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ROTARY GRANT TO CASA HELPS CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Morristown Rotary Club

The Morristown Rotary Club has awarded a \$7,501 grant to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Morris and Sussex Counties to establish an essential in-house postage program, ensuring seamless communication for children in foster care.

The grant addresses a critical funding gap following the cessation of postage services previously provided by the Morris County Court system, a courtesy CASA had received for 38 years in exchange for its free volunteer advocacy work.

PHYSICAL MAILINGS REMAIN ESSENTIAL FOR:

- Submitting official court documents.
- Communicating with families who lack reliable technology access.
- Sending certified correspondence where physical proof of delivery is required.
- Distributing the Annual Report and other critical supporter communications.

This grant will fully cover the first year of the new In-House Postage Program.

According to Lisa Firkser, Executive Director of CASA, "Everyone at CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties is breathing a sigh of relief with this wonderful grant award of \$7,501.46 to allow our organization to establish an In-House Postage Program. A special thank you to Deb Petrucci for personally delivering the check to the CASA office."

"The Morristown Rotary Club recognizes that the work CASA performs is absolutely vital to the welfare of children in our community who are facing the trauma of foster care," said Aaron Oliver, President of Morristown Rotary. "By funding this postage program, we are making sure that CASA's dedicated volunteers can continue to send necessary court documents, communicate with families, and conduct certified mailings without diverting funds away from their core mission of child advocacy."

ADVOCACY FOR EVERY CHILD

CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties serves 100% of children in foster care within both counties. They rely on 124 trained volunteer advocates who currently serve 156 children annually.

Founded in 1987, CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties has trained over 1,750 volunteers who have provided advocacy for more than 7,650 children.

ABOUT MORRISTOWN ROTARY CLUB

The Morristown Rotary Club is part of Rotary International, a global network of community volunteers. The club brings together community members dedicated to track the world's



above, l-r) Casa Grants Manager Shannon Allain, Casa Executive Director Lisa Firkser, and Morristown Rotary Debbie Petrucci, Morristown Rotary Representative Debbie Petrucci..

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most pressing humanitarian challenges, and focuses its local efforts on promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting education, saving mothers and children, and growing local economies.

ABOUT COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) OF MORRIS AND SUSSEX COUNTIES

CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties recruits, trains, and supervises community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. The organization provides a voice for every child in the foster care system, ensuring they achieve safety and permanence.

For more information, or to contact, Morristown Rotary visit: morristownrotary.org

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ROBOTIC PETS BRING COMFORT TO SENIORS

County of Morris

Morris County recently distributed robotic companion pets to seniors living in county-supported housing as part of the "Joy for All" Companion Pet Program, sponsored by the Morris County Office on Aging, Disabilities and Community Programming and expanded this year to include the Morris County Housing Authority.

The Office on Aging partnered with the Housing Authority in 2025 to broaden the program's reach to seniors residing in senior housing. As part of the expansion, the Housing Authority received 36 robotic companion pets, 26 of which have already been distributed to residents age 60 and older.

The companion pet program was launched in 2024 to help reduce social isolation, loneliness and cognitive decline among older adults by providing the comfort and companionship of a pet without the responsibilities associated with caring for a live animal. In its first year, the program distributed 110 robotic companion pets to eligible residents and facilities throughout Morris County and partnered with the Morris County Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver program.

The robotic cats and dogs are designed to respond to motion and touch, offering realistic behaviors such as purring, rolling over, barking and wagging their tails.

"The companion pets have been the focus of



(above) Morris County resident Ana Rios receives her companion pet dog.

rigorous, peer-reviewed studies demonstrating their effectiveness in reducing loneliness and social isolation," said Christine Hellyer, director of the Office on Aging, Disabilities and Community Programming. "Recipients often name their pets and keep them as long as they wish, forming meaningful emotional connections."

The program is funded through the Aging American Rescue Plan. To qualify, recipients must be at least 60 years old, homebound, and either socially isolated or living with dementia or a similar cognitive condition.



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THE ORCHESTRA TO SOAR BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THERAYOUTH

At Dorothy Young Center for the Arts, Drew University, Madison, NJ • Saturday, March 21, 2026 • 4:00 PM

Pegasus: The Orchestra will perform at Drew University on Saturday, March 21 at 4:00 PM for the TheraYouth Foundation's Third Annual Concert fundraiser. Held at the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts, the concert will unite world-class professional musicians with local student performers to raise critical funds for TheraYouth's mission to provide needed physical, occupational, and speech therapy services to disadvantaged children who cannot otherwise access care.

Pegasus: The Orchestra pairs artistic excellence with social impact. Pianist, conductor and composer Karén Hakobyan founded the group in 2017 as a nonprofit dedicated to supporting exceptional musical talent, and to bringing world-class performances to underserved communities. True to its namesake, the ensemble empowers its musicians to soar artistically. Pegasus functions as a collective of artist leaders, resulting in performances that run the range of vibrant, driven orchestral performances alternating with intimate and chamber-like expression. The New York Concert Review calls Pegasus "a truly first-rate ensemble" and a "can't miss" group, urging audiences to "get your tickets right away before they sell out."

As a composer-arranger, Director Hakobyan frequently crafts orchestral works to showcase the unique musicality of the ensemble's artists, as in this concert which Hakobyan specifically

wrote for this performance. The concert opens with the urgency of Haydn's Symphony No. 59 ("Fire"), followed by the delicate, Three Armenian Miniatures by Komitas. Acclaimed Grammy-nominated cellist Sergey Antonov follows with Saint-Saëns' Cello Concerto No. 1, where the audience can truly appreciate his masterful playing in the intimate chamber orchestra setting. Pegasus's program continues with the soulful elegance of Rachmaninoff's Vocalise before concluding with Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, capturing the spirit of American jazz in an exuberant finale.

The Chatham High School Chamber Choir, directed by Kenneth Bryson, will perform the Interlude. This ensemble has performed at venues including the White House, the National Anthem at Citi Field to open a Mets game, the Empire State Building, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and appreciated for their

musical excellence.

The proceeds from this concert will support the TheraYouth Foundation, whose mission is to ensure that children are never denied critical physical, occupational, or speech therapy simply because their families cannot afford it. TheraYouth serves disadvantaged youth with treatable conditions, helping them gain strength, communication, and independence. Funded entirely through donations and fundraisers, every dollar raised supports life-changing therapy sessions for children who might otherwise go without the care they need to thrive.

"Every child deserves the chance to reach their full potential," said TheraYouth founder, Dr. Irina Marcoff, DPT. "This concert not only raises vital funds but brings the community together around the belief that early, high-quality therapy can change the course of a child's life."

 **TheraYouth Foundation**
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Lenfell Hall, The Mansion, Fairleigh Dickinson University (285 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ • Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Opera at Florham invites audiences to celebrate Valentine's Day weekend with a concert of love on stage: Valentine Serenade, a special Sunday afternoon concert on February 15, 2026 at 2:00 pm at Lenfell Hall, The Mansion, Fairleigh Dickinson University (285 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940).

Featuring beloved Opera at Florham favorites Sarah Barrera, Soprano, and Pedro Barrera, Tenor, this program showcases a married couple united on and off the stage, whose shared artistry brings rare intimacy and authenticity to every performance. The concert unfolds as a cinematic emotional journey - exploring love, longing, joy, and farewell through music that resonates deeply with the heart.

In past performances, the Barreras have captivated audiences with repertoire ranging from Giuseppe Verdi, Giacomo Puccini, and Charles Gounod to Ennio Morricone, Stephen Sondheim, and other modern favorites, seamlessly bridging Opera, theater, and film in performances that are both emotionally rich and theatrically compelling.

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The Georgia of the North

Tue., Feb. 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Black Women & the Civil Rights Movement in NJ: Centering New Jersey as the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement, The Georgia of the

North highlights the critical role of Black women intellectuals of the Garden State in the long fight for Black freedom. Join us for a talk

with author Dr. Hettie V. Williams as she discusses the work of Black women in affecting civil rights legislation, legal equality, and integration, from the Great Migration to 1954.

Registration (required) at:

<https://tinyurl.com/mcl-bhm1>

Speed Book Dating

Thu., Feb. 5, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Get ready for a fun and fast-paced in-person event where book lovers check out new books!

You'll spend a brief amount of time with one book, just to see if you hit it off, then move on to the next book -- no strings attached! At the end of the hour, we hope you'll leave with at least one new book you can't wait to read!

Spaces limited; registration required at:

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

Teen Dating Violence Awareness

Tue., Feb. 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom.

A representative from JBWS will talk on teen dating violence, awareness, signs, and what you can do about it. Open to all. There will be time for Q&A. Registration is required at:

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

ADULTS

Computer Classes

Registration required for all classes. For more info about and to register for any of our computer classes, visit www.mclib.info/

Programs/Computer-Classes

Classes held in the Computer Lab on the second floor. This month's classes include: Intro to Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel (series) I, II & III, and Intro to Excel Tables.

Tech Help Mondays

Mondays, Feb. 2, 9 & 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m. on the second floor. (We are closed Mon., Feb. 16 for Presidents' Day.)

Drop-in for help with your device, general internet instruction, and how to use library catalogs, databases, and apps.

Friday Afternoon Movies at 2:00 p.m.

No registration needed:

2/6: "Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale"

2/20: "A Beautiful Mind"

2/27: "CODA"

Tuesday Book Club

Tue., Feb. 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

This month we're talking about Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution by Nathaniel Philbrick. For more info or to reserve a copy of the book, please call 973-285-6970. No registration needed.

Medieval Book Club

Wed., Feb. 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This month we're talking about El Cantor del Mio Cid: The Song of the Cid. For more info or

to reserve a copy of the book, please call 973-285-6970. No registration needed.

Socrates Cafe

Wed., Feb. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

A discussion group using the dialogue of the Socratic Method. The only requirement for this program is a willingness to listen respectfully. Speaking is not required, although encouraged.

No registration required.

True Crime Chat (Via Zoom)

Thu., Feb. 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Virtual true crime discussion group meets via Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to you shortly before the program start time. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mcltruecrime>

February topic: Stalking

Mystery Book Club

Mon., Feb. 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

We read and discuss books chosen by the group. No registration necessary. This month's book:

Murder Crossed Her Mind by Stephen Spotswood. To reserve a copy of the book, please call 973-285-6970.

CHILDREN

Preschool Storytime & Music

All Tuesdays in February, 10:00-10:30 a.m. w/Mr. Laurence: Stories, fingerplays and music with Mr. Laurence. For ages 2-5.

No registration needed.

LEGO Club

Sat., Feb. 14, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Create and build using LEGO! Your creations will be displayed in the Children's Room. For ages 4-12. Registration (required) for all adults and children in your group opens Feb. 3 at:

<https://tinyurl.com/mcl-lego6>

NEW PROGRAM! Paws for Reading

Thu., Feb. 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Read to a very patient therapy dog from Creature Comfort Pet Therapy! For ages 5-12.

Registration (required) begins Feb. 10 at:

<https://tinyurl.com/mcl-paws2>

Anime Drawing Class

Mon., Feb. 23, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Carlos Nieto from Anime Your Way will teach you how to create and modify an anime character using simple shapes and easy to understand instructions, no matter what your drawing level! For ages 6-15.

Registration (required) begins Feb. 17 at:

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

TEENS & ADULTS

Spanish Conversation

Thu., Feb. 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Practice your Spanish language proficiency in a casual, small group environment. A basic level skill is recommended, however any skill level is welcome. No registration required. For teens and adults.

TEENS

Teen Grab & Go Crafts!

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Chess Club

The first & third Thursdays of each month, 5:30 - 8:30 PM, Feb 5 & 19

Please note this is not a class, players are expected to know the rules of play.

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Library Stamp Club

First Thursday of month, Feb 5, 10 - 11 AM

Stamp collecting fun & information!

Knitting & Needlework Group (In-Person)

Second and fourth Fridays of each month from 1 - 3 PM, Feb 13 & 27

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

Unknown Rob Reiner Film Series

The late Rob Reiner rose to fame as a film director with a series of hit films in 1980s and early 90s. All films start at 6:45 pm. Light refreshments served and admission is free.

Ghosts of Mississippi

Thursday, Feb 12, 6:45 PM

The Magic of Belle Isle

Thursday, Feb 19, 6:45 PM

LBJ

Thursday, Feb 26, 6:45 PM

A Lookback at American History

Through The Lens of Black Baseball

February 27th at 2:00 PM

A Lookback at American History Through The Lens of Black Baseball Presented by David A. Shuffler. A lifelong baseball fan who has presented at the Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, Shuffler will explain how the history of Black baseball is the history of Black America and, by proxy, the history of America. Blackball was a cultural phenomenon that reflected the resilience and pride of African Americans in the face of the horrors of racial injustice.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS:

Silent Book Club

First Sunday of the month, Feb 1, 2-3 PM

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

The Seekers Book Club

First Wednesday every month at 7 PM, Feb 4

We discuss all things related to spirituality, self-help, motivation, and inspiration. "Aflame: learning from Silence" by Pico Iyer.

Book Lovers Circle

First Thursday of the month

at 7 PM on Zoom, Feb 5

Email morristownreaders@mmt.mainlib.org for the Zoom code.

Morning Book Club

Second Thursday of the month

at 10 AM, Feb 12

"A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman

Evening Book Club

Third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM, Feb 17

"A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Baby Stories & Songs

Every other Monday

at 10:30 AM, Feb 9 & Feb 23

Age 6 months - 2 years.

Children's Storytime

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10 AM

Saturdays at 11 AM

Ages 2 - 8

CHILDREN BOOK CLUBS

Winter book clubs meet monthly through May. Registration is required, please call the library at 973-538-6161 or email us at childrens@mmt.mainlib.org.

2nd - 3rd Grade Book Club

Meets the third Thursday of every month at 6 PM.

"Princess Pulverizer" by Nancy Krulik, Feb 19

4th - 6th Grade Book Club

Second Thursday of every month at 7 PM

"Faker" by Gordon Korman, Feb 12

TEEN PROGRAMS:

Teen Winter Book Club

Monthly in the afternoon

for teens in grades 7 – 12. We provide the book. "The Otherwhere Post" by Emily J Taylor, Feb 9

Journaling for Teens

Monday, Feb 2, 5 PM

Join us in the Kirby Gallery for a mostly quiet time to journal, plus a brief exploration of a fun new technique each month.

Teen Spice Club

Wednesday, Feb 18, 4 PM

Join us in the Tech Room @ 4 PM to mix herbs and spices at your very own mixing station.

Teen Craft Night

Monday, Feb 16, 5 PM

Get creative as we make polymer clay earrings, paper beads, & a paper bag journal.

Stories and Stitches for Teens

Monday, Feb 23, 5 PM

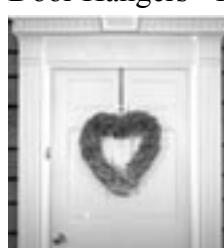
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ROTARY GIVES GRANT TO GIRL SCOUTS TO ENHANCE FACILITIES

Morristown Rotary Club

The Morristown Rotary Club is pleased to announce it has awarded a \$2,300 grant to the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey (GSNNJ) to enhance their outdoor leadership and team-building facilities at the Jockey Hollow Girl Scout Camp in Mendham.

The funding will cover the purchase and installation of a "Whale Watch" element for the camp's existing low-ropes challenge course. The Whale Watch is an 8-foot by 12-foot, large-scale, see-saw-like platform designed to accommodate up to 12 participants at once.

This dynamic new element requires campers to work together in unison to keep the platform balanced, presenting a significant and fun challenge that encourages the development of crucial skills.

"The Morristown Rotary Club is dedicated to 'Service Above Self,' and we recognize the immense value of fostering leadership and confidence in young people," said Aaron Oliver, President of Morristown Rotary. "By supporting the installation of the Whale Watch, we are directly investing in the growth of hundreds of Girl Scouts, equipping them with essential communication, problem-solving, and teamwork that will benefit them throughout their lives."

DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS

Jockey Hollow Camp serves more than 500 girls aged 6-16 during its seven weeks of summer camp, in addition to year-round visitors. The challenge course, which currently features elements like a Burma Rope Bridge, Swinging Log, and a zip line, is a core component of the camp's mission to develop courage, confidence, and character.

The Whale Watch is a perfect addition to the challenge course. It is a powerful tool that moves beyond individual achievement, compelling girls to practice effective communication and collaborative leadership to achieve a common goal. This will be a permanent, transformative feature for campers for many years.

The project is scheduled to begin in Winter 2025-2026, with installation expected to be complete by Spring 2026, making the new element ready for the summer camp season.

ABOUT MORRISTOWN ROTARY CLUB

The Morristown Rotary Club is part of Rotary International, a global network of community volunteers. The club brings together community members dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges, and focuses its local efforts on promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting education, saving mothers and children, and growing local economies.

For more info: morristownrotary.org

ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY (GSNNJ)

Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey serves girls across Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren counties, and the northern part of Essex County. GSNNJ provides leadership development opportunities for girls ages 5-18 through programs that build courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



(above) A check presentation was held on December 1, 2025 by Morristown Rotary Club members for the new teamwork challenge for Girl Scouts at Jockey Hollow Camp in Mendham.

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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.

Visit www.CAP.News 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.

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

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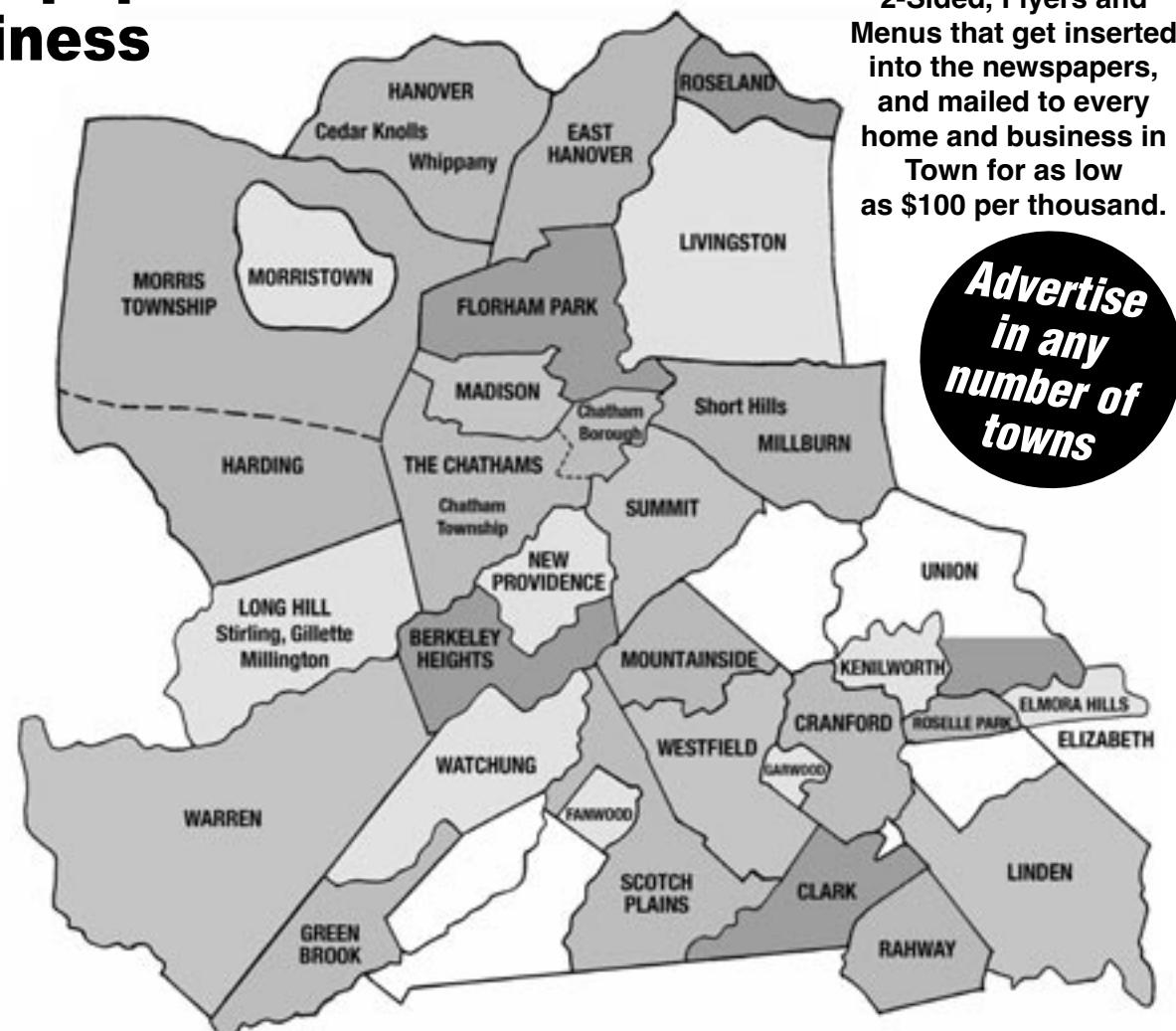
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SISTERS OF ST. BRIGID

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.



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