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## 2019 MADISON CHAMBER AWARDS DINNER WINNERS

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at Brooklake Country Club, 139 Brooklake Rd., Florham Park. Awards were given in eight categories at the year-end celebration.

The evening was filled with good cheer, laughter and friendship and included a dinner buffet, cash bar, door prizes and an awards ceremony that was held in the lounge overlooking the golf course.

"The Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner celebrates the outstanding achievements of a carefully selected group of distinguished individuals, businesses and community organizations. All of our 2019 honorees are being honored for their dedication and support of Madison businesses and the community," said Chamber Executive Director Karen Giambra.

In the business improvement category, the Chamber honored Sugar Rush, 10 Waverly Pl. with Most Creative Window and Bottle Hill Tavern with the 2019 Best Complete Renovation award.

The 2019 Appreciation Award honored Tons of Toys, 64 Main St. for their incredible generosity and support of the businesses and the community of Madison.

The Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps received the Madison Volunteer of the Year Award, along with a standing ovation upon accepting their recognition.

The Chamber honored Tri-Town 55+ Coalition with the 2019 Non Profit of the Year award and the 2019 Community Service Award was presented to Dominique Peck-Meyer & Colleen Bohensky for helping to bring the people of Madison together through Madison Area Parents.

The recipient of 2019 Distinguished Service Award honored Chamber President John Morris for his dedication to the businesses and community of Madison.

"John represents generations of Madison leadership," said Mayor Robert Conley. "John is not just about the Chamber but about whatever makes Madison a stronger community and through the building of partnerships helps make Madison businesses thrive."

"John is loved by the Madison Chamber," said Karen Giambra. "He is a great leader and a loyal friend to all of us. His dedication to the businesses and community is sincere and unwavering and he is very deserving of this award."

The favored "Extra Mile Award" is the only Chamber award determined by the general public. This year honored 2 individuals, Greg Kleiman of the Max Challenge Madison, 35 Main St. and Steven Phillips of Alfred's Sport Shop, 32 Main St.



(above) Volunteer of the Year Award: Madison Ambulance Corps. JJ Pullaro, Claudia Hirawat, James Wynn, Jack Luts, Kevin DeBiasse, Carmine Toto.

Photos by Madison Area Chamber of Commerce



(above, l-r) Chamber Vice President Peter Daniele and Chris Brinkofski, owner, Tons of Toys, and with Chamber President John Morris who received the 2019 Distinguished Service Award.

"Greg and Steven provide outstanding customer service and go the Extra Mile on a daily basis to make certain that a customers experience when doing any type of business in Madison is nothing but the very best," said Giambra. "Madison is lucky to have them."

"Our honorees delivered thoughtful, enjoyable and touching acceptance speeches and the Chamber Board can't thank them enough for their efforts," said Morris. "The very memorable night was made possible by our honorees, guests, award presenters, many Chamber volunteers and the event's organizer, Karen Giambra, Chamber's executive director."

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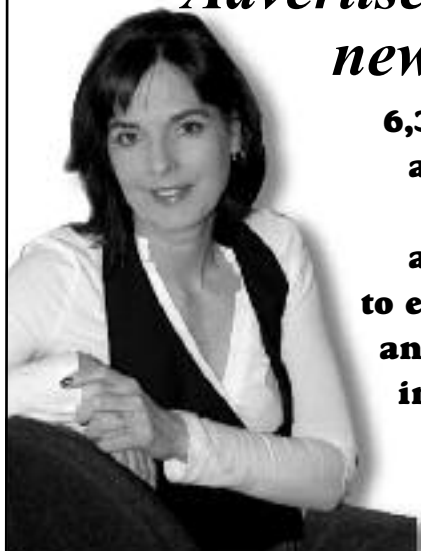
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### About the Raptor Trust

The Raptor Trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located at 1390 White Bridge Rd., Millington, NJ. They provide free care and assistance to injured, sick, or orphaned wild birds. They offer educational programs to the public about wild birds, especially birds of prey. They strive to provide a human example for others. For more information, or to make a donation visit [info@theraptortrust.org](mailto:info@theraptortrust.org). To report an injured bird call 908-647-2353.



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In June, Hynes was one of five to receive a medal from the French Government, bestowing upon them membership in the French Legion of Honor from a grateful country and a grateful

continent for their efforts on D-Day and the days and months to follow.

Hynes stressed the importance of teaching history, so that generations to come will forever appreciate the sacrifices made by generations passed. Hynes is a member of the Greatest Generation, and we, and all of our country will be forever thankful for their heroism and leadership they demonstrated.

Video of the presentation will be posted on the Face Book page: The Borough of Madison New Jersey.



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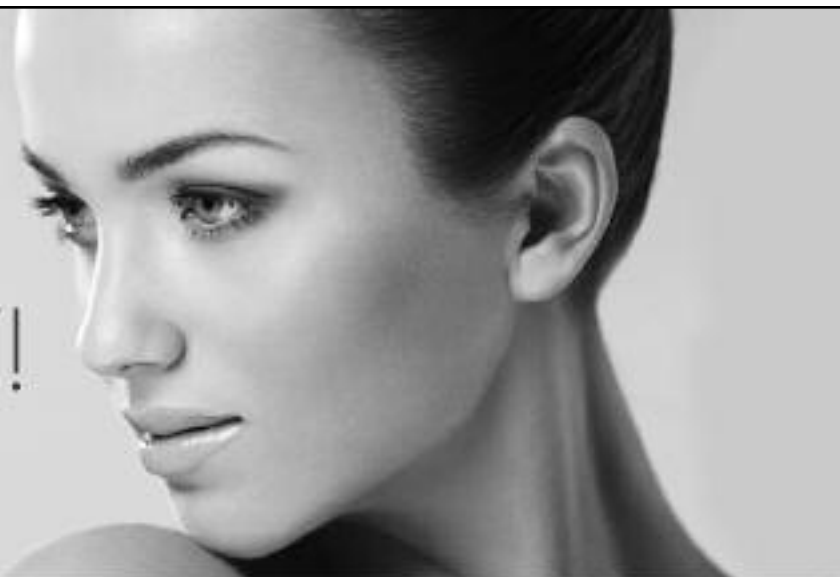
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### **FBI Agent Keyla Munoz**

**Monday, July 8, 7:00 p.m.**

Online registration at [madisonnjlibrary.org](http://madisonnjlibrary.org).

Come learn about the FBI from a Newark agent. Keyla Munoz specializes in human trafficking and discuss what her job entails.

### **Courtyard Tie Dye**

**Wednesday, July 10, 4:00 p.m.**

Registration required (grade 6 and higher)

Come tie-dye your own canvas bag in the library courtyard! We will provide the dye and one canvas bag per person. We will have extra dye, so you can bring extra items to dye too!

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### **Sew It! DIY Drawstring Backpack**

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### **Library Good Eats-Summer Snacks**

**Thursday, July 25, 4:00 p.m.**

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### **Photography as Fine Art**

**Tuesday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.**

Online registration. Photographer and artist Walter Choroszewski presents the history of photography from its origins as a science to its transition to Fine Art. He showcases the work of pioneer avant-garde photographers including Stieglitz, Steichen and Strand, mid-20th century masters including Adams and Weston up to recent-day artist Cindy Sherman.

### **Tea and Cupcake Tasting with Marjorie Wang**

**Monday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.**

Online registration. By popular demand, we are thrilled to have Marjorie Wang return to the Madison Library once again to talk about tea!

This time, we are in for a sweet treat along with the tea - cupcakes!

Marjorie will be teaming up with a baker who specializes in cupcakes. Marjorie will be coordinating with Fred to develop the cupcake pairings. At the moment, they are anticipating a green tea paired with a lemon ginger cupcake, an oolong with an espresso chocolate, and a red tea with a blackberry cupcake. This is subject to change. But, whatever, the pairings, we can guarantee that you won't be disappointed!

Register early as this will definitely fill up fast!

### **From Great Estates to Public Gardens**

**Wednesday, July 31, 7:00 p.m.**

Online registration at [madisonnjlibrary.org](http://madisonnjlibrary.org).

What may be a surprise to many Morris County residents is that within a short driving distance there are hundreds of public gardens. Most of them are free and offer an incredible variety of plants and designs. In some instances these gardens were once part of a private estate and

the original mansion may be open for viewing.

This presentation covers a range of gardens from pocket size to multi-acre arboretums. Pictures are shown of each garden along with access information and the speaker's highly subjective rating. A list of all local gardens will be provided. This program will be presented by Bill Moran, Speakers Bureau Master Gardeners of Morris County Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

### **The Annual Summer Seminar Series**

Now in its 35th year, begins with a seminar by popular speaker, Dr. Doug Simon, and continues with seven more seminars on a wide range of interesting topics.

The seminar roster is below:

### **Is the Post WWII International System in Danger of Collapse?**

**Monday, July 8, 10:30 a.m.**

Led by the U.S., the post WWII international system was constructed with the idea of bringing order to the system and avoiding conditions that caused the horrors of two world wars. That system is now under stress. Popular speaker, Doug Simon, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Drew University, specializes in international affairs, and lectures on this timely topic.

### **Slavery in NJ and the Quaker Abolition Movement**

**Thursday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.**

Popular speaker, Rick Geffken, speaks on this historical topic.

This presentation is an overview of the history and legacy of slavery in New Jersey, and how Quakers influenced its eventual illegality. New Jersey, sadly, was the last northern state to outlaw slavery (1866). The majority of New Jersey voters also voted against Abraham Lincoln in the 1864 election.

Retired U.S. Army officer and Viet Nam veteran, Rick Geffken, holds a BS in Economics from St. Peter's University, a secondary Teaching Certificate from Monmouth University, and an MA from Montclair State University.

### **Finding Truth in the Historically Wide and Diverse 2020 Election Field**

**Monday, July 15, 10:30 a.m.**

The sprawling Democratic field in the 2020 election presents a unique challenge to reporters: how best to fairly cover the issues and policies brought forth by so many different candidates, and also how to properly hold them to account?

Chatham native, Nick Corasaniti, is a New Jersey-based correspondent for the New York Times. He covered the 2016 presidential campaigns of President Trump, Senator Ted Cruz, and Governor Chris Christie. A free seminar. No registration required.

### **Lake Hopatcong's Rise as a Great Resort**

**Thursday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.**

From the 1880s through the 1930s thousands visited the Lake Hopatcong each year, including leaders of government, industry, and

entertainment. Learn about this 'Jewel of the Mountains', and its rise as a great resort. A graduate of Queens College and St. John's University School of Law, Martin Kane is a native of New York City. Now retired from government law, Marty has served as president of the Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum since 1990, and has been a board member on the Lake Hopatcong Foundation since its founding in 2012. A free seminar.

No registration required.

### **Growing Up in NYC During WWII**

**Monday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.**

New York was the setting for the German American Bund, the Manhattan Project, the Brooklyn Army Terminal, the Stage Door Canteen, the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Camp Shanks, troopships, and more.

Join us for this seminar as Martin revisits this historic time in New York, and tells us what it was like growing up there and then. A native New Yorker, historian Martin Schneit has lectured widely in NYC and recorded for the Jewish Braille Institute. A free seminar.

No registration.

### **New Jersey Folk Revival Music**

**Thursday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.**

Michael Gabriele will speak about the contents of his book, which traces the history of the genre of folk revival music and how it has evolved over the years.

Michael is a lifelong resident of New Jersey and graduate of Montclair State University. He has worked as a writer and journalist for more than forty years. He is a member of the executive board of the Nutley Historical Society, and serves on the advisory board of the Clifton Arts Center. A free seminar.

No registration.

### **Born and Raised as Muslim Americans**

**Monday, July 29, 10:30 a.m.**

Two American-born and raised Muslim men, one of Immigrant Pakistani parents and one of American born Caucasian convert parents.

Both are intensely loyal and proud of their American identity. Both are devout practicing Muslims raising families in New Jersey.

Are there conflicts between their Muslim and American identities? Do they face prejudice or bias in their lives? How are they forging a path of faith in today's America? Find out at this fascinating seminar. A free seminar.

### **Revolutionary War Battles Almost in Your Backyard**

**Thursday, August 1, 10:30 a.m.**

Morristown, Springfield and Connecticut Farms: these local familiar places were all battlefields more than 200 years ago. Find out about these battles and the significance of the locations at this seminar.

John Kieser is a retired Professional Engineer and real estate developer. David Siegfried is a graduate of Madison High School and Harvard Law School and was an attorney in NYC and Asia. Both men are members of NJ Sons of the American Revolution. A free seminar.



## KIWANIS CLUB HOSTS BENEVOLENCE EVENT, HONORS KEY CLUB MEMBERS

*Submitted by Justin Montanaro*

On April 23rd, 2019, the Kiwanis Club of the Chatham/Madison hosted its annual Benevolence event at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Chatham. The event is the culmination of yearly efforts which give back to local organizations such as Senior Centers, Emergency Responders, Food Pantries, and Little League.

Special recognition awards were given to members of the Chatham and Madison High School Key Club. For Chatham, the recognition award was given to Anjala Jobanputra. As secretary of the Key Club, she keeps track of volunteer hours for over 350 members. Her

organizational skills kept everything smooth throughout the year, ensuring all volunteer and fundraising efforts were maintained throughout.

For Madison, the recognition award was given to Madison Camp. Madison's efforts included food drives, Special Olympic fundraising, as well as bake sales or simply participating in activities with special need teens. Madison plans to serve as club Vice President next year, and the club looks forward to her continued participation to ensure its success.

The Kiwanis Club alongside the Key Club will always strive to better our community, providing scholarships and fundraising to our youth and beyond.



(above, l-r) Rakesh and Avni Jobanputra, Key Club Member Anjali Jobanputra, and Sharon Johnson.

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## MADISON ARTS MOVES FORWARD... WITH NEW DIRECTOR

The Madison Community Arts Center is open for business. In cooperation with Writers' Theatre of New Jersey and the Madison Arts and Culture Commission, with the Community Arts facility, the Borough of Madison will continue to support the arts in the community. All of the artistic disciplines are represented within the Borough; professional and community theatre, visual arts, dance, music, fine arts, sculpture, story-telling, universities with high quality arts educational programs and many local community groups are already scheduling their presentations, meetings and performances.

The 3,000 square foot facility is equipped with dressing room, ticket booth, sprung dance floor, rest rooms and a large performance space; and now, a leader to coordinate all of the events and artistic activities the Borough provides.

The Borough has hired Eric Hafen as its new Director of Arts and Events. "I look forward to providing the community of Madison with high quality artistic programming throughout the borough as well as heading up the efforts to further enhance Madison Community Arts Center with new features, grid-work, lighting, sound, video projection capabilities, so that it can be the first rate multi-use arts facility it was designed to be," said Hafen.

Eric Hafen served as the Producing Artistic Director of the Bickford Theatre at the Morris Museum for 17 seasons. Some of his award-winning professional plays and musicals include the world premiere of *My Mother, My Sister & Me*, the regional premieres of *A Dog Story* the musical, *Last Days of Mickey & Jean*, *I Love You You're Perfect Now Change* and *Almost, Maine*. He also presented top line jazz and popular concerts including John Pizzarello, Dan Levinson, T.S. Monk, Thomas Pandolfi, John Sebastian, Bria Skonberg and Rio Clemente. He has also presented national touring children's theatre including TheatreWorks USA, Pushcart Players, as well as several film series.

Regionally, he has served as Artistic Director to Park Performing Arts Center in Union City, NJ, and in Massachusetts, co-founded Theatre at the Mount which is now celebrating over 40 years of producing theatre. As Artistic Director for the Six Flags Corporation in Jackson, NJ, he wrote and directed a variety of entertainment from stunt shows, musical revues, fireworks shows, and their annual Fright Fest. In NYC, his directing work has appeared Off-Broadway as well as at the Jekyll & Hyde Club. He serves on the board of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, the consortium of professional theatres in NJ. His non-theatrical life includes auctioneering for non-profit organizations and working with his wife, Donna, who is an AKC Breeder of Merit of miniature schnauzers. He also serves as the Treasurer for the Garden State All Terrier Club.

## SAGE TO HOST MEDICARE 101 PROGRAM ON JULY 11 AND AUGUST 8

SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) at SAGE will host a free program to discuss Medicare plans and options, and answer questions. Held at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit, the Medicare 101 program will take place 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays: July 11 and August 8, 2019.

SAGE Eldercare serves as the SHIP representative for Union County. Staff and volunteers are available for free, personalized, confidential and objective Medicare counseling on decisions about coverage; help with claims, billing, or appeals; and provide information on programs for people with limited income and resources, as well as to help you reassess your coverage. The counselors receive ongoing training from the Division of Aging Services, New Jersey Department of Human Services.

For more information or to register for Medicare 101, please call: 908-598-5548 or email: [education@sageeldercare.org](mailto:education@sageeldercare.org). To make an appointment with a SHIP counselor, please call:

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## TINY TOT TUESDAYS ARE BACK!

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This program allows for exclusive use of the lake prior to opening hours and will run through Tuesday, August 20, 2019. The cost is \$4 per adult, and FREE for ages 4 & under. For more information, call 973.267.4351, or visit [morrisparks.net](http://morrisparks.net)





## MADISON THURSDAY MORNING CLUB ATTENDS 125TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Submitted by Cathy Gotliffe*

Eleven members of the Madison Thursday Morning Club (TMC) attended the 125th New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) Convention held in Atlantic City. This year's theme was "Celebrate a Proud Legacy" which includes, among other things, the founding of Douglass College as well as being instrumental in the initiative to Save the

Palisades.

The TMC owns and operates the Madison Community House (MCH) at 25 Cook Avenue in Madison and serves the Madison Community by providing meeting space to many civic organizations, scout troops and other educational programs. For further information on TMC and/or MCH, please call 973-377-0244 or email [TMC@tmcmmch.org](mailto:TMC@tmcmmch.org).



(above, l-r) Standing: Betty Landi, Jeannie Kosakowski, Anne Lawless, Julie Trapp, Carol Schessler; Seated: Susan Packie, Sharon Silver, Claire Burling, Susan Elko; Not pictured: Kathy Trombacco.

## NJ SHARING NETWORK REPORTS THAT 678 LIFE-SAVING TRANSPLANTS TOOK PLACE IN 2018

NJ Sharing Network, the non-profit, federally designated organ procurement organization responsible for the recovery of organs and tissue in the state, has released statistics regarding donation in New Jersey during 2018. Last year, a total of 678 life-saving transplants were made possible, 537 from deceased donors and an additional 141 from living donors.

More hearts (79) were transplanted than ever before, representing an 18 percent increase over 2017. Additionally, an unprecedented number of eye donors (826) gave the gift of sight, a nine percent increase from the prior year.

These record-breaking numbers are against the backdrop of significant growth in organ transplantation in New Jersey, which has increased 35 percent over the last six years. In fact, 2018 marks the fourth year of over 500 organs transplanted in the state. Over that same timeframe, heart donation saw an enormous increase of 132 percent.

Transplants saw an upswing nationally, as well, with over 36,500 organ transplants performed in 2018. This sets an annual record for the sixth straight year, according to preliminary data from United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS).

Vernell Williams of Paterson, NJ, says that he is eternally grateful to a man named Victor Startek of Toms River, NJ, who passed away at age 27 and donated his heart and kidney. Startek had registered as an organ donor when he first got his New Jersey driver's license. His mother, Deborah Martinez, and twin sister, Ashley

Startek, said that knowing Victor had already made the decision was an enormous relief for them. Williams, 50, who suffered from congestive heart failure, had waited months to receive a heart transplant and had nearly given up hope.

"The months that I spent in the hospital waiting for a new heart were the most challenging of my life. I'm an optimistic person, but I'd begun to think I was facing the end. That's when I got the call – and Victor literally saved my life."

Like Victor, nearly 40 percent of those who gave the gift of life in 2018 previously registered as an organ donor and made their wishes known to family and friends, and this number continues to grow.

"The increased percentage of donors who were previously registered speaks to the incredible job that our entire staff does to educate and inform the community about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation," said Joe Roth, President and CEO of NJ Sharing Network.

Today, there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents awaiting a life-saving transplant. Every day, approximately three people are added to the New Jersey waiting list, and one person dies every three days while waiting for a transplant. One organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 people. New Jersey residents can help save lives by registering as organ and tissue donors, having a conversation with family and friends and getting involved at [NJSharingNetwork.org](http://NJSharingNetwork.org).

## MADISON ROTARY CLUB AWARDS \$5,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS



Twenty-two applications for Madison Rotary's "Service Above Self" scholarship award were received this year. The top eight students were interviewed by the Scholarship Committee and five students, Emily Axelsen, Sara Massey, Heather McCulloch, Julia Sales and Amanda Smith were selected to receive \$1,000 scholarship awards. All of the students attend Madison High School with the exception of Emily Axelsen who attends Gill St. Bernards.

Students and their families have been invited to attend the July 11th, breakfast meeting of Madison Rotary to receive their checks and make a few comments on their volunteerism and plans for the future.

The Rotary Club of Madison has an enthusiastic and engaged network of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to serve humanity in our local and global communities. We have 88 members and are inviting like-minded individuals to join our successful and vibrant club. President Michel Belt encourages you to come learn about Rotary by attending any one of our three weekly meetings as our guest. Thursdays, 7:47 am breakfast at the YMCA; 12:15 pm lunch at the Madison Hotel or; 6 pm the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Charlie Brown's in Chatham. For questions or additional information, contact Barry Kroll, Membership Development Chair, at [barrykroll@aol.com](mailto:barrykroll@aol.com) or 973-476-2772.

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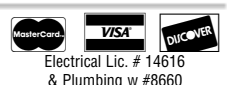
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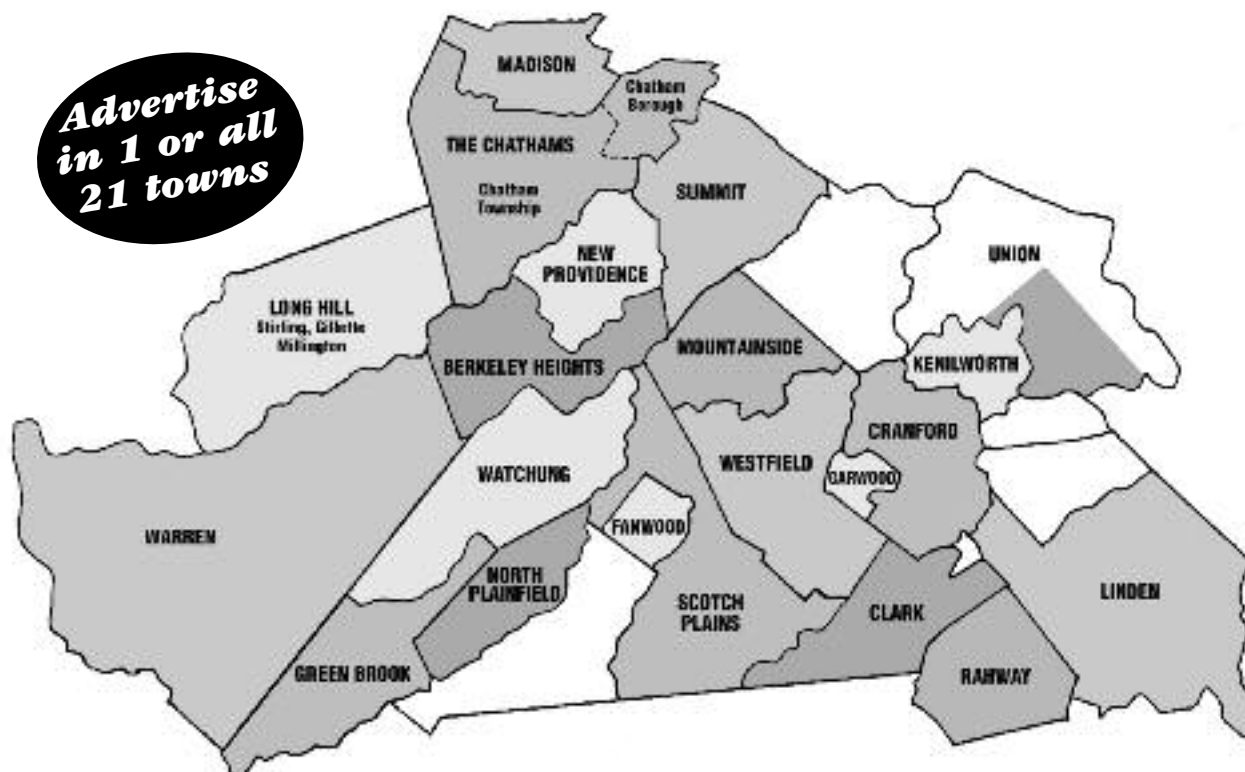
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### About Hawk Rise Sanctuary

Close to Route 1 in Linden, in an industrial area with strip malls, a police firing range, and a filled in landfill you'll find a hidden treasure. In one of the last places you'd think to find an ecological preserve, is Hawk Rise Sanctuary! Hawk Rise was opened in 2012 and is maintained by the NJ Audubon. The flat trails inside are about 1.5 miles long, and the sanctuary spans 95 acres.

Open daily from sunrise to sunset. At the entrance to Hawk Rise is information for visitors including animal and plant species to look for, as well as any upcoming programs. There's a Porta-Potty but no other facilities at the location so plan accordingly! At the start of the sanctuary you have options on which way to go, and throughout the park there are other forks in the trails – choose wisely but be sure to go back and see what you missed. Events are held throughout the year visit <https://njudubon.org/centers/hawk-rise-sanctuary/>.

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