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Here Comes the Sun: Three Great Choruses, One Online Show will premiere Sunday, May 23, at 5:00 p.m. on YouTube. It's a first-of-a kind collaboration between three of the area's best-loved choruses. The Maplewood Glee Club is a community chorus that's been delighting local audiences with its harmonies and humor since 1946. The Morris Music Men is Morris County's premiere barbershop harmony chorus. The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus shares the joy of barbershop through songs from the Beatles to Broadway.

This family-friendly show features a range of uplifting songs including Happy Together, Kokomo, Heat Wave, and Circle of Life, plus music by Beyoncé, Whitney Houston, Chance the Rapper, and more! The show will also feature guest appearances by two dynamic teen ensembles from

West Morris Mendham High School.

Here's the best news about Here Comes the Sun: it's free! Just register ahead of time at threechoruses.com and you'll receive a free show link 24 hours before the premiere.

The choruses are also spreading sunshine by raising money for Newark Working Kitchens, a non-profit organization that enables many local Newark restaurants to keep their doors open, their stoves on, and their employees paid during the Covid-19 crisis by cooking and delivering hundreds of meals a day to low-income seniors and families and people without homes. Donations can be made during the show or through the show's website.

To learn more about Here Comes the Sun, visit threechoruses.com or contact Josh Adler at JJadler@ymail.com or 917 697-2893.

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DONATE UNWANTED BICYCLES

On Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South Street in New Providence, will be collecting second-hand bikes for use by adults and children in third world countries.

The collection is being conducted on behalf of Pedals for Progress (P4P), an organization which annually recycles 6,000 bicycles for persons in developing countries.

Anyone with a bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate to this worthy cause. Bikes may be dropped off at the parking lot next to the church. Members of Faith will repair and process the bikes for shipment.

Since 2002, Faith Lutheran has been collecting bikes. In 2020, 170 bikes were collected from

persons in New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, Westfield, Warren, Scotch Plains and Fanwood. This range of towns was aided by articles published in Renna Media town newspapers.

Every year affluent Americans buy 22 million new bicycles and discard millions of old ones, abandoning many more in basements, sheds and garages. Most of these end up in our already overburdened landfills.

P4P ships its reconditioned bikes to persons in need of countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. The bikes provide reliable transportation to commute to work, transport produce to market, access health care and other services. Steady employment for adults is vital to the development and success of these economies.

Persons who have bikes but are unable to deliver them to Faith on May 8 may call the church office on 908-464-5177 or email family.faith@verizon.net.



(above) Alana Lamberti of Faith repairs a bike for shipment.



(above) Bikes filled the P4P truck to capacity.



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The Watchung Arts Center (WAC) will kick off this Spring Season by streaming LIVE music from different genres including Folk-Rock, Classical and Banjo. Join us for a spectacular concert featuring Folk-Rock artist Chip Mergott on Saturday, May 8 at 8 p.m. Next, enjoy an exquisite evening of classical music by virtuoso pianist Sophia Agranovich on Saturday, May 22 at 8 p.m. Further, tune into the internationally renowned Tony Trischka, the man who made the banjo bigger, jazzier and more worldly, on Saturday, June 5 at 8 p.m. Due to the Pandemic all these Concerts will be streamed live from the Watchung Arts Center to the comfort and safety of your home via Zoom.

Each month, the WAC typically displays the work of local and professional artists in its two galleries. Due to COVID, the Center has scheduled a virtual screening of the art exhibitions on its website. The Watchung Arts Center's Members Exhibition showcases the

work of Ruth Brown, Albert E. Cook, Jr., Virginia Carroll, Charlann Meluso, Bryan Murray, Monica Schraiber Otero and Cecilly B. Sullivan.

In addition to its performance and exhibit schedule, the Watchung Arts Center also offers classes for adults and children. The Spring Yoga Session lasts from April 6 to June 18 and offers Gentle, Restorative, and Level II/III Iyengar Classes. Children's classes in Drawing and Painting Enrichment are also slated to run from April 12 to June 7. In view of the current and uncertain times all these classes are being offered virtually.

The Watchung Arts Center, located at 18 Stirling Road in Watchung on the Watchung Circle, is a multi-disciplinary arts facility serving Watchung, the surrounding communities and the Tri-State Area. To obtain more information about upcoming performances, classes and workshops, and monthly art exhibitions, please visit WatchungArts.org or call 908-753-0190.

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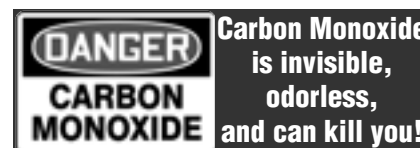
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WEEKDAY DOG WALKS AT LORD STIRLING

The Somerset County Park Commission and the Friends of Lord Stirling Stable are adding to the Saturday Dog Walks at Lord Stirling Stable. Additional dog walks will be held on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

"Our weekend dog walks are a great way for the public to enjoy the beautiful equestrian trails of Lord Stirling Stable, as well as an opportunity to get some outdoor exercise in a safe environment during the COVID pandemic," said Anna McLernon, Friends of Lord Stirling Stable President.

Registration begins 15 minutes before each walk kicks off. Dogs and their humans will be led on the trails at: Monday, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. (casual walk); Saturday, 10:30 a.m. (fast walk)

To protect the safety of all walkers during the pandemic, masks must be worn prior to the start of the walk but are optional on the trails once the walk begins unless proper social distancing cannot be maintained.

The traditional fee of \$3 per dog will be waived at this time, but donations to the Friends of Lord Stirling Stable are welcome. The Friends of Lord Stirling Stable is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to support Lord Stirling Stable.

For more information on the dog walks, contact Barbara Roche at 908-448-8348 or kb2krx@yahoo.com.

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You may have heard about the increase in domestic violence since the start of the pandemic as families are forced to shelter in place. Since then, Safe+Sound Somerset has seen a 40% increase in calls and texts to our 24/7 domestic violence hotline – even as it has become harder for those experiencing domestic abuse to reach out for help. Domestic abuse is a pattern of controlling, threatening, degrading and violent behaviors by a partner. Abuse takes many forms, including emotional, psychological, physical, sexual and financial.

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Chrissy Sloan
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Blood is urgently needed. The region's healthcare system requires 1,500 donations each day to treat patients ranging from trauma victims and cancer patients to newborn babies and their mothers. Prior to the pandemic, blood drives were held at businesses, high schools, colleges and community groups. Most of those groups have had to cancel their blood drives due to COVID-19. Donations are at just 65% of pre-pandemic levels - well below what is needed by hospitals and patients in our area.

"This is an incredibly challenging time for our communities. We are now relying on people seeking out a place to donate. So far, that is not happening at the level we need," said Andrea H. Cefarelli, Senior Executive Director of Recruitment & Marketing for New York Blood Center.

We are asking our community to visit our donor centers or to find a convenient community blood drive to donate. "The Covid-19 pandemic has created blood shortages for all New Jersey and NY hospital systems, said Cefarelli. Donated blood is essential for trauma and surgery patients

in need. We encourage healthy New Jersey residents, aged 16 to 75, to donate blood at NJBS blood drives and donation sites now. Visit NYBC.org or Call 1-800-933-BLOOD (2566) to make an appointment today."

HOW NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS CAN HELP:

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NYBC also needs more partners to step up and help host drives in large venues. If you have a space available and would like to host a blood drive, please sign up at nybloodcenter.org/support-us/host-blood-drive/apply-host-drive.

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A & E Clothing Corp, Carteret, NJ, helps facilitate collection of clothing, linens and shoes for distribution throughout the US and developing countries. They will sort and ship the items and compensate the Rosary Society per pound collected. These funds will go toward the needs of the Parish community.

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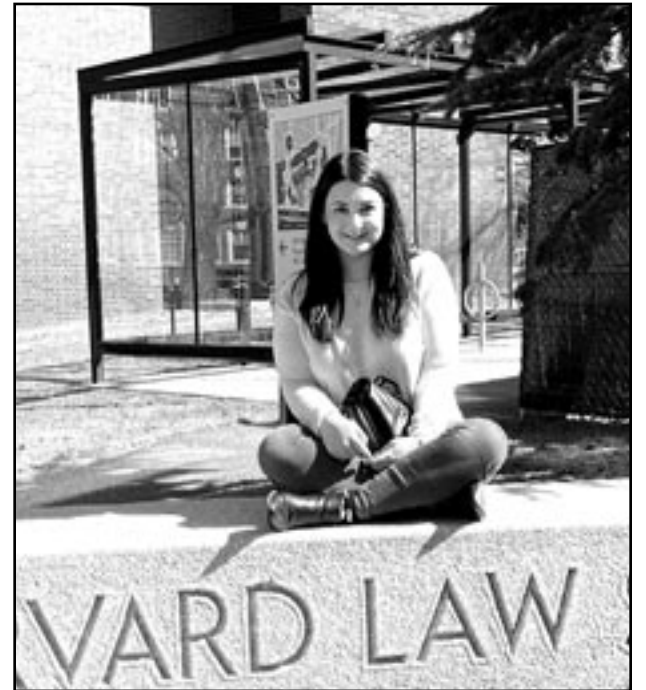
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Sonali Howe, who graduated from Watchung Hills Regional High School in 2017, will complete her undergraduate degree at Northeastern University in Boston and then begin her Doctor of Law (JD) degree at Harvard University in the fall.

Sonali and her family would like to thank the Green Brook schools, Warren Hills Regional High School, including all the teachers and school staff who helped Sonali along the way.



(above) St. Vincent de Paul will hold their Spring clothing drive on Friday, May 21, 2021. Pictured is the collection from their Fall drive.



A MESSAGE FOR FAMILIES OF ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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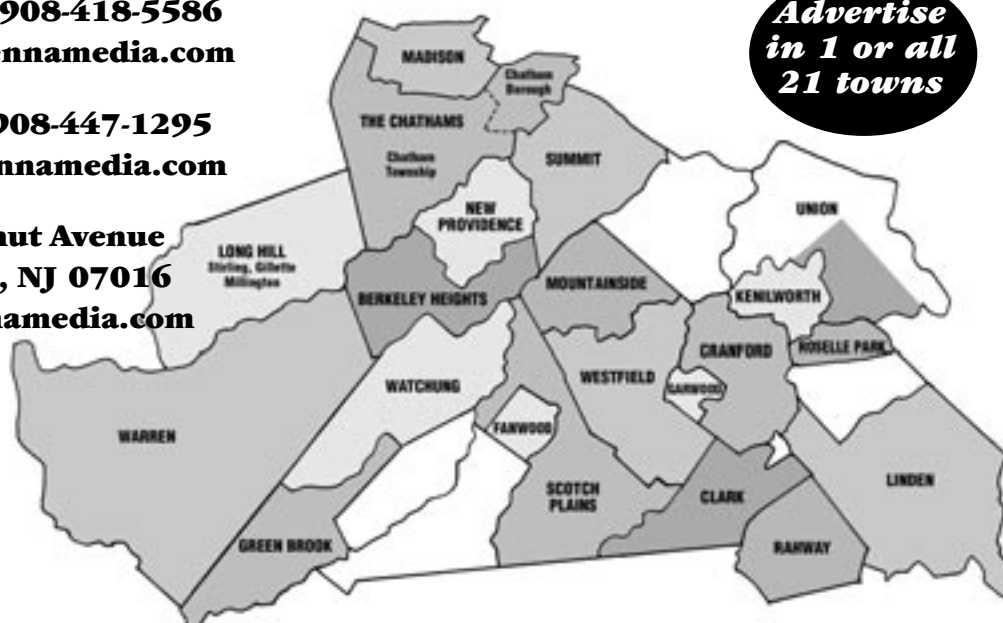
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Family Storytime (families with children) Register now:

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May 5, 6:30-7 p.m.

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May 19, 7-7:30 p.m.

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Panchatantra Stories (families with children)

May 6, 3-3:30 p.m.

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Meet the Author - Linda Sue Park (all ages)

May 14, 2-3 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4644929.

A Virtual Visit With Charles Lindbergh (all ages)

May 20, 7-8 p.m.

Performed by American Historical Theatre

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Bilingual English/Spanish Storytime (families)

May 25, 5-5:30 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4674363.

Family Night - Pencil Pinwheels (families with children)

May 27, 7-7:30 p.m.

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CHILDREN, TWEENS, AND TEENS

A Virtual Escape Room - Hippokampus (ages 10 and up)

May 1-14

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Teen Book Talk - Spring/Summer Reads (grades 6-12)

May 3, 4-5 p.m.

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Tabletop Gaming (grades 3-6)

May 3, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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May the Fourth Be With You (grades 6-8)

May 4, 6-7 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4718251.

Toddler/Preschool Storytime

(ages 18 months - 5 years and their caregivers)

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May 5, 10-10:30 a.m.

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May 6, 10-10:30 a.m.

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May 19, 10-10:30 a.m.

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May 26, 10-10:30 a.m.

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May 27, 10-10:30 a.m.

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May 28, 10:30-11 a.m.

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May 6, 5-6:30 p.m.

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Construction Club (grades 2-5)

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May 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Music and Movement With Miss Linda

(ages 3-6)

May 7, 10:30-11 a.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4704650.

Stay at Home Science Demonstration -

Sugar Crystals (grades K-5)

May 8, 1-1:45 p.m.

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Artes y Manualidades (Kids Crafts) (grades 2-4)

May 8, 2-2:45 p.m.

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STEAM

Captivating Colors (grades 1-4)

May 10, 4-4:45 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4697824.

Sensational Sounds (grades K-5)

May 12, 4-5 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4700560.

Songs That Count - Add to the World (grades Pre-K to 2)

May 11, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

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Crafting Fun - 3D Vase With Flowers (grades 2 and up)

May 11, 3-3:30 p.m.

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Highlighted Doodled Letters (grades K-4)

May 13, 3-3:30 p.m.

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Understanding the College Essay (grades 9-12)

May 13, 5-6 p.m.

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Intro to Robotics - Disc Color Maze (grades 6-12)

May 13, 5-6:30 p.m.

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Passport to Reading (grades K-3)

May 14, 5-5:30 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4706134.

Toddler Sing With Pat

(ages 18 months - 3 years and caregivers)

May 18, 10:30-11 a.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4618762.

You Can Garden (grades 1-4)

May 18, 4-4:45 p.m.

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Art Workshop - Portraits (grades 6-12)

May 18, 5-6:30 p.m.

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Meet the Author - Kwame Alexander (grades 4-12)

May 19, 1-1:45 p.m.

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Wacky Science (grades 2 and up)

May 19, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

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May 24, 4-4:45 p.m.

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American Sign Language Storytime

(ages birth - 5 years and caregivers)

May 25, 10:30-11 a.m.

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Kids in the Kitchen (grades 3-5)

May 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Game Design Workshop - Dice Games (grades 6-12)

May 28, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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Meet the Author Lisa Wingate

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Jim Amon

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Stephen Puleo

May 25, 7-8 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4626798.

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo With Crafts Celebrando el

Cinco de Mayo con Manualidades

May 3, 5-6 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4713886.

Cooking With Chef T - Flour Tortillas and Beef Taco

Filling With Pico de Gallo

May 3, 7-8 p.m.

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May 4, 11 a.m. - noon

Presented by Paul Grzella

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May 4, 7-8 p.m.

Presented by Kevin Woyce

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Dungeons and Dragons

5-7:45 p.m.

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Hamilton vs. Jefferson

the Rivalry that Shaped a Nation

May 6, 7-8 p.m.

Presented by Pr. Louis Masur

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Recipe Club - Brunch

May 11, 6-7 p.m.

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UrbEx 101 Investigating Abandoned New Jersey

May 11, 7-8 p.m.

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The Beatles From Liverpool to Abbey Road - Presented

by Vincent Bruno.

May 12, 7-8 p.m.

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Camping 101 - What You Need to Know

May 13, 4-5 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4715247.

Online Job Searching

May 14, 11 a.m. - noon

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