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## ELKS CLUB & CCS JOIN FORCES FOR BLANKETS FOR BABIES

On Monday, March 2nd, the Christ Child Society of Summit (CCS) joined forces with members of the Summit Elks Club to tie the fringe ends on fleece baby blankets, remove tags from baby clothes, and organize baby supplies. A record 80 volunteers assembled and finished 200 blankets. The Elks Club presented CCS with a \$5,000 grant for its Blankets for Babies program. The blankets are included in layettes that CCS distributes to new moms in need at local area hospitals. Elk members also generously gifted baby clothing, towels, baby shampoo, lotion, wipes and other infant necessities.

CCS is a group of dedicated volunteers from all faiths and backgrounds that are joined with the purpose to help under-resourced children and their families.



*In the photo with the check, right to left: Elks XXX, CCS Blankets Chairs Regina Feeney and Delma Puttress, CCS President Lois Melka, CCS Board Cathryn Ligouri, CCS Blankets Chair Addie Fekete.*

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## SECOND ANNUAL CITY OF SUMMIT SHOWCASE APRIL 15

In celebration of Local Government Week, the City of Summit invites residents to the second annual City of Summit Showcase on Wednesday, April 15, from 3 - 5 p.m. at fire headquarters, located at 281 Broad Street.

This interactive event is an opportunity for residents to connect with the dedicated individuals who work hard every day to keep Summit running smoothly.

Residents of all ages are invited to attend and get an inside look at the firehouse, explore a fire truck, check out police gear and DPW equipment, and meet city officials from various departments such as trash collection and parking to finance, community programs, and more.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- See a fire truck up close and meet Summit firefighters
- Discover police equipment and meet Summit police officers
- Check out Division of Public Works equipment
- Learn about key city services and meet city staff and officials
- Learn about volunteer opportunities with city boards, committees, and commissions
- Enjoy fun, interactive activities for the whole family
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More information on the City of Summit is available at [cityofsummit.org](http://cityofsummit.org).



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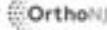
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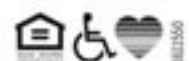
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## COLLEGE CLUB BOOK SALE APRIL 15TH THROUGH APRIL 19TH

The annual Summit College Club Book Sale will take place from Wednesday, April 15th, through Sunday, April 19th, at the American Legion Post #433, 357 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence, NJ (next to the library).

Donations of books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, and LPs in good condition will be accepted at American Legion Post #433 from Friday, April 10th, through Monday, April 13th, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. This is an opportunity for

anyone who wishes to contribute items to the sale. Please note that textbooks, manuals, magazines, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, and damaged items will not be accepted.

Preview Day is Wednesday, April 15th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For a \$25 admission fee, book dealers, collectors, and all book lovers will receive early access to the books.

Admission to the sale is free from Thursday, April 16th, through Sunday, April 19th. For customers' convenience, the sale has weekday, weekend, and evening hours:

**Thursday & Friday, April 16th & 17th**

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Saturday, April 18th**

9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Sunday, April 19th (Bag Day)**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More than 20,000 hardcover and softcover books, along with audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, and LPs, as well as jigsaw puzzles, will be available in good to excellent condition. The books will be carefully sorted into categories, including fiction, history, biography, children's books, science fiction, art, hobbies, travel, science, gardening, sports, cookbooks, and many more. Most items will be priced between 50 cents and two dollars. Collectible and coffee table books will also be attractively priced. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, April 19th, shoppers can purchase an entire bag of books for just \$5 or

\$10, depending on the bag size.

The Book Sale is a vital community event and the primary fundraiser for the Summit College Club each year. Proceeds are used to provide college scholarships to deserving young women from local high schools who will be attending a 4-year college, and to women returning to a local community college after a break in their education. Since its inception, the Summit College Club Foundation has awarded hundreds of scholarships totaling over \$1 million, reinvesting those funds in the community.

Thanks to the generosity and interest of the local community, our book sale has thrived, even with the growing popularity of online alternatives to books and print media. Community members contribute by donating books and other media, as well as volunteering their time. The Summit College Club is grateful for these volunteers who help with various tasks, including receiving and sorting books before the sale, assisting customers during the event, organizing the book sections, and cleaning up afterward. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the "Volunteer with Us" form at [summitcollegeclub.org/booksale](http://summitcollegeclub.org/booksale).

All are welcome! For questions about book donations, sales, volunteering, or the Summit College Club and its scholarships, please email [summitcollegeclub@gmail.com](mailto:summitcollegeclub@gmail.com) or go to [summitcollegeclub.org](http://summitcollegeclub.org).

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elegant atmosphere with live music. The tea is coming direct from Fortnum and Mason, London and will be accompanied by classic English savories and sweets. Tickets are available at [www.fortnightlyclub.org](http://www.fortnightlyclub.org). There is a gluten free option and Twin Maples is ADA accessible.

Membership is available via the website. Most recently, the Club held an exciting Murder at the Speakeasy Mystery featuring the Without A Cue Productions theater group and a three-course dinner.

On Saturday, April 18 the Club will participate in Summit's 'Revolution Road', celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution by hosting a free lecture on 'Women and the American Revolution' at 10 a.m. at Twin Maples. Other upcoming events include a Spring planted container demonstration on April 15, a Broadway theater and lunch trip to see 'Ragtime' on April 29 and a Mah Jongg 'Sips and Apps' Party on May 7, featuring open play and lessons.

The Fortnightly Club preserves Twin Maples, offers annual scholarships and supports education, the arts and volunteerism. Twin Maples rentals are available for celebratory occasions. Inquiries are welcome at [fortnightlyclubtwinmaples@gmail.com](mailto:fortnightlyclubtwinmaples@gmail.com).

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(above, l-r) Ellen Leonard of Summit, Liese Kant of Short Hills, Joyce Zemsky of Westfield



(above) Twin Maples Estate, Summit, N.J.

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# NJIO Spring Concert NATIONAL SPIRIT



Free orchestra concert celebrating music that inspires national pride



Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 3pm  
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[www.NJIO.org](http://www.NJIO.org)

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This concert is the final performance for NJIO's 2025-2026 season. Information on NJIO's summer education programs is available now at [www.njio.org/summer](http://www.njio.org/summer) and an announcement about the 2026-2027 concert season will be available in July.

This free concert is made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and our season sponsors: the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, the Plainfield Foundation, The Henry S. and Agnes M.

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### EVENT DETAILS:

**NJIO's Spring Concert: "The National Spirit"**  
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NJIO is committed to ensuring that its programs and concerts are accessible. For more information regarding the concert or to inquire about patron services, please contact NJIO at [info@njio.org](mailto:info@njio.org), or visit NJIO's website [www.njio.org](http://www.njio.org)

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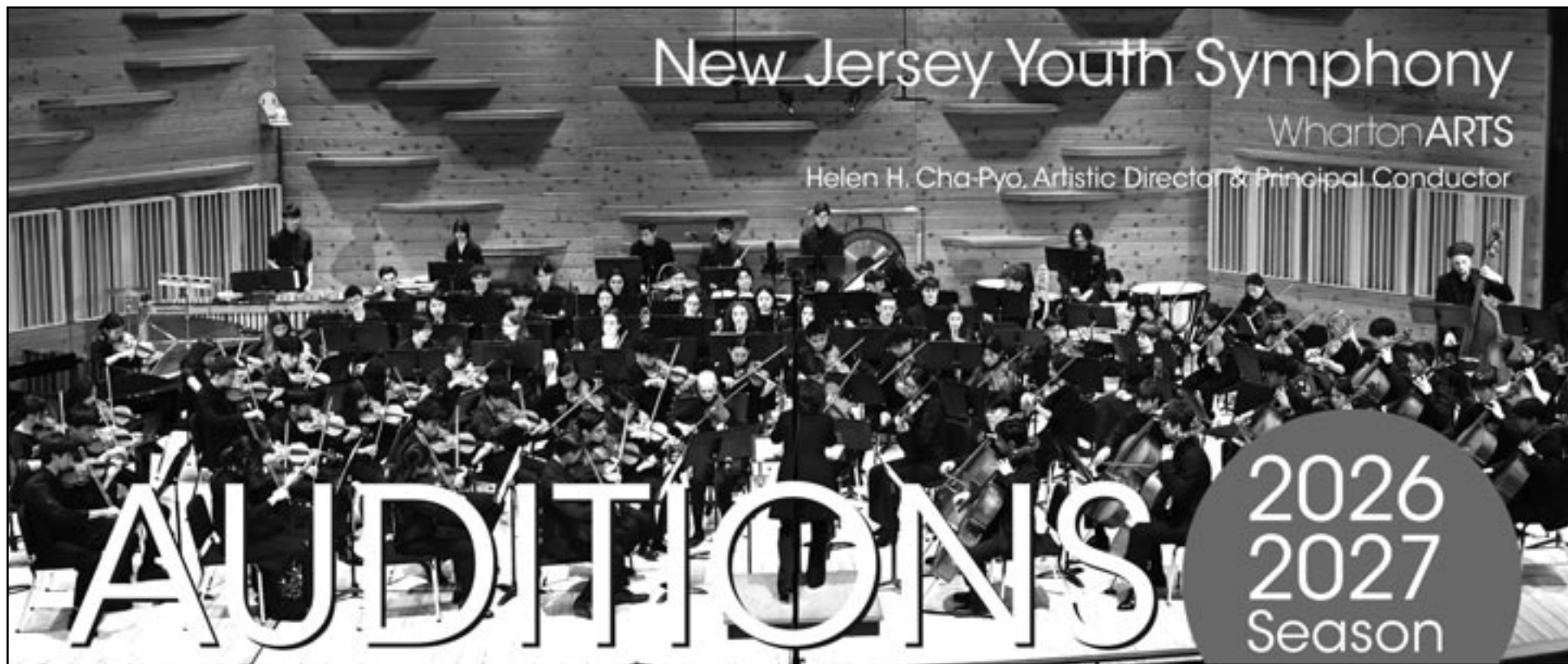
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# NJ FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS

The New Jersey Festival Orchestra brings its season to a close with One Thousand and One Nights, an evening shaped by storytelling, imagination, and the vivid orchestral palette of two beloved works. Performances will take place on Saturday, May 30, at 7:00 pm at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, and Sunday, May 31, at 2:30 pm at the Sieminski Theater in Basking Ridge.

The program pairs the elegance of Joaquín Rodrigo with the sweeping narrative of Nikolai

Rimsky-Korsakov, inviting audiences into a world where music and myth intertwine. At its center is internationally acclaimed Slovak guitarist Karol Samuelčík, whose appearance is presented in collaboration with the Slovak American Cultural Center.

Samuelčík takes the stage in Rodrigo's *Fantasia para un gentilhombre*, a work that draws from Spanish baroque dances and unfolds with graceful lyricism and rhythmic vitality. The guitar's voice, at once intimate and radiant,

moves fluidly between courtly refinement and expressive brilliance.

A seasoned international performer, Samuelčík has appeared across Europe, Asia, and the Americas, with engagements at venues including London's Purcell Room and Shenzhen Concert Hall. A prizewinner of numerous competitions and a professor at the Academy of Music and Performing Arts in Bratislava, he is equally recognized for his scholarship, including a landmark publication on guitar technique in 2022.

The program culminates in Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, a work long associated with the fantastical tales of *One Thousand and One Nights*. Though the composer ultimately removed explicit programmatic titles, the music retains its narrative spirit; waves swell and recede, melodies shimmer and twist, and the orchestra becomes a storyteller in its own right. Echoes of distant voyages, whispered secrets, and unfolding drama emerge through richly layered textures and luminous orchestration.

Together, these works form a fitting close to the season: a journey that moves from the refined intimacy of the guitar to the expansive storytelling power of the full orchestra.

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# A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO STRENGTH TRAINING.

## *THINK MOVEMENTS, NOT MUSCLES.*

Preserving your muscle mass and strength is crucial if you want to enjoy an active life. It's what allows you to go skiing with the kids, travel with your spouse, and join the family hike without hesitating or having to worry about your pesky (insert troubled body part here).

Unfortunately for us humans, muscle mass starts to plummet after age 30. You can lose 4-6lbs of muscle tissue every decade if you aren't building strength training into your fitness routine.

That's a Christmas ham's-worth of muscle, gone by the time you're 40. And a family-sized Thanksgiving turkey of muscle that has vanished by your 60th birthday.

Muscle loss is inevitable, UNLESS you're doing something to prevent it. This is where strength training comes in.

With over 600 muscles in the body, it would be impossible to come up with an exercise routine that worked each of them individually. So instead of thinking "what muscles should I be working?" think more along the lines of "what movements should I be working"?

To maintain strength throughout your whole body, you should be addressing these 5 movements in every workout- Squatting, hinging (bending at the hips), upper body pushing, upper body pulling, and core.

**Squatting:** working on your squat will make it easier for you to sit down on the toilet, get up off the couch, and take a knee to talk to your grandkids. Squatting works the muscles in your feet, shins, knees, thighs and hips, as well as requiring a strong core. Work on full depth squatting or lunging so you can keep your mobility and work dozens of muscles at the same time. Examples: bodyweight squats, lunges, side lunges, single leg squats.

**Hinging:** hinging primarily works your bum and back of your legs. Keeping strength in this area will make it easy to push the lawnmower, hike uphill, pick up boxes in the basement and climb stairs like



a champ. Examples: deadlifts, glute bridges, hamstring curls.

**Upper body pushing:** using your upper body to push something away (or push yourself away from something) requires dozens of muscles in your arms and shoulders and also calls for a strong core. Ask anyone who has struggled to get their suitcase in the overhead compartment of a plane, upper body strength disappears fast if you aren't working on it. Examples: push ups, overhead presses, medicine ball chest passes.

**Upper body pulling:** this is the most challenging movement to work on outside of a gym setting, and it's probably the one we need most to improve posture and back/shoulder health. Pulling works the muscles in the arms and back, will help you avoid shoulder pain, and may even make you look taller to your friends (because of your improved posture).

Examples: rows, chin ups/chin up variations, vertical hang.

**Core:** a strong core is the foundation of creating strong movements. All strong movements go through a strong, stable core. If your core is weak, all other movements will be weak as well. Like they say, "you can't shoot a cannon from a canoe." Maintaining core strength means you'll have better spine health, less back pain, and the potential to improve strength across your entire body. Examples: planks, side planks, suitcase carries.

Check these 5 boxes with every workout and you'll be well on your way to keeping your muscle mass, maintaining your freedom, and being the happiest, healthiest, most active version of yourself.

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# SHE WAS A 48-YEAR-OLD MOM FROM BERKELEY HEIGHTS... TERRIFIED TO WEAR A LITTLE BLACK DRESS AT HER DAUGHTER'S WEDDING - UNTIL THIS HAPPENED

When guests gathered for a recent summer wedding in town, expectations were clear: a beautiful bride, proud parents, heartfelt speeches, and a lively dance floor.

What no one expected was that one of the most talked-about moments of the night would involve the bride's mother.

As Helen, 48, walked down the aisle in a fitted dress with a tastefully exposed back, heads turned. Conversations paused. By the time the reception was underway, it was clear this mother of the bride had made an impression few would forget.

It wasn't just that she looked great. She looked strong. Defined. Confident. Guests kept asking the same question throughout the night:

What does she do to look like that?

That question is how this story begins.

## FROM TIRED, SOFT AND WEAK TO STRONG, LEAN AND CONFIDENT

A few years ago, Helen was not the woman people were buzzing about at a wedding. "I was tired all the time," Helen said. "My back hurt, my knees hurt, and I just felt older than I was.

I was in my late 40s, yes — but I felt like that was my whole identity."

Like many adults in their 40's 50s and 60s, Helen assumed aches, pains, and declining energy were simply the cost of aging. Exercise felt intimidating and confusing. Big gyms felt impersonal. Working out on her own felt unsafe.

"I didn't know what I should be doing, and I was afraid of hurting myself, so I just did nothing," she said.

A friend introduced her to a local personal training gym in Berkeley Heights, and she started with a free trial.

"I was so scared. I didn't walk in thinking I'd change my body," Helen said. "I was just hoping I could finally find a program that was right for me and do something for my health consistently."

## THE UNKNOWN WORKOUT PLAN THAT CHANGED THE GAME

What Helen found was not a room full of treadmills and mirrors, but a personalized fitness program led by highly knowledgeable personal trainers who specialize in working with adults ages 40–60.



(above) Helen flexing at one of their infamous 6 AM workouts at Gabriele Fitness

Helen didn't need anything extreme — she needed the right program and the right support.

She started with two days per week. As her energy improved and her pain decreased, she gradually built up to three days per week. Each workout was done in a small-group setting, allowing for personalized coaching without the pressure or cost of one-on-one training.

"The accountability mattered," Helen said. "If I didn't show up, someone noticed. And if something hurt, they adjusted things immediately."

## REDEFINING WHAT SOMEONE IN THEIR 40s CAN LOOK AND FEEL LIKE

Over time, the changes added up. Helen lost body fat. She gained muscle. More importantly, she gained confidence.

"I stopped thinking about what I couldn't do... and started thinking about what was next."

Years later, Helen is still a member and has even become a Grandma! She lifts weights people half her age shy away from. She moves pain-free. She keeps up with her grandchildren - and sometimes outpaces them.

So when her daughter's wedding approached, Helen didn't think twice about wearing the dress she loved.



(above) Helen turning every head as the mother of the bride

"I didn't choose it to show off," she laughed. "I chose it because I felt good in my own skin."

The reaction at the wedding told the rest of the story.

## A LOCAL SECRET GETS PUBLIC

As word spread, one question kept coming up again and again:

What is the secret workout plan that's making her look that good?

The answer was simple: Gabriele Fitness — a small community personal training gym right in Berkeley Heights.

Helen's transformation didn't come from crash diets or marathon workouts. It came from consistency, expert coaching, and a supportive environment designed for real people — not fitness models.

## FEELING BETTER AT 48 THAN SHE DID AT 28

Helen's story may have started with wedding buzz, but it's really about something deeper: what's possible when people stop accepting decline as inevitable.

"I wish I had started sooner because I feel better at 48 than I did at 28," Helen said. "But I'm grateful I started when I did."

A personal and confidential message from Helen to anyone on the fence about getting started.

"Ladies, having a personal trainer changed my life. Without a trainer, I never would have come close to looking and feeling this good. I tried so many times on my own and failed. I know it's hard to get started — I was scared myself. But if you find an amazing gym like I did (Gabriele Fitness), it changes everything.

The funny thing is, on the front door of the gym there's a sign that reads, 'You just did the hard part. We'll take it

from here.' And I truly believe that if you find a place you trust, that genuinely cares about you, and you show up consistently, you'll get into the best shape of your life.

For me, being in great shape has made my entire life so much better. I'm happier, stronger, full of energy... and my workouts are the reason."

For those who see themselves in Helen — those who feel older, weak, tired, stressed, struggling to burn fat, and are secretly starting to believe their best years are behind them — Read This:

Gabriele Fitness has opened 13 spots for local residents to experience their personal training program...FREE for 14 days. The offer expires on April 1st and is available to only 13 people.

P.S. Many people reading this article will be inspired by Helen... yet still feel hesitant to try the program. With anything new, there's always uncertainty — especially with something like a new fitness routine. But if you're not working out right now, or you've been inconsistent (like most people) you've read the exact article you needed to read today because...

Gabriele Fitness has helped thousands of people in this community over the past 18 years. For some, the program has had a life-changing effect, and many members have stayed for nearly two decades.

A large number of them are now in the best shape of their lives (...and 2 decades older) — but they all started in the same place as anyone reading this and considering starting their fitness journey.

If you're still hesitant, visit our website [gabrielefitness.com/results](http://gabrielefitness.com/results) for an ocean of success stories from people just like you... who've transformed their lives... and in some cases, the lives of everyone in their family. This is powerful stuff.

## WHY GABRIELE FITNESS FOCUSES ONLY ON ADULTS OVER 40

Adults over 40 face a perfect storm of demands that make fitness more critical — and more challenging — than ever before. They're in the prime of their careers, often in leadership roles where the pressure is relentless and the hours are long.

They're raising children or supporting aging parents — sometimes both at the same time. Their stress levels are high, their metabolism is slowing down, and their bodies don't recover like they used to.

Yet this is precisely when they need their health and energy most — to perform at work, to be present for their families, to enjoy the success they've worked so hard to build, and to avoid the chronic diseases that affected their parents' generation.

The cruel irony is that when fitness matters most, it's also when finding time for it feels nearly impossible.

That's why adults over 40 don't need another generic gym membership. They need expert guidance designed specifically for their unique challenges, their busy schedules, and their refusal to accept that their best years are behind them.

To get the full details about the Free Personal Training Program and to see if any of the 13 spots are still available scan below...



## SIX SCOUTS EARN GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA SILVER AWARD

### Girl Scout Troop 45827

Six members of Girl Scout Troop 45827 have earned the prestigious Girl Scouts of the USA Silver Award, the highest honor a Cadette can achieve. The Silver Award challenges girls to identify a community issue, research its root causes, build community partnerships, and complete a sustainable "Take Action" project with at least 50 hours of work per Girl Scout. Each project must create lasting impact beyond the initial effort.

Charlotte Babineau, Hayden Brett and Samantha Ruggiero focused on raising awareness

about animal fostering. Partnering with Home for Good Dog Rescue, they supported foster animals by creating bandanas and dog toys. To ensure long-term impact, they designed informative pamphlets explaining the fostering process and how families can get involved. These materials have been distributed at community events and animal day cares, continuing to educate the public and encourage fostering. They also presented to younger troops in Summit to raise awareness about the benefits of fostering.

Sophie Babineau, Rina Kurlander and Hailey Milnes worked with the Summit Free Public

Library to promote its Native Seed Library. They learned how to sort and package seeds to help restock supplies, spent time in Summit's Tiny Forest to better understand native ecosystems, and led educational classes for children encouraging native planting. Their efforts strengthened awareness of sustainable gardening practices and supported an ongoing community resource.

Through leadership, collaboration, and dedication, these six Girl Scouts created meaningful, lasting change in their community - a true reflection of the Silver Award's purpose.



(above) Sophie Babineau, Rina Kurlander, Hailey Milnes, Charlotte Babineau, Hayden Brett. and Samantha Ruggiero

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This performance features a stellar cast: Soprano Abby Brodnick as Adele, Soprano Molly Dunn as Rosalinde, Mezzo Soprano Victoria Falcone as Prince Orlofsky, Tenor Eric Šebek as Alfred, and Heldentenor Tom Walters as Eisenstein.

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At 10:30 a.m., Katherine Evans will present "My Journey - Stitching Together an International Community of Quilters." Evans' talk will cover her years living in Brazil, Costa Rica and Mexico from 2007 to 2025. She'll highlight her outreach to local women who together developed sewing and design skills creating one-of-a-kind group quilts, many of which will be on display.

Wendy Sheridan of Rahway will be recognized as 2026's Featured Quilter.

Sheridan is an award-winning multidisciplinary artist whose work spans fiber, watercolor, ink, and acrylics. With a lifetime of experience in fabric and fiber arts, she has created quilts, housewares, and costumes, serving as costume mistress for the Union County Academy for the Performing Arts from 2008-2012.

Her fiber art installation "What We Did This Summer," in collaboration with Lauren Reidy, has been on display at the New Jersey Transit Rahway station in the fall/winter of 2025-2026. "I love bold color, an explosion of color shows up in all my art forms," said Sheridan, a retired electrical engineer and technical writer.

Local charities will benefit from drawings for a traditional queen-sized quilt with a modern flair, gift cards and craft themed gift baskets.

In addition to viewing a full array of modern, traditional, art and wall-hanging quilts, attendees can participate in viewer's choice awards, kid's crafting table and vendor sales area.

A tearoom offering lunch, snacks, homemade baked goods, and beverages will benefit Willow Grove Church programs.

For additional information, please contact [harvestquilters.com](http://harvestquilters.com) or with questions email: [harvestquiltersnj@gmail.com](mailto:harvestquiltersnj@gmail.com).



(above) *Featured Quilter,  
Wendy Sheridan of Rahway*

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## FINISHING THE HAT: THE MUSIC OF SONDHEIM AT THE SIEMINSKI THEATER APRIL 19

The Actors Studio of New Jersey and The Sieminski Theater proudly present *Finishing the Hat: The Music of Sondheim*, a spectacular tribute to the legendary composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim. This exciting collaboration marks the first producing partnership between the two acclaimed arts organizations, joining forces to pay tribute to one of musical theater's most influential voices.

Performances will take place Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, April 19 at 2:30 PM at The Sieminski Theater in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. Tickets on sale and available through the Sieminski Theater website at

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*Finishing the Hat: The Music of Sondheim* is an unforgettable musical journey through Sondheim's unparalleled body of work, featuring songs from his most celebrated musicals, including *Company*, *Into the Woods*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Follies*, *A Little Night Music*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, among others. Audiences will experience the brilliance, complexity, and emotional depth of Sondheim's music and lyrics in a performance that honors his timeless artistry and profound impact on the art form.

"Collaborating on this production is a thrilling opportunity to bring together two creative forces dedicated to enriching the performing arts in

New Jersey," said Michael Restaino, Artistic Director of The Actors Studio of New Jersey. "Sondheim's music reminds us of the beauty and intricacy of storytelling through song - something we are proud to share with audiences at The Sieminski Theater."

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## SUMMIT AREA OLD GUARD APRIL SPEAKERS PROGRAM

The Summit Area Old Guard is a social, educational, and recreational organization that serves men of retirement age. We meet Tuesdays, 9:30am, 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 April, we will have four speakers:

### APRIL 7 - LINDSAY SCHAMBACH

We begin on the 7th with Lindsay Schambach, the executive director of Imagine. Based in Mountainside and Newark, Imagine is a center dedicated to supporting families and children navigating the complexities of loss. Drawing from her own personal experiences with grief, Lindsay will discuss the organization’s comprehensive programming, which includes local in-person support groups and virtual resources accessible to participants nationwide. Lindsay brings a deep background in education to her leadership role, having served as a classroom teacher and held various administrative positions within the KIPP charter school network.

### APRIL 14 - DR. PAT THOMAS

On April 14th, Dr. Pat Thomas will explore the critical role zoos play in global species

preservation. Dr. Thomas retired in 2022 following a distinguished 42-year career with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), where he concluded his tenure as Vice President, General Curator, and Associate Director of the Bronx Zoo. Since joining the Bronx Zoo’s Mammal Department in 1979, he held numerous leadership roles, including Curator of Mammals and eventually General Curator in 2007. His work has taken him across Africa, Asia, and South America to conduct field studies and lead reintroduction programs for species such as the black howler monkey in Belize and the Kihansi spray toad in Tanzania. His research has ranged from African wild dog rabies vaccinations to non-invasive genetic sampling of apex predators. Most recently, he spearheaded the establishment of a bison breeding group at the Bronx Zoo, partnering with the Osage Nation to return Bronx-born bison to their ancestral lands in Oklahoma. Dr. Thomas has also shared his expertise in academia as an adjunct professor at Columbia University, Fordham University, and Manhattan College.

### APRIL 21 - NICK ROSSIELLO

On the 21st, Nick Rossiello will discuss the options available at senior living facilities throughout the northeast. He is currently sales director at Lantern Hill senior living community. Nick’s career with Erickson Senior Living began

at Cedar Crest, an Erickson Senior Living community in Pompton Plains, NJ, in 2004, where he worked with residents as a student server in the on-campus restaurants. After graduating from college, he returned to Cedar Crest to work in the resident life department. He then moved to the sales department, quickly advancing through several roles including sales associate and sales counselor and worked with the team to welcome hundreds of new residents to the vibrant community. Last year, he joined Lantern Hill as sales manager and was elevated to Director of Sales soon after.

### APRIL 28 - PETER HANNON

Finally, on April 28th, Peter Hannon will present on the mission of DKMS, an international non-profit dedicated to the fight against blood cancer and blood disorders. The organization focuses on increasing public awareness, improving treatment access, and expanding the global registry of potential stem cell donors. Peter joined the DKMS professional team in March 2025, but his connection to the cause began nearly a decade earlier when he became a blood stem cell donor in 2016. That rewarding personal experience inspired him to dedicate his career to the DKMS mission: ensuring that every patient searching for a compatible match receives a second chance at life.

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Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club was founded in 1907 and is one of the oldest clubs in the nation. As a 501(c)3 we provide outings to support veterans, adults and children as well as people with disabilities which focus on environmental education, fishing knowledge and practice. We are always looking for new members, donations and volunteers if anyone would like to get involved. Our monthly meetings are held at the Kenilworth VFW, located at 33 S. 21st. Street, Kenilworth, NJ, On the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (except


July & August). There is no fee for attending a meeting. For more information visit nbfcc.org or contact Bob Jones [bjonesjrj@hotmail.com](mailto:bjonesjrj@hotmail.com) or 908-403-0787.



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## DOWNTOWN SUMMIT'S SPRING SEASON EXCITEMENT HAS BEGUN

The heart of Summit is beating faster this spring as Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) prepares for a blockbuster lineup of events designed to bring neighbors together and showcase Summit's vibrant downtown. From the freshest of local harvests to international festivities, Summit is the place to be this April and into the summer season!

### SUMMIT FARMERS MARKET OPENS SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Mark your calendars! The Summit Farmers Market officially returns for its 33rd season on Sunday, April 19. Located in DeForest Lot #1 at the corner of Woodland Ave, the market will run every Sunday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM through December 20. This year, SDI is blending tradition with novelty. Alongside your favorite returning vendors, we are thrilled to introduce several new ones joining the market. Whether you are looking for organic produce, artisanal breads, or unique local goodies, the market remains the premier Sunday destination in New Jersey.

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT (PRESENTED BY ATLANTIC HEALTH) – THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH, FROM 4-8PM

Get ready for an evening of laughter, play, and a whole lot of fun for young families! Beechwood

Rd and Bank St will be converted into a playground of family-fun festivities. Expect a high-energy atmosphere featuring face painting, bubbles, a petting zoo, remote controlled miniature car racing, balloon art, a gaming truck, and other fun activities from local downtown businesses! Don't miss performances by Jumpin' Jamie, Eyes of the Wild (animal show), and Mr. Magico's magic show – and of course, DJ Mr. Socks! It's the perfect way to end the school year and kick off the summer season with friends and neighbors. A special thank you to our event sponsors - this event is made possible through the generous support of Atlantic Health System's Overlook Medical Center, Lois Schneider Realtor, Brownie Points Bakery, Wealth Enhancement Group, and The Connection.

### SUMMIT DOWNTOWN WELCOMES THE WORLD: MEXICO VS. SOUTH AFRICA – THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH FROM 2-6PM

This June, Summit Downtown is expanding the "Welcomes the World" initiative and hosting a watch party for the opening match of the World Cup between Mexico and South Africa, right in the Bank Street Parking Lot! Come watch the

match as the World Cup fever takes over downtown Summit with a massive television screen and a beer & wine garden (courtesy of Peerless Bev Co and Cambridge Wines). Visitors can enjoy some food from food trucks near the beer & wine garden or have a delicious meal at one of Summit's great downtown restaurants, many with themed dining experiences. Come represent your favorite competing nation and celebrate our global village right here in downtown Summit! Stick around for after the game to enjoy Summit Street Sounds.

### SUMMIT STREET SOUNDS RETURNS THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS IN JUNE & JULY

The soundtracks of the summer are returning! Summit Street Sounds will once again fill the evening air with live music from talented local artists on Thursdays and Fridays throughout June and July from 5-8pm. The schedule is currently being built with a diverse lineup of musicians to ensure our best season yet! Stay tuned - we encourage residents to frequently check [summitdowntown.org](http://summitdowntown.org) for the latest updates on performers and specific street performance locations.

As for the feeling of springtime, "There is an undeniable energy in Summit when the snow melts and spring brings the downtown to life!" says SDI Farmers Market Administrator, Marin Mixon, "Between the opening of our exceptional Farmers Market, and our downtown initiatives, we are giving residents and visitors more than a dozen different reasons to spend their time in our beautiful downtown in Summit."

### ABOUT SUMMIT DOWNTOWN, INC.

Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting Summit's vibrant downtown community. Through events, marketing, and partnership with local businesses, SDI works to make Summit a welcoming destination for shopping, dining, and community experiences.

For more information on all upcoming events, visit [www.SummitDowntown.org](http://www.SummitDowntown.org) or follow @SummitDowntown on social media.

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To register or to see a complete list of events, visit [summitlibrary.org](http://summitlibrary.org).

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Virtual Author Talk with Valerie Neal

Thu, 4/2, 2:00–3:00 PM

Online. Smithsonian space historian Valerie Neal discusses On a Mission: The Smithsonian History of U.S. Women Astronauts, exploring the achievements of women in human spaceflight. Q&A to follow.

#### Great Decisions: Trump's Tariffs & the Future of the World Economy

Wed, 4/8, 1:00–3:00 PM

Examine the impact of U.S. tariff policies on global trade and geopolitics with virtual guest speaker Dr. Gene Grossman of Princeton.

#### Eric Mintel Investigates

Sat, 4/11, 2:00–3:00 PM

Paranormal investigator Eric Mintel presents video evidence from investigations involving ghosts, UFOs, Bigfoot, and more. Book signing and Q&A to follow.

#### Virtual Author Talk with Brad Taylor

Tue, 4/14, 7:00–8:00 PM

Online. Bestselling author Brad Taylor discusses Shadow Strike, the latest installment in the Pike Logan thriller series. Q&A to follow.

#### Navigating FultonHistory.com

Thu, 4/16, 7:00–8:00 PM

Online. Learn how to search historic newspapers on FultonHistory.com with genealogy lecturer Jeanette Sheliga.

#### Explore Your World: Hamlet & Hamnet

Fridays, 4/17–5/29, 2:00–4:00 PM

In-person/online. A multi-session course exploring Maggie O'Farrell's Hamnet and its connections to Shakespeare's Hamlet. Presented by Professor Bob Comeau.

#### Washington Slept Here - A Lot

Sat, 4/18, 2:30–3:30 PM

In-person/online. Discover the New Jersey locations where George Washington stayed during the Revolutionary War with Pat Wells.

#### Concert: Bob Wylde Trio

Sun, 4/19, 2:00–3:00 PM

Enjoy jazz standards from the Great American Songbook by composers like Duke Ellington, Rodgers & Hart, and Johnny Mercer. Registration not required.

#### Adult Craft: Decorative Wine Bottles

Sun, 4/19, 2:00–3:30 PM

Create a decorative light-up wine bottle using craft materials and a hot glue gun.

#### Financial Tips for Your 30s and 40s

Tue, 4/21, 7:00–8:00 PM

Financial planner Steven LaFerriere shares practical strategies for balancing goals like homeownership, family expenses, and retirement planning.

#### Great Decisions: U.S.–China Relations

Wed, 4/22, 1:00–3:00 PM

Discuss tensions between the U.S. and China.

#### Virtual Author Talk with Miranda Cowley Heller

Wed, 4/22, 2:00–3:00 PM

Online. The bestselling author of The Paper Palace discusses her poetry collection What the Deep Water Knows. Q&A to follow.

#### Catharine Greene:

#### Eyewitness to the American Revolution

Thu, 4/23, 7:00–8:00 PM

Historical interpreter Carol Simon Levin portrays the wife of Revolutionary War general Nathanael Greene and shares stories from the era. Sponsored by the Beacon Fire chapter of the DAR.

#### Speed Friending

Sat, 4/25, 2:00–3:30 PM

Meet new people at this relaxed social event where participants rotate through short conversations. Refreshments included.

#### Adult Craft: Hand-Colored Silk Scarf

Sun, 4/26, 2:00–3:30 PM

Design and decorate your own silk scarf using a watercolor-style technique with markers and alcohol. Instructor: Robin Carroll-Mann.

#### Virtual Author Talk with Jason Reynolds

Thu, 4/30, 7:00–9:00 PM

Online. Award-winning author Jason Reynolds discusses Coach, the final book in his popular Track series. Q&A to follow.

### YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

#### Little Sprouts Garden Club

Mondays beginning 3/30, 4:00–5:00 PM

Help our community garden grow through STEAM-focused lessons, meet science experts, plant seeds, and make recipes using the harvest. For grades K–5.

#### Dungeons & Dragons

Mon, 3/30; Wed, 4/1; Thu, 4/2, 6:00–8:00 PM

Join Mr. Craig for a Dungeons & Dragons campaign. Perfect for experienced players and beginners interested in learning the game. For grades 6–12.

#### Early America Toys & Tales

Thu, 4/9, 4:00–5:30 PM

Educators from the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts share how early toys were made and enjoyed through stories and hands-on learning. For grades K–3.

#### Music & Movement Class

Fri, 4/10, 10:30–11:30 AM

Dance, sing songs, stretch, and explore music in this interactive program for ages 1–4.

#### Revolutionary War Basics:

#### The Battle of Springfield

Fri, 4/10, 4:00–4:45 PM

Take part in a catapult challenge and create a popsicle stick catapult. For grades K–5.

#### Chinese Characters Are Magical!

Sun, 4/12, 2:30–3:30 PM

Explore Chinese characters through fun, hands-on activities that focus on discovery and play. For grades K–5.

#### Coding Club

Mondays, 4/20–5/18, 3:00–4:00 PM

Try the library's Fiero Code program and learn block coding, Python, HTML, CSS, and more.

Devices will be provided. For grades 3–8.

#### Exploration Stations

Wed, 4/22, 10:00–11:00 AM

Explore 10 themed sensory stations with activities involving pretend play, stories, and games. Caregivers and children can explore each station together. For ages 2–6.

#### Pokémon Swap!

Wed, 4/22, 7:00–8:00 PM

Trade cards, battle, and participate in several Pokémon-themed activities with other fans. For grades 1–5.

#### Spring Play Date

Fri, 4/24, 10:00–11:30 AM

Celebrate spring at the library with sensory activities, dancing, photo opportunities, and playtime with friends. For ages 1–4.

#### Revolutionary War Basics: Choose Your Path

Fri, 4/24, 4:00–4:45 PM

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## WHARTON PAS ANNOUNCES NEW LOCATION FOR SUMMER CAMPS

The Wharton Performing Arts School (PAS) is pleased to announce that all 2026 Summer Camps will take place at a new location: 570 Central Avenue in New Providence—the home of the New Jersey Youth Chorus and New Jersey Youth Symphony. Bringing PAS summer programming to this site allows Wharton Arts to host all camps under one roof and create a unified, convenient experience for its student families.

“We’re excited to welcome our summer campers to a new home this year,” said PAS Director Debra Joyal. “This location supports our commitment to providing a fun, engaging, and inspiring summer for every student.”

Said Wharton Arts Artistic Director & Principal Conductor Helen H. Cha-Pyo, “As we bring our Performing Arts School summer camps to New Providence, families can rest assured that

the same exceptional instruction and nurturing environment they’ve come to expect will continue without interruption. Our New Jersey Youth Symphony orchestral, double reed, and chamber music camps will remain in the New Providence location as always. Looking ahead, we’re excited by the possibilities of uniting all Wharton Arts summer programs under one roof creating a vibrant, cross-disciplinary summer experience where young performers can learn, grow, and be inspired together.”

Wharton Arts’ 2026 summer camps feature programs in music, drama, and musical theater for students of various ages and experience levels. Registration is now open online. For more information and complete summer camp listing, visit [WhartonArts.org](http://WhartonArts.org).

The Wharton Performing Arts School (PAS) is

proud to be part of Wharton Arts, New Jersey’s largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center, serving nearly 2,000 students each year through a wide range of programs. PAS has been nurturing artistic excellence and creativity in the community for 40 years. Offering programs in music and performing arts, the school empowers students to develop their talents, confidence, and 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 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 best.



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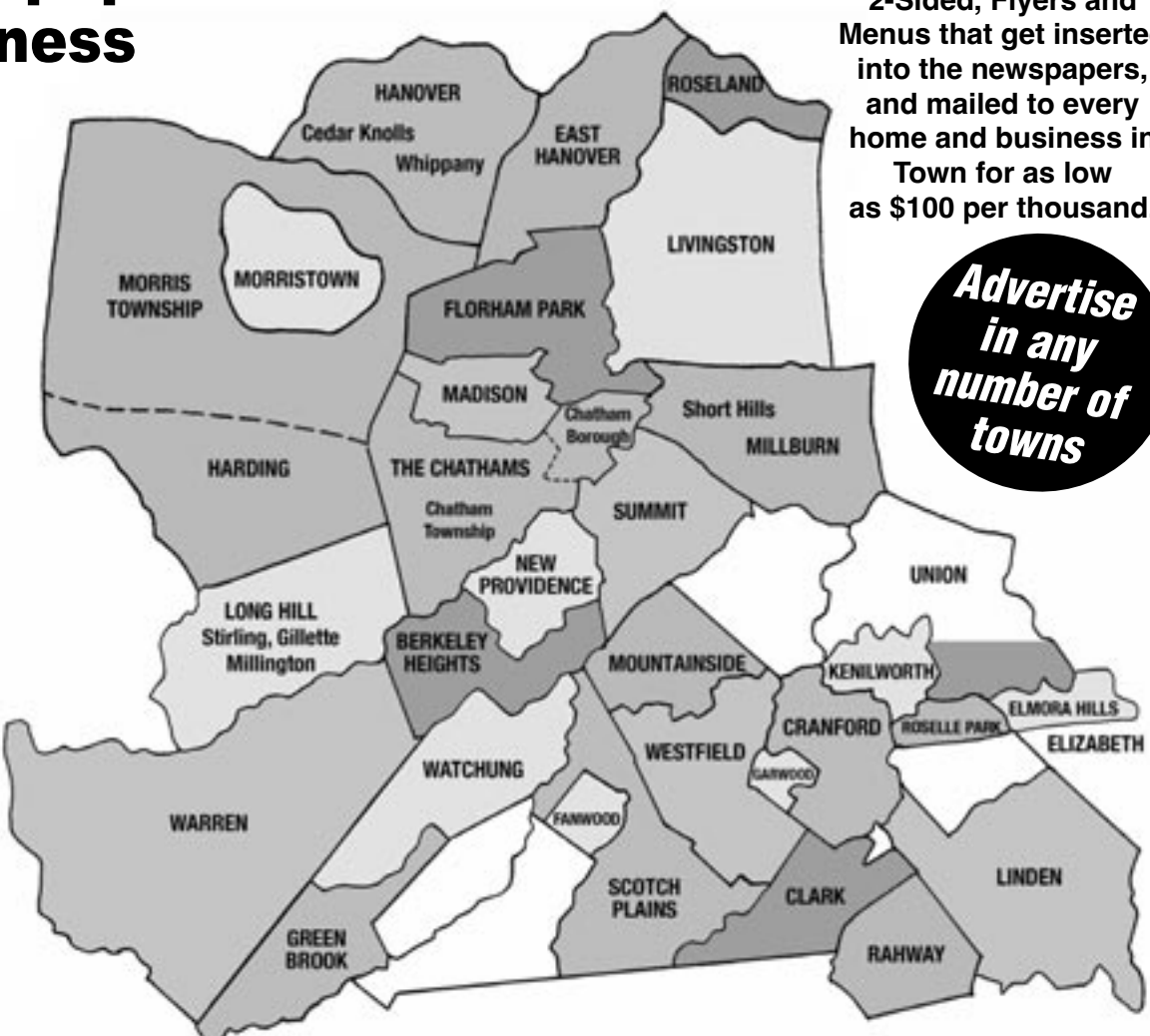
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Data from the U.S. Small Business Administration has shown that small business owners with an established mentor have twice the success rate – 70 percent versus 35 percent – as those who do not have a mentor.

In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month in May, SCORE, a national nonprofit organization that assists small businesses, has developed specific resources for use by its 10,000 mentors nationally in mentoring veterans.

The SCORE Veterans Small Business Resource Guide features veterans-specific resources to offer insight on developing a business plan, securing funding, starting a business, buying an existing business, buying a franchise, connecting with one of SCORE's volunteer mentors, and gaining a better understanding of business through webinars and



(above) Since 1964, SCORE has helped more than 17 million entrepreneurs start, grow or successfully exit a business. SCORE's 10,000 volunteers provide free, expert mentoring, resources and education in all 50 U.S. states and territories. Visit SCORE at [score.org](http://score.org).

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workshops.

"Volunteering at SCORE is my way of showing appreciation to those who helped and guided me during my career while sharing my background and experience to help entrepreneurs succeed," said SCORE Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President Ed Coleman. "While I enjoy working with all SCORE clients, as a U.S. Army veteran, I particularly enjoy working with veterans to translate their military experience into entrepreneurship. Helping clients realize their

dreams is very gratifying and the essence of the SCORE mission."

SCORE Central Jersey Chapter Chair Nancy Verduin said mentors continually expand their knowledge base to better assist veterans on their entrepreneurial journey.

"Military transitioning from active duty have different needs than civilians in terms of starting a business," said Verduin. "It's wonderful to have veterans' resources at our volunteers' fingertips to aid in mentoring our service men and women."

Veterans account for about 10 percent of SCORE's client base. Veterans own 10 percent of small businesses and 14 percent of franchises. Since franchisors have a defined plan of what the business should entail, veterans represent the perfect franchisee given their ability to effectively execute plans as intended.

Nationally, veterans own nearly 2 million businesses, employing more than 5 million Americans, and generating more than \$1 trillion in annual income. Of those, 40 percent of veteran-owned businesses generate more than \$500,000 in annual revenue.

To learn more about SCORE, request a mentor or volunteer to be one, visit [score.org](http://score.org).

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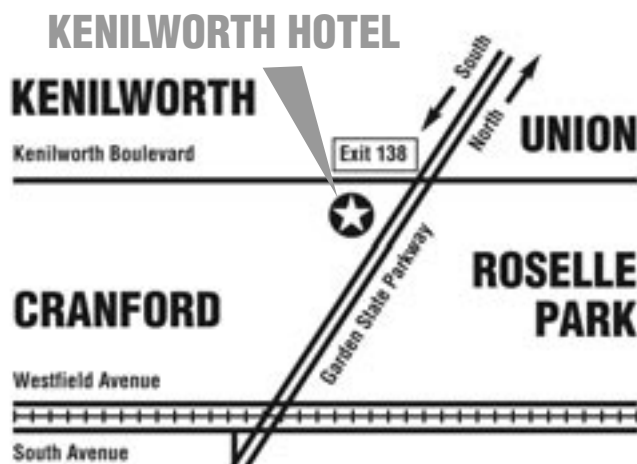
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