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ST. PATTY'S DAY DINNER BRINGS NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

The Madison-Florham American Legion Post #43 is located at 20 Ridgedale Ave. in Florham Park. It draws members from the Chathams as well.

The ladies of the Auxiliary have celebrated St. Patrick's Day by holding a corned beef and cabbage dinner annually for close to 60 years.

This year's event, held on Sunday, March 13, had head cook Mary Beth Valentino cooking up 215 lbs. of corned beef, 50 lbs. of cabbage, 30 lbs. of carrots, and 50 lbs. of

potatoes.

Usually, this event is limited to the Legion family, but this year all residents of the area were invited to show support for the volunteer and financial support the Auxiliary provides to area veterans in need. And it had a great turnout! The annual fundraiser has also made it possible over the years to sponsor the following: American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State, the Valerie Fund, Family Promise, the Special Olympics, and scholarships for children and grandchildren of veterans.



(above) Evelyn Noonan, of Florham Park, is the current Chaplin of the Auxiliary, and Joe Noonan is the Sergeant of Arms



(above) Fran Derin of Florham Park is the current Auxiliary President



(above) Bob Holtz, Post Adjunct & Joe Nester, of Florham Park is Post Commander



(above) The Ramo family, Diana, Herbert & David, of Chatham Borough



(above) Mary Beth Valentino, of Chatham Township, was the head cook.



(above) Maryann Doherty, of Madison, is current Secretary & Public Relations chairperson for the Auxiliary, continues the tradition of hosting the St. Patrick's Day dinner that her mother, Ann Bond, started when she was Auxiliary president in the 1970's.

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VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS NEW RECRUITS

The Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department has been proudly serving our community for 125 years – that's 125 years of volunteer service to Florham Park. We hope to make it to 150 years as a volunteer organization but the ability to continue to provide this essential service is strained by lack of new volunteers. December 2020 is since we last welcomed a new member to our ranks. Since then, we have lost two members to retirement and relocation. Our numbers continue to dwindle.

Since 1897, the department has been staffed by volunteers who are members of the community. Today's members may be just like you: they consist of a diverse group made up of bankers, teachers, engineers, entrepreneurs, financial professionals, contractors, students,

retirees, and business owners, just to name a few. What they all have in common is a desire to serve the community. These 40 dedicated members are committed to protecting our town every moment of every day. The problem is we need your help to continue to protect our town, so please consider volunteering.

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The Thrift Shop, located at 39 Kings Road, is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. It is a non-profit operated by volunteers, with all proceeds received from sales distributed annually to charitable groups in Madison and surrounding communities. For further information, please call 973-377-2450 during business hours listed above.



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AARP RESUMES IN-PERSON MEETINGS

After two years of mostly meeting via Zoom, the Florham Park AARP is happy to announce a resumption of in-person meetings again at the Florham Park Community & Recreation Center on April 19!

Making that meeting even more special will be the: Recognition of our AARP President, for "JOELYN HOFERER DAY" as proclaimed for her volunteerism at the February 2022 Borough Council meeting, and;

Presentation of "Sweet Treats: Desserts & Delicacies from the Garden State". Presented by the Madison Museum of Early Trades & Crafts, this program will explore a variety of "sweet" culinary traditions from the 18th and 19th centuries and considers how the treats we enjoy have changed. It will also discuss the process and ingredients of making these food items, then

and now.

This free meeting and presentation is from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and all members of the community who are between the ages of 50 through 120 are welcome to attend. While AARP membership is not required, applications will be available for anyone interested! If wishing to join, dues are only \$12 per year.

At this point the Florham Park AARP Chapter is the lone remaining AARP Chapter in Morris County. This April meeting is an example of the informative and entertaining regular monthly meetings.

As the AARP Magazine and AARP Bulletin frequently recommend, being an active member of clubs is important for seniors in so many ways" says Peter Nicolas – Florham Park AARP Membership Chair.



(above) Joelyn Hoferer at an AARP Laughter Yoga event.

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Despite these facts and my efforts: dozens of these trees, our "Oldest Residents", are killed in our local neighborhoods each year. Among the many losses: Shade, Solace the Filtering of our Air and Water, the oxygen they provided, ...they also release the Carbon they have accumulated for hundreds of years.

On June 8th, 2021, I hired a tree expert to help

save some of the trees in our area. I showed him dozens of trees in Westfield, New Providence, Summit and Scotch Plains. He used the word "disgusting" to describe what he saw. In his report he writes "that many of these trees can be saved if prompt action is taken".

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- 2) Please also read "Rooting out Problems" at my site or google it yourself.

It explains: "simple measures for saving trees during construction",

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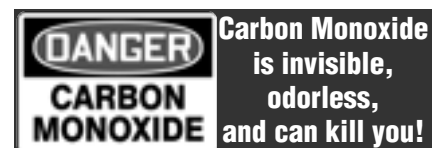
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The Historical Society of Florham Park was founded in the mid 1930's with the purpose of saving the Little Red Schoolhouse and gathering historical data of Florham Park. It continues efforts to preserve traditions and to collect and preserve genealogical data and artifacts concerning its residents. Indeed, virtually all the contents on display at the Little Red Schoolhouse were donated to the Society. To learn more or consider joining, contact President Christine Davidson at RDavidsonFP@gmail.com or Peter Nicolas at pnicolas@optimum.ne.

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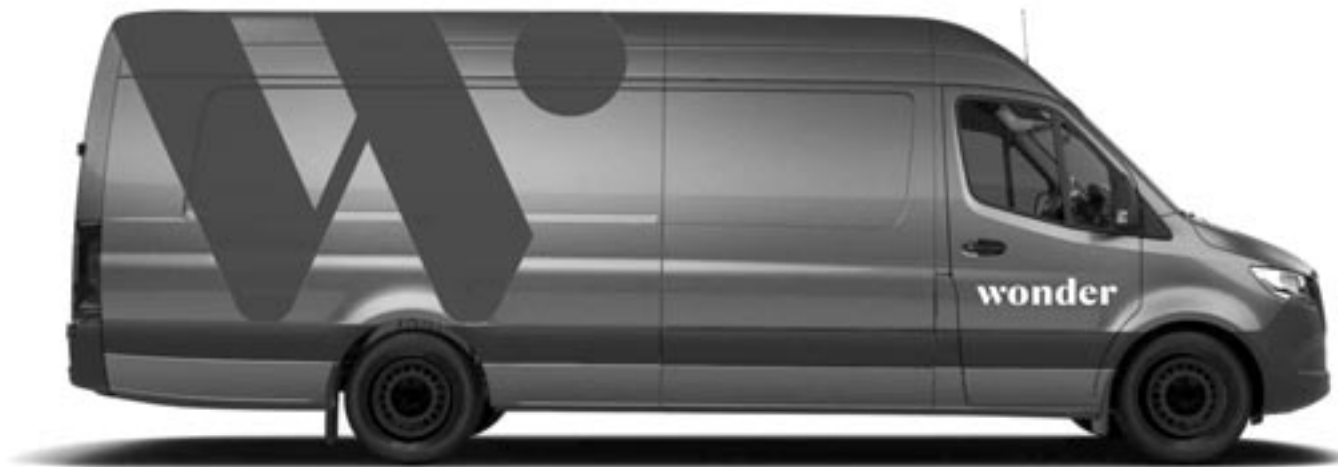
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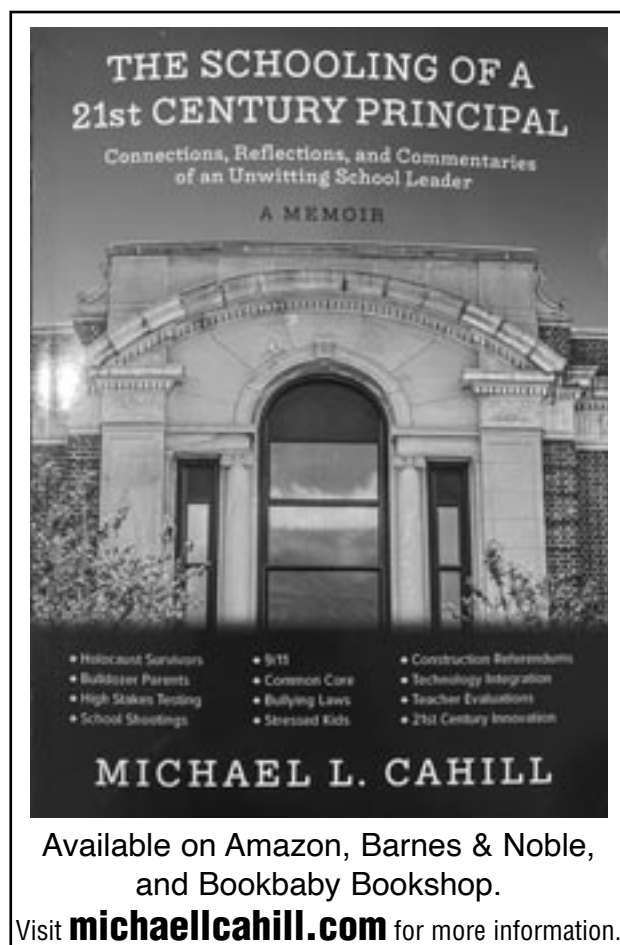
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One of the Foundation's key initiatives is our teacher grants program. Since our inception in 2019, we have awarded over a dozen grant proposals from teachers to enrich their curriculum. Through our Community Care initiative, the Foundation supports families with children in the Florham Park school district who find themselves facing hardships.

We recently concluded a Read-a-Thon for fifth to eighth graders. Students experienced the joy of reading while raising money for the FPEF.

Our virtual beer and wine tasting fundraiser is on May 13, 2022 and registration will open soon for this event.

Donations made to the FPEF directly impact the students of Florham Park, and our entire community thrives when residents and local businesses work together to promote strong schools.

Be on the lookout for more information. Please visit our website <https://fpfnj.org/> and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to learn more.



(above) Students experienced the joy of reading while raising money for the FPEF, by participating in a Read-a-Thon.

Photo by FPEF

Michael L. Cahill, of Florham Park, recently self-published a memoir entitled *The Schooling of a 21st Century Principal*. It conveys his various roles and experiences in education, primarily in the Millburn Township Public Schools district.

The Hoboken native and Seton Hall graduate always wanted to be a teacher. After serving at what was then the Summit Junior High for three years, there was no longer a position available to him. Cahill then worked for a year in two corporate positions in Manhattan and was interviewed in the lobby of the New York Museum of Modern Art by a Millburn supervisor who was chaperoning a field trip. It was the inauguration of 30 years of service in Millburn as a teacher, team leader, coordinator, assistant principal, and principal.

In his memoir, Cahill tells his readers that becoming a principal was never on his bucket list. The confluence of timing, mentors, and opportunity led him to his leadership post.

Cahill highlights the challenges he faced as principal, starting with the events of 9/11 on his fourth day on the job. His middle school enrollment was soaring from 513 to nearly 1200 students, making space - bond referendums and construction projects - a priority. New standards

for learning, a more demanding standardized test, and teacher evaluations hitched to the performance of students generated stress for students, teachers, and parents.

He proudly recalls wonderful highlights of his tenure as well. Several events for Holocaust survivors, including the "Prom of Your Dreams," were sponsored by Millburn Middle School. The school's peer leadership programs involved hundreds of students in service to their school and various community, national and international projects. Unique guidance programs promoted career awareness, mental health initiatives, and intergenerational communication.

The writer chronicles the many reforms and mandates that swept schools everywhere during the second decade of the new millennium, and he also details the cultural shifts in schools due to stress, school shootings, aggressive parents, and rising mental illness among preadolescents and adolescents. *The Schooling of a 21st Century Principal* is a portrait of the changing landscape of schools and the principalship.

The book is available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Bookbaby Bookshop. To find out more about the author or how to purchase his book, please visit michaellcahill.com.

HELP MINE MINERS' HISTORY

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"Morris County's Miners" is an archival digital collection that delves into Morris County's mining history—and it is a work in progress. Although history has recorded the names of the mining barons, the names, faces, and stories of the miners have been largely forgotten. Therefore, historians under the auspices of Morris County's Office of Planning & Preservation (MCOPP) are seeking to uncover vintage photos, facts, and stories to add to this collection.

"Our invitations to the public to assist us in compiling historical information for other projects has worked well, and we would love more information on the miners. The prize for us would be photographs," said Jan Williams, a Cultural and Historic Resources Specialist for the MCOPP.

Morris County has a deep history of mining still visible today, from the names of locations such as Mine Hill Township and Richard Mine Road, to the pits and sinkholes marking the landscape to the remnants of historic mills that processed the bounty, including the Boonton Ironworks.

Morris County historians have gathered many names from census data in Morris County, and in some cases, for example, the 1880 Census for Teabo Mine in Rockaway Township even made a distinction between an individual who works in mine and a miner. Morris County has included them all in "Morris County's Miners."

"Also included are those who made their living in service to miners: shopkeepers, physicians and contractors," Williams added.

To view "Morris County's Miners" go to morriscountynj.gov and put Morris County's

Miners in the search box.

To contribute vintage photos or stories about miners from the 1700s or those who followed to work the mines, mills, and supportive industries into the 20th Century, contact Jan Williams at jwilliams@co.morris.nj.us.



(above) *The Boonton Iron Works c. 1880. Historians invite the public to contribute historic photos to the online exhibit "Morris County's Miners."*



(above) *After her husband was killed in a mining accident, Mrs. Bridget Lockman Smith began renting out her double house in Mine Hill to boarders. Registered on both the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places, this house is the sole remaining Morris County example of an 1800s miner dwelling.*

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RUN WITH ROSE CITY RUNNERS

Attention Morris area runners! Whether or not you are affiliated with a running club, come check out the Rose City Runners. We meet every Saturday morning at the Kitchell Road parking area of nearby Loantaka Park in Morristown, NJ. Meet time is 8:30 a.m. April through October. We leave promptly, so if it's your first time, come a little early so you can be introduced.

We share post-run breakfast on a park picnic bench. We even have a fire in the shelter fireplace on cold winter days. We are starting to plan other activities, including member-hosted house parties.

Our USA Track & Field (USATF) racing

team will be active racing against other NJ clubs. Racing on the team is an option—not a requirement for membership.

Just come some Saturday! Members run at varying paces (including a few walkers) and cover anywhere from three to eight miles, much on quiet, wooded park trails. We have been getting 20 to 30 runners even on cold days. We have a diversity of ages, from 20s to 70s—with one member in her 80s!

When park trails are icy or snow covered we use alternate routes. We are a friendly, welcoming group. To learn more or to join, contact BarbaraRushman@yahoo.com or visit us at RoseCityRunners.com.

Photos by Rose City Runners



(above) The Rose City Runners at the Club's annual Glogg Run held on Christmas Eve morning. Meet the friendly group any Saturday morning this spring at 8:30 a.m. at Loantaka Park's parking area on Kitchell Road.

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