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## A NIGHT OF MUSIC TO TRANSFORM YOUNG LIVES

On March 21, Pegasus: The Orchestra will perform with the Chatham High School Chamber Choir in a dazzling benefit concert for the TheraYouth Foundation at the Dorothy Center for Performing Arts at Drew University. Led by accomplished conductor and pianist, Karén Hakobyan, the vibrant program includes Haydn's "Fire" Symphony and a rousing version of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, both composed exclusively for this ensemble. GRAMMY-nominated cellist Sergey Antonov - hailed by The Washington Post as "destined for cello superstardom" - will bring his soaring tone and formidable technique to Saint-Saëns' Cello Concerto No.1. All proceeds support pediatric medical therapy for disadvantaged youth. Normally this ensemble performs in New York City theaters so tickets are a steal at \$41-\$61 and can be purchased at [therayouth.org](http://therayouth.org).

### TherAYOUTH CELEBRATES THREE YEARS OF TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S LIVES

In just three years, the TheraYouth Foundation has become a beacon of hope for families across New Jersey struggling to secure essential therapy services for their children.

Physical therapist Dr. Irina Marcoff, DPT, founded TheraYouth to address a troubling reality: too many children with treatable conditions were being left behind. Long waitlists for public Early Intervention and school-based services; a shortage of pediatric providers accepting Medicaid; and the high cost of private therapy (often exceeding \$125 per session); placed critical care out of reach for hundreds of families.

"Early therapy can change the entire trajectory of a child's life," says Dr. Marcoff. "But for many families, access is the greatest barrier."

At its Elizabeth, NJ clinic, TheraYouth provides affordable physical, occupational, and speech therapy to disadvantaged children, more than 90% of whom rely on Medicaid. Since its inception, over 113 patients have "graduated" from therapy by achieving critical developmental milestones.

The impact of timely intervention is undeniable. One young patient, unable to crawl or walk due to congenitally weak neck muscles, faced the risk of permanent disability due to delays in care. After just four months of physical therapy at TheraYouth, he graduated from treatment, able to walk normally, transforming his future.

Unfortunately, demand continues to outpace resources with more than 400 children on TheraYouth's waitlist for services. The foundation operates entirely through donations, community partnerships, and fundraisers.

On March 21st, TheraYouth will host a benefit concert to

raise vital funds for pediatric therapy services. Help transform the lives of New Jersey's most vulnerable children through buying a ticket, or through a donation at [www.therayouth.org](http://www.therayouth.org).



(above) Dr. Irina Marcoff providing physical therapy to a young patient at the Arlene S. Chasek clinic in Elizabeth NJ.

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# ALL CHILDREN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN PINEWOOD DERBY

The excitement is building for the Cub Scouts of Pack 23 as they get ready for the annual Pinewood Derby. Scouts are given a kit that includes a block of wood, plastic wheels and axles. With help from a parent or other adult, they transform those parts into a race car and then race it against their friends' cars, down a 30-foot long track. Trophies are presented to the winners.

Pack 23 would like to invite all boys and girls, from Kindergarten to the 5th grade, to join in the fun, even if they are not in Cub Scouts! The Pinewood Derby race will be held on Sunday, March 8, in Saint Genevieve's Church hall, 200 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Derby kits cost \$5 each and can be requested from Cubmaster Dan Bernier at 908-451-1948.

The Scouting program at St. Genevieve's Church teaches character, citizenship and physical fitness to the youth of Elizabeth and surrounding towns. New members are welcome at any time, all year round. For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or [webfoottroop@gmail.com](mailto:webfoottroop@gmail.com).



(above) Cub Scouts from Pack 23 are transforming blocks of wood into race cars for their annual Pinewood Derby.

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The New Jersey Youth Symphony (NJYS), a program of Wharton Arts, invites young musicians and their families to experience the excitement of ensemble music-making during the NJYS Open Rehearsals Week, taking place March 1-5, 2026.

Throughout the week, visitors are welcome to observe live rehearsals of any of NJYS's 15 ensembles, offering a rare behind-the-scenes look at how young musicians collaborate, learn, and grow under the guidance of NJYS's accomplished artistic staff. Open Rehearsals Week is designed for students in grades 2-11 who are curious about joining a youth orchestra or expanding their musical journey.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet NJYS conductors, experience the rehearsal process firsthand, and explore how NJYS nurtures musical excellence, teamwork, and confidence in young performers.

Said Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Helen Cha-Pyo, "At the New Jersey Youth Symphony, we hold our students to the highest standards of musical excellence and artistry because they are capable of extraordinary things. At the same time, our core mission goes beyond performance. We want our students to experience the profound connection between music and life, and to understand the power of music as a force for service, empathy, and community building. Open Rehearsals Week is an open invitation to parents, educators, and students to step inside our rehearsal rooms, feel the joy of our community, and witness the 'serious fun' that happens when young people make music together with purpose, passion, and heart."

NJYS is one of New Jersey's premier youth orchestra programs, serving talented young musicians from across the region through a comprehensive range of ensembles and educational experiences. Open Rehearsals Week reflects NJYS's commitment to access, education, and artistic excellence.

Attendance is free, but advance registration is encouraged. Registration and additional information available at [NJYS.org](http://NJYS.org).



### ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY

The New Jersey Youth Symphony (NJYS), a program of Wharton Arts, provides exceptional orchestral and ensemble training to young musicians in grades 2-12. Through a wide range of ensembles, performances, and educational



opportunities, NJYS fosters musical excellence, collaboration, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

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 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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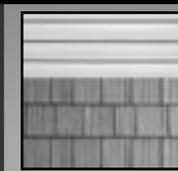
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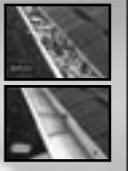
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(Ages 0-11)

### PRESCHOOL STORY CRAFT

TUESDAYS @ 11:00 AM

Join Miss Faith for a story followed by crafts designed to encourage imagination, fine motor skills, and self-expression. ages 0-5

### STORY TIME PLAY GROUP

WEDNESDAYS @ 11:00AM

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### JR CHEF\*\*\*

MONDAY 3/2 @ 3:30 PM

Make your own Pot Of Gold Parfait with yogurt, fruit, granola and fun toppings. Perfect for little chefs ages 5-11. Registration required.

### MARIO PARTY

MONDAY 3/9 3:30PM

Join us for a fun-filled celebration featuring Mario Kart races and exciting MAR10-themed activities !Ages 6-11 Registration required.

### STORY TIME/Author Visit

WEDNESDAY 3/11 @ 11:00AM

Join us for stories, songs, and lots of fun during this special author visit with children's authors Rosangela Perez and Tasha Austin! Ages 0-5.

### KIDS CRAFTERNOON\*\*\*

MONDAY 3/16 @3:30 PM

Join us for a story and craft where we will make a spring wreath for you to take home!. All supplies provided. Ages 5-11. Registration required.

### Sprinkles Of Inspirations by Mrs. Canty\*\*\*

MON 3/23 @3:30 PM

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& SELECT SATURDAYS @ 11:00 AM

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### NATIONAL OREO DAY!

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH ALL DAY

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### New Jersey Makers Day

Saturday, March 21st @11AM

Celebrate New Jersey Makers Day with hands-on activities that highlight creativity and innovation. Plus learn magic tricks, registration is required.

### Once Upon a Bunny

Saturday, March 28th @ 11AM

Hop on over for a special story time, then meet the Easter Bunny and visit our bunny petting zoo get up close and personal with real, live bunnies! Online registration required.

### PAJAMA STORY TIME

THURSDAYS @6:30 PM

Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and join our library staff for a cozy bedtime story and craft. The last Thursday, (3/26) of the month features a bilingual English/Spanish story time.

### TINY ART SHOW

Pick up your free Tiny Art Show kit during library hours and take part in our 5th Annual Community Art Show. While supplies last. Kits will be available beginning March 9th.

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

(Ages 12-17)

### TWEEN PI DAY Donut Decorating

Saturday 3/14 @11AM

Join us at the library for a PI DAY donut Decorating Event hosted by Duck Donuts! Registration is required. Ages 12-17.

### TWEEN Hot Chocolate Station

3/18 @3PM Ages 12-17

### TWEEN Craft

TUESDAY 3/24 AFTER SCHOOL

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Ages 12-17

## ADULT PROGRAMS

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This class is for intermediate ESL students looking to advance their skills in reading, writing, and speaking.

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### ADULT BOOK/CRAFT \*\*\*

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### CAFFEINE & CHAPTERS ADULT BOOK CLUB\*\*\*

THURSDAY 3/26 6:00PM

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(above) Love was in the air when Valentines gathered at the Roselle Park Memorial Library.

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### WHAT IS CORNERSTONE?

Cornerstone is an opportunity to hit the "pause button" in life and a chance to renew and strengthen your faith and grow in your experience in the Christian faith. It is led by a team of parishioners from various backgrounds and ages who themselves have experienced an increased presence of Christ in their lives.

### WHY SHOULD I ATTEND CORNERSTONE?

You will have a unique opportunity to meet other men of the community and together listen, reflect, and share real life experiences. Taking the time to retreat from daily routine and stress is both a necessary and rewarding experience.

### WHAT DOES "CORNERSTONE" MEAN?

The word "Cornerstone" describes Christ as the main foundation ("the cornerstone") of our lives. His presence within us allows us to live, grow, and become more loving and vibrant people of God.

What can I expect at Cornerstone? It will begin on Friday evening March 6th at 6 p.m. and end on Saturday evening March 7th after Mass and dinner. There will be talks, followed by small group discussions, time for quiet personal reflection, Reconciliation, and Eucharist.

### REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Please visit the web sites of either St. Bartholomew the Apostle at [stbartholomewchurch.org/mens-cornerstone](http://stbartholomewchurch.org/mens-cornerstone) or Immaculate Heart of Mary at [ihmparish.net](http://ihmparish.net). You may also reach out to the co-directors: Jim Brennan 908-337-6874, [jpbrennan1946@gmail.com](mailto:jpbrennan1946@gmail.com); Jose Montero 201-310-4278, [josergomezmontero@hotmail.com](mailto:josergomezmontero@hotmail.com); or Pat Cetera 908-230-7282, [ceteras4@verizon.net](mailto:ceteras4@verizon.net).

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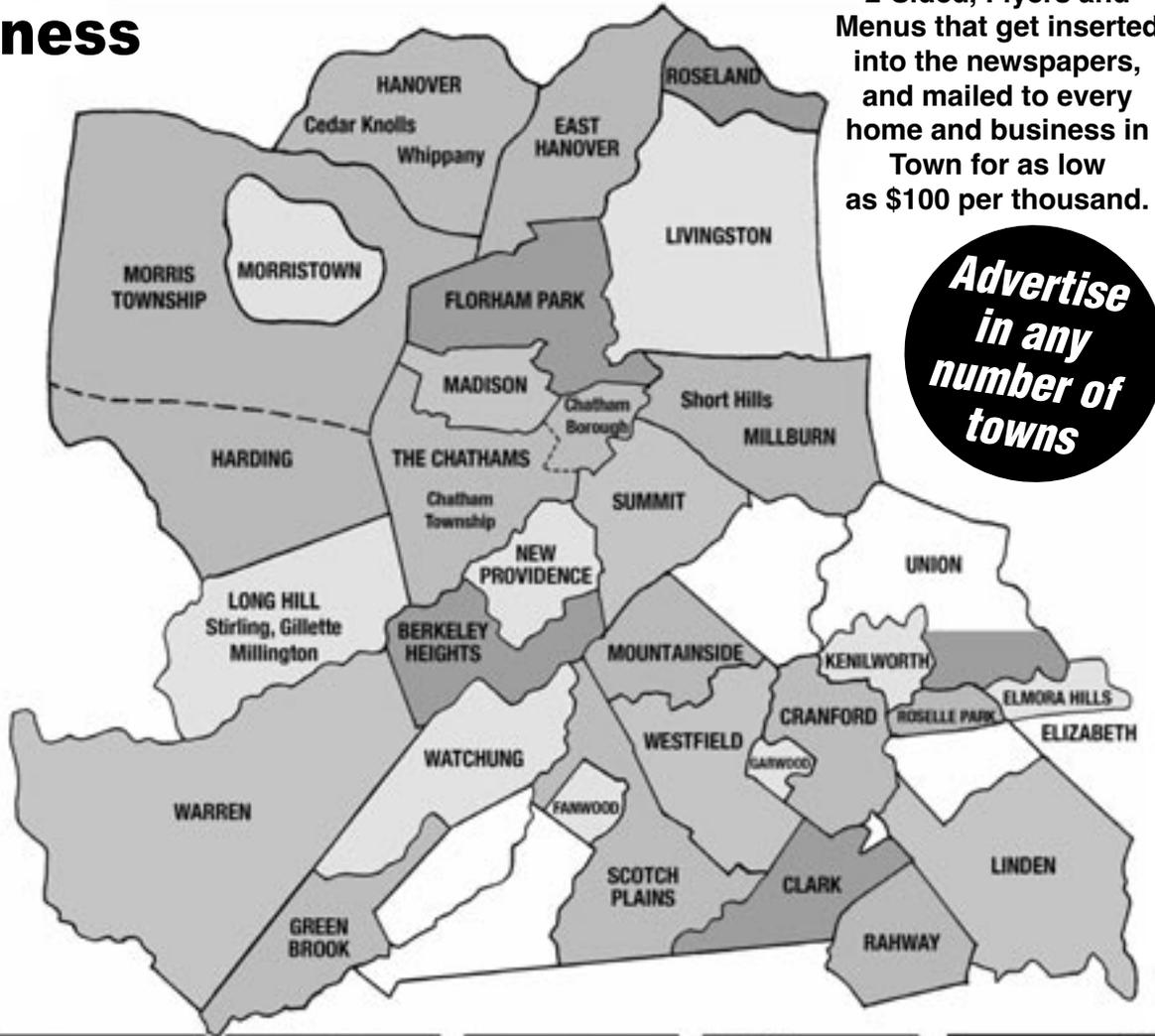
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Local volunteer experts will be standing by at the Casano Community Center to help repair jewelry, clothing, small appliances, computers, knives, toys, and more.

The Commission is recruiting volunteer "fixers" to support this event. No matter your skill

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"Our volunteers work hard during every event to resolve repair challenges," said Roselle Park Environmental Commission Chairman Tim Coakley. "If you don't have anything in need of repair, I still encourage you to stop by and see the repairs in action - maybe you'll learn some repair skills yourself!"



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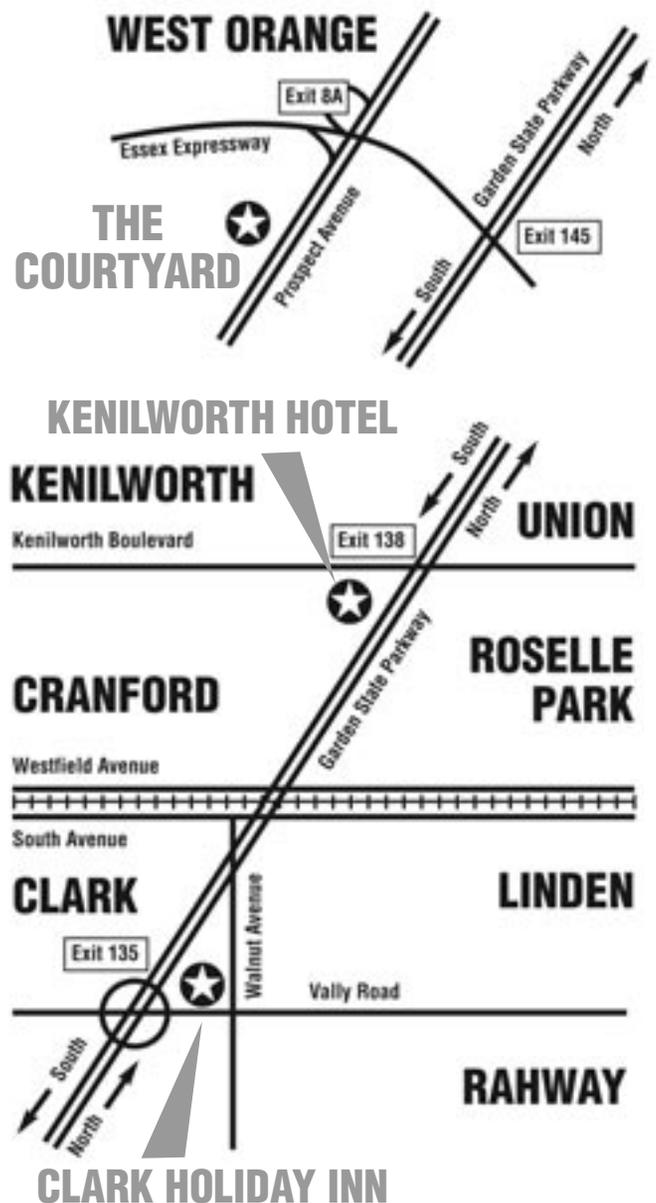
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