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This Week in Morris County

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Morris County News

Dover Breaks Ground on 90-Unit Housing Complex

Morris County Commissioner Tayfun Selen joined Dover Mayor Carolyn Blackman and the Board of Aldermen this week for a groundbreaking ceremony on a 90-unit housing complex going up on East McFarland Street with ten percent being

designated as affordable housing units. Residents will benefit from a location that is within walking distance of Dover's downtown shopping district and train station. At the same time, the project will enhance the neighborhood and add new housing options to an underserved submarket.

TRAFFIC ALERT: Route 15 Upgrades: Nightly Lane Closures and Improvements Ahead in Jefferson, Morris County

There will be lane closures on Route 15 near Berkshire Valley Road in Jefferson on Oct 22, from 8 PM to 5 AM. Both directions will be affected. The work is part of an $8 million upgrade project to improve safety, traffic lanes, traffic signals and sidewalks.

Red white and blue VOTE buttons

Vote in the General Election

Registered voters, learn about options for voting in the 2023 General Election:
— Mail-in ballot requests must be *received* by the Morris County Clerk by Oct. 31.
— Early voting for the 2023 General Election is available from Oct. 28 through Nov. 5, when registered voters can cast their ballot at any one of seven early voting locations in Morris County.
— Vote at your regular polling place on Election Day, Nov. 7.
— See the website for ADA accessible voting and info for federal overseas and military voters.

Morris County Vocational School District Information Sessions

Morris County School of Technology is hosting an Open House tomorrow, Oct. 21, 10 am to 12 pm and 1 p.m. to 3 pm . Tours and sessions will be held at 10 am and 1 pm in the gym. Eligible 8th-graders can apply

until Dec. 2. Offsite parking is available on Route 46, with shuttles running from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. For more information call (973) 627-4600 ext. 277 or go to www.mcvts.org.

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Work with Us!
County Seeks IT/Systems Analyst

Work with us in Morristown! The County of Morris seeks a Systems Analyst - Office of Information & Technology. Candidate will be the primary contact for all website functions, including web design and development, routine site and content maintenance and updates. Collaborates with the **Office of Communications and Digital Media** and other departments and divisions as needed.

Lincoln Park Fire & Rescue Co. No 2 Celebrates 75 Years

Lincoln Park Fire & Rescue Company No. 2 is celebrating 75 years of dedicated service on Saturday, Oct. 21. The fire company, which split off from Wayne's fire department, has thrived thanks to dedicated volunteers and generous donors, along with the ingenuity of its current and past members. In 1952, the company bought a second-hand cab and chassis from a local dairy, which members stripped down and refurbished into a first-rate fire fighting apparatus with a rotary gear pump that could pump while being driven. Best of luck on your next 75!

Kitten and dog snuggle

anchor property tax relief

Make a Date: Free Rabies Clinics Set

Pick a date to get your dog or cat a **free** rabies vaccine at one of 17 rabies clinics held Nov. 1-18. Open to all NJ residents. **No paperwork. Just bring your pet.**

Tax Relief Team is Going Door-to-Door

The ANCHOR Property Tax Relief Outreach Team is knocking on doors to assist **renters and homeowners** with applications. Based on 2020 residency, the benefit is worth **$450 to $1,750** based on age and income.

Drop Off Unused Prescription Drugs

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, **Oct. 28**. Drop off unwanted or outdated meds at three participating supermarkets or visit one of the year-round drop box locations.

deer and headlights

The Deer Are In Fall Rut...

...and not looking both ways before they cross the street. As the days get shorter, please drive carefully.
— NJDEP asks the public to use NJ Wildlife Tracker to report sightings on roadways of rare and common wildlife species. These sightings help identify problem spots on roadways across the state.
— Secure trash to prevent encounters with black bears
— NJ's official state animal is neither the deer nor the bear, but **the state's official dogs** are born and trained right here in Morris County. You can raise a puppy.

Beverwyck plantation in black and white

Survey to Explore, Reveal a Fuller Account of Morris History

Morris County Heritage Commission is funding the first county-wide survey of African American historic sites to foster a more accurate and inclusive accounting of Morris County history. Attend a Community Engagement Workshop in Randolph on Oct. 21 or in Morristown on Nov. 4. Photo: Beverwyck plantation in Parsippany.
— Local author Dionne Ford will talk about her book "Go Back and Get It: A Memoir of Race, Inheritance and Intergenerational Healing," in Morristown on 10/29.

Pumpkins reflected in Vail Mansion pool

Libraries, Morris Arts Host Halloween Fun

Bring a carved pumpkin to Morris Arts annual Pumpkin Illumination on 10/22 in Morristown. Enjoy a kid-friendly performance of "Sleepy Hollow," crafts, parade and group illumination at twilight.
10/21: The Morristown Ghost Hoax
10/23: When There Were Witches: An Exploration of the Salem Witch Trials. Virtual.
10/26: Kids' Halloween Parade
10/26: Brian Richards Halloween Magic and Comedy Show. Register to attend.
10/27: Friday Movies: What Lies Beneath
— Don't be batty: Candy wrappers belong in the TRASH!

Household hazardous waste

Test for Lead in Food, Clothing, Toys, Makeup on Oct. 28

It's not just in old paint: Lead is sometimes found in certain **imported foods, cosmetics, and traditional medicines**. Other common items include: **toys, spices, jewelry, mugs, dishes, clothing, mobile devices, counterfeit makeup and** certain imported candies**.** On Oct. 28, bring items that are causing you concern to the Morris County Library. The Morris County Division of Public Health and Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will scan items using an with results in a few minutes. You can discard items onsite.
— About lead in cosmetics

Final 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Drop is Saturday

The final household hazardous waste drop off event for the year will be Oct. 21 at Pequannock Valley Park in Pompton Plains. Residents only. ID required. Read the rules.

Lend An Arm to the Blood Supply

There is a national blood product shortage. Blood product distributions to hospitals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in. Please schedule an appointment to donate blood. These organizations serve our area:
— Search New York Blood Center drives
— Search American Red Cross drives
Also on the topic of donating:
— Go online to change your organ donor status on your driver's license

Morris County seal with coat of arms

Morris County Public Meetings

Oct. 25
— Trail Construction Grant – Summary Book Reviews
— County Commissioners Work Session
— County Commissioners Public Meeting
Oct. 26
— Construction Board of Appeals
Nov. 2
— MAPS Citizen Advisory Committee
— Advisory Council on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans
— County Agriculture Development Board
Nov. 8
— Morris County 2023 Trail Construction Grant – Deliberations

Talks Cover Medicare, Mental Illness; Free Therapy for Students

— Navigating the Maze of Medicare, Rockway Twp. Library. 10/26
— Author Talk: "While You Were Out: An Intimate Family Portrait of Mental Illness in an Era of Silence." Join the author online on Oct. 30 as she discusses her searing memoir of a family besieged by mental illness, as well as an incisive exploration of the systems that failed them and a testament to the love that sustained them. "While You Were Out" begins as the personal story of one family's struggles then opens outward.
— Free virtual mental health and wellness teletherapy for college students

senior couple eating together

Seniors: Get Food, Transportation and Care Management Info

Morris County Human Services' Department of Aging, Disabilities & Community Programming offers assistance applying for social services, transportation, food, care management. Navigating Hope is their office on wheels.
— Morris County's Hope One is a mobile resource for addiction and mental health.
— Work for Morris County Human Services

No Shame, No Names, No Blame: Surrender Infants to Safe Haven

New Jersey's Safe Haven Infant Protection Act offers a way to **safely, legally and anonymously** surrender an infant. An unharmed baby less than 30 days old can be **brought to the staff** at any hospital, police

NJ Safe Haven call 877 839 2339

station, fire station, ambulance, first aid or rescue squad that is staffed 24-hours a day. The New Jersey Department of Children and Families will ensure that the infant is placed with a foster or pre-adoptive home.

In Case You Missed It:

— Commissioners stand with Israel
— Commissioners proclaim "National Disability Employment Awareness Month"
— Commissioners designate October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"
— Mutual appreciation at Netcong's The Growing Stage
— "Boots to Business Reboot" for vets
— EPEAT-registered electronics are easy to recycle by design
— Morristown College Promise program to help aspiring students
— Morris County COVID-19 resources
— This Week in Morris County Newsletter archive
— HousingHelpNJ sorts out issues with renters, landlords, homeowners
— First-time homebuyers down-payment assistance program
— FEMA Disaster Preparedness Guide for Older Adults
— Register for Alert Morris notifications
— NJ special needs registry for disasters
— **Dial or text 988** on your phone to connect to the suicide and crisis line.

Best Bets for Local Activities

Seward Johnson artist statue

Catch 'The Living Sculpture'

Only one month left to see The Living Sculpture, an art installation at Willowwood Arboretum, on loan from the Seward Johnson Atelier. Register for a guided tour.
— Fall Farm Fun at Fosterfields, weekend
— Scarecrows in the Garden, weekends
— Can if You Can, Sundays
— Little Farm Friends, Fridays
— See all special events

Morris Tourism: Your Go-To Source

Visit Morris Tourism's events listings to see a day-by-day guide to concerts, festivals, historic events and art shows in the area. Read the blog or check ongoing attractions.

Morris County Tourism

— Catch a show at Morristown's MPAC
— Free fishing day, 10/21
— Morris County historical orgs, museums
— Search 'Skylands' on VisitNJ.org
— Download the Visitors Guide

The Hardy Boys

The Hardy Boys in 'The Mystery of the Haunted House'

Join The Growing Stage in Netcong for "The Hardy Boys in the Mystery of the Haunted House" by Jon Klein, based on Franklin W. Dixon's novel, "The House on the Cliff." Amateur detectives Frank and Joe Hardy face danger and mystery in Bayport as they uncover international smuggling at an eerie Barmet Bay mansion. Don't miss this thrilling adventure through Oct. 29.

Strangest Things: Spooky Happenings at Speedwell

"Strangest Things" invites thrill-seekers on Oct 21, 27, and 28 at Historic Speedwell. Explore the haunted Vail Mansion for bone-chilling tales of murder and mystery, including the Morristown Ghost. Get ready for a macabre journey into history, for ages 16 and older.

Bottle Hill Day: Madison

Classic Savor and Stroll

Mayhem in Opera

Experience opera's chaos with star-crossed lovers, mistaken identity, and unrequited love at Opera at Florham on Oct. 22. Join us!

Madison's Bottle Hill Day, celebrating 48 years, spans six blocks with music, food vendors and a convenient shuttle on Oct. 21.

Explore Morristown's history, savor samples, and stroll with a knowledgeable guide on Oct. 21, among other dates. Preregister to join the event.

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