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CAPTAIN JENS P. HINGE HONORED WITH TWO AWARDS



(above, l-r) Col Amy T. Myzie, NJ Wing Commander, Captain Jens P. Hinge, and Captain Adam Fitting, Squadron Commander

Civil Air Patrol

Captain Jens P. Hinge, CAP, of Madison, NJ, and former Squadron Commander of the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, was presented with two awards for his outstanding service by Col. Amy T. Myzie, NJ Wing Commander with support of Captain Adam Fitting, Squadron Commander.

The first was the Civil Air Patrol, Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, Commander's Commendation Award for outstanding duty performance by Capt Jens P. Hinge, CAP, during the period from Dec 9, 2020 to Dec 8th, 2024, by Col Amy T. Myzie, NJ Wing Commander and Major General Regena M. Aye, National Commander. This was for his leadership of the Squadron with just a few cadets and seniors during COVID to about 50 cadets and 15 seniors during the period cited.

The second was for the Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary Command Service Ribbon to Capt. Jens P. Hinge, in recognition for his continued service as Commander

of the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron by Col Amy T. Myzie, NJ Wing Commander. This was given in recognition of his continued service as Commander during the above period cited.

ABOUT LONE EAGLE COMPOSITE SQUADRON OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL (CAP).

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(above) The Frick Collection is the home for art from the Renaissance to the early twentieth century. This museum—whose renovated buildings reopen in April 2025 - offers intimate encounters with renowned works by Rembrandt, Fragonard, Bellini, Vermeer, and more. To serve students and scholars, the Frick Art Research Library provides public access to world-class art historical resources.

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Veterans from Madison & Florham Park, Police, Fire and EMS, Scouts, Bands, antique cars, & Revolutionary War re-enactment.

If parade is cancelled due to weather, the ceremony will be inside the HDM building.

MORRIS COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE MAY 10TH

The Morristown Rotary Club is proud to announce its participation in the American Cancer Society's Morris County Relay For Life, taking place on May 10th. Team Rotary is committed to raising critical funds to support cancer research, patient services, and advocacy efforts, honoring those lost, celebrating survivors, and supporting caregivers.

The Relay For Life is a powerful and moving experience that unites communities in the shared goal of eliminating cancer. Participants walk laps throughout the event, symbolizing the ongoing fight against cancer and remembering those who have battled the disease.

Team Rotary invites individuals, businesses, and organizations to join them in this vital cause. "Every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference," emphasized Scott Marum, Captain of the Team Rotary effort. "Whether you're honoring a loved one, supporting a survivor, or simply contributing to the fight, your generosity will have a lasting impact."

HOW TO DONATE:

Visit the Team Rotary fundraising page at: main.acsevents.org/goto/RotaryMorristown

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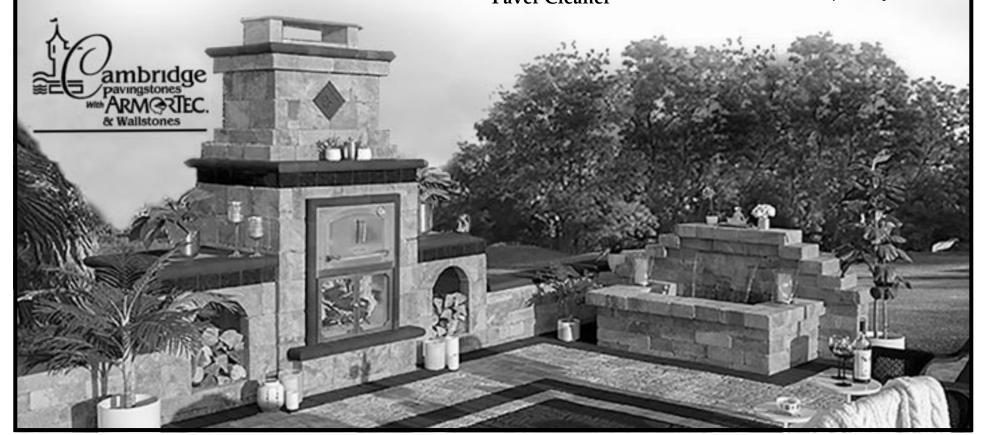
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CLASS OF 25 VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN

Madison High School is proud to announce this year's valedictorian and salutatorian. Congratulations to Anuthra Abeysinghe and Aiden Shah who have been named the Class of 2025 Valedictorian and Salutatorian!

ANUTHRA ABEYSINGHE, VALEDICTORIAN

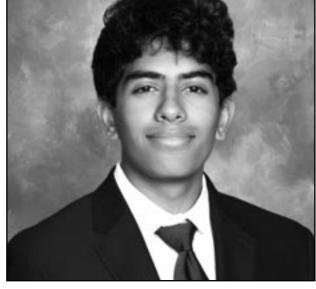
Anuthra is headed to Princeton University and plans to pursue a major in Operations Research & Financial Engineering. He is in the process of deciding whether or not to continue his swimming career as a member of their Men's Swimming & Diving Team. One of his favorite memories at Madison High School is from "Appreciate Where We Are (AWWA)" day in Mr. Carusone's AP Physics 2 class. On this day,

students had an opportunity to reflect and celebrate their year of learning physics while enjoying some food and playing spikeball.

AIDEN SHAH, SALUTATORIAN

Aiden is also headed to Princeton University where he plans on majoring in Public and International Affairs and double minoring in Sustainable Energy and Philosophy. His favorite memory from Madison High School was from traveling to Belgium as a part of Harvard Model Congress, where he met so many fascinating international students, indulged in amazing Belgian cuisine (mostly waffles) and even won an award for his delegation skills.





(above) Anuthra Abeysinghe, Valedictorian

(above) Aiden Shah, Salutatorian

PRESERVATION TRUST GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 19TH

Morris County

The Morris County Office of Planning and Preservation has announced the availability of grant applications to file for open space funding through the Morris County Preservation Trust.

The applications are available on the Open Space Preservation website: morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Open-Space-Preservation/Open-Space-Application

The deadline for submitting open space applications and appraisals for 2025 funding is Thursday, June 19, 2025.

In 2024, the Morris County Board of County Commissioners approved the Open Space Trust Fund Committee's recommendations to award \$1.8 million in grants for acquisition and preservation of 65.2 acres across three municipalities.

Since its inception in 1994, the Open Space Trust Fund program has helped to preserve more than 18,300 acres throughout Morris County, supported by \$300,022,868 in funding generated through a preservation tax approved by voters in 1992.

In addition to open space projects, the county's Preservation Trust Fund also supports farmland and historic preservation, county parkland acquisition, recreational trails projects, and the purchase of flood-prone residential properties.

The review process for grant applications is managed by the Open Space Trust Fund Committee, which visits the proposed sites and makes final recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners each fall.

"Any of Morris County's 39 municipalities and qualified charitable conservancies are eligible to apply for grant funding," said Barbara Murray, program coordinator of the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund program.

For more information, contact the Office of Planning and Preservation at 973-829-8120.



(above) Schiff Preserve Addition-Civille in Mendham Township.



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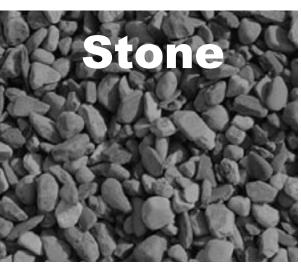
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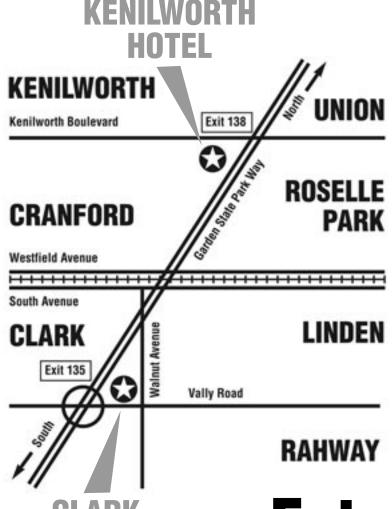
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JUNE 5 AT 7:30 PM 'TIL DEATH DO US PART...YOU FIRST!

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EXPERIENCE REVOLUTIONARY LIFE AT JOCKEY HOLLOW SPRING ENCAMPMENT - MAY 3-4

Morristown National Historical Park's SATURDAY, MAY 3 signature living history event returns on Saturday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4, Revolutionary War re-enactors from across the northeast will gather at Jockey Hollow for Morristown National Historical Park's annual Spring Encampment. This immersive weekend event highlights the daily lives of Continental soldiers and camp followers during the Revolutionary War.

Throughout the weekend, visitors can explore the sights and sounds of a recreated 18th-century military encampment. Demonstrations will include musket drills, military inspections, cooking, sewing, and other camp chores. Younger guests are invited to take part in the "children's muster," where they'll be taught how to march and drill like Revolutionary soldiers. This year's encampment includes additional interpretive demonstrations sponsored by the Friends of Jockey Hollow. Visitors can observe 18th-century carpentry with Scott Lance of At the Sign of the Adze, Ace, and Chisel, historical laundry methods, and trade interactions with the camp sutler.

All activities are free and open to the public. The schedule is as follows:

11:00 a.m. – Camp Opens

11:30 a.m. – Inspection of the Troops

1:00 p.m. – Firing Demonstration and Drill

1:30 p.m. – Children's Drill

3:00 p.m. – Firing Demonstration and Drill

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4:00 p.m. – Camp Closes

SUNDAY, MAY 4

10:00 a.m. – Hike to the Huts with Soldiers (meets behind the Wick House)

11:00 a.m. – Camp Opens

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1:00 p.m. – Firing Demonstration and Drill

1:30 p.m. – Children's Drill

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3:30 p.m. – Camp Closes

The Wick House will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

- The Jockey Hollow Visitor Center will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- All activities are free and take place at Jockey Hollow,

586 Tempe Wick Road, Morristown, NJ. For more information,

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(above) Re-enactors at the Jockey Hollow Spring Encampment in 2023

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StayNJ Tax Relief Program - Monday, May 5, 1:00 PM - The NJ State Tax Office will present and discuss a new tax relief program called STAYNJ. Officials from Chatham Township and Chatham Borough will also be present.

New! Recent Retirees Group - Tuesdays, starting May 6, 10:00 AM - We inevitably face transitions in life that can reshape our identities. Retirement is one of those significant changes that often comes with mixed emotions, such as missing the camaraderie of colleagues, experiencing loss or boredom, or being unsure of how to fill days. If you are a recent retiree, please join us and explore this new chapter together.

Motorcycling Across Mongolia - Tuesday, May 6, 11:00 AM - Professional traveler Chris McCormack returns to talk about his 6-week trip across Mongolia on a motorcycle.

Crisis Communications in PR: Tales from The Dark Side - Monday, May 19, 12:00 PM - All organizations face crises. When they do, their communication becomes even more important for many reasons. Explore the "darkside" of public relations where organizations attempt to repair their broken reputations and salvage relationships through a very specific type of PR-crisis communication. What can organizations do to recover and grow stronger after experiencing a crisis? Presented by Professor Christopher Caldiero, Dept. of Communication, Fairleigh Dickinson University

The Center will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26

Garden Club Meeting - Wednesday, May 28, 10:00 AM - Monthly meeting of plant lovers and gardeners, with a presenter on a timely topic, followed by a Q&A session.

SENIOR CENTER WELCOMES AREA RESIDENTS

For 35 years, the Senior Center of the Chathams has been encouraging independence and well-being of older adults and their families by connecting them with each other and the general community. As a unique not-forprofit agency, the Center serves the senior population from the Chathams and older adults from a wide surrounding area. The Center helps older adults age in place and remain active and engaged through activities and services that educate, empower, and promote community engagement. Programs and services are offered in the areas of fitness and wellness, enrichment, support and connection, and information and resources. 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. The Center is located at 58 Meyersville Road (lower level) in Chatham and is open Mondays through Fridays from 9AM to 3PM. For more information, call 973-635-4565 or visit chathamseniorcenter.org.

RECENT RETIREES INVITED TO NEW GROUP

The Senior Center of the Chathams is holding a new group for recent retirees that is part of its ongoing Connections series. This free four-week session starts on Tuesday, May 6 and meets on Tuesdays. It's a great opportunity to meet others and share experiences during this exciting new phase of life. If you are interested in participating, please call the Senior Center of the Chathams at 973-635-4565.

Retiring, whether by choice or not, can be a challenging experience. On the one hand, retirement is supposed to feel like a happy time earned after many years of hard work; on the other, it can be an uncertain and stressful period. Many new retirees experience a drop in well-being because they find they miss working, miss the camaraderie of colleagues, are bored, or haven't yet determined what to do with their time. This can also be accompanied by feelings of loss of professional identity, loneliness, and questions about the future. Many may benefit from group support and talking with others going through the same life transition.

The Senior Center of the Chathams (SCC) is an independent 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. Since its founding, the Senior Center of the Chathams has provided older adults with opportunities for connection, community, and engagement. Not your typical "senior center," energetic and intellectually curious older adults are offered a huge variety of programming and services each month that enrich, support, and help to maintain an active lifestyle.

Chatham residency is not a requirement for participation. The Center welcomes people from Chatham and surrounding communities, as well as individuals from anywhere in New Jersey. There is no fee to join the Center. Many programs are offered free of charge, while others involve a minimal cost thanks to individual donations, fundraising events, and grants. Located at 58 Meyersville Road (lower level), Chatham, the Center is open Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information, call 973.635.4565 or visit chathamseniorcenter.org.

SHOP TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE – MAY 3RD

The Florham Park Town-Wide Yard Sale is happening Saturday, May 3rd from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 4th from noon to 3 p.m. Visit the event website (florhamparknj.org/yard-sale) to plan your shopping for the weekend.

On the website you'll find a Google Map for the event that pinpoints each location. By clicking on the pinpoint, you can see the items advertised by the seller at that address.

You'll also find two printable documents:

Participating Addresses by Neighborhood and Items For Sale at Each Location. Buyers can use the website information to find specific items like bikes, toys, and tools.

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LOGO COMMEMORATES AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Morris County

The logo, designed by Kraus Marketing of Morristown in collaboration with the Morris County 250th Anniversary Steering Committee, incorporates the colors of the official Morris County seal and features a striking silhouette of Gen. George Washington and "his horse." He actually had two favorite steeds named Nelson and Blueskin – just a bit of the landslide of trivia to follow over the next two years as Morris County welcomes tourists from near and far to celebrate and reflect on its key role in the American Revolution.

The logo design is accompanied by the phrase "Celebrating 250 Years of Revolutionary History in Morris County," and will soon adorn banners, hats and other forms of marketing materials that will accompany Morris County's official events, tours and celebration of America's Second Continental Congress declaring independence from Britain in July 1776.

The 250th anniversary, "Semiquincentennial," marks 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. More Revolutionary War battles and encampments occurred in New Jersey than any other colony -with Morris County hosting many key figures from the era and preserving numerous historic sites that will be the focus of public events in 2025 and 2026.

"This logo is more than just an emblem-- it embodies the influence Morris County had on our nation's path to freedom. The 250th anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate our county's past, and we invite everyone to visit and experience the unique history that helped shape America's founding," said Commissioner Christine Myers, a steering committee member.

To prepare celebratory events for the 250th this year and into 2026, The Morris County 250th Anniversary Steering Committee was formed last year and enlisted leaders of historical societies, higher education, museums, libraries, business associations, tourist organizations, civic groups, scholars and government officials. The goal is to promote not only the historic role Morris County, and its diverse community played in the American Revolution, but also to highlight the rich and varied history that followed.

During the Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington and the Continental Army spent significant time in Morris County, with Morristown serving as a strategic winter encampment in 1777 and again 1779-1780. The second encampment, one of the harshest winters of the war, tested the resilience of Gen.





Washington's troops as they endured extreme cold and food shortages. Washington also resided at the historic Ford Mansion in Morristown, which recently reopened to the public following extensive renovations.

By personifying the image of George Washington, Morris County's 250th anniversary logo captures the spirit of the American Revolution while authentically representing Morris County's historical significance.

"This logo embodies the rich history and heritage of Morris County. As the Crossroads of the Revolution, our county played a key role in America's fight for independence and we sought a design that truly reflected that significance," said Sarah Neibart, Executive Director of the Morris County Semiguincentennial Initiative at the Tourism Bureau.

Upcoming events highlighting Morris County's role in the 250th anniversary include the 16th annual Pathways of History tour, Morristown National Historical Park's (NHP)

Spring Encampment at Jockey Hollow and the Lafayette Farewell Tour this summer.

This year, Pathways of History, organized by the Morris County Historical Society, will offer both spring and fall weekend tours for the first time. All are welcome to attend, and admission is free to the annual event showcasing historic sites managed by Morris County's smallest, allvolunteer organizations.

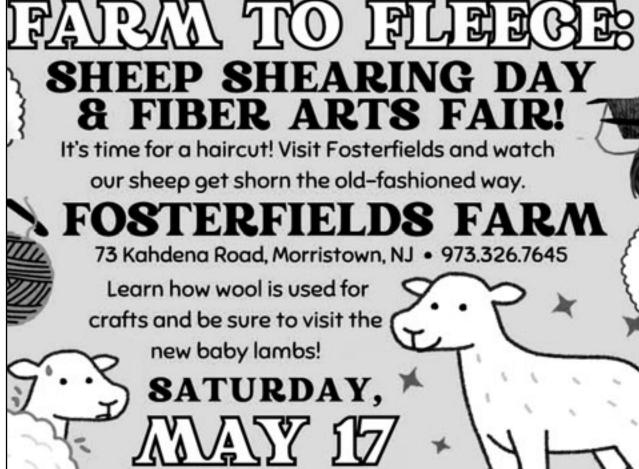
The upcoming spring tour will take place on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 from noon to 5 p.m. and will feature a record 29 organizations across 20 municipalities.

The Spring Encampment at Jockey Hollow, Morristown NHP's largest annual special event, will be held the same weekend, May 3 and 4, and features re-enactors from across the Northeast who bring the Revolutionary War to life with demonstrations. The event is also free and open to all, offering visitors a glimpse into 18thcentury military and civilian life-- including replica cannon fire!

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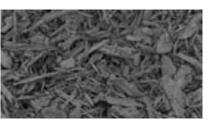
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Children will build personalized first aid kits, gain essential fire safety skills, tackle a fire themed obstacle course, explore the science of fingerprinting, and try on real firefighter gear. Join us for a special reading by local author Heather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

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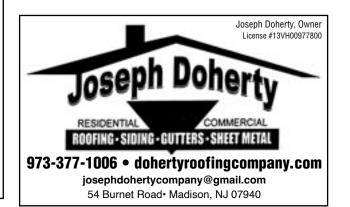
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