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PARENTS UNITE TO DELAY SOCIAL MEDIA USE IN CHILDREN

Inspired by Jonathan Haidt's book, "The Anxious Generation," and conversations with other concerned parents, a group of seven Madison moms with 16 children has formed Dodgers Delay, a grassroots movement advocating for children to learn to use technology in a mindful and deliberate way.

"Our mission is to delay unfettered access to the internet and social media amongst Madison children," says Lindsey Dubman, a co-founder of the movement. "There is so much evidence directly linking adolescent time spent on smart phones and social media to mental health declines."

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory Report: Social Media and Youth Mental Health, Teens who spent more than three hours a day on social media face double the risk of experiencing poor mental health outcomes. Up to 95% of teens between the ages of 13 and 17 say they use a social media platform with about a third saying they scroll, post or otherwise engage with social media "almost constantly," according to the report.

"The impact of social media and smartphone use goes beyond mental health to children's social and neurological development, covering everything from sleep deprivation to attention fragmentation, addiction, and loneliness," says Dr. Laura Venuto, a Licensed Psychologist and Madison parent. "This health impact is also having a direct effect on academic related activities."

A first priority for the movement has been to collaborate with and support local schools in fostering critical digital literacy in an everevolving landscape. The Madison Public School District's leadership has also identified the use of smartphones and smartwatches during the academic day as a concern, and as a result launched "Away for the Day" policies for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Speaking at the MPS Board Meeting on Thursday, September 19th, Dodgers Delay cofounder Heidi Muccifori said, "We at Dodgers Delay are so pleased with the collective action around this topic that is building here in our parent community. We are also very grateful for



(above, l-r) Dodgers Delay co-founders attended the TJS Back-to-School Night on September 24th: Erica Koch, Heidi Muccifori, Cynthia Posillico Siegel, Lindsey Dubman, Laura Venuto Tripi, and Corinne Murphy. Not Pictured: Joanna Maulbeck.

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the partnership that has been established with Superintendent Shanley and her administrative team of school principals. There is still more work to do, but we are now moving forward together to make meaningful change."

The movement's other primary goal is to be a resource for parents no matter where their child is at on their journey to using smart phones and social media. In talking to parents throughout the community, Dodgers Delay has recognized that many parents are interested in the latest research and alternatives to internet enabled devices for their children.

"Dodgers Delay is not a no phone movement," says Lindsey Dubman. "We support cell phones and watches without internet access for our youngest children. And we do support mindful use of smart phones for teens. We just want to arm parents with research and resources to help make informed technology decisions for their family and mitigate any shame around those decisions."

While this movement started small, it has quickly grown to include over 100 Madison families who want to learn more and be involved. As Dodgers Delay continues to grow, the group plans to launch a monthly newsletter and website, host in-person educational events, as well as bring small groups of parents together for real-world talks.

To learn more about the Dodgers Delay movement, interested parents can email Dodgers Delay at dodgersdelay@gmail.com.



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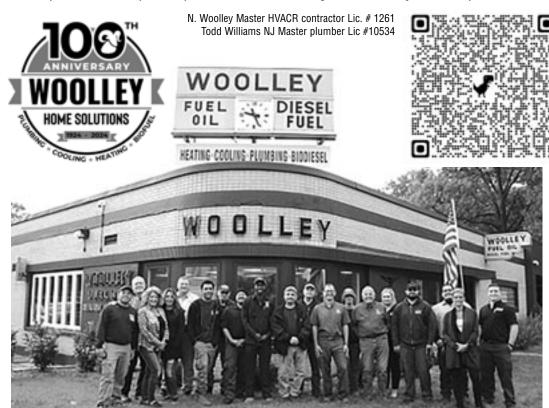
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AUTHOR BARB FRYE DISCUSSES GRATITUDE

Thursday Morning Club

When we dig deep, even in the darkest of times, we find a reason to be grateful. Those attending the Thursday Morning Club's luncheon were introduced to Barb Frye. She discussed "Gratitude" as part of The Wise, Wonderful, Women Lecture and Luncheon Series held at the Madison Community House. It was an inspiring afternoon. Barb, who lives in Florida, spoke to the audience via a large screen and then answered questions before lunch was served.

Barb is paralyzed from the shoulders down, but that has not stopped her from living life to the fullest. She is a mother, public speaker,

(above) Barb Frye

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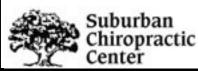


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Mental Health Therapist and author. Barb lives on the west coast of Florida and can now add to her achievements surviving Hurricane Milton.

Barb's life changed at 18 years of age. She was entering college at Kent State University, when she made the decision to get into a car with a friend after drinking alcohol. Barb's friend walked away with a crashed car and in trouble with the law, while Barb suffered a broken neck leaving her paralyzed from the shoulders down, never to walk again.

Today, some 40 years later, with a grown son and a Master's in Clinical Counseling, she works but finds time to share her story with high school and college students. Barb credits her transformation away from victimhood to the recognition that she made the choice that night to enter the car and took responsibility for it. When she accepted that she would never walk again, she moved forward with her life and authored the book "Stop Wishing For The Life You Don't Have And Start Living The Life You Do."

A woman of strength and courage, she is also funny! Her time doing stand up comedy was among the stories she shared with us. Sometimes, there is a happy ending, even when it is not initially apparent.

The Thursday Morning Club, organized in 1896, is a non-profit which provides services for Madison area communities. It owns, operates, and maintains the Madison Community House and is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's clubs (NJSFWC) and of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). If you would like to serve the community, make new friends, and enjoy programs and activities, consider joining the Thursday morning Club; for more information, call the community House at 973-377-0244 or visit TMCMCH.org.



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Howard most recently served as pastor of the Bedford Presbyterian Church in Westchester County, N.Y. Before that, she led Presbyterian congregations across the U.S., including at a bayside village in Rhode Island and an urban neighborhood in Washington, D.C.



Courtesy photo (above) Rev. Carol Howard

Friends first introduced Howard to PCM and winning author of several books and she was struck by the camaraderie of its members

"It felt right as soon as I met with the members of Session. They asked great questions and clearly, they are friends and work well together. As I've gotten to know the congregation, it has been the same way," Howard said. "The people of Presbyterian Church of Madison worship God, reach out to the community and enjoy one another."

As pastor, Howard succeeds Jacqui Van Vliet, who served as transitional pastor for nearly four years before retiring in the spring.

The mission of the church is to see lives transformed, families strengthened and its community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ. Its congregation, dating back to 1747, is the oldest in Madison and the its parish hall, at 19 Green Ave., is the largest meetinghouse in the borough.

Beyond her ministry, Howard is an award-

devotionals. She was a regular columnist for The Christian Century, and her writing has appeared in The New York Times, Slate, The Washington Post and Newsweek, among other publications. In 2020, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary honored her with the Distinguished Alumna Award for her service to the church.

Her committee and board work includes serving as the moderator of the Special General Assembly Committee on the Nature of the Church in the 21st Century and as the moderator of the General Assembly's Survivors of Clergy Misconduct Task Force

In her free time, Howard enjoys hiking with her adult daughter, Calla. She also loves painting, drawing and exploring museums. She grew up on the East Coast of Florida, where she spent as much time as possible at the beach.

PCM's congregation meets Sundays at 10:15 a.m. More information is available at pcmadison.org/about-us.

MADISON MENORAH LIGHTING

host the annual Menorah Lighting on Sunday, December 29, at 5:00 p.m. at the Madison Train Station on Kings Road. In case of inclement live stream viewing at rosenet.org/holidays.

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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

charming arrangement of model houses and a treasures throughout the exhibition during the train display to entertain children from Chatham 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

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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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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.

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The beloved Pipes of Christmas fundraising 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 December 14, and Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, NJ on December 15.

The Pipes of Christmas brings together 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," and "Outlander," fiddler Caitlin Warbelow from Broadway's "Come from Away," and US Harp Champion harpist Rachel Clemente.

Audiences will thrill to the Commonwealth Pipes and Drums under the leadership of Pipe Major Adam Holdaway and the B-Line Brass Quintet led by CJ Waldrop.

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.

Proceeds Support Scholarships and Cultural Heritage Initiatives

The Pipes of Christmas is hosted by the Learned Kindred of Currie, a non-profit cultural

and educational organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Scottish and Highland heritage and the arts. As its primary fundraiser, the concert enables the Kindred's continued efforts to support the global Scottish community through initiatives such as:

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- Providing scholarships to deserving students in the US, Canada, and Scotland
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- Commissioning of new musical and cultural works
- A global monuments initiative, which helps erect and preserve new and existing locations such as the Scottish Writers Museum and Bale nam Bàrd (the bard's home) on the Island of South Uist
- Developing a cultural heritage center in Scotland (currently in preliminary stages)

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

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ABOUT "THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS"

Since its debut, The Pipes of Christmas has played to standing-room-only audiences. Now a cherished holiday event, the concert gives audiences a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit. Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the Pipes of Christmas has become part of their family's annual Christmas tradition.

The concert has been lavished with critical acclaim. In his review for Classical New Jersey Magazine, Paul Somers wrote, "The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof. In short, it was like a well-constructed fireworks show on the Glorious Fourth."





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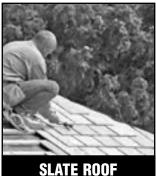
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Lecture hosted by the Kemmerer Library Michalene Thomas Art Discussion

Monday, December 2nd @7pm

Mickalene Thomas has given us vivid and multifaceted artwork paintings, collage, photography, video, and site-specific installations. Her work addresses our common perceptions of beauty, celebrity, and politics, and expands and subverts these notions in original and complex ways. The subject of a major international tour that began at The Broad in Los Angeles in May of 2024, and travels to The Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia on October 20, and culminates at The Hayward Gallery in London from February 11 to May 5, 2025, Mickalene Thomas has assumed her rightful place in the pantheon of

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Held at Madison Community Art Center, 10 Kings Road

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Wednesday, December 11th @7pm

During this virtual tour we will take a close look at Rockefeller Center and the history of its Christmas celebration, as well as its wealth of public art, designed to inspire us throughout the year. Another noteworthy Christmas Tree is the one at the Met, with its Neapolitan Baroque Crèche, depicting a Mediterranean harbor town scene and placed in the Medieval Sculpture Hall. We will also make a visit to The Jewish Museum, which has the largest collection of Hanukkah Lamps in the world, c. 1,050 outstanding designs from countries around the world.

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The Center is located at 58 Meyersville Road (lower level) in Chatham and is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 973-635-4565 or visit chathamseniorcenter.org.

SEARCH FOR ROSIE THE ROSE CITY REINDEER

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce warmly invites children of all ages to join in the adventure of searching for Rosie the Rose City Reindeer this holiday season! This exciting month-long event kicks off on Friday, November 29, 2024, and runs through Saturday, December 14, 2024.

The Search for Rosie the Rose City Reindeer celebrates the holiday spirit and the joy of supporting Madison's local businesses. More than 60 Chamber-member businesses are participating, making it a magical journey for families throughout the season. The event will culminate in a Grand Prize drawing on Monday, December 16, 2024.V

This free event is open to the public and designed especially for children. For a list of participating businesses, please visit the Chamber's website at MadisonNJChamber.org.

How to Participate:

Pick Up a Participation Card: Start by picking up a participation card from Tons of Toys at 64

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Main St. or Madison Pharmacy at 66 Main St.

Find Rosie: Look for Rosie the Rose City Reindeer in the participating businesses or on their websites as indicated on the participation card. Gather a store stamp, signature, or online code for each stop.

Claim Your Prize: After collecting at least 30 different store stamps, signatures, or codes, bring your game card to Tons of Toys to claim a special prize sponsored by Tons of Toys.

Enter the Grand Prize Drawing: For a chance at the Grand Prize, collect at least 40 store stamps, signatures, or codes and bring your completed game card to either Tons of Toys or Madison Pharmacy.

Tune in for the Grand Prize Drawing: The Grand Prize drawing will be streamed live on the ILoveMadisonNJ Facebook page on Monday, December 16, at 4:00 pm. The winner will receive a \$100 Madison Chamber Gift Check, and the 2nd and 3rd place winners will each receive a \$50 Madison Chamber Gift Check.

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE SENIOR CENTER:

French Impressionism & Art Nouveau

Wed., Dec. 4, 12:00 p.m.

Tour Parisian art of the Belle Epoque virtually and explore the birth of artistic movements including Impressionism and Art Nouveau with virtual tour guide Julie Averbach at the Senior Center.

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.

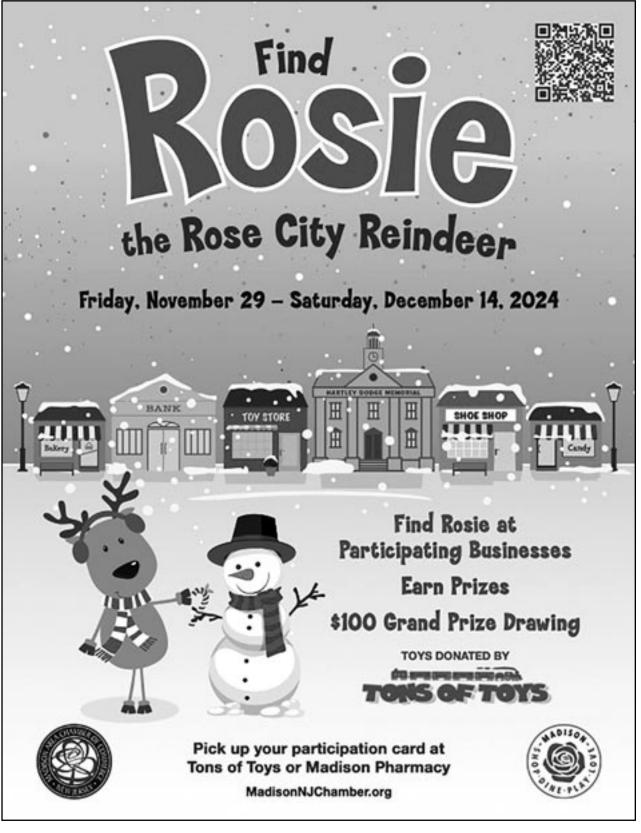
Joel Farkas, Lecturer, will talk about the American and French Revolutions, two kings, two queens, two countries, two revolutions, and the guillotine.

Backgammon lessons

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

Learn how to play the famous board game from Center member Lee Corcoran.









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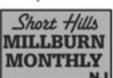
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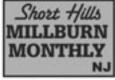
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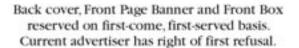
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NJIO's three orchestral ensembles will combine to perform music by Corelli, Reinecke, Strauss, and more! The concert concludes with Leroy Anderson's exciting Sleigh Ride, with percussion accompaniment provided by the youngest members of the audience!

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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.

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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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