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MAY DAY IN MADISON CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by Lisa Ellis

The first May Day in Madison was held on Saturday, May 2, 1998 thanks to the spirit and vision of the Downtown Development Commission (DDC). Residents, businesses, organizations, and civic groups came out to participate in what has become an annual town wide clean-up. Streets and parks are cleaned, trash removed, flowers planted, and truckloads of mulch are spread.

In 1998, approximately 200 volunteers participated, that number has grown exponentially over time and in recent years approximately 1000 volunteers have participated at over 40 work sites. This annual town-wide beautification campaign called "May Day in Madison" is a project of the Madison Downtown Development Commission (DDC) and the May Day Committee.

The DDC is hard at work planning this year's event scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018. There will be special events planned for the day commemorating the 20th anniversary of this cherished Madison community event, including special presentations and an after party with local food and music.

May Day brings unique volunteer opportunities for all ages. Small children can be found working side-by-side with Borough Council Members while Department of Public Works employees move mountains of mulch. Local university students help service club members beautify the Madison Train Station. Senior citizens may be found delivering water to thirsty volunteers or mulching in the parks.

In addition to the activities surrounding May Day, The Shade Tree Management Board of the Borough of Madison and its sister organization, the non-profit Friends of Madison Shade Trees, invite the public to attend an annual Arbor Day celebration on the steps of the Hartley Dodge Memorial Building. In 2018 for the 32nd consecutive year, Madison will again be honored with a Tree City USA award. The Arbor Day program, which begins at 9 am, includes contributions from elementary students as well as the presentation of the Tree City flag.

Funds are again being raised through a direct solicitation in the form of a donation envelope sent to every household. Sponsorships have been sought to cover the cost of the volunteer T-shirts and the purchase of over 200 flower baskets that adorn the Victorian lampposts in the Downtown from May through October every year, adding beautiful color to the streetscape.

The first Saturday in May is a day of great community and civic pride for Madison.

Donation checks should be made payable to the Borough of Madison and mailed to the Downtown Development Commission May Day, Hartley Dodge Memorial, 50 Kings Road, Madison, NJ 07940.



(above. l-r) Members of the May Day Committee choose the winner of the 2018 May Day T-shirt Art Contest: Paul Allocco, Gene Cracovia, Sue Whitehorn, Cheryl Munkel, Richard Romano, and Leslie Lajewski.

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MADISON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT OUT ON THURSDAY, MAY 10

Madison is hosting its annual Ladies Night Out on Thursday, May 10, 2018, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Stitch Boutique, 12 Waverly Pl. and Whole Foods Market, 222 Main St. are the evening's sponsors.

Madison businesses are looking forward to welcoming all those who plan to come and enjoy an evening out shopping and dining throughout the business district.

"Our businesses are customer friendly and service oriented. Many are preparing special in-store events, demonstrations, or special savings," said Karen Giambra, the chamber's executive director.

Participants are invited to begin the evening at registration which opens at 5:30 p.m. at LaLa Land Hair & Beauty Room, 36 Main St. Light fare and refreshments will be offered at registration compliments of Whole Foods Market and Gary's Wine & Marketplace, 121

Main St. You must be at least 21 years old to participate.

The first 100 registrants will receive a gift bag filled with items donated by the local businesses.

After registration participants can browse through the downtown businesses and enjoy the many open houses, special deals, and demonstrations. Many participating businesses will also be holding basket raffles.

Rocco's Bar & Grill, 30 Cook Plaza invites the ladies to stop by and enjoy 1/2 price appetizers and house wines.

"Spring has finally arrived and our businesses are excited about this annual event " said John Morris, owner of Stewart Morris, Awards, Gifts & Flags and President of the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce. "Come to the downtown on May 10 and enjoy Madison at its best."

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STEP RIGHT UP STUDIO CUTS RIBBON AT NEW LOCATION

Submitted by Karen Giambra

Mayor Robert Conley, joined by the Conroy family and Madison friends, cut the ribbon at Step Right Up Studio's new location at 29 Main Street, Madison, on April 9. Step Right Up Studio

is a creative arts studio offering classes in Improv for Social Skills, Musical Theater, Yoga, Creative Writing, Voice overs, Stand Up Comedy and more for kids of all strengths and abilities.

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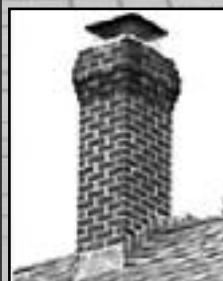
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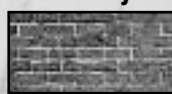
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(above) Carol Simon Levin portraying Jeannette Rankin.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DINNER MEETING TO FEATURE LIVING HISTORY PRESENTER CAROL SIMON LEVIN

Submitted by Kathleen Rogers-vanLeeuwen

The Madison Historical Society's Annual Dinner Meeting will take place on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at the Madison Hotel, located at 1 Convent Road in Convent Station, Madison, New Jersey. The evening's program will feature Carol Simon Levin who defines her role as a Living History Presenter. For this occasion, Ms. Levin will portray Jeannette Rankin, America's first female member of Congress.

The evening will also feature the election of Society officers for the 2017 to 2018 program year as well as the presentation of the annual Madison Historical Society Award to an outstanding Madison High School history student.

A cash bar will be available from 6 p.m. The dinner and meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person, and reservations can be made, by calling the Society at 973-377-0722 ext. 8. Callers are asked to leave a message, and a Society member will return their call.

The program is titled "Pickets & Persistence, War Service & Women's Suffrage, American Women's Fight to Win the Vote." Levin will tell the intertwined stories of women's suffrage activism, war service, and the political calculus that finally brought the support of President Wilson, the U.S. Congress, and state legislatures to achieve passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote.

Based in Bridgewater, New Jersey, Ms. Levin studied economics, history, women's studies, and history of technology at Cornell University and holds a NMLS Librarianship from University of Arizona. She is a member of the

New Jersey Storytelling Guild njstorynet.org/carol-simon-levin, the New Jersey Library Association, and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

Ms. Levin is also the author of the educational coloring book, "Remembering the Ladies: From Patriot in Petticoats to Presidential Candidates." The book invites readers to literally color in the remarkable contributions courageous and tenacious women; founding mothers whose efforts aided the American Revolution, generations of abolitionists, suffragists, feminists, labor and civil rights leaders who fought for the vote and other rights for women, and women who sought and sometimes achieved elective and appointed office. In addition to a coloring page, each entry includes a short biography, a fascinating fact and a quote by the woman. It also includes suggestions for further reading for kids, teens, and adults and a note where a museum dedicated to her can be found (if one exists).

The Madison Historical Society's role is to assemble, record, and preserve all matters of historical interest concerning Madison and its residents. Formed in 1922 to preserve the old Bottle Hill Tavern, the Society has organized a significant collection of historic documents, maps, and photographs over the intervening years. These are housed at the Local History Center at the Madison Public Library.

For more information about the Society or to inquire about membership, call 973-377-0722, ext. 8 or visit the Society's website at madisonhistoricalsociety.org.

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Women's screening is performed by Dr. Rohini Jobanputra and includes manual breast and pelvic exams, colo-rectal exams, blood pressure checks and education on breast self examination. Dr. Jobanputra will determine if a PAP test is necessary on an individual basis.

Men's screening is performed by Dr. John Dalena and includes testicular, prostate and colo rectal examinations.

The CMP analysis includes total cholesterol, HDL and LDL cholesterol, CBC and other blood components.

Appointments are necessary. Please call 973 593 3079 ext. 1 to register or for additional information.

GRACE COUNSELING CENTER FREE EVENTS

Submitted by Marilyn Musielski

Come join us for these monthly discussions to help you create a more meaningful life. Grace Counseling Center, 16 Madison Avenue, Madison, New Jersey, is offering these discussions free to the community. Each one focuses on an aspect of your life that can help you unleash true happiness.

Monday, May 7, 7 to 8 p.m. "Secrets of a Happy Retirement (It's Not About Money)"

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- How can I achieve something meaningful?
- I want to do something new, but what?

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TRITOWN 55+ COALITION'S 'CELEBRATION OF RIDES FOR SENIORS' FIRST YEAR

Submitted by Laura Sostake

The Tri-Town 55+ Coalition will mark the first anniversary of Rides for Seniors with a special celebration at the Madison Area YMCA on May 23, 2018, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. 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.

Since its launch in April 2017, the Rides for Seniors program has provided over 2400 subsidized rides for residents 65 and older living in Madison, Chatham Borough, and Chatham Township. More than 285 registered seniors have taken advantage of 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.

Don't know what to get a loved one for Mother's Day? How about the gift of independence? The Rides for Seniors Gift-a-Ride program is a great gift to help offset transportation costs for riders. For more information, to register for Rides for Seniors or donate, visit the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition web site at tritown55plus.org.



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Security Shredding, Inc. will provide secure destruction of sensitive documents, after which the shredded papers will be recycled into other paper products. Stay and watch your documents being destroyed on the truck mounted shredder. Cost is \$5 per box or grocery bag. Larger containers will be priced accordingly. As this service is also a fund raiser, all proceeds from the shredding event will be "recycled" by the Madison Rotary for future community projects.

Also on hand will be a truck from Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, which will gratefully accept

area residents' new or very gently used home building materials, lighting and plumbing fixtures, hardware items in original packaging, fine art and collectibles, and furniture and other home furnishings in excellent condition. Having the ReStore truck come to Madison is a convenience for would-be donors, as the ReStore facility is located in Randolph. ReStore's inventory is 100 percent donated by businesses and individuals and sold to the general public at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds are used to build affordable homes in Morris County and surrounding areas. According to Jeannie Tsukamoto, former President of both Madison Rotary and Morris Habitat for Humanity, "Donations to ReStore have built 18 homes in Morris County and have kept over 5,100 tons of reusable materials out of landfills since 2007."

For further information, contact Carmela Moeller at carmoeller@aol.com.

MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES & CRAFTS PROGRAMS

Submitted by Jill B. Alexander

We invite you to join us at Museum of Early Trades & Crafts as we celebrate spring! On Thursday afternoon and evening, May 17, the Museum will literally "Raise the Roof" as we explore the structure and history of the East Jersey Cottage. At 4 p.m., join master carpenter Tyler Merson on the front lawn to build a scale model of an East Jersey Cottage. Then at 7 p.m.,

step inside the building where architect and historian Janet Foster, will tell us the story behind this very unique New Jersey-style architecture. This event is free to the public and donations to the Museum are welcome.

For more information, call 973-377-2982, visit the website at metc.org, "Like" us on Facebook ([facebook.com/METCnj](https://www.facebook.com/METCnj)) and follow us on Twitter (@metcnj).

'NIGHT SAILING: INTERPRETING YOUR DREAMS' PROGRAM AT MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Be sure to make plans to visit the Chase Room on May 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. for the program, "Night Sailing: Interpreting your Dreams," at the Madison Public Library at 39 Keep Street, Madison, New Jersey.

Want to learn what your dreams mean? Want to learn how to recall your dreams? Want to connect with someone who has passed on? Want

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MADISON JUNIOR SCHOOL'S OPERATION PB&J

Submitted by Lou Caruso

Over the past year, Madison Junior School has established a strong partnership with the community service nonprofit organization "Be the Change" from Kean University. The organization is rooted in social justice and equality and spends countless hours serving those in need in the local community. Dr. Norma Bowe, professor, and advisor to the group was the keynote speaker for the 2018 "Compassion Through Action" program at Madison Junior School.

This year, Madison Junior School was selected to be one of the 10 community partners from all over the state of New Jersey who participated in Operation PB&J. Nearly 100

students gathered after school on March 2, 2018, to make over 150 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. The sandwiches were then donated to "Be the Change" for distribution at their 10-year anniversary of homelessness relief which took place statewide on March 3th.

Sandwiches from the 10 community partners, including Madison Junior School, were delivered to Kean University. These sandwiches were then distributed to people in need across the state of New Jersey and New York City. Some of the locations included Newark Penn Station, Paterson, Elizabeth, Camden, Trenton, New Brunswick, Jersey City, and NYC Penn Station.

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THURSDAY MORNING CLUB PRESENTS 'WISE WONDERFUL WOMEN'

Submitted by Eileen Ryan

The Thursday Morning Club of Madison is proud to present Lisa Firkser, Ph.D., Executive Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of Morris and Sussex Counties, Inc. as the keynote speaker for their "Wise, Wonderful Women" Lectures Series scheduled on Thursday, May 17, 2018 beginning at 11 a.m.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) provides a trained court appointed special advocate to speak up for the best interests of all children in the Morris/Sussex County court system so that they may find permanent, safe, and nurturing homes as well as have access to all programs to which they are entitled. Their mission is to be a strong voice for the best interests of vulnerable children who have been removed from their homes or are under court supervision for abuse neglect or abandonment. CASA recruits, trains, and supervises community volunteers to be advocates, mentors and champions for each child on his or her journey to a safe, permanent, and nurturing home.

CASA of Morris County started as a project of the National Council of Jewish Women in 1987. It was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 1991 and granted 501(c)(3) status in 1992. At the request of the Family Court, the

organization expanded into Sussex County in 1996. They are a member of the National CASA Association and an affiliate of CASA of New Jersey, the statewide organization supporting local New Jersey programs.

Dr. Firkser joined the CASA staff in March 2009 after a 25 + year career in healthcare, as a leader in pediatric outpatient care for children with special needs. Lisa has spearheaded several new programs and she has also helped to establish non-profit organizations and pediatric clinics. Lisa earned a doctorate degree from New York University in Rehabilitation and has a Masters degree in Audiology and an undergraduate degree in Special Education. She has published numerous articles and presented workshops and seminars around the United States and in Canada. Lisa's work is truly a labor of love. She is motivated by the CASA motto that "every child deserves a safe, loving, permanent home."

Our "Wise, Wonderful Women" lecture series is open to the general public. Admission is \$35. Lunch, following the lecture, is included. Reservations are requested by May 14 with checks payable to TMC, Wise Wonderful Women, PO Box 345, Madison NJ 07940. Proceeds from the program will benefit the

Madison Community House, which is owned and operated by the Thursday Morning Club along with its Community House Nursery School and Before and After School Child Care program. Organized in 1896, the club is a member of both the New Jersey State and General Federation of Women's Clubs. The club offers programs and services to support the community, and its Community House provides a home for a number of sports, recreation and civic groups.

For information about the Thursday Morning Club or membership, call the Community House at 973-377-0244 or visit TCMCH.org.

THURSDAY MORNING CLUB FASHION SHOW

Submitted by Eileen Ryan

The Thursday Morning Club of Madison recently welcomed spring with their Annual Spring Luncheon on April 19, 2018. The event was held at the Basking Ridge Country Club. With nearly 175 in attendance the everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and a chance on "Lady Luck" for prizes consisting of gift cards to local restaurants, weekend stay at local hotels, and shopping sprees, to mention a few. Fashions were provided by Melania Fashions of Randolph with the Thursday Morning Club members serving as models. The event was chaired by Rose Marry

Dinnhaupt and Sharon Silver.

Proceeds from the event benefitted the Madison Community House, which is owned and operated by the Thursday Morning Club, along with its Community House Nursery School and Before and After School Child Care program. Organized in 1896, the club is a member of both the New Jersey State and General Federation of Women's Clubs. For information about the Thursday Morning Club or membership, call the Community House at 973-377-0244 or visit TCMCH.org



(above) Thursday Morning Club members model outfits from Melania Fashions.

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