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LIGHTS & SIRENS IN TOWN - STAY CALM, MAKE SPACE

Submitted by: *Emilie C. Whitley* – EMT, Millburn Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad

You hear it before you see it—the rising wail of a siren somewhere behind you. You glance in the mirror and see red and blue lights shimmer through traffic. In that moment, what you do next matters more than you might think.

When we flick on the lights and sound the sirens as we roll out of the ambulance bay and onto Glen Avenue for a 911 call, those sights and sounds reassure a patient that help is on the way. Outside, they are a clear signal that seconds count. Changing siren tones aren't random. The long wail carries down open roads, while sharper bursts cut through busy intersections and neighborhoods, helping drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists pinpoint where we are. And if someone isn't reacting, a quick air horn provides an unmistakable alert.

The golden rule for drivers is simple: stay calm and predictable. Ambulance drivers expect steady, deliberate behavior, not sudden braking or sharp swerves. Don't panic, slam on the brakes, or veer abruptly. Your role is to create space safely, not to urgently escape.

In New Jersey, the law is clear: Pull to the right and stop when it's safe; Stay stopped until the ambulance passes; On divided highways, yield if we're traveling in your direction; Don't enter an intersection if an ambulance is approaching

Intersections are high-risk. At a red light, hold your position unless you can safely move to the right. Don't run the light unless directed by police. If you're already in the intersection, clear



it calmly, then pull over. Watch the crosswalks—don't block them. Pedestrians should pause, look both ways (even with the signal), and stay out of the roadway when sirens are close.

On highways, move to the right and slow down or stop, but don't freeze in the middle lane. Never try to follow or outrun an ambulance. Think of it as creating a clear corridor.

At night, lights and sirens can be disorienting. Slow down smoothly, avoid sudden moves, and stay alert, especially for pedestrians and cyclists. Cyclists should move off the roadway safely. Motorcyclists should signal and pull right without abrupt movement. Visibility matters—reflective clothing helps us see you sooner.

Ambulance drivers have strict rules too. We slow at red lights before proceeding, even in emergencies, and we may exceed speed limits only while maintaining control and safety. We are trained to move quickly, but carefully.

Your actions on the road can directly impact patient outcomes. Be aware, be visible, be calm, and be clear. When you make space, you help us get there.

We're fortunate to live in a community that cares. Our squad serves the community 24/7, 365 days a year, and never charges for services rendered. You can support our work by joining, donating, or registering for a CPR or Stop the Bleed class at mshvfas.org. Upcoming sessions are scheduled for Saturday, May 16. Scan the QR code, visit our website, or call us at 973-379-7969 to learn more.



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MILLBURN LIBRARY BOOK SALE - MAY 16 - 17

Friends of the Millburn Library

Stack after stack and row after row of books for people of all ages will be available when the Friends of the Millburn Library's annual book sale, returns on May 16 and 17 after a one-year hiatus. One of the town's most widely anticipated and beloved events, the Friends are thrilled to bring back the sale, which will held in the library's newly renovated second floor spaces.

"I'm really excited about this year's sale," explained Dorothy Kelly, who has been in charge of the Friends book sale for the past 10 years. "Every year we make refinements to the ways we collect and organize the books. Now that we are in the new space, the sale will be even better."

Preparations for the big event have been ongoing for more than a month. The collection period started in early April and almost immediately, an army of dedicated volunteers began the laborious process of sorting. In past years, Friends received close to 50,000 items, all of which must be placed into the proper categories.

"Our volunteers are the heart and soul of this event," explained Kelly. "We have veteran volunteers, who have been doing this for as long as I have and we students who are joining us for the first time. It's a lot of work, but it is also a lot of fun."

One glimpse at the sorting room reveals the amount of organization involved in the enterprise.

Books are separated and set out on large tables, before being re-boxed and set aside. The real magic, however, comes when all the items are brought into the big room, which is transformed into a book buyers paradise.

All of the book sale profits go directly to funding Friends programs in support of the library, including summer and winter reading prizes, museum passes, entertainment and other events for all ages at the Millburn Library.

Got books? Donations will be accepted during regular library hours thru May 3.

The organization is accepting most books in good condition except textbooks, encyclopedias, business or travel books more than three years old or books that are incomplete, moldy, water-damaged or otherwise unsalable. They are also accepting vinyl records.

Want books? Regular sale days are Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, when book lovers are sure to snag a steal on all their favorite titles. Prices have remained the same for the past six years, with most hardcovers priced at \$2, and most softcovers at \$1. Record albums are \$2.

The other sale days include the Members Preview Sale on Thursday, May 14, 6:30-8:30 pm, which is open only to Members of the Friends. Membership must be purchased 24 hours in advance to be eligible and an Educator Appreciation Day on Friday, May 15, 3:30-5:00 pm, open to school employees with id.



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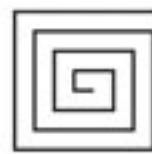


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Michael D Boll, NJVN President

For the past 10 years the New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) has proudly marched on Memorial Day parades alongside our troops and veterans to honor those we have lost. While these events are deeply meaningful, our mission extends far beyond parades and ceremonies.

NJVN is a dedicated team of volunteers committed to actively reaching veterans in need and connecting them with life-changing—and often life-saving—resources. We have built a strong, statewide network focused on improving the quality of life for our veterans.

Our support includes essential services such as food, clothing, personal items, and transportation. However, our primary focus is on outreach programs and recreational therapy events designed to support mental health and overall

well-being.

Veteran mental health remains one of the most critical challenges facing our community. Tragically, veteran suicide continues to be an ongoing crisis, with numbers that have remained steady or increased each year. This is why outreach, connection, and mentorship are at the heart of everything we do.

We are always eager to collaborate with organizations that share our mission. Most importantly, we are in need of dedicated volunteers who can support our efforts on a regular basis.

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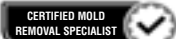
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RECITAL CONCERT AT CHRIST CHURCH - MAY 3

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Register at millburnlibrary.org/events.

For virtual programs, registrants will receive a Zoom link.

ADULTS:

Warbler Walk at Cora Hartshorn Arboretum

Friday May 1, 10:30am-12pm,

Cora Hartshorn Arboretum. Join experienced birders at the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum for a program about the beautiful jewel-colored warblers who will be making their way through our area on spring migration.

Purposeful Parenting Meetup:

Learning to Read, Reading to Learn

Tuesday May 5, 7-8pm

Auditorium. Looking for guidance on how to support your Pre-K-2nd Grader's reading over the summer? Interested in preventing the summer slide? Join us for a parent workshop about literacy with Gina Chung Fortt, reading specialist at the Montclair Public Library!

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

Card Making Craft for Kids

Friday May 1, 4-5pm

Auditorium, Ages 5-12. Kids will design and decorate their own cards using a carbon tracing technique. They'll trace designs, then add color, patterns, and personal messages to create a handmade card to share with loved ones. Taught by Mona Abdala. Register to attend.

Sensory Storytime

Saturday May 23, 10-10:30am

Children's Room, Ages 4-8. Join the children's services team for a sensory storytime. The storytime will have interactive stories, songs, and activities that support children with sensory processing needs. Register to attend.

Story & STEM with Author Sylvia Chen

Thursday May 28, 4-5:15pm

Auditorium, Ages 5+. Join us for a special visit with children's book author Sylvia Chen. She will read her picture book Tricky Chopsticks, followed by hands-on chopstick activities and a fun craft.

TEENS AND TWEENS:

Practice ACT

Saturday May 2, 10am-1pm

Auditorium. Get a better sense of what to expect on the official SAT Exam day. This is a full-length practice test. Registration required.

Teen Lock In: Laser Tag

Friday May 15, 6-8pm

Teen Area, Ages 12+. Come join us for a fun evening of laser tag. Grab your friends and get ready for fast-paced games and a little friendly competition!

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Christ Church in Short Hills will present a solo concert recital by internationally acclaimed organist, Chelsea Chen, on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. The special concert will feature a selection of traditional organ compositions along with contemporary music. She will perform on the historic, renowned organ at Christ Church in Short Hills, a 63-rank Aeolian-Skinner opus 1347 designed by organ builder Joseph Whiteford in 1960. The instrument, the largest of its kind in the state of New Jersey, was restored in 2015 with a new antiphonal organ and Trompette en Chamadeis.

The Chelsea Chen Organ Concert is presented free of charge. A reception will follow the performance in Parish Hall of Christ Church in Short Hills, located at 66 Highland Avenue, Short Hills, NJ.

Ms. Chen's dynamic recitals have electrified audiences at premier concert and church venues throughout the United States and Asia. The Los Angeles Times has praised Ms. Chen's "rare musicality" and "lovely lyrical grandeur," with a compositional style that is "charming and irresistible." Recent soloist concert appearances include performances with the Singapore Chinese Orchestra, the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and the San Diego Symphony, with upcoming concerts in Taiwan and Europe.

Ms. Chen attended The Juilliard School, receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees under the direction of celebrated organists, Paul Jacobs and John Weaver. She later moved to Taiwan as a Fulbright Scholar, where she studied folk songs and composed organ solo and chamber music. She returned to the U.S. to study in the Artist Diploma program at Yale University. Ms. Chen currently resides as Artist-in-Residence



(above) Acclaimed Organist Chelsea Chen to perform solo recital concert at Christ Church in Short Hills on Sunday, May 3, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Photo by Lisa-Marie Mazzucco

at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Christ Church in Short Hills, established in 1882, is part of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark and the worldwide Anglican Communion. Christ Church in Short Hills is located at 66 Highland Avenue, Short Hills.

For more information, please visit: www.christchurchshorthills.org. Learn more: christchurchshorthills.org/chelsea-chen

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THE STRANGE "PILL" A BERKELEY HEIGHTS GYM IS GIVING THEIR CLIENTS OVER 40 — AND WHY THEY SWEAR IT'S MAKING THEM FEEL 6 - 26 YEARS YOUNGER

The "pill" isn't a pill at all. It's a barbell. A set of dumbbells. A kettlebell that feels impossibly heavy on day one and strangely light eight weeks later. And the gym is Gabriele Fitness in Berkeley Heights — guilty as charged — because what they've been doing with their 40+ year old clients really does feel like cheating.

Here's what nobody tells you about life after 40: the exhaustion, the stiffness in your lower back when you stand up from the car, the weight that seems to settle around your middle no matter what you eat, the flight of stairs that leaves you slightly winded — none of that is "just getting older." It's the predictable result of losing muscle. After forty, adults lose roughly 1% of their muscle mass every single year if they don't fight for it. Every month you wait, a little more slips away. By sixty, that compounds into something that feels a lot like aging but is actually something much more fixable.

Lifting weights reverses it. When clients start training, the first thing they notice isn't the number on the scale — though that changes too. The first thing they feel is vitality. They start sleeping deeply through the night. They feel strong and see muscles they didn't know they had. Posture improves. The nagging knee and back pain quiets down because the muscles are finally doing their job. Blood pressure numbers their doctors have been nagging them about for years finally start to move. Energy returns — the kind of energy that makes you volunteer to chase the grandkids around the yard instead of watching from the porch.

The science is almost unfair. Strength training rebuilds the muscle that protects your joints. It revs a slowing metabolism. It triggers the hormones that govern mood and sleep. It rebuilds bone density and sharpens the mind. One behavior, dozens of benefits — stacking on top of each other, week after week.

Most people over 40 come in with something — a bad shoulder, a tweaky knee, a

back that went out once and never quite forgave them. That's normal, and it's not a reason to stay on the sidelines. A good program works around those things, not through them. The movements get adjusted, the load gets scaled, and the body gets stronger in the positions it actually lives in. What usually happens over a few months is the opposite of what people expect walking in: the aches they'd written off as permanent start to quiet down.

Here's what separates Gabriele Fitness from the other guys: our clients are busy. They don't have time to figure out what they should be doing in the gym, and they shouldn't have to. They want to show up, have someone tell them exactly what to do, and know it's safe, effective, and dialed in to meet them right where they are that day.

People training on their own or grinding through large group cardio classes don't get that. They either get a workout built for the masses, or they don't get the accountability they need to keep showing up. Neither is what adults over 40 need. They need programming built around their schedules, their training histories, their goals, and the joints they've been using for four or five decades. Every minute of every session is watched by a coach — which means every exercise has a purpose, and every workout has them leaving feeling better than when they walked in.

That's why they keep showing up. Not because they love working out — most of them didn't when they started. They keep showing up because they can feel it working. Because the "pill" is real. Because five, ten, sometimes fifteen years seem to peel off their bodies in the process — and for the next two weeks, we're letting 13 new people feel it for themselves, free.

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I feel better at 56 than I did at 47!



I feel better at 41 than I did at 35!



I feel better at 56 than I did at 35!



I feel better at 57 than I did at 45!



I feel better at 47 than I did at 40!



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TOWNSHIP LAUNCHES SEE CLICK FIX

Township of Millburn

Millburn Township has implemented a new resident request management system known as SeeClickFix. Through this platform, residents can report non-emergency concerns that will be directly routed to township departments.

This new and improved system replaces SDL for resident requests with a more intuitive process that can be accessed through the website or easily through a smart device application.

To report an issue, residents can select the Report a Concern icon on the homepage of the township website twp.millburn.nj.us or download the SeeClickFix app from the Apple Store or Google Play Store.

The process is intuitive and user-friendly; simply select a category, identify the location,

and provided any additional requested details, photos and descriptions. Once submitted, the appropriate township department will be notified by the system and progress of the request will be communicated back to the requestor.

"We are continuously making strides to expand our digital engagement to better serve our residents," said Alexander McDonald, Business Administrator. "The addition of SeeClickFix helps engage residents, providing a more efficient way to address concerns in a timely manner."

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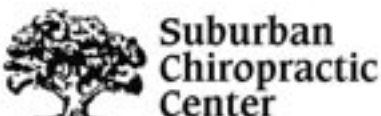
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CONCERT FEATURES RENOWNED SLOVAK GUITARIST

The New Jersey Festival Orchestra (NJFO) concludes its season with *One Thousand and One Nights*, presented in collaboration with the Slovak American Cultural Center (S-ACC). Showcasing international artistry and cultural exchange, the program features acclaimed Slovak guitarist Karol Samuelčík as guest soloist.

Performances will take place on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 7:00 pm at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, and Sunday, May 31, 2026



(above) Slovak Guitarist Karol Samuelčík

at 2:30 pm at the Sieminski Theater in Basking Ridge.

At the heart of the program, Samuelčík brings his artistry to Joaquín Rodrigo's *Fantasia para un gentilhombre*, a work inspired by Spanish baroque dance traditions and celebrated for its elegance, lyricism, and expressive vitality.

"The Slovak-American Cultural Center is thrilled to partner—again—with the NJFO to introduce world-renowned guitarist Karol Samuelčík to American audiences," writes S-ACC Board Member and longtime NJFO supporter Tanya Pulver. "Performing Joaquín Rodrigo's celebrated *Fantasia para un gentilhombre*, Samuelčík promises to enchant

listeners, pairing the concerto's historic elegance with his signature vibrant energy and technical brilliance."

Born in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia, Samuelčík trained at the Academy of Music and Performing Arts in Bratislava, graduating with the institution's highest honor, the Prize of the Rector. He has performed throughout Europe, Asia, and the Americas, appearing with leading orchestras and in renowned venues including London's Purcell Room and Shenzhen Concert Hall. A prizewinner of numerous international competitions, he is also an educator at the Academy in Bratislava, a recording artist, and a respected scholar, having published a landmark work on guitar technique in 2022.

The program culminates in Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, a cornerstone of the orchestral repertoire inspired by the legendary tales of *One Thousand and One Nights*. With sweeping melodies and vivid orchestral color, the work evokes a world of distant voyages, mystery, and imagination, bringing these timeless stories to life.

Blending international collaboration with evocative repertoire, *One Thousand and One Nights* offers a richly imagined and memorable close to NJFO's season.

Tickets are available at njfestivalorchestra.org/concerts or by calling (908) 232-9400. Student discounts are available.

OPERA AT FLORHAM INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 AT 2:00 PM

Opera lovers won't want to miss this thrilling opportunity to experience the next generation of Opera stars before they take the world stage. Opera at Florham proudly announces its 36th Annual International Vocal Competition, a celebrated event that continues to attract exceptional talent from around the world. Established in 1987 in honor of the organization's benefactor and co-founder, Violetta DuPont, the competition reflects her visionary leadership and 25 years of unwavering dedication to the arts.

Each year, hundreds of aspiring Opera singers apply, with a select group advancing to live semi-final auditions in New York City. Finalists then compete before a distinguished panel of industry leaders, offering audiences a rare chance to witness rising artists at a pivotal moment in their careers.

Singers will compete for substantial prize money, including Grand Prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$1,500, along with encouragement awards recognizing exceptional promise. This directly aligns with Opera at Florham's mission to support and elevate young, up-and-coming Opera singers as they launch their professional careers.

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OPERA TALK: THE OPERATIC HARP SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026 - 2PM

Also, consider joining us on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at Hartman Lounge at The Mansion for Opera Talk: The Operatic Harp, given by Opera Lecturer Lou Barrella. 2:00 pm, Tickets \$10 at the door or online.

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Premiering on Broadway in 1964, it became one of the longest-running shows of its time. Featuring memorable songs like "Tradition," "If I Were A Rich Man" and "Sunrise, Sunset," this beloved work explores the universal human struggles of tradition and change, family love, generational conflict and displacement and migration. Using strong cultural storytelling to blend serious social issues with music and humor, Fiddler on the Roof is a poignant exploration of family, community, and the enduring human spirit in the face of adversity.

Director Emma Taylor Schwartz, a Cranford native, shared "This is my fifth production of Fiddler, and I only love it more and more each time. You could call me a superfan. What a gorgeous show that is both classic and contemporary, with nuance in every scene. It is a non-traditional love story, one that features romantic love, but also love of culture, love of community, love of family and love of identity. I've always resonated with the story and find that anyone of any background can find something to relate to. You don't have to be Jewish to connect with it on a deep level. If you have or had a parent, a child, a family, or a community,


you'll relate to these characters."

Continuing a new program at CDC Theatre, the final performance on May 17th will feature a talented quartet of ASL interpreters. ASL interpreters in theatre do more than translate dialogue; they bring the emotional and artistic essence of a performance to Deaf audiences, making live theatre a truly inclusive experience. While making the performance accessible to Deaf and hearing-impaired audiences they are also performers in their own right, contributing artistically to the performance and we are pleased to welcome them back to CDC Theatre.


The show will run from May 1st through the 17th with 8pm curtains on Fridays and Saturdays and 2pm matinees on Saturday the 9th and Sundays May 10th and 17th.

The company will be led by Larry Brustofski as Tevye and Elle Michaeli as his wife Golde. Their older daughters will be played by Gabrielle Traub (Tzeitel), Katherine Hope Stelma (Hodel), and Nina Randazzo (Chava). Mark Zebro Jr is Lazar Wolf, Bill Geltzeiler, Max Kopla and James Hahn will portray Motel, Perchik and Fyedka. Lori Travers and Rachel Love, Fruma Sarah and Grandma Tzeitel with Gloria Schnure taking the part of Yente.

Visit cdctheatre.org for more details and ticket information. These performances are made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



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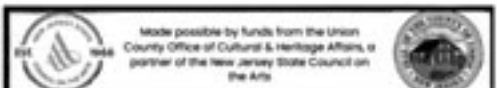


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PARAGON - MAY 3

The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra will turn the Brook Arts Center in Bound Brook back into a 1920s movie palace on Sunday, May 3rd. The 12-piece ensemble performs Charlie Chaplin's *The Gold Rush* live, with the film on the big screen and the orchestra playing the score from the pit. Showtime is 3 PM.

Paragon Ragtime Orchestra (PRO) is led by founder and conductor Rick Benjamin, who stumbled into his life's work in 1985 when he unearthed thousands of turn-of-the-century orchestra scores that had been packed away and forgotten. Since then, millions have heard the ensemble's recordings as the daily music on Main Street, U.S.A. at Disneyland, Disney World, and Disneyland Paris.

PRO and Benjamin were recently featured on Great Performances on PBS: "Now Hear This: Everyone Loves Joplin," which aired April 17 with host Scott Yoo tracing the life of ragtime's most famous composer. The Bound Brook performance brings the orchestra to New Jersey just weeks after that broadcast.

In *The Gold Rush*, Chaplin stars as the Little Tramp, a lone prospector braving the Klondike in search of fortune. Facing blizzards, hunger, and a cast of rough-and-tumble gold seekers, he relies on his wit, charm, and slapstick brilliance to survive the wilderness and win the girl.

The performance is part of the Brook's "Road

to 100," leading up to the theatre's centennial in 2027. The Brook opened in 1927, near the end of the silent era, as a vaudeville and movie house. This is exactly the kind of show it was built for. The only surviving vaudeville theatre in Somerset County, it is listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places and is run entirely by volunteers.

Sunday, May 3 at the Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook. Theatre organist Ian Fraser opens with a pre-show performance at 2:30 PM; showtime is 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors and students. Get yours at brookart.org or call 732-469-7700.

Paragon Ragtime Orchestra concerts are sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

MERCURY - MAY 15

Terry Barber is bringing his most requested tour to NJ and is available for interview. His recording of this material was considered for 8 Grammy nominations.

May 15, The Brook Arts Center, 8pm

Internationally acclaimed performing artist, Terry Barber who moved to NJ five years ago, has just signed an agreement for his most recent project, "3 Tenors of the Americas" to headline for the World Cup (FIFA) Festival in Mexico City in July.

In the meantime he is bringing his band from

Phoenix, NYC, and Chicago to share the best selling music of all time. "Mercury" has been touring the USA and Canada and is now headed for the historic Brook Theater in Bound Brook. Barber connected with Gail Woerner and Andrew Golden who are working to restore The Brook to its previous glory days.

The show not only features the hits of QUEEN live, but also helps the audience get to know legend, Freddie Mercury as Barber shares stories about him and his actual words.

"I am not impersonating this iconic artist who taught a generation how to Rock... But I believe my audience leaves with a better sense of the man, his triumphs, and tragedies," Barber explains about his most requested tour to date. "Like Mercury, my goal with this show is to entertain, of course. He cared deeply about the audience having a great time and this show is a party for all who attend, I hope. In short, We Will Rock You," Barber shares with a chuckle.

As a past member of the multiple Grammy award-winning group Chanticleer, American countertenor, Terry Barber has been a soloist at many of the world's best venues from the Metropolitan Opera to Moscow's Svetlanov Hall. He can be heard on recordings alongside artists from Madonna, Jewel, Chaka Khan and Cyndi Lauper to the London Philharmonic. Terry's recent album and tour, the music of Freddie Mercury was considered for 8 Grammy nominations.



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Get ready, Summit! The ultimate summer kickoff is officially here, and Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is rolling out a season of unforgettable community celebrations. The energy downtown is about to reach an all-time high, starting with the return of the beloved Family Fun Night on Thursday, June 4th, followed immediately by the brand new and once in a lifetime Summit Downtown Welcomes the World watch party series and the return of everyone's favorite live music weekly event, Summit Street Sounds.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH, 4-8 PM

Imagine Bank Street and Beechwood Road converted into a giant, pedestrian-only playground. Presented by the event's exclusive Community Catalyst sponsor, Atlantic Health Overlook Medical Center, Family Fun Night is taking over the Bank Street parking lot and Beechwood Road (from Springfield Avenue to Union Place) for four hours of non-stop, free entertainment for all ages, but especially for kids!

The streets will be absolutely packed with activities, sights, and sounds. Here is a sneak peek at what to expect:

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No block party is complete without incredible food. Come hungry, because a vibrant fleet of local food trucks will be lining Bank Street. Confirmed vendors include Pizza Vita, Puras Paletas, Pretzel Boy, and Anita's Baked Wonders, with even more local favorites jumping on board soon! Of course, everyone is encouraged to grab dinner after enjoying the fun at one of the amazing restaurant choices in downtown Summit.

This wonderful evening is made possible by the incredible support of SDI's Local Legend tier sponsors who are dedicated to making Summit shine: Brownie Points Bakery, Lois Schneider Realtor, JAG Physical Therapy, Wealth Enhancement Group, and Jeff Lake Camp!

SUMMIT DOWNTOWN WELCOMES THE WORLD: JUNE 11TH & JULY 19TH FROM 2-6PM

The energy doesn't stop after Family Fun Night! The following week, on Thursday, June 11th, SDI invites soccer fanatics and casual fans alike to the Bank Street Parking Lot for Summit Downtown Welcomes the World. SDI is bringing the stadium energy right to the heart of the downtown Summit with a festive outdoor watch party!

Starting at 2:00 PM, the lot will be enhanced and turned into the ultimate community tailgate. A giant screen will light up for a highly anticipated 3:00 PM opening match featuring Mexico taking on South Africa. Grab a spot, wear your team colors, and enjoy amazing food from local downtown partners like Pizza Vita, TacoRia, Good Mood Burgers & Shakes, and Brownie Points Bakery. SDI is also working to lock in a dedicated Beer and Wine Garden to complete the ultimate game-day vibe! Save the date for the next massive watch party on Sunday, July 19th, for the Championship Finale!

SUMMIT STREET SOUNDS: THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS IN JUNE & JULY

If that isn't enough excitement, the soundtrack to your summer is officially queued up! Summit Street Sounds is back for its Summer Edition, bringing live music to Summit's downtown streets every Thursday and Friday evening throughout June and July. With over 80 total performances scheduled across the summer season, every Thursday & Friday sunset stroll,

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For the latest updates on these events, parking maps, and a complete directory of downtown businesses, visit :

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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.

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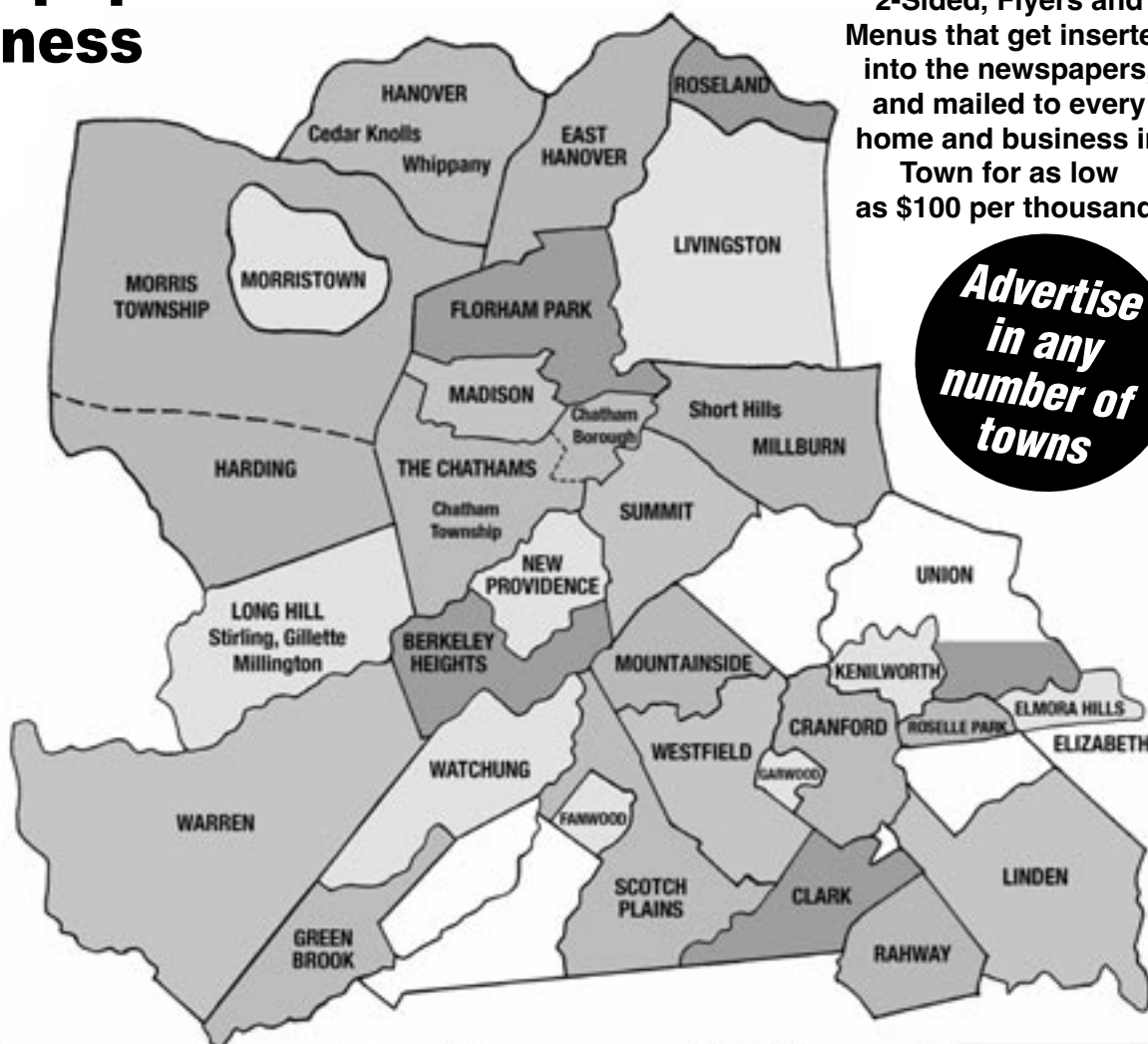
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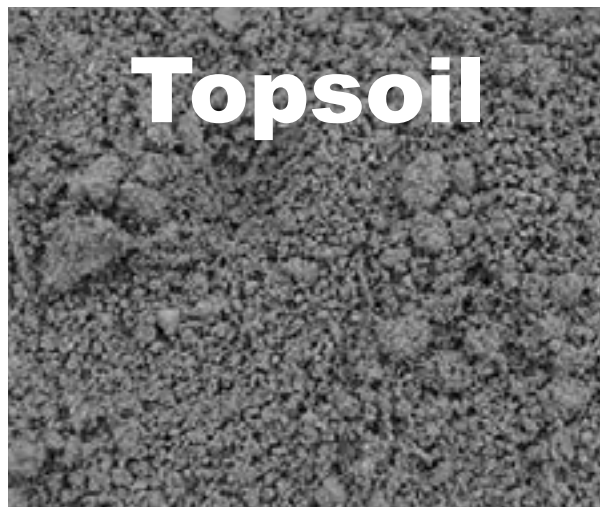
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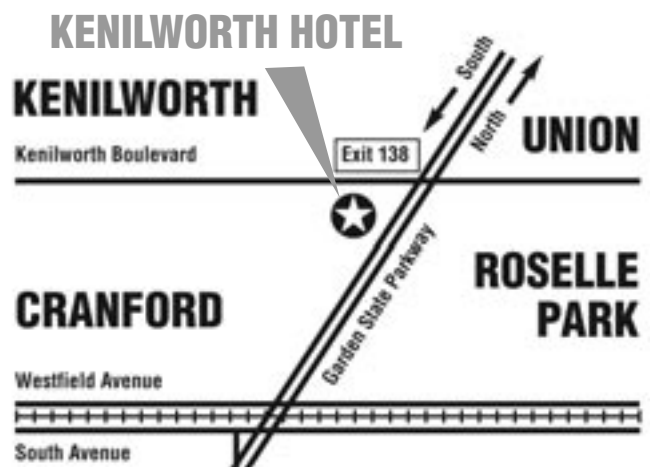


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