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The Chatham Emergency Squad (CES), a nonprofit, allvolunteer emergency medical services organization serving the Chatham community, is reaching out for support in its yearend donation drive to help close the \$115,000 funding gap needed to meet its 2024 operating budget.

CES relies primarily on the generosity of the local community to fund its annual budget, covering essential operating costs such as training, medical supplies, equipment, and ambulance maintenance, and ensuring that residents receive critical, highquality emergency care at no personal expense. In addition, CES provides free CPR training for Chatham residents,

standby coverage at local events and free

medical transportation for those in need.

"Chatham is known for its strong community spirit and commitment to helping neighbors in times of need," said CES President Evan Skinner. "Our year-end drive is an opportunity for the community to continue that tradition by helping us keep our ambulances

ready, our volunteers trained, and our services available to

CES encourages all community members to consider a year-end donation to support this essential service. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings CES closer to closing the \$115,000 gap, allowing the organization to confidently move into the new year with the resources necessary to continue saving lives.

> Donations can be made by scanning the QR code, on-line at chathamemergencysquad.org/dontate or by mailing a check to the Chatham Emergency Squad, PO Box 609, Chatham, NJ 07928. All contributions are tax-deductible, and any amount, large or small, makes a difference.

> > About Chatham Emergency Squad

The Chatham Emergency Squad, an allvolunteer, nonprofit organization, responds to 9-1-1 calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – at no cost to patients. The squad's dedicated volunteers respond to over 1,000 calls each year, embodying a tradition of neighbor helping neighbor.

Learn more about CES at

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CHILDREN'S PEACE FESTIVAL EXPLORES AND EXPANDS QUAKER MEETING

there was a place of calm, creativity and joy at the much-expanded second annual Children's Peace Festival on Saturday afternoon, November 2, at the Chatham Summit Quaker Meeting in Chatham, New Jersey.

In keeping with this year's theme of "Peace Begins with Me", there were activities for all, especially families with young children.

"The timing was perfect," said Anna Whitely, 16, about the bluebird sky for the mostly-outdoor event and the fact that folks were craving a moment of peace. Anna, who founded the Children's Peace Festival, is a junior at Summit High School and a member of the Quaker meeting. "Seeing young families so eager to learn



(above) Children working together to build a clay pot, signifying how enduring peace so often depends on sustained mutual effort.



(above) The Peace Garden with "peace flowers" made by children from upcycled materials and planted among generously donated mums from The Farm at Green Courtesy photos

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Amid the election buzz and global conflicts, peace-building skills gives me hope. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make it happen and to all the young families who came. Let's do it again!"

> Collaborative games were a big hit, parents and grandparents joined in, including the hilarious Freeze Dance and A Big Wind Blows.

> Peace-centered arts and crafts were a big attraction, giving eager hands a chance to express themselves. Children painted peace rocks (donated by Fusco Brothers of Chatham), to take with them or leave behind on the peace path. They also made colorful meditation jars with glitter, glue and more as simple tools to help keep calm when under stress.

> When not working with their hands or playing games, children and their parents were given the opportunity to slip off their shoes, enter the calm of the Quaker meeting room and explore the basics of meditation.

The voices of both children and adults could be heard throughout the festival, starting with the Hummingbirds Chorus from Kent Place School (their second year performing at the festival) and followed by young singers from Elefante Music and School for the Performing Arts.

Adding stunning color to the music-- and the day--was the Peace Garden. Students of all ages from Cornerstone School, a Summit-based preschool, Summit High School and Drew University created flowers made with recycled materials. Each crafted flower was displayed in a path of bright yellow mums donated by The Farm at Green Village.

If you would like to participate or partner with the Children's Peace Festival, please email childrenspeacefestival@gmail.com. And for more information about this year's event and announcements about the 2025 event, follow @childrens peace festival on Instagram.



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concert is delighted to be entering their second quarter century with a brand-new production.

The popular holiday event will be returning to the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in NYC on Decemebr 14, and Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, NJ on Decemebr 15.

The Pipes of Christmas brings together



The beloved Pipes of Christmas fundraising musicians, soloists, and performers from across America and the UK to share the magic of the holiday season through the timeless sounds of Celtic music. The show features traditional favorites and newly commissioned works performed on pipes and drums, harp and fiddle, organ, brass, and more, as well as readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

> Featured performers include guitarist and music director Steve Gibb from Inverness, Scotland, actor James Robinson of "A Merry Scottish Christmas," "Braveheart," "Outlander," fiddler Caitlin Warbelow from Broadway's "Come from Away," and US Harp Champion harpist Rachel Clemente.

> In both locations, the company will include the Solid Brass ensemble and the St. Columcille United Pipe Band led by Pipe Major Cameron MacDougall.

> Also making her Pipes of Christmas debut will be Madelyn Monaghan, an Irish American traditional (sean-nós) singer based in New York City. In September of this year, Madelyn was a leading performer at the Celtic World Forum in Dublin alongside the likes of Máiréad Nesbitt and Clannad's Moya Brennan and appeared in the Celtic Music Festival in Rockport, MA. Her voice can be heard via TikTok, museums, film scores, and commercials, and her album éist is available on all streaming platforms.

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Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Thurs., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m.

Monthly support group for those who care for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia.

Life in America on Pearl Harbor Day,

Wed., Dec. 11, 10:00 a.m.

Presentation by Center member Herb Waddell.

George Gershwin: Behind the Music,

Wed., Dec. 11, 12:00 p.m. Lecture by FDU Professor of Music, Allen Cohen, about the life, legacy, and music of George Gershwin.

Kings, Queens & Guillotines

Wed., Dec. 18, 11:00 am.

Joel Farkas, Lecturer, will talk about the American and French Revolutions, two kings, two queens, two countries, two revolutions, and the guillotine.

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Tues., Dec. 17, 12:00 p.m.

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REV. THOMAS A. BROWN INSTALLED AS PASTOR AND HEAD OF STAFF

The Presbyterian Church of Chatham communities in several states. Township (PCCT) announced that it installed The Rev. Thomas A. Brown as Pastor and Head of Staff at a service on Sunday, Oct. 20. Prior to his selection and installation, Rev. Brown had served as the church's Associate Pastor of Congregational Life for nearly 12 years. Earlier he filled a pastoral role in the Chicago area and held a variety of leadership positions at churches in Southern California.

Taking part in the installation were members of the congregation, close friends in ministry, and representatives from the Presbytery of the Highlands, which provides support and resources to nearly 80 Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations in seven counties in Northwest New Jersey, including PCCT. The Presbytery elected Rev. Brown to serve as its Moderator for 2023.

"I feel incredibly fortunate to be able to continue serving PCCT, and by extension Chatham and the surrounding area." said Rev. Brown. "Moving into this new position brings a deep sense of gratitude and genuine excitement. I believe our congregation, and each of our local places of worship, have vital roles to play in building networks that can provide support and extend a sense of welcome to each member of our community."

Since becoming Associate Pastor in 2012, Rev. Brown has played active and visible roles in the church and community. He is a member of the Chatham Interfaith Council, and for more than a decade took part in a team of religious leaders who met with Chatham High School seniors to plan the annual Baccalaureate Service at graduation. Further, he has led eight summer mission trips involving area teens and adults focused on improving living conditions for underserved

Two years ago, the PCCT congregation wholeheartedly supported Rev. Brown in his successful application for a prestigious national clergy renewal grant funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc., and administered by the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. This competitive program honors pastors for their extraordinary service, and enables them to engage in a period of rest and renewal with the goal of invigorating their leadership and bringing new vitality to their congregations.

Rev. Brown notes that his installation as Pastor of PCCT takes place almost exactly 25 years from the date he was ordained as a pastor following seminary. He holds dual Masters degrees in Divinity and Christian Education from Princeton Theological Seminary. Also, he recently completed a Certificate in Executive Leadership program at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Rev. Brown and his wife, Alison Siener Brown, have two sons, Zachary and Nathan. Alison is Director of Music for All Saints' Episcopal Church in Millington, and took part in the installation service. Also participating was The Rev. Dr. Edward Halldorson, Pastor Emeritus of PCCT.

The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township is a vibrant, multi-generational congregation that celebrates the glory of God through faith, fellowship and service. Drawing members from three counties and more than 20 communities, it welcomes all, whether you are a young family, a single adult, or a couple with grown children. The congregation reflects diverse perspectives, provides rich music and education programs for all ages, and through social outreach addresses hunger, homelessness and recovery from disasters or other crises.



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The Chatham Emergency Squad is excited to celebrate the holiday season once again with the 20th annual Winter Wonderland Snow Village at its Chatham Borough building, located at 31 North Passaic Street. The event kicks off on December 1 and runs through December 29, 2024. CES warmly invites everyone to partake in this cherished tradition that has brought joy to generations of children and adults alike.

The Snow Village has been a holiday favorite at CES since 2003 when Mark Spinner, affectionately known as "Spanky," first crafted a charming arrangement of model houses and a train display to entertain children from Chatham and its neighboring areas. It quickly became a beloved attraction, and Spanky's collection grew significantly over the years.

In 2019, after four decades of dedicated service with the Chatham Emergency Squad – the longest-serving member in the organization's history – Spanky generously entrusted his collection to CES upon his retirement. Since then, Bryan McGookin has assumed the role of caretaker and maintenance manager of the Snow Village.

This impressive display features over 100 Department 56 model houses, cars, and figurines, complete with a working ski lift, an ice-skating rink, and more – all highlighted by a model train traversing the heart of the village. Guests are encouraged to visit and discover the hidden treasures throughout the exhibition during the various open houses at the Squad building.

The Winter Wonderland Snow Village will be

open every Saturday from 3-6 p.m. and Sunday from 12-3 p.m. in December, with additional hours on December 2, 10, 18 and 26. A complete schedule of open houses can be found on the Chatham Emergency Squad website. Special hours and group tours can be arranged by emailing

community@chathamemergencysquad.org.

About the Chatham Emergency Squad: The Chatham Emergency Squad is an all-volunteer organization primarily funded by donations, providing emergency medical assistance to residents and visitors of Chatham. CES never charges for its services. To learn more, to donate or to volunteer, please visit

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Guest Artists: Ranaan Meyer, Double Bass

Asi Matathias, Violin

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HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & SANTA TOO!

Reasoner Park Gazebo Friday, December 6th - 5 pm to 7 pm

FREE HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES

As the holiday season kicks in the Chatham Historical Society will again participate in the Holiday Tree Lighting event on Friday, December 6 at Reasoner Park by offering free Horse and Carriage rides from 4-6 p.m. The starting point for the rides will be across the street from the gazebo, at the entrance to Railroad Plaza North.

The society will also provide hot chocolate starting at 5 p.m. at the event that also features Santa and Mrs. Clause along with holiday music performances.



SANTA AT TWIN MAPLES

The entire family is invited to one of the areas loveliest historic homes, Twin Maples in Summit, on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8 to join Santa for food and fun. The weekend event is hosted by the Fortnightly Club of Summit and sponsored by the Peapack Gladstone Bank.

Festivities begin each morning at 9:30 a.m. with a delicious Holiday 'Breakfast with Santa' served in the beautifully decorated ballroom with catering by 'What a Dish.' Breakfast includes live music, family photos and stories with Santa.

For those who can't make it for breakfast, 'Stories with Santa' is available at reserved intervals between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on both days. This portion of the event gives families the opportunity to join Santa for photos, cocoa and homemade cookies, stories and sing-alongs. There even might be some gingerbread!

Tickets to Santa at Twin Maples can be purchased at https://www.fortnightlyclub.org.

Pricing for Breakfast with Santa is \$45 for adults and \$20 for children. Please bring booster seats for children. Highchairs are not available.

Reserved tickets for Stories with Santa are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.

The weekend event benefits the preservation of Twin Maples, a property on the New Jersey and National Historic Registers. The house was designed by New York architect Alfred F. Norris in the Colonial Revival style, referencing the White House. The Fortnightly Club purchased the property in 1949. Today, Twin Maples serves as a clubhouse and hosts many community events and fundraisers.

The Fortnightly Club of Summit, a non-profit organization founded in 1893, offers women camaraderie and a full calendar of interesting events and volunteer opportunities. The Club supports the preservation of Twin Maples, education, the arts and humanitarian efforts. For over twenty-years the Club has awarded annual scholarships to deserving young, local women.

Fortnightly Club members are from Summit and many neighboring towns. To join or for more information, visit the Club's website at https://www.fortnightlyclub.org.





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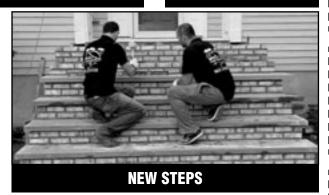
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On December 3rd, our speaker will be Ron Brachman, an internationally known expert in Artificial Intelligence. In 2023 he retired from his positions as the Director of the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute at Cornell Tech and Professor of Computer Science at Cornell University. He has also held research leadership positions at Yahoo, DARPA, AT&T Labs, and Bell Labs. Ron will discuss the amazing leaps forward in Artificial Intelligence over the past several years, and examine the unexpected, humanlike blunders the programs continue to make. Briefly, the algorithms, capable of constructing solutions to many complex problems, lack what is generally perceived as 'common sense'. In his talk, Ron Brachman will consider what common sense is about, what AI has tried to do about it, and what's

On December 10th, James M. Kossler will discuss the FBI versus the Cosa Nostra. Jim spent 23 years as an FBI agent and was the Coordinating Supervisor for the New York office responsible for directing the Organized Crime unit. As an expert witness he testified in numerous mob trials in New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia. Jim was featured in the Netflix documentary "Fear City: New York vs. the Mafia." Jim will provide a brief history of Cosa Nostra (Mafia) and how they went from controlling unions and industry in New York and New Jersey, to being turned into street gangs.





(above, l-r) Dr. Brachman, James Kossler





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New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will be entertaining families on Sunday, December 8, 2024 with a free concert of seasonal holiday favorites. The concert will be from 2pm to 3pm at Summit High School, 125 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, NJ. Families with children of all ages are invited to come and join in the fun!

NJIO's three orchestral ensembles will combine to perform music by Corelli, Reinecke, Strauss, and more! The concert concludes with Leroy Anderson's exciting Sleigh Ride, with percussion accompaniment provided by the youngest members of the audience!

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Following the concert, the famous NJIO Instrument Petting Zoo returns! Experienced NJIO musicians will guide young audience members and assist them in safely trying out the instrument of their dreams. Instruments are loaned by Elefante Music of New Providence and Scotch Plains.

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2 pm Summit High School 125 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, NJ Admission is free;

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This concert is made possible by funds from: the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts; Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation; The Lillian Schenck Foundation; The Henry S. and Agnes M. Truzack Foundation; Investors Foundation; Standish Foundation; and many other generous supporters. NJIO is a proud participating organization in the Families First Discovery Pass Program, a program of the NJ Departments of Health and Human Services.

NJIO is committed to ensuring that its programs and concerts are accessible. For more information regarding the concert or to inquire about patron services, please contact NJIO at

info@njio.org, or visit NJIO's website njio.org.

New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, now in its 31st season, has been nationally recognized as a leader in intergenerational excellence through its unique approach to teaching musical performance and as a model for intergenerational orchestras across the country. Depending on space availability, NJIO welcomes new members of all ages and abilities each concert period to one of its several orchestras - no auditions needed!

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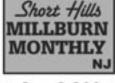


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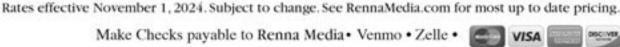
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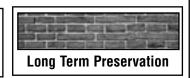
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