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## WINTER WALK LIGHT DISPLAY AT TAYLOR PARK – THRU JAN. 15

The Millburn-Short Hills Chamber of Commerce along with the Millburn Township Recreation Department, local businesses, and other community partners celebrated a kickoff lighting celebration of the 2022 Winter Walk in Taylor Park on November 20, 2022.

Each year, the Chamber of Commerce raises funds to help create a winter light display in Taylor Park to celebrate the holiday season. Visitors from around New Jersey and beyond come to take in the lights and explore the wonderful shops, restaurants and activities that make Millburn's downtown such a special place.

This year, the kickoff celebration had a winter carnival theme with a train, bounce house and games for the kids as well as a live musical celebration sponsored by the Paper Mill Playhouse. Event sponsors provided treats and refreshments and helped to put everyone in a festive mood.

The Winter Walk light display at Taylor Park will be on every evening thru January 15th from 5 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. For more information about The Millburn-Short Hills Chamber of Commerce visit [millburnshorthillschamber.org](http://millburnshorthillschamber.org).



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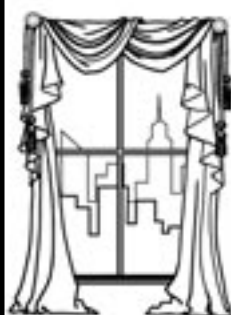
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## BUTTERFLY RELEASE REFLECTS ON GRIEF AND LOSS

*Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss*

Over 30 Imagine participants and staff gathered in the Tribute Meadow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield held on Saturday, October 22. It's a lovely spot near the weeping willows, pond, and fountains. They came together for a Butterfly Release Ceremony arranged by Imagine staff member, Kristin Imbimbo and Sharon Rossman and Rick Ralph of Fairview Cemetery.

The ceremony included poetry, music and reflections on grief and loss followed by the release of the butterflies. As it was a cool night, many of the butterflies chose to stay close to the warmth of the children and adults releasing them sitting on hands, shoulders and jackets as they

warmed themselves before flying off. It was an intimate ceremony of remembrance and Imagine and Fairview plan to partner again in the spring to provide another opportunity for families to participate.

Imagine offers free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and are offered in English and Spanish. Imagine also offers grief and loss education and training to the community. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or [info@imaginejnj.org](mailto:info@imaginejnj.org).



(above) Imagine and Fairview Cemetery came together for a Butterfly Release Ceremony.

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## HOME INSTEAD INTRODUCES ITS 1ST CLASS OF CERTIFIED DEMENTIA PRACTITIONERS

Today, the impact of Alzheimer's Disease, and other dementias among seniors in New Jersey has never been greater. In fact, the Alzheimer's Association reports the number of NJ residents aged 65 or older affected with Alzheimer's disease is projected to climb by 20% to 210,000 from 2015 to 2025. In addition, the homecare industry reveals that over 50% of seniors receiving in-home care have varying forms of memory loss or cognitive impairment relating to the disease, a situation that will inevitably worsen as the state's population continues to age.

At Home Instead, in Millburn, NJ, caring for those suffering from this progressive disease is at the core of the services provided. The company understands that caring for a loved one

can be overwhelming on numerous levels. It can be stressful and emotionally devastating for individuals and their families, especially if the individual remains at home. Since 1999, Home Instead has hired and trained Certified Home Health Aides to help with Activities of Daily Living, (ADLs), such as bathing and dressing, ambulation, light housekeeping and laundry, meal prep, shopping and transportation and medication reminders.

In response to the growing need, and the void in training for Certified Home Health Aides, Home Instead has created a best in industry dementia training program, to support these individuals who wish to stay home, an environmental most important and familiar to them. Home Instead is committed to upskilling

their CARE PROfessionals and improving the quality of care for those individuals with dementia. Funded by a generous grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor, CARE PROs receive 155 hours of training, over a 12 month period. This training includes, classroom, online and on the job training and is under the supervision of Sarah Joyce, RN, Director of Nursing, a Certified Dementia Trainer. Additionally, the training is enhanced with a an American Red Cross CPR certification, as well as advanced training on nutrition, cooking, cultural diversity, and speech and language impairments. Through the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners, upon completion, each CARE PRO is certified as a Certified Dementia Practitioner.



(above) Our first 7 Certified Dementia Practitioners: Amanda Ruiz-Taveras, Ashley Rom-Jensen, Shanna Bent, Mabel Gustav-Lartey, Myra Jones, Charlene Carter, and Beverly Brown.



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## PRESCHOOL INTEGRATED PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR 2023-2024

Preschool Integrated Program Information for 2022-2023 Millburn Township Public Schools is pleased to announce the annual opening of applications for its Integrated Preschool Program. The Millburn Integrated Preschool program has been a valuable service to the community since September 1993. The Millburn Township Public Schools' Preschool Integrated Program will be located at the South Mountain Elementary School, 2 Southern Slope Drive, Millburn. The unique program consists of children with special needs as well as typically developing preschool children from the township. A general Preschool Curriculum is followed for all students.

All preschool sessions are two and one-half hour classes, Monday through Friday. The three year old program runs for 2 ½ hours in the morning from 8:30am to 11:00am. The four year old program runs for 2 ½ hours in the afternoon from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. The cost of tuition is \$425 per month (2022-2023 school year). Regular education students must submit an application to be eligible for the Lottery. Applicants must be three years of age on or before October 1, 2022, and fully toilet trained for the start of school in September. There are approximately 16 openings at the three year old level. The four year old program is automatically

populated with returning students from the previous three year old class.

Applications for four year old students will be accepted solely for placement on a wait list. If an opening becomes available due to a student leaving the program, the wait list is utilized. Applications will be available at the Millburn Education Center, 434 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., from January 3 to February 2, 2022, or on the Millburn School District's website at [www.millburn.org](http://www.millburn.org). The deadline for applications is Wednesday, February 2, 2022. If you access the application online, please send the completed form to [specialservicesdept@millburn.org](mailto:specialservicesdept@millburn.org). The lottery drawing will be held Friday, February 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at the Education Center's Board Room. Lottery winners will be notified by email. All three year old applicants not selected through

the Lottery will be placed on a wait list. Applications are accepted all year and those students are placed on a wait list.

If selected to participate in the program through the lottery, proof of residency in the township and an original birth certificate must be provided in order to be admitted along with a \$425 deposit check made out to the Millburn Board of Education which will be applied to the June of 2023 tuition, as well as a signed Preschool Tuition Contract. Selected students must complete residency & registration paperwork and the deposit must be received by April 1, 2022 or we will move on to the next student on the waiting list.

To obtain more detailed information about this great program contact the Special Services office at 973-376-3600 x40164 or email [specialservicesdept@millburn.org](mailto:specialservicesdept@millburn.org).

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## RESIDENTS REMINDED TO ALWAYS BE ALERT

The Millburn Police Department would like to remind residents to always be alert, keep to well-lit areas, and secure belongings close to your person. You can never be too careful or too prepared.

On December 7, 2022 at 7:40 p.m. Millburn Police responded to an incident in Taylor Park on a report of a robbery in progress. The victim, a 46 year old female, reported that she was walking in Taylor Park when two males approached her from the rear. The actors forcefully tackled her and shoved her face into the cement sidewalk, causing significant facial injuries. The actors then stole her purse and cell phone and fled toward Millburn Avenue, one wearing a black puffy

jacket and one wearing a green mask.

Responding Detectives Lieutenant Gil Tavares and John Mendelsohn located two males matching the description on Millburn Ave, near Rawley Place, hiding behind a car. The investigation led to the arrest of Kazir Stokes, age 20, of Newark (Previously from Millburn), and a juvenile, age 17, of Springfield. The victim's phone and purse were recovered in the area of the arrest. Stokes was charged with Robbery (1st Degree) and Conspiracy. He was later remanded to the Essex County Correctional Facility. The juvenile was charged with Juvenile Delinquency (Robbery and Conspiracy), and remanded to the Essex County Juvenile Detention Facility.

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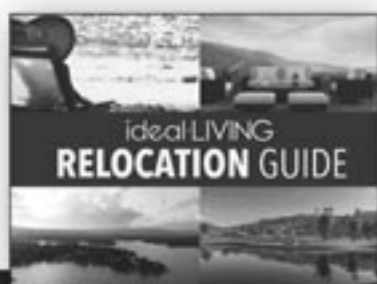
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### ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Art Advisory Committee was formed to advise and assist the Township Committee in developing and maintaining the Township's art collection.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

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### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

The Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board will investigate and analyze pedestrian safety issues and present recommendations for new initiatives and policies to the Township Committee.

### PLANNING BOARD

Find out more information and meeting dates of the Planning Board.

### RECREATION COMMISSION

Find information on the goals and mission of the Recreation Commission.

### SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

The Senior Citizen Advisory Board was formed to serve the senior population of the township. It shall act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor.

### SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Find out more information about the Shade Tree Advisory Board meeting times and members.

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Millburn Township was created by an act of the New Jersey State Legislature on March 20, 1857. Since its incorporation as a municipality in 1857, the Township has operated under the Township Committee form of government.

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## ORGAN TRANSPLANTS AT A RECORD HIGH

NJ Sharing Network, the federally-designated nonprofit organization responsible for the recovery of donated organs and tissue in the state, announced that 92 organs were transplanted in September 2022 – the most ever in a single month in New Jersey. The 92 organs transplanted included 46 kidneys, 20 livers, 13 hearts, 10 lungs and 3 pancreases. New Jersey's previous record for organs transplanted in a month was 82 – the new record is a 12% increase.

This life-saving transplant milestone underscores a clear trend of growing support for organ and tissue donation in the Garden State. Last year, the number of organ donors in New Jersey reached an all-time high for the third consecutive year. More than 2.7 million New Jerseyans are registered as organ and tissue donors, ranking New Jersey #4 in percentage of state population on the National Donate Life Registry.

During the past five years, NJ Sharing Network has increased its family support efforts within local hospitals as team members approached 60% more families to offer the opportunity for their loved ones to become organ donors. NJ Sharing Network team members and volunteers have also boosted education and outreach efforts in diverse communities throughout the state.

“Our dedicated staff is fortunate to be supported by a wide range of community volunteers and partners who are committed to help save lives and improve the health and wellbeing of our neighbors. Together, we offer compassionate care and support to donor families during their most difficult times of grief,” said Carolyn M. Welsh, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of NJ Sharing Network.

According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), 68% of the New Jersey residents waiting for a life-saving transplant are people of color. NJ Sharing Network earned the prestigious NJBIZ 2021 Healthcare Heroes Award in recognition of its #DonationNeedsDiversity awareness initiative, which is credited with helping to build community trust and dispelling misinformation about donation and transplantation in urban, multicultural communities with the most residents waiting for transplant. The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey also recently honored NJ Sharing Network's President and CEO Joseph S. Roth as a “Champion of Diversity” for his accomplishments and for leading NJ Sharing Network's #DonationNeedsDiversity awareness initiative.

According to UNOS, there are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit [NJSharingNetwork.org](https://NJSharingNetwork.org).

## MILLBURN TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Millburn Township operates a food pantry for Millburn-Short Hills residents in need. The pantry is available by appointment only and is mainly stocked with non-perishable foods. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact the Township Social Worker, Ana Millan at (973) 535-7961 ext. 231 or [amillan@millburntwp.org](mailto:amillan@millburntwp.org). Please note that all communication between the social worker and pantry manager, Annette Romano, as well as its volunteers is strictly confidential. Food drop-offs can be made at the resident's home or arranged for a more discreet location, local-only.

The pantry accepts monetary donations which are exchanged for gift cards to local supermarkets, then distributed to food pantry recipients. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Town Social Worker, or make a check out to the Township of Millburn and mail it to Ana Millan, Millburn Health Department at 375 Millburn Ave. Millburn, NJ 07041.

Non-perishables can also be brought to Town Hall and Green Nectar Juicery during business hours, or to 15 Cypress Street. Thank you for your generosity.



## SNOW STORM GUIDELINES TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN

### SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES

Main roadways, excluding county roads and highways.

Public facilities and properties, including Police, Fire, First Aid Squad, Town Hall and Train Stations.

Parking lots.

In excessive storms, additional snow removal may be required to allow safe passage of emergency vehicles, passenger and commercial vehicles and pedestrians.

### DPW OPERATIONS

Public Works has two emergency shifts, each responsible for twelve hours.

Millburn is divided into 16 plow routes. Trucks must clear the road from center to curb.

Emergency and weather services track predicted storms. Public works crews are scheduled accordingly.

If needed, de-icing material is spread on the roads to help improve traction and plowing, both before and during a storm.

Plowing cannot occur until more than 2 inches of snow accumulates.

As routes are completed, trucks return to the first streets and plow again, continuing through the storm. Excess snow is cleared from the Downtown area once the storm ends.

### RULES FOR CLEARING SNOW

Residents cannot shovel or plow snow into the roadway.

When clearing snow it must be confined to your property behind the curbline.

Clear snow from sidewalks within 8 hours of daylight after the storm ends.

Treat icy sidewalks with sand for traction and calcium or magnesium chloride for melting (salt damages concrete).

### THINGS TO DO

Stay off the roads unless absolutely necessary.

Do not park cars on the street during snow events.


Help your neighbors who are unable to shovel their driveways and sidewalks.


### CONTACT US


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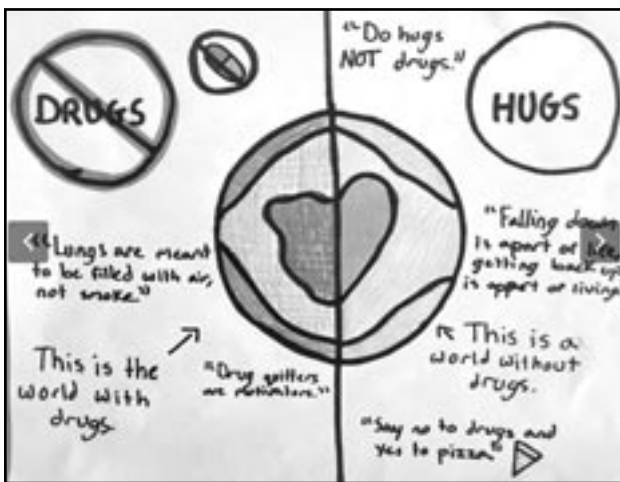
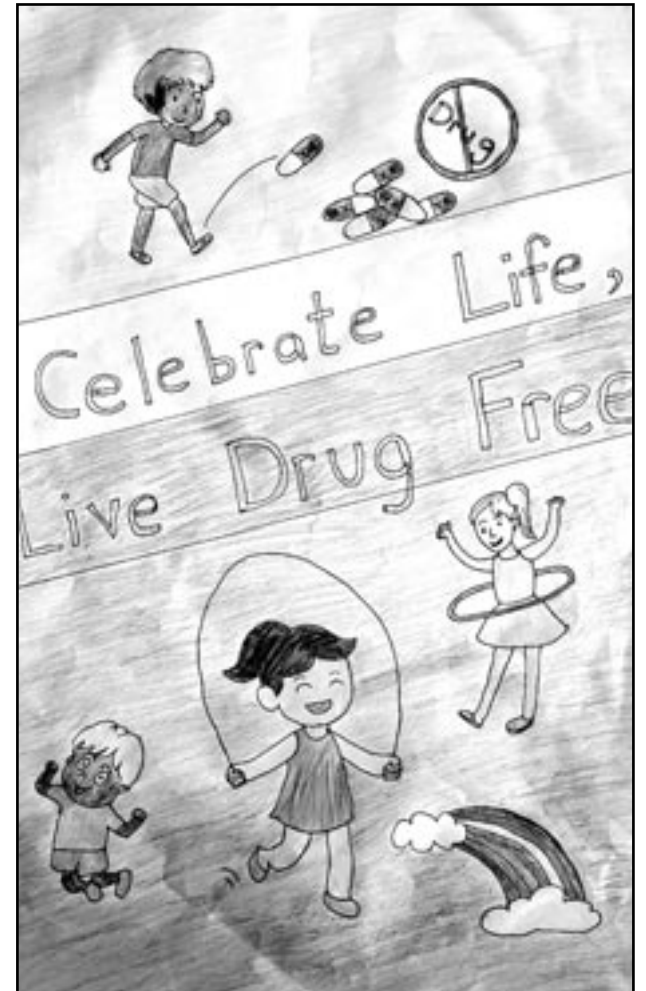
## RED RIBBON WEEK 2022

### Millburn Municipal Alliance Committee

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week, October 23rd – 31st each year. MMAC and Millburn Township celebrate by decorating all of the schools in the district with red ribbons as a visible stand against drug and alcohol abuse. Students celebrate with a range of activities from

dress up spirit days, assemblies, and in-school messaging and activities that we hope spark ongoing conversations with families at home.

Congratulations to the contestants who entered our 3rd Annual Red Ribbon Art Contest. We are proud to share the winning students from each school. Each entry showed great creativity and demonstrated the Red Ribbon Week spirit. Celebrate Life, Live Drug Free!



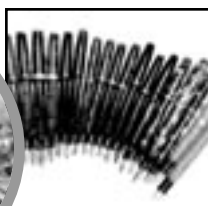
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# MILLBURN LIBRARY 41ST ANNUAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

*Submitted by Scott Massey*

As tradition has it, Friends of the Millburn Library held its annual student chess tournament on the second Saturday of December. It all started in 1980 when Michael Wojcio directed the first tournament, which he followed up 30 more times. This formula worked for the first 40 tournaments, but something happened on the way to the 41st.

Three months after the 40th tournament, held on December 14, 2019, the world shut down because of Covid-19. In-person chess classes and chess tournaments were abruptly suspended. In September 2021, amid a major renovation of the Millburn Free Public Library, Friends of the Saturday chess classes were able to resume in the library's temporary location at the old Annie Sez building at 253 Millburn Avenue, but attendance was sporadic. An attempt was made to hold the 41st on February 5, 2022, but with Covid caused

another shutdown.

The stars aligned on December 10, 2022 enabling the 41th Annual Student Chess Tournament to take place after a 3 year absence. The doors opened at 9:30 and chaos ensued as last-minute entries rushed in. Friends of the Millburn Library led by Dorothy Kelly with Ruthie Binder and Xiaoming Xia greeted the 61 participating students.

In addition to participants from Millburn and Short Hills, players from players from Fairfield, Montville, Livingston, New Providence, and Springfield rounded out the field.

Section I (5-7 year-olds) had 19 children compete. In the end, it came down to two from the Wyoming School: first grader Lei Shan and second grader Amogh Banagere. They finished their main four game schedule undefeated at 3 1/2-1/2. They drew each other in round three and

forced a playoff. The 6-year-old Lei won the playoff and Section I with Amogh taking second place. Himansh Rathod from Hartshorn School was on his way to win the tournament until he lost to Lei in round 4. He won the playoff to capture third place. First graders Owen Hu from Deerfield and Rishi Sambasivan from Hartshorn tied for fourth & fifth places with 3-1 scores. Sean Park from Collins was sixth.

Ayansh Ahluwalia repeated his 4-0 performance as he ripped through the 27 players in Section II (8-10 year-olds) to capture the largest trophy. Three years ago, the fifth grader from the Washington School won four straight games to win Section I. Fourth graders Colin Hu from Deerfield and Arin Telang from South Mountain School also went undefeated but drew each other in round three. Their playoff saw Colin win for second place and Arin taking third place. Tied for fourth through ninth places with 3-1 scores were Sam Wang from Wyoming, Jonathan Lu & Zayn Shikari from Deerfield, Varun Ravishanka from Hartshorn, Srithik Jha from Glenwood School and Ian Kundic from Washington. Gowri Raina from Deerfield was tenth with 2 1/2-1 1/2.

Section III (11-14) almost seemed like an internal tournament of Millburn Middle School (MMS) students as over two thirds of the 15 entries attend MMS. Aayan Mehta dominated the field not only with four straight wins, but handing three prize winners their only loss in rounds 2, 3 & 4. Three students tied for second to fourth places with 3-1 scores, so a playoff was needed. A second playoff was needed as the first ended in a tie. Zav Wolf from MMS finally won second place with Aiden Solotoff from Newark Academy third and Max Lin from MMS in fourth. Tied for fifth, sixth & seventh places with 2 1/2-1 1/2 scores were Ches Chen from Mount Pleasant Middle School, Aryan Vats and Atharv Karamchell both from MMS.

The 41st was directed by master Scott Massey who also teaches the Saturday chess classes at the Millburn library. Keigo Fujita and Daniel Klymchuk assisted the tournament proceedings. Sapna Gupta designed the beautiful flyers.

Friends of the Millburn Library are responsible for another successful tournament, in more ways than one. These tournaments are a great first tournament for young children. They stir interest in chess and give experience. Friends also helps foster interest in chess by organizing the weekly drop-in Saturday chess classes at the library.

On November 20, the New Jersey State Grade Championships took place. That means 13 different tournaments from grade K through grade 12. Twelve Millburn/Short Hills public schools teams finished in the top 5 places for the 13 individual tournaments. Among these 12 were four first place teams, Deerfield Grade One, Hartshorn Grade Three, MMS Grade Seven and Millburn High School Grade Twelve. Individually, Colin Hu from Deerfield won all 5 games to become NJ State Grade Four Champion. Congratulations to all!

Yes, the Friends did it again.



(above, l-r) Winners of the Friends of the Millburn Library 41st Annual Scholastic Chess Tournament (front row) Himansh Rathod, Sean Park, Varun Ravishanka, Rishi Sambasivan, Owen Hu, Sam Wang; (second row) Ian Kundic, Jonathan Lu, Arin Telong, Atharv Karamchell, Max Lin, Gowri Raina; (third row) Zayn Shikari, Colin Hu, Ayansh Ahluwalia; (back row) Aiden Solotoff, Daniel Klymchuk, Scott Massey, Zav Wolf, and Aayan Mehta.

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