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#### **MOUNTAINSIDE CELEBRATES QUASQUICENTENNIAL**

Submitted by The Mountainside Restoration Committee

The Borough of Mountainside, founded in 1895, will celebrate its 125th anniversary, the Quasquicentennial, throughout 2020.

"Cheers to 125 Years" was the slogan for the kickoff for the first of three 125th Anniversary celebrations. The adult only cocktail party sold out the Springfield Hilton Garden Inn with 350 residents in attendance on Friday, February 21, 2020.

The Spinners spun the tunes as many danced the night away. The Mountainside Newcomers were out in full force with over 40 members in attendance. Beautiful Mountainside represented as well with a table of 10. It was nice to see so many residents; young and old, mingling and catching up. Some residents have even requested this be a yearly event!

Mountainside businesses gave so generously when asked. Delicious desserts were donated from Prince's Farm Stand, Mazzella's Gourmet Market, Bovellas Bakery Cafe, Stage House Tavern, Echo Tap & Grille, The Bake Zone, Mosaico, Spanish Tavern and Famous Daves Bar-B-Que. Beautiful floral arrangements were donated by Christoffers Flowers & Gifts and Millburn Florist.

Deanna Andre and Rachel Pater are the council women heading these events. Jeanie Ruban and Cathy Jakositz were the chairs who executed this event with care and great attention to detail. Committee Members were as follows: Julie Demarco, Jennifer Doll, Chrissy Kiesewetter, Andi Hoy, Michelle Monaghan, Christina Nixon, Susan Patterson, Gina Perrotta and Diane Roman.

A variety of events have been planned as part of a year-long, community-wide celebration. All of the events and activities will highlight Mountainside's history and achievements.

In June, "Arts Inside Mountainside" will convene at Constitution Plaza. Residents will have the opportunity to showcase their artistic ability. The official date is to be announced. Finally, on Saturday, September 12 the "Mountainside 125th End of Summer Celebration" will be held on the grounds of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Residents will enjoy live music, children's rides, games, food trucks and much more and is being coordinated by Gary Whyte.

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#### "NEIGHBOR/SENIOR BUDDY" PROGRAM

Rachel Pater, Councilwoman

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, Mountainside launched a "neighbor/senior buddy" program. Under the director of Senior Coordinator Kim Moriak, volunteers are paired with a senior or someone in need to shop for groceries and deliver meals weekly. More than 30 volunteers are in place who have adopted a senior. Local restaurants to include Mazzella's, the Mountainside Deli and Mosiaco and Chrone's Tavern are providing either free or reduced cost meals weekly. Volunteers meet at the Mountainside Public Library where the meals are distributed and ultimately delivered to the seniors.

"I'm so proud of all the volunteers who have stepped up in this time of crisis," said Mayor Paul Mirabelli. "Our seniors are the backbone of this community and I know they are so appreciative of these efforts to keep them safe. I would like to thank Kim Moriak and all the volunteers who are helping those in need."

If someone is in need of a volunteer for shopping or food delivery, please contact Senior Coordinator Kim Moriak at 908-812-4434 or kmoriak@mountainside-nj.com.



#### **RETIRED SCOUTS HELP MAINTAIN CAMPS**

The Flintlocks repaired the Dan Beard Tree House at Boy Scout Camp Somers in Stanhope, NJ over the winter. This camp serves the Union County area scouts, as well as Morris, Sussex and Middlesex Counties.

The Flintlocks are retired scouters who volunteer every Thursday at Camp Winnebago in Rockaway, NJ. All it took was some lumber, some screws and some elbow grease. Since the Flintlocks are all volunteers with outstanding construction skills, it saves the Council from hiring outside contractors to do the repairs. A small group goes up to Camp Somers on Wednesdays to work over there. Most of the men had fathers who helped the Boy Scouts when they



were in the scouts as lads, and have sons and grandchildren who were, or are, in the scouts.

For more information please visit the Facebook Page "Flintlocks", or contact Flintlocks Secretary Michael Hart at drmhart@yahoo.com.





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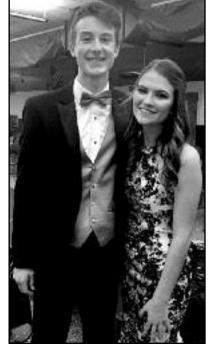






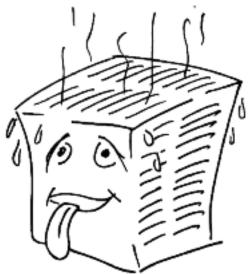
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#### Submitted by Shana Hopeck

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The Prom Fashion Show raised over \$4,400 to off-set costs for the Senior Prom and the 2020 Project Graduation program. Project Graduation is a drug and substance-free event for the students immediately following commencement.

The Prom Fashion Show Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers, students, faculty, administrators and staff who made the night run so smoothly. We especially want to thank the sponsors who provided the fashions, hair and make up and food for the models: Adams Fine Clothing & Tuxedos in New Providence, David's Bridal in Watchung, Lord & Taylor at Livingston Mall, Renew Salon, M. Crescimbeni Hair & Makeup Artistry, Sublime Salon, Feathers II, Hair by Corinne, Mary Kay— Stephanie Skidmore, Clemente's Pizzeria, Stop & Shop and Delicious Heights. Limos were on display from DJs Limousine for all to preview and take pictures.

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"It's a lot easier," Brian said, thanks to the Volvo he received as a donation through Community Access Unlimited this fall. "I go to work and take my son places."

CAU started the vehicle donation program as a way to aid youth and individuals with disabilities who wished to complete their drivers

What does it mean to have your own car? For test and gain the independence that comes with owning a vehicle. Now Brian can easily travel to the job he has had for nearly 20 years. Many have already benefited from the donation of reliable cars to get them where they need to go- from work and school to social functions.

> "I've known about it for a while and it finally worked out," Brian said.

> Unlike other car donation programs, CAU does not sell or scrap donated cars, receiving only a percentage of their value. By donating a vehicle to CAU, 100% of your donation will go to a person with transportation needs.

Those interested in donating a car should contact Mercedes Pagan, fundraising and event director, 908-354-3040 x4376 mpagan@caunj.org.

Vehicles that may qualify for donation include those that are new, gently used, or vehicles needing minor body or mechanical work. The owner of the car must have the title at the time of donation. Car donors will receive a donation letter which can serve as a charitable donation, which is tax deductible.

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Submitted by Jack McCurdy

Presbyterian Church of Community Mountainside is thrilled to announce the arrival of our new Head Pastor, Reverend Anastassia Cooper. Reverend Cooper travelled from her home in St. Peters, Missouri, with her husband, David, to begin her ministry at the church on March 4, 2020.

Reverend Cooper brings to CPC a genuine

devotion and love of Christianity and the teachings of Jesus Christ. She is an intelligent, compassionate and loving person who is excited for her new role at the church and within the community.

We invite you to join us for worship service to meet Reverend Cooper and join us as we embrace this exciting new chapter in the life of our church.



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