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The Roseland Fire Department recently held their annual Awards Banquet to recognize volunteers who have given years of service to the Borough and have achieved a milestone. This year, Nicholas Palatella, Richard Sessa, William Collins III, Douglas Yates, Perry Lee, Charles Ehrhardt and Frank

Mazzocchi were all presented with plaques commemorating and celebrating their service. The Borough thanks these dedicated members of our community for keeping us safe and for their many years of doing so at no financial cost to Borough residents.



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Alpha is for everybody that wants to discuss seeking answers to life's big questions. Why are we here? Is this all there is to life? Where are we going? How do I attain peace of mind, heart, and soul? Whether you are young or old, have faith or are atheist or agnostic, Alpha provides a safe environment for exploring our big questions about life.

We begin by sharing a meal together and getting to know each other. We watch a video together then break into small groups for uninhibited discussion about what is on our minds.

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.

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COLLECTING AND RECYCLING CHRISTMAS TREES IN JANUARY

Livingston Department of Public Works

The Township of Livingston's Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling program that began on Monday, January 5, 2026 will end on Friday, January 30, 2026.

Residents can leave their undecorated live-cut Christmas trees at the curb, as they would for regular recycling. The trees will be collected Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no need to register for pickup.

The Christmas tree collection program saves the cost of garbage disposal, since the Township is charged by weight to remove bulk items.

The Department of Public Works provides an additional environmentally friendly aspect to the collection program. DPW employees chip the trees into mulch that is then used in flower beds and garden borders. The DPW collected and recycled nearly 2,000 Christmas trees last year.

Visit livingstonnj.org/Recycling for more information about this program and recycling in Livingston.



Watch episode 6 of Renna Media Podcast



NEW JERSEY YOUTH CHORUS TO HOLD AUDITIONS



The New Jersey Youth Chorus (NJC), a program of Wharton Arts, will hold mid-year auditions for select ensembles in January 2026 for singers in grades 3–12. Auditions provide young vocalists with the opportunity to join a vibrant choral community rooted in musical excellence, collaboration, and belonging.

To register for an audition for NJYC's Primo Coro, Cor Amici, Sola Voce, and Camerata, visit [NJYC.org](http://njyc.org).

"At NJYC, singing is just the beginning," said Trish Joyce, Founder and Director. "Through music, we cultivate connection, teamwork, and a deep sense of belonging, and our directors are excited to welcome new singers into our choral family."

Throughout the season, NJYC choristers participate in exceptional performance and educational opportunities at the local, regional, and national levels. Highlights this season include:

- Life of Song Festival in Washington, DC, for Sola Voce and Cor Amici
- "The Vocal Edge" Middle School Boys Festival
- "Together We Sing" Festival for Primo Coro
- Collaboration with the Maplewood Glee Club for Camerata
- Performance of the National Anthem for the New York Mets, featuring all NJYC choirs
- Choral Festival at Carnegie Hall for Camerata
- Sing a Mile High Festival in Denver, Colorado, for Sola Voce and Cor Amici

For more information, call (973) 998-5670 or email info@njyc.org.

Wharton Arts' mission is to offer accessible,

high quality performing arts education that sparks personal growth and builds inclusive communities.

Wharton Arts' vision is for a transformative performing arts education in an inclusive community to be accessible for everyone.

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving nearly 2,000 students through a range of classes and ensembles. The 5 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, an auditioned choral ensemble program for students in grades 3–12, encourage a love and appreciation of choral music while nurturing personal growth and creative development. The 15 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which serve over 500 students in grades 3–12 by audition, inspire young people to achieve musical excellence through high-level ensemble training and performance opportunities. Based in Paterson, the Paterson Music Project is an El Sistema-inspired program of Wharton Arts that uses music education as a vehicle for social action by empowering and inspiring young people to achieve their full potential through the community experience of ensemble learning and playing. From Pathways classes for young children to Lifelong Learning programs for adults, the Wharton Performing Arts School has a robust musical theater and drama program and offers both private and group classes for instruments and voice for all ages and all abilities. With the belief in the positive and unifying influence of music and that performing arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay, Wharton Arts offers need-based scholarships.

Wharton Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 12 counties. All of Wharton Arts' extraordinary teaching artists, faculty members, and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained to enable our students to achieve their personal best.

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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

chorus has earned a coveted spot in the Harmony Classic at the 78th Annual Sweet Adelines International Competition in Columbus, Ohio, October 2026. Now, they're building their sound for the world stage.

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.

This is more than a chorus—it's a sisterhood, a mission, and a moment. Will your voice be part of it?

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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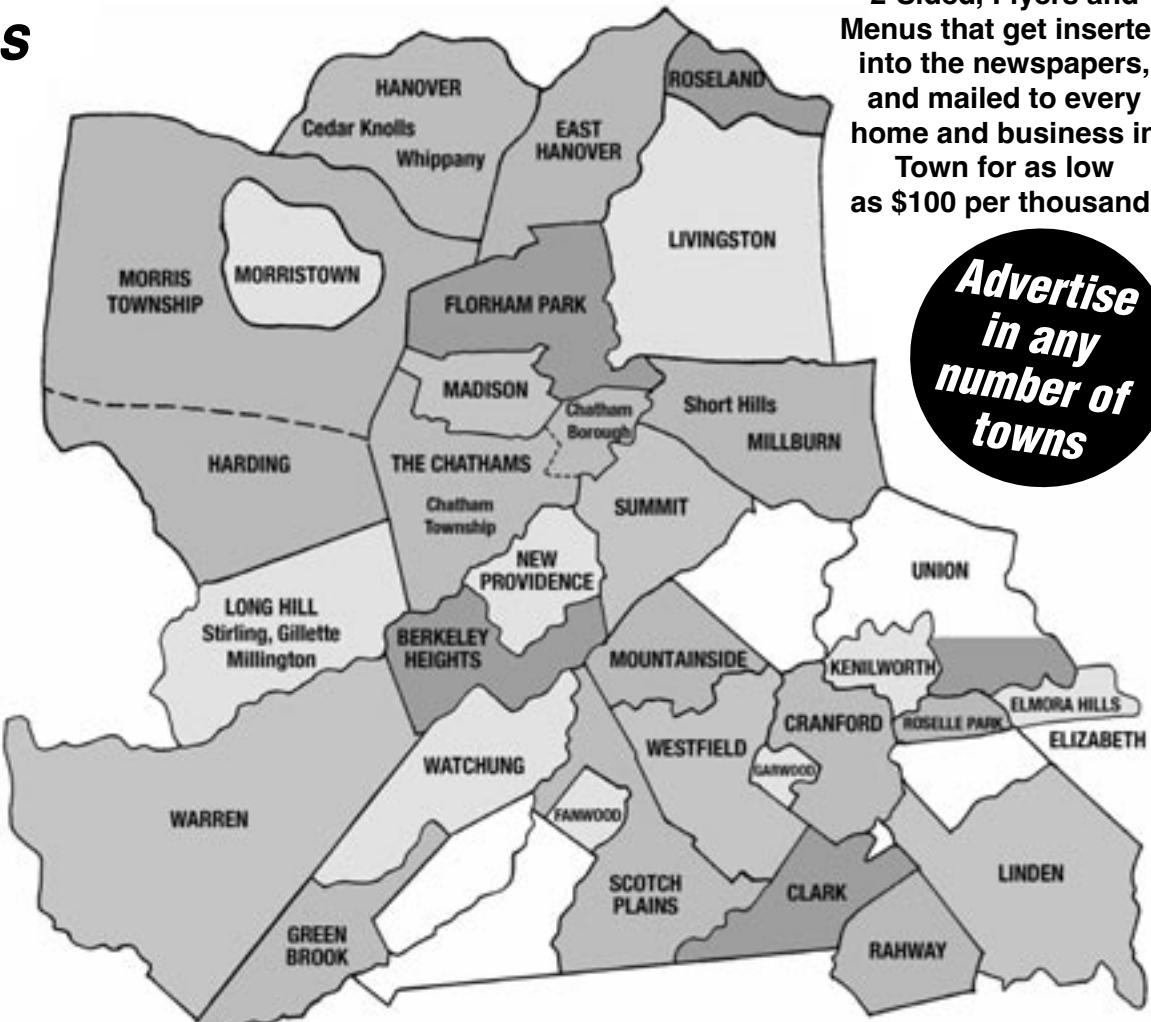
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We rarely ever hear about the government reducing taxes but it happened this year when New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy eliminated the mandate that legal notices must be printed in a newspaper.

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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Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, Jan. 8, 10:30 a.m.

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 alznj.org to register and learn about their additional programs, or call the Center.

Plastics & Health

Monday, Jan. 12, 11:00 a.m.

Learn about plastics, why recycling is not an option, and steps to reduce exposure to its harmful impacts.

Problems Falling & Staying Asleep

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1:00 a.m.

Learn how sleep problems, sleep schedules, and bedtime habits can affect your daily life.

Classical Piano Performance

Monday, Jan. 19, 1:00 p.m.

Luc Reyes, a 17-year-old, who has received multiple awards at prestigious piano competitions will perform classical pieces.

Photography Group: Smartphone Cameras

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 11:00 a.m.

This meeting focuses on taking pictures with cell phones.

Benefits of Walking in Winter

Monday, Jan. 26, 1:00 p.m.

Learn the benefits of outdoor walking adventures.

Salute to Sondheim, His Songs & Shows

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 12:00 p.m.

Hear about the unforgettable work of Stephen Sondheim - from his iconic Broadway hits to his boundary-pushing storytelling techniques.

Aging with Intention: Rewriting Your Narrative

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 12:00 p.m.

This presentation discusses Positive Psychology principles that promote vitality, engagement, meaning, and accomplishment - and ways to enhance overall health and happiness while aging.

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