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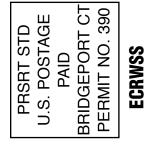
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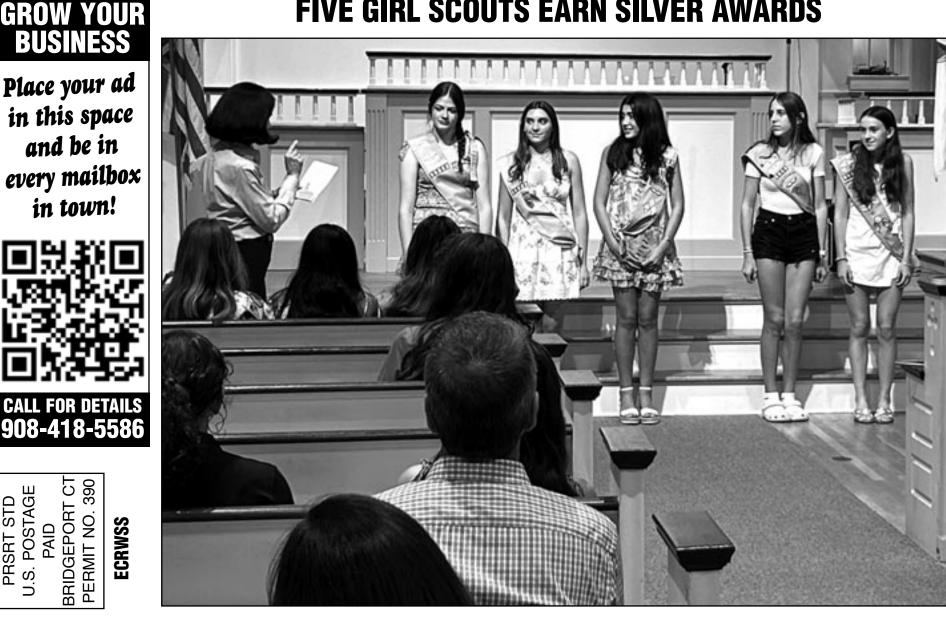
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# **FIVE GIRL SCOUTS EARN SILVER AWARDS**

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(above, l-r) Silver Award recipients Caitlin Bolton, Jules McGrath, Skyler Chasalow, Julianna Falzarano and Meegan Carey.

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Five Girl Scouts from Chatham were recently recognized for earning their Silver at the Stanley Center. The event included leaders, advisors, families and friends, local dignitaries and fellow Girl Scouts who came together to honor these accomplished role models.

The Girl Scout Silver Award requires Girl Scouts to complete a Journey and a Take Action project as well as 50 documented hours working on a solution to address an issue they have identified in their community. Only 10% of Girl Scouts earn this award across the nation.

Caitlin Bolten, Skyler Chasalow and Jules McGrath's project was titled Sustainability in Fashion: A path to a

greener world, spreading awareness about sustainable fashion options to combat the growing waste issue of "fast fashion".

Their Troop 96323 Troop Leaders are Carrie Nugent and Niamh Hillman.

Meegan Carey and Julianna Falzarano's project was titled Basketball Skills and Drills: Getting fit and building confidence in sports. They are from Troop 96643 with Troop Leader Andrea Caserta.

For more information on the awards

and on Chatham Girl Scouts go to chathamgs.org or contact us at chathamnjgirlscouts@gmail.com.



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We share post Saturday run breakfast on a park picnic bench. We even have a fire in the shelter fireplace on cold winter days. We do have other activities including member hosted house parties. Our USATF racing team competes against other NJ clubs. Racing on the team is an option and not a requirement for membership.

Just come some Saturday! Members run varying paces (including a few walkers) and cover 3-8 miles, much on quiet wooded park trails. We often have turnouts of over 20 runners even on cold days. We have a diversity of ages from 20's to 70's! When park trails are icy or snow covered, we use alternate routes. We are a friendly welcoming group.

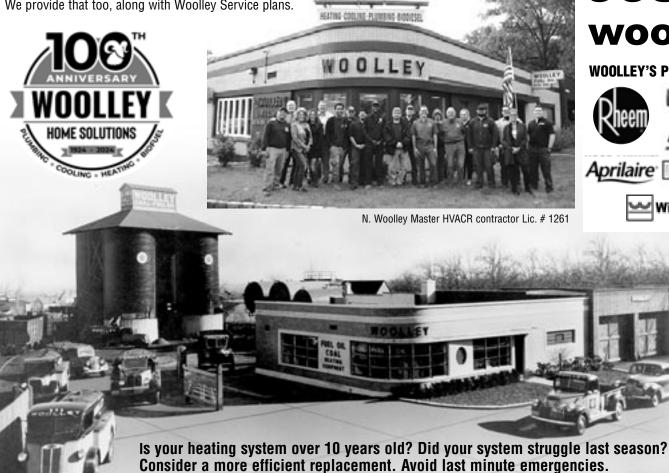
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(above) Rose City Runners

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# **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayors Wellness Campaign Advisory Committee of the Chathams

October is designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; there is no better time to shine a spotlight on this critical issue, emphasizing the power of prevention and the importance of regular screening. In the United States, breast cancer is the most common women cancer for accounting for approximately 30% of all new female cancers Month, countless organizations, support annually.

While it can affect anyone, the risk increases with age, and it is most common among women over 50. Early detection is key to improving survival rates, making awareness and proactive health measures essential. The US Preventive Task Force (USPSTF) recommends that routine breast cancer screening starts at age 40. The

most common method of screening is a mammogram. It is important to discuss breast cancer screening with your healthcare provider. The best type of screening modality may differ based upon your family history, medical history, and breast density.

Throughout Breast Cancer Awareness groups, and survivors are dedicated to offering resources and encouragement. Connecting with these communities can provide both emotional support and practical advice. They remind us that we are not alone in this fight and that together, we can make a difference.

For more information on breast cancer events and support visit: komen.org



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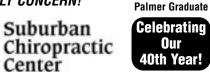


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# FAIR MOUNT CEMETERY WALKING TOUR - OCT 5

Join Chatham Historical Society in a guided walking tour of Chatham's past at Fair Mount Cemetery on Saturday, October 5 (rain date October 6) at 2 to 4 p.m.

Fair Mount Cemetery, located on the hill between Fairmount and Hillside Avenues, was established in 1859 and it is the final resting place for many Chatham dignitaries, war veterans, and ordinary citizens. The cemetery contains many fascinating clues to the history of the Chatham Community and the lives of the people who have populated it for more than two centuries.

The guided tour introduces a few of the men and women – ministers, educators, farmers, doctors, shop keepers, librarians, and veterans – whose lives and vision contributed to the unique character and development of the community we enjoy today. Volunteers will guide you through the cemetery with stops to listen as actors in costumes offer monologues portraying historic individuals near the site of their final resting places.

For many years Chatham Historical Society offered the Fair Mount Cemetery field trip for 4th grade Lafayette Avenue School students. Chatham High School students portrayed wellknown residents from throughout Chatham's history at stops along this walking tour. In the past the society has also organized cemetery tours for adults. In connection with the continued celebration of the Chatham Historical Society's Centennial the society is organizing this popular tour again. More information can be found at chathamnjhistoricalsociety.org.

# **ROBERT PENN SHARES HIS EXPERIENCE OF 9/11**

School District of the Chathams Robert Penn, a Chatham resident, and retired Bloomfield firefighter who served at Ground Zero on September 11th, 2001,once again spoke to Chatham Middle School and Chatham High School students to share his experience as a first responder to the terrorist attack at the World Trade Center. Social Studies Supervisor, Steve Maher continues to invite Penn back to share how the attack helped people look past their differences and unite to help others survive.



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# **MADISON'S ANNUAL STREET FESTIVAL BOTTLE HILL DAY 2024 – SATURDAY, OCT. 5**

Madison's annual fall festival, Bottle Hill Day, takes place on Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This year will mark the 49th Anniversary of this signature Madison, NJ, event, which has continued to grow yearly since it was first established in 1974 by Mayor Elizabeth Baumgartner.

With the expansion a few years ago onto Kings Road, this rain-or-shine street festival spans over six blocks. It includes sidewalk sales, four stages with live music, three Amusement Areas, food, and 225+ vendors, including nonprofits, crafters, retail businesses, etc. Also, as in years past, the Madison Chamber of Commerce and Madison P.B.A. #92 will be hosting their popular annual Madison Car Show in conjunction with Bottle Hill Day.

Great food options will be available, including the Food Court on Cook Avenue, other food vendors throughout the festival, local restaurants, and a Food Truck Court on Kings Road.

Park & Ride Shuttle: Park your car in the parking lot at the Madison Community Pool and ride downtown, where the shuttle will drop you off right in the center of town. The shuttle will run from 9:15 am until 5:00 pm in a continuous loop between the parking lot and the town center.

Family Activities & Rides: Provided by Seashore Amusements at Dodge Field on Central Avenue and Kings Road.

DDC Beer Garden: The Bottle Hill Day Beer Garden returns for its 11th year! It will again be located between Prospect Street and Maple Avenue on Kings Road. The Beer Garden will feature a variety of beer on tap and wine and will also include some specialty items.

Street Closures and Parking: Waverly Place, Central Avenue (Main Street to Brittin Street), Kings Road (Prospect Street to Green Avenue), and Green Village Road (Main Street to Kings Road) will be closed, but the municipal lots (Waverly Green, Cook Avenue, and Elmer Street) will be open for parking. Additional event parking will be available at the Madison Junior School parking lots, which are accessible via Brittin Street (behind the school). The Kings Road Parking Lot behind the Public Safety Building will be open for public parking, and the Prospect Street Parking Lot will also be open to the public. Street parking, where allowed, will be available as well. Main Street remains open all day.

The DDC's objective is to promote economic growth and business development so that Madison's beautiful downtown continues to thrive. Bottle Hill Day was created in 1974 to promote the business district. The name originated from Madison's establishment in 1715 of the village called "Bottle Hill." Over the years, it has grown, evolving into a family, entertainment, and community celebration that draws between 10,000 and 20,000 people to the heart of Madison every fall. This event is free and open to the public.

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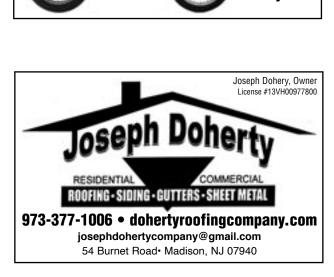
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The Senior Center of the Chathams is committed to offering its programs and services to a wide range of people and draws members from six counties and 70 towns, including Chatham, Madison, Berkeley Heights, Long Hill, New Providence, Florham Park, and Summit to name a few. All are welcome (55 +) 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. For 35 years, the mission of the non-profit 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.



(above) Janice was very happy to get her first mahjong win in the Advanced Beginner Mahjong class.

#### **OCTOBER EVENTS:**

Cardiac Health & Cholesterol: Highs & Lows Monday, Oct. 7, 11:00 a.m.

Learn about the signs, symptoms and treatment of heart disease and how to keep your heart healthy.

#### **AmeriCorps Seniors: Volunteer Programs**

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 12:00 PM Learn about the many volunteer opportunities available to seniors through AmeriCorps.

#### Exploring America's Natural Treasures: National Parks Unveiled

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1:00 p.m. Explore the country's pristine wilderness and get cost-saving tips for visiting our

#### national parks. Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning

Monday, Oct . 14, 11:00 a.m. This presentation will explain the importance of wills, trusts, and estate planning. A light lunch will follow. Seating is limited. Advanced signup is required. This program is made possible by a grant from the NJ State Bar Foundation. Virtual Tour: The Metropolitan Museum of Art

#### Virtual Tour: The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Wed., Oct. 16, 12:00 p.m. No need to drive into the city or take the train! Go on a virtual tour of the famous NYC art museum with smARTee Virtual Tours for

#### Lifelong Learners

Life Transitions Group 6 Fridays, starting Oct. 18, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Have you recently retired? Are you experiencing other life changes? Would you like to connect with others and share experiences? Join this new support group facilitated by Noelle Jensen, LCSW.

#### Calming the Chaos

Wed., Oct. 23, 12:00 p.m. Learn how the simple practice of mindfulness can provide a calm over our emotions and even our body in stressful times.

#### Medicare Enrollment: Information

Mon., Oct. 28, 1:00 p.m. Learn what you need to know about enrolling in Medicare.





(above) The pickleball players held a celebratory lunch at the Center.

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# **ROTARY CLUB NEWS**

The Madison Rotary prepared 50 backpacks with school supplies for local children whose parents rely on the First Baptist Food Panry. The children were so excited to see the backpacks and choose their favorite color and the parents were so grateful. "As every parent knows, getting kids ready for school is an added expense and for those already struggling, it can be a burden. The Madison Rotary is always looking for ways to help the community," said Lois Bhatt, President.

The Madison Rotary and the First Baptist Church forged a relationship that began in the early days of the pandemic when Interact students (the high school arm of Rotary) collected bags of food for the Pantry. Now, Rotarians have a bi-weekly front door pick-up for food that is brought directly to the Pantry for distribution. To date over 5,400 bags of groceries have been delivered.

The Madison Rotary has more than 85 members who live or work in the Madison area and who strive to make a positive difference in our local communities and have a global impact as well. The Madison Rotary focuses on youth development, reducing food insecurity and partnering with other organizations to meet community needs. To learn more about the Madison Rotary and the bi-weekly food pick-up or contact info@madisonrotarynj.org. Check madisonrotarynj.org for a schedule of speakers and events, to volunteer or to learn more.



(above) Rotarians Frank Mangravite, Diane Driscoll, and Paul Saccone.



# **COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT SERIES – OCT. 16TH**

the Chatham Borough Concert series on October 16th. Concerts are held at the Gazebo in Reasoner Park. Grab some takeout on Main Street and your favorite chair and enjoy a fun night for the whole family!

"The Chatham Community Band embodies the tradition of the community band in American culture. We provide benefit to the community through performance, education, entertainment, and social action. We offer an enriching and educational experience for musicians of all abilities who have an interest in the joy of making music. Through our concerts we reach out to a

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- For more information visit:
  - chathamcommunityband.org,

and browse through our pages to learn more about the band, its ensembles, our latest news, listen to some selections from the band and it's ensembles, and find out about our upcoming concerts.



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**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS** 

**Babies Storytime** October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, & 29 10:00am - 10:30am **Toddler Storytime** October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, & 29 10:45am - 11:15am **Preschool Storytime** October 7, 14, 21, & 28 11:30am - 12:00pm **Children's Handwriting Workshop** October 8, & 15, 4:00pm - 5:00pm **Children's Creative Writing Club** October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 4:30pm - 5:30pm **Chess Groups** October 7 & 14 Group 1: 4:00pm - 4:45pm Group 2: 5:00pm - 5:45pm Group 3: 6:00pm - 6:45pm **Coloring Craze** October 8, 3:00pm - 5:00pm **Intro to Robotics** October 8, 6:15pm - 7:15pm Sensory Play: Pom Pom Water Play October 9, 10:00am - 10:30am Explore the senses of touch, sight, and hearing through pom pom water play. **Music & Movement with Miss Susan** October 10, 10:00am - 10:30am or 10:45am - 11:15am **Read to Therapy Dogs** October 16, 4:00pm - 5:00pm **Guitar Bob** October 17, 10:00am - 10:30am or 10:45am - 11:15am PJs & Spooky Sweets - Movie: "Monsters, Inc." October 22, 3:00pm - 4:30pm **Boogie Woogie Babies** October 24, 10:00am - 10:30am or 10:45am - 11:15am **Halloween Food Art** October 25, 3:00pm - 3:45pm **Halloween Parade** October 31, 10:00am - 12:00pm

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#### CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS

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Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, & 30 1:00pm - 2:00pm or 6:00pm - 7:00pm Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28 1:00pm - 2:00pm **ESL: Low Intermediate** October 7, 14, 21, & 28 10:00am - 11:00am

**Mahjong Club** October 9, 16, 23, & 30 1:00pm - 3:00pm **Art Show Reception - Nino Tsereteli** October 6, 2:15pm - 4:00pm

Library Chef: Table Talk - Meal Prep Party October 8, 7:00pm - 7:45pm Ever thought about having a meal prep party? Let's chat and see if it's something you'd love to start with your friends!

**Italian Conversation Group** 

October 9, & 23, 1:00pm - 2:00pm Virtual Author Talk: Silvia Moreno-Garcia October 9, 7:00pm - 8:00pm You're invited to free your mind with New York Times bestselling and award-winning author. Learn All About Mosquito Management and **Tick Safety** October 9, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Introduction to Acrylic Painting October 10, 4:00pm - 6:00pm



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# **ACCUMULATING WRONGS: THE WAR OF 1812**

#### Morris County

On August 24, 1814, British troops invaded an undefended Washington, D.C., setting fire to the White House (then known as the Presidential Mansion), as well as the Library of Congress and other government buildings.

The raid unfolded 209 years ago today, and it was the first and only time since the American Revolution that a foreign power had captured and occupied a capital of the United States.

In observance of the anniversary of the "Burning of Washington," the Morris County Office of Planning and Preservation launched the online Morris County Veterans Compendium, a compilation of the Morris County soldiers who fought in America's past conflicts. "Accumulating Wrongs: The War of 1812" has been created to commemorate local residents who fought in one of our nation's earliest armed conflicts.

The War of 1812 was set against the backdrop of social and economic hardship as the United States was still recovering from the American Revolution, the country's first military test as a new nation. Continental money was worthless, and many homes, industries and businesses had been destroyed. America was struggling to rebuild.

England remained antagonistic and continued to test American resolve following the Revolution by enacting embargos. Worse yet, American sailors were being kidnapped and forced to serve in the Royal Navy in a practice known as "impressment."

"Free Trade and Sailors' Rights" was fast becoming the angry rallying cry throughout the land.

Historians have suggested that 1812 was a more perilous time for United States than 1776.

Additionally, although the nation had won its independence, an American identity had not yet formed among its citizens. People functioned within their individual colonies, rather than as a unified people defined by one nation.

#### ON AUGUST 24, 1814, THAT CHANGED.

The "accumulating wrongs" as phrased by President Madison in his letter to Congress, and the burning of the White House on August 24, 1814, forged an esprit de corps in the American heart.

Many Morris County men, some of whom had served in the Revolution, took up arms against the fresh tyranny. For others, family tradition of military service began.

Isaac Pierson served in the American Revolution as a Private in Suffolk County. His son Maltby Sr., of Morris Township, would serve



in the War of 1812 and his son, Maltby, Jr. served in the Civil War.

Other citizens' military service in 1812 may not be as prominently denoted relative to their experiences in civilian life.

For example, "Uncle Byram" Pruden served in the War of 1812, but is more likely to be remembered as the first captain on the Morris Canal, at the helm of a boat named "The Dover." He died at age 96 in 1888 and is buried in the Orchard Street Cemetery in Dover, N.J.

#### OUR COUNTY'S CITIZENS RALLIED AS WELL.

An article published on September 10, 1814, by the New York Gazette, titled "Exalted and Distinguished Patriotism," states:

"We have the satisfaction again to notice the distinguished and practical patriotism of our



(above) John Archibald Woodside, 1814. National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian. In his painting, Mr. Woodside reflected on one of the issues leading up to the war by illustrating freedom from tyranny on the seas, known as "Impressment". Note the crushed crown under the sailor's foot near a broken chain. Columbia is shown with the maritime red flag signaling an intention to give battle with no quarter, in other words, fight to the death. She holds aloft a laurel wreath, the traditional emblem of victory.



(above) President James Madison. The first American president to ask Congress for a declaration of war.

sister State New Jersey. Between four and five hundred men from Morris County, some from a distance of nearly fifty miles, headed by their revered pastors, were at work yesterday on the fortifications of Harlem.

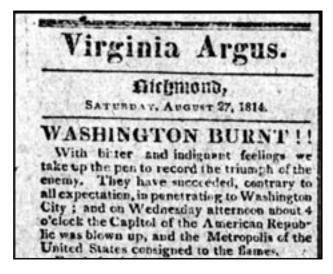
Such exalted and distinguished patriotism deserves to be and will be held in grateful remembrance by the citizens of New York, and recorded in the pages of history, to the immortal honor of the people of that State."

Accumulating Wrongs: The War of 1812 is a collection of names, service narratives, historical information and photographs compiled by the county Office of Planning and Preservation and remains a work-in-progress. This list is the latest chapter in the series of online projects known as the Morris County Veterans Compendium being led by the Office of Planning and Preservation to document the military service of Morris County residents throughout history.

For Independence Day 2023, the Office of Planning and Preservation was also proud to launch "Morris County in the American Revolution," an interactive ArcGIS StoryMap© complete with an introductory video, photos, background and geographic data on the local soldiers, civilians and places involved in winning our nation's independence.



(above) Burn marks on the White House from the War of 1812, uncovered during restorations in 1992.



(above) A newspaper clipping from August 27, 1814, denoting the fire set to the Capitol in Washington.



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