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THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF CHATHAM PROVIDES GENEROUS DONATION TO THE CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD

Submitted by Craig Alperowitz

For over 100 years, the Woman's Club of Chatham has been positively impacting the educational and civic enrichment of the Chatham community through humanitarian activities and charitable grants. At its annual holiday celebration, the organization's Co-Presidents Terry Kandalaf and Caryl Anne McBride provided a check in the amount of \$50,000 to the Chatham Emergency Squad in recognition and gratitude for its 80+ years of service to the community.

The donation, one of the largest financial gifts bestowed upon the Chatham Emergency Squad in its history, will be put to immediate use. In keeping with the request of the Woman's Club of Chatham, the money will be used to pay off the remaining debt for its Stryker Power Cots which have been installed on each of its three ambulances, with remaining funds used for other equipment. First purchased 3 years ago, each state-of-the-art cot is equipped with hydraulic lifts so that EMTs can easily lift and transport patients comfortably and safely, without risking injury to themselves or others.

"The Woman's Club of Chatham has done incredible things

to improve and enhance the Chatham community and the life of its residents over the years, and this donation further exemplifies their commitment," said Tim Brown, immediate past President of the Chatham Emergency Squad. "When you think about it - paying off our debt against these cots is a metaphor - it lifted a tremendous burden off our backs just in time for the holidays, and we are incredibly honored and grateful for their generosity."

"Donations such as these are real game-changers," said Evan Skinner, President of the Chatham Emergency Squad. "But it's the generosity of our Chatham residents which allows us to provide 100% of our services at no charge, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year."

The Chatham Emergency Squad is an all-volunteer organization funded almost exclusively by donations. CES never charges for its services. In 2018 they responded to over 1,200 emergency calls and provided free training in CPR to more than 400 residents, teachers, coaches and emergency personnel. To learn more, to donate or to volunteer, please visit chathamemergencysquad.org.

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(above, l-r) Picture with the donation check: Caryl Anne McBride, co-president, Woman's Club; Tim Brown, past immediate president, Chatham Emergency Squad; Evan Skinner, president Chatham Emergency Squad; Terry Kandalaf, president, woman's club.

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Opera's most tempestuous tale of love, deception and political intrigue—"Tosca"—comes alive in Westfield on Saturday, February 23rd and in Madison on Sunday, February 24th as New Jersey Festival Orchestra and award winning soloists perform Puccini's passionate and beautiful music in its full glory.

Puccini's irresistible lyric genius has long made *Tosca* one of opera's most breathtaking masterpieces. A cast of internationally acclaimed guest performers comes to Westfield and Madison to present, acted and in costume, this gripping tale of love, lust, corruption and ultimate struggle for survival.

"*Tosca* has long been one of the most popular operas in the entire repertoire," said NJFO Music Director David Wroe. "Puccini's powerful score illuminates the tense drama at every step, giving numerous opportunities for the three guest principals to shine."

Singing the title role of fiery prima donna Floria Tosca is award-winning soprano Jenny Schuler who has earned praise in recent seasons for her powerful vocalism and compelling stage artistry. Lauded for his distinctive timbre and magnetic stage presence tenor Kirk Dougherty makes his NJFO debut in the role of revolutionary artist Mario Cavaradossi. With a sound combining clarity, strength, and integrity, Mr. Dougherty is one of the most exciting voices entering the opera circuit today. The role of the menacing police chief Scarpia, determined to possess Tosca and thwart Cavaradossi, is performed by Todd Thomas who is recognized by opera companies and critics alike as one of the true baritones gracing stages today.

"We are thrilled to bring these fabulous singers to our local doorstep," continued Wroe. "Each of them is a star who has already graced the stages of concert halls and opera houses across the world. With their outstanding technique and artistic interpretation of this, Puccini's most loved and most poignant work, I predict that there will not be a dry eye in the house!"

Sung in Italian with English supertitles, the opera is brought to life with costumes, sophisticated staging and colorful design by Artistic Director Maria Todaro. A free pre-concert lecture will be presented at 6pm in Westfield prior to the Westfield performance.

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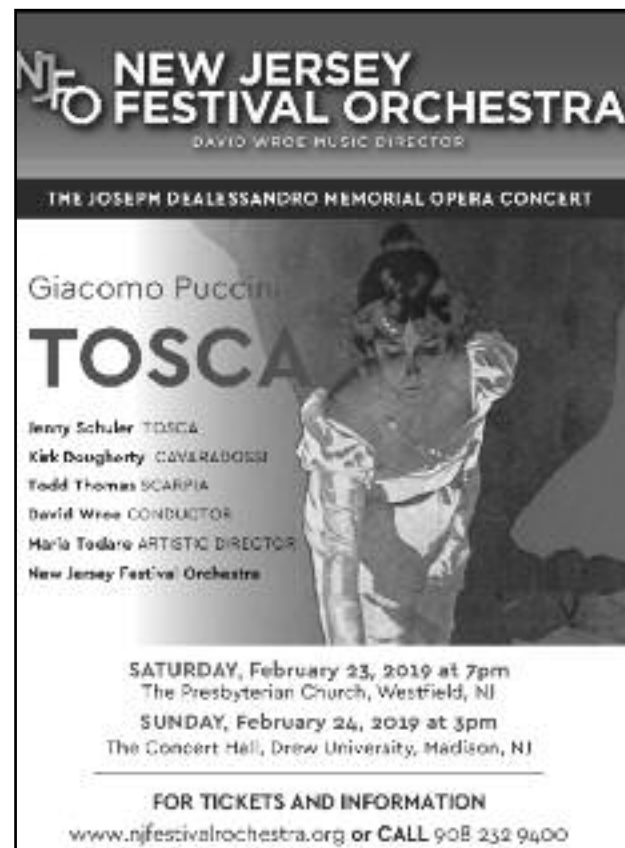
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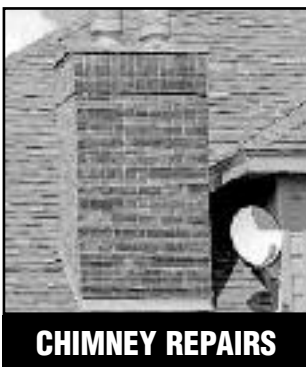
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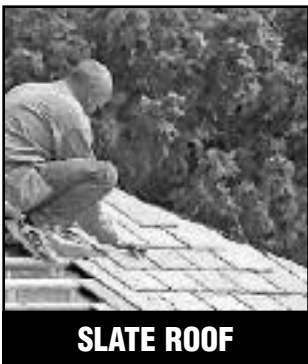
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The crew welcomed
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Kaitlyn S (Chatham),
Royce A (Chatham),
Katie C (Chatham)
Alyssa D (New Providence)
and Abril M (Chatham).

All members pledged to live by the scout law and obey the scout oath. Congratulations to all the girls on achieving the first rank of Venturing.

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THE CHATHAMS AND TRI-TOWN 55+ EARN STATE-WIDE RECOGNITION

Submitted by Laura Sostak

Chatham Borough, Chatham Township and Madison Borough recently received Sustainable New Jersey's 2018 Collaboration Award for their partnership with Tri-Town 55+ Coalition in building lifelong, age-friendly communities. The award was presented at the Annual Sustainable Jersey Luncheon held during the New Jersey League of Municipality Conference in Atlantic City.

Every day for the next 10 years, 10,000 people will turn 65. By 2030, 1 in every 5 people will be 65 or older. "With this shift in the population demographic, communities must assess their environments and ensure the needs of older adults are part of the towns master plan. Equitable housing, access to transportation services, opportunities for social and civic engagement and lifelong learning opportunities are important assets to ensure older adults remain vibrant and valued members of the community," says John F. Hoover, Vice President of Tri-Town 55+ Coalition and Madison Councilman.

Together with municipal leaders, local businesses, non-profit and public agencies, Tri-Town Coalition is implementing programs and services based on feedback from a 2016 Community Needs Assessment Survey. One of the first key initiatives implemented by the Coalition was the Rides for Seniors Program, an on-demand car service to help those 65 and older in the three towns get to where they want to go, when they want to go, without a smartphone.

"We are very pleased to hear that Tri-Town

55+ Coalition is being recognized for its work in Madison, Chatham Borough and Chatham Township. The partnership started with a very successful Rides for Seniors which now has over 350 registered riders and has provided 3,000 rides since April 2017. The Tri-Town 55+ Coalition is improving our communities through a dedicated design strategy for life long living for seniors," says Robert H. Conley, Mayor, Madison Borough.

Recognizing older adults as an asset to the vitality of the local economy, the Madison Chamber of Commerce and Tri-Town 55+ Coalition launched its Age-Friendly Business initiative in the fall of 2017. The Chamber and the Coalition are working with local businesses to ensure that they are accessible, offer a comfortable atmosphere and provide great service to attract this growing population. These measures enhance the quality of life for the whole community and local businesses are becoming a desired destination for older adults.

Last spring, the Coalition collaborated with the Mayor's Wellness Committee of the Chathams on an exciting new project, Chatham's Urban Track. Recognizing the importance of walkable communities to improve public health and quality of life, the Mayor's Wellness Committee of the Chathams created a self-guided walking tour along the sidewalks on the Borough's Main Street. Places of historic, economic, and social interest are highlighted along the way, along with comfortable rest stops to make the track inviting for walkers of all ages.

"Chatham Borough is delighted that Madison, Chatham Township and Chatham Borough are being recognized by Sustainable Jersey for their collaboration with the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition. Because of our close association on this and other programs and shared services, it makes it very easy for the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition to be the success it is," says Bruce A. Harris, Mayor, Chatham Borough.

Tri-Town 55+ Coalition is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that partners with representatives of business, civic and public organizations in the Madison, Chatham Borough and Chatham Township community to address the quality of life and diverse needs and interests of older adults and their families. The Coalition identifies, implements, promotes and sustains programs and services for lifelong living based on the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly themes. Residents of all ages are welcome to. To learn more, please call Tri-Town 55+ Coalition at 862-246-6065.

GIVE A LITTLE LOVE WITH A RIDE TO AN OLDER ADULT YOU KNOW

Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift for a special friend or neighbor? The Tri-Town 55+ Coalition's Rides for Seniors Gift-A-Ride program is a great gift those who are no longer able or willing to drive.

The Gift-A-Ride program enables family or friends to purchase trips for their loved ones to use for shopping, dining, medical appointments or a night on the town. To purchase trips for a registered rider's account through Gift-A-Ride, log onto tritown55plus.org or call GoGoGrandparent at 855-464-6872. For individuals and organizations who wish to make a tax deductible donation to the program, rather than to a specific rider, Tri-Town 55+ Coalition has established a fund through the Community Foundation of New Jersey at cfnj.org/rides or visit tritown55plus.org or call Tri-Town 55+ Coalition at (862) 246-6065.

Rides for Seniors, in partnership with GoGoGrandparent, offers subsidized, on-demand car service via Uber and Lyft to those 65 and older living in Chatham Borough, Chatham Township and Madison. With over 300 registered riders and over 3000 rides since launching in April 2017, the program is bringing newfound independence and enhanced quality of life to older adults in the community. It also provides much-needed stress relief for loved ones and caregivers.

While GoGoGrandparent is available nationwide, the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition is one of the first organizations in the country to pilot a subsidized program for riders through grant and fundraising support.

To register for Rides for Seniors, contact GoGoGrandparent at 855-464-6972 or visit tritown55plus.org.



(above, l-r) Sustainable Jersey Board of Trustees Chairperson Richard Dovey, Chatham Borough Council Member Len Resto, Chatham Borough Mayor Bruce A. Harris, Madison Council Member and Tri-Town 55+ Vice President John Hoover, Chatham Borough Council Member Victoria Fife, Sustainable Jersey Executive Director Randall Solomon, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Air Quality, Energy & Sustainability Assistant Commissioner Paul Baldauf.

ART LEAGUE CELEBRATE 30 YEARS DURING WINTER RECEPTION

Submitted by Ann Frommer

The Art League of the Chathams celebrated its 30th year anniversary at a Winter Reception held in December.

The Art League started 30 years ago when a tireless Alice Lundt retired from her public career. Alice began her career as Chatham Township Clerk and ended as both Administrator and Treasurer. She decided that the empty walls of the municipal building needed some art.

Alice contacted her artist and teacher friend, Janet Glover who called fellow artist, Kathy Havens asking her to contact other artists in the Township. Eventually, a "league" was formed; it was called the Chatham Township Art League. Janet Glover became the first president of the League.

The mission was to bring artists from the town together, to encourage and support each other in

their art, and offer a permanent location to show their artwork in the municipal building all year round.

The first exhibit to adorn the walls contained 30 pieces -1 per artist. There were 30 members. At the current winter reception, we had 96 pieces of art hanging on the walls from 78 members.

Under Rosemary Howlet, the township league merged with Chatham Borough artists and the Art League of the Chathams (ALC) was formed. A scholarship program was started to benefit a Chatham High School senior who will study art or an art related field. Artist-member, Philla Barkhorn (Chatham Twp) works with the art teacher to determine the recipient each year.

The far hallway was named the Lundt/Glover Gallery so an Art League artist can have his/her solo show free of charge.

Under President Gail Logan, the ALC agreed to paint a mural representing the seasons of the Great Swamp on the entrance walls of the Chatham Twp Municipal Building. Over 1,000 hours of work were put into those murals by artists Rosemary Howlet (winter scene), Ed Schuh (spring/summer scene), Celeste Fondaco, (autumn scene) and Frank McDonough, the mosaic owl.

During Gail Logan's reign, the ALC won the Morris County Arts Award.

Former president Jennifer Duteil started the Boutique Program which continues each winter.

Magdalena Urbankova, the last president, included field trips and programs for member artists.

The Art League of the Chathams continues to grow and welcomes artists and non-artist patrons.



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(above, l-r) Chatham Twp residents, Suzanne Casterlin, Ed Schuh and Kathy Havens. The three charter members of the Art League of the Chathams and Vicinity were honored during a Winter Reception held in December 2018.

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The next meeting, featuring a comic performance, will be held on February 25, 2019 at the Scotch Plains American Legion, located at 237 Park Ave, Scotch Plains, NJ at 6:30 p.m.

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"Our congregation is extremely grateful to Rev. Halldorson for his deeply caring and inspirational leadership over three decades," said Rev. Brown. "He has provided unwavering love and support to generations of families and individuals."

The fourth Senior Pastor of PCCT, Rev. Halldorson has been the longest-serving minister in the church's nearly 60-year history. Under his guidance, PCCT has continued to thrive, grow, and serve the community through multiple outreach programs.

Rev. Halldorson said, "The people make this church special because PCCT is a place where we can navigate life's challenges together. The openness of the congregation allows us to use our faith to debate issues, ask questions, and work through difficult situations as a church family."

Rev. Halldorson's vision included having a facility that not only supported the church's programs, but also enabled PCCT to be a church for the community. To better address the needs of a growing congregation and expanding community ministries, the congregation undertook a new building expansion that was completed in 2007. At the time of the new wing's dedication, the congregation named its multi-purpose room Halldorson Hall in his honor.

Today, that space houses additional church school classrooms, Stanley Nursery School, a youth suite for the growing youth program, accommodations to host outside disaster recovery groups, and meeting places for community groups.

Members say many people were drawn to the church because of Rev. Halldorson's sermons which provided strength and spiritual

nourishment to his congregation. Over 30 years, he preached more than 1,300 sermons on a wide range of topics, offering inspiration, insight, and guidance.

Rev. Halldorson also has been a respected leader in the community, opening the church on countless occasions in times of need or crisis, including after 9/11 so people could grieve and get support, and following Hurricane Sandy to serve as a warming and charging center, and to feed linemen working to restore power.

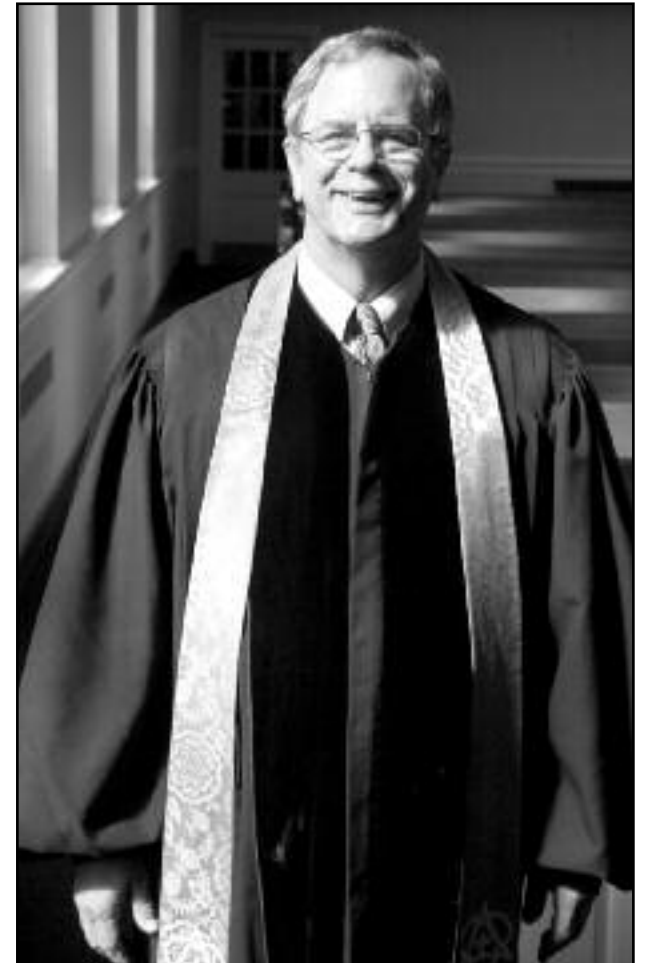
"Rev. Halldorson has touched countless lives over the years, guiding people through the joys and sorrows of life's most intimate moments," said Rev. Brown. "For more than half this church's existence, he baptized children, confirmed young people, married couples, and conducted funerals, representing the presence of God when we needed it the most."

Born and raised on Long Island, Ed was ordained at his home church, Christ's First Presbyterian Church in Hempstead, New York in 1974. Ed graduated from Lafayette College with an AB in History in 1971. He received a Masters of Divinity degree from Princeton Theology Seminary in 1974. He served as the Associate Pastor of the Penfield Presbyterian Church near Rochester, New York from 1974-78. From 1978-88, Ed was the Senior Pastor of First United Church, Silver Creek, New York, before accepting the call to Chatham Township. In 1999 he received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary with his thesis on the Atonement: "What Language Shall I Borrow: How Laypeople Interpret the Cross". Ed and his wife Linda have four grown children David, Christopher, Steve and Emily, three daughters-in-law (Janine, Susan and Chrissy), a son-in-law (Ebube Bakosi) and ten grandchildren.

The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township is a vibrant, multi-generational congregation that celebrates the glory of God through faith, fellowship and service. Drawing members from three counties and more than 20 communities, it welcomes all, whether you are a young family, a single adult, or a couple with

grown children. The congregation reflects diverse perspectives, provides rich music and education programs for all ages, and through social outreach addresses hunger, homelessness and recovery from disasters or other crises.

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(above) The Rev. Dr. Edward M. Halldorson

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Genevieve McDermott, Director of Meditation Programs at The School of Royal Yoga in Chester, will present a meditation class. The class will discuss the benefits of meditation and go on to gradual chair stretching, breathing technique, mindfulness techniques, and visualization. Pre-registration is requested.

Income Tax Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
will be held on Wednesdays, February 6 to
April 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Appointments for this free service may be made in person or by calling the library at 973-635-0603. Please bring all your financial records from 2018, copies of your 2017 Federal and State tax returns, photo ID, all printed and blank forms from the Internal Revenue Service, and proof of Social Security Number for all dependents.

Gen Y Networking Group

Wednesdays, February 6 & 20 – 7 p.m.

Gen Y Networking Group is a forum dedicated to job searching, networking, and career development. The group is open to all job seekers.

Black History in New Jersey

Thursday, February 7 – 7 p.m.

Local historian Frank Gerard Godlewski will speak about Black history in New Jersey since the early 1600s to the issue of a formal apology in 2008 on the state's role in the slave trade. The presentation will include some "corrected" and hidden history as well as some Morris County anecdotes.

Computer Class: Excel

Wednesday, February 13 – 5 p.m.

Brush up on your Excel skills. Learn some of the basic and essential functions in Excel and understand how it is used in a business context to analyze and present data.

This is a perfect session before an interview for an office job.

FOR TEENS

Free SAT Practice Test

Saturday, February 9 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration opens Friday, January 25
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Coming up: Free ACT Practice Test
on Saturday, March 30

Valentine's Day Cupcakes

Friday, February 15 – 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Grades 6 to 12, Limit: 12 students

Use frosting, fondant, and other yummy decorations to create cupcakes perfect for Valentine's Day!

Star Wars and Superheroes

Drawing Class with Doug Baron

Thursday, February 21 – 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Grades 6 to 12, Limit: 20 students

Registration opens Thursday, February 7

Learn to draw Darth Vader, Chewbacca, Spider-Man, Batman and more with the help of comic book artist Doug Baron. Doug will demonstrate and talk the student through each drawing from its basic shape to complete forums. He will point out important things to look for such as proportions, guidelines, feature placement and

more while giving fun facts behind each character. He will ask trivia questions where the students can earn "funny money" to win Doug's drawings at the end of the session.

FOR CHILDREN

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Disney's My Son Pinocchio Jr.

Wednesday, February 13 – 4 p.m.

Ages 4 & Up, Audience limit: 100

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Got No Strings," alongside a host of new songs by Oscar winner and Grammy Award winner Stephen Schwartz.

Join the Blue Fairy, Stromboli and a lively cast of characters as Geppetto journeys beyond the toyshop to discover the meaning of family.

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Monday, February 25 through Wednesday,

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COMMUNITY HELPERS: FIREFIGHTERS

First Exhibition of Its Kind in Morris County Involving the Participation of Eleven Local Fire Departments and Companies

The new exhibition Community Helpers: Firefighters will be at the Morris Museum through Thursday, February 28, 2019. This family-friendly exhibition celebrates the central role that professional and volunteer firefighters play in safeguarding the people, property, and well-being of our community. It provides a look into the lives of these emergency rescuers, illustrated through historic and present-day safety equipment, apparel, and vehicles. Over 125 objects are on exhibit, drawn from the collections of eleven fire stations including the Madison Fire Department and Green Village fire Department of Chatham, and several firefighters across Morris County. In addition, interpretive displays explain the physics of combustion and how firefighters structure their teamwork.

Community Helpers: Firefighters is organized under two general narratives. "A Day in the Life" documents the sequence of actions that occur to put out a fire, from the moment an emergency call comes in until the fire is completely extinguished. A hands-on display details the highly coordinated teamwork among Command, the Search Team, the Hose Team, the Vent Team, and the Firefighter Assist and Search Team in combating a blaze. Documenting these actions are the tools of their vocation: helmets and turnout gear (personal protective equipment and apparel), breathing apparatus, radios and call boxes, hydrants and valves, hoses and nozzles, and other special case items.

The "History of Firefighting" provides a context across time for the fire service we know today. A short timeline outlines important events and technological advancements from its inception in the late 1600s to the present. This section of the exhibition features non-emergency

apparel, such as daily wear, parade wear, dress uniforms, ceremonial bugles, and badges. Throughout the galleries text panels chronicle the histories of the eleven Morris County fire stations and companies that have loaned work to this exhibition.

"There is a deep sense of pride among all fire departments in their individual histories. Their personal stories and collections reveal deep bonds to the fire service and the local community," states Anne Motto, Assistant Curator of the Morris Museum. "For many firefighters it is a life-long calling. For others it is a family tradition, passed down from generation to generation. The Morris Museum recognizes and celebrates these committed rescuers for their valiant efforts, their passion for their work, and their vital role in serving the community."

The very first firefighters were volunteers — those civic-minded citizens who dropped everything to run and help when the alarm sounded. Today, dedicated volunteers comprise 70-80% of firefighters in the United States. In recent years, however, these numbers have been in decline, so those in the fire service are actively seeking ways to engage the next generation. "I feel this exhibit is a good way for the community to understand that most of the departments in Morris County are volunteer, not paid," states exhibition advisor Captain Corey Martin of the Rainbow Lakes Volunteer Fire Company. "People can learn about what's going on in the fire service. And maybe it helps a department get someone to join, perhaps someone who is thinking about it. That's what it's really about, getting the community involved. That helps everyone."

EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Three historic fire carts, including the 1836 apparatus Lady Washington from the Independent Hose Company No. 1 of the Morristown Fire Department.
- Uniforms and helmets that span the 20th century. The earliest is an 1897 parade uniform provided by the Madison Fire Department.
- A 1992 Junior Firefighter Helmet from the National Junior Firefighter Program that was initiated to increase awareness about the fire service among today's youth, courtesy of the Rainbow Lakes Volunteer Fire Company of Parsippany.



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(above) Independent Hose Co. 1923 Ahrens Fox Model KS-4 Reg. #1138

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