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AMERICAN LEGION RESUMES "GIVEAWAYS" EVENT

On April 6th, after the hiatus due to covid, the Frank Patterson American Legion Post #43 of Florham Park-Madison, resumed its in person "Giveaways" event. Post Commander Joseph Nester welcomed representatives from a variety of local and state level organizations involved in veteran, educational, and community programs.

Over the one hundred years since receiving its charter, Post #43 has donated thousands of dollars to the communities of Florham Park and Madison. Twenty-two organizations and programs received donations this year. At the top of the list, Nester and other members of the Post presented checks to various Veterans' Memorial Homes and Veterans' Administration Hospitals. Included for the first time, was a donation to Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst to assist military families on base who are experiencing food insecurities.

As part of their Children and Youth program, funds have been provided for boys at local High Schools to attend the Boys State Program over the summer. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors at Madison and Hanover Park high schools in June. Gifts to various charities that provide comfort and medical help to children in need were included as well. That included Jake Macko of Madison who is suffering from a rare form of cancer and is in desperate need of a wheelchair accessible van.

Community First Aide Squads were not forgotten. Nester stated that



(above) Post #43 Commander, Joe Nester presents donation to members of Madison's First Aid Squad.

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Post #43 looks forward to continuing to serve its communities in the future.

Roughly thirty people were in attendance at the event including Florham Park Mayor Mark Taylor who later joined members for refreshments.

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(above) Florham Park Mayor Mark Taylor greets members of his town's First Aid Squad.

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PBA 5K FOLLOWED BY A FAMILY FUN, MUSIC AND FOOD FESTIVAL ON APRIL 30

The Florham Park PBA Local 78 is proud to host its first 5K & Food Truck Festival, in conjunction with Mega Bite Events, on April 30, 2023. The day's festivities will include a 5K race starting at 10:00 a.m. followed by a food truck festival starting shortly after the conclusion of the race. The race will be held on a certified 5K course off Park Ave. in Florham Park.

The food truck festival will feature dozens of food trucks, live bands throughout the day,

entertainment and games for the kids, as well as beer and wine options for the adults being bartended by friends and family of your Florham Park Police Department.

Tickets for the race and festival can be purchased in combination or separately. Come by for the race and stay a while or just stop by for lunch and a drink!

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The MCMUA plans and implements the recycling programs of Morris County. Much of the recycling that occurs in Morris County is performed by individuals with the help of their municipality, recycling collectors and recycling markets. Additionally, the MCMUA is here to provide services and help when needed. Christine will provide an overview on the Morris County Recycling Program and provide handouts with information on recycling guidelines.

On May 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Vanessa Young, founder/owner of The Thirsty Radish, will be the guest speaker.

Inspiring a creative approach to life in and out of the kitchen Vanessa will provide a power point presentation on family, food, and traditions. Vanessa is a writer, recipe developer, poet, and educator focused on the intersection of food and culture who teaches classes for adults and children. Vanessa has contributed to At Home New Jersey, Chronogram, Juked, Prick of the Spindle, The Monarch Review, Ginosko Literary Review, Black Heart Magazine, and many additional publications.

The Florham Park Senior Citizen Club always welcomes new members who are Florham Park residents and 62 years old and older, membership is \$15 per year. Plan to come to a meeting and join us at our social time at 10:45 a.m. with coffee and provided.

The address for the Florham Park Community Center is 111 Ridgedale Avenue, 200 yards behind the Florham Park Town Hall. Note the Florham Park Community Center is also called the Recreation Center (large brown building).

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The annual festive food extravaganza that benefits the Florham Park Rotary Scholarship Fund, which rewards Florham Park students who have a record of community volunteerism and who are seniors in local high school. Florham Park's eating establishments graciously provide samples of their best dishes. Local purveyors of fine wine, beer and spirits greet guests with samples of their offerings, as do other local merchants. The Taste is a must attend party for food lovers. It is also a celebration of the best of Florham Park and an

opportunity to enjoy the evening with family and friends – and neighbors – at a historic mansion.

General Admission (event entry at 6 p.m.) \$50 (includes a door prize chance and a tour of the Mansion). Tickets may be purchased at the Florham Park Diner (182 Ridgedale Avenue), at the Event, or by check mailed to Florham Park Rotary, PO Box 40, Florham Park, NJ 07932.

The Taste of Florham Park includes a "Tricky Tray" with merchandise from many local vendors and other contributors and event sponsors. Tricky Tray tickets are sold separately at the entry, with each ticket composed of three Tricky Tray chances, and with the stub participating in a Door Prize drawing, together with General Admission stubs.

Revenue sources for the Taste are ticket sales, auction and raffle proceeds and corporate

sponsorships. Local food establishments and other businesses are invited to participate in either the food presentations or in the Tricky Tray and Door Prizes – or both. For further information, please contact Florham Park Rotarians George Gregor (917 848 0982) or Peter Nicolas (973 476 8189).

This is the fourth Taste of Florham Park and second consecutive held at FDU. In 2020 it was held at FDU, just prior to the Pandemic. In 2019, many will recall it was held at the Memorial First Aid Squad where it overflowed with guests, thus leading to this fabulous venue of the Mansion, which when built in the late 1800s was one of the 10 largest homes in the United States.

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Nancy Aravec Shah, Director, Florham Park Public Library

During the months of February and March, a committed group of Florham Parkers met to discuss the state of volunteerism and community-based organizations in our town. The group consisted of roughly 15 representatives and leaders from nonprofits, volunteer groups, and local government, plus a few unaffiliated concerned citizens. The meetings were all part of "Community Conversations," a discussion series that is hosted by the Florham Park Public Library and co-produced by the Library and Florham Park Education Foundation. This annual conversation series invites people from all walks of life and political persuasions to enter into a moderated dialog with each other on a topic that matters for the wellbeing of the overall community. The past two years have used this "dialog-to-action" model to create solutions that address volunteerism and civic engagement in Florham Park.

Though it is often celebrated as a "community of volunteers," many community groups in town are experiencing declines in the number of people who are willing and able to contribute their time to sustain beloved Florham Park traditions. Some examples of groups in need of volunteers and leaders are the Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer First Aid Squad, Florham Park Education Foundation, Senior Club, 4th of July Committee, Gazebo Committee, and Environmental Commission.

In 2022, the group determined that one reason why organizations are struggling with dwindling

ranks might be a lack of awareness around town, especially among new residents and people living farther from the center of town. The group worked to solve this problem by creating a website and community-wide calendar, which can be accessed at florhamparknj.org. Community Groups are invited to list their events on the community calendar by filling out a form or sending an email to fpboroevents@gmail.com. This website and calendar is separate from the local government and maintained by dedicated community volunteers.

This year's Community Conversations asked simple questions like "what do we have here in Florham Park?" and "What do we need?" The resulting discussion led the participants to conclude that regular meetings of leaders and volunteers active in the community might help organizations to create synergies that boost each other, and the whole community. As a result, quarterly "networking" events will be held so that people can connect with community groups and learn more about meaningful ways to get involved. These meetings will be coordinated by community volunteers and open to everyone. Check the community calendar to see when the next one will be!

Want to make sure you get the invite to the next community volunteer meeting? Email the Library at reference@flo.mainlib.org and you'll be added to a list to receive updates.

If you are interested in learning more about the Florham Park Education Foundation, visit their website: fpfnj.org.



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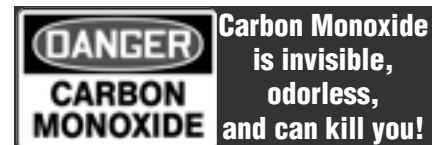
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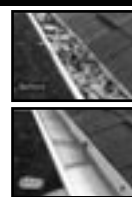
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Just kidding. This is a group of dedicated volunteers, including many retired professionals, who volunteer every week all year round at the Boy Scout camps for Patriot's Path Council in northern New Jersey. These guys pictured have come up every Wednesday and Thursday for several months to renovate the Pool House and other buildings. This group includes retired engineers, an electrician, computer experts, small business owners, and corporate executives.

The Pool House building was built in 1971. The roof was still good, but the wooden walls were completely rotted, and the roof was sagging perilously. They needed to prop up the roof and replace the boards one by one.

Eventually the building will have two bathrooms, two common showers and 8 individual changing rooms on each of two sides. There is a full sized swimming pool behind the building, so all of the chlorination, pumping mechanisms and electrical service are also located inside the building.

The "Flintlocks BSA, Inc." a 501c3 corporation, is a group of retired scouts who volunteer at the camps every week, all year round, to help the council. They do most of the repairs and maintenance for the three Council camps, but also build new structures, such as cabins, waterfront structures, picnic tables and tent platforms. In 2018 they secured funding and built the STEM Lab at Allamuchy. Second, they make the craft kits for birdhouses, bird feeders, stools, handy boxes, racing sailboats, etc., which are sold through the Scout Shops. Third, Flintlocks volunteer to help run the many Council programs. Three quarters of the Flintlocks have received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest National award a volunteer may receive. The Facebook Page is "Flintlocks" For more information please contact Secretary Dr. Michael Hart drmhart@yahoo.com.



(above, l-r) "Line Up": Al Thomas, Randy Johnson, Frank Wallace, Dave Greene, George Van Dyke, Barry Bird, and Tom Mollitor.

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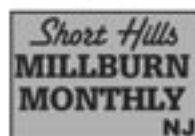
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"We are thrilled to kick off our 30th season at Summit Farmers Market," said Market Administrator, Marin Mixon. "Supporting our local farmers and small businesses is more important now than ever, and we're proud to provide a platform for them to sell their products directly to the community. We invite everyone to come out and experience the vibrant atmosphere and delicious offerings at our market, now with over 50 vendors each week." This year we welcome new vendors Pineapple Pink, CFA Soap Essentials, Grieco Greens, Love 4 Nuts, Jersey Spirits Distilling Co. and more offering exciting new items to the market. Many of your favorites will also be returning, Esther's Treats, Shore Catch, Hoboken Farms, Pizza Vita and many others offering unique and exclusive items. Don't forget your reusable bags! A full list of returning and exciting new vendors found at

summitdowntown.org.

The G.I.F.T. (Give It Fresh Today) program will be at the market and continue to collect fresh food each week. The program celebrates its 13th year this season. Yearly over 10,000 lbs. of fresh produce/other products are donated through the generosity of our community and the Summit Farmers Market vendors. Through their partner G.R.A.C.E. (Giving and Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials), these donations are distributed weekly to families.

The Summit Farmers Market is open Sundays from April 23-November 19 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., then Sundays, December 3, 10 & 17 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. The market is located at Park & Shop Lot #1 at the corner of DeForest Avenue and Woodland Avenue, and customers can enter and exit at the vehicle entrance on DeForest Avenue. Don't miss the chance to shop for fresh, locally sourced goods and support your community at the Summit Farmers Market.

For more information on Summit Farmers Market, please check out our Facebook page, visit www.summitdowntown.org/events/farmers-market or contact Summit Downtown, Inc. at 908.277.6100.

Summit Downtown, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the on-going development and promotion of the business community of downtown Summit, NJ.

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The Summit Old Guard

Of the 1.6 million Jewish children who lived in Europe before World War II, only 100,00 survived the Holocaust. Most were hidden children. Separated from her parents in July 1942, 6-year old Maud Dahme and her 4-year old sister, Rita, were hidden from the Nazis by Christian families in the Netherlands. Dahme will share with the Summit Old Guard her wartime experiences, as well as her reunion with her parents, immigration to the United States at age 14, and serving as a Holocaust education advocate.

"I think the greatest gift that was given me was to be alive," said Dahme in an interview with the Huffington Post. Dahme went on to explain the significance of genocide education and the importance of emphasizing the efforts of people who hid, protected, and rescued Jewish people with no concern for their own safety. "I think it's very important to remember that it was a time in history when millions of people died and only because of their religion. But there's also the other side of the story, which is how many people cared and were willing to risk their lives to save Jews and anyone else."

Dahme was inducted in the New Jersey Hall of Fame as one of the state's Unsung Heroes in 2014. She served as president of the New Jersey State Board of Education and has spent much of her time speaking to students and adults about her experiences during World War II. Dahme's story was published in a 2015 memoir entitled "Chocolate, The Taste of Freedom." The memoir was co-written and edited by Maryann McLoughlin of Stockton University's Sara & Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource center.

Dahme will speak at the Summit Old Guard's weekly meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall of the New Providence Presbyterian Church, 1307 Springfield Ave., New Providence, NJ. This presentation is open to guests and prospective new members, who are also invited to enjoy coffee and conversation at a social reception starting at 9:15 a.m.

About the Summit Old Guard: The Old Guard of the Summit NJ area was founded in 1930 with the purpose of providing retired business and professional men with good fellowship and activities. Men from throughout the broader Summit area gather on Tuesday mornings to hear from interesting speakers on a broad range of topics. The 270+ members may also choose to participate in various activities/interest groups, including bocce, golf, fishing, books, chess, financial & investment, sports forum, timely topics, and weekday lunches. Prospective new members are always welcome to attend a Tuesday morning meeting to learn more about the organization. See also summitoldguard.org.



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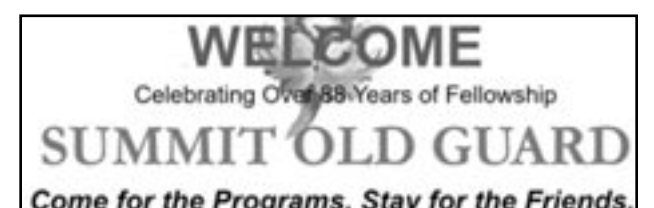
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