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Submitted by Michael D. Boll, President

Memorial Day weekend is one of the most challenging for the New Jersey Veterans Network and its team of volunteers and mentors. This is a difficult time for many veterans because they reflect on their brothers and sisters that didn't make it home. Every day our nation loses 22 veterans to suicide, and it seems that number isn't coming down. If you are a veteran, or a family member, who is feeling alone, or are in need of assistance, we are here for you. Please reach out to us.

Our team focuses on helping our veterans and first responders have a better way of life through our volunteer mobile outreach mentoring program. We believe by aggressively seeking out veterans in need and contacting them before they are in crisis, we can really have some positive results. Contacting a person in need first is a great way to build trust and make it easier to begin a friendship. People will do better when they have human contact in their lives, too many programs are automated and lack the empathy and compassion needed to help someone in crisis.

We are not afraid to tell our veterans and first responders that they are loved and we strive to give them purpose. The team immediately empowers and gives its members a new family unit to be part of again. Nearly everyone that joins the team wants to help others and make a difference in someone else's life. Helping others definitely is a medicine that will make you become a better person, and you'll feel really good about it.

New Jersey Veterans Network is constantly keeping active thru our Operation Rebound Racing Team which hosts numerous hikes, runs, bike rides and all other types of physically challenging events. However, we also focus on non athletic events like hosting a BBQ, comedy show, tailgate, camping trip, and several other fun outings throughout the year. But it doesn't stop there, the team works well with other charities and hosts numerous food drives and clothing events which normally take place at our veteran hospitals and shelters. If you would like to help, there is something for you to contribute.

Most recently, in April, our outreach director Frank "Doc" Schupp spearheaded our "Helping Heroes" program, and "Hero Day". These two programs were responsible for providing over 3,000 veterans and National Guardsmen throughout the state with food, PPE, and personal items.

In the last few years New Jersey Veterans Network has grown and has been able to save lives, provide cars, employment, housing, clothing, food, toiletries, and so much more to heroes.

In the next few weeks, we will be launching a statewide anti-suicide and PTSD awareness campaign. We have joined forces with the NJ VFW, NJ American Legion, NJSPBA, NJ FMBA, NJ FOP, NJ Veterans Affairs, State Legislators, and numerous other groups and organizations.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Financial donations are great but we mostly rely on volunteers and donated resources. Our charity allows donors the opportunity to choose



(above) Chatham resident Jim Coyne volunteered to help out during Hero's Day, helping to sort and distribute food, personal hygiene items, and clothing to veterans.

where their funds go and the volunteers get to play an active role in changing someone's life.

If you are interested in joining the team as a volunteer, or are a veteran in need of assistance or comradeship, please contact us at NJVN1775@gmail.com or call 973-332-1556. Visit online at NJVN.org.

ABOUT NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK

We are a group of veterans and volunteers dedicated to helping our veterans and their families live better lives. Our team is raising awareness of our veterans needs by organizing public speaking engagements, meeting with business and political leaders across the state and sponsoring fundraising events. Our mission is to identify veterans and connect them with resources and programs designed to meet their unique set of needs. To ensure that EVERY single one of our veterans, who have sacrificed so much for this great country, receives the resources that they require and deserve. If you are interested in joining our team, would like us to speak at your event, or contribute to our mission, call 973-332-1556 or email mdbollio@optonline.net. To learn more visit njvn.org.

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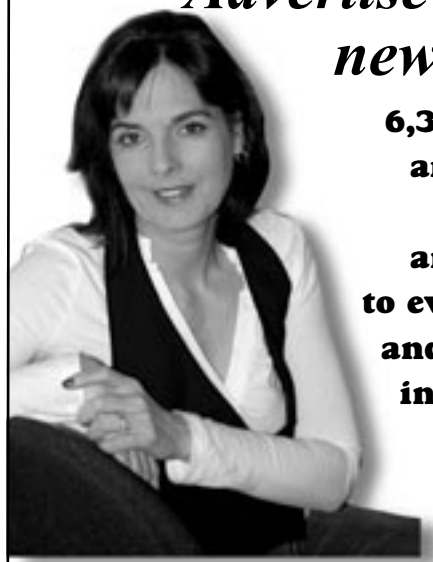
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MADISON ROTARY ANNOUNCES JUNE SPEAKERS

The Rotary Club of Madison is an enthusiastic and engaged network of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to serve people in our local and global communities. At the Rotary's weekly meetings, guest speakers present on a broad range of topics that are of interest to the community. Rotary meetings are at 8:00 a.m. each Thursday via Zoom. For June 2021, the line-up of guest speakers for Rotary meetings includes:

On June 10th Jim Burnet will discuss Hillside Cemetery on Main Street in Madison. In addition to his critical role in Madison as the Borough's Chief Financial Officer, Jim is very active in efforts supporting Hillside Cemetery – not only celebrating its history, but protecting and preserving this downtown treasure.

On June 17th Sandra Benedict, Development Director for the Interfaith Food Pantry in Morris County (IFP), will discuss food insecurity and the efforts of the IFP and other governmental and non-governmental entities to address this wide-spread dilemma. The economic disruptions caused by the pandemic have made these hardships more acute and have made the IFP's mission all the more critical. Sandra will

discuss these needs and the collaborative efforts of the IFP and others to alleviate these hardships.

On June 24th Rotary's guest speaker will be Lisa Barsky-Firkser, the Executive Director of Court Appointed Special Advocates of Morris and Sussex Counties (CASA). For 34 years CASA has been a strong voice for the best interests of vulnerable children who have been removed from or are under court supervision due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. CASA recruits, trains and supervises community volunteers to be advocates, mentors and champions for each child. Lisa will provide an overview of CASA's mission, its programs and how CASA volunteers have had a positive impact on the lives of at-need children in our communities.

Rotary meetings are open to the public and non-Rotarian members of the community are welcome to attend. The 8:00 a.m. meetings are being held by Zoom; log-in information can be found at the Rotary website at www.madisonrotarynj.org. Interested speakers may also contact us through the website.

MADISON ROTARY VIRTUAL WINE TASTING EVENT

The Madison Rotary will host a virtual wine tasting event on Thursday, June 3, 2021, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy the evening with friends and Rotarians as we learn about California wines especially chosen for this event and appreciate a selected Gouda as we learn the subtleties of the wine. Our Sommelier for the evening, Bryan Cocchiara, was a budding bourbon aficionado during his tenure in graduate school, but he truly fell in love with wine when he joined the team at Gary's Wine. Now, he has a fond appreciation for bold cabernets, and soft, supple pinot noirs.

All proceeds from the event will fund Madison Rotary's ongoing commitment to actively engage

in eradicating food insecurity in our community, to empower youth and to partner and provide financial assistance to over 30 local organizations to enrich the Madison community for all.

Ticket price of \$100 per pod (up to four people on Zoom). The wine tasting box includes Raymond Reserve Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc, paired with Prairie Breeze Cheddar, and Angels Landing Napa Valley Cabernet sauvignon paired with Beemster Gouda XO 26 month and crackers (a \$65.00 value). Pick up at Gary's Wine in Madison until June 3rd or deliver to your home for a \$5 fee. For every ticket, \$50 is tax deductible as allowed by law. Purchase tickets at: www.madisonrotarynj.org.



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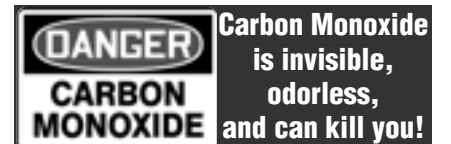
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KIWANIS FISH & CHIPS DINNER

Submitted by Justin Montanaro

Every year, the Kiwanis Club of Chatham/Madison hosts its Fish & Chips Dinner at Chatham High School. It is their flagship fundraising event and was not going to be stopped this year with Covid! Rather than indoors, Thistle Catering of Randolph provided a food truck – cooking the fish & chip dinners on the spot. Chef/owner Bill Leahy, alongside his wife and daughter, kept the meals coming to ensure the attendees were in and out quickly. Members of the Chatham & Madison High School Key Clubs as well as Kiwanis members helped keep the car line and meal delivery in order. A big thanks to the sponsors who helped provide ancillary items as well as donations: Chatham Moving & Storage, Village Hardware, Noke and Heard, Suburban Chiropractic Center, John E Deutsch Jr. DDS, Dave's Auto Repair, ECLC, Simonfay Landscaping Inc, Specialized Auto Craft, Pine Acres Healthcare & Rehabilitation.

The Kiwanis Club is always looking for members, if interested please call Justin Montanaro at 973-714-6656.

THURS MORNING CLUB “PILLOW TALK” PROJECT

The Thursday Morning Club (TMC) is a 120+ year member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC). Every 2 years, NJSFWC member clubs adopt a charitable organization voted on by members for assistance and support. In 2019, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) was one such organization and the TMC quickly moved to devise a plan which would benefit the CASA children who have experienced abuse and neglect due to their unacceptable and sometimes volatile home situations.

The “Pillow Talk” project included TMC members making themed pillowcases in conjunction with a service project for the students of the TMC's Before and After School Child Care

(BASCC) program in Madison's three (3) elementary schools. The students painted white pillowcases in bright colors of pictures and sayings to brighten the days and nights of the CASA children. In February, 2020 these were collected, ironed, and given to a CASA representative for delivery. The project was reported in the TMC's annual report to the NJSFWC which awarded it a first place among all New Jersey women's clubs for creativity. The State Federation has forwarded it to the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) for further consideration of a National award.

The objective of both Federations, NJSFWC and GFWC, is service which is found outwardly in the motto of the TMC: “Ich Dien”, “I Serve”.



(above) Thursday Morning club students with the pillowcases they made for CASA children.

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ISABELLA HADDOCK TO DEBUT AT TRIBECA FESTIVAL



(above) Isabella Haddock

Isabella Haddock, currently a student at Madison Junior High School, is an American-Turkish actress born in Auckland, New Zealand. Haddock first began her acting career in 2018, establishing herself with roles in the Kings Road School plays. She recently performed a lead role in a short film titled Leylak, which will be world-premiering at the Tribeca Film Festival (2021) on Saturday, June 12, and Sunday June 13.

The 2021 Tribeca Festival includes 46 films from 20 countries worldwide. Of the 46 short films 29 are narrative shorts, of which Leylak is in the section of "New York, New York 2021". The Leylak cast and crew are honored to be chosen to have their World Premier as one of those 29 narrative short films screening at Tribeca. For more information including screen times visit [Tribecafilm.com/films/leylak-2021](https://tribecafilm.com/films/leylak-2021).

MADISON CUB SCOUT PACK 124

Madison Cub Scout Pack 124 participated in Madison's May Day held on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

The scouts helped spread mulch around trees and picnic tables at Summerhill Park. They

cleaned up sticks and other debris from the grassy area on Ridgedale Avenue. They also cleaned up two sections of the trails. The boys raked away leaves and sticks, filled several holes, and spread new stone dust.



(above) Madison Cub Scout Pack 124 and Mayor Bob Conley.



(above) Scouts shoveling mulch at Summerhill Park.

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MADISON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS NIGHT

Submitted by Karen Giambra

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Awards Night on Tuesday, June 8, 6:00 p.m. at Shanghai Jazz, 24 Main St., Madison.

The evening will include light fare, cash bar, door prizes and an awards ceremony.

The event will take place outside under the tents.

Awards to be given will include several Business Improvement Awards, various Community Service Awards, the special Hall of Fame Award and the popular Extra Mile Award.

The Business Improvement Awards will honor Home Sweet Home, 27 Main St., with the 2021 Outstanding Retail Merchandising Award. Madison Memorial Home, 159 Main St., will receive the 2021 Outstanding Building

Renovation Award and Outstanding Interior Renovation will be awarded to Suburban Shoes, 5 Waverly Pl. J&M Home & Garden, 201 Main St., will receive the Beautification Award for their dedication and generosity to the Lincoln Place project.

The Community Service Award will recognize the First Baptist Church of Madison, 36 Cook Ave., for their commitment to Madison and surrounding communities. Leslie Readlinger of Madison will receive the Community Spirit Award for her creativity and generosity behind The Store Next Door Project.

This year the Chamber will recognize Gary Ruskelshaus with the Hall of Fame Award for his ongoing commitment and dedication to the community, the businesses and Madison as a whole.

"These businesses and individuals are being honored for their dedication and support of Madison businesses and the community as a whole," said Chamber executive director Karen Giambra. "This fun event allows us to say 'Thank you' and give recognition to those who make a difference."

This year will also honor those individuals who are chosen by the community to receive the Extra Mile Award. The Extra Mile Award rewards Madison employees and business owners who provide outstanding customer service.

"These individuals are recognized for that extra-special friendly and knowledgeable service, which truly makes a difference in the customer's shopping experience," said Chamber President John Morris.

All are encouraged and welcome to join this fun and special evening. This event is open to the public. Tickets are available at \$55 per person and can be purchased by cash or check. Checks can be made payable to The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce and sent to P.O. Box 152, Madison, NJ 07940. Please RSVP by June 1, 2021.

Please contact Karen Giambra at the Chamber office at 973-377-7830 or by email at MadisonChamber@gmail.com for more information.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTIONS

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Fire Extinguisher Inspections on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The location for the inspections will be held outdoors on the corner of Central Avenue and Main Street.

The fee for extinguisher tagging is \$15, Chamber members will pay a discounted rate of \$10, a substantial savings from the \$85 on-site inspection charge. Cash or checks only please.

The program is open to all Madison businesses and residences. New and refurbished extinguishers will be available for purchase at a discounted price.

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GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CAMPFIRE

Submitted by Laura Axler

On Saturday, April 24, about 30 Madison-Harding Girl Scout leaders and volunteers enjoyed an evening campfire at Memorial Field. The event was organized by the Madison-Harding Girl Scouts Service Unit during National Volunteer Month, with permission from the town and fire company, to celebrate the resilience and creativity of the volunteers during this very challenging year.

"Celebrating Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day offers us a chance to say thank you to the women who give so much of themselves for the betterment of girls and our community. We do something special for troop leaders every year, but this year we wanted to make an extra effort to let them know how appreciated they are," says Madison-Harding Girl Scouts Service Unit Manager, Danielle Nebres.

"Leading Girl Scout troops amidst a global pandemic is no easy feat, but if anyone is equipped for the job, it's a troop leader. Creativity, resourcefulness and community service are key components of the Girl Scout program and our leaders hit the ground running to come through for the girls, despite the difficult circumstances we were all facing. They continued to run meetings for their troops and organize community outreach projects all while helping the Service Unit host creative events the Madison-Harding troops could safely enjoy together. It was a difficult year, but we managed to do good and create many great memories. From Pumpkin Painting in the Park, to kicking off the first annual Pinewood Derby, hosting a father/daughter Zoom Camp-In and a fun May Day park clean-up, to cheering up the community with rock painting...and so much more!"

The weather was perfect as volunteers enjoyed delicious empanadas and platanos from the Empanada Lady food truck, and finished the evening roasting marshmallows on the bonfire and taking home a Madison-Harding Girl Scouts car magnet.

During the event, leaders also recognized Denise Katz and Mary Jane Hart, whose 12th grade troop is graduating high school this year. They have been leaders since the troop's early years at Central Avenue School.

"When I helped start the troop when my daughter was in kindergarten, I had no idea how important Girl Scouts would be in both our lives," says Katz. "It gave my daughter and her troop members many opportunities for new experiences to help them become strong women. I will always especially remember when they ran Encampment in 8th grade for all the Madison-Harding troops. The way the girls worked together and solved problems made it seem like they matured 5 years in just 5 days of lead up and the weekend itself. Girl Scouts has also allowed me to get to know the girls and form my own lasting friendships with the other troop leaders and parents."

The Service Unit is thankful to all of its leaders, from the veterans like Katz and Hart to the newest Daisy troop leaders and happily

welcomes new leaders each year. To learn more about becoming a Girl Scout Leader please reach

out to the Madison-Harding Girl Scouts at gsmadisonharding@gmail.com.



(above) Madison-Harding Girl Scout leaders and volunteers enjoyed an evening campfire at Memorial Park during National Volunteer Month.

BOY SCOUTS' 3-DAY BACKPACKING TREK

Submitted by Suzanne Graham

Boy Scouts from Troop 25 went on a spectacular 3-day backpacking adventure in Harriman State Park in April 2021. They hiked a total of 15 miles on difficult terrain with a total elevation gain of 3,500 ft.

Star-ranking Scout Timmy Rauschenberger said he learned a lot on the hike. His favorite part of the hike was his "arrival at camp on Saturday. It was extremely satisfying to finish a very challenging hike, and the sunset was amazing."

Scouts hiked in with everything they would need for the 3-day trek, including gear, food and water. Each backpack weighed an average of 35-40lbs. They set camp at 2 different sites along the Appalachian Trail. One site was on a cliff overlooking a pond, and the other was on top of a plateau with amazing views. It was a little rainy and foggy both nights but the elevation was so high the second night that they were above the fog and could see for miles.

The Scouts were responsible for setting up their own tent and cooking their own food. Scouts

filtered their own water from a stream with pump purifiers. First-class Scout Jack Graham said he enjoyed collecting large pieces of wood for the bonfire. He said they kept the fire burning for at least 3 hours each night.

Scouts followed the BSA "Leave no Trace" policy. Anything they carried in, they carried out. Nothing was left behind. Bear bags (bags used to suspend food in a tree) were hung each evening to avoid animals from entering the campsite.

The trek was part of a training program the Troop put together in order to prepare Scouts for a high adventure camp in New Mexico this Summer, where they'll hike roughly 80 miles over the course of 11 days in the wilderness. Troop 25 has two 12-person crews that will go to Philmont, which is the Boy Scouts of America's largest National High Adventure Base. Many Scouts also fulfilled a requirement for their Backpacking merit badge.

For information about Madison Boy Scout Troop 25 or to attend a meeting, call Scoutmaster Wayne Dieckmann at 973-769-4059. Visit online at troopwebhost.org/troop25madison/index.htm.



(above, l-r) Top row: Ryan Rauschenberger, Alexander Howden, Jake Ferrara, Connor Bender, Ryan Takla; Bottom Row: Jack Graham, Timmy Rauschenberger, Colin Holly-Wells, Liam Bill.

TREE PLANTING AT MADISON RECREATION COMPLEX

Submitted by Cathy Gotliffe

On Sunday, April 11, five Thursday Morning Club (TMC) members joined the Friends of Madison Shade Trees, Inc., and local Girl Scouts to help plant 250 bare root trees at the Madison Recreation Complex. The goal of the project is to create a tree buffer from Route 24. The TMC assisted with this project to honor their long history with both Friends of Madison Shade Tree, Inc. and the Shade Tree Management Board. The Shade Tree Management Board was first established by the Thursday Morning Club in 1907. This year, the Thursday Morning Club is celebrating their 125th Anniversary.

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. The Thursday Morning Club is a non-profit service organization with over 260 members whose goal is to provide services for the town of Madison and neighboring communities.

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



(above) Anne Meyer, Janet Allocco, Julie Trapp, and Karen Jeisi. Not pictured: Cyndy Tracy.

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The Long Shadow-

Film Screening and Director Discussion

Wednesday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.

Director Frances Causey is an Emmy award-winning documentary filmmaker and journalist with 15 years experience as a Senior Producer at CNN and previous work hailed as a New York Times Critic's Pick. Join her for a live discussion of her movie, The Long Shadow.

Broadway Undressed

Monday, June 14, 7:00 p.m.

When the COVID 19 pandemic shuttered Broadway theatres across Times Square in March 2020, over 100,000 arts workers were suddenly forced into unemployment. Facing an uncertain future in the live events industry, twenty-year Broadway veteran Wardrobe Supervisor, Jessica Dermody, got the idea to lend support to her aching community by taking her unique perspective and decades of experience online through a virtual backstage tour called Broadway Undressed. This revolutionary virtual backstage tour offers an array of expert hosts. It acts as a masterclass for theatre aficionados and novices alike as guests meet the people behind the magic of Broadway. Our tour offers a deep dive into the unseen and often wildly misunderstood realm of working as a theatre technician, predominately in wardrobe and costuming.

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Mary Cassatt:

Impressionist Painter and Print Maker

Monday, June 28 1:30 p.m.

Mary Cassatt was born in Pennsylvania but lived most of her adult life in France. She became acquainted with Edgar Degas, who introduced her to the Impressionist circle. Out of social necessity for an upper middle class, unmarried woman of her era, she mostly created images of the private lives of women, with particular emphasis on the intimate bonds between mothers and children. But her treatment of her subjects was confident, original, and sometimes even radical. It was very difficult for a woman to be a successful painter in 19th Century Paris, but Mary Cassatt persevered and is today remembered as one of the greatest Impressionists.

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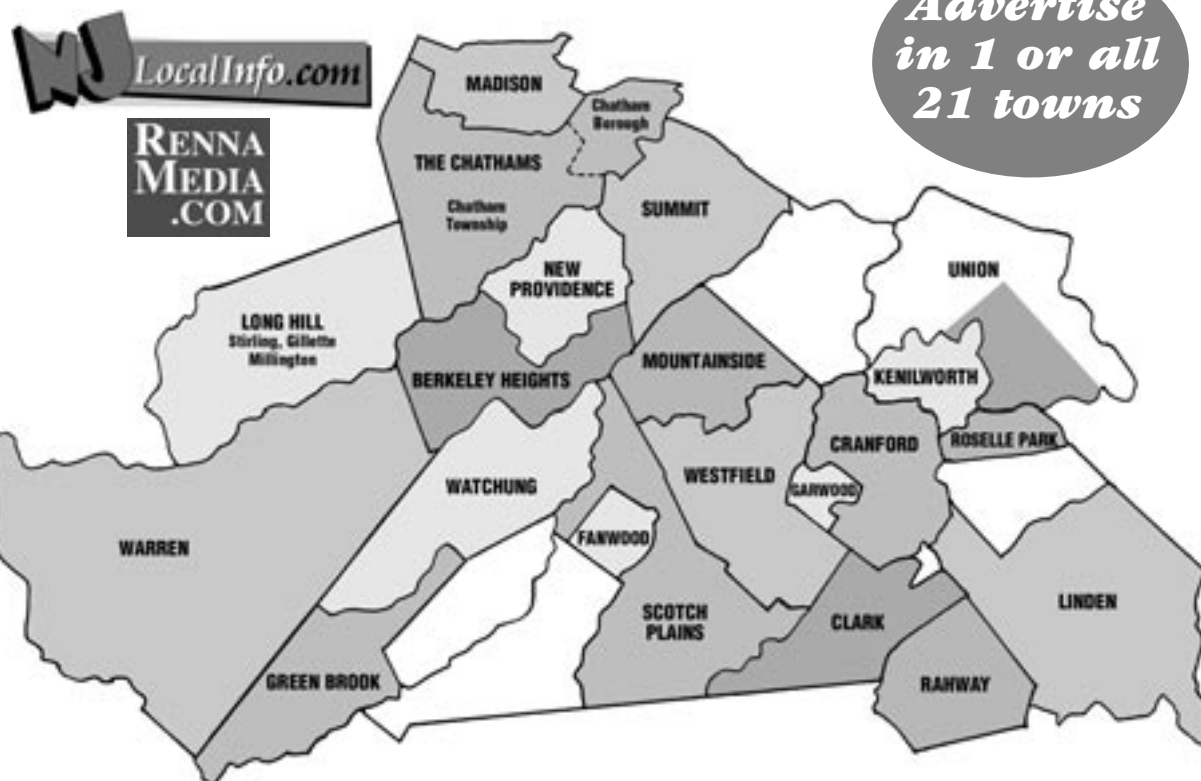
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MORRIS COUNTY WALKING TOUR APP & VIDEO

The Morris County Tourism Bureau celebrated National Tourism Week by launching a free, digital walking tour app and a new video welcoming visitors back to the area.

The short video salute features several local business owners who are open and ready to get back to pre-COVID-19 levels of service. They include museums, attractions and restaurants who are expanding days and hours of operation and offering special meals and deals.

You can view the Morris County Tourism Bureau's "We're Open for Business" video on YouTube.

The Bureau also has released its new digital walking tour app which is available wherever you get your apps. The app, called "Morristown Walking Tour and Beyond," provides information, photos and audio clips for 27 historic sites within downtown Morristown and in the County of Morris. The app is free. You can also view the app in your browser.

TO ACCESS THE NEW APP, YOU CAN VISIT:

Apple: apps.apple.com/us/app/historic-morristown-tour/id1564090761
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 Or the Morris County Tourism web link: morristownwalkingtour.stqry.app

According to recent projections, when people plan post-pandemic vacations, they will travel domestically, stay close to home, and drive to their destination. The new app will serve this market in 2021. It is self-guided, you can begin and end as you like, and have a wealth of information about each site at your fingertips.

Within the app, links are provided for additional in-depth information.

The digital walking tour app provides a safe and secure way to visit Morris County. It highlights the top attractions in Morris County and serves as a vacation planner. The stops on

the app will keep a family busy for a long weekend stay in Morris County. For those who want to learn about Morris County from a comfortable armchair, the app is good for that, too!

The app was developed by a destination software company called STQRY. The tour was partially underwritten through the generosity of three sponsors: Atlantic Health System, the Morristown and Morris Township Library and the Morris County Historical Society at Acorn Hall.

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