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Three teams of students from the Columbia Middle School Robotics Club recently participated in the First Lego League 2025 North Jersey Qualifying Event, known as the “Bound

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SANTA GETS POLICE ESCORT THROUGH TOWN



(above) On Sunday, December 7th, Berkeley Heights Police Department escorted Santa around town.

Photo by Berkeley Heights Police Department

MEA REPLACING IVES AS POLICE CHIEF

Township of Berkeley Heights

The Mayor and council officially appointed Captain Frank Mea Jr. as the new Chief of Police during a council meeting held on December 2, 2025. Captain Mea Jr. will succeed Chief William Ives, who is set to retire on January 1, 2026, after dedicating 28 years of distinguished service to the Berkeley Heights community.

Congratulations to Captain Mea Jr. on this well-deserved promotion, and best wishes for a happy retirement to Chief Ives on January 1st! Thank you both for your leadership and dedication.



(above, l-r) Chief William Ives and Captain Frank Mea Jr. who will be sworn in as Chief of Police.

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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.

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 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 personal best.



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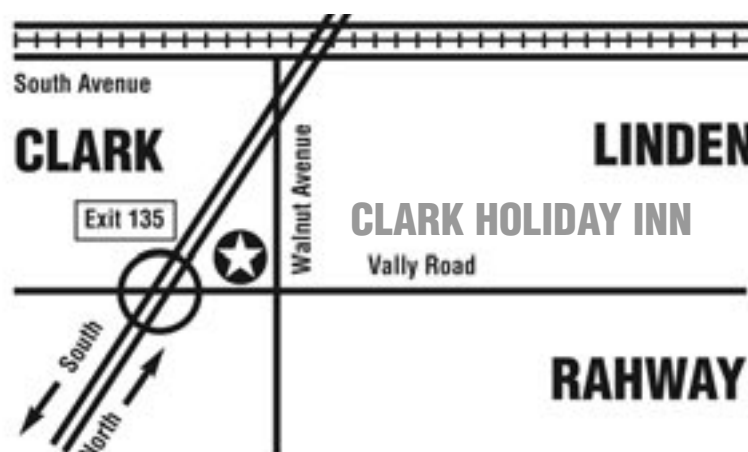
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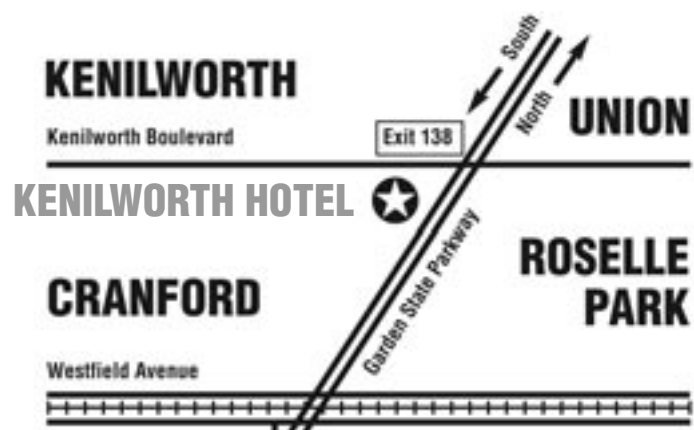
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Berkeley Heights Public Schools

The Governor Livingston High School Interact Club held its annual sandwich-making fundraiser to benefit the Market Street Mission in Morristown. Just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday, approximately 75 students participated and made 1,800 peanut butter and jelly, and cold cut, sandwiches for the Market Street Mission.

The Market Street Mission, which is located in Morristown, is an organization that collects a variety of donations, including clothes and food, in order to provide resources and help those in need. For this project, the Interact Club received community support from local businesses, who donated ham, cheese, peanut butter, jelly, and bread to make the event possible. These

businesses include Goodman's Deli, Dimaio's, Mountainside Deli, Trader Joe's, Mazzella's Gourmet Market, SubZone, Clemente's, Grazi's Kitchen, Delicious Heights, and Wegmans. Interact, a Rotary Club affiliated service club, welcomed many freshmen and new club members, who were eager to help in this community service event in the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday.



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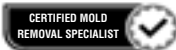
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Dr. Joseph J. Murphy began the center in 1985 to offer the community a natural alternative to the traditional allopathic medical facilities in the Chatham area. They owe their success to the loyal patients who have continued with them, referred their friends and family, and their efforts to provide the highest level of service possible.

Dr. Murphy has a record of supporting the local first responders, police, fire, and emergency squad. He also focused on supporting student programs including being an advisor to the Kiwanis Club’s Chatham High School Key Club. Dr. Murphy has been a member of the Chatham/Madison Kiwanis Club for over 40 years, offering his services to all their events including being a guest speaker. He especially enjoys the Summer Hot Dog & Ice Cream social for the Chatham Library children. He can be found volunteering at Chatham schools during their Teacher’s Wellness Day events and is a supporter of the Chatham Education Foundation and Sports Foundation. For 25 years Dr. Murphy has served on the Board of Trustees of ECLC in Chatham, a school for special needs students, including a stint as Board President. He was a consistent participant in over 23 Fishawack events and is a sponsor of Bottle Hill Day in Madison. He is a member of the Madison Elks BPOE 1465 and Chatham Chamber of Commerce, where he has served as President.

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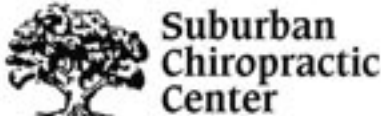
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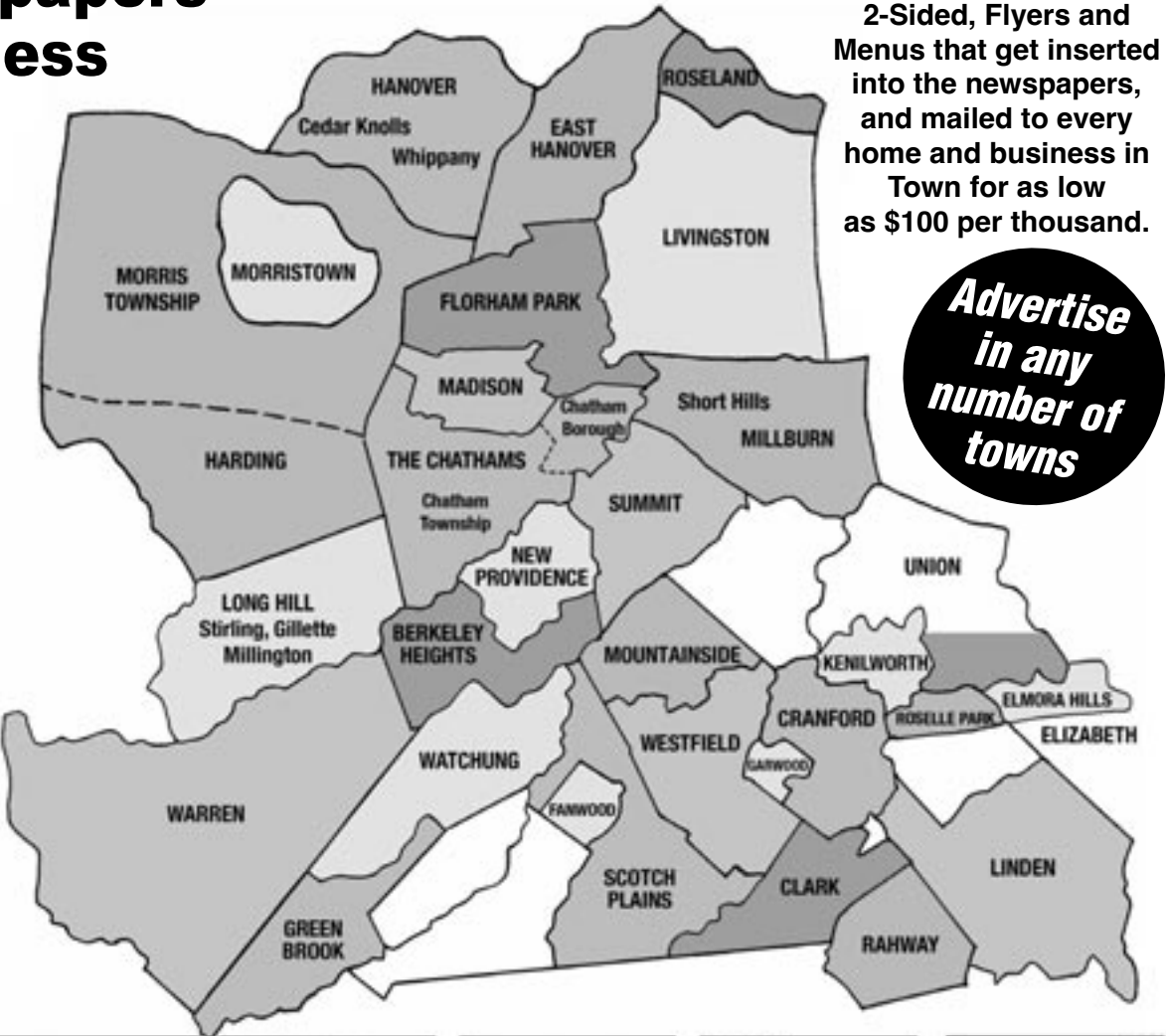
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NJ
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Spirit of UNION
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Qty: 7,800
Zip: 07083 (partial)

WARREN MONTHLY
NJ
Qty: 6,500
Zip: 07059

Watchung Post
NJ
Qty: 2,700
Zip: 07069

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NJ
Qty: 12,000
Zip: 07090

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1 Unit (Business card)	3.25"x2"0	100	260	360	460	560	600	660	700	800	900	1000
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4 Units	3.25"x8" or 6.5"x4"	240	560	900	1000	1300	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100
6 Units	6.5"x6.25" or 10"x4"	320	760	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800
9 HALF PAGE	6.5"x9" or 10"x7"	360	860	1300	1600	1900	2200	2400	2600	2800	3000	3200
12 Units	6.5"x14"	400	960	1400	1800	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900
18 FULL PAGE	10"x14"	500	1200	1800	2200	2500	2800	3000	3300	3600	3900	4300
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The antiquated mandate is decades old and the cost for the adverting was paid for by public funds from municipalities, counties, school districts, and independent authorities. It was a lucrative business for the publications and more recently the majority of their revenue. Without the mandate the fear in the newspaper industry was that the publications relying on the legal advertising income will not survive.

In some cases the majority of content in the newspaper had been the legal ads. In question was the criteria for the mandate, i.e., were the publications meeting the required numbers of

paid subscriptions, and circulation.

The idea of doing away with the mandate, though practical, was considered political poison. No lawmaker wanted to be deemed responsible as the cause for newspapers' closures and people losing their jobs. During the Governor Christi administration the Star Ledger warned that doing away with the mandates would cause 250 weekly newspapers to close.

What brought about the change is a successful lawsuit filed by the County of Warren which named the Star Ledger and Daily Record as defendants. The suit may have been the last straw in the Ledger's decision to stop printing the newspaper in January of 2025.

Local governments will now be required to publish their legal notices on their websites.



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