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FREE "REPAIR, REUSE, AND RECYCLE" EVENT ON APRIL 12

Madison Rotary

Repair Cafe returns to Madison on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Volunteer repair experts will be helping you to fix your household items for free at Grace Church in Madison (4 Madison Ave.), from 11:00 until 3:00. All types of items can be brought in: lamps, bicycles, clothing and other fabric items, phones and computers, small appliances, wooden things, jewelry, toys, knives in need of sharpening, and many other kinds of repairs. As a bonus, you will get to meet your neighbors from Madison and surrounding towns!

And bring your kids – the Kids' Take Apart Table will return! See what's inside everyday items. (Reassembly not required!)

The Repair Cafe is central to Rotary International's focus on protecting the environment, and furthers our club's mission of partnering with other organizations to keep Madison one of the "Best Places to Live in New Jersey." This event is also an important part of Grace's outreach program.

The repairers will show you how the repairs are made and what tools are needed. Most of the time they can get your things working for you again, keeping them out of the landfills, and saving you some money. You can even learn how to do the repairs yourself. Items should be small enough to be carried in by one person. No gasoline motors or hazardous materials, please. Also, please note: We start our last repair at 2:30! First come, first served! And if you can, it's helpful if you send us an email telling us what you will be bringing in for repair.

This event is a follow-up to our first two, very successful, Repair Cafes in Madison. Our volunteers and our visitors came from Madison and many surrounding towns. We had over 200 items brought in for repair and we



(above) Madison Rotary, Grace Church, and Repair Café will team up for a free "Repair, Reuse, and Recycle" event on April 12

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succeeded on getting most of them fixed! Our repairs at our recent events ranged from lamps, to bikes and teddy bears, but also included bird feeders and giant skulls.

And we are always looking for new volunteers to join our team. Whether you are an expert repairer with your own tools, or someone who wants to help out on logistics and organization, we would love to have you! There is no age requirement. Our volunteers have ranged in age from their teens to their eighties.

Please visit madisonrotarynj.org for more information about Madison Rotary, and RepairCafeGS.org for information about this and other Repair Cafe's in the Garden State, and GraceMadison.org for information about Grace Church.

Contact Paul Lemaire for questions about volunteering or about the types of repairs that we do – pjlema@gmail.com, 732-261-6443.

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 @ 11:30 PM

You must be a resident of Chatham Township, Chatham Borough, or Madison to list your sale.

One person's trash is another person's treasure. Now is the time to start checking your closets, basement, and garage for those hidden treasures and prepare to host a yard sale at this community event. Scroll to the bottom of this page to register and have your address and a list of your items for sale to appear on a digital, printable map. The map will be linked to this page and publicized in local media and on town sites to potential shoppers far and wide.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Who do I contact with questions?

Please direct all questions to the Environmental Commission of The Chathams and Madison at MEC@rosenet.org

Why pay to be on the map?

Over the last three years, we have found that our town-wide sales attract shoppers from across NJ, NY, and PA. We promote the sale (and the map) in local media and on popular garage sale sites.

Do I need to pay a permit fee?

No. The permit fee for this event has been waived for residents of Madison and The Chathams who register with GSWA to be put on the yard sale map.

Should I put up a sign if I'm on the map?

Yes. Signs will attract additional customers who are just driving by and help customers with maps to find the right place!

What should I do with my yard sale leftovers?

Our goal is to have the yard sale be zero waste. Contact following organizations to arrange pickups of your leftovers:

- Vietnam Veterans of America (vva.org)
- Lupus Foundation of America (Lupuspickup.org)
- GreenDrop (gogreendrop.com)
- Market Street Mission – clothing only, please (marketstreet.org)

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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.

Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group

Thurs., April 3, 10:30 AM

Short Drives to NJ Public Gardens

Wed., April 9, 1:00 PM

Learn about some nearby public gardens that are great places to visit with friends and family.

The Golden Age of Broadway

Wed., April 16, Noon

a musical tribute to the best of Broadway.

Understanding Your Family Tree: A Genealogy Workshop

Thurs., April 17

Learn about the new Genealogy Research Kiosk

Medicare Overview

Mon., April 21

This program will provide information about Medicare benefits and costs.

Are You Ready for an Emergency?

Wed., April 23, 1:00 PM

Key topics will also include how to assemble emergency kits and adapt preparedness strategies to meet individual needs.

Paper Shred & Sneaker Collection Fundraiser

Sat., April 26, 9:00 AM-Noon

Chatham Middle School, rain or shine.

Beginner Bridge Lessons - new series begins,

Wednesday, April 30, 10:00 AM.

TEDDY BEAR CLINIC - MAY 3

Morris County School of Technology

The Morris County School of Technology's (MCST) Academy for Education & Learning, Law & Public Safety, and Healthcare Sciences is excited to announce its Teddy Bear Clinic, a fun and educational event for children ages 3-9, taking place on Saturday, May 3rd. This event, running from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m at MCST's Denville campus, will provide children with the opportunity to give their stuffed animals or teddy bears a "check-up" while interacting with local first responders from Denville Police, Fire, EMS, Morris County Sheriff's Office, Saint Clare's EMS, and the NJ Forest Fire Service.

Children will build personalized first aid kits, gain essential fire safety skills, tackle a fire themed obstacle course, explore the science of fingerprinting, and try on real firefighter gear. Join us for a special reading by local author Heather Prinzo, featuring her book *Lookin' Within*.

The event is free and open to the public! To register please visit mcvts.jumbula.com/home. For any questions regarding the event, please contact Samantha Shane at mcstevents@mcvts.org



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SCOUTS EARN TOP HONORS AT ANNUAL KLONDIKE DERBY

BSA Troop 280t

BSA Troop 280, is based in Chatham, NJ, and draws members from surrounding towns, proudly earned top honors at the Patriots' Path Council, Fishawack District's annual Klondike Derby, held on February 1, 2025, at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation involving over 30 sleds of competitors.

The Klondike Derby is a unique winter competition where scouts participate in activities that challenge their outdoor skills and teamwork. This year's Klondike included events such as cooking, fire-building, first aid, shelter-building, pioneering, and other challenges. Scouts are required to navigate through the course with a sled containing essential gear, all while testing their abilities as a team in a variety of outdoor tasks.

Troop 280, a troop of girls founded in 2019 when girls were officially allowed to join BSA, took home first place in the Senior Sled category, demonstrating expert leadership, scouting skills, and problem-solving.

"The Klondike Derby is one of the most anticipated events of the scouting year for our troop, and we couldn't be prouder of the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship shown by our scouts," said Amy Walker Wagner, Scoutmaster of Troop 280. "This victory is a testament to their commitment to learning, developing leadership skills, and working as a

team in challenging conditions. Our troop's success is especially meaningful as it highlights the incredible growth of girls in Scouting since Troop 280 was founded in 2019." The formation of Troop 280 was a significant milestone for Chatham's Scouting community, as it marked the expansion of opportunities for girls to experience all the benefits of Scouting. Since its founding,

the troop has thrived, taking on challenges with determination and leading by example. The first-place finish at the Klondike Derby is just one example of how these young women continue to break barriers and excel.

The victory also highlights the strength of the BSA's values, emphasizing leadership, citizenship, and outdoor skills, while



(above) For more information on Troop 280, which is a troop of girls from the towns of Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Basking Ridge, Madison, the Chathams, and other neighboring communities, please visit their website: scoutsbsa280.org; and Facebook page: facebook.com/ChathamT280.

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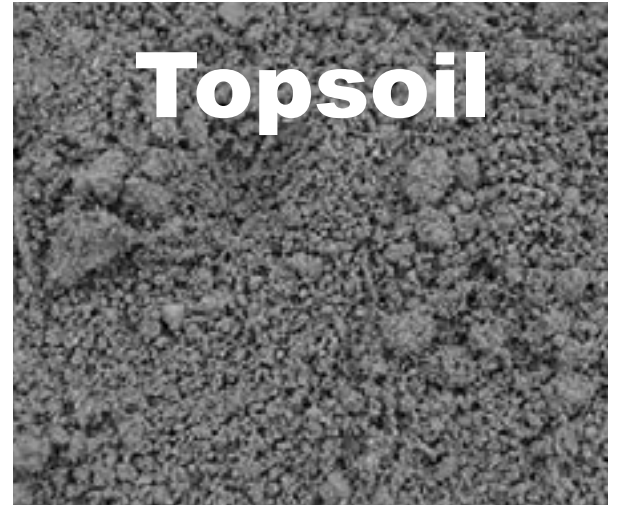
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Madison Chatham Coalition and Project Community Pride hosted another great event with local law enforcement on March 13. It is hard to believe that this initiative began nearly two years ago! We welcome officers from Madison, Chatham, and Florham Park police departments to the Madison Area YMCA for coffee, bagels, and good conversation. We share ideas and discuss new ways to serve our community. The

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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LEARN ALL ABOUT HITTING THE TRAILS - APRIL 24

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.

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For further information about the Hanover Wind Symphony, including dates of upcoming concerts, visit hanoverwinds.org.



(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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Audiences will be transported by the passion, drama, and exquisite beauty of Puccini's most beloved Operas, such as *La Bohème*, *Tosca*, *Madama Butterfly*, and *Turandot*. The concert will feature Arias from these best loved Opera as well as a distinguished lineup of rising Opera singers, whose exceptional artistry brings Puccini's masterful compositions to life.

Proceeds from ticket sales will directly support the awards for Opera at Florham's Annual International Vocal Competition, taking place on Sunday, May 4, 2025. This prestigious competition provides critical financial support and performance opportunities for emerging Opera singers, reinforcing Opera at Florham's commitment to nurturing the next generation of Opera stars.

Tickets for *Celebriamo Puccini* are \$30 for general admission and can be purchased online in advance or at the door. More information and ticket details are available at www.operaatflorham.org. Student discounts are available.

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Chatham Historical Society

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With original photographs, vintage images, and patriotic music, presenter Kevin Woyce will lead us through the evolution of the American Flag - from its origin in the Revolution to the addition of our 50th state and star in 1960. He will explain how a poem about the 1814 Battle of Baltimore - set to a popular English melody - became our beloved National Anthem.

Kevin is the author of several books, a photographer and musician, specializing in regional American history.

Due to the pre-recorded and live music, this program cannot be offered on Zoom.

APRIL SPEAKERS PROGRAM FOR THE OLD GUARD

The Summit Area Old Guard is a social, educational, and recreational organization that serves men of retirement age. We meet Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave – we encourage visitation, and all are welcome. Our motto is “Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends.” The organization was founded in 1930. Learn more about us at summitoldguard.org.

In April, we will have five speakers:

APRIL 1ST, MARIANNE MCCRONE

On April 1st, Marianne McCrone, a licensed professional counselor and Clinical Director of Child and Adolescent Services at the Rachel Coalition, will address the critical issue of domestic violence. She will discuss the public health impacts, dynamics, and prevalence of domestic violence, with a focus on our local community and the services provided by JFS/Rachel Coalition. This session is particularly designed to engage men in the conversation, emphasizing their crucial role in preventing gender-based violence and fostering a deeper understanding of survivors' experiences.

APRIL 8TH, DR. JAMES KORMAN

On April 8th, Dr. James Korman, a seasoned practitioner of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), will delve into the transformative power of this therapeutic approach. He will explain how CBT effectively addresses a wide range of mental health conditions, including depression, anxiety, OCD, phobias, and PTSD. Dr. Korman will also explain the CBT process, outlining its mechanisms for change and highlighting its potential benefits for both mental and physical well-being.

APRIL 15TH, KATHRYN LOCKWOOD

On April 15th, Music enthusiasts will be captivated by Kathryn Lockwood, a distinguished violist and tenured professor at Montclair State University's Cali School of Music. As curator of the school's Immersive Residency Program, she brings a wealth of experience and passion. Lockwood will highlight the Cali School's diverse programs, including graduate-level music education and opportunities for aspiring high school musicians. Her presentation will be enlivened by captivating musical performances from faculty and students.

APRIL 22ND, DR. LAURA BALSAMINI

On April 22nd, Dr. Laura Balsamini, a leading expert in pharmacology and Head of Pharmacy Management Services at Summit Health, will demystify the complexities of medication management. Whether you're managing your own prescriptions or assisting a loved one, Dr. Balsamini will provide invaluable insights into medication coverage, affordability, high-risk medications for seniors, optimal timing, potential side effects, and strategies for improving adherence and maintaining accurate records.

APRIL 29TH, GABRIEL GRUBER

Finally, on April 29th, Gabriel Gruber will share a deeply personal and historical narrative. He will recount his parents' harrowing escape from Vienna in 1939 and their subsequent wartime refuge in Shanghai, where he was born in 1946. Dr. Gruber will illuminate the events that precipitated their flight, paint a vivid picture of life in Shanghai during that tumultuous period, and explore the challenges faced by refugees, weaving in poignant personal stories.

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(above, l-r) Marianne McCrone, Dr. James Korman, Kathryn Lockwood, Dr. Laura Balsamini, Gabriel Gruber

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Madison Area Chamber of Commerce

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(above, l-r) Katie Whitehorn, Christine Kosakowski, Mayor Robert Conley, Joyful Shoppe Visionary Jenny Stone, manager Magda Tarnawska, Olivia Kosakowski, Jenny Slass, Director of The Support Network Madison Jen Walters, and DDC representative Sue Whitehorn.



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Understanding Medicare: Taking The Confusion Out of Coverage

Wednesday, April 2nd @ 7pm

Medicare doesn't have to be overwhelming! This informative presentation will guide you through the essentials, from enrollment to selecting the right plan for your needs. Whether you're approaching eligibility or helping a loved one navigate their options, you'll gain the knowledge and confidence to make informed healthcare decisions.

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How to Look: The Dutch Golden Age of

Painting with Art Historian Jay Schuck

Tuesday, April 8th @7pm

Survey the art of the 17th century Dutch Republic with art historian, Jay Schuck.

Explore the different genres of painting through the works of Rembrandt van Rijn, Johannes Vermeer, Jacob van Ruisdael and more in this informative art history lecture.



Johannes Vermeer: The Sphinx of Delft

Wednesday, April 16th @7pm

The Seventeenth Century in Holland witnessed extraordinary innovation in science, commerce and artistic expression; Johannes Vermeer was arguably one of the most significant painters of the Dutch Golden Age. This lecture and slide show will illustrate the life of Vermeer through examination of some of his most important and iconic works. Hosted by Art Historian Janet Mandel

Summer Dos and Don'ts for Healthy Skin

Monday, April 28th @7pm

During the summer months, people spend more time outdoors, which increases exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays. We will review the basic anatomy of skin and how the summer adds additional stress and damage to the skin.

Presented by Sandra Hill Felberg, PhD, a New Vernon Volunteer First Aid Squad (NVVFAS) EMT and a Senior Consultant with Mary Kay.

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ANNUAL BENEFIT WILL HONOR LIBRARY STAFF - APRIL 26

Friends of the Madison Public Library

At its Annual Benefit on Saturday, April 26, 2025, the Friends of the Madison Public Library (Friends), a nonprofit organization, will honor Library staff under the leadership of Director Lynn Favreau.

The Library's 30 staff members are responsible for managing the library collection, assisting patrons in finding information, and maintaining the library's organization. They also provide community programming and activities, including the Summer Reading Program and outreach at senior facilities.

In recognizing the staff, Friends' Co-Chair

Kathy Trombacco said, "On a regular basis, our wonderful Library staff, led by Lynn Favreau, provides invaluable services and programs to Madison residents of all ages. But they have been truly extraordinary during the many months of the Library's renovations – working from the Chase Room to serve the community with their usual excellence along with patience, grace, and even humor."

All are cordially invited to attend the April 26th Benefit to be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Madison Public Library, 39 Keep Street, Madison, NJ. Wine, beer, and a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres, catered by the Thursday

Morning Club will be served.

Proceeds from this event will be used to support many special library programs and events and to expand streaming services and book and media collections. The Friends fund special programs, including the library's popular Museum Pass Program and also sponsor the Minicourses at the Madison Public Library.

Invitations are being sent to library donors and are also available at the library's Chase Room front desk. For more information about the 2025 Annual Benefit and reservations or about the Friends of the Madison Public Library, please visit friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org.



(above) Madison Public Library staff members.

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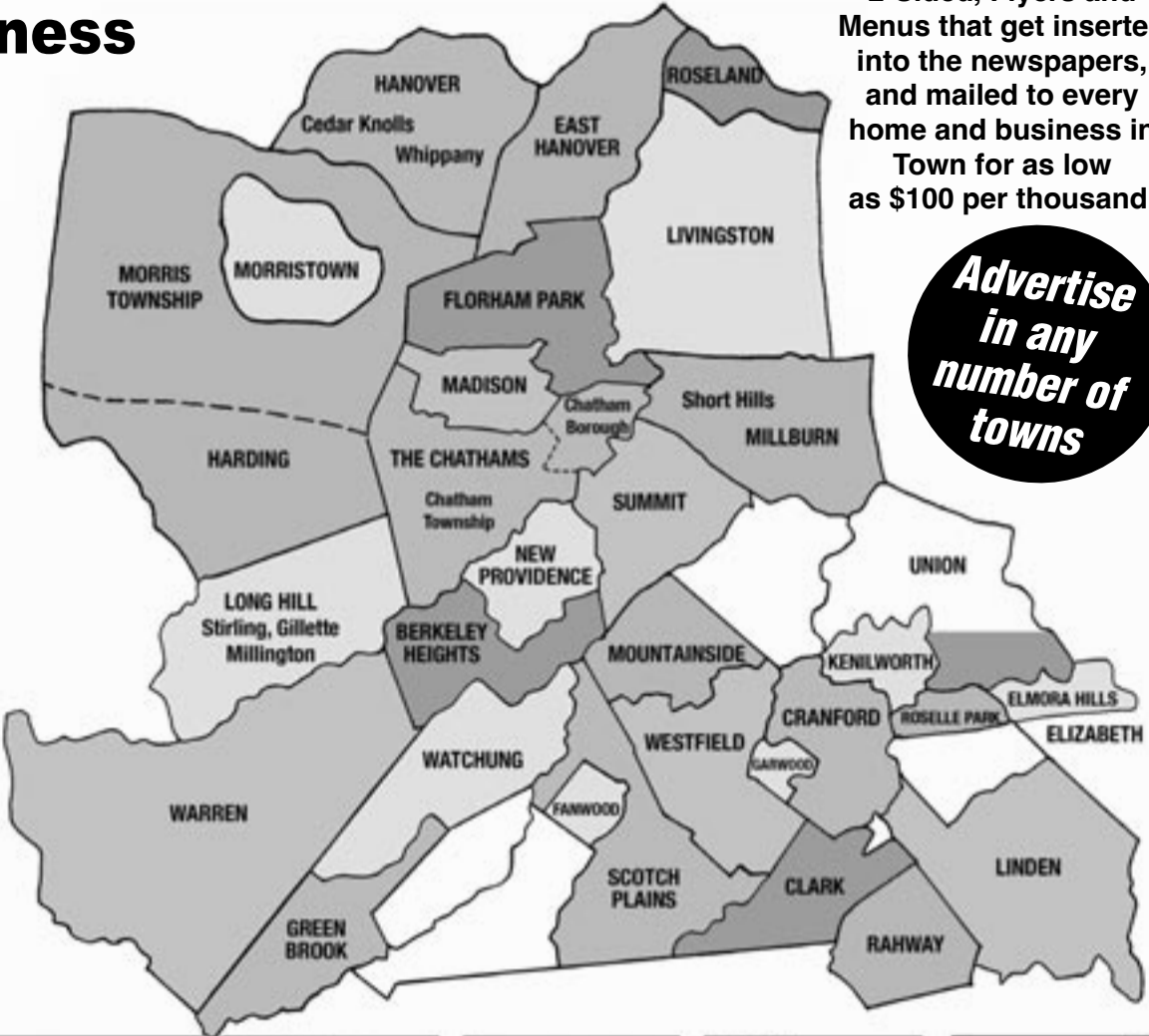
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Donations of books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, and LPs in good condition will be accepted at American Legion Post #433 from Friday, April 4th through Monday, April 7th for those who want to donate items to the sale. Textbooks, manuals, magazines, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, or damaged items will not be accepted.

This Book Sale is the biggest fundraiser for the Summit College Club Foundation each year. The proceeds are used to provide college scholarships to deserving young women from local high schools and to women returning to community college after a break in their education. Since the sale's inception, the Foundation has awarded hundreds of college scholarships totaling over one million dollars.

Preview Day is Wednesday, April 9th, from 9

am to 2 pm. For a \$25 admission fee, book dealers, collectors, and all book lovers will receive early access to the books.

Admission to the sale is free from Thursday, April 10th through Sunday, April 13th. For customers' convenience, the sale has weekday, weekend, and evening hours:

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Summit College Club Foundation is grateful for the community volunteers who help take in and sort the books before the sale, assist customers, straighten the various book areas during the sale, and clean up after the sale. To volunteer to help, please fill out the Volunteer with Us form at summitcollegeclub.org/booksale (scroll to the Volunteer section).

"The Summit College Club Book Sale is truly a community event," declares Summit College Club President Lynne Rogerson. "Our local communities are rich in readers. Due to their interest and generosity, the book sale has flourished despite the rise in online alternatives to books and print media.

Local communities also support the sale through the many volunteers who donate their time. Finally, the net proceeds from the book sale are returned to local communities. Each year, we award college scholarships to young women in local high schools who have been accepted to 4-year colleges and women attending local community college after a break in their education. What could be better?"

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