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### FIREFIGHTER SANTA RESERVATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The Stirling Volunteer Fire Department is offering its annual Firefighter Santa visit to your home on December 17th between 10am and early evening, at your approximate convenience. Santa will come to your house on a fire engine and deliver a gift that you drop off at the Stirling Firehouse (321 Somerset St., Stirling) on December 15th or 16th from 5-8pm. A \$40 donation is requested when you drop off your gift, checks payable to the Stirling Volunteer Fire Department.

Upon arrival at your home Santa will visit with your child(ren) and you may take their photos with Santa or get the whole family in the photo. He'll also be accompanied by firefighter Santa helpers making it an event that you and your family will not soon forget. Children love Santa and they love fire engines so what can be better than having both at the same time?

You will be called on Saturday morning, December 17, to advise you when Santa will arrive at your home. You may request a morning or afternoon visit.

To sign-up for this exciting visit please call the Stirling Firehouse general number 908 647-2669 and leave your number saying, "I want to sign-up for Firefighter Santa." Or you may email Firefighter Santa at: stirlingfd@yahoo.com. Also, visit their website: stirlingfd.com.



# **SANTA ARRIVES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER - DEC 11TH**

The Long Hill Community Center invites all Long Hill children and their families to their 22nd Annual Kids Holiday Party on Sunday, December 11th, 1-3PM at the Center located on S, Warren Ave. (across from Jaeger Lumber) Stirling. This event is free to all LHT children and their families.

The party will commence outside at 1:00 PM. Central Middle School 6th Grade Blue & Gold Band, under the direction of Eileen Schanager, will entertain the crowd while waiting for Santa's arrival via a fire truck provided by the Stirling Fire Department. Then the party moves inside with Santa and the countdown to light the beautiful tree, donated by the Beneduce Family from the Great Swamp Greenhouse. Children can then share their wish list with Santa and receive a complimentary gift and candy.

The party is also outside with complementary mule-drawn festive redcovered wagon rides and also a petting zoo, presented by Kaska Farms, Warren, NJ.

DJ Mike, will provide lots of Holiday music and feature games for the children. Among other activities will be a professional clown that will delight the kids with her exciting magic and balloons. Face painting, and sparkle nail painting, along with decorating holiday cookies and making a craft, will be led by local LH Girl Scouts.

Kids ages 3-8 can enter our coloring contest with a prize to the winner in each age group, donated again this year by John & Pat Murphy of the Learning Express Toy Store. All entries will be displayed at the party, and all winners must be present to receive prizes. Flyers have been electronically distributed through the schools. An form can be downloaded www.lhcommunitycenter.org. Mail as directed before deadline, Dec. 9th.

For additional info contact Evie Ernst at 908 647-4038.

Again this year, the Community Center will be co-sponsoring a Toy Drive in cooperation with The Long Hill Twps. PBA #322 and the Long Hill Twps. PTO. We ask all who attend the party to please bring a new, unwrapped toy for ages newborn through teen. They will be distributed to sick or injured children hospitalized during the holidays and throughout the year.

Holiday treats, brownies, cookies, candy, hot chocolate, cider and coffee will be served throughout the party, donated by The Stirling Hotel, Dunkin Donuts, Burger King, Shop Rite, The Desert Ladies.





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# PROMOTE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

Community service organizations and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos on recent events.

Organizations
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in submitting
content can
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or call 908-418-5586

# **WINTER CONCERT SET FOR DECEMBER 16TH**

The Watchung Hills Regional High School Choir welcomes everyone to their Annual Winter Concert on Friday December 16th at 7:00pm in the Watchung Hills Regional High School Performing Arts Center located at 108 Stirling Rd, Warren, NJ.

Directed by chorus teacher Angela DiIorio-

Bird, the chorus will be singing songs ranging from classical to all-time favorites including "Let It Be" by The Beatles, "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" by Pyotr Tchaikovsky, a "Disney Movie Magic" medley, and many more. Plus, admission is free! We hope everyone is able to attend!"

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT BLOOD DRIVES**

New Jersey Blood Services, a division of New York Blood Center, which supplies blood products and services to 60 hospitals throughout the state, is in need of volunteers at blood drives. The blood service volunteer is an integral member of the collection team whose task it is assist donors with registration, escorting and

canteen duties, and to watch for post donation reactions. Volunteers should have the ability to relate to the public, be able to perform different jobs as needed and have the willingness to follow the rules. For additional information contact, Manager of Community Relations, R. Jan Zepka at 732-616-8741 or rzepka@nybloodcenter.org.

## **MEYERSVILLE GRANGE INDOOR FLEA MARKET**

The Meyersville Grange #188 Antiques & Collectibles Market, a Seasonal Indoor Flea Market, is open Sundays 7:30am-2pm, now through the last Sunday in March. To allow our dealers and their families to enjoy the Christmas and New Year's day holidays, the Market will be closed on Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1, 2017.

On Sunday, December 18, children of all ages are invited to The Grange to visit with Santa Claus, who will make a brief stop in Meyersville between 10am and 2pm.

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You can take a break at the Downstairs Café to enjoy a delicious made-to-order breakfast or lunch, homemade soups and desserts. Take-out portions can be ordered. Hot and cold beverages and snacks are available.

While you are in the neighborhood, you may wish to visit these Meyersville Area Destinations: The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, The Raptor Trust (Rehab for Birds of Prey), The Somerset County Environmental Education Center, The Great Swamp Greenhouse.





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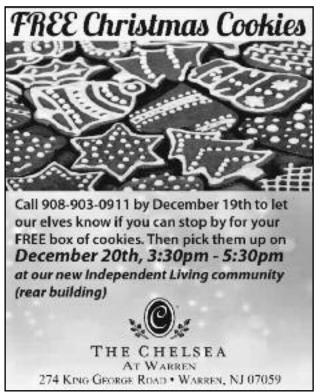
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(above, l-r) Classical pianist Joseph Hauer, Cellist Jiafan Shi

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#### **DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday Eucharists at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Eucharists at 12:15 and 7:30 p.m.

#### **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE December 24-Christmas Eve**

4:00 p.m. Children's Service of Lessons and Carols 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Eucharist with Soloists 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Eucharist with Sanctuary Choir, Bells and Instrumentalists

#### **DECEMBER 25**

Nativity Eucharist and Carols at 10:00 a.m.

**JANUARY 1, 2017** 

Eucharist, Lessons and Carols at 10:00 a.m. We share an open Communion Table at all of our liturgies.

#### **MUSIC AT FAITH BENEFIT CONCERT**

Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m.

Flutist Eunsook Hong, Dr. John Girvin and Christina Girvin, soloist Freewill offering to support ministry in Newark

# AN AFTERNOON OF CLASSICAL SEASONAL AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND SONG

CLASSICAL PIANIST JOSEPH HAUER AND CELLIST JIAFAN SHI BRING A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TO LONG HILL TOWNSHIP - DECEMBER 11TH IN THE SANCTUARY AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STIRLING ONE SHOW ONLY AT 2:00 P.M. - FREE ADMISSION

On December 11, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., The First Concerto Competition. Presbyterian Church of Stirling will present classical pianist Joseph Hauer and cellist Jiafan Shi in an afternoon of classical seasonal and Christmas music and song. Mr. Hauer is no stranger to Long Hill Township and had performed here last season. His virtuosity and command of the piano repertoire is more than impressive. As a soloist, chamber musician, and collaborative pianist, Mr. Hauer hails from Appleton Wisconsin. Only 23 years old, he has already performed concertos with the Oberlin Orchestra, Fox Valley Symphony, Madison Symphony Orchestra, and Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra. Hauer is currently pursuing a Masters in Piano Performance with Eteri Andjaparidze at the NYU Steinhardt School of Music, where he holds a position as Adjunct Instructor of Piano. He is also a Summer Chamber Music Instructor at the Arthur Krempin School of Music in Appleton, WI. He completed his undergraduate studies at the Oberlin Conservatory with Professor Peter Takács on a full scholarship from the Miller Family Music Education Scholarship; at Oberlin, he was awarded the Junior Prize in Piano, named alternate winner in the Arthur Dann Piano Competition, and was winner of the Senior

Cellist Jiafan Shi is currently completing her graduate studies at NYU with Marion Feldman, where she also serves as an adjunct instructor. She was the recipient of NYU Orchestral Scholarship and Talent Scholarship, and is the principle cellist of NYU symphony orchestra. Dedicated to both music performance and pedagogy, Jiafan worked as a professional cellist at the Shanghai Opera House (2010-2014), where she performed in more than 300 productions, including Turandot under Lorin Maazel and La Bohème under Daniel Oren. Prior to working at the Shanghai Opera House, Jiafan received her bachelor of art degree from Tongji University. She was a recipient of the National Scholarship, the highest awarded to Chinese university students.

For more information, go to www.fpcstirling.org or call the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling at (908) 647 - 1033.

This will be the fourth in the Church's concert series for the 2016 – 2017 season. Admission, as always, is free. A short reception will follow the concert at which attendees may meet the performer. Refreshments will be served.

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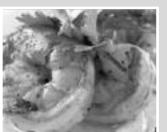
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Submitted by Long Hill Chamber of Commerce President Michelle Cavett of Soo Bahk Do Karate of Gillette. To join the chamber, contact Cavett at mcavett@karate4peace.com, or Membership Chair Jen Ward at jward@recordernewspapers.com

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Make checks payable to: Long Hill Chamber of Commerce PO Box 111 Stirling, NJ 07980 908-647-2900 With the holiday shopping season upon us, it is important to be mindful of the many benefits of shopping local. Here are 5:

- 1) Shopping local dollars stay local-going local with your spending by supporting locally owned, independent businesses causes a "multiplier-effect" that keeps more money circulating in our community. The Andersonville Study of Retail Economics found that as much as 68 out of \$100 spent in local independent businesses stays local, compared to only 43 out of \$100 spent in chain stores. Local businesses are also more likely to source supplies and services from other local businesses.
- 2) Local businesses give back to the community- studies show that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of chains. Here in our community, it is mostly the small, independent businesses that support and sponsor events and activities such as Little

- League Teams, Millington Downtown Day, the Stirling Street Fair, and several small charity events held each year.
- 3) Local businesses provide jobs-the small businesses in our community employ thousands of people, most of whom are residents of our area.
- 4) Local businesses provide tax dollarsspending locally instead of online ensures that our sales tax dollars are utilized where they belong--in our community.
- 5) Local businesses provide character and economic diversity- unique, one-of-a-kind businesses are a distinctive part of our community and add history and charm to our township.

And as an extra bonus, shopping locally is fun-seeing friends and neighbors while shopping in local businesses helps us stay connected to each other, and provides a far more personal shopping experience without the stress of the crowds and the long lines.



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On Sunday November 13th fifteen Cub Scouts and their families from Warren Cub Scout Pack 182's Den #6 Webelos and Den #7 Bears met at Watchung Reservation's Deserted Village parking lot.

During a 2.5 hour hike, the Webelo boys completed requirements to earn the Walkabout Adventure pin and the Bears earned their Whittling Chip and Bear Claws Core Adventure.

The Cubs learned about the Leave No Trace pledge and The Outdoor Code. Throughout the hike the boys performed various Hike leadership roles; Navigator, Denner, First Aider and Snack Leader.

The Bear Cubs learned about knife safety,

different types of knives and how to carve and whittle using wood and soap bars.

Cubs also performed a "trash bash" service project filling a two of bags with trash from the trails and disposed of them properly on their return to the parking lot. They really did leave no trace!

Cub Scout Pack 182 in Warren Township serves the local community and surrounding

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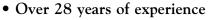
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Attorney David C. Bendush announced settlement of a lawsuit arising from a home explosion in Hunterdon County in September of 2014. The blast was caused by a contractor who was converting the home of his clients, from oil to natural gas. The clients were in the home with their infant daughter at the time of the explosion and fire. Davis Heating and Cooling was attempting without success to purge the new gas lines. Large amounts of natural gas were caused to accumulate inside the basement until the gas exploded, nearly levelling the structure and knocking the clients to the ground where they stood. Mr. Bendush litigated the liability issues aggressively, and attained the unusual result of summary judgment for plaintiff. The defense had little choice but to settle quickly and on favorable terms, in order to avoid a trial.

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NJ Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish and Wildlife

Black bears by nature tend to be wary of people. However, if you encounter a black bear in your neighborhood or outdoors, follow these common-sense safety tips.

- Never feed or approach a bear!
- Remain calm if you encounter a bear. Do not run from it. Make the bear aware of your presence by speaking in an assertive voice, singing, clapping your hands, or making other noises.
- Make sure the bear has an escape route.
- If a bear enters your home, provide it with an escape route by propping all doors open.
- Avoid direct eye contact, which may be perceived by a bear as a challenge. Never run from a bear. Instead, slowly back away.
- To scare the bear away, make loud noises by yelling, banging pots and pans or using an airhorn. Make yourself look as big as possible by waving your arms. If you are with someone else, stand close together with your arms raised above your head.
- The bear may utter a series of huffs, make popping jaw sounds by snapping its jaws and swat the ground. These are warning signs that you are too close. Slowly back away, avoid direct eye contact and do not run.
- If a bear stands on its hind legs or moves closer, it may be trying to get a better view or detect



scents in the air. It is usually not a threatening behavior.

- Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground, avoid direct eye contact, then slowly back away and do not run.
- If the bear does not leave, move to a secure area.
- Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to the DEP's 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 1-877-WARN DEP (1-877-927-6337).
- Families who live in areas frequented by black bears should have a "Bear Plan" in place for children, with an escape route and planned use of whistles and air horns.
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A Department of Environmental Protection podcast, which focuses on bear safety in New Jersey, can be found at www.nj.gov/dep/podcast.





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