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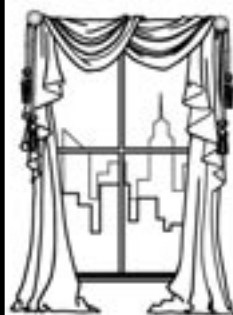
The Florham Park Public Library's annual summer reading challenge kicked off on June 20 with a Touch-a-Truck event highlighting the community's first responders and government services. The national theme for this year's summer reading initiative is "All Together Now." The event attracted nearly 400 people to the municipal pool lot, where members of the Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Water and Sewer Utility, and Department of Public Works were gathered with an array of impressive vehicles. Children and their caregivers were encouraged to play games, enjoy a sweet treat, learn all about Florham Park, and to sign up for the Library's summer reading program.

This year's kickoff generated a record 130 sign-ups for the reading program, which caters to infants and toddlers, children, teens, and adults. Participants in summer reading receive prizes just for logging days they read, and raffle tickets for a drawing at the end of the summer for a grand prize. In addition to the reading incentive program, the Library's Summer Reading includes a robust schedule of events for all ages during its 8 week duration. Highlights include a reptile show by Zootopia, an Edible Art workshop, Family Fort Night, and a Magic Show! Registration is required for most events. The Library's calendar of events can be found at florhamparklib.org/events

The Touch-A-Truck kickoff event isn't the only way that this year's Summer Reading program is promoting community awareness and togetherness. Throughout the summer, participants in this year's challenge are invited to complete a community scavenger hunt, where they collect stickers from locations around Florham Park for additional chances to win a grand prize at the end of the summer. Stops on the scavenger hunt include the Florham Park Gazebo Concert series, 4th of July Celebration, Borough Hall, Little Red Schoolhouse, and Spring Garden Lake. To learn more and pick up instructions on how to participate in the community scavenger hunt, sign up for Summer Reading at the Library's circulation desk. The program runs through August 17.



The Florham Park Public Library's summer reading prizes and events are generously sponsored by The Friends of the Florham Park Public Library, Huntington Learning Center, Florham Park Roller Rink, Trader Joe's, Three Birds Yoga, Scoop Coop, The New York Jets, The New York Giants, and the Somerset Patriots. If you would like to sponsor the Library's summer reading program or join the Friends of the Library, please contact Library Director, Nancy Shah at nancyashah@flo.mainlib.org.



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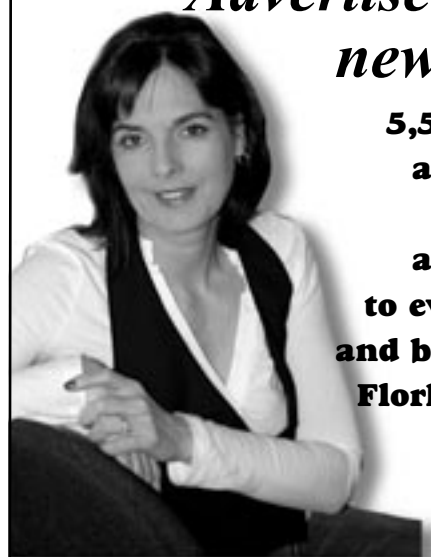
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Members of the Florham Park PBA joined by members of the NJ Department of Law & Public Safety participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting the New Jersey Special Olympics. The event was held on Friday, June 9th, 2023.

The Florham Park team accepted the torch handoff from Livingston PBA Local 263 at the Stifel Nicolaus building. The team ran 2.75 miles throughout the town ending at the American Legion, and the passing of the torch to Madison PBA Local 92.

The runners were escorted by motor units

from surrounding towns, NJSP and fellow members of the Florham Park Police Department. Runners were also joined by members of East Hanover PBA and Livingston PBA who ran with them. Multi Gold Medal Special Olympian Steve Kryspin was also in attendance cheering on the team.



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Pictured are the three Scouts who earned trophies: (above, l-r) Second place: Nicholas DiCrescenzo – Fishawack, Troop 25; First place: Josh McDonald - Raritan Valley, Troop 90; Third Place: Paul Mild - Watchung Mountain, Troop 73

Courtesy photos

The Patriots' Path Council Chess Club held its First Annual Chess Tournament on Saturday, April 29. The Florham Park Library being centrally located and the Akhoury Room being ideal for the tournament the Council decided to hold the tournament in a location within a half hour drive of most of the troop members.

Dave Setzer, longtime Florham Park resident, involved with Scouts for many years, and a strong supporter of chess, commented that “The BSA tournament was a terrific success. As always, Tom Andrea is a master chess tournament director. It was 4+ hours of chess and fun for all, including the parents.”

There were 20 players from various NJ towns and troops who competed.

Scout Josh McDonald, of Raritan Valley, Troop 90, earned the 1st place trophy as he won all 5 of his matches. Nicholas DiCrescenzo of Fishawack, Troop 25, and Paul Mild – Watchung Mountain, Troop 73, each won 4 matches and took the 2nd and 3rd place trophies.

Each player had 20 minutes on their clocks, provided by the Council for the match. Matches

started at 11:30 a.m. and scouts played up to 5 matches each in this non-rated chess tournament.

Chess has been growing and has become the 7th most popular merit badge that isn't required to earn Eagle Scout. There are a total of 135 Merit Badges. The game (many would say "sport") helps develop concentration and patience and teaches strategy, tactics, and sportsmanship that can transfer to many other things in life. A bonus is that it activates both sides of the brain, and can increase a person's intelligence coefficient. And simply, it's an opportunity to socialize and to have fun.

The Patriots' Path Council Chess Club has monthly online tournaments using the Chesskid.com website. Members are provided with a basic logon to the site. The Chess Club also holds occasional in-person meetings.

Joining the Patriots' Path Chess Club is simple, visit: 247scouting.com and anyone interested in learning more may also email Tom Andrea at ppecc.ta@gmail.com or call 973-224-1395.

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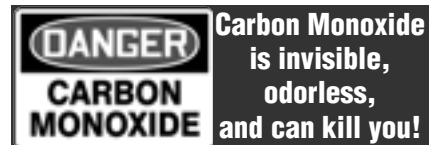
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salmon filet, chicken franchise, or eggplant parmigiana. While enjoying their lunch, singer Anthony Duke Claus entertained attendees.

The Seniors Club spring luncheon provides a last opportunity to socialize with friends prior to

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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 a few.

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 chathamsseniorcenter.org.

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From 175 singers age 21 to 35 who applied for the competition, 75 were selected to audition May 17-19 in New York City. Vocalists were judged by adjudicators renowned in the opera world: Barbara Ann Testa, Cynthia Munzer, Ken Benzon, James Thurmond Smithgall, and Tyson Deaton.

A total of \$13,500 in prizes was awarded with every finalist receiving an award.

1st \$5,000: Amanda Batista, Soprano. Sponsored by Marty Jeiven.

2nd \$3,000: Younggwang Park, Bass. Sponsored by Joe DuPont, in honor of his mother, Violetta, Opera at Florham co-founder and Vocal Competition founder.

3rd \$2,000: Sejin Park, Baritone. Sponsored by Eleni Matos, former Competition winner.

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This year Opera at Florham is introducing a summer concert, "Summertime Soiree" on July 9, and expanding from 4 to 5 concerts plus the Vocal Competition for the 2023-24 season. All events are held on Sundays at 3 p.m. at either The Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, New Jersey or St. Margaret Church in Morristown, New Jersey. Check our website operaatflorham.org for details and tickets.

Opera at Florham has been northern New Jersey's leading Opera company since its founding in 1982. In addition to the Vocal Competition, each season our professionally trained artists present four to five concerts performing Opera Arias and excerpts from America's Broadway musical theater. Singers and music educators reach out to local communities with programs such as Opera Talk with Lou Barrella. This season's final talk, "Verdi's Fathers and Daughters" takes place on June 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, NJ.



(above) Younggwang Park



(above) Amanda Batista



(above) Sejin Park

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Amanda Batista, Soprano, is a Puerto-Rican Cuban-American Soprano based in New York City. This season, she joined the Lindemann Young Artist Development Program at the Metropolitan Opera, where she debuted as the High Priestess in Verdi's Aida. This summer, she will join the Académie du Festival d'Aix-en-Provence Vocal Residency in France and the Aspen Music Festival as a Renée Fleming Artist. Last summer, she joined the Merola Opera Program and was a soloist in A Celebration of American Song and the Merola Grand Finale concert at the War Memorial Opera House. Ms. Batista is a graduate of Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts, and The Juilliard School.

Younggwang Park, Bass, earned his Bachelor's in classical voice from Seoul National University in 2022. He also studied in Parma, Italy, where he was a finalist in the Franco Federici International Competition and won the Grand

Prize in the Goyangsi Competition. This season, he won the Metropolitan Opera's Laffont Competition in the Georgia district and placed 3rd in the Southeast region. He recently debuted at Lincoln Center performing the role of Simone in Puccini's Gianni Schicchi at the Juilliard School. This summer, he will perform at the Santa Fe Opera. He is pursuing his Master's at Juilliard.

Sejin Park, Baritone, is an active opera singer and recitalist in Korea and the US. He has trained at the Art Song Festival at the Cleveland Institute of Music, the Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Artist Program, and the Palm Beach Opera Benenson Young Artist Program. Featured roles are Marcello in La Bohème, Belcore in L'elisir d'amore, Il Conte in Le nozze di Figaro, Figaro in Il Barbiere di Siviglia. He will perform in La Bohème in Korea in 2023, and with the Hawaii Opera Theater and the St. Petersburg Opera Company in 2024. He has placed in multiple competitions including 1st prize in Citta di Pesaro and the Medici International Music Competition. He holds an MM and BM from Seoul's Yonsei University. He completed the Professional Study program at Mannes School of Music.

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Hanover Park High School congratulated the Class of 2023 Valedictorian Holden Kim and Salutatorian Kabir Arora. Holden and Kabir were honored by the Morris County Superintendents Association at a banquet.



(above, l-r) Mr. Joe Spina, Salutatorian Kabir Arora, Valedictorian Holden Kim

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On Sunday, June 11, thousands of people came out in support of organ and tissue donation during NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life. The event, presented by RWJBarnabas Health, brought together transplant recipients, donor families, living donors, hospital partners, and dedicated volunteers to help raise awareness about the power of organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

Funds raised by 5K Celebration of Life participants, teams, sponsors, and contributors support the Sharing Network Foundation. Thus far, \$1.5 million has been raised for this year's campaign. Campaign contributions can be made until the end of August by visiting SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K.

"Our 5K Celebration of Life has grown to become one of the Garden State's largest and most-recognized charitable 5K events," said Amanda Tibok, Executive Director of the

Sharing Network Foundation. "Every dollar raised plays a vital role in powering what we do - whether it is increasing resources focused on clinical advancements, expanding programs to provide the care and support for donor families and transplant recipients, or boosting our award-winning community education and awareness activities."

Victor DiSanto, Chair of the New Providence 5K Celebration of Life, has a powerful connection to NJ Sharing Network's life-saving mission. His words spoken from the main stage helped energize the crowd at the event.

"We come together because all of us have been touched by donation and transplantation in some way," said DiSanto. "My son, Joe, is alive and well, thanks to a heart transplant he received 17 years ago. And he just got married this past weekend! None of this happens without our angel - Joe's organ donor, Natalie."

There are over 100,000 Americans - nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey - waiting for

a life-saving transplant. However, New Jersey's growing support for organ and tissue donation is providing hope for the future, according to Carolyn M. Welsh, President and CEO of NJ Sharing Network.

"Here in New Jersey, we have had four consecutive years of record growth in the number of lives saved and enhanced through organ and tissue donation and transplantation," said Welsh. "Last year, we saw a remarkable 21% increase in the number of organ donors and a 12% increase in the number of organs transplanted. We are deeply grateful for the exceptional efforts of our team members, healthcare partners and community supporters."

One organ and tissue donor can save 8 lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. There are more than 2.7 million New Jerseyans registered as organ and tissue donors. To learn more and join the National Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.

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