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Madison Rotary Club

As Rotary International recently named “supporting the environment” its newest area of focus, Madison Rotary is inviting the public to its biannual Community Shredding Day, joined by Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore collection truck as well as a food collection by Madison High School Interact. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Madison Municipal Parking Lot #1, at the corner of Prospect Street and Kings Road by the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Squad.

All are encouraged to take advantage of Morris Habitat for Humanity and Madison Rotary’s services to reclaim valuable space in their homes and offices at the same event, both by donating unneeded items and by safely destroying and recycling sensitive documents.

Madison Rotary has contracted a professional shredding service to provide secure destruction of sensitive documents on-site, after which the shredded papers will be recycled into other paper products. The cost is \$5 per box or grocery bag. Larger containers will be accepted and priced accordingly. Cash and checks will be accepted. All proceeds from the

shredding event will be used by the Madison Rotary.

A truck from Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore will gratefully accept area residents’ new or very gently used home building materials, lighting and plumbing fixtures, hardware items in original packaging, fine art and collectibles, and furniture and other home furnishings in excellent condition. ReStore’s inventory is 100% donated by businesses and individuals and sold to the general public. Proceeds are used to build affordable homes in Morris County and surrounding areas. Donations to ReStore are tax-deductible. A receipt will be provided for ReStore donations.

The MHS Interact Club will also be present collecting food donations that will be routed to the food pantry at Madison’s First Baptist Church. Those who donate can also learn more about Interacts bi-weekly doorstep grocery pick-up so regular on-going donations can be made to fight food insecurity in Madison.

For questions about the event, please contact Steve Shannon at realsteveshannon@gmail.com.

Visit madisonrotarynj.org for more information about Madison Rotary.

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The Taste of Madison is a must-attend party for food lovers and a celebration of the best of Madison. The Taste is also a festive fundraiser that benefits local non-profit initiatives. Chefs from thirty of the area's finest restaurants will serve samples of their best dishes. Gary's Wine & Marketplace, the event's longtime presenting sponsor, will provide guests with fine wine, beer, and spirits. The Taste has a Silent Auction, Trick Tray and 50/50 Raffle.

The Taste of Madison will be held at Brooklake Country Club, 139 Brooklake Road, Florham Park, NJ, on Monday, April 25, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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The public is welcome to purchase tickets at Gary's Wine & Marketplace, 121 Main St or at TasteOfMadison.org. Tickets must be purchased in advance and guests must be at least 21 years old. The recommended attire is business casual.

The Taste of Madison was established in 2002 as a fun, town-wide fundraiser that is a cure for the winter blues. In its previous nineteen editions, the Taste of Madison has raised more than \$600,000 and entertained more than 8,000 guests. Producers and Mission:

The Taste of Madison Organizing Committee is a volunteer, non-profit partnership of the Rotary Club of Madison, the Madison Downtown Development Commission and the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Taste proceeds fund charitable causes, civic improvements and business development in Madison, NJ.

EASTER FUN FEST - SAT., APRIL 9

This year's Easter Fun Fest will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2021 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm. Visit the Chamber table set up on Main St. where individuals can guess the number of Jelly Beans, visit with the Easter Bunny and turn in their Shelly Egg participation cards to win prizes.

This year's Easter Fun Fest is being sponsored by Alfred's Sport Shop, 32 Main St., Carter Smile, 180 Main St., Morristown., Cleaners Advantage, 888-471-7676,

Harvest Bistro, 50 1/2 Main St. and Princeton Speech-Language and Learning Center, 340

Main St.

"The Madison Chamber and its member businesses look forward to this fun, family event each year." said Karen Giambra, executive director of the Chamber. "It is a perfect way to bring our community together and to kick off the spring season"

For more information, please contact Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Karen Giambra at MadisonChamber@gmail.com or at 973-377-7830. Also visit the Chamber website at MadisonNJChamber.org.

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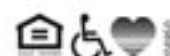


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The Thrift Shop, located at 39 Kings Road, is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. It is a non-profit operated by volunteers, with all proceeds received from sales distributed annually to charitable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

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CHATHAM-MADISON SPRING YARD SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE GREAT SWAMP

Save the date for the latest Chatham-Madison Town-Wide Yard Sale. It will be held rain or shine on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Chatham Borough, Chatham Township and Madison. Once again, this popular community event features a fundraiser for the Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA). Residents may list their sales on a digital map with a \$10 tax-deductible donation to GSWA.

The GSWA and the three towns will publicize the map extensively through their media outlets. Previous yard sales have attracted hundreds of shoppers from PA, NY and all over NJ. The spring 2021 event featured 110 household sales with hundreds of items changing hands, raising \$1,100 for the GSWA.

This event is open and free for all residents of the three towns. You don't need a permit or other official registration. You don't need to join the digital map to take part (although it is a good way to attract buyers, particularly if you list the available items). You don't need to pay to advertise your sale anywhere else, the marketing is extensive, but can if you want to. Put signs in your neighborhood to help buyers find your event on the morning of the sale.

"We are excited to once again be hosting the town-wide yard sale," said Claire Whitcomb, chair of the Madison Environmental Commission. "It's so much easier to de-clutter when you know that your items are going to a good cause, or to a new home," continued Whitcomb.

Once again, neighbors in the Highland Avenue area of Chatham Borough will combine to host a "FreeCycle" event with all items free to shoppers. Organizer Susie Robertson says, "The Yard Sale is a great way to get items out of the bulk-pickup and into the hands of someone else who could use them. I encourage everyone to discuss hosting a multi-family sale on your block and enjoy a fun and profitable morning with your neighbors," continued Robertson.

Homeowners can arrange pickups of sale leftovers by contacting the following nonprofits: the Vietnam Veterans of America (vva.org), GreenDrop (gogreendrop.com), the Market Street Mission (marketstreet.org) and Habitat for Humanity's ReStore (morrisrestore.org/donate).

"Anything with a plug" can be placed in the collection bin at 8 Emery Ave, Randolph (M-F 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.) for "E-cycling" by GreenVision, Inc.

Madison residents may also post items on Madison Swap and Share NJ, a Facebook group of with 2100 sharers and borrowers. Chatham Borough and Chatham Township residents may post items to the Buy Nothing Chatham, NJ Facebook group with 650 FreeCyclers. At any time of the year, these are great ways to keep items out of the landfill and to repurpose items you may not need, but someone else is happy to use.

For questions regarding the yard sale, please contact MEC@rosenet.org.

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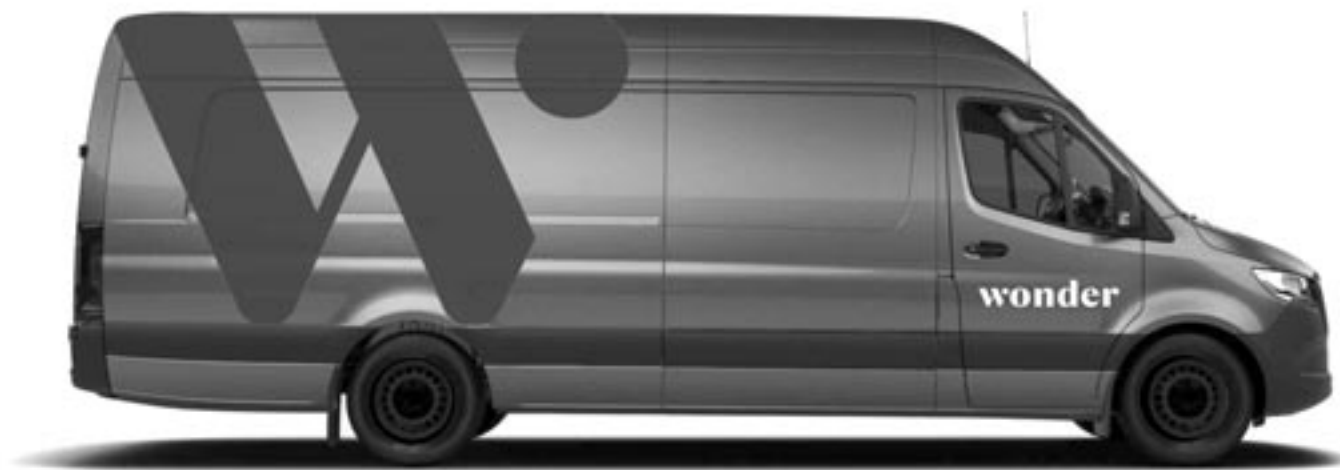
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The educational program offers six lessons that cover a wide range of topics. Participants will have an opportunity to meet new people and:

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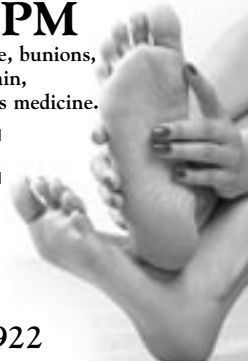
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Boats Against the Current:

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Lecture With The Filmmaker

Tuesday, April 5th @ 7pm

The Great Gatsby, has become synonymous with the lifestyle of the rich and famous on Long Island. But what if the origins of Gatsby are in Westport, Connecticut? Spend an evening with the director Robert Steven Willaims of Gatsby in Connecticut: The Untold Story to learn more. William's presentation will take you back to that wild summer in 1920 when Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald spent their Honeymoon months in Westport. Learn about how the Fitzgerald's time not only influenced Gatsby but Zelda's art too.

Spanish Conversation Hour

Tuesday, April 12th @ 5pm

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Ask Your Arborist: Your Tree Questions

Answered by an Expert

Wednesday, April 13th @ 7pm

Perplexed about pruning? Curious if caterpillars eating your leaves are friends or foes? Wondering if you have Spotted Lanternfly eggs on your tree? Get answers from Madison's official Municipal Arborist, Richard Wolowicz, who will provide expert insight on trees — including tree care, Madison's shade tree management program, the role of trees in mitigating climate change, and more. Co-hosted by the Madison Shade Tree Management Board, the Friends of Madison Shade Trees, and the Madison Environmental Commission.

Dorothea Lange: Words and Pictures

Monday, April 18th @ 7pm

Join Sylvia Laudien-Meo, and NYC tour guide and arts aficionado, for a presentation & discussion of this interesting and surprisingly relevant exhibition on Dorothea Lange's photography and their relationship to language — found in the environment, but also added in various publications, to “extend, buttress, illuminate, and explain the photograph”.

On a shared screen we will be able to look at Lange's photographs, learn about the stories behind them and discuss her work as a group.

UKRAINIAN FLAG FLIES IN MADISON

Borough of Madison

On Monday, March 7, three Ukrainian international students from Drew University - Pavlo Goloyadov C'23, Daria Yashnyk C'24 and Oleksii Vilchynskyi INTO Pathway — joined Mayor Robert H. Conley to raise a Ukrainian flag in Madison. Also present were Council President Robert Landrigan, Councilmembers John Hoover and Eric Range, and Kellie Doucette — Representative from Congresswoman Sherrill's office. The flag flew outside Hartley Dodge Memorial for the next thirty days as a sign of the Rose Cities support for the people of Ukraine as the unproved attack on their country continues.

(above, l-r) Pavlo Goloyadov,

Drew University C'23; Madison Police

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Mayor Robert H. Conley



(above, l-r) Councilmember John Hoover; Mayor Robert H. Conley; Pavlo Goloyadov C'23; Oleksii Vilchynskyi INTO Pathway; Daria Yashnyk C'24; Kellie Doucette; Councilmember Eric Range; Council President Robert Landrigan

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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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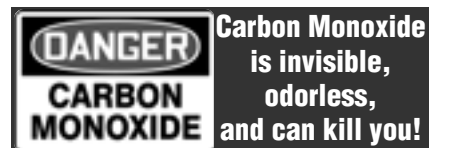
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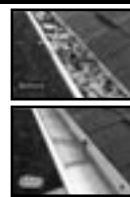
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RUN WITH THE ROSE CITY RUNNERS

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.



(above) Glogg Run runners who didn't make it into the main group photo due to an unannounced road closing. You're invited to join the Rose City Runners. Visit 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.

CHECK TREES FOR SPOTTED LANTERNFLY EGG MASSES

NJ Department of Agriculture

The weather is warming up, check your trees for Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) egg masses. When you find them crush them. Use an old bank card, small rolling pin or putty knife.

Citizens are advised to destroy the Spotted Lanternfly in all its forms.

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

SLF is a serious invasive pest with a healthy appetite for our plants and it can be a significant nuisance, affecting the quality of life and enjoyment of the outdoors. The spotted lanternfly uses its piercing-sucking mouthpart to

feed on sap from over 70 different plant species. It has a strong preference for economically important plants and the feeding damage significantly stresses the plants which can lead to decreased health and potentially death.

As SLF feeds, the insect excretes honeydew (a sugary substance) which can attract bees, wasps, and other insects. The honeydew also builds up and promotes the growth for sooty mold (fungi), which can cover the plant, forest understories, patio furniture, cars, and anything else found below SLF feeding.

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ST. PATTY'S DAY DINNER BRINGS FRIENDS AND 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.

Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on Madison Monthly page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/madisonmonthly). Feel free to "Like," "Tag," and "Share."

PEER SUPPORT GROUP AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS

County of Morris

The Morris County Veterans Services Office and NewBridge Services have begun a bimonthly veteran peer support group, which meets the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sessions are free to all veterans no matter their length of service or discharge status. Veteran Tim Slavin is facilitating and guiding the conversations among veterans to aid in healing and recovery.

The veteran peer support group meets at the Morris County Veterans Service Office at 540

West Hanover Ave., in Morris Township. The entrance is at the rear of the Morris View Healthcare Center. For more information and to register, contact NewBridge Services at 973-316-9333 or email services@newbridge.org.

Veterans who were in combat or separated from family for extended periods may experience added life stressors; peer support groups may help.

"A peer support group for veterans is a way to come together to share stories of the stressors of deployment and the impact this stress has had on

their lives," NewBridge CEO Michelle Borden said.

Morris County launched a program to host veteran roundtables and social events last fall, and the County Department of Human Services is working to launch a veteran and family support counseling program soon.

Krickus said that he wants veterans, including those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, "to know that we not only honor their service on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, but we are here to support you every day of the year."

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