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## WINTER WONDERLAND CARNIVAL

The Madison Elks Lodge hosted a Winter Wonderland Carnival fundraiser on Saturday, December 13th. The event was open to the general public and was geared towards family with children ages 3-10. There were games, prizes, snacks, a fire pit w//smores, photo ops, and other attractions. The Denville String Band performed in full regalia. All proceeds were to be donated to the Dare To Dream Project which aims to transform the treatment and care of children with blood cancer.

Madison, NJ Lodge No. 1465, located on the corner of Main St. and Rosedale Ave., Madison, was instituted in 1923, and currently has 497 members drawing from Madison, Chatham, East Hanover, and Florham Park. For the year 2026, the lodge was awarded the Gratitude and Beacon Grants from the Elks National Foundation to assist in the development of programs serving local youth, veterans, and others in need.

The lodge is for members only, and new members are welcomed to join. For more information email: [elksmadison1465@gmail.com](mailto:elksmadison1465@gmail.com), or call the Lodge at 973-822-1465.



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## CARNIVAL FUNDS SUPPORT RESIDENTS IN NEED

### Madison NJ PBA 92

The Madison PBA would like to once again thank all of our amazing residents, and everyone who came out to support the carnival this past year. Because of your generosity and support, the PBA was able to help support Mr. Cloyd Halley, in an effort to help ease his financial burden following a personal tragedy.

We are also humbled to share that we were able to extend a helping hand to the Gatti family during a very difficult time. Their one year-old little girl, Josephine Gatti, is battling an extremely rare mitochondrial illness. The road ahead is long

and full of unknowns, and Josie's journey is far from over. The PBA was able to donate \$2,000 on their behalf, but they'll need all the help we can give to ease ongoing medical and home-care costs.

If you are able, please consider supporting and sharing their journey. Visit [gofundme.com/](http://gofundme.com/) and search: Support Josephine's Recovery and Home Care Together, time and time again, this community shows what it means to truly look out for one another. From all of us at Madison PBA — thank you for your kindness, compassion, and generosity. Happy Holidays to you all!



(above) To donate to support Josephine's recovering home care visit [gofundme.com/](http://gofundme.com/) / search Support Josephine's Recovery and Home Care (by Team Josie)

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## CHRISTMAS PARADE WELCOMES IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON



The 45th Annual Borough of Madison Christmas Committee Parade was held on Friday, November 28, 2025, on Waverly Place.

Each year throngs of people gather on the route down Main Street to enjoy the parade and tree lighting, sponsored by the all-volunteer Madison Christmas Committee. Showcasing

close to 70 floats and parade groups from Madison and surrounding municipalities, this parade draws in a crowd of close to 15,000 spectators as Madison kicks off the holiday season.

Immediately following the parade is the lighting of the tree on Waverly Place.



## SISTERS OF ST. BRIGID

In December the Sisters of St. Brigid, a Morristown area non-profit women's social organization that celebrates Irish culture, collected preemie diapers and donations for Lily's Hope Foundation, a non-profit that supports babies, children and their families with unexpected and urgent needs due to premature birth. For more information, or to become a member of the SOSB visit [sosb.nj.org](http://sosb.nj.org). 2026 scheduled meetings: January 14, February 11, April 8, June 10, October 14, and November 11.

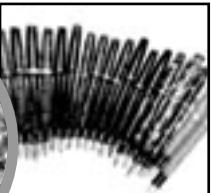


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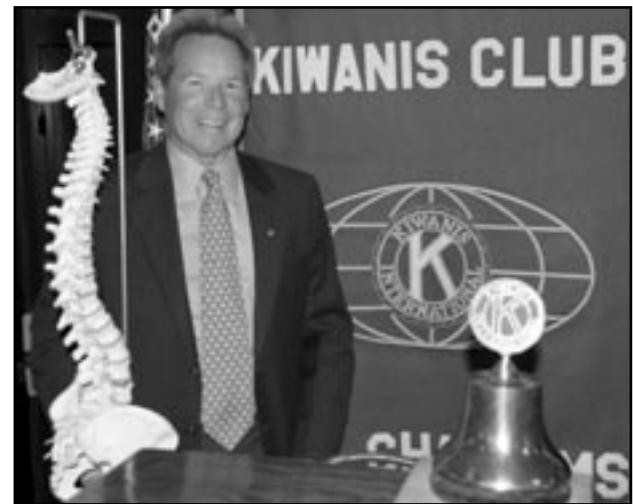
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## COMMUNITY INVITED TO SUBURBAN CHIROPRACTIC OPEN HOUSE - JAN 8

The Suburban Chiropractic Center, located at 301 Main Street in Chatham, New Jersey will be celebrating 41 years in practice with an Open House on January 8, 2026. The public is invited to stop by and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Community service is an integral part of the



(above) Dr. Joseph Murphy has been a member of Kiwanis Club for over 35 years.

## LEG PAIN

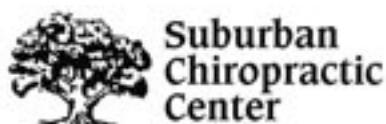
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practice and Dr. Murphy would like to thank his patients, as well as the local community for another successful year.

Dr. Joseph J. Murphy began the center in 1985 to offer the community a natural alternative to the traditional allopathic medical facilities in the Chatham area. They owe their success to the loyal patients who have continued with them, referred their friends and family, and their efforts to provide the highest level of service possible.

Dr. Murphy has a record of supporting the local first responders, police, fire, and emergency squad. He also focused on supporting student programs including being an advisor to the Kiwanis Club's Chatham High School Key Club. Dr. Murphy has been a member of the Chatham/Madison Kiwanis Club for over 40 years, offering his services to all their events

including being a guest speaker. He especially enjoys the Summer Hot Dog & Ice Cream social for the Chatham Library children. He can be found volunteering at Chatham schools during their Teacher's Wellness Day events and is a supporter of the Chatham Education Foundation and Sports Foundation. For 25 years Dr. Murphy has served on the Board of Trustees of ECLC in Chatham, a school for special needs students, including a stint as Board President. He was a consistent participant in over 23 Fishawack events and is a sponsor of Bottle Hill Day in Madison. He is a member of the Madison Elks BPOE 1465 and Chatham Chamber of Commerce, where he has served as President.

You can find out much more about the Suburban Chiropractic Center by visiting their website at [drmurphy.com](http://drmurphy.com).

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**Sat, Feb 21:** Morris Museum, Morristown

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# MADISON POLICE CHIEF MISCIA SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF MCPCA

## The Borough of Madison

Madison Police Chief John R. Miscia was sworn in as the President of the Morris County Police Chiefs Association during their annual installation luncheon held at The Park Savoy Estate in Florham Park on December 3, 2025. Also honored was Town of Dover Police Chief Jonathan Delaney, who is the Association's outgoing President. Chief Miscia will no doubt lead with pride, professionalism, and respect, thereby continuing to enhance unity and professional standards within Morris County Law Enforcement.

Chief John R. Miscia was born and raised in Madison and is a graduate of Madison High School. He holds a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, where he was inducted into FDU Athletics Hall of Fame for his time on the football field. He was a graduate of basic police class #26-01 at the Somerset County Police Academy

where he finished top of his class. He began his career with Bedminster Township Police Department in 2001, before he took a position with Madison in 2002. He is also a graduate of West Point Command & Leadership Academy, FBI- Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, the 496th Class of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, and he is a Certified Public Manager (CPM) through Rutgers University.

During his time with the Madison Police Department, Chief Miscia has risen through the ranks, starting out as a Patrolman and later moving to positions of Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. He has been in charge of the Patrol Division, Emergency Service Unit, and Internal Affairs before his appointment as Chief of Police. Chief Miscia spends this time giving back to the community where he is involved with youth sports, and also serves on the board of the recreation committee in his town.



*Madison Police Chief John R. Miscia*

Courtesy Photo

The Morris County Police Chiefs Association was founded by Madison Police Chief Edward Hinch, who served as the organization's first president. Chief Miscia is the 6th Madison Police Chief to serve as president of the organization since its inception in 1954.

Chief Miscia, on behalf of the Association, honored Morris County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Meg Rodriguez as the 2026 Honorary Chief of Police. CAP Rodriguez was recognized for her dedication to the CIT-NJ Morris County Program and for her role in developing the Morris County ARRIVE Together Program. The ARRIVE Together Program (Alternative Responses to Reduce Instances of Violence & Escalation) seeks to help police de-escalate situations, provide immediate support to individuals in crisis, incorporate mental health screeners, and ensure the safety of both the community and the responding officers.

Please join us in congratulating Chief Miscia, Chief Assistant Prosecutor Meg Rodriguez, Chief Delaney, and all the other Police Chiefs who were sworn in today as members of the Morris County Police Chiefs Association Executive Board!

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Throughout the season, N>JYC choristers participate in exceptional performance and educational opportunities at the local, regional, and national levels. Highlights this season include:

- Life of Song Festival in Washington, DC, for Sola Voce and Cor Amici
- "The Vocal Edge" Middle School Boys Festival
- "Together We Sing" Festival for Primo Coro
- Collaboration with the Maplewood Glee Club for Camerata
- Performance of the National Anthem for the New York Mets, featuring all N>JYC choirs
- Choral Festival at Carnegie Hall for Camerata
- Sing a Mile High Festival in Denver, Colorado, for Sola Voce and Cor Amici

For more information, call (973) 998-5670 or email [info@njyc.org](mailto:info@njyc.org).

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving nearly 2,000 students through a range of classes and ensembles. The 5 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, an auditioned choral ensemble program for students in grades 3 - 12, encourage a love and appreciation of choral music while nurturing personal growth and creative development. The 15 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which serve over 500 students in grades 3 - 12 by audition, inspire young people to achieve musical excellence through high-level ensemble training and performance opportunities. Based in Paterson, the Paterson Music Project is an El Sistema-inspired program of Wharton Arts that uses music education as a vehicle for social action by empowering and inspiring young people to achieve their full potential through the community experience of ensemble learning and playing. From Pathways classes for young children to Lifelong Learning programs for adults, the Wharton Performing Arts School has a robust musical theater and drama program and offers both private and group classes for instruments and voice for all ages and all abilities. With the belief that performing arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay, Wharton Arts offers need-based scholarships.

Wharton Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 12 counties. All of Wharton Arts' teaching artists, faculty, and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained.

## BROOK ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES IT 2ND SPEAKEASY SOIREE AND SILENT AUCTION.

The historic Brook Arts Center is proud to announce its Second Annual Speakeasy Soirée & Silent Auction, Friday, January 23, 2026, at 7:00 PM. This Roaring '20s-themed evening promises an unforgettable night of glitz, glamour, entertainment, and support for one of Somerset County New Jersey's, historic landmarks.

Guests will be transported back to the golden age as they enjoy live music, period-inspired entertainment, and a lavish buffet.

The evening's highlight is a silent auction featuring more than 100 exclusive items, including a cruise getaway, a Bradford Portraits gift certificate with a private photo session, a 20-inch framed wall portrait and luxury hotel stay, four VIP tickets to Meadowlands Racing with dinner and winner's circle photos, designer handbags, sports memorabilia, dining and spa packages and so much more.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple and include buffet dining, live music, live

entertainment, and a cash bar.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in their finest 1920s-inspired attire to fully embrace the spirit of the evening.

The Speakeasy Soirée is the Brook Arts Center's largest fundraiser of the year.

As a fully volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Brook Arts Center relies on community support to continue with the preservation and restoration of the facility and its mission of providing high-quality entertainment, inspiring creativity, fostering community partnerships, and nurturing education and growth through the arts.

Tickets are on sale now through January 16, 2026.

To purchase tickets or learn more, visit [www.brookarts.org](http://www.brookarts.org).

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## Lunch & Learn: Wills, Trusts, & Estates

Fri., Jan. 23, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

with Morris County Surrogate Heather J. Darling: Surrogate Darling will discuss wills, trusts, and estates.

Registration is required at [tinyurl.com/mcl-lunch6](http://tinyurl.com/mcl-lunch6).

## Celebrate 250:

### Music of the American Revolution:

Tue., Jan. 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Anne and Ridley Enslow return for an entertaining evening of 18th-century songs about the struggle for American independence. No registration; seats are limited and first-come, first-seated.

## ALL AGES

### Chess Club

Wed., Jan. 14, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friendly & non-competitive chess games between players of all ages and ability levels.

No registration.

### Spanish Conversation

Thu., Jan. 29, 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. No registration. For teens and adults in the Conference Room

## ADULTS

### Computer Classes for Adults

January classes include PC Basics, Excel I, II, & III, Internet Basics, Online Spam & Phishing, and Intro to Excel Tables. Schedule and registration (required) at:

[mclib.info/Programs/Computer-Classes](http://mclib.info/Programs/Computer-Classes)

### Friday Afternoon Movies at 2:00 p.m.

no registration:

1/9: "Relay"

1/16: "The Untouchables"

1/30: "Eleanor the Great"

**True Crime Chat (Via Zoom)**

Thu., Jan. 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Virtual true crime discussion group meets via

## CAFE FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

### Christ Church, Summit, NJ

Too often, those living with memory loss can suffer from social stigma and isolation. A Memory Cafe is a social gathering for those living with cognitive loss, together with their care-partners. It's a welcoming community where all feel safe, accepted, and understood.

"The Gathering Place" is a monthly Memory Cafe hosted by volunteers at Christ Church in Summit. They meet the first Wednesday of every month, from 12 - 2 p.m.

Guests socialize over a light, nutritious lunch and share friendship, information, and often a few laughs. It is non-sectarian and all are welcome. From guests: "It was enjoyable, uplifting, and worthwhile," and "I wish my mother had something like this to participate in while she was able."

A suggested donation is \$5 per person. RSVP is requested for menu-planning.

Zoom on the second Thursday evening of each month. The Zoom link will be emailed to you shortly before the program start time. Register at [tinyurl.com/mcltruecrime](http://tinyurl.com/mcltruecrime)

### Tuesday Book Club

Tue., Jan. 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

January's book: The Ten Thousand Doors of January by Alix E. Harrow. No registration.

### Socrates Cafe

Tue., Jan. 20, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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

### Mystery Book Club

Mon., Jan. 26, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

January's book: The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins. No registration.

### Writers Circle

Wed., Jan. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join our Writing Circle for experience, tips on writing, reading, editing, and revising your work, whether poetry, prose, or long story. No registration.

## CHILDREN

### Winter Bingo Reading Challenge

Mon., Jan. 5 through Sat., Jan. 31

Complete a bingo card and return it to the Children's Room for a prize. For ages birth-12. No registration.

### Paws for Reading

Thu., Jan. 22, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Read to a very patient therapy dog! For ages 5-12. Registration (required) begins 1/13 at: [tinyurl.com/mcl-paws1](http://tinyurl.com/mcl-paws1) in the Children's Room

### LEGO Club

Sat., Jan. 24, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Create and build using LEGO! For ages 4-12. Registration (required) begins 1/13 at: [tinyurl.com/mcl-lego5](http://tinyurl.com/mcl-lego5)

### Preschool Storytime & Music w/Mr. Laurence:

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Stories, fingerplays and music with Mr. Laurence. For ages 2-5. No registration.

## Memory Cafe of Christ Church Summit



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### Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, Jan. 8, 10:30 a.m.

This group provides families and caregivers with the emotional support and education they need to better understand Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. A trained facilitator guides the group. Visit [alznj.org](http://alznj.org) to register and learn about their additional programs, or call the Center.

### Plastics & Health

Monday, Jan. 12, 11:00 a.m.

Learn about plastics, why recycling is not an option, and steps to reduce exposure to its harmful impacts.

### Problems Falling & Staying Asleep

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1:00 a.m.

Learn how sleep problems, sleep schedules, and bedtime habits can affect your daily life.

### Classical Piano Performance

Monday, Jan. 19, 1:00 p.m.

Luc Reyes, a 17-year-old, who has received multiple awards at prestigious piano competitions will perform classical pieces.

### Photography Group: Smartphone Cameras

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 11:00 a.m.

This meeting focuses on taking pictures with cell phones.

### Benefits of Walking in Winter

Monday, Jan. 26, 1:00 p.m.

Learn the benefits of outdoor walking adventures.

### Salute to Sondheim, His Songs & Shows

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 12:00 p.m.

Hear about the unforgettable work of Stephen Sondheim - from his iconic Broadway hits to his boundary-pushing storytelling techniques.

### Aging with Intention: Rewriting Your Narrative

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 12:00 p.m.

This presentation discusses Positive Psychology principles that promote vitality, engagement, meaning, and accomplishment - and ways to enhance overall health and happiness while aging.

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The antiquated mandate is decades old and the cost for the advertising was paid for by public funds from municipalities, counties, school districts, and independent authorities. It was a lucrative business for the publications and more recently the majority of their revenue. Without the mandate the fear in the newspaper industry was that the publications relying on the legal advertising income will not survive.

In some cases the majority of content in the newspaper had been the legal ads. In question was the criteria for the mandate, i.e., were the publications meeting the required numbers of

paid subscriptions, and circulation.

The idea of doing away with the mandate, though practical, was considered political poison. No lawmaker wanted to be deemed responsible as the cause for newspapers' closures and people losing their jobs. During the Governor Christi administration the Star Ledger warned that doing away with the mandates would cause 250 weekly newspapers to close.

What brought about the change is a successful lawsuit filed by the County of Warren which named the Star Ledger and Daily Record as defendants. The suit may have been the last straw in the Ledger's decision to stop printing the newspaper in January of 2025.

Local governments will now be required to publish their legal notices on their websites.



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