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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT BENEFITS NASH FIELD CLUBHOUSE

With about 18 months of planning, and a month to complete his project, Dante Di Turi, a boy scout from Chatham Twp. Boy Scout Troop 121, recently completed his BSA Service Project, which is the last step to becoming an Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America.

For his service project Dante renovated and refurbished the old snack shed and bathrooms at Nash Field in Chatham. The space has been renamed the Nash Field Clubhouse.

A large part of a BSA Service Project is raising funds and recruiting volunteers and leading them through the project.

The local Ace Hardware and Dreyer Lumber were very helpful with materials and supplies, especially Ace Hardware.

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Township Volunteer Fire Department announces the passing of Retired Chief Otto W. Vopelius on January 7, 2022.

In 1959, at age 32, Otto was elected Fire Chief—an honor which, at the time, distinguished him as our youngest chief officer. A veteran of the US Navy, his 66 plus years of proud service to Chatham Township residents never went unnoticed. Selfless, Otto always put the best interests of the township and the fire department ahead of himself, assisting with our



It is with the heaviest of hearts the Chatham fund drive, Buildings & Grounds Committee, Annual Christmas Tree Sale, Annual Family BBQ, and most proudly being the daytime driver/operator of our ladder truck, Ladder 12. He was a devoted, diligent public servant and consummate professional in all he did.

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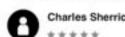
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Thank you Spring Grove.



The nursing staff and administration is professional, patient, attentive and understanding. The tacilities are very clean and well maintained. My parents room is always clean and tidy. Although it was a difficult decision to make relocating my folks from a home environment to a senior living facility. Spring Grove made my

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 8 SERVICE PROJECT

Submitted by Kathleen Jackson Shrekgast

"Everyone knows that Girl Scouts sell cookies infirmed, or homeless this holiday season. remain anonymous, hoping their actions as their primary fundraiser, however, not everyone knows that Scouts BSA sells popcorn. Formerly known as the Boy Scouts before accepting all youth into their ranks, Scouts BSA has rebranded as a positive force for young people to benefit themselves and their communities. Youth raise funds to take part in activities and camping trips, as far as the Himalayas and as near as their own backyards, help them to become better world citizens. This year while fundraising for Troop 8 in Chatham, New Jersey, Scouts offered neighbors and passers-by the option of donating their popcorn purchases rather than to receive for their own

gifting or consumption. Troop 8 collected over \$2,040 in sales of popcorn, trail mix, and cashews corresponding to over 2,680 individual servings for those in need, JANET LEICHT, DPM Podiatrist specializing in foot and ankle, bunions, hammertoes, diabetic foot care hammertoes, diabetic foot care, heel pain, neuromas, surgery, orthotics and sports medici Mon: 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thu: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Tue: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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Wed: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

908-381-8160 ianetleichtdpm.com 369 Springfield Avenue Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922 Hoping to make people's lives just a little brighter, the Scouts delivered these gifts to the New Jersey Division of Family Services so that the delicious treats can be disseminated to women's shelters, food pantries, and for further outreach in the community. The employees were thankful; but the Scouts shown here asked to

incentivize others to contribute in their own communities. If you know a young person between the ages of 5 and 20 who wants to join in the fun with a purpose, or you know an adult who wants to lead and mentor youth, go to beascout.org. To learn more about joining Troop 8, email bstroop8@gmail.com."



(above) The Scouts delivered the gifts to the New Jersey Division of Family Services

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(above) Toby shows off his First Day Walk pin.



(above) BSA Troop 280 Scouts bought lumber, built and installed 60 more feet of boardwalk over the last muddy sections of Green Village Conservation Trail.

Photos by BSA Troop 280 of Chatham



(above) Stream Quality Monitoring at a tributary in the Passaic River Headquarters -- water that cycles back into our homes. With your funds, BSA Troop 280 Scouts purchased the chemistry equipment for testing that we are reporting into the regional database for scientists and policymakers. The Great Swamp Watershed Association is guiding us.

3RD ANNUAL FIRST DAY WALK FOR OPEN SPACE

Submitted by Joseph Basralian

Over 200 residents of Chatham, Madison and nearby towns started the year in high spirits with the 3rd Annual First Day Walk for Open Space on New Year's Day. The Walk is a service project held by Chatham's BSA Troop 280, a Scout troop with 33 active girls age 11-17. Proceeds from the walk are used for the Scouts' local outdoor

service projects, including tree planting, trail improvements, and stream quality testing. A full list of projects is on the Facebook page, First Day Walk - New Year's Day.

To learn more about BSA Troop 280, please visit bsatroop280chathamnj.com, "Troop 280 Chatham" on Facebook, or email troop280chatham@gmail.com.



(above, l-r) Scoutmaster Daniele Basralian and Scouts Sabrina Wang, Maria DiPasquale and Azniv Basralian. The display featured projects which were funded by this annual event.



(above) A BSA Troop 280 Eagle Scout Project was able to build this 36-foot trail boardwalk over a muddy section for St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center's dogs, dogwalkers and summer camp kids.



(above) BSA Troop 280 planted, and protected with fencing, 11 native trees and 50 acorns -- plus 100s of milkweed seeds -- to re-establish forest and meadow in Chatham where it was partly destroyed by a rogue logger.



(above) With guidance from the Great Swamp Watershed Association, and equipment purchased with proceeds from First Day Walk, Troop 280's Water Quality Monitoring of a Black Brook tributary continued last spring.



(above) Scouts spread mulch in support of young trees along this once-treeless stretch at Giralda Farms Preserve for walkers, patients at the nearby rehab center, and wildlife.

WALK FOR OPEN SPACE (continued from page 6)



(above) Your First Day Walk contributions funded native wildflower seeds for 6,000 square feet of exposed soil next to the Hillside Trail - and mulch to care for tree seedlings too. Thank you Pack 6 Webelos for doing the work! Thank you also DPW, EC and others for your efforts!



(above) High quality compost, mulch and three new trellises were installed for The Learning Path School's student garden at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Fifteen Troop 280 Scouts cleared weeds and spread the compost and mulch. Gardening grows children's love of nature and creates healthy eating habits.







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IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE FOR A KID TO LEARN HOW TO RUN FASTER?

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But that's not how it went. Joe Montana had to hire a quarterback coach to help his son be a better football player. Here's possibly the greatest NFL QB of all time, needing to hire someone else to help his son. It was not that Joe Montana was not equipped for the job...it was that his son needed a second voice to help him get to the next level.

Many parents who have much less knowledge, experience, and skills than Joe Montana are in the same boat in regards to helping their kids get stronger, faster, and more confident.

Most parents we've come across want their kids to eat healthier, be more active, and have a stronger mindset. But many have told us they need help.

Even with the constant reminders of telling their kids to eat more vegetables, get outside instead of watching TV, practice their sport more, get to bed earlier...they find that sometimes the message falls on deaf ears...and some backup would be helpful toward their vision of helping their kid be the best they can be.

Parents have told us that having us(the Grit Athlete Performance Coaches) as a second voice to help reinforce the habits they want for their kids...is changing the game.

Further...Our Grit Athlete Founder has over 20 years experience with training athletes himself...and certainly knows a LOT more about getting stronger and faster than the average parent...But has all 3 of his children(9, 8 and 6) enrolled in Grit year round....because he knows the power of that second voice.

And after they come through our program, parents tell how it's turbocharging their parenting. Here are some real-life examples that have been reported...

Before, parents struggled with getting kids to eat vegetables...now their kids are asking for more.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to get enough sleep....now their kids are getting to bed earlier on their own.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to watch less TV or play video games...now they are limiting these activities because they've learned they don't really help them become better athletes.

Before, parents struggled with helping their kids have more confidence...now their kids are doing things out of their comfort zone more often which is helping them believe in themselves which further improves self-esteem.

Before, parents had no clue how to help their kid get faster...now they are faster because they've learned that speed is a skill, and a few simple tweaks can make a kid faster immediately.

Before, parents could not get their kids to make their beds...now their kid makes their bed each morning on their own because they learned that making their bed in the morning helps them have a better day.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to do even one good push-up...now they catch them in their room practicing on their own.

Before, parents wanted their kids to have more determination and grit when training new things...now they are staying calm under pressure and seeking out challenges instead of avoiding them.

Many times it's not about telling your kid to eat more vegetables or stop watching TV...but rather finding the right environment for them to be more successful.

Right in your backyard, there's a team of great coaches waiting to be second voices for your kids...so that all the things you're teaching as parents will be reinforced. But most importantly, the results you're after for your kids will actually become a reality. The Grit Athlete spring Sports Performance session starts on March 21st in Berkeley Heights NJ, visit www.gritathletes.com to fill out an application for your child.

Grit Athlete Performance is a Sports Performance Training Company located in Berkeley Heights that helps kids ages 6-18 get strong, fast, and confident so they can have a bigger and better future. They have just released the dates for their spring program that starts on March 21. Visit www.gritathletes.com to register for their spring session...or see below for more details...

SPORTS PERFORMANCE TRAINING FOR KIDS AGES 6-18 STARTS MARCH 21ST

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Warning: The spring session is the most popular session of the year and always sells out before it starts. We strongly encourage you to scan the QR code today and enter your information to make sure your child doesn't get locked out of the spring session.

Attention Parents of Kids Ages 6-18 Give us 12 weeks with your kids and we'll have them stronger, faster, and more confident...guaranteed.

The GRIT Athlete Performance spring Program

Here's what parents can expect to happen:

- They will get stronger which means when they show up to their sport they'll be able to perform better than ever.
- They will run faster and jump higher so they can show up to their next season and people will start asking what the heck have they been doing.
- They'll become more coordinated and improve agility which means they'll pick up new skills their coaches teach them faster.
- Your children will start to eat better because we'll be educating them daily on what's good and what they should avoid ...don't be surprised if they start asking you to buy more vegetables.
- Confidence will skyrocket. When kids get stronger, faster and more fit...their confidence will rise...so will their self-esteem which means their performance in every aspect of life will get better.
- Their mindset will improve. We're going equip your child with very specific mindset skills that'll help them learn how to transform how they think about mistakes and failures.

HAPPY PARENTS TALKING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRANSFORMATION OF THEIR KIDS...

- "When my son started Grit he was quiet, shy, and had some difficulty with movements...Now he is confident in himself, has become more vocal, and is mastering the exercise he struggled with in the past."
 - Jen O'Brien, Grit Athlete Parent
- "My son is more disciplined and confident in himself"
 - Steve Hughes, Grit Athlete Parent
- "I have watched my children become more confident and vocal."
 - Christine Stramandinoli, Grit Athlete Parent
- "His confidence has shot up in the last few months...and has carried forward to the way he approaches other activities like sports and schoolwork. My son is now making his bed daily and exercising every day."

- Catherine Solfaro, Grit Athlete Parent

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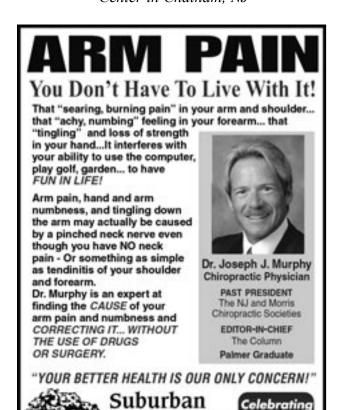






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(above) Dr. Joseph J. Murphy is celebrating 37 years as Director at the Suburban Chiropractic Center in Chatham, NJ





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SUBURBAN CHIROPRACTIC CELEBRATES 37 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Suburban Chiropractic Center, located at 301 Main Street, Chatham, New Jersey will celebrate their 37th anniversary on January 7, 2022. Dr. Joseph J. Murphy began the center in 1985 to offer the community a natural alternative to the traditional allopathic medical facilities in the Chatham area. They owe their success to the loyal patients who have continued with them, referred their friends and family, and their efforts to provide the highest level of service possible.

Dr. Joseph J. Murphy, Director of the Center, explains, "We are elated to be celebrating 37 years. We are blessed to be entering our 38th year of service to this fine community." He continues, "We have tried to give back to the community in every way and it shows through the happiness and health of our patients and their continued support." His office manager, Mrs. Lynn Egan, who is celebrating her 27th year in the practice, adds, "It gives me a great sense of satisfaction that the community has rewarded us for our dedication by their continued praise and support." Massage Therapist and CA, Janis Piccirillo, CMT has also been a

long-time member of the team with 23 years of service; and Pauline Braff, CA is the newest member, joining in 2021.

The Suburban Chiropractic Center has been the recipient of numerous awards over their 37-year history including Business of the Year and letters of praise from previous Mayors of Chatham, former State Senator Leanna Brown, Senator Walter Cavanaugh, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, Assemblyman Walter D. Gaetano, and Governors Christie, Corzine, Whitman, and Florio.

Dr. Joseph J. Murphy, Director of the Center, is past President of the NJ Board of Chiropractic Examiners where he was appointed by Governor Christie Whitman in the year 2000. He's a former President of the New Jersey Chiropractic Society, the Morris County Chiropractic Society, and the Chatham Chamber of Commerce. He was recently re-appointed to the Chatham Mayor's Wellness Committee where he has served since 2011 and has previously served on the Chatham Borough Historical Commission.

Dr. Murphy, Office Manager Lynn, Massage Therapist/Chiropractic Assistant Janis, and Chiropractic Assistant Pauline will be holding an open house to celebrate their anniversary in the upcoming months. You can find out much more about the Suburban Chiropractic Center by visiting their website at drmurphy.com.

DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTES GRANTS

Submitted by Thomas Trezza

The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce the distribution of \$42,500 in the form of nine grants to school-based programs providing education and training to individuals with autism spectrum disorders. 2021 was a rebound year for the foundation and they are pleased with the support they received this year. The foundation can't thank their participants, sponsors, and supporters enough! They are a special group of people and the foundation is blessed that they support their mission and foundation.

The Drive for Autism foundation held its 20th annual Golf Event in 2020 with 122 participants, as well as several other smaller fund-raising events throughout the year. The Drive for Autism Golf Outing, which has been held since 2002, has raised and distributed \$819,000 to local school programs. The grants in 2021 were awarded to: Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Salt Brook School (New Providence, NJ), AW Roberts School (New Providence, NJ), Union County Educational Foundation/Crossroads Services School (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children, (Paramus, NJ), ECLC (Chatham, NJ), Eden II Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 formerly The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), and Seton Foundation for Learning (Staten Island, NY).

Grant recipients use money to fund a

multitude of items including Health and Fitness Programs, Social Skills Programs, assessment tools, educational curriculum and teacher training, a van for community trips and transportation to job training centers, laptop computers, computer touch screens, SMART Boards, iPads, video projectors, as well as educational toys and games. The foundation aims to fund items that are not included in the programs' regular budget so it makes it extra special that they can help provide funding for items on different schools' "wish lists".

ABOUT DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION:

Based in New Providence, New Jersey, The Drive for Autism Foundation, is a 501(3)(c) tax exempt public charity that was created in the spring of 2002 for the sole purpose of raising and distributing funds for educational facilities specializing in individuals with autism.

DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF OUTING 2022:

The Drive for Autism XXI is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2022 at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey. The event consists of a morning round of golf followed by lunch. Special events include golf contests, raffles, and a silent auction of sports memorabilia, game tickets, and golf trips.

For additional information, please visit their website at DriveForAutism.org or driveforautism@comcast.net.

TAYFUN SELEN SEATED AS MORRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIRECTOR

County of Morris

Morris County Commissioner Tayfun Selen, a former mayor of Chatham Township, was sworn in on Friday, January 7, 2022 as Director of the Board of County Commissioners after fellow board members Deborah Smith of Denville, John Krickus of Washington Township and Stephen H. Shaw of Mountain Lakes were sworn in to new, three-year terms as Commissioners.

"I stand here as an American who appreciates everything this nation allowed me to achieve, and I want to continue paying America back through public service," said Commissioner Director Selen, a Turkish immigrant who spoke of moving to the this nation 25-years ago.

He came with no money, unable to speak

English and his first job was pumping gas at a service station in Madison, less than five miles from where he was being sworn in. By 2008, when he took the oath as an American citizen, he was leading the new branch development program for a major financial institution and later became mayor of Chatham Township.

"I am thankful to be living in Morris County – the best community anywhere - and with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic again at our doorstep, I will continue to work with this board to protect our residents and our business owners," Selen said.

The annual Morris County Reorganization Meeting was held virtually this year due to a spike in the COVID-19 pandemic.



(above) Tayfun Selen of Chatham Township is sworn in by Sheriff James Gannon with Selen's wife, Tulin. Photo by County of Morris





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This type of burglary is consistent with recent attempts in other Morris County municipalities, and throughout the State of NJ, and is in addition to suspects searching for vehicles to burglarize and/or steal. Therefore, we would like for all residents of Chatham Borough to be aware and alert for suspicious activity and assist us by making timely notification to the Police Department in the event you witness suspicious activity.

Additionally, please make sure to take simple measures to limit your exposure to this type of criminal behavior. Please continue to consistently perform the following simple tasks:

- Lock all doors to your home and vehicles.
- Activate alarms for your home and vehicles when not in use.
- · Remove any keys and all valuables from vehicles when not in use.
- Close and lock garage doors when not in use...especially at night.
- Remove deliveries from your front porch as soon as possible.
- Deploy strategic lighting inside and outside your home so it appears you are home, even when you are not.
- · Consider cameras at your doors and partner with us by joining our RING Neighborhood App and letting us know you have surveillance cameras when installed.

Please call Community Services Officer Brian Colatrella (973) 701-6806 for help with our RING Neighborhood App or to have your surveillance cameras added to our spreadsheet.

Thank you in advance for your help and have a safe and healthy holiday season and Happy New Year!

Brian Gibbons
Chief of Police

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The February 15, 1898 explosion that sank the U.S.S. Maine in Havana Harbor, Cuba not only killed 268 of its crew, but also sparked hostilities between Spain and the United States, which had long supported revolts in Cuba and the Philippines to break from Spanish rule.

"Remember the Maine" became a call to arms in the Spanish-American War, and Morris County residents were among the heroes as well as casualties of a series of conflicts that began in Cuba and continued into the Philippines years later. Morris County's Office of Planning and Preservation has compiled a growing list of those soldiers and sailors and hopes to fill in many blanks on their history, as well as find others who served.

"This release demonstrates Morris County's continuing efforts to document her veterans' histories. What may only be a name of a veteran today, in the future someone may be able to fill in that history," said Jan William, a historian at Planning and Preservation. "We have compiled many names and even some old news clippings on our local sailors and soldiers who served in those conflicts. However, we would also love to learn of others and find any supportive documents as well as old news clippings about

them too. This was a notable and interesting era in our nation, as well as in Morris County, and we hope to document it as thoroughly as possible. We invite everyone to help us."

Contributions may be sent to jwilliams@co.morris.nj.us. Further, to view the Spanish-American and Philippine Wars website, visit: morriscountynj.gov/Departments/ Planning-and-Preservation/Cultural -Resources-Survey/Spanish-American-War.

It was on April 21, 1898, the United States declared war on Spain, marking the first military conflict wholly fought overseas by our nation. Quick victories by U.S. troops led Ambassador John Hay, who soon became Secretary of State, to dub the conflict, "A splendid little war."

By December 10, 1898, an armistice was signed that freed Cuba from Spain and left dominion of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines to the United States, triggering a second conflict known as The Philippine-American War. From February 1899 into 1902, American soldiers fought to suppress many of the same Filipino insurgents who had been revolting against Spain, losing far more troops in those battles than in its conflict with Spain.

HELP DOCUMENT HISTORY OF VIETNAM VETS

and-Preservation.

County of Morris

Morris County is inviting the public to assist in documenting the history of its Vietnam veterans by helping to build an online collection of names, service narratives, historical information, and photographs being compiled by the Office of Planning and Preservation.

"In Morris County's continuing efforts to capture the history regarding the military service rendered by her citizens, the next list of veterans will be posted in honor of National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29, 2022," said Jan Williams, a cultural and historic resources specialist with the county.

Her office has reached out to the public in the past to build webpages memorializing Morris County residents who served in our nation's armed forces. An accounting of Civil War men of color affiliated with Morris County was initially launched in 2018 and the office continues to update its list of more than 3,000 residents who were part of The Greatest Generation — Morris County in WWII.

A page dedicated to veterans of the Spanish-American War and Philippine War was launched in December 2021. The Office of Planning and Preservation has created online collections of

other historical aspects of Morris County residents, including railroad workers, canal workers, and the county's history of changing street names.

The project lists may be found on the Office of Planning & Preservation projects website at morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Planning-

For the Vietnam page, a Vietnam veteran who was born in Morris County or has been a resident of the county for ten years is welcome to be recognized by submitting his or her information.

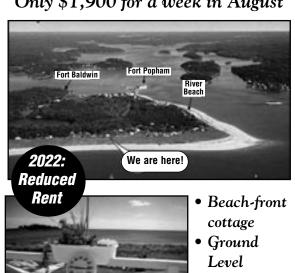
"For the families of Vietnam vets who have passed on, you may submit their information. If a veteran has retired out of state, they qualify for listing too," said Williams. "If you are a Morris County veteran who would like a buddy remembered, you may include the buddy's name and it will be listed with yours," Williams said.

The type of information needed for the project includes the names of the Vietnam veterans, their Morris County municipality, their service branch, battles or incidents participated in, and awards or citations issued. Of course, photographs are always appreciated.

Information may be forwarded to Jan Williams at jwilliams@co.morris.nj.us.



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chathamseniorcenter.org Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00 pm Non-Chatham residents also welcome.

Play Reading Circle

Tuesday, February 1st at 1:00 p.m.

Have you ever been in a play or wished you could act in one? Now's your chance to show off your inner actor at our second Play Reading Circle. Parts will be assigned and scripts handed out on the day of the program. Facilitated by Judy French. Must sign up.

Beginner Bridge Instruction

Wednesdays, starting February 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

For the true beginner, rusty player, or anyone who wants to learn modern bidding. Fee: \$7/class, plus recommended book, \$15. Instructor: Rick Hartley. Class size is limited; early registration is recommended.

Singin' In The Rain: What A Glorious Feeling! Friday, February 25th at 1:00 p.m.

A producer/songwriter at MGM wanted a film cataloguing his old hits. Gene Kelly and company came up with one of the best movie musicals of all time. Which star nearly quit because Kelly was so demanding? How did they manage the downpour during the title song? Entertainment Historian, John Kenrick, returns to answer these questions and take us behind the scenes of this Hollywood classic. Must sign up to attend. Free event sponsored by Pine Acres Rehab & Healthcare in Madison, New Jersey.

Gentle Exercise Classes

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 12:20 p.m.

The Gentle Exercise classes sequence is Balance & Flex on Mondays and Thursdays, Chair Yoga on Tuesdays. Instructor: Donna Sue Dowton. Contact Center for fee information and to sign up.

Intermediate Exercise Classes

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

The Intermediate Exercise Classes sequence is Balance & Flex on Tuesday, Chair Yoga on Wednesday, and Low Impact Cardio on Friday. Instructor: Donna Sue Dowton. Contact Center for fee information and to sign up.

Pickleball

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Fee is \$20 through March 2022. Game is played in the Municipal Township Gym. Sign up is required.

Writing Workshop

Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m.

Grab a pen and paper and join us as the group explores the beauty of writing. This class is for new as well as returning students and will focus on all genres of writing, including personal memoirs, creative fiction, and poetry. Topics to be covered include character and narrative development, dialogue, plot, and much more. Each week, the group will read a short story or

short memoir piece, share written homework assignments, have a lesson about writing techniques, and tackle a brief in-class prompt. No experience needed; just a willingness to learn, laugh, and write! Six-class session meets on Zoom. Instructor: Jenny Tananbaum. Fee is \$30 for the session. Must register to participate.

DVD Lecture Series

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Call Center for title of current series being screened. Three 30-minute lectures are shown at each session.

Table Tennis

Five Days a Week at 12:30 p.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are for experienced players; Tuesdays and Thursdays are for those new to the game or who'd like a lesson. If new or interested in instruction, please call the center a few days ahead.

Mah Jongg

Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mah Jongg is a stimulating game of strategy that helps people enhance cognitive ability and improve planning, memory, and calculation skills — all while having a lot of fun. If you're an existing player or a beginner with knowledge of the game who's looking for a few tips, join this friendly group in a no-pressure environment. All game materials provided.

Everyone is welcome! Open Bridge Practice

Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

These sessions are open to those who want to practice playing bridge. Bring some friends and we'll provide the cards.

The Women's Circle

Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

A social discussion group where women get to know one another by talking about issues of the day and topics that interest them.

Men's Discussion Group

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

A friendly and relaxed gathering of men who engage in lively discussion about current events, have some laughs, and exchange useful information over coffee.

Nifty Knitters

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

This active and social group gets together to create caps, blankets, and more for donation to local hospitals and veterans' organizations.

They welcome all knitters interested in contributing to their cause.

Free Paint

Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The art room is open for artists to work on their own creations using their own supplies.

Movies

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS FEBRUARY EVENTS

(973) 635-0603 • chathamlibrary.org 214 Main St, Chatham, NJ 07928 Monday - Thursday: 9:30AM-9PM; Friday: 9:30AM-6PM;

Saturday: 9:30AM-5PM; Sunday: 2-5PM

Income Tax Assistance

Wednesdays, February 2nd to April 13th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). 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 2021, copies of your 2020 Federal and State tax returns, all printed and blank forms from the Internal Revenue Service, picture identification, and proof of Social Security for

all dependents filing.

Essex Water Color Show

Sunday, February 6th 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m

The Essex Water Color Club, the oldest water color club in New Jersey, will hold a show of its work at the library through February. An opening reception, sponsored by The Friends of The Library, will be held for the artists. The public is invited to attend.

Traveling the Lewis and Clark Trail

Tuesday, February 8th at 7 p.m.

Former Chatham resident, Jennifer White Fischer, will present a talk on traveling the Lewis and Clark Trail. at the Library of the Chathams. Through her photographs, she will tell the exciting story of the Corps of Discovery's adventures in the early 1800's as they explored the newly acquired Louisiana Territory, crossed the Bitterroot Mountains, and continued on to the Pacific Ocean.

Fischer is the author of Adventures Across
America, On and Off the Trail of Lewis and
Clark, which is about her two extended road
trips following the trail and exploring the
northwest United States. She has been writing
about her travels for the Out and About section
of the New Jersey Hills Media Group
newspapers, which includes The Chatham
Courier, for the past five years.

Who Wants to Talk? In Defense of Romance Novels: Empowering Women, Exhibiting Nontoxic Masculinity & Embracing Sexuality

Tuesday, February 16th at 7 p.m

Michelle Altieri, Professor of Communications at the County College of Morris, will explore how romance novels, far from being frivolous, are about empowering women, exhibiting nontoxic masculinity, and embracing sexuality.

Using novel excerpts by Julia Quinn, Diana Gabaldon, Nora Roberts, and others, the library will take a closer look at the value of romance, as well as how the genre is providing space for all generations of women to love others, plus themselves, fiercely and unapologetically. Join

the Library of the Chathams, sign up at chathamlibrary.org, or call 973-635-0603. This is part of Who Wants to Talk, which is a series of online conversations moderated by Library Director, Karen Brodsky.

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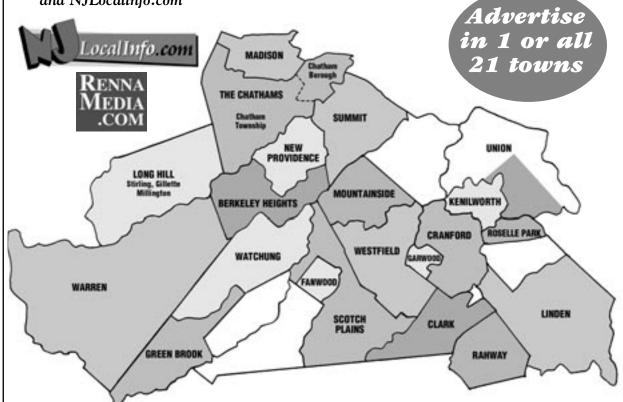
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