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BRIARWOOD AND BROOKLAKE FUN-RAISING SUCCESSES

Florham Park Education Foundation

Results are in! Briarwood and Brooklake Elementary Schools were busy fundraising in February. From February 3rd to 7th, Briarwood students filled classroom collection jars with coins for the Making Change at Briarwood event. The 2nd grade classroom of Mrs. Martinez won for most coins: a total of 2,698 coins. Mrs. Ford's inclusive preschool classroom won for most coins per student: 874 coins each! All \$1,568.69 raised will go towards new recess games for Briarwood as part of the Recess Reimagined fundraising initiative. These new games will be delivered in Spring 2025! Winning classrooms will receive an extra recess period and be the first to play with the new equipment.

At Brooklake in just 5 days, our incredible readers logged 4,036 minutes and raised over \$3,100 for their Read-A-Thon! Due to a tie, there were more winners than originally planned. Ms. Guarino, 5th grade teacher, and Mrs. Cogan, 3rd grade teacher, received gift cards to a local restaurant for having the Read-A-Thon winning classrooms. The students of those classrooms receive a free recess. The most minutes were read by 5th grader, Renee Bhatia. For most donations raised there was a 3 way tie between Gracie Cuff (5th grade), Michael Bedkowski (3rd grade), AND Luca Damiano (4th grade). Thank you to school administrators, staff, teachers, and families for making both of these fundraisers a success!

The next fundraising event for the Education Foundation will be held on Friday, April 4th at Salaam Shriners Inc. in Whippany. The Trivia and Wine Tasting night is spring break themed this year and promises to be packed with brain-teasing questions and delicious wines. All proceeds will be used to support teacher and district grants within the Florham Park School District, as well as the Community Care program, which aids district families who may require financial assistance.

Visit fpfnj.org to learn more about the Education Foundation and how you can help by donating your time, expertise, or money. We are thankful for all the community support from individuals, local businesses, and organizations. Your donations help to empower every student to achieve both academic and personal success.



(above) Read-A-Thon winning classroom:
Amanda Guarino, 5th Grad



(above) Read-A-Thon winning classroom:
Kathleen Cogan, 3th Grade



(above) Read-A-Thon winners Luca Damiano (4th grade),
Michael Bedkowski (3rd grade), Gracie Cuff (5th grade),
and Renee Bhatia (5th grade)

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(above) Making Change winning
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COLONIAL TAVERNS OF NEW JERSEY PRESENTATION – APRIL 8

The Historical Society of Florham Park is very pleased to invite Michael C. Gabriele to return to Florham Park on April 8th, from 7-8 p.m., to present his third program in the past few years. Recall his popular presentations of "The History of New Jersey Diners" and "Stories of New Jersey Diners".

Registration for this free program can be done via florhamparklib.org/events or by calling the library at 973- 377-2694. A confirmation email will give registrants the option to attend either in-person at the Library or via the Zoom link, for any who wish to attend remotely. Refreshments for those attending in the Florham Park Library Akhouri room are sponsored by Delaney At the Green, and will be available starting at 6:30 p.m.

"Colonial Taverns of New Jersey," published by The History Press, is the newest book on New

Jersey history by this author. New Jersey was the "Crossroads of the American Revolution," and as battles raged, colonial taverns formed the social network that held the state together. Taverns were the main stage for the unfolding drama of a colony transitioning into statehood and making decisions about declaring a war of independence.

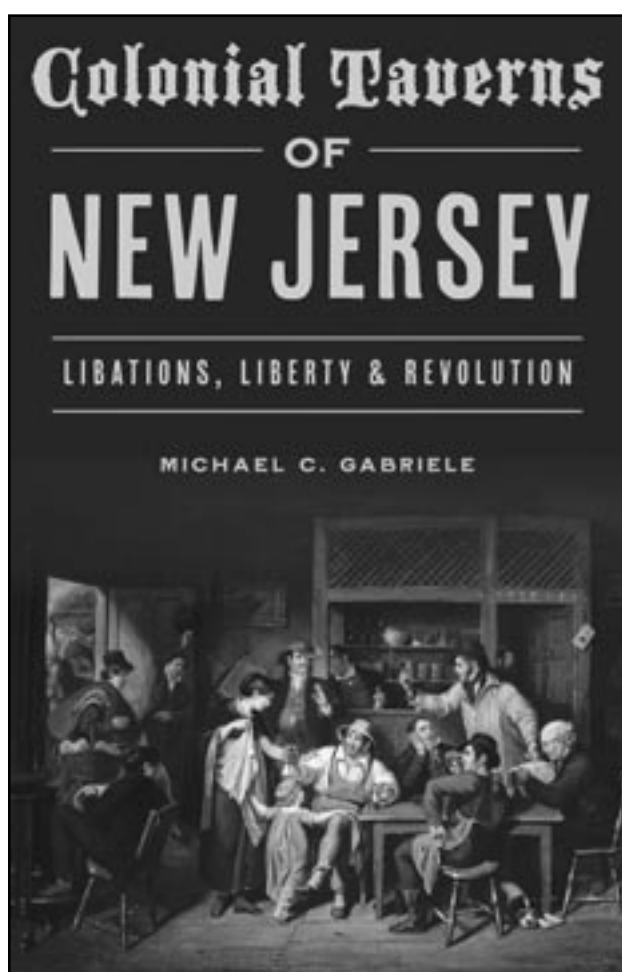
Taverns the hub of colonial villages were the places where the voices of history took shape. A haven for Patriots and Loyalists alike, colonial taverns were the "seedbeds" of the Revolution, strongholds for political activities, beacons for travelers, and venues for entertainment, merriment, and libations. George Washington often commandeered taverns as his temporary headquarters during the war.

Colonial village government councils typically met at local taverns to discuss business and issue proclamations and ordinances. New Jersey's General Assembly, meeting in September 1777 at a tavern in Haddonfield, passed a resolution

that declared New Jersey to be "a state, not a colony," joining the call for revolution and independence, and a break from British rule. In effect, the tavern in Haddonfield (today known as the Indian King Tavern) is the place where New Jersey became a state.

New Jersey had many colonial taverns (an estimated 400) along well-traveled routes, due to the demand for carriage and stage wagon travel between New York and Philadelphia transporting people and commercial goods typically an arduous three-day journey. Taverns, in effect, served as hospitality rest stops, creating opportunities for the exchange of ideas regarding politics, business and current events, leading up to the Revolution.

Interested in learning more about upcoming programs or learning more about The Historical Society of Florham Park? Contact Peter Nicolas at pnicolas@optimum.net, or call at 973-520-8654.



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Madison Chatham Coalition and Project Community Pride are so grateful for our partnership with law enforcement! The Madison Chatham Coalition is a community prevention organization funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. The Coalition seeks to establish and strengthen community collaboration, educate

youth and adults about marijuana and alcohol use and subsequently reduce underage substance use with a focus on 12-17 year old's. Community members and partner organizations work together to specifically address underage drinking and the illegal use of marijuana through the implementation of effective strategic prevention initiatives for community-wide change. For more information visit: madisonchathamcoalition.org



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Morris County Library

Learn about prep, equipment, maps, food, support and more for day and overnight treks on the Appalachian Trail, Long Path, Highlands Trail and more. This program will take place on Wednesday, April 24th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and is recommended for adults. During this program, Trail Conference member, Don Weise and Kim Levinsky, from Sassquad Trail Running, will share their experiences and knowledge. Kim Levinsky is the founder and director of Sassquad Trail Running, a local organization

that hosts trail races throughout the year. Sassquad hosts trail races, group runs, trail workdays, and clinics throughout New Jersey and New York and is open to all ages and paces, making it a welcoming environment for first time trail runners. Levinsky recently achieved Fastest Known Time (FKT) running the 358-mile Long Path from Fort Lee NJ to Albany NY. Don Weise is an author, hike leader, environmental advocate, and Trail Conference Life Member. His new book Circuit Hikes in Harimann is the first ever comprehensive guide

to circuit hikes in these two highly popular parks. With 35 total loop hikes, including 8 hikes that can also be suitable for other uses, this guidebook is perfect for anyone interested in exploring the rich network of trails. Participants will also hear about Morris County trails and the new Trail Conference map and guide. Please note that while registration is not required, seating is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. For questions or concerns, please contact the Reference Department at (973) 285-6969.

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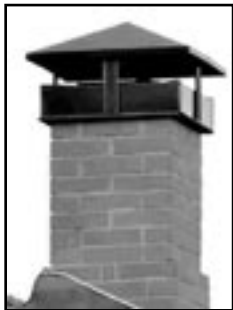
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Hanover Township Mayor Thomas “Ace” Gallagher, East Hanover Township Mayor Joseph Pannullo, and Florham Park Mayor Mark Taylor, have announced an exciting new initiative to compliment the Passaic and Whippany River Flood Task coalition and conduct an all-volunteer “clean-up day” on April 5th with a rain date of April 26th.

Mayor Gallagher stated, “This exciting announcement continues the work already started on trying to alleviate flooding in the area by allowing a volunteer network of contractors, non-profit and civic organizations, and resident volunteers to help with tree removal, the de snagging of the rivers, and clean up along the banks of the Passaic and Whippany Rivers. Along with Mayor Pannullo from East Hanover, Mayor Taylor from Florham Park, Mayor Guariglia from Morris Township, Mayor Dougherty from Morristown, Mayor Karr from Morris Plains, and

Mayor Barberio from Parsippany, we continue to work together to help our citizens and businesses along these water tributaries to make the water flow again and avoid property loss due to flooding.”

Scheduled for Saturday April 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a rain date on Saturday April 26th each town has identified several potential sites to “clean up” for the day. Mayor Gallagher stated, “A number of tree removal contractors, volunteer groups and volunteer citizens have already expressed interest in joining us on April 5th and we ask anyone interested in signing up from any of our communities’ kindly call Mayor Gallagher at 973-441-0114 or e-mail Mayor Gallagher at TGallagher@hanovertownship.com.

Once all sites are identified we will post them on each town’s website as we get closer to the date.

INNOVATIVE PET THERAPY PROGRAM

Morris County Surrogate Office

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Recently, the program welcomed therapy dogs Mulligan and Story, whose calming presence has already made a powerful impact on clients and staff alike. For grieving clients, the dogs offer a soothing connection during one of life’s most challenging moments, providing comfort and even smiles amid their sorrow.

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(above) Surrogate Staff with Mulligan

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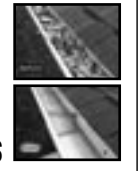
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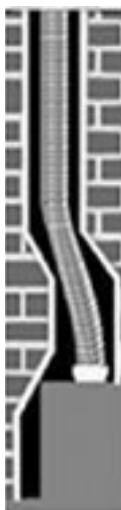
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(above, l-r) Three conductors: Tommy Sansone of Paterson, guest conductor; Matthew Paterno of Parsippany, HWS music director and conductor; and Ayden Khan of Wayne, HWS associate conductor.

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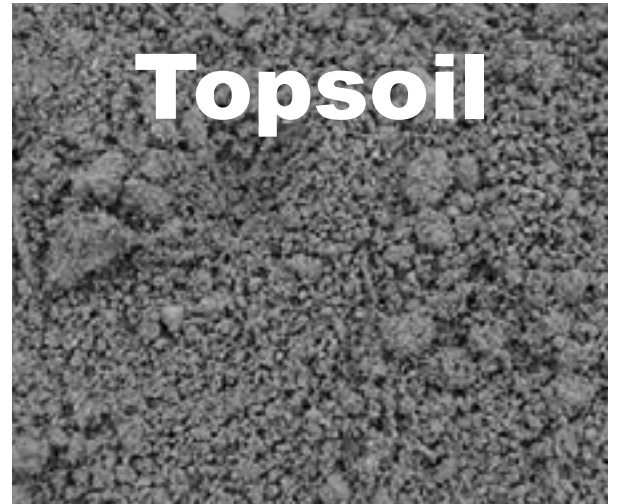
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The Historical Society of Florham Park

As March is Women's History Month, it is appropriate to recognize that The Historical Society of Florham Park was founded March 22, 1935 by a group of women to save the badly deteriorating Little Red Schoolhouse from possible demolition.

Mrs. Martha Rever Conlon was elected the first president when the Society incorporated August 23, 1935. In 1937 the Florham Park Borough Council passed a resolution to lease the Little Red Schoolhouse to the Society, giving the organization control over its use. No rent was charged, as the Historical Society contributed to the maintenance and furnishing of the building.

Indeed, from 1937 until 2017, the Historical Society focused on collecting hundreds of historical artifacts, turning the schoolhouse into a museum of a broad history of the story of Florham Park. Exhibits from when the area was settled in 1708 (and perhaps earlier) when John Canfield purchased land from the Lenape Indians and built his house, to almost 150 years later the Little Red Schoolhouse was built (1866), and so many events beyond. The museum shared the story of how the farming community, being once known as "Broomtown" due to the high quality brooms made by the farmers during the winter seasons, went through name changes until 1899, when it became Florham Park. On display in the museum is the John Hancock Broom making machine. It was also displayed at the 1964 New York World's Fair.

Virtually all the artifacts in the museum were collected by or donated to and are the responsibility of the Historical Society. The Historical Society is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

To give a perspective of what was happening in the same year as the founding of The Historical Society of Florham Park in 1935:

- Amelia Earhart flew from Honolulu, HI to Oakland, CA (non-stop of course).
- The Monopoly board game went on sale for the first time.
- The first canned beer "Krueger's Cream Ale" was sold by American Company "Krueger Brewing Company".
- The Social Security Act became law.

Florham Park historically has been considered a "community of volunteers". The Historical Society is one of the proud organizations in town. The Society currently has approximately 100 volunteer members interested in the historical heritage of the borough. It was born to protect Little Red Schoolhouse and continues that protective attitude.

For decades, the Historical Society provided tours of the museum on the first Sunday of each month from 12-2 p.m. and each Independence Day. The tours displayed the "priceless treasures" of the past for the general public and students. Indeed, walking into the museum is like walking into pages of "The Saga of a Crossroads – Florham Park".

The books "Saga of a Crossroads – Florham Park" and "Fondly From Florham" may be purchased from the Society once the Little Red

Schoolhouse reopens and the Society is able to re-enter. In the meantime, due to great collaboration with the Florham Park Library, the books can be read online on the Library's digitized Publications website at digifind-it.com/Florhampark/home.php.

The Historical Society continues offering interesting presentations at the Library, free to the public. Last year, the programs were:

- Hidden Children of World War II (as told by a survivor of the Holocaust)
- Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen During WWII (as told by the son of a pilot)
- Presidential Visits to New Jersey: A History
- FIRST People: The New Jersey Connection

The 2025 scheduled programs, held at the Florham Park Library (and some also via Zoom), offer refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and presentations

at 7:00 p.

- March 11 - Mrs. Bennett Follows the Continental Army (the mothers, sisters and wives who followed General Washington's Army)
 - April 8- Colonial Taverns of New Jersey (Libation, Liberty and Revolution)
 - October 14 - New Jersey and the Medal of Honor
 - November 11 - History of the Armed Forces of America (presentation on Veterans Day)
- To learn more about The Historical Society of Florham Park and perhaps consider joining, check Historical Society of Florham Park at facebook.com/groups/875453746446134, contact Peter Nicolas at pnicolas@optimum.net or call at 973-520-8654.



(above) *The Little Red Schoolhouse*

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB MEMBERS PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 "HAPPY FRIDAY DANCE PARTY"

Friday, April 4th, 2025

come and join the Ridgedale Middle School, Peer Leaders Group for a dance performance and dance party, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. This event is part of the Ridgedale Middle School Outreach program for Community Services. Sign Up required at the Senior Center. Light Refreshment will be provided. The party will be held at the Senior Center (yellow building)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2025 "THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION"

Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m

meeting will be held at the Florham Park Community Center. The guest speaker will be Mr. Joel Farkas, a volunteer docent and tour guide for the National Park Service at Washington's Headquarters in Morristown, N.J.

Mr. Farkas, will give a lecture on the Revolutionary War. His goal is to motivate people to learn more about the founding of our country and the extraordinary people, that resulted in the country we live in today. Mr. Farkas said "I used to read a lot of fiction.

Mostly mysteries, I don't anymore. The American Revolution is better than any fiction ever written. You've got everything that you could hope for in a novel: extraordinary people, fabulous accomplishments and devastating failures, murder, deceit, betrayal, love, romance, spies, and best of all, a David and Goliath story that actually happened. What could be better than that?"

"MEMORY- REMEMBER NOT TO FORGET"

Wednesday, April 23th, 2025

Memory serves human beings in many complex ways. It enables us to process our environment and improve behavior. Give context to our lives. Studies of this psychological phenomenon reveal that memory occurs in stages, Sensory Register. Short-Term Memory and Long-Term Memory. The way memory works, and doesn't work, is fascinating subject, how humans store and retrieve memory, how to improve that process and when to seek medical assessment.

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