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HISTORICAL SOCIETY INTERNS TAKE ON AMERICA'S 250TH

Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society

Hills Historical Society Museum were treated to a special community has paid tribute to the past. exhibition mounted by local high school students. As in years past, the event marked the culmination of six weeks of work by the students during the Society's summer internship program.

The interns worked closely with one another, studying items in the Society's collection. Their focus was material relating to the United States' Semiquincentennial. "This summer offered students the unique opportunity to actively engage with a milestone event," explained Historical Society Museum curator Dorothy Kelly. "America is only turning 250 once. This was a chance to explore and reflect upon history from this perspective."

Using the American Revolution as a springboard, the interns explored various facets of Millburn's history, divided into three broad categories: Early Inhabitants, Revolutionary Times and Tales, and Celebrations and Commemorations. legacies of Millburn's colonial families, the significance of with our community."

Visitors to the Summer Open House at the Millburn-Short the Battle of Springfield and the changing ways our

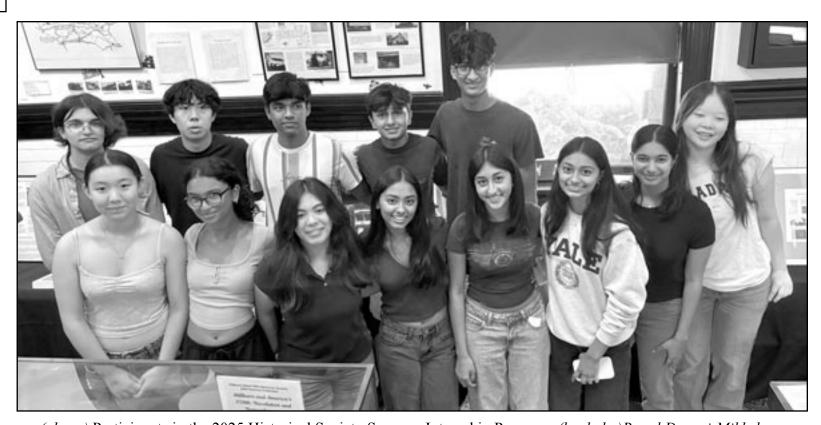
The work they presented at the Open House will form the basis for the exhibition Millburn and America's 250th: Revolution and Remembrances at the Millburn Library January-February 2026 and serve as a jumping-off point for educational programs and events planned as part of Millburn Township's America's 250th celebrations.

Visitors to the open house included township officials, school administrators, parents and friends. Many remarked upon the students' enthusiasm and passion for their work.

In its fifth year, the internship is led by Kelly with the assistance of Historical Society Board Members Michelle Miller and Ed Marks. Interest in the program continues to grow. Last spring, close to 30 students applied for 18 slots. "It's hard work," explained Kelly. "The students need to pull together a lot of unfamiliar material and present it in an exhibition format in a short period of time. I'm extremely Topics ranged from Native Americans of the area, lives and proud of their accomplishments and eager to share their work

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(above) Participants in the 2025 Historical Society Summer Internship Program. (back, l-r)Raoul Dosanj-Mikkelsen, Vidushi Sinha, Riya Singh, Yashvi Sinha, Aditi Banerjee, Olivia Liang. (not pictured) Sophie Lu, Ananya Mandrekar, Sarah Matthew, Aayan Mehta, Olivia Hsu.

Joey Deng, Rusheel Mishra, Shaurya Tanna, Neel Vijayraghavan. (front, l-r) Renee Ding, Ashna Swaroop, Ava Malicsi, Courtesy Photo



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JONAH DOVDAVANY DESIGNS WINNING LOGO FOR 250TH CELEBRATION



(above) Artist Jonah Dovdavany, a junior at Millburn High School, was named the winner of the Millburn 250 logo contest. (right) Logo for Millburn Township's upcoming 250th Anniversary of the United States Celebration.

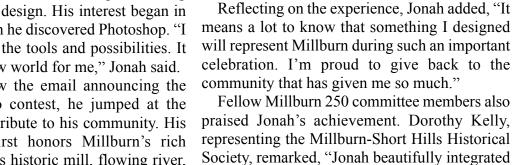
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Millburn 250 Committee

Millburn Township's upcoming 250th Anniversary of the United States Celebration now has an official logo, designed by one of the town's own students. Jonah Dovdavany, a junior at Millburn High School, was named the winner of the Millburn 250 logo contest, impressing the committee with his creativity and thoughtful connection to Millburn's history.

Jonah balances academics and athletics, playing on the Millburn High School basketball team. Beyond sports, he has developed a strong passion for art and design. His interest began in middle school when he discovered Photoshop. "I was amazed by all the tools and possibilities. It opened a whole new world for me," Jonah said.

When Jonah saw the email announcing the Millburn 250 logo contest, he jumped at the opportunity to contribute to his community. His winning design first honors Millburn's rich history, rooted in its historic mill, flowing river,



talent."

something meaningful."

The Millburn 250 Committee is preparing a series of programs leading up to July 4, 2026, celebrating history, patriotism, and community. Jonah's logo will appear on social media, print materials, and the official website millburn250.org as a unifying symbol for these efforts.

Millburn's historical roots with the spirit of the 250th celebrations in a design that is fresh and original. I was blown away by his creativity and

and legacy of independence that reflects the

town's role in the American Revolution. The mill

wheel represents the town's origins, while

elements of the American flag connect that local

history to the broader story of the nation's

independence. Flowing shapes within the design

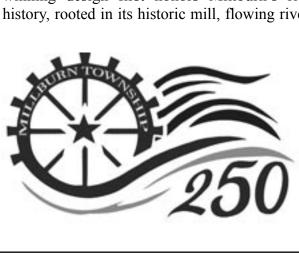
also evoke the Rahway River, which winds

through Taylor Park and across town. "I wanted

to create something that really captures

Millburn," Jonah said. "It's unique to our town,

and I thought it was a great opportunity to design





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NEIGHBOR'S VOLUNTEERISM INSPIRES CORPORATE GIFT TO 1ST AID SQUAD

Submitted by Emilie C. Whitley, EMT

When a neighbor volunteers, the entire town benefits. This simple idea has transformed into tangible support for the Millburn-Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad, thanks to the advocacy of Morgan Stanley employee and Millburn resident Kin Chung, along with a generous \$1,000 contribution from the Morgan Stanley Foundation to strengthen local emergency services.

The all-volunteer First Aid Squad operates around the clock, providing no-cost emergency medical care to the Millburn-Short Hills community. While our crews consist of trained EMT volunteers, we rely on the generosity of the community to fund essential training, medical supplies, equipment. Corporate and philanthropy—especially when driven by employees who volunteer locally—can create a significant impact.

"This gift is a reminder that lifesaving work is a team effort," said Kevin M. Ryan, Captain of the Millburn-Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad. "You have neighbors volunteering their time on the ambulance, families supporting them, residents donating what they can—and, in this case, a company that recognizes and amplifies an employee's commitment to the community. We're deeply grateful to Kin and the Morgan Stanley Foundation for investing in local emergency readiness and care."

The Morgan Stanley Foundation supports initiatives in areas such as children's health, community education, health and human services, and environmental protection. This contribution—made on behalf of Chung's volunteer efforts—will be dedicated exclusively to enhancing community emergency services in Millburn and Short Hills.

For the Squad, support like this ensures that our crews are well-equipped: stocked ambulances, updated training, and reliable equipment are essential. It also highlights how our community can step up in diverse ways. Some volunteers pull overnight shifts, others assist with logistics and outreach, and individuals like Chung leverage their professional networks

to bring additional resources to our community.

"Every donation, large or small, directly contributes to our preparedness," Ryan added. "Whether it's for the next set of trauma supplies, replacement batteries for life-saving AEDs, or tuition for advanced medical training, the outcome is the same: faster, better care for patients when they need it most."



Residents who wish to support the Squad can donate, enroll in a CPR class, or explore volunteer opportunities—both clinical and nonclinical roles are available. By recognizing the role of local employers, the Squad hopes this gift encourages more companies and employees to partner with community organizations through volunteer programs and contribution matching.

ABOUT THE MILLBURN-SHORT HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD

The Millburn-Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, staffed entirely by volunteers, providing 24/7 emergency medical services at no cost to patients. Community support funds training, equipment, and operations that keep our ambulances ready to respond.

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CLASS OF 1975 VISIT HIGH SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE 50TH REUNION

Submitted By Ed Marks

Members of the Millburn High School Class of 1975 enjoyed a trip back in time on Sept. 6 when they visited a special Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society exhibition celebrating the class's 50th reunion. The exhibition was created by Millburn High School

Junior Aayan Mehta, who began his research after visiting a similar display created for the class of 1974's reunion last fall.

Aayan realized he didn't know much about the history of the town he lived in and wanted to learn more. He explained, "I recognized that what really gives a place its meaning is how history has shaped it, and the residents who have made it what it is today."

Following this impulse, he took part in the summer 2025 MSHHS internship program. "I was so excited to delve into our culture 50 years ago." Aayan said, adding, "I loved that I got to explore people's lives."

Attendees saw a piece of their own history brought back to life through objects from the Society's collection and material from Aayan's research. There were high school yearbooks, sports programs, photographs, newspaper articles about class activities, a varsity jacket, a Millburnaires album, and items from the elementary schools that class members attended.

There was more to life than just school. Aayan also included sections entitled "Around the Town" and "Classic Millburn" featuring material

the period. Among the star attractions in this section were menus from Don's, Mario's and the Chanticler, a shoehorn from Futter's and a vintage shopping bag from Lord & Taylor on Millburn Avenue.

Class members who visited the exhibition – some of whom hadn't seen each other since 1975 - included Tim Levin, Wendy Needham, Robbie Benson, Kerry Lutz, Sarah Weissman, Karin

from local businesses and popular hangouts of Stark, Debbie Nawrocki, Jackie Leduc and Neil MacLean.

> "It was a culmination of all the work that I had put in throughout the last year, and the reactions from the class members just made it all worth it," Aayan said. "Most importantly, it made me recognize how important it is to stay connected to the people you grew up with. It really is remarkable how much having that community meant to them."



(above, l-r) Robbie Benson, Karin Stark, Wendy Needham, Tim Levin, Kerry Lutz, Sarah Weissman, Aayan Mehta.

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The Natural Spirit November 2, 2025 at 3pm **Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church, Plainfield**

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• FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT:

The Holiday Spirit December 13, 2025 at 2pm **Summit Middle School**

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American artist and civic leader Ruth Asawa's pioneering work will be on display at MoMA this fall. Discover how she challenged conventions and dedicated her life to arts education, inclusivity, and community. Register to attend.

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Wednesday, October 22, 7-8:30pm, Auditorium

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AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET - OCT 12

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 Kobborg'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."

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- 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.
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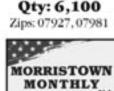


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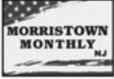
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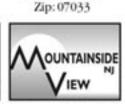
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The Sharing Network

Twelve New Jersey high school students, including Greta Clausen of Short Hills, were awarded scholarships from the Sharing NetworkFoundation for their passion and dedication to raising awareness of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. The 2025 graduates were presented with their scholarship awards at NJ Sharing Network's headquarters in New Providence.

Greta Clausen of Short Hills (Millburn High School), received a scholarship from the Jim Rhatican Scholarship Fund. She will attend Union County College. Greta received her gift of life through a heart transplant at just eight months overcoming non-compaction cardiomyopathy. Growing up alongside her twin brother, Greta's journey has been one of resilience and advocacy. She has been a dedicated participant in NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life events since childhood, raising awareness and funds for organ and tissue donation. Greta's passion for inclusion and selfadvocacy has shone through her role as a New Jersey Special Olympics Youth Ambassador, the state nationally representing internationally while promoting diversity and acceptance. A leader at her high school's Unified Club, she continues to foster opportunities for students with and without disabilities. Greta also participated in the Transplant Games of America, further amplifying her message of hope and gratitude. Celebrating her transplant anniversary each year, Greta embraces her unique story to inspire others and honor the gift she received.

The Sharing Network Foundation's scholarships are made possible thanks to several of the organization's family and partner funds:

Daniel S. Buckiewicz Scholarship Fund - created in memory of organ and tissue donor Dan Buckiewicz to encourage students to have conversations about donation with their families

Hearts for Emma Partner Fund - created in celebration of Emma Rothman's lifesaving heart transplant to support high school education and donation advocacy efforts.

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Jim Rhatican Scholarship Fund - created in memory of Jim Rhatican, a NJ Sharing Network Volunteer, liver transplant recipient, and retired teacher and coach of 35 years.

Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund - created in celebration of Missy Rodriguez's lifesaving liver transplant to follow her passion as a college counselor through scholarships for high school.

Riley's Path - created in memory of organ donor Riley Kogen to provide financial assistance to transplant patients in times of crisis, and to award scholarships to high school students and advocacy heroes.

The Sharing Network Foundation's high school scholarship program provides an opportunity to recognize and award graduating high school seniors whose lives have been touched by organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Applicants were measured on academic achievement, community and volunteer efforts, extracurricular activities, and advocacy for organ and tissue donation. Since the scholarship program's inception in 2011, more than \$140,000 has been awarded to 74 dedicated student advocates.

"We are grateful for the generous support of our partner funds and their ongoing commitment to rewarding students," said Amanda Tibok, Executive Director,.

ABOUT NJ SHARING NETWORK

NJ Sharing Network is a federally designated nonprofit organization committed to saving and enhancing lives through the recovery of donated organs and tissue. Headquartered in New Providence, NJ Sharing Network partners with 54 local hospitals to bring hope to nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant, while also contributing to the national effort to support more than 100,000 individuals on the U.S. transplant waiting list. With over three million New Jerseyans registered as organ and tissue donors, NJ Sharing Network has achieved record-breaking organ donation milestones for six consecutive years. Recognized as one of the nation's top-performing organ procurement organizations (OPOs), the organization was honored as NJBIZ's 2024 Nonprofit Business of the Year. Additionally, NJ Sharing Network has been named one of New Jersey's 'Best Places to Work' for seven consecutive years, reflecting its dedication to fostering an innovative, mission-driven workplace. To learn more, get involved, or register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.

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The Sharing Network Foundation supports the work of NJ Sharing Network, the federally designated non-profit organization responsible for the recovery of donated organs and tissue in the Garden State. The Foundation is committed to increasing the number of lives saved through clinical advancement, family support, public awareness about the lifesaving benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

For more info or to make a contribution, visit SharingNetworkFoundation.org.



(above) Recipients of the 2025 Sharing Network Foundation High School Scholarships, alongside representatives from the Sharing Network and its partner funds, gathered at the Network headquarters in New Providence to celebrate their commitment to organ and tissue donation advocacy.

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