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EASTER EGG HUNT AT CHATHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT By Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

The Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department, Chatham, New Jersey, recently held their 2018 Easter Egg Hunt on their premises. Festivities included crafts, games, a 50/50 raffle, grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, the egg hunt, and a special visit from the Easter Bunny himself. Children we also exploring what it's like to sit in a fire truck.



(above) Sophie Tempke, 3.



(above, l-r) Wyatt Herchick, Cole LoPorto, and Austin LoPorto.



(above, l-r) Shreya and Yash Anita.



(above, l-r) Erin Connelly, 17, with her dad, Jim Connelly, Fire Department and Senior Center Trustee.



(above, l-r) Officer Kelly D'Ambola with daughter, Gordona, 2.



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THE CHATHAMS • Page 2 • April 2018 **JENNIE SILECCHIA OF CHATHAM**

HONORED AT NORTH JERSEY PINK TIE PARTY

Submitted by Kathi Edelson Wolder

the Susan G. Komen North Jersey's 2018 Pink Tie Party fundraiser, held March 16, 2018 at The Grove in Cedar Grove, New Jersey. She was paid tribute for 15 years of exceptional commitment to the organization's mission.

Individual honorees are chosen for their volunteerism exceptional enduring and commitment to the mission of the Komen North Jersey organization. For 15 years, Jennie Silecchia has been a vital and devoted member of the "family," volunteering several days a week as an office assistant, working on almost every signature fundraising event, in addition to dayto-day activities.

She has the distinction of being one of the most recognized volunteers in the Affiliate's history. During her tenure, she has received the Ruth Siksnius Volunteer Angel of the Year Award, which was Komen New Jersey's most prestigious award; the Komen North Jersey Hope Award, and the Promise of One Award.

About Susan G. Komen North Jersey

Through the annual Race for the Cure®, Pink Tie Party, and other events and activities, Komen North Jersey raises funds to support local community non-profit organizations that provide screening and diagnostic services, breast health/breast cancer education, treatment support, and survivorship programs for underserved women and men in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties. Since its founding in 1997,

Jennie Silecchia of Chatham was honored at Komen North Jersey has awarded over \$18 million in local community grants and has directed more than \$7 million to national research programs in pursuit of new breast cancer screening techniques, better and more effective treatment options, and ultimately, the causes and cures to eradicate breast cancer forever.

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(above) Jennie Silecchia of Chatham.







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HOPE ONE SERVICES MORRIS COUNTY LOCATIONS TWICE A WEEK



(above) The Hope One vehicle.



Hope One is a mobile recovery access vehicle which offers critical support for persons struggling with addiction, with the goals of preventing drug overdoses and deaths.

The Sheriff's Community Services Unit operates Hope One in partnership with the Morris County Department of Human Services, the Mental Health Association of Morris County, and Morris County Prevention is Key and their Center for Addiction Recovery Education and Success (CARES).

Hope One travels twice a week to locations throughout Morris County, bringing services to persons in need. A sheriff's officer, licensed clinician, and a certified peer recovery specialist, who understand the needs of those suffering with addiction, staff the vehicle.

They are able to provide clients immediate access to services and treatment facilities, putting them on the road to recovery and wellness.

In addition, Narcan rescue training and kits are provided to family members and friends of those suffering with opiate addiction.

"We're able to get them treatment right away because of our connections and partnerships we've created," said Corporal Erica Valvano.

"Removing the barriers that people come across in getting treatment," added Lieutenant Denise Thornton.

The exterior of the Hope One vehicle is decorated with a purple ribbon to signify recovery. "Hope One" is inscribed within the purple ribbon, along with the Morris County "Stigma Free" logo. A 24-hour contact number for Morris County CARES also is on the vehicle.

When the Hope One vehicle comes, it parks Hope One on Facebook.

and sets up refreshments, coffee, free Wi-Fi, a charging station, and donated toiletries in an effort to encourage those in need of services to approach the vehicle. Hope One sets up at locations that are natural places for the community to frequent, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, libraries, and parks. Providing a comfortable, stigma free setting has allowed this program to effectively make contact with and provide services to individuals who have had difficulty navigating the journey of accessing appropriate services in the past.

Morris County Sheriff James Gannon stated on the Morris Cares New Jersey website, "This is about getting those struggling with addiction off the street, and immediately connected with services, with the goal of returning them to be productive members of society and drug free. What makes this program unique is that the Hope One mobile recovery access center services are client driven. We travel to the client; they do not come to us. In addition, we are removing many of the barriers, which often times prevent our people, as well as family members, the ability to get the necessary help and into rehab. It is all about hope. Hope One is wrapped around your loved ones. It is in our hearts and this is where we believe we can make the difference!"

Since launching in April 2017, Hope One stopped at over 100 locations in Morris County.

To find out when the Hope One will visit, go to the calendar listings at: sheriff.morriscountynj.gov/community/hopeone/

You can also visit morris.caresnj.org or follow Hope One on Facebook.





'LEGENDARY VISTAS OF ITALY' AT WOMAN'S CLUB OF CHATHAM

Submitted by Terry Kandalast

Woman's Club of Chatham member, Valerie Moreno, will entertain with a fabulous narrative and a visual journey through the glorious Italian countryside. "Legendary Vistas of Italy" will be presented on Friday, April 20, 2018, at 1 p.m. at the Chatham Room of the Library, 214 Main St., Chatham, New Jersey.

The event is free; and guests are welcome. For more information call 973-635-1776.

FREE SMARTPHONE **HELP FOR OLDER ADULTS FROM SAGE TEENAGE VOLUNTEERS**

SAGE Eldercare is offering a new program to assist older adults (60+) learn how to use their smartphones. Because the devices can be overwhelming to master, this program allows older adults to ask the pros (teenagers) all the how-to questions they have including: how to FaceTime, download an app, use text messaging and more. The tutoring session will take place in the senior's home and is free of charge. Tutoring sessions are available in these locations: Berkeley New Heights, Chatham, Mountainside, Providence, and Summit. To schedule an appointment, please call 908-598-5548 or email education@sageeldercare.org.



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SENIOR CENTER OF THE CHATHAMS APRIL 2018 EVENTS

The Senior Center is located at 58 Meyersville Rd. Chatham, New Jersey. To sign up or for more information call 973.635.4565 or visit chathamseniorcenter.org. Participants do not need to be Chatham residents.

Stress Management

April 9 at 12:30 p.m.

Everyone has stress in their life; how you cope with it is learned. Learn how stress affects your body, how to recognize the signs and symptoms, and learn about strategies to manage stress. Speaker: Carol Brush, Health Educator, Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The Mindfulness of Eating

April 10 at 12:45 p.m. Our Nutrition Series continues with a discussion about how mindful eating is the practice of deliberately paying full attention to your experiences, cravings, and physical cues when eating. Class includes a short meditation

exercise and healthy shacks and handouts. Speaker: Tonya Y. Williams, Certified Senior Advisor, Wellness Coach. Please sign up.

Tech Support for Seniors

April 12, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. For assistance with your smartphone, laptop, tablet, etc. Call Center to schedule a one-onone appointment with a Chatham High School student volunteer.

Craft Project with Acrylics "April in Paris."

Apr. 16, 12:30 to 2 p.m. Be creative and paint a masterpiece! All Supplies provided. Limited class size; must sign up. Fee: \$10. Instructor: Annette Lissy. Fiction Book Club. April 17 at noon. This month's selection is "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper" by Phaedra Patrick. New members always welcome to join in the discussion.

Blood Pressure Screening

April 19, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Provided by Aquinas Healthcare, Springfield, New Jersey. Walk-ins okay.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group

April 20, 11 a.m. Phyllis Flemming, former Executive Director of Victorian Garden Adult Day Center, and experienced dementia support group facilitator, will moderate this newly formed monthly

group.

Music in the Afternoon

April 26, 3:30 p.m. Instrumental performance by Chatham High School students.

Nonfiction Book Group

April 27 at 11 a.m. This month's selection is "Mary McGrory: The First Queen of Journalism"

by John Norris. New members welcome!

Community Paper Shred

April 28, 9 a.m. to noon at the Chatham Train Station parking lot. All your confidential papers safely shredded. \$10/box, \$5/grocery bag. Proceeds to benefit the Senior Center of the

Chathams.

Ping Pong

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Recently added to our calendar of regularly scheduled activities. One table available. Paddles and balls provided.



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MADISON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS ANNUAL HOME EXPO 2018

Submitted by Karen Giambra

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual Home Expo 2018 on Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Madison Junior School, 160 Main Street, Madison, New Jersey.

For the benefit of consumers, the Home Expo will gather local contractors and home professionals. They will be displaying superior products and explaining their services for homeowners looking to renovate, decorate, or enhance the appearance and value of their homes. The show's participating contractors are intent on helping consumers make their homes more beautiful, safe, and energy efficient.

PipeWorks Services, 33 River Road, Chatham,

New Jersey; and Jaeger Lumber, 133 Main Street, Madison, New Jersey, will be returning this year as two of the event sponsors for this event. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

The event is free of charge to the public and is presented by the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce. For sponsorship information or an application to be a vendor at the Home Expo please contact Karen Giambra at 973-377-7830 or by email at MadisonChamber@gmail.com.

The Chamber's website, which features an events calendar, a membership directory and other resources, is located at:

MadisonNJChamber.org.



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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT AWARDS \$50K IN COMMUNITY GRANTS

Submitted by Carly Spary

The Junior League of Summit proudly announces that it has granted more than \$50,000 to local community partners and agencies. "Our goal is to affect positive change through voluntarism by providing financial and member support to non-profit organizations serving Summit and the surrounding communities," said Liz Dutkewych, JLS President."We are thrilled to be able to grant over fifty-thousand dollars this year to fifteen local organizations that align with our focus area and are making our community a happier, healthier, and overall better place."

THE 2018 GRANT RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

- Bridges (supplying up to 600 qualifying Summit students with backpacks and school supplies for the '18 to '19 school year);
- Chatham Emergency Squad (funding the purchase of two handheld two-way radios);
- CivicStory (funding a pilot program assessing videos for classroom use to incorporate civics education through environmental science, creative arts, and humanities):
- Community Service Association of New Providence (funding grocery store gift cards for families in need);
- The Connection (supporting the Pathways Financial Assistance Fund for uninsured women with cancer);
- Family Promise (providing JLS Better Food Bags distributed at 2 Community Health Fairs);
- Good Grief (supporting 222 families with food and supplies through 5 Nights of Support

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- for an entire year at Morristown-based center); • Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss (funding one family for a year of Night of
- Support and training for 20 adult volunteers); • MUJC (funding for food, cooking utensils, and supplies to support "Building Community through Caring" program);
- Our House, Inc. (funding autistic volunteers to make baked ziti platters and deliver to GRACE's refrigerator);
- Overlook Foundation (funding insulin and other medications for HealthStart Clinic patients);
- Reeves-Reed Arboretum (funding hands on Square Foot Gardening Workshops for children and adults for a year);
- SAGE Eldercare (funding for Meals on Wheels program);
- Summit Area YMCA (funding 125 backpacks) over a 32-week period to children in need through the Family Backpack Pilot Program); and
- Summit Community Programs (funding one year of healthy snacks and education for Share the Fun Club after-school program.

The Junior League of Summit is a nonprofit, charitable and educational organization of women who are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

For more information about the Junior League of Summit, please visit the website at jlsummit.org or contact the office at 908-273-7349.





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THE NEXT BIG THING!!! **JOE RENNA'S HYPER LOCAL NETWORK ON YOUTUBE**

Renna Media has launched a new YouTube channel called Joe Renna's Hyper Local Network! The channel will consist of a variety of shows, each with its own focus. The first episode of each show is up and ready to view.

Mind Your Own Local Business

Mind Your Local Business uses real life examples to illustrate successful techniques for managing and marketing your business. Local businesses will be featured. The first episode is about crafting a 30 second elevator speech. The February 2018 meeting of the Irish Business Association held at Molly Maguire's in Clark, NJ is featured in the first episode. Businesses that would like to be featured in an episode can email Joe at joerenna@rennamedia.com.

The Peterstown Show

The Peterstown show is a video continuation of the Peterstown Newspaper. The show focuses on the 100-year history of an Italian American Neighborhood in Elizabeth, NJ. Like the newspaper, it preserves the culture and traditions while recording the oral history that may be lost. The first episode is an interview with Carmela Lepore who turned 108-years-old on January 30, 2018.

Renna's Arena hosted by Nick Renna

Nick Renna has been the voice of high school sports as a public address announcer and brings that experience to a variety show; an eclectic mix of old and new video about general interests. His first episode is a video he shot of a 5th and 6th grade St. Anthony's Grammar School game from 1989.

The Video Shoebox

As a camera bug from a very young age Joe Renna amassed a collection of VHS tapes and 8 mm film. The first video is of the Linden Debutant Ball that he shot in 1992. There are hundreds of hours of videos to come.

Anyone with 8mm film or VHS tape to transfer should email joerenna@rennamedia.com.

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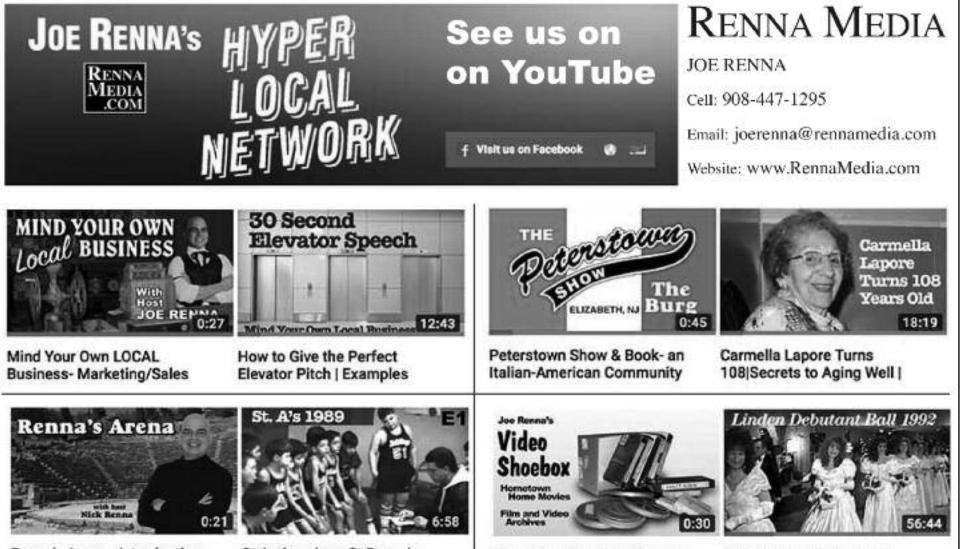
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The Video Shoebox 50 years of Hometown Home Movies Debutante Ball Linden NJ 1992 Video Shoebox Ep#1

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TRI-TOWN 55+ COALITION PROVIDES OVER 2500 RIDES IN FIRST YEAR

for Seniors program has provided over 2500 subsidized rides for residents 65 and older living in Madison, Chatham Borough and Chatham Township. More than 285 registered seniors have taken advantage of first anniversary of Rides for Seniors with a the on-demand car service to run errands, get to doctor's appointments, go shopping or visit. loved ones. The Tri-Town 55+ Coalition started the program in partnership with GoGoGrandparent, a national company based in California which accesses Uber and Lyft using an 800 number without a cell phone.

While GoGoGrandparent is available nationwide, the Rides for Seniors program is the only one of its kind to offer a subsidy. Eligible riders receive \$5 off each ride up to four rides per month. The subsidy is made possible through grant funding and sponsorship support, including a grant from the Grotta Fund for Senior Care and a sponsorship commitment from AARP for 2018. A Gift-a-Ride program is also available to offset the costs for riders. For Commerce and the Coalition have been interested, please (973) 267-7600.

Seniors or donate, visit the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition web site at www.tritown55plus.org.

The Tri-Town 55+ Coalition will mark the special celebration at the Madison Area YMCA on Wednesday, May 23 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. The event is free and open to all residents although pre-registration is requested. Refreshments, entertainment, prize drawings and information on community services will be provided. To register, please call the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition at (862) 246-6065 and provide you name and telephone number. Please note that all guests entering the YMCA must present a valid state/government-issued ID.

The Rides for Seniors program was only the first initiative of the non-profit Tri-Town 55+ Coalition to create lifelong communities for town residents based on the World Health Organization's age-friendly themes. Since the fall of 2017 the Madison Chamber of

Since its launch in April 2017, the Rides more information, to register for Rides for working with local businesses to ensure that they are accessible, offer a comfortable atmosphere and provide great service to attract the growing population of older adults in the community through the Age-Friendly Business Initiative.

> This spring, the Coalition is partnering with the Mayors' Wellness Committee of the Chathams (MWCC) on an exciting new project, Chatham's Track. Urban Recognizing the importance of walkable communities to improve public health and quality of life, the Mayors' Wellness Committee plans to create a self-guided walking tour along the 3.3 mile loop of the sidewalks on the Borough's Main Street. Plans to highlight places of historic, economic and social interest along the way, including rest stops, will make the track inviting for walkers of all ages. TransOptions, a Coalition partner, is conducting a Walkability Study on Monday, April 16th from 10 am to 1 pm and is seeking community volunteers. If you are

