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POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTED A DAY TO SHINE

Submitted by Joanne Sgro-Killworth

The Madison Police Department, in partnership with JanFence and the Borough of Madison, hosted A Day to Shine on April 17 at the Madison Police Department. The event was designed exclusively for participants from ECLC of New Jersey's PRIDE Program and featured a police department tour, lawn games, lunch, and an ice cream truck finale. The event served participants from ECLC of New Jersey (Education, Careers & Lifelong Community), an organization committed to empowering children and adults with special needs, including autism, Down syndrome, and other developmental disabilities through education, career development, and lifelong support.



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MORRIS COUNTY MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE SET FOR NOON ON MAY 20

Ceremony to Honor Local Veterans and Mark Nation's 250th Anniversary

The Morris County Board of County Commissioners invites the public to attend its annual Memorial Day Observance on Court Street, between the historic Morris County Courthouse and the Administration and Records Building in Morristown.

The ceremony will begin at noon on Wednesday, May 20, and will include the presentation of Morris County Distinguished Military Service Medals to local veterans.

The event will also be livestreamed on the county's Facebook page.

In recognition of the nation's 250th anniversary, the program will also feature a special commemoration honoring Continental Army soldiers who lost their lives at Jockey Hollow.

The keynote speaker is James Ferguson, a

Vietnam veteran and Mountain Lakes resident who served on active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1963 to 1966. During his first two years of service, he was part of a small-boat amphibious fleet in the Atlantic, supporting Army and Marine Corps operations in Europe and the Caribbean. He later extended his service, volunteering as an officer aboard Swift boats in a newly established program, patrolling coastal waters and rivers in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. Following active duty, he completed his service in the Naval Reserve in New York, attaining the rank of lieutenant.

For his service, he received the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Cuba) and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.

The Morris County Distinguished Military

Service Medals are unique to the county and feature the county seal encircled with the words, "Morris County Distinguished Military Service" on the front. The reverse side displays an outline of the county alongside the American flag.

The Morris County medals include a general service honor as well as honors denoting specific eras of service, including World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Each medal includes a striped ribbon representing the colors associated with the era of conflict in which the veteran served, and each veteran is additionally presented with a certificate of honor.

More than 10,000 medals have been presented to veterans or to their surviving family members since Morris County began the medal program in 1999, initially to honor WWII veterans on the 55th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS COMPENDIUM TO BE LAUNCHED

County of Morris

The Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation is seeking submissions for its Veterans Compendium project in advance of the 25th anniversary of the start of the War in Afghanistan on Oct. 7, 2026. Veterans who served in that conflict and their families are invited to participate by providing names and information about local service members. The project is a continuation of efforts by Morris County to document local veterans who served during conflicts dating back to the American Revolution.

Basic information requested includes the veteran's name, Morris County hometown and branch of service. Participants are encouraged to share additional details, including the names of fellow service members.

For more information or to submit biographies, please email Jan Williams, Cultural and Historic Resources Specialist of the Office of Planning & Preservation. Jan Williams may be reached at: jwilliams@co.morris.nj.us

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Bone Health, Brain Health, and Balance: The Interconnection

Wednesday, May 6 12:00 PM

Join Donna Sue Dowton as she explains the interconnection between the health of our bones and brain and our ability to balance. She'll also discuss how regular physical activity can provide important health benefits and help to prevent chronic disease.

Classical Guitar Performance

Monday, May 11, 12:30 PM

Jane Pritsker returns to play a selection of classical guitar music and tell us about the composers who wrote the music

Attitude of Gratitude

Wednesday, May 13, 12:30 PM

Expressing appreciation is polite and usually done out of habit, but did you know that deliberately giving thanks has observable health benefits? For starters, gratitude can increase one's energy, optimism, and empathy. Practicing gratitude has also been shown to help reduce blood pressure, improve sleep, and promote life satisfaction. In this health talk session, you will study how to proactively cultivate gratitude.

Subsequently, you'll learn to apply your newfound attitude of gratitude to increase personal and workplace wellbeing, happiness, and productivity.

Meditation & Mindfulness through Music

Monday, May 18, 12:30 PM

Relax while listening to a performance of meditative music that includes Tibetan singing bowls.

The Wonders of Africa

Wednesday, May 20, 12:00 PM

Discover the rich history, cultures, and landscapes of one of the world's most diverse continents. From ancient civilizations to breathtaking natural wonders, this presentation showcases Africa's lasting contributions to global history. Through vivid images and storytelling, audiences will gain a deeper appreciation for Africa's beauty, complexity, and significance. Presentation by Historical Speakers for Seniors.

Art Forgery & How Major Museums Can Get Duped

Wednesday, May 27, 12:00 PM

Mike Martin, an artist and Center member, will highlight the different methods used to determine the authenticity of a painting and how many major museums have been duped by forgers. His talk will also cover the colorful personalities of the art world and how forgers are prosecuted.

Glorious Garden Tour

Sunday, June 7, 10AM-4PM

Visit eight beautiful gardens in the Chatham-Madison area.

Marel Hidalgo Plays Black Jazz Composers:

Tue., May 12, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

A unique solo jazz guitar concert featuring music of some of the most important African American jazz composers of the swing, bebop, hard bop, and post-bop eras, interpreted by 17-year-old arranger, guitar, and banjo virtuoso Marel Hidalgo. Songs will include classics composed by Thelonious Monk, John Coltrane, Benny Golson, Charles Mingus, Tadd Dameron, Horace Silver, Ernest Ranglin, Mary Lou Williams, Dizzy Gillespie, Randy Weston, Joe Henderson, Duke Pearson, Fats Waller, and Billy Eckstine among others. No registration required; however, seating is first-come, first-seated.

Pre-Show Meet & Greet

with Marel Hidalgo, Jazz Guitarist:

Tue., May 12, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Teens are warmly invited to stop by for pre-show pizza and to meet Marel Hidalgo, a world-traveling, 17-year-old arranger, guitar, and banjo virtuoso. No registration needed.

For ages 13-18.

Hope One at Morris County Library:

Wed., May 27, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The mobile recovery access vehicle offers critical support for persons struggling with addiction, with the goals of preventing drug overdoses and deaths, as well as mental health services. Drop-in anytime while Hope One is here; no appointment needed.

Lunch & Learn w/ the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA):

Fri., May 29, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Discover the programs and initiatives of the Morris County (MUA). Educate yourself on best practices for recycling at home, school, or work. Get your questions answered by a trained professional. A light lunch will be served after the presentation. Registration is required and opens 5/1/26 at



(above) Marel Hidalgo

Then and Now Photo Challenge:

Submissions accepted

May 1 through June 30, 2026.

For Adults. A fun community challenge hosted by the Morris County Library in partnership with the Morris County Heritage Commission.

Participants receive a packet of ten historic archival photos of locations around Morris

County, then travel to those spots to photograph what they look like today. Entries — between one and ten "now" photos — can be submitted from May 1 through June 30, 2026, and each correct photo submitted earns the participant a raffle ticket for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. For details, including contest rules, please visit: tinyurl.com

Escape Room: The Spies at Arnold's Tavern:

Sat., May 16, Mon., May 18, & Tue.,
May 19; various time slots.

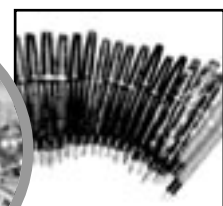
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Bikes and sewing machines can be dropped off rain or shine on Saturday, May 30th, 2026, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps located at 29 Prospect St., Madison, NJ.

Anyone with an adult or child's bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate their bike to this worthy cause. We do not accept "bikes for parts" or disassembled bikes. We also accept working portable sewing machines and sewing notions (no fabric, please).

It costs \$75 on average to collect, process, and ship each bicycle. A donation toward shipping

costs is necessary for our continued success. \$20 is suggested per bike and sewing machine. All cash and material donations are fully deductible. A receipt will be provided on site.

P4P/SP collects 3,000 to 5,000 items annually and transfers this material wealth to those in greater need. To date more than 170,000 bicycles and 6,300 sewing machines have been shipped to developing countries in Central America, Africa and Eastern Europe. In these countries the bikes are reconditioned by partner agencies and distributed at low cost to poor working adults. Bikes provide reliable transportation for commuting to work, transporting product to market, and provide greater mobility accessing health care and other services. Sewing machine shipments help initiate educational programs and

generate income opportunities that may otherwise remain out of reach for many people. Steady employment for adults is vital to the development and success of struggling communities.

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This year's final competition will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 2:00 pm in Lenfell Hall at the Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University, located at 285 Madison Avenue,

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Macculloch Hall Historical Museum

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Founded in 2009 by the American Public Gardens Association in partnership with Rain Bird Corporation, National Public Gardens Day highlights the vital role public gardens play in education, conservation, and community engagement. Each year, participating sites offer experiences that connect people with plants, nature, and local history.

At Macculloch Hall, visitors can enjoy a lively morning of garden-inspired activities, expert insights, and special guests throughout the museum's historic grounds. Highlights include:

- A special visit from puppies in training from The Seeing Eye
- Gardening advice and demonstrations from a Rutgers Master Gardener
- An educational display from the Morristown chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey
- A watercolor art activity inspired by the garden's historic wisteria

- A hands-on vegetable bed planting activity for those interested in growing their own food

Additional displays and interactive experiences will offer opportunities to learn about gardening, native plants, wildlife conservation, and the history of the museum's two-acre garden.

Whether you are an experienced gardener, a nature enthusiast, or simply looking for a meaningful way to spend a spring morning, this celebration offers something for everyone.

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The Friends of the Madison Public Library

The Friends of the Madison Public Library (The Friends), a nonprofit organization, held its Annual Benefit on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at the Madison Library. Nearly 120 people attended the event and enjoyed music performed by members of the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey (BONJ) as well as hors d'oeuvres catered by Jersey Artisan Café in Morris Plains. Attendees were also able to participate in a raffle for a hand-knitted blanket generously donated by the Knitting Group and More which meets weekly at the Library.

The Benefit honored Madison resident Dr.

Robert Butts, Founder and Conductor of the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey and Adjunct Professor at area colleges and universities. For 30 years, Dr. Butts has served as faculty for the popular "Minicourses" sponsored by The Friends.

Dr. Butts' long and active commitment to the work of The Friends was recognized in introductions by Adrienne Novak (Co-Chair, The Friends), Dave Luber (President, Library Board of Trustees), Lynn Favreau (Library Director) and Sylvia Luber (Minicourse Coordinator). Proclamations from NJ Senator Anthony Bucco and Assemblywoman Aura

Dunn were also read and presented. During the event, BONJ members performed the third movement of a piece composed by Dr. Butts titled "Five Piece Dinner for Three."

Proceeds from this event will be used to support many library programs and events for children, teens, and adults and to expand streaming services and book and media collections. The Friends fund special programs including the library's popular Museum Pass and Summer Reading Programs and also sponsor the Minicourses.

For more information about The Friends visit: friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org



(above, l-r) : Sylvia Luber, Dr. Robert Butts, Honoree, and Dave Luber

TMC'S EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2026

The Thursday Morning Club (TMC) hosted their 2nd annual Easter Eggstravaganza at the Madison Community House. The Easter Bunny welcomed children in the gym; photographs were taken, faces were painted and a myriad of activities and crafts kept everyone busy and happy. Chef Loryn's Mac and Cheese, TMC's chicken tenders and yummy homemade cookies filled everyone's tummy, and a large Paint and Play Bus. Waterproof paints were available to paint the bus and play inside. Everyone is looking forward to next year!

The Thursday Morning Club, organized in

1896, is a non-profit which provides services for Madison area communities. It owns, operates, and maintains the Madison Community House and is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's clubs (NJSFWC) and of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). If you would like to serve the community, make new friends, and enjoy programs and activities, consider joining the Thursday morning Club; for more information, call the community House at 973-377-0244 or visit www.TMCMCH.org.



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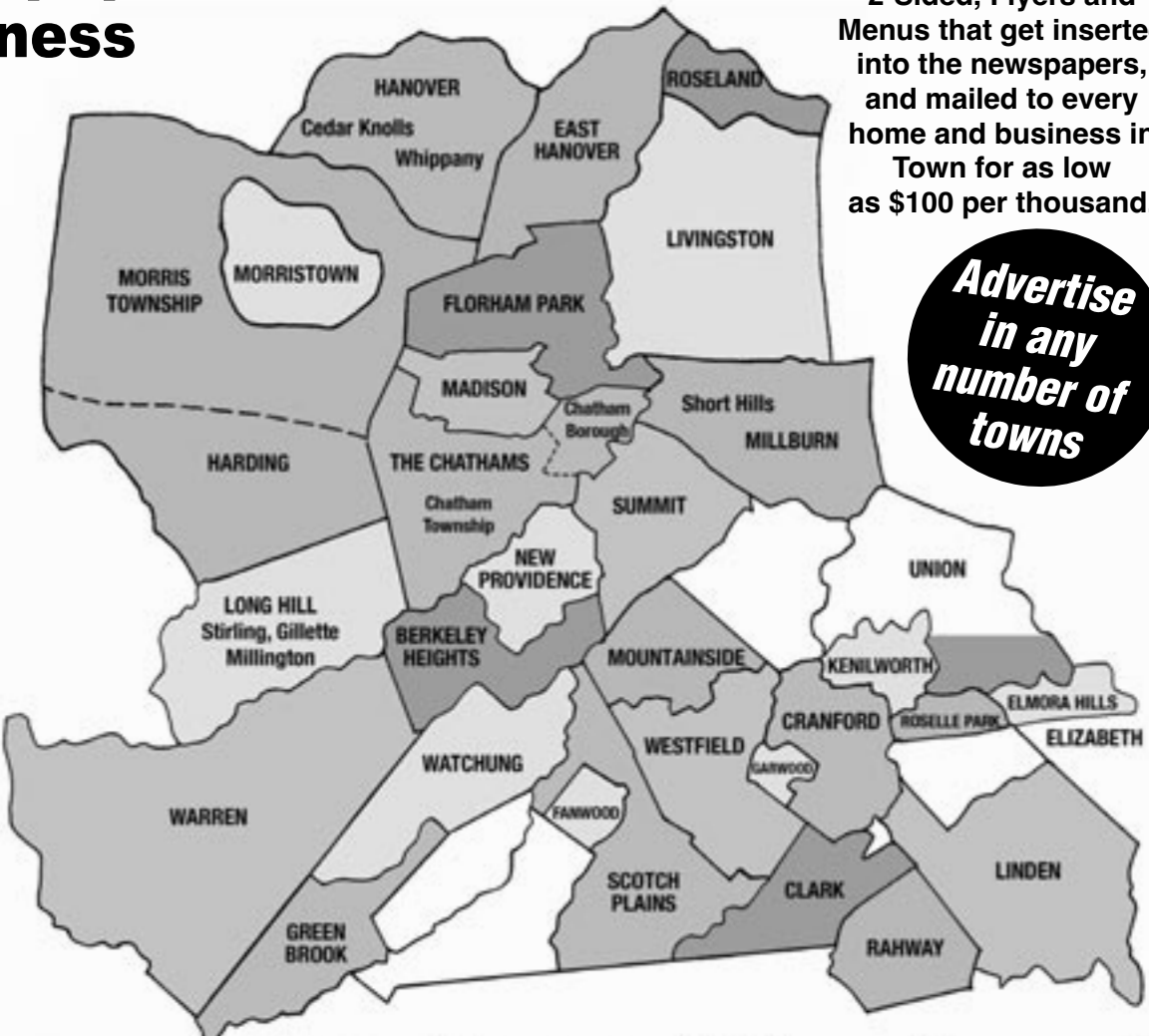
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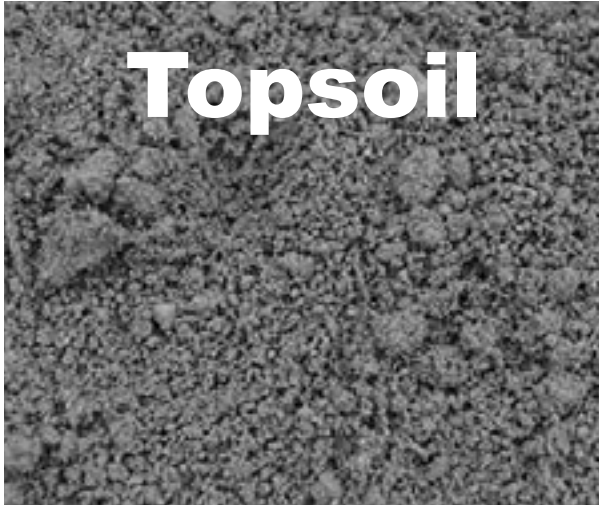
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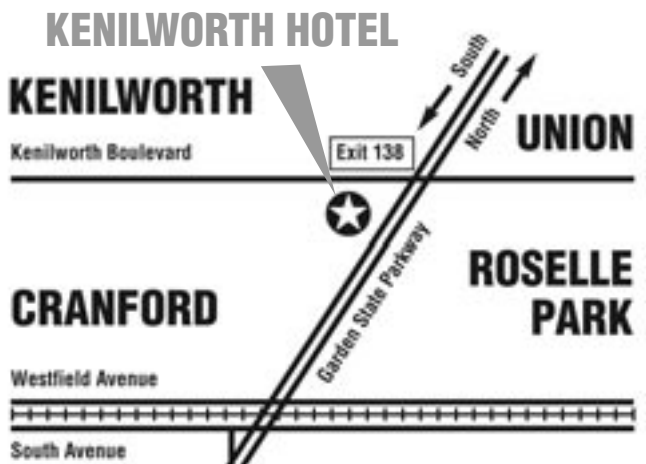
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