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2022 CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING

The 43rd Annual Borough of Madison Christmas Committee Parade was held on Friday, November 25th, 2022, on Waverly Place. Each year throngs of people gather on the route down Main Street to enjoy the parade and tree lighting, sponsored by the all-volunteer Madison Christmas Committee. Showcasing close to 70 floats and parade groups from Madison and surrounding municipalities, this parade draws in a crowd of close to 15,000 spectators as Madison kicks off the holiday season. Immediately following the parade is the lighting of the tree on Waverly Place.

This year's parade was held both in-person, and live streamed for those to enjoy from the comfort of their own home. The full HD recording of the parade and tree lighting can be viewed by visiting the The Borough of Madison New Jersey YouTube channel: voutu.be/eYzLAZGPNpY

This year's tree, which has been grown at the Toto's household for 51 years, was graciously donated by Marie Toto and family, in memory of their late husband and father, Carmine Toto. The Madison Electric Department and Coviello Brothers cut down, transported and put up the tree.



(Additional photos on pages 6 and 7.)

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Banbury, owner of A Dancer's Den, located at 2 Green Village Road, to Madison at a ribboncutting ceremony on October 27. Also in

Mayor Robert H. Conley welcomed Raquel attendance were Robbin Salmeri, President of the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce, and Sue Whitehorn, Downtown Development Commission Chair.



(above, l-r) Sue Whitehorn, Mayor Robert H. Conley, Raquel Branbury, and Robbin Salmeri.

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS **IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH**

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REORGANIZATION MEETING – JAN. 6

Borough Of Madison

The Borough of Madison will hold its annual public reorganization meeting for 2023 on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Hartley Dodge Memorial, 50 Kings Road.

Recently re-elected Council Member Rachel Ehrlich and newly elected Tom Haralampoudis will take the oath of office as Council Members, a three-year term. Ehrlich, who began her first term in office in 2020, will start her second term. Her running mate, Haralampoudis, has been involved with the Library Board of Trustees, Authority, Board of Health. Housing Environmental Commission, Recreation Committee and was a co-founder of the Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee and will begin his first term in office.

Conducting the oath of office for Ehrlich and

Haralampoudis will be Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill. Expected to be joining Congresswoman Sherrill is Assemblyman John F. McKeon and Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, as well as State Senator Richard J. Codey, and elected officials from throughout Morris County.

Mayor Conley, Council Members and Borough Officials will honor the service of outgoing Council Member Maureen Byrne, who served two terms as a Council Member from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2022, and served as Council President in 2021.

The agenda will also include official action, which includes, but is not limited to, appointments and reappointments of Boards and Committees for 2023, adoption of resolutions to facilitate Borough business including awarding professional services contracts for 2023 and naming of Borough Officials.











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(above) Some of the gifts at the altar of Faith. The confirmation classes, grades 6 through 8, beautifully packaged the gifts, which included a candy cane and card.



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FAITH LUTHERAN PROVIDES GIFTS TO PERSONS IN NEED

Church in New Providence, through its Christmas Sharing Tree, has contributed gifts to persons served by social service agencies in the community and St. Stephan's Grace Community Church in Newark. Each of the recipients was given a choice between two gifts of warmth, a hooded sweatshirt and a plush throw blanket.

Organizations to whom Faith donated were the following: The ARC of Union County, which provides resources to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to ensure that the persons realize full and productive lives, the Possum Way Group Home in New Providence is part of ARC; Cheshire Home, which provides residential specialized

Following its annual tradition, Faith Lutheran care facilities for disabled adults; New Providence Community Service Association, which offers financial assistance to New Providence citizens in their time of need; and St. Stephan's Grace Community Church, which is a diverse and multicultural Lutheran church in the Ironbound Section of Newark. For many years, members of Faith have tutored children there. The children will be receiving the gifts.

Joanne and Ed Berryman of Madison chair and manage this ministry for Faith Lutheran. Kim Delatour of Berkeley Heights helped with the St. Stephan's portion.

The pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready. Faith is located at 524 South Street. Its website is famfaith.org and its phone number is 908-464-5177.



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PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY PROGRAMS

All lecture programs are online via Zoom. 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. **Niagara Falls Lecture**

Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. Explore the history of the Niagara Falls region from Native American legends to modern-day parks and attractions - with author and photographer Kevin Woyce. Meet the area's explorers and settlers the daredevils who risked their lives for fame or fortune the businessmen who harnessed the Falls' power and the conservationists and visionaries who saved the Falls for generations of visitors. The program is illustrated with original photographs and

historic images. **Ancient Greek Art at the Met**

Tuesday, January 31 at 7 p.m. By examining vases, sculpture, and metalwork, all from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, we will amble in an ancient Athenian cemetery; cheer Athens' equivalent of a Fourth of July parade, the Panathenaia; have a drink at a men's party; and join the Greek army. We'll even jump into a 2,500-year-old chariot to learn about the Trojan War.



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WINTER "MINICOURSES" RETURN IN-PERSON

two in-person "minicourse" offerings through the Madison Public Library.

The courses, which will cover topics relating to women artists in Europe and opera in the Romantic era, are sponsored by the nonprofit Friends of the Madison Public Library.

One minicourse, titled "Women Artists in Europe from the Renaissance to World War II," will begin on Monday, January 23, and run for five consecutive Mondays in January and February from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Dr. Kimberly Rhodes, NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities and Professor of Art History at Drew University, will lead the sessions.

This course provides a survey of women artists working in Europe from the Renaissance to the Second World War. The course will review women who were trained as artists, how they navigated their professional identities, and how European nations differed in their approach to including women in the art world. It will also focus on how societal attitudes towards women in the eras influenced the reception of works by women artists. Sofonisba Anguissola, Artemisia Gentileschi, Angelica Kauffman, Rosa Bonheur, Harriet Hosmer, Mary Cassatt, and Vanessa Bell are among the artists to be studied.

A second minicourse, titled "Barber to Boheme: Opera in the Romantic Era," will begin on Tuesday, January 24, and run for five consecutive Tuesdays in January and February

Registration opens Wednesday, January 4, for from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Dr. Robert Butts, Director of the Baroque Orchestra of NJ and a lecturer at Montclair State University, the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies at Drew, the NJ Council for the Humanities, and St. Elizabeth University, will present these sessions.

> Many of the most popular and influential operas were composed during music's Romantic Era (1800-1920). The works of Rossini, Donizetti, Verdi, Bizet, Wagner, Puccini, and others remain

> favorites of audiences and artists, at the same time continuing to influence composers in the 21st century. While opera was entertainment during the period, it also reflected on social changes as well as new ideas ranging from fantasy to realism, from history to legend, and from past to present. Explore the operas that continue to be performed and enjoyed around the world.

> Interested students can find registration information at minicoursesmadisonlibrary.org. The tuition for each course is \$95. No refunds or credits will be given once the course begins. These courses are organized by the Friends of the Madison Public Library, a nonprofit 501(c)(3)organization. All proceeds benefit the Madison Public Library.

> These virtual non-credit courses are open to the public with no prerequisites or examinations. For more information, please visit the website minicoursesmadisonlibrary.org or email minicoursesmadisonlibrary@gmail.com.

THRIFT SHOP PREPARED FOR JANUARY SALES

The Madison Independent Thrift Shop invites shoppers to stop in during the month of January. Christmas items and anything red will be on sale at 50% off the regular tagged prices.

The Thrift Shop is happy to announce they will be donating \$45,000 in 2023 to local charities.

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. -

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. It is looking for Community minded volunteers to help staff the store. Anyone wanting further information or may be interested in becoming a volunteer is encouraged to drop by the shop or call 973-377-2450 during business hours.





"LADLES OF LOVE"

In 2022, the Madison Rotary embarked on a new volunteer venture: Ladles of Love. Monthly, Madison Rotarians partnered with Healthy Italia, an innovative cooking school on Main Street in Madison, making 64 quarts of fresh nurturing and nourishing soups to donate to area charities in need. Thus far, a total, 320 quarts of soup were given to JBWS to benefit the survivors of domestic violence; Homeless Solutions for people transitioning into housing; and the Madison Food Pantry at the Madison Baptist Church. Diane Williams, President and CEO of JBWS, spoke to Madison Rotarians during the event about how her organization gives safety. support and solutions for all domestic abuse victims and provides education to the public for prevention of domestic violence. the "Community support is crucial for the survivors on their road to recovery," remarked Williams.

"Ladles of Love fits perfectly with the

Madison Rotary's mission to help alleviate food insecurity in our community, to empower youth, and to partner with other local organizations to enrich the Madison community and beyond," said Madison Rotary President Doug Willis.

Interested members of the community are welcome to join a Ladles of Love event or come as a guest to a Rotary meeting. The Rotary Club of Madison meets each Thursday morning at the Madison YMCA at 111 Kings Road, Madison from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Meetings are also accessible by Zoom. Please visit the Rotary website at madisonrotarynj.org for information on accessing the meetings via Zoom, and for any updates to the schedule and other meeting details.

Madison Rotary is celebrating its 100th year of service to the community with more than 80 members who make significant contributions in the community through their unique skills, talent and resources.



(above,l-r) Madison Rotarians Jeannie Tsukamoto, Doug Willis and Carol Martorana, Diane Williams, President and CEO of JBWS; Lisa Berkery of Soup Sisters; and Rosalee Gordon of Madison Rotary.



FINOCCHIARO NAMED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Following the Madison Christmas Parade, Police Chief Miscia announced the 1st Annual Chief Vincent D. Chirico Officer of the Year Award was awarded to Patrolman Finocchiaro. Following a vote by all department personnel Patrolman Finocchiaro was found to be an employee who inspires Madison Police Officers and employees of MPD, based on outstanding performance, positive attitude, professionalism, and dedication to MPD and the community.

The Chief Vincent D. Chirico Officer of the Year Award is in honor of beloved retired Chief of Police Vincent D. Chirico, who served MPD for 40 years (1969 – 2009), serving as chief from 2004-2009.

Patrolman Finocchiaro, badge #161 was appointed in June 2020 after graduating the Morris County Police Academy. Finocchiaro previously served four years in the United States Navy, is an ice hockey fan and always has a smile on his face.

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(above) Officer Jonathan M. Finocchiaro was named Madison, NJ Police Officer of the Year 2022

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For 34 years, the mission of the non-profit a few. Senior Center of the Chathams has been to protect the independence and dignity of a growing, aging population by providing a wide array of programs and services that educate, empower, and connect participants to one another. The Center enables older adults to age in place and to remain active, engaged, and contributing members of their communities while increasing their access to programs and services in the areas of wellness and fitness; enrichment; support and connection: and information and referral. All of this helps to improve their physical and emotional well-being.

The Senior Center of the Chathams is committed to offering its programs and services to a wide range of people and draws members from six counties and 70 towns, including Chatham, Madison, Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Florham Park, and Summit to name

All are welcome at the Senior Center of the Chathams. There is no membership fee to join. Many programs are offered free of charge, while others involve only a minimal fee thanks to individual donations, fundraising events, and grants. The Center is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information about the Senior Center of the Chathams, call 973-635-4565 or visit chathamseniorcenter.org.

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS

The Senior Center of the Chathams hosted Holiday Parties on two days - December 2 and December 9. Lunch was served, including deserts and mocktails - eggnog and holiday punch. A Holiday Concert was performed by entertainer Bob Marino who is known for 'Singing Italian and more".



(above) Senior Center of the Chathams, employees, volunteers, and sponsors of the event.

EMERGENCY SQUAD'S "SNOW VILLAGE"

It's the most wonderful time of the year - the Chatham Emergency Squad proudly presents the 18th annual Winter Wonderland / "Snow Village" at its Chatham Borough building, located at 31 North Passaic Avenue.

The Winter Wonderland / Snow Village will be open from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 23rd, and Tuesday, December 27th.

The impressive display features more than 100 Department 56 model houses, cars and figurines with a working ski lift, ice skating rink and more, set amidst the backdrop of a snow-filled winter wonderland and a model train. All are invited to see the exhibit and find hidden treasures among the exhibition during the numerous open houses held at the Squad building.

The Chatham Emergency Squad is an allvolunteer organization funded almost exclusively by donations. The Squad never charges for its services. They have responded to nearly 1,100 emergency calls so far in 2021 and have continued to provide free training in CPR to teachers, coaches and emergency personnel despite COVID restrictions on class size. To learn more, to donate or to volunteer, please visit chathamemergencysquad.org.





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