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On August 1, 2025, 20 Rotary Club students from Japan visited Hartley Dodge Memorial, where they met with Mayor Robert H. Conley to learn more about local government, the Hartley Dodge building, and the Borough of Madison.

Afterwards, the students visited the Madison Fire Department to learn about the engines and all the features they have, and then toured the Police Department to see the processing and booking room.

ABOUT THE MORRISTOWN ROTARY CLUB

The Morristown Rotary Club is part of a global network of community volunteers dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. The club connects leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations to exchange ideas and take action to create lasting change.



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A THRILLING AFTERNOON OF OPERA FIREWORKS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 AT 2:00 PM

Get ready for sparks to fly when two sopranos meet one tenor! Opera at Florham invites you to Due Soprani e Un Tenore, an exhilarating afternoon of soaring arias, dramatic duets, and fiery trios, staged with wit, rivalry, and romance.

Taking place in the elegant Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University, this one-of-a-kind concert transforms the timeless magic of opera into an intimate and unforgettable event. Audiences will be swept away by the dazzling interplay of voices as passion, humor, and heartbreak unfold through some of opera’s most beloved music.

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Opera Educator Lou Barrella on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm entitled “The ‘Love Triangle’ Trios of Giuseppe Verdi. George Bernard Shaw said that “Opera is when a Tenor and a Soprano want to make love and are prevented from doing so by a Baritone!” \$10 registration fee for Opera Talks!

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ROTARY, GRACE CHURCH AND REPAIR CAFE TEAM UP -

Repair Cafe returns to Madison on Saturday 10/11/2025! 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, watches needing batteries, 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!

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 three, very successful, Repair Cafes in Madison. Our

volunteers and our visitors came from Madison and many surrounding towns. We had 247 items brought in for repair and we 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 www.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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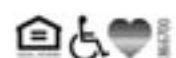
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(above) Historian Jennifer Janofsky

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS BATTLE OF RED BANK LECTURE

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 7:00 pm • Chase Room, Madison Public Library

Madison Historical Society

On October 22, 1777, Patriot forces prevailed in the Battle of Red Bank in Gloucester County, which Dr. Janofsky calls “the greatest upset of the American Revolution.” Some 2,000 soldiers strong, the Hessians suffered heavy casualties—approximately 377. The Americans, integrated regiments of Black and white soldiers fighting for freedom side by side, numbered 500. The battle was a key defense for Americans to delay the British from advancing supplies up the Delaware River to Philadelphia. Then, in 2022, a surprising discovery was made of 15 Hessian soldiers' remains at the Red Bank Battlefield Park. (Below is a forensic NJ State Police sketch one of the Hessian soldiers killed in the battle.) Join Dr.

Janofsky as she describes how she and a multi-disciplinary team have literally been digging into the exciting and remarkable secrets of that long ago, forgotten battle.

Dr. Janofsky is the Giordano Fellow in Public History at Rowan University and the co-director of the Red Bank Archaeology Project. She earned her Ph.D in Early American History and Public History at Temple University. She is also a postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. In her work, she prioritizes community engagement and accessible history and is the recipient of many awards.

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Sharing the spotlight will be 80 gifted artists and designers including several nationally recognized for their award winning accomplishments; many traveling from across the U.S., from as far as California and Florida. Guests will enjoy work never before seen on the East Coast. The fair could be called a weekend "Off-Broadway production" - with a great cast, many stars, with several booths designed like stage sets.

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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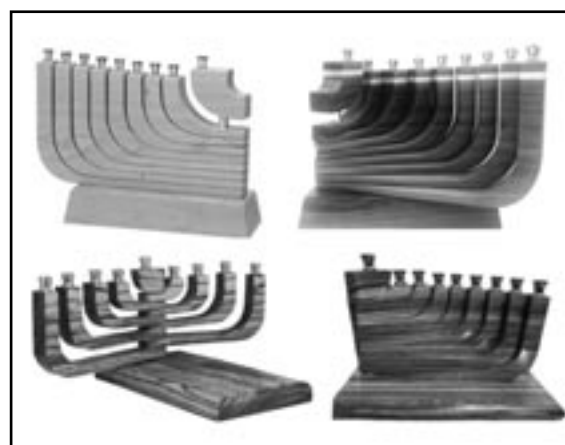
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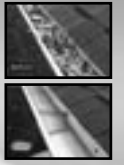
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Thursday, October 30th @ 7pm.

Take a trip to The Netherlands for a virtual tour through the Van Gogh Museum. Located in Amsterdam, the Van Gogh Museum holds the world's largest collection of Vincent van Gogh's artworks. It showcases his paintings, drawings and letters, giving deep insight into his artistic development and personal struggles. Highlights include "The Bedroom", "Sunflowers" and "Wheatfield with Crows".

Presented by Jay Schuck

BOOK AND MEDIA COLLECTION - OCT 27 - 30

Nonprofit Madison Area AAUW will be collecting gently used books and media from Oct 27 – 30, 2025, at the Madison Area YMCA, 111 Kings Road, and the F.M. Kirby Center, 54 East Street. The branch does not accept magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks or damaged items. A second collection will be held April 13 – 16, 2026 at the same two sites. The book sale will be April 25 – 26, 2026 at the F.M. Kirby Center. For larger donations (more than 4 boxes) please call 973-476-2751. Large donations should not be dropped off at the collection sites.

AAUW has been holding Book Sales all over the country for more than 100 years. The proceeds benefit education programs for women

and girls. In Madison, the proceeds fund the Branch's Mature Woman's Grants, STEM programs for girls and summertime week-long Tech Trek STEM camp for middle school girls. In the past three years, over 10 grants have been awarded to local women continuing their education, in March of 2026 a local STEM event will be held in Madison for middle and high school girls, and financial aid was provided to several middle school girls who attended the AAUW NJ Tech Trek camp this past July. Consider joining the branch to find purpose, community and friendship. Learn more at madisonareaaauw.org, or by emailing aauwmadisonnj@gmail.com

MORRIS COUNTY COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

The East Hanover Italian American Club

The 2025 Morris County Columbus Day Parade, sponsored by the East Hanover Italian American Club, will commence on Sunday, October 12th, 2025 at 2 p.m. on Ridgedale Ave. in East Hanover. The mission of the annual parade is to perpetuate and celebrate Italian heritage, pride and culture.

State Senator Anthony Bucco has been chosen to be Grand Marshal. Joining Senator Bucco is Thomas Trepasso, a career law enforcement professional. He will be the Italian American Man of the Year. Stephanie Mitchell has been selected as this year's Women of the Year. Entrepreneurs of the year are Frank and Dean Nasto owners of the famous Nasto's Ice Cream. Nick Santangelo will receive the Italian Heritage Award. Gabriella and Elliana Foti are this year's parade princesses.

"This is an outstanding group of honorees who serve as great role models for young people and demonstrate how hard work and family values are the backbone of what Italian Americans are all about," said parade spokesman, William Agnellino.

Lisa Marie Falbo of Long Shot Productions will serve as the Parade Master of Ceremonies. Assisting her at Town Square Park will be Christina Agnellino. The parade will feature

marching bands including the Hanover Park and Whippany Park marching bands.

Police officers from the community of Arezzo Italy will also participate in this year's parade. Also, many social and civic organizations, performers, elected officials, police and fire departments from all around Morris County will be participating.

There will also be a family fun day at Lurker Park in East Hanover on the day of the parade with food vendors, games, Bouncy rides and face painting for all to enjoy beginning after the parade, all sponsored by the East Hanover Italian American Club. In celebration of the parade, music will start in Lurker Park after the parade featuring Damico Entertainment, and Danielle Delvescovo of Dance with Danielle will host a performance of Italian Dance classics.

Anyone who needs more information, or if your group would like to participate, call Parade Chairman, Bill Agnellino at 973-418-1485, or visit our website at ehiac.com.

In addition to the parade, an awards dinner will be held Friday, October 10th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Hanover Manor, 16 Eagle Rock Ave., East Hanover, NJ. Tickets for the event can be purchased for \$125.00 by contacting John Alvino at 973-879-1044.



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Founded on the belief that orchestra is for everyone, NJIO welcomes people of all ages and musical levels into its four non-audition orchestras. By blending generations and skill levels, NJIO creates more than music; it creates moments of connection, belonging, and joy.

All NJIO concerts are free, open to all ages, and require no tickets or RSVPs. Each performance is also livestreamed and recorded for later viewing on NJIO's YouTube channel, ensuring accessibility. Concert lobbies feature NJIO's Concert Comfort Station, offering sensory and comfort items such as cushions so everyone can enjoy the music.

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MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.NJIO.ORG

- **FALL CONCERT:**
The Natural Spirit November 2, 2025 at 3pm
Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church, Plainfield
Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony paints a picture of meadows, flowing streams, and a sudden storm. The concert also features the NJIO 2025 Young Artist Concerto Competition winner (sponsored by NJIO's community partner, Elefante Music), Marcus Chong-Wah Wong, a 9th grade violinist from Edgewater, NJ.
- **FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT:**
The Holiday Spirit December 13, 2025 at 2pm
Summit Middle School

A joyful celebration of holiday and winter favorites, including interactive moments for kids and an Instrument Petting Zoo sponsored by Elefante Music.

ABOUT NJIO

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) brings together musicians of all ages and skill levels through four non-audition orchestras and educational programs. Its mission is to open the world of orchestral music to diverse audiences and to foster human connection through education and performance.

For more information, visit www.njio.org or email info@njio.org

AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET PRESENTS THE RETURN OF STIEFEL & KOBBERG'S GISELLE

American Repertory Ballet (ARB) opens its 2025/26 season at the New Brunswick Performing Arts Center (NBPAC) with the highly anticipated return of Ethan Stiefel and Johan Kobberg's acclaimed adaptation of the classic ballet Giselle. Presented Friday, October 10, 2025 through Sunday, October 12, 2025, Giselle tells the story of a young woman who dies of a broken heart—only to confront, and eventually forgive, her beloved from beyond the grave.

Originally choreographed in 2012 for the Royal New Zealand Ballet under Stiefel's artistic leadership, Giselle was initially restaged and partially redesigned specifically for ARB at NBPAC in 2022 by the award-winning team of Howard Jones (Scenic Designer), Natalia Stewart (Costume Designer), and Joseph R. Walls (Lighting Designer). Giselle is celebrated as being "[s]uperbly coached, curated, and danced," says The Ballet Herald's Nadia Vostrikov. "ARB's Giselle is everything the original had and more."

Featuring emotionally powerful and technically stunning performances, this moving production will no doubt get audiences in the Halloween spirit via this haunting tale of love, betrayal, and the supernatural.

TICKET AND VENUE INFORMATION

- **New Brunswick Performing Art Center**
New Brunswick, NJ
 - **Friday, October 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM***
 - **Saturday, October 11, 2025**
at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
 - **Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM****
- Tickets for Giselle range from \$42 to \$72, not including additional 4% NBPAC Ticket Fee.
- ***Post-Show Reception** (\$50 add-on to ticket purchase) with ARB Dancers, artistic leadership, and VIPs immediately following the performance. Light bites and beverages will be served.

****Come to the performance dressed in costume for a festive Halloween season kickoff!**

Tall/wide hats, light up accessories, and weapons will not be permitted.

The New Brunswick Performing Arts Center is located at 11 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

The venue can be reached by car or New Jersey Transit and has ample parking in its attached parking deck.

For more information, contact Grant Jacoby, Director of Marketing, at gjacoby@arballet.org, or by calling 609-921-7758 x34.

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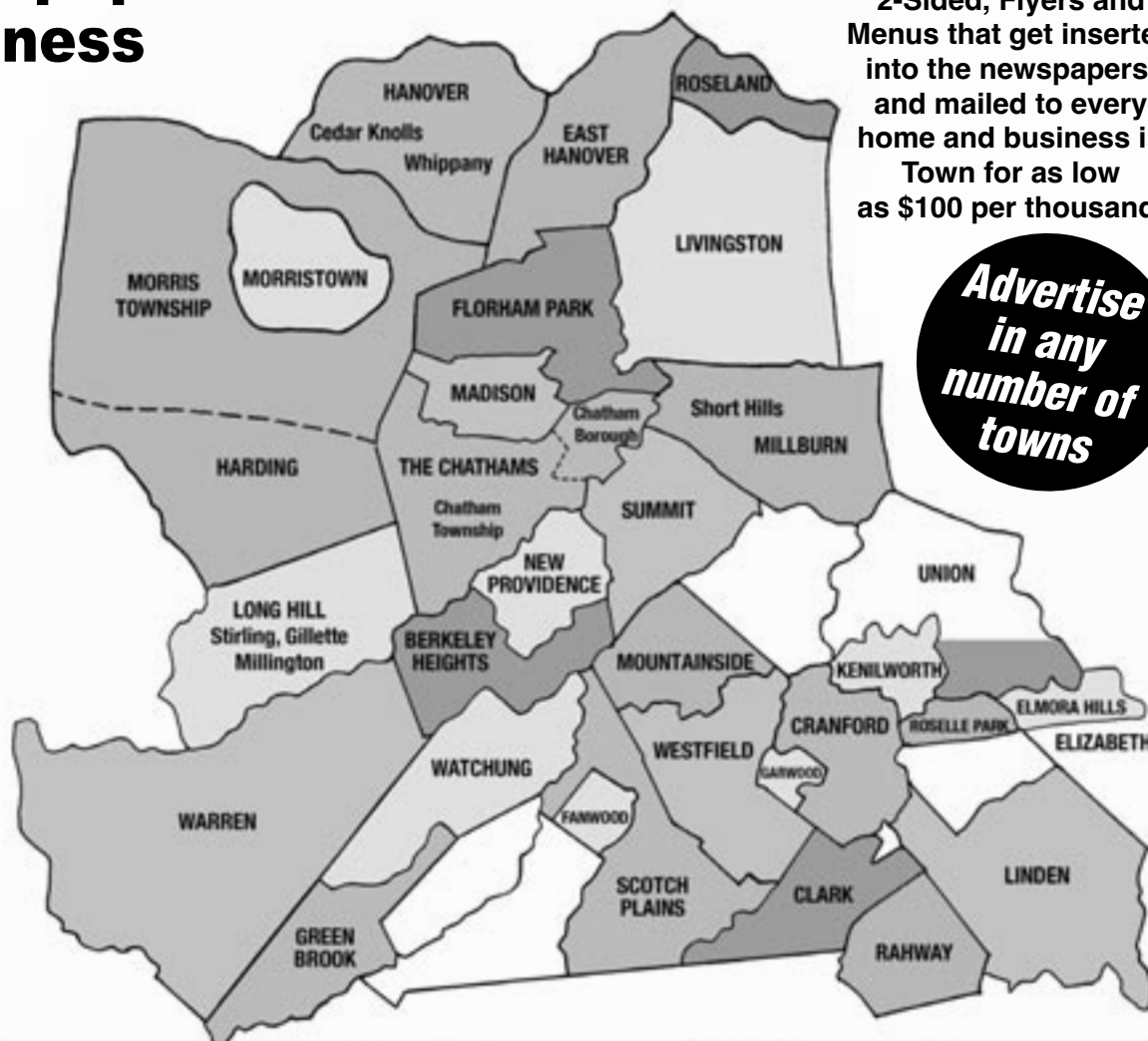
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Troubadours: Tribute to Joni Mitchell and Sting Wed., Oct. 1

Ereni Sevasti, will be joined by guitarist, Darren O'Neill, to craft memorable interpretations of famous songs.

100 Years of American Songwriting Wed., Oct. 15

Musicians Marc Rosenthal (guitar/vocals) and Jeff Eyrich (bass) will perform well-known songs from the 1920's to the 2020's.

Author Visit with Nick Corasaniti Wed., Oct. 1, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

New York Times reporter and author, Nick Corasaniti, will speak about and read selections from his book, *I Don't Want to Go Home: The Oral History of The Stone Pony*. No registration necessary; seating is first-come, first-seated.

CALL FOR ART SUBMISSIONS **FOR JANE AUSTEN THEMED EXHIBIT**

In honor of Austen's 250th birthday on December 16, the library invites visual artists residing or working within Morris County to help us celebrate the enduring legacy of this beloved author through art. Submit your original, Austen-inspired artwork for inclusion in an exhibition in the library gallery to run through December 2025.

ADULTS

Lunch & Learn: Home Fire Safety Fri., Oct. 3, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Presentation will cover best practices for home fire safety. Presented by John A. Zaragoza, Morris County Assistant Fire Marshal, and Chief Jon Connor McGuinness of the Cedar Knolls Fire Department. A light lunch will be provided after the presentation.

Registration is required.

Italian Conversation

Tue., Oct. 7, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Back from summer hiatus! Practice your Italian informally with casual conversation! A basic level of proficiency is recommended. No registration needed.

Medieval Literature Book Club Wed., Oct. 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bi-monthly book club focusing on medieval literature. Our current selection: *Historia Calamitatum: The Story of My Misfortunes* by Peter Abelard. No registration necessary.

True Crime Chat (Via Zoom)

October topic: *Burke & Hare*
Thu., Oct. 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Virtual true crime discussion group meets via Zoom on the second Thursday evening of each month. Register at tinyurl.com/mcltruecrime

Tuesday Book Club

Tue., Oct. 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Meets the second Tuesday afternoon of every month. October's book: *The Candy House* by Jennifer Egan.

Socrates Cafe

Wed., Oct. 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

A discussion group using the dialogue of the Socratic Method. No registration required.

Mystery Book Club

Mon., Oct. 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

We read and discuss books chosen by the group. No registration necessary. October's book: *The Devil and the Dark Water* by Stuart Turton.

ALL AGES

Escape Room

Fri., 10/24, Sat., 10/25, Mon., 10/27,
& Tue., 10/28, various time slots

The Vampire's Resurgence: Solve the puzzles left behind by those who tried before, and banish the immortal Count back to the darkness! Registration (required) begins 9/21.

Master Gardeners

Sat., Oct. 25, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Master Gardeners will be available in our lobby to answer your gardening questions. No registration needed; drop-in.

Spanish Conversation

Thu., Oct. 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Practice your Spanish language proficiency in a casual small group environment. A basic level skill is recommended, but any skill level is welcome. For teens and adults.

TEENS

Candy Guessing Game

Wed., 10/1 through Wed., 10/29

Stop by the Readers Services desk to guess how many pieces of candy are in the Halloween jar.

The person with the closest guess wins the entire jar and the candy inside! For ages 13-18.

TeenTober Grab & Go

Throughout October

Celebrate TeenTober at the Morris County Library. Stop by the Reader Services desk to pick up a teen craft! One craft per teen per week, while supplies last. For ages 13-18.

Teen Space

Fri., Oct. 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Come hang out with your peers at our monthly program! Unstructured time to just hang or enjoy games, crafts, and, of course, snacks. For ages 13-18. Drop-in; no registration necessary.

CHILDREN

Guess the Pumpkin's Weight

Oct. 6th - 30th

Guess the correct weight and win the pumpkin!

Stop by the Children's Desk to view the pumpkin and enter your guess. For ages birth to 12. Winner will be announced on October 31.

Preschool Storytime & Music w/Mr. Laurence:

Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14 & 28, 10-10:30 a.m.

Stories, fingerplays and music with Mr. Laurence. For ages 2-5. Drop-in.

LEGO Club

Sat., 10/11, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Create and build using LEGO! Your creations will be displayed in the children's room. For ages 4-12. Registration (required)

Halloween Parade

Tue., 10/28, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Come and join us in your Halloween costume and go trick or treating around the library! For ages birth to 12. No registration required.

Halloween Spooky Spectacular Puppet Show

Tue., 10/28, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Goldilocks has a brand-new spooky story! This time instead of a family of bears, it's a monster under the bed! For ages birth to nine.



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