom. There is



no cost to participate. You will need a desire for frank discussion, a willingness to participate and a commitment to attend. You will also need a computer or smartphone capable of Zoom sessions.

The live in person sessions will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 1571 S. Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ.

To register go onto IHMParish.net/Alpha. If you have any questions, please call 908-889-2100.



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NEW CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PASTOR MEETS WITH ROTARY

Florham Park Rotary Club

Pastor Carie Stanley joined the Friday morning Florham Park Rotary breakfast meeting on Friday, December 5 held at the Florham Park Diner. Dave Kramer, Rotary club president, happily greeted the new pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church as she enjoyed meeting with the Rotarians at the Diner, and also those attending via Zoom.

"We learned of her wealth of experience organizing and working with youth, that she recently celebrated her 25th anniversary of her ordination, and her enthusiasm for the future in



(above) Rotarians Dave Kramer and Peter Nicolas with Calvary Presbyterian Church Rev. Carrie Stanley.

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Memory Cafe of Christ Church Summit

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CAFE FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

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"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.

Florham Park." shared Kramer.

Pastor Stanley has been very busy since her arrival. In October she also held a "Blessing of the Animals" as she also planned local community visits, including one to Delaney-At-The-Green. The Calvary Presbyterian Church is in the Advent season and that will continue each Sunday through Dec. 21, culminating with the Christmas Eve service.

The church invited all to services to explore the classic story of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Sermons started Sunday, November 30 with First Sunday of Advent – "Bah Humbug, Who Needs Peace?" then Second Sunday – "The Ghost of Christmas Past: Bah Humbug, Who needs Hope?", the Third Sunday "The Ghost of Christmas Present: "Bah Humbug, Who needs Joy", and ended with the 4th Sunday, December 21, with the "Ghost of Christmas Future: Bah Humbug, Who needs Love?"

sermon.

The Calvary Presbyterian Church sits high on a site known as the "Knoll" at 144 Ridgedale Avenue. The building was completed in 1955. Sunday Worship Services start at 10:30 a.m. with Fellowship at 11:30 a.m. It's a good opportunity to welcome her to Florham Park. To learn more about Rev. Carie Stanley and her position at Calvary, see calvarytodaylive.org.

Rotary International is a nonpolitical and nonsectarian organization open to all people, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, or political preference. To learn more about the world's oldest service organization and perhaps consider joining our local club, see florhamparkrotary.org. As Pastor Stanley found, guests are welcome to attend a weekly Rotary breakfast meeting at the Florham Park Diner at 182 Ridgedale Ave. Rotary meetings are 7:47 to 8:50 a.m. every Friday.

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ALL NEIGHBORS INVITED TO SUBURBAN CHIROPRACTIC OPEN HOUSE - JAN 8

The Suburban Chiropractic Center, located at 301 Main Street in Chatham, New Jersey will be celebrating 41 years in practice with an Open House on January 8, 2026. The public is invited to stop by and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Community service is an integral part of the practice and Dr. Murphy would like to thank his patients, as well as the local community for another successful year.

Dr. Joseph J. Murphy began the center in 1985 to offer the community a natural alternative to the traditional allopathic medical facilities in the Chatham area. They owe their success to the loyal patients who have continued with them, referred their friends and family, and their efforts to provide the highest level of service possible.

Dr. Murphy has a record of supporting the local first responders, police, fire, and emergency squad. He also focused on supporting student programs including being an advisor to the Kiwanis Club's Chatham High School Key Club.

MORRIS COUNTY LIBRARY JANUARY EVENTS

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Lunch & Learn: Wills, Trusts, & Estates

Fri., Jan. 23, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

with Morris County Surrogate Heather J. Darling: Surrogate Darling will discuss wills, trusts, and estates. Registration is required at tinyurl.com/mcl-lunch6.

Celebrate 250:

Music of the American Revolution:

Tue., Jan. 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Anne and Ridley Enslow return for an entertaining evening of 18th-century songs about the struggle for American independence.

No registration; seats are limited and first-come, first-seated.

ALL AGES

Chess Club

Wed., Jan. 14, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friendly & non-competitive chess games between players of all ages and ability levels.

No registration.

Spanish Conversation

Thu., Jan. 29, 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. For teens and adults. in the Conference Room

ADULTS

Computer Classes for Adults

January classes include PC Basics, Excel I, II, & III, Internet Basics, Online Spam & Phishing, and Intro to Excel Tables. Schedule and registration (required) at:

mclib.info/Programs/Computer-Classes

Friday Afternoon Movies at 2:00 p.m.

no registration:

1/9: "Relay"

1/16: "The Untouchables"

1/30: "Eleanor the Great"

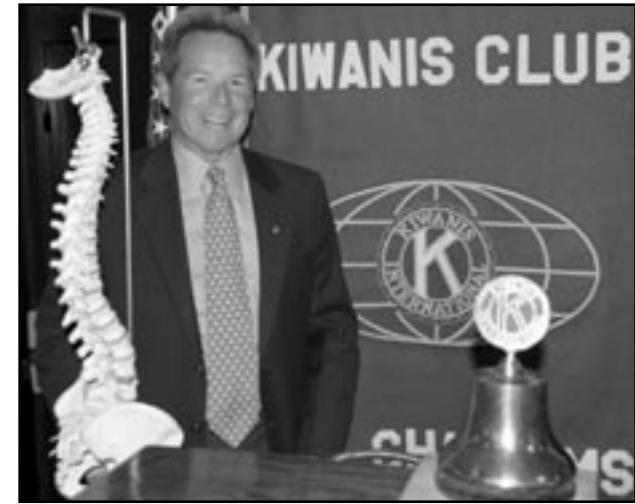
True Crime Chat (Via Zoom)

Thu., Jan. 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Virtual true crime discussion group meets via

Dr. Murphy has been a member of the Chatham/Madison Kiwanis Club for over 40 years, offering his services to all their events including being a guest speaker. He especially enjoys the Summer Hot Dog & Ice Cream social for the Chatham Library children. He can be found volunteering at Chatham schools during their Teacher's Wellness Day events and is a supporter of the Chatham Education Foundation and Sports Foundation. For 25 years Dr. Murphy has served on the Board of Trustees of ECLC in Chatham, a school for special needs students, including a stint as Board President. He was a consistent participant in over 23 Fishawack events and is a sponsor of Bottle Hill Day in Madison. He is a member of the Madison Elks BPOE 1465 and Chatham Chamber of Commerce, where he has served as President.

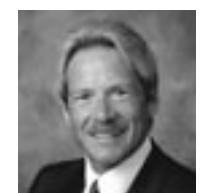
You can find out much more about the Suburban Chiropractic Center by visiting their website at drmurphy.com.



(above) Dr. Joseph Murphy has been a member of Kiwanis Club for over 35 years.

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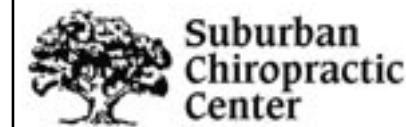


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JANUARY SPEAKERS PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMIT AREA OLD GUARD

The Summit Area Old Guard is a social, educational, and recreational organization that serves men of retirement age. We meet Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave – we encourage visitation, and all are welcome. Our motto is “Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends.” The organization was founded in 1930. Our website address is summitoldguard.org.

In January, we will have four speakers:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH: RICHARD LANDER

Shares a deep, personal connection to the Civil War as the great-grandson of John R. Lander, a Union soldier. John emigrated from Germany and enlisted with an Illinois regiment at the remarkably early age of fourteen, serving for the entire duration of the war. This military service instilled a generational interest: members of the Lander family have continuously studied the Civil War and maintained membership in the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). In his presentation, Richard will detail the complex tapestry of events that led to the conflict, covering the cultural, political, economic, and military factors at play. Attendees are encouraged to note the striking parallels between these historical forces and current events.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH: DR. DEAN EPPLER

Though the Apollo Program was a revolutionary 20th-century achievement, many of its difficulties and successes have faded into

historical obscurity. Dr. Dean Eppler, a retired NASA scientist with over 35 years in human spaceflight, possesses the breadth of experience to bring the mission into focus. His background includes Apollo Program history, advanced space suit engineering, ISS facility development, and training/selecting astronauts (1990, 1996, and 1998 selections). Dr. Eppler will identify the key areas of the mission's success and discuss Apollo's enduring contributions to human spaceflight.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH: HOWARD MEYER

A long-time leader in New Jersey volunteer EMS. He is the past president of the EMS Council of New Jersey, the country's largest volunteer squad association, and served as its volunteer legislative director for over 20 years. Since 1971, he has served in leadership roles, including president and chief, across all types of New Jersey environments—rural, suburban, and urban. Howard will detail the history and

evolution of the volunteer EMS system, highlighting its critical importance to the state. His talk will cover key events and the major challenges volunteer squads face moving forward.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH: BOB GULA

The Forgotten Victory Trail explores one of America's most overlooked Revolutionary chapters in the brutal campaigns of 1780 in NJ, when burning towns, secret networks, and fierce local resistance helped turn the tide of the war. The Battles of Springfield and Connecticut Farms in June 1780 were critical in the defense of New Jersey (and Washington's forces in Morristown) and in the weakening of the British Forces ahead of the Battle of Yorktown. Our speaker will be Bob Gula, Education Officer –West Fields Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution Patriotic Instructor, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Member and General Society of Mayflower Descendants.



(above, l-r) Richard Lander, Dr. Eppler, Howard Meyer, Robert Gula

HICKORY TREE CHORUS INVITES ACAPPELLA SINGERS TO OPEN AUDITIONS

The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus is calling singers in the soprano, alto, and contralto ranges to join their harmonious sisterhood!

Performing in communities throughout northern and central New Jersey, the chorus enjoys singing recognizable popular songs – arranged in rich four-part harmony.

Fresh off their top-scoring performance at the 2025 Sweet Adelines Region 15 competition, the

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Open auditions will be held in Stirling between 6:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in January 2026 and take less than 10 minutes (flexible scheduling is available). Singers are

asked to perform a brief acappella song of their choice. No experience required, just a love of singing and a desire to grow.

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For details and to schedule your audition, email us at info@hickorytreechorus.org or call 908-377-1399.



(above) The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus invites you to join the sisterhood. For details and to schedule your audition, email us at info@hickorytreechorus.org or call 908-377-1399.

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BROOK ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES IT 2ND SPEAKEASY SOIREE AND SILENT AUCTION.

The historic Brook Arts Center is proud to announce its Second Annual Speakeasy Soirée & Silent Auction, Friday, January 23, 2026, at 7:00 PM. This Roaring '20s-themed evening promises an unforgettable night of glitz, glamour, entertainment, and support for one of Somerset County New Jersey's, historic landmarks.

Guests will be transported back to the golden age as they enjoy live music, period-inspired entertainment, and a lavish buffet.

The evening's highlight is a silent auction featuring more than 100 exclusive items, including a cruise getaway, a Bradford Portraits gift certificate with a private photo session, a 20-inch framed wall portrait and luxury hotel stay, four VIP tickets to Meadowlands Racing with dinner and winner's circle photos, designer handbags, sports memorabilia, dining and spa packages and so much more.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple and include buffet dining, live music, live

entertainment, and a cash bar.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in their finest 1920s-inspired attire to fully embrace the spirit of the evening.

The Speakeasy Soirée is the Brook Arts Center's largest fundraiser of the year.

As a fully volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Brook Arts Center relies on community support to continue with the preservation and restoration of the facility and its mission of providing high-quality entertainment, inspiring creativity, fostering community partnerships, and nurturing education and growth through the arts.

Tickets are on sale now through January 16, 2026.

To purchase tickets or learn more, visit www.brookarts.org.

Reserve your tickets today and be part of a glamorous night that helps keep the arts alive in our community.



SISTERS OF ST. BRIGID

In December the Sisters of St. Brigid, a Morristown area non-profit women's social organization that celebrates Irish culture, collected preemie diapers and donations for Lily's Hope Foundation, a non-profit that supports babies, children and their families with unexpected and urgent needs due to premature birth. For more information, or to become a member of the SOSB visit sosb.nj.org. 2026 scheduled meetings: January 14, February 11, April 8, June 10, October 14, and November 11.



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.

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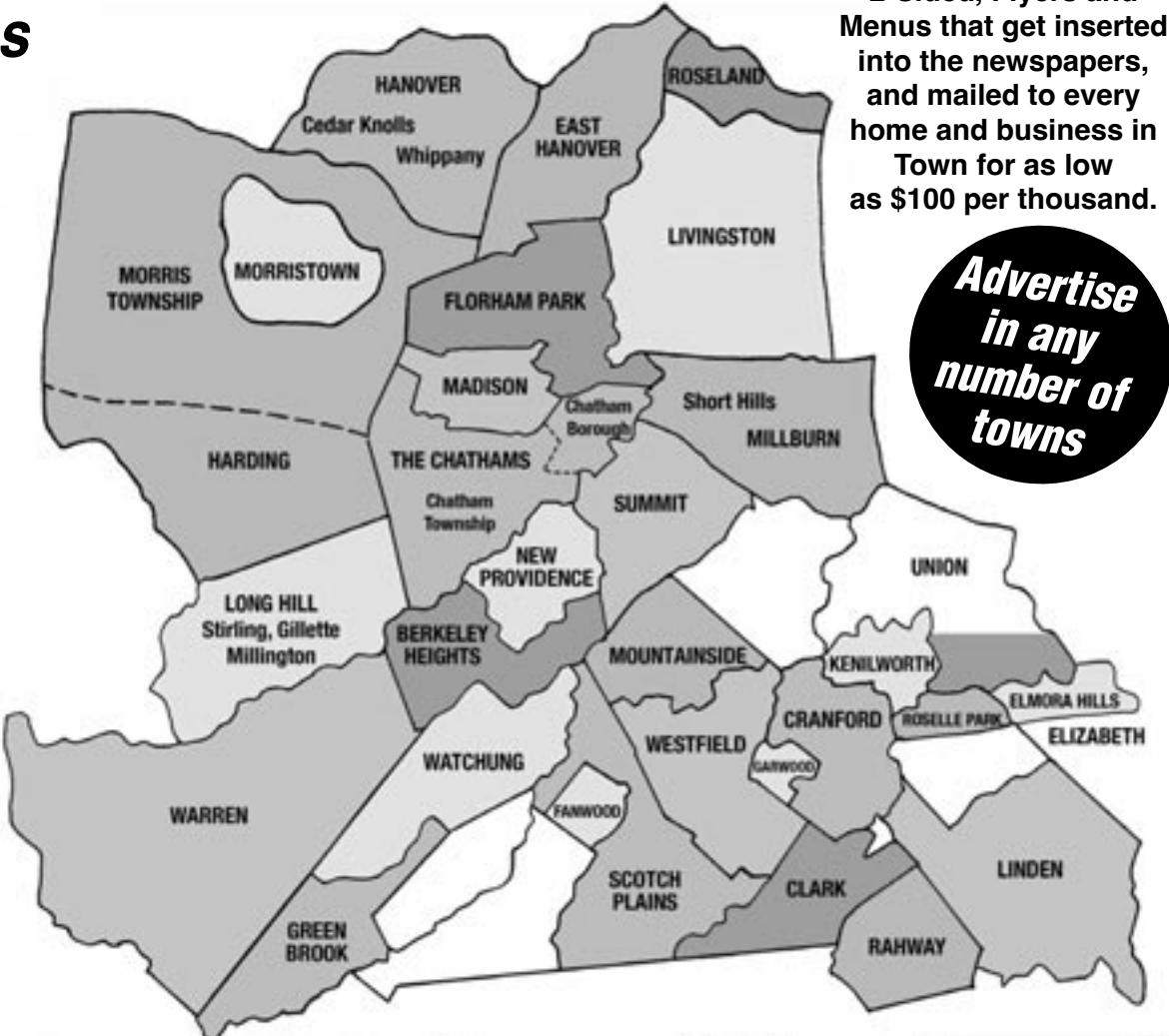
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The antiquated mandate is decades old and the cost for the advertising was paid for by public funds from municipalities, counties, school districts, and independent authorities. It was a lucrative business for the publications and more recently the majority of their revenue. Without the mandate the fear in the newspaper industry was that the publications relying on the legal advertising income will not survive.

In some cases the majority of content in the newspaper had been the legal ads. In question was the criteria for the mandate, i.e., were the publications meeting the required numbers of

paid subscriptions, and circulation.

The idea of doing away with the mandate, though practical, was considered political poison. No lawmaker wanted to be deemed responsible as the cause for newspapers' closures and people losing their jobs. During the Governor Christi administration the Star Ledger warned that doing away with the mandates would cause 250 weekly newspapers to close.

What brought about the change is a successful lawsuit filed by the County of Warren which named the Star Ledger and Daily Record as defendants. The suit may have been the last straw in the Ledger's decision to stop printing the newspaper in January of 2025.

Local governments will now be required to publish their legal notices on their websites.

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