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ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN

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On June 5, 2026, members of the Livingston Police Department joined police officers and other community members from across the state to be Guardians of the Flame in the 43rd Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics of New Jersey. Over 3,000 Police Officers took to their local streets to raise funds and awareness for this incredible organization. They carry the "Flame of Hope" which officially leads into the Special Olympics Summer Games. This event helps raise awareness and funds to support year-round sports training and competition opportunities for thousands of athletes with intellectual disabilities throughout New Jersey.

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The season opens on **Sunday, July 19, 2026**, with a special celebration of **America's 250th Anniversary** featuring a repertoire honoring the great American Opera singers whose artistry has shaped the nation's musical heritage. Come see this special performance at The Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University (285 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940).

On **September 13, 2026**, audiences will be transported to Paris with **La Vie en Bohème**, an engaging exploration of Puccini's beloved masterpiece and the captivating lives of four struggling artists and the women who transform their world. At The Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University

The magic continues on **November 8, 2026**, with **Fantasy in Opera** at **The Church of Saint Philomena in Livingston** (386 South Livingston Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039), showcasing enchanting selections from Operas filled with wonder, imagination, and the supernatural.

The holiday season arrives on **December 6, 2026**, with the annual **Holiday Spectacular: Jingle Jingle and Mingle Mingle All the Way**, a joyful musical celebration at St. Margaret of Scotland R.C. Church in Morristown (6 Sussex Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960). This performance is at 3:00 pm.

On **February 14, 2027**, Opera at Florham presents **Operatic Villains You Love to Hate**. A Valentine's Day program featuring some of Opera's most memorable and delightfully wicked characters. Back at our home at The Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, New Jersey.

The spring season continues on **April 4, 2027**, with **An Afternoon with the Šebec Tenors: A Tribute to Luciano Pavarotti**. Acclaimed tenor Christian Šebec joins his sons, Zachary and Eric, for an unforgettable afternoon celebrating the legendary tenor through Operatic favorites and family harmony. At The Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, New Jersey.

The season concludes on **May 23, 2027**, with the **37th Annual International Vocal Competition in Honor of Violetta Dupont**, where audiences can experience the extraordinary talent of tomorrow's Opera stars as they compete for top honors. At The Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, New Jersey.

Opera at Florham invites music lovers of all ages to join us for a season filled with passion, artistry, storytelling, and unforgettable performances.

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The event was hosted by the Livingston Committee for Diversity & Inclusion, Council member Michael Viera, and Livingston High School senior Isabela Martins.

This year's keynote speakers included Michael Barreiro of the Livingston Police Department, poet and author Hugo Dos Santos, and Newark East Ward Councilman Michael Silva.

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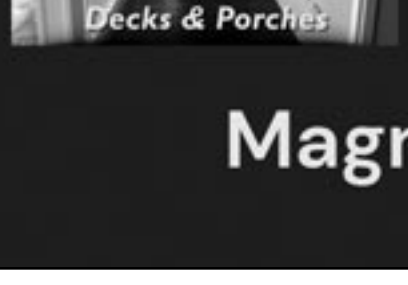

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This is when the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks steps up to help - turning empty rooms into a home.

Recently, members of the NJ State Elks East Central District, with lodges in Stirling, Summit, Springfield, Mountainside, Union, Cranford, and Rahway, have delivered four Veteran Welcome Home Kits, transforming bare apartments into comfortable living spaces. Each kit includes a full-sized bed, couch, end tables, coffee table, dining table and chairs, dresser, nightstands, microwave oven, toaster, coffee maker, lamps, towels, cleaning supplies, kitchenware, and more. Within two hours, the furniture is assembled, the kitchen cabinets are filled, and the apartment is fully set up and ready for its new resident to move in.

Each Veteran Welcome Home Kit costs approximately $1,800 and is purchased through fundraising events, donations, and grants from the Elks National Foundation. They are given to the veteran free of charge.

Nationwide, an estimated 40,000 veterans experience homelessness on any given night. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission has pledged to help end veteran homelessness by ensuring veterans have access to safe, stable housing.

Here in New Jersey, dozens of Veteran Welcome Home Kits have been delivered since the beginning of the year. And year round, Elks volunteers provide direct services to more than 1,000 veterans at VA facilities across the state and continue to connect with veterans and active military members in their local communities, offering assistance wherever it is needed.

Visit elks.org to learn more about the Elks, their charitable causes, and how to become a member.

(above) Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks - turning empty rooms into a home.

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The New Jersey Festival Orchestra (NJFO) invites audiences to step into the world of Stranger Things this summer with Stranger Things: The 1,000 Candles Concert Experience, a one-of-a-kind candlelit event combining the excitement of live music, beloved television themes, and the unforgettable sounds of the 70s, 80s, and 90s.

Performed by a live string ensemble and narrated by Maestro David Wroe, this immersive concert experience celebrates the nostalgia and atmosphere of the hit Netflix series while showcasing iconic pop and rock classics that defined a generation. Audiences will hear music inspired by the show's haunting soundtrack alongside recognizable favorites from the decades that shaped its distinctive sound and style.

Illuminated by the warm glow of candlelight, the performance offers a unique blend of cinematic storytelling, nostalgia, and live music, creating an unforgettable evening for fans of Stranger Things, music lovers, and newcomers alike.

"This concert is designed to bring people together through music they know and love," said Maestro David Wroe. "Whether you're a longtime fan of the series, grew up with the music of the 70s, 80s, and 90s, or are simply looking for a memorable night out, this experience offers something for everyone."

Perfect for family outings, date nights, multigenerational gatherings, and summer entertainment, Stranger Things: The 1,000 Candles Concert Experience welcomes audiences of all ages. To encourage younger attendees to experience live music, NJFO is offering $25 student tickets for patrons age 21 and under.

The concert will be presented in three performances:

Saturday, July 25, 2026
at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM
The Presbyterian Church Chapel
140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, NJ

Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 2:30 PM
Sieminski Theater
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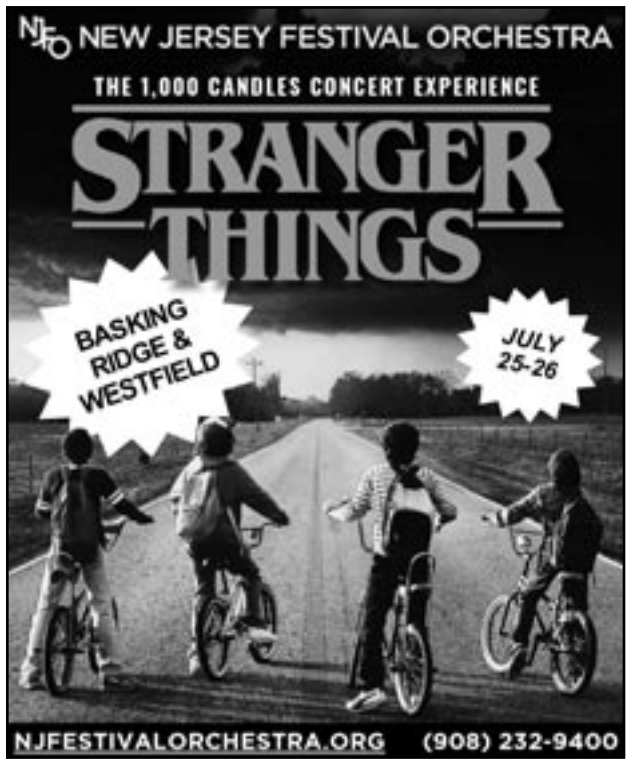

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Arts Council of Livingston

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The Back to the Garden exhibition continues through July 11, 2026.

Later in the month, artists Audrey Yankielun, a noted artist who uses postage stamps as her medium, and Maria Lupo, an artist and art therapist, will share the gallery and offer talks and demonstrations on their artistic techniques and the power of creative communication. Their show, "Oh, the Stories We Could Tell…", opens Sunday, July 26 with a Reception from 1 p.m. – 4p.m. and runs through August 30, 2026.

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PASSING THE TORCH AT 250: HOW NORTH JERSEY'S NEWEST ENLISTEES CARRY AMERICA'S LEGACY FORWARD

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Veteran organizations often serve as the backbone of community support for those who have served in the military. Yet, one group is uniquely transforming how America honors its newest service members—before they even don the uniform. While traditional groups like the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion focus primarily on veterans returning from conflict, Our Community Salutes (OCS) dedicates its mission entirely to the next generation of patriots: high school seniors stepping into the U.S. Armed Forces.

As communities across the nation prepared for Fourth of July celebrations and looked forward to America's milestone 250th birthday, the work of Our Community Salutes of North Jersey stood as a powerful reminder of what local support truly meant.

Founded in 2009 by educator and Army veteran Dr. Kenneth Hartman, OCS was created to fill an important gap in community recognition. While college-bound seniors receive enthusiastic decision-day applause and student-athletes draw local headlines for signing with sports teams, military enlistees often quietly slip away to basic training without public acknowledgment. Our Community Salutes ensures these young men and women are the first to hear a collective "thank you" from their hometown.

The organization operates on a three-pronged support model. For enlistees, public recognition ceremonies provide resources, mentorship, and a sense of pride to ease their transition into active duty. For families, educational tools, community connections, and peer networks that help parents and siblings navigate the military journey. For communities, a collaborative platform uniting local business leaders, veterans, educators, and elected officials to honor local defenders.

Each spring, the North Jersey chapter of OCS brings this essential mission into focus. Recently, the group hosted its 10th Annual Enlistee Recognition Ceremony at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus in Madison, New Jersey.

At this high-profile event, more than 90 high school seniors from across northern New Jersey were honored as they committed to enlist in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or National Guard. Surrounded by active-duty military leaders, veterans, local dignitaries, and emotional families, these young patriots received a formal send-off recognizing their induction into the elite "less than 1% club" of Americans who wear the uniform. To further support families, OCS introduced programs like OCS Connect, designed specifically to build community for those at home during their loved ones' military journey.

As America approaches its Semiquincentennial—its 250th birthday—the thread connecting these North Jersey enlistees, today's veterans, and the original patriots of the Revolutionary War becomes profound. It is an unbroken chain of everyday citizens choosing extraordinary sacrifice.

In 1776, the Continental Army was built by farmers, blacksmiths, and tradesmen who swapped civilian tools for muskets to defend the ideal of freedom. Many marched through northern New Jersey, known as the "Crossroads of the Revolution," enduring hardships such as brutal winters in Morris and Bergen counties. Today's veterans have inherited the responsibility of maintaining peace through decades of global conflict. Now, these high school enlistees—stepping onto the same historic Jersey soil—carry forward that legacy by voluntarily safeguarding American liberty. Just as only about 3% of colonists fought for independence, today's service members represent a committed minority protecting the majority.

Many historical battles that were won long ago are celebrated on the Fourth of July. But organizations like Our Community Salutes remind us that freedom is an active, ongoing relay race. By honoring the new generation of military enlistees, OCS ensures that the legacy of American liberty remains vibrant.

The act of honoring veterans isn't just about looking back - it is an investment in the future of the nation. Through grassroots support and community recognition, these young patriots receive a powerful message: their sacrifice is valued, their service is celebrated, and their legacy is America's ongoing story.

(above) Our Community Salutes of North Jersey 2026, High School Enlistees

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C.A.R. PROJECT SUPPORTS EQUINE THERAPY FOR VETS

(above) The Man o' War Project has helped to develop a standardized protocol for delivering equine-assisted therapy to treat PTSD.

Courtesy photos

Submitted by Holly Dunbar

The Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) is the nation's oldest and largest nonpolitical patriotic youth organization. A new C.A.R. state project that will aid veterans has been announced. The goal of "Operation Horse" is to raise $2,000 during the next year to fund equine-assisted therapy for two N.J. veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The therapy is offered through the Man o' War Project of Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

The mission of the Man o' War Project is two-fold. Equine-assisted therapy is used to treat veterans with PTSD while medical staff evaluate the program to develop best practices for administering equine-assisted therapy. This research can have far-reaching benefits for treating veterans and all who suffer with PTSD.

C.A.R. membership is open to girls and boys from birth through age 21 who are descended from a person who aided the cause of independence during the American Revolution.

New Jersey has nine C.A.R. groups known as societies. Activities offered on an age-appropriate basis help members learn about American history, government, community service and more. Members also gain valuable leadership experience conducting meetings and serving as delegates at state and national conferences.

Pis-Cat-A-Qua Society C.A.R., hosted by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Green Brook, is seeking new members. For more information,

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JULY FEATURES WATCH PARTY, STREET SOUNDS AND FARMERS MARKET

Summit Downtown

Following a remarkably successful month in June that brought crowds of families, music lovers, and soccer fans downtown, Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is keeping the energy hot like the summer sun - with an action-packed lineup for July!

SUMMIT DOWNTOWN WELCOMES THE WORLD: THE GRAND FINALE WATCH PARTY

Event Date: Sunday, July 19, 2 - 6 p.m.

(Match kickoff at 3:00 p.m.)

Location: Bank Street Parking Lot

After the success of the opening game watch party on June 11th, the highly anticipated second and final community watch party of the summer is set for Sunday, July 19th. Sports enthusiasts can once again experience the electric energy of the world's biggest sporting tournament right in the heart of Summit – this time… for the Championship trophy!

The Experience:

Beer & Wine Garden - Food Trucks

Seating: A limited number of tables and chairs will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to projected high attendance, spectators are strongly encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs to ensure a guaranteed seat for the full match.

SUMMIT STREET SOUNDS

Every Thursday and Friday evening in July

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.;

Location: Various street corners

The soundtrack to the summer continues to echo through downtown Summit. Following a wildly popular June run that filled local sidewalks with rhythm and energy, Summit Street Sounds extends its performances every Thursday and Friday evening in July (Please note: There will be no performances on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the Independence Day holiday).

Location: Various street corners and parklets throughout the downtown. Details: Patrons are invited to stroll, shop, and dine while enjoying live performances from an eclectic mix of area musicians. June's performances provided the perfect backdrop for outdoor dining and late-night shopping, and July promises an equally impressive lineup of jazz, blues, acoustic rock, and pop artists.

SUMMIT FARMERS MARKET

Every Sunday in July, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.,

The exceptional Summit Farmers Market continues its robust 2026 season every Sunday in July, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., building on the incredible momentum and strong attendance seen throughout June. Location: Park & Shop Lot No. 1 (Corner of DeForest Avenue and Woodland Avenue)

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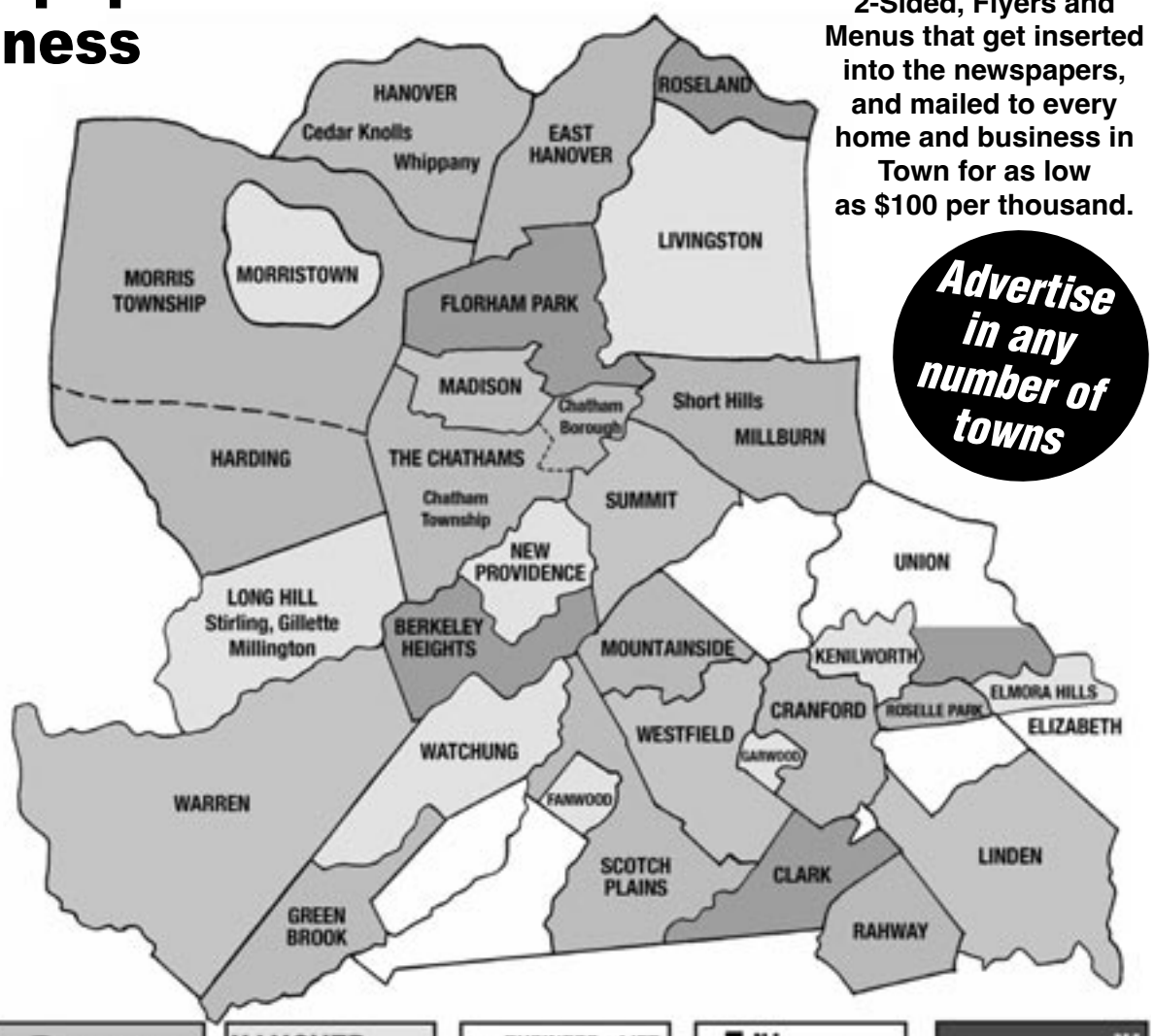

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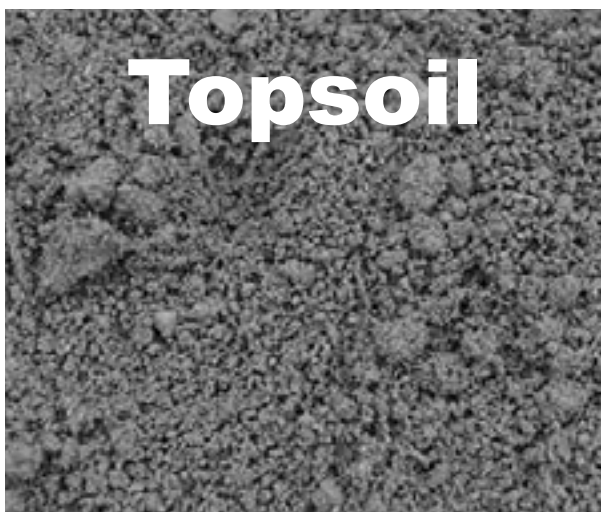

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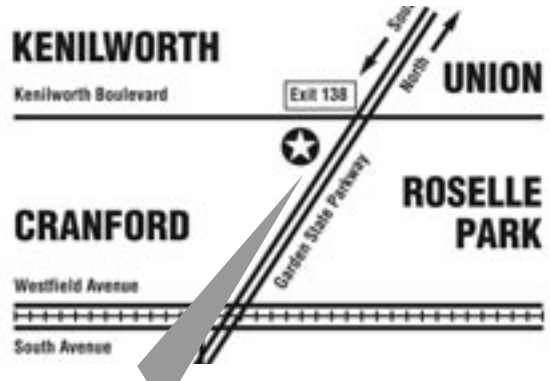

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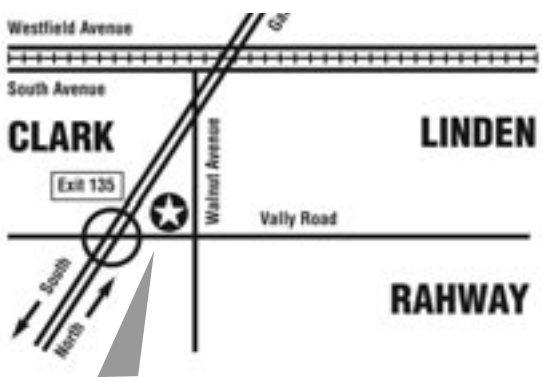

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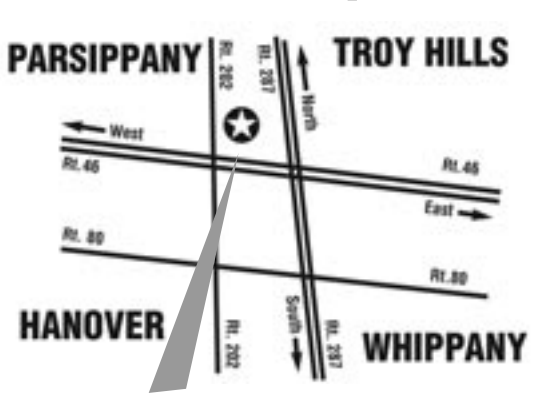

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