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NJ Sharing Network

February 14 is all about sharing some love in New Jersey - and not just because it's Valentine's Day! NJ Sharing Network and its many healthcare partners and volunteers throughout the state are working together to register as many organ and tissue donors as possible in celebration of National Organ Donor Day.

"National Organ Donor Day is about taking action and inspiring others to learn more about how they can save lives through organ and tissue donation," said Joseph S. Roth, president and chief executive officer of NJ Sharing Network. "One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and restore health to over 75 people. I am confident that everyone's efforts on National Organ Donor Day will go a long way toward bringing hope to those currently waiting for a transplant."

Currently, there are over 110,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. In New Jersey, one person dies every three days waiting for an organ transplant.

However, the generosity of those in the Garden State is providing hope for the future. New Jersey's organ and tissue donor registrations continue to rise thanks to strong community education and outreach efforts as well as simplified ways to register as an organ and tissue donor are also helping to save more lives. It is easy for New Jerseyans to register in any of the following options:

Online at NJSharingNetwork.org; Through the iPhone Health App; In person at your local Motor Vehicle Agency

Observed every year on February 14, National Organ Donor Day is dedicated to spreading awareness and education about organ and tissue donation. It is also a day to recognize loved ones who have given the gift of life, have received a transplant, are currently waiting or did not receive an organ in time. National Organ Donor Day was started in 1998 by the Saturn Corporation and its United Auto Workers partner with the support of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and many nonprofit health organizations.



(above) On September 12, 2021 family members and friends of the late Linda J.S. Finnegan (Smith) gathered together to form the "Linda's Lovees" 5K team to participated in NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life Walk and USATF Certified Race.



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(above) The late Linda J.S. Finnegan (Smith), 54, of Stirling, NJ, who passed away in 2016, donated both her lungs, both kidneys, her liver, and her other organs through NJ Sharing Network. She also donated her corneas through Eversight. Her gift of life changed the lives of at least 75 people. Linda taught Physical

Education at St. Vincent de Paul School in Stirling and was proud to be ACE Gold Certified for Group Aerobic Instruction.

ABOUT NJ SHARING NETWORK

Dedicated to saving lives through organ and tissue donation, NJ Sharing Network is the nonprofit organization responsible for the recovery and placement of donated organs and tissue for the nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents waiting for a life-saving transplant. With headquarters in New Providence, NJ, the organization is also part of the national recovery system, serving the 110,000 people on the national waiting list.

To learn more, get involved

and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit www.NJSharingNetwork.org.



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252 HATS/SCARVES KNITTED AND DONATED

Morning Club members knitted 252 hats/scarves. These items were donated to a local care facility, the Madison Eagle Christmas Fund, residents of Madison Senior Housing, and to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), which is for children in the foster care system. The Thursday Morning

Over the last two months, Madison Thursday Club is both a service and social organization established in Madison in 1896. It is a member of both the State and General Federation of Women's Clubs and welcomes new members throughout the year. Please visit their website at thursdaymorningclub.org for more information on membership and activities.



(above, l-r) "Superlaknits" members: Caroline Steiner, Mary Jane Burns, Janet Allocco, and Diane Stracka

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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 Troop 280, **BSA** please visit "Troop bsatroop280chathamnj.com, 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 4)



(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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Submitted by: Maryann Doherty

On the day before Veterans Day, Ginny West Houle, a 40-year member of Auxiliary Unit #43, presented posters made by her Special Needs Girl Scout Troop # 60561 in Hillsborough to thank the veterans for their service to our country.

Ginny is an example of a member who, though living a distance away, can report her volunteer activities to the Unit and it will receive credit for the hours of service done for Children and Youth or Community Service.

The Unit reports on a regular basis to the Morris County Auxiliary, which, in turn, sends the collected information to the Department of New Jersey. It is then forwarded to the National organization, who, in turn, reports all the activity to Congress each year.



(above, l-r) Ginny Houle presenting one of the posters to Post Commander, Joe Nester.
Commander Nester accepted the posters, and with the help of Past Commander, Bob Holtz, and Auxiliary President, Fran Derin, the posters were hung up, which brought in a lot of color and spirit to the Post rooms.



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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The Story of Frederic Chopin

Tuesday, February 1st at 7 p.m. A quiet and reserved man who lived for his art, Frederic Chopin, appeared only in a little over two dozen public concerts. His music is filled with moments of intense depth and anguish. However, despite being in physical and mental agony for most of his life, his playing was graceful, poignant, and delicate. Delve into the life of contrast of this 19th century musical prodigy who preferred the darkness when the world so longed for his light. This program is presented by Dan Lupo of From A to G Music.

Party Hearty in the Middle Ages

Tuesday, February 15th at 7 p.m. Despite the Middle Ages still sometimes being called the Dark Ages, people in that era often enjoyed good times, especially at the table. Through art and archaeology, learn about medieval foods and their preparation including a recipe for roast unicorn! — in latemedieval feasts, as well as the rules and ceremonies under which these sumptuous foods were presented and the types of entertainment guests might enjoy. Works from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Met's Cloisters Museum will highlight this talk. **Cookbook Club**

Wednesday, February 16th at 1 p.m. Join us to discuss and swap recipes. Please bring your favorite cookbooks to discuss also! The American Revolution in One Hour

Tuesday, February 22nd at 7 p.m.

Our favorite historian is back, Joel Farkas! Join us for a one-hour lecture on the American Revolution.

You will receive Zoom instructions and online meeting information in your registration confirmation email in addition to a reminder email prior to the date of the program. Please register at madisonnjlibrary.org.

THRIFT SHOP IS OPEN

The Madison Independent Thrift Shop will be welcoming shoppers during the month of February for their special sales, which will include anything green and all electric items at 50% off.

The thrift shop, located at 39 Kings Road, Madison, NJ, is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. It is a non-profit group operated by volunteers, with all proceeds received from sales distributed annually to charitable groups in Madison and surrounding communities. If you have questions or need further information, please call 973-377-2450 during business hours above.

SENIOR CENTER OF THE CHATHAMS FEBRUARY EVENTS & PROGRAMS

58 Meyersville Road (Lower Level), Chatham, NJ 973.635.4565 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.

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Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

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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.

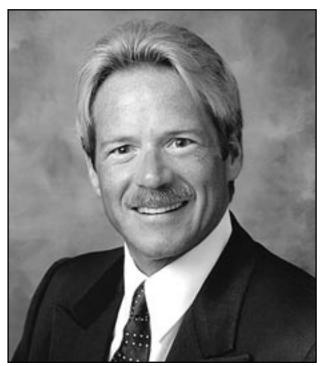
Dr. Joseph J. Murphy, Director of the Center, explains, "We are elated to be celebrating 37 years. We are blessed to be entering our 38th year of service to this fine community." He continues, "We have tried to give back to the community in every way and it shows through the happiness and health of our 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 37year 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





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

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.



2022 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

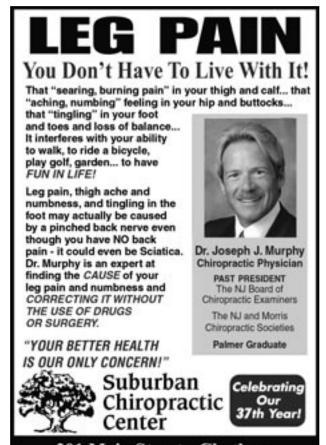
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KENILWORTH CHESS CLUB IS BACK ON BOARD

The Kenilworth Chess Club resumed meeting on November 11, 2021, after twenty months of being closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Club President Jack McCorkell of Cranford held a "Welcome Back Tournament" to celebrate. The casual unrated tournament excited members, and even some new arrivals, who were itching to play "over the board" again. The three-week tournament ended in a tie for first place between Hanna Malko of Clark and Joe Renna of Cranford.

The club was formed in 1972 amid the chess craze in America spearheaded by Bobby Fischer's march to the world championship. For 45 years the club was a force to be reckoned with as its member roster included many Master level players, including state champions. The club has a reputation for being friendly and accommodating. It welcomes non-members with no obligation or cost. It's a place where beginners can learn in a casual setting without being intimidated. Strong players are generous with their time in analyzing and giving instruction.

The club's website, kenilworthchessclub.org, is well read and features an award-winning blog by Michael Goeller and other instructional features.

Players are welcome to just pop into the Kenilworth Chess Club with no formalities every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Kenilworth Community Center located next to Kenilworth Borough Hall on the Boulevard and the corner of 24th Street.



(above, l-r) Brandon Verno of Kenilworth, John Moldovan of Garwood, Hannah Malko of Clark, Jack McCorkell of Cranford, Mark Shoengold and Louis Leiggi of Colonia analyze a critical position during the post mortem of Welcome Back Tournament game between Verno and Leiggi held at the Kenilworth Chess Club.





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