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Prince Harry as the cast of The Wizard of Oz • Spunkiest - Rahman Babor and his dog Jimmy for Jimmy's suitcase costume • Most Creative - Andrea Berti and Leianne Krotec and

crew along with their dogs Ace and Lola as the Scooby-Doo gang.

**Rotary Club of Florham Park** The 2nd Annual Halloween Dog Parade and Costume contest hosted by Pets Supplies Plus and the Florham Park Rotary turned out to be a beautiful day for those in attendance

More than 200 people came out on Saturday, October 15, to the Florham Park Gazebo with some 50+ dogs. The Costume contest consisted of six categories: Funniest,

scariest, spunkiest, most creative, best-dressed dog/human

giveaways throughout the afternoon, and of course prizes for

• Funniest - Diane Ferrone and her dog Harley, dressed as a

• Scariest - Laura Palmer and crew with their dog Bonnie

There was free pizza, ice cream, snacks, drinks, music, and

- Best dressed dog/human duo Stephanie Marelli and her dog, Buddy, as the cast of "Toy Story".
- Best in Show Brielle Dolack, her dog Partner and Chris Cuomo and for their group Jurassic Park outfits.

Pet Supplies Plus Owner Barbara Grobert commented "It was a beautiful day and it was a great turnout," She continued "I'm so happy that everyone came out and happy to be a part of the community."

#### **STUDENTS BENEFIT**

and a success.

each category. The

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duo, and overall "best in show".

proceeds went to the winner, and the other half went into the Florham Park Rotary Scholarship Fund. It contributes to the of "Service Above Self".

George Gregor, a member of the Florham Park Rotary Club, said this is one of the best events of the season and is to college.

was among those on hand to lend her support to the event. Later she was happy to observe that "This event has now become a 'staple of the community' which can only serve to enhance presence in the community for Pet Supplies Plus and our club."

Several youth volunteers helped out the day of the event, Costume Contest next October."



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including several from Hanover Park High School and a group Along with the contest was a 50/50 raffle. Half of the of seventh graders from the St. Rose of Lima Church in East Hanover.

Special guests included members from the Florham Park Scholarship for graduating high school students of Florham Police Department, Cubmaster Brian Campbell of Florham Park who have a record of volunteerism and the Rotary motto Park Cub Scouts Pack 2, and investigator Ashley Craig and Cpl. Laura Bertelli – as McGruff the Crime Dog – from the Morris County Sheriff's Office.

In closing, Florham Park Rotary Club Sergeant-at-Arms essential to sustaining scholarship funds to help students get Peter Nicolas said: "On behalf of Pets Supplies Plus and the Florham Park Rotary, we would like to thank all the people Simone Campbell, president of the Florham Park Rotary, who came out with their dogs to participate in this fundraiser. "Doing so led to another successful event and thus this spring a Florham Park student will be able to receive a scholarship for their volunteerism. That's a pretty big deal in a town which prides itself as a 'Community of Volunteers.' We'll look forward to the 3rd Annual Halloween Dog Parade and



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Join Opera at Florham this fall for Opera Talk, a series of free presentations on Opera with music educator Lou Barrella, Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register at Operaatflorham.org. Walk-ins welcome.

#### **Confrontational Duets in Opera**

November 19, 2022

Hartman Lounge, The Mansion, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 285 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ

When two singers blend their voices, our listening becomes doubly rewarded; and when their characters' interaction is conflicted, we enjoy exciting vocalization and theater! This presentation will feature a variety of memorable duets from Opera scenes where the characters express themselves quite dramatically.

In addition, Opera at Florham is now offering The Joy of Opera series with Lou Barrella as part of the Florham Institute for Lifelong Learning at Fairleigh Dickinson University. The public is welcome to attend the class, "Singing without Words," on Friday, November 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Lenfell Hall, The Mansion, FDU, Madison, NJ. Advance

registration required.

Louis Barrella has been a dedicated Music Educator for over 50 years, specializing in Music and Opera Appreciation in schools and cultural organizations. He has lectured at colleges, museums and cultural institutions throughout the Metropolitan Area. He conducts an Opera class at the Garibaldi Meucci Museum and lectures for Opera at Florham. He has organized student trips for the Metropolitan Opera Education Department for over 40 years. He is a member of the Board of the Enrico Caruso Museum, a regular presenter at the Mario Lanza luncheons, and co-host for Columbus Citizens' Foundation's Opera nights.

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## HOLIDAY BOOK SALE – SAT., DEC. 3

Get into the holiday spirit with a visit to the are sure to find just the right thing for the holiday book sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. to people on your list. Masks are optional and it 4 p.m. at the Library of the Chathams, 214 would be helpful if customers brought their Main Street, Chatham, on Saturday, December 3. There will be a large selection of beautiful children's and adult "giftable" books with holiday themes, best sellers,

own bags.

The sale is made possible by the Friends of the Library of the Chathams and the many generous donations from the Chatham DVDs, puzzles and games for all ages. You community. Come, shop and join in the fun!

#### THRIFT SHOP PREPARED FOR NOVEMBER SALES

The Madison Independent Thrift Shop is 3:00 p.m. celebrating 80 years of service to the community and invites shoppers to stop in during the month of November when it will be offering artwork, clear glassware, and anything with a plug for 50% off the regular tagged price.

The Thrift Shop, located at 39 Kings Road, is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.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.

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## **NEXT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION – NOVEMBER 16**

happy to announce that the next free presentation being hosted is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, at 7 - 8 p.m. at the Florham Park Library.

The Whippany Railway Museum is just a short drive from Floham Park and has been bringing to life the history of New Jersey's railroads to the public since 1985. However, the Museum's age belies its heritage. The Museum was built upon over 30 years of preservation experience. In 1965, Whippany was home to the Morris County Central, a steam tourist railroad.

Today, the Whippany Railway Museum is firmly committed to its role of preserving the heritage of the railroads in New Jersey and the Morris County region. The Museum has made tremendous progress over the past few years in the acquisition and restoration of new

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The Historical Society of Florham Park is equipment, thanks mainly to the donations and next year when we welcome "The Real support of our visitors.

> The Whippany Railway Museum has shown that it is indeed possible to have a quality operation through much hard work and the tremendous positive support of the public. (whippanyrailwaymuseum.org)

> the Whippany Railroad and a life-long resident of Morris County. Mike has been actively involved with the all-volunteer Whippany Railway Museum for over 15 years.

We know those who attended the "The Morristown Ghost Hoax" presentation enjoyed learning about local history. Those who love trains will certainly enjoy Mike Dodge's presentation about preserving NJ railroad History. Everyone can also pencil in future Historical Society presentations scheduled for

Housewives of New Jersey" on March 14 to learn about early American women and then have a return visit on April 11 from popular presenter Joel Farkas on "George Washington and Morristown New Jersey, Perfect Together".

The Historical Society of Florham Park was Presenting will be Mike Dodge, volunteer of founded in the 1930s to save and preserve the Little Red Schoolhouse. The former schoolhouse on the corner of Columbia Turnpike and Ridgedale Avenue was converted into a museum and is the symbol of Florham Park.

> To learn more about it, check en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Little Red Schoolhouse or to learn more about The Historical Society of Florham Park contact RDavidsonFP@gmail.com.



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### **COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR ALL ABOUT FLORHAM PARK DAY**

"All About Florham Park Day" on Saturday, October 15th, 2022.

Members of the community gathered at the library for various activities including the

The Florham Park Public Library hosted Touch-a-Truck program featuring vehicles from the fire department, first aid squad, and police department. In addition, community organizations and Borough officials were stationed at information booths inside the

library's Akhoury Room.

All About Florham Park Day serves as an opportunity to help residents meet their neighbors and get involved in the community.



(above) Jaycees





(above) Rotary Club (above) Senior Citizens Club



(above) First Aid Squad



(above) Public Library



(above) Environmental Commission



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## **ALL ABOUT FLORHAM PARK DAY 2022 PHOTO ALBUM**









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(above) Peter S. Zablocki - Historian, Author, Teacher, Podcaster.

#### **EXPLORE THE NIGHT SKY & MORE**

The Florham Park Public Library

Second Sunday programs continue at the Florham Park Public Library on November 13 at 2 p.m. with Exploring the Night Sky. Paul Cirillo, of AstronomyNJ, will share techniques on how to identify constellations, locate planets, use a star map, view the International Space Station and satellites without a telescope, and more! Mr. Cirillo encourages audience questions and will share his recommendations for internet resources for beginning astronomers.

This free program is open to all ages and you do not need to be a Florham Park patron to attend. Stop by the Library on November 13 to learn how you can enjoy the upcoming meteor showers and celestial events in all their splendor!

Looking for more fun? Borrow a telescope, Sphero Robot, yard game, and more from the 'Library of Things'. Available to Florham Park patrons only, 'Things' and Museum Passes can be reserved through the Library's website, florhamparklib.org.

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#### THE 1788 MORRISTOWN GHOST HOAX

Submitted by Peter Nicolas

The Historical Society of Florham Park is happy to have held its first in-person presentation at the Florham Park Library since 2019.

On Tuesday, October 18, guests and members of the Historical Society were entertained with an exciting story that proved that scams have been around for a long time: The 1788 Morristown Ghost Hoax: The Search for Lost Revolutionary War Treasure from The History Press

The saga of the Morristown ghost has been told around campfires and dinner tables in Morris County for generations. Local legend claimed British Loyalists secretly buried stolen Patriot treasure on Schooley Mountain as they fled the oncoming forces of George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Years later in 1788, a former school teacher from Connecticut, Ransford Rodgers, convinced local prominent Morristown families that a ghost was protecting the true location of the treasure and he alone could exercise it. Little did the victims know, Rodgers was perpetuating an elaborate hoax and eventually extorted large sums of money from the embarrassed local elite. New Jersey's Railroad History Since 1965.

The tale has been recounted in various sensational pamphlets and publications ever since, leaving behind a mystery of what is true or myth.

This was presented by Peter S. Zablocki -Author, Teacher. Historian, Podcaster. (peterzablocki.com)

Peter is the author of numerous books - the latest, Bullets that Changed America, from McFarland Publishing - and articles pertaining to local and national history. His work has been published in Weird NJ Magazine, Military History Quarterly, Military History Magazine, and Honest History Magazine, among others. His paperback books can be purchased at Amazon.com, at the Barnes & Noble bookstore on Route 10 in Morris Plains. Peter also shared bits from to of his other books such as "Terror Over Elizabeth New Jersey" and "The Denville Thirteen".

Peter is the Vice-President of the Denville Historical Society, Museum, and Research Center in New Jersey, as well as one of the town historians.

The Whippany Railroad Museum: Preserving



## **ENJOY A SCANDINAVIAN SHOPPING SPREE IN NEW PROVIDENCE**

After a 3 year delay because of the pandemic, Lodge Linne #429 VOA will once again be sponsoring their annual Import Sale on Saturday, November 19, 2022. The 42nd annual Scandinavian Import and Gift Sale will be held at Salt Brook School, 40 Maple St, New Providence, NJ (off Springfield Ave,). The sale will be open to the public between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and is handicapped accessible. Admission is free.

The sale will feature a variety of traditional holiday and everyday Scandinavian items made from silver, amber, wood, paper, wool, straw, and other materials. These gift and handicraft items are either manufactured in one of the Nordic countries or are designed in a Scandinavian style or motif and manufactured elsewhere.

Many of the traditional Scandinavian decorating items will be offered, including a large variety of elf-like tomten, Jul Bock or straw goats in many sizes, and many Christmas ornaments. Among paper items for sale will be a wide selection of advent calendars, including those filled with chocolate candy, Carl Larsson calendars, Christmas cards, and stationary. An assortment of table linens will be available including runner fabric by the yard for both Christmas and everyday use. For the home one will find trays, baking needs, aprons, knives, Danish wrought iron candleholders, and wooden candleholders for Christmas and general use. Personal items will include lovely sweaters from Dale of Norway for men and women in both cardigan and pullover styles. The jewelry department is selling necklaces, earrings, and pins.

We will be selling a large variety of Scandinavian baked goods, such as limpa bread, coffee braids, and pastries. Imported foods that will be sold are cheeses such as authentic Farmer's cheese, several types of herring, lingonberries, cloudberries, and various chocolates and marzipan. Scandinavian pastries will be served throughout the day. Drawings for door prizes will be held frequently during the day.

The location of the sale is easily reached by



Our flyer goes out this year to all the wonderful supporters who have helped the Lyon's veterans for past 5 years. We had to skip last year due to Covid. Outsiders were not allowed in the building, so we were put on hold.

However, we are excited this year to at least be able to help them in other ways.

This year's Adopt A Vet For Christmas fundraiser will be used for Christmas ... along with a full year of your support.

Your donations will be used not only to buy Christmas presents and "special food and sweets" for the other yearly holidays, but also to help stock the kitchen they use on their unit.

Many of the vets love to make their own meals (that's no surprise!), and have to contribute their own money for many of the items they need to buy.

Your donations are also used for trips to Costco, "Veteran" hats, beautiful enamel dogtags, and other military items we buy for them.

Most of these brave heroes are from the Afghan and Iraq wars. It's been especially hard for them this year, due to all that has transpired lately.

They are so appreciative of the kindness and support from all of you...who have made their stay at Lyons at bit nicer.

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EVERY dollar you donate will be used on our PTSD program at Lyons. Please share the holidays...and your love...with our nation's heroes.

They have given so much to keep us safe.

Thank you for caring about our vets!

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taking either route 24 to Summit or route 78 to New Providence. Springfield Avenue is also known as route 512. The school is also a 5minute walk from the New Providence Railroad Station on the Summit/Gladstone line.

Lodge Linne #429 Vasa Order of America is a non-profit organization originally for individuals of Scandinavian descent. However, now membership has been opened up to people who are interested in Nordic heritage and culture. For further information about membership contact Vibeke (908-646-0425) or Judy (908-464-0139). The lodge meets on the third Friday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South St., in New Providence.

Proceeds from the Import Sale benefit many organizations and charities such as First Aid Squads, Summit Speech School, Sage, Bling Foundation, a New Providence High School scholarship, and annually we sponsor a New Providence girls softball team.

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