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HUNTERDON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARTNERS WITH HUNTERDON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE FLEMINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE AN INNOVATION ECONOMY

The 2019 HackHunterdon Hackathon went off without a hitch and concluded with the top prize being bestowed upon the creator of an app design that is both current and timely.

First place winner Paul John's project was designed to increase youth safety by decreasing first responder response time to an emergency in a school. Named Safe Halo, the App reduces response time by eliminating the time between any initial weapons discharge and a subsequent 911 call. A machine learning model running on smartphones and audio devices automatically detects the discharge and then immediately contacts emergency services. Teachers and administrators would also be notified using a loud alert on their smartphones.

"Incidents at schools happen in a matter of minutes, so every second is valuable." stated John, of Basking Ridge, NJ.

According to organizers, participants proposing such innovative approaches to solving real-world problems has become commonplace at the event.

The HackHunterdon Hackathon, a 24-hour tech product creation competition, was held over both days of the June 8th weekend. The annual event, now in its 3rd year, is designed to showcase the skillset of the local innovation workforce.

Organized by Hunterdon County Economic Development, The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, and Flemington Community Partnership, this years' hackathon featured 16 teams competing for over \$8,000 in cash and prizes and was hosted again by The Hunterdon Central Regional School District.



Pictured from Left to Right: Dennis Harabin, CEO of Cloud Corridor: HackHunterdon Mentor, Brandon Griggs, Founder of Knack: HackHunterdon Mentor, Grant Pitel, CTO of Magna-Power Electronics, Judge and Mentor, Eric Emerson, Founder e2 IT Consulting, Judge, Robin Lapidus, Executive Director of the Flemington Community Partnership, Jim Minadeo, owner of Zero Surge, Judge and Mentor, Paul John, 1st Place Winner, Chris Phelan, Hunterdon Chamber President and Marc Saluk, Hunterdon County Director of Economic Development.

The school district assisted in running the event and also allowed interested students a chance to compete against local entrepreneurs for the top prizes. Six students participated this year.

"The hackathon is a key piece to our efforts to create a local innovation ecosystem" stated Marc Saluk, Hunterdon County Economic Development Director. "It's an opportunity for technologists to showcase their skills and collaborate with each other. It's one piece of a larger effort to partner with local entrepreneurs with the goal of allowing them to grow their ideas right here in Hunterdon County." According to Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce President Chris Phelan, innovative project pitches have become routine at the Hackathon.

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ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

As we are entering the Summer months, I hope this message finds everyone doing well. I was thinking about all the negativity that seems to be so pervasive in our society today. The polarization that plays out on social media, the 24-hour news channels that continue to bombard us with negative stories about the economy and the politics of the day.

At the same time, we must contemplate the ability in our business community to take charge of our own local destiny and reinforce a positive message. Despite all of the challenges in our society, we as organizations and as individuals must strive to remain positive.

If we really adopt this as a true attitude, both in spirit and in practice, we can continue to make all the difference here in Hunterdon County. Hunterdon has so much to celebrate, just go no further to look at the great communities that make up Hunterdon County. A few weeks ago, we celebrated Hunterdon County Community Day and literally thousands of individuals came together from all points in the County and put forth a great cross representation of business, non-profits, government and community groups.

In June, we also had our 3rd HackHunterdon event, which brought together technologists from throughout the County who spent 24 hours straight developing ideas into a program or app that by the end of the event was demonstrated to work. The energy from such a diverse group of individuals at all stages of their careers and education was both impressive and inspiring.

Let's spread that enthusiasm and make it contagious.

Years back someone gave me a copy of poem by Charles Swindell regarding attitude. It really strikes a chord on how each of us reacts to the challenges in our lives, both personal and professional. I thought it would be appropriate to reprint that reflection and share it with you.

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on my life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes.

—Charles Swindell

Let's continue to move the needle of expanding Hunterdon County's Business Community, ultimately making it stronger and a place where businesses can thrive.

Sincerely,

Christopher J Phelan
President & CEO

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

JULY

3- NO LEADS EXCHANGE NORTH DUE TO JULY 4TH HOLIDAY

10- HEALTHY HUNTERDON CHAMPIONS MEETING

17- LEADS EXCHANGE CENTRAL- NEW LOCATION- SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER RISHI SHAH OF ENERGY SHERPA

18- CHAMBER 101

SEPTEMBER

4- LEADS EXCHANGE NORTH

10- NORTHFIELD BANK CARD CLUB

12- HEALTHY HUNTERDON CHAMPIONS MEETING

12- WOMEN'S BUSINESS FORUM 'BACK TO BUSINESS' EVENT

18- LEADS EXCHANGE CENTRAL- NEW LOCATION

19- CHAMBER 101

20- LEADERSHIP HUNTERDON INVESTITURE DINNER

VISIT
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TO REGISTER FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

7- LEADS EXCHANGE NORTH

8- ROSELLE BANK CARD CLUB

15- CHAMBER 101

21- LEADS EXCHANGE CENTRAL- NEW LOCATION

27- SOMERSET PATRIOTS CHAMBER NIGHT CARD CLUB

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 7TH- ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC AT STANTON RIDGE

OCTOBER 17TH- ANITA'S ANGELS/ INKYMA CARD CLUB

NOVEMBER 7TH - BUSINESS EXPO & FOOD SHOWCASE AT THE NEXLEVEL ARENA FLEMINGTON

DECEMBER 8 - HUNTERDON HOLIDAY PARADE MAIN STREET FLEMINGTON

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2019 HUNTERDON COUNTY COMMUNITY DAY GATHERS BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS

BY MICHELLE HURLEY

The 6th Annual Hunterdon County Community day drew crowds of over 2,400 people in June. This grand scale event gives the businesses of Hunterdon County an opportunity to connect with residents while also having a fun filled day.

This year's event saw the return of the Unity Bank tethered hot air balloon, a reptile show, petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, balloon artists and bounce houses. There were three musical acts, Marshall's Dixieland Band, Due South and Whitehouse Wind Symphony, who performed throughout the day. Along with entertainment, there was an abundance of treats and food to choose from. Many vendors had interactive booths which drew attendees into their tents.

The Chamber tent had a large prize wheel that drew a crowd and featured giveaways. The Healthy Hunterdon Workforce Initiative and Partnership for Health gave away oven mitts to encourage family meals.



Pictured: Ana Galieta Vice President of the Chamber manning the Chamber's prize wheel at Community Day

Over 100 organizations participated in Community Day this year, surpassing last year's participation.

The execution and organization of the day is led by a dedicated group of volunteers who serve on the planning committee for this event. It would not be possible without their help.



Pictured: Aerial view of the layout of Hunterdon Community Day

Pictured: The Whitehouse Wind Symphony performing live as the Unity Bank Balloon soars in the distance



The Chamber would like to thank:

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- Friends of the Hunterdon County Library
- Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation
- Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission
- Doctor D Entertainment
- Brokaw Photography
- Community Day Planning Committee and Volunteers

Pictured: Hunterdon County Freeholder Director Suzanne Lagay and Chamber President Chris Phelan cut the ribbon to officially kick off the day



Pictured: Hunterdon Healthcare offered face painting and other activities inside their tent

Pictured (from Left): Volunteers Polly Anderson of Amway-Quality You Want, Floyd Stafford, Ana Galieta of the Hunterdon Chamber and Victoria Davis of Have Adding Machine Will Travel



What Do the Letters After A Financial Advisor's Name Mean?



Michelle Heide & Associates
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Professionals in many industries tout their education and professional experience as a way to demonstrate their expertise and set themselves apart. The financial industry is a prime example, with almost 200 professional credentials advisors can obtain to sharpen their ability to serve clients well. If you are searching for a financial advisor and seeking clarity on what the acronyms after each professional's name means, below is a primer on five of the most common designations.

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As you evaluate the expertise of an advisor, keep in mind that not all designations are equally rigorous. Each credential requires a different amount of work to obtain and maintain.

That being said, a designation alone does not mean an advisor is the right fit for you. A professional's education background is one factor to consider when deciding who has the right level of expertise and experience that matches what you're looking for. For more designation explanations, check out Finra's website at <http://www.finra.org/investors/professional-designations>. (Finra is a key regulator of the financial services industry.)

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UNITY BANK CARD CLUB BRINGS BUSINESSES TOGETHER



Pictured:
Unity Bank of Clinton
staff and Hunterdon
County Chamber staff

The Unity Bank June Card Club gathered 50 businesses and organizations for an opportunity to make new connections. Chamber and Clinton Guild members came together for a casual evening of socializing.

Unity Bank provided food, drink and a chance to enter the Blizzard of Dollars cash machine. Many new connections and introductions were made.

Rosemary Fellner, Chief Marketing Officer at Unity Bank said "We were happy to host a fun night of networking and enjoyed the personal face time with our business neighbors and friends."



Pictured:
Tom Bay of
Anita's Angels
was chosen
as one of the
lucky people
to enter the
Blizzard of
Dollars cash
machine

BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT: COURTHOUSE SQUARE PROJECT UPDATE

Jack Cust- Letter to the Editor- Reprinted with Permission

As the developer of Courthouse Square, I feel it's important to update the public as to the status of our project in Flemington. We have obtained approvals for our original development consisting of 222 apartments, approximately 25,000 square feet of retail, 45,000 square feet of medical/education and a 100-room Hotel. We can commence construction at our own risk subject to the Borough settling litigation with a small group opposing the project. Rather than continue down a divisive path we made it clear to everyone that we were willing to modify our plans to settle these lawsuits.

Our settlement offer/proposal addressed the concerns of the objectors and provided for the following:

- 1) A substantial reduction in height by removing two stories and dropping the height from 90 feet to within several feet of the top of the Union Hotel.
- 2) We agreed to save the only remaining historic building known as the "Potting Shed." This was in addition to our approved plan where we have already agreed to save the Union Hotel and the Hunterdon County Bank buildings. This would now preserve the three critical historic buildings.
- 3) Also included was a proposal to the Borough to collaborate on a solution to relocate the Police Building to minimize disruption in service in a cost-efficient manner.

Unfortunately, the plaintiffs known as "The Friends of Historic Flemington" were not willing to settle and there remains an impasse. I scratch my head over their position since saving the three historical buildings and reducing the height were their primary concern - all of which has been addressed. The Friends' Board of Trustees - Lois Stewart, Gary Schotland and Chris Pickell - either don't understand that they achieved their objective, or they have another agenda. The Friends have rebuffed various Borough Council members attempts to discuss a settlement and I encourage both sides to reengage discussions to resolve these issues.

We own or control all of the properties including the liquor license and remain totally committed to Courthouse Square. We look forward to the resolution of this unnecessary ongoing litigation and the opportunity to initiate the revitalization of downtown Flemington.

Jack Cust
Readington

The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Business and Government Committee has taken a position of support for the Courthouse Square Project. For more information about the project, visit www.courhousesquareflemington.com.



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HISTORIC BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE SUMMIT JULY 11TH 2019

The Historic Borough of Flemington has organized a team of advisors, planners, borough leaders and economic development strategists in anticipation of the transformative potential of Opportunity Zoning. The Flemington OZ team has identified opportunity zone shovel-ready sites and businesses opportunities and identified strategies to streamline our zoning and permitting processes.

On Thursday, July 11, the Borough of Flemington will host an inaugural Opportunity Zone Summit to bring investors to our community for a day-long discussion and Q&A with the Mayor, Planning Board, Housing and Transportation Professionals, County Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, Business Improvement District, and Leaders from Real Estate, Law, and Financial Services,

This summit will showcase the Borough of Flemington as an ideal place for investment. Historic Borough of Flemington is located in the heart of Hunterdon County,

which was recently designated as the only Opportunity Zone in the County.

The Summit will have five strategic sessions:

- WHY Flemington: An Introduction to Flemington Borough as an Opportunity Zone
- TIMING and WHAT, WHERE, HOW Flemington: Zoning, Overlay Districts, Available Properties
- WHO Flemington: Demographics and Infrastructure - Health, Housing, Education, Quality of Life
- LOCAL - Financing & Real Estate Market
- Guided Property Tours and Networking Reception

For more information please contact Borough of Flemington Mayor Betsy Driver at 908-297-6208, Marc Saluk, Director of Economic Development, Hunterdon County Economic Development at 908-399-1108 or Kathy Guzman, Press Contact for Flemington Community Partnership 908-319-0618.



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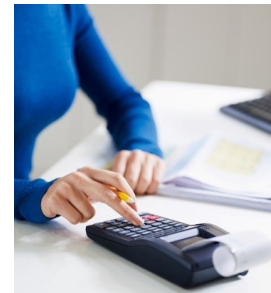
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The IRS recently issued a revised Draft Form W-4 (Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate). The final version will be released in November 2019. This form is not applicable until January 1, 2020. The form was revised to reflect more accurately, the changes in the tax code due to the enactment of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. As a result of this new law, personal exemptions are no longer applicable, so the Form W-4 was updated accordingly. The new Form W-4 focuses on the child tax credit, other income not subject to withholding (such as self-employment income and investment income), and amount of the standard or itemized deductions. In addition, the form more accurately reflects tax withholdings needed for a married couple filing jointly, where both spouses work. Two-income families and people with multiple jobs may be more vulnerable to being under-withheld or over-withheld following these major law changes.

The form will be mandatory for all new employees hired after January 1, 2020. However, individuals who had filled out a Form W-4 prior to January 1, 2020 are not required to fill out the new form, if they have not changed employers. In February 2018, Federal income tax withholdings were automatically reduced due to the new Tax Act, but most individuals were not aware of the withholding adjustment. As a result, many individuals were surprised by the results of their 2018 Federal income tax return. Their refunds were smaller than expected or their balance due was larger than expected. If individuals have not yet adjusted their Federal tax withholdings accordingly, they can do so now using the old Form W-4 or wait until 2020 and fill out the new Form W-4.

The Internal Revenue Service recommends that individuals do a Paycheck Checkup. The easiest way to a Paycheck Checkup is to use the on-line Withholding Calculator (<https://www.irs.gov/payments/tax-withholding>) provided by the IRS. A Paycheck Checkup can help you see if you're withholding the right amount of tax from your paychecks. Too little could mean an unexpected tax bill. Taxpayers who need to adjust their withholding will need to submit a new Form W-4 to their employer. Anyone who had a life change, such as getting married or divorced, buying a home or having a baby should also consider a Paycheck Checkup.

Contact us at (908) 782-7900 to discuss your individual income tax projection. Learn more at www.bkc-cpa.com.

HEALTHY HUNTERDON WORKFORCE INITIATIVE OFFERS RESOURCES TO IMPROVE EMPLOYEE HEALTH & WELLNESS

Established in 2016, the Healthy Hunterdon Workforce Initiative (HHWI) is a program organized by the Hunterdon County Chamber in partnership with the County's Partnership for Health program which is a county-wide coalition of over 50 community agencies sharing a common interest in promoting the health of county residents and employees.

The Chamber has a committee that meets monthly to discuss ways to improve the health of employees in the County. The committee is chaired by Kim Blanda, RN, BSN of Hunterdon Regional Community Health. This month, HHWI is partnering with ShopRite of Flemington to offer a program on July 10th led by registered nutritionist and dietician, Susan Lang-Saponara. Susan will offer resources to provide 'Healthy Meals in a Hurry'. The program is free to attend and there will be giveaways. Register to attend by visiting hunterdonchamber.org.

In September, HHWI and the MAX Challenge of Flemington will offer a lunch program that will feature work-friendly exercises, healthy recipes, mental health topics and more.

If your company is interested in learning more about the program or enrolling in the initiative, visit www.hunterdonchamber.org/healthy-hunterdon-workforce.html.

The program is made possible by the 2019 Sponsors, Hunterdon Healthcare and Hunterdon Cardiovascular Associates.



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Gebhardt & Kiefer President Mark Chazin presented the items to Family Promise Board Chair Maggie D'Aversa and Executive Director Angela Fields on June 10. Also on hand to receive the donation were Josy Kestenbaum and Pam Nemeth of the Flemington Jewish Community Center, one of the host congregations that assists Family Promise in providing temporary shelter for homeless individuals and families.



Congratulations to the **MAX Challenge of Flemington** for hosting a fundraiser at their location to benefit **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Hunterdon** in honor of Mental Health Month. The public was invited in to take a class for free and offer a donation to benefit NAMI. Another great partnership between Chamber members!



Anne Thornton, owner of MSI Plumbing and Remodeling was named the 2019 Business Woman of the Year by the Hunterdon County Chapter of BW NICE. Anne has been an active member of the Chamber for the past 30 years. She currently serves on the Chamber Foundation Board of Directors, is the co-chair for the Business Hall of Fame committee and chairs the programming committee for the Unity Bank Center for Business and Entrepreneurship. Thank you for your service to the Business Community of Hunterdon County!



Pictured from Left: Mayor Janice Kovach, Town of Clinton, Chamber President Chris Phelan, Anne Thornton, Chamber VP Ana Galietta, Chamber Foundation Board Members James Robinson and Rosemary Fellner

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Congratulations to our three newest radio programs on Hunterdon Chamber Radio: Your Seat at the Table, hosted by Town of Clinton Mayor Janice Kovach, Good Women Win!, hosted by Kimberly Hairston-Hicks of Good Beaute, and HackHunterdon Radio, hosted by Jim Minadeo of Zero Surge.

These shows join our already impressive lineup of over 25 live shows broadcast each week by members. Show topics range from health and wellness to home improvement.

Congratulations to Lauren Feliciano, host of La Salud Mental Importa, a Spanish language program that focuses on mental health, for recently hosting a program that was viewed over 9,500 times on Facebook.

Most shows are streamed live on Facebook on the show pages. All shows can be listened to live at www.hunterdon-chamber.org/about-chamber-radio.html. There is also a podcast archive to hear past shows. Interested in being a guest or host? Contact info@hunterdon-chamber.org or call 908-782-7115 ext.221.

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HATS OFF



The **Red Mill** is flying high! United Airlines hosted a contest for female artists giving them the largest canvas they could think of to showcase their amazing work, a Boeing 757. Two winners were selected based on national voting to represent the East and West Coast. Their winning designs will adorn a Boeing 757 flying from JFK to LAX for the next year starting in the fall. The East Coast winner is artist Corinne Antonelli whose design prominently features the Red Mill at the nose of the airplane. Congratulations to this Hunterdon County icon for being showcased in this contest!



**Red Mill
Museum Village**

Congratulations to **Frenchtown and Mayor Brad Myhre** for being awarded a \$1 million Transportation Alternatives Program Grant! The Transportation Alternatives program was established by Congress in 2012 and is funded by the Federal Aid Highway Program to provide funds for community based non-traditional projects "that strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system." The funds will be used for revitalization and upgrades of the downtown Frenchtown area. Looking forward to seeing the improvements!



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“Over the last few years, we’ve truly had a glimpse into the level of the tech talent pool here in Hunterdon,” stated Phelan. “Obviously this is a good indicator of our ability to continue to attract and retain the high-wage opportunities for residents that come along with local growth of the tech sector.”

Robin Lapidus, Executive Director at Flemington Community Partnership says that, in this case, what’s good for Hunterdon is good for Flemington.

“We fully support the initiative’s goal of highlighting local talent,” commented Lapidus. “Hosting the HackHunterdon effort helps brand Flemington as a tech hub and sends the

accurate message that the innovation culture here is very strong.” According to Saluk, the Hackathon is just one part of the HackHunterdon Tech Initiative. A monthly Tech MeetUp is held which further gives tech entrepreneurs chances to meet and work together. The MeetUp is held the last Thursday of every month at 7pm at Lone Eagle Brewing in Flemington.

Saluk states that his office and the Chamber of Commerce also will release a report focused on continuing to create tools and resources for local innovators to thrive.

“We want to make sure that ideas that are born in Hunterdon have the chance to grow in Hunterdon,” commented Phelan. “So, we’ll continue to try to provide the tools to help do just that.”

To learn more about the HackHunterdon effort and about the 2019 Hackathon, please visit HackHunterdon.com.

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FYI- MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Good News Home for Women** will be holding its 16th Annual Harvest Festival & Craft Fair on Saturday, September 14th from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM at 33 Bartles Corner Road in Flemington. The Harvest Festival will feature fun activities for the entire family including face painting, pony rides, music, games, prizes, vendor shopping and refreshments. Officers from the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office will also be present and making identification cards for children through their Child Ident-A-Kid Program.

Admission is free. All proceeds will benefit the Good News Home for Women, a short and long-term residential treatment center for women with chemical dependence. Please visit www.goodnewshome.org for more information on the event and volunteer opportunities.

Learn about all **Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC)** has to offer by attending an Information Session in July at RVCC's Branchburg campus. The College is offering General Information Sessions and an Adult Information Session, as well as special sessions for those interested in its Automotive Technology, Cosmetology and Esthetics (Skin Care) career programs.

RVCC's General Information Sessions and campus tours are scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 10-11 a.m.; Thursday, July 11, 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 10-11 a.m. and Tuesday, July 30, 10-11 a.m. To register for an Information Session, visit www.raritanval.edu/visit. For additional information, contact the Admissions Department at 908-526-1200, ext. 7009 or admissions@raritanval.edu.

The Rotary Club of Flemington will hold its 3rd Annual Beerfest on October 19th from noon- 4:30PM. Come enjoy beer samplings, food and live music. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available now. For more information, visit <https://flemingtonrotarynj.org/beerfest>.

The Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation is selling discounted amusement park tickets! Parks include Six Flags Great Adventure, Dorney Park, Philadelphia Zoo and Hershey Park. Call (908) 782-1158 for availability.

Chimney Rock Inn, lovingly referred to as "Central Jersey's Family Tradition," has a flavorful past dating back to the late 1800s. Many generations of local families and businesses have dined with us for decades. As the area has grown, so has Chimney Rock Inn, with locations in Bridgewater, Gillette, and Flemington, to serve our dedicated crowds. Each restaurant boasts three private dining areas, a bar room with cozy booths, flat screen TVs, friendly waitstaff, and quality food. Our private dining areas can accommodate groups of 20 to 100+ people; perfect for large parties, corporate luncheons, and meetings

- Use our Community Calendar to plan your organization's major events!
- Make a submission to our Community Calendar at hunterdonchamber.org

Is your business a NJ Smart Workplace? **goHunterdon**, the local non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable transportation, is currently accepting nominations from Hunterdon employers for consideration as part of the statewide "NJ Smart Workplaces" program. The program honors companies for outstanding achievements in implementing programs that provide and promote commuting alternatives for their employees. Representatives may nominate their companies and Employers will be recognized by goHunterdon at the organization's Annual Meeting & Awards Breakfast in September 2019. For more information on eligible activities or to complete a nomination form, <https://www.gohunterdon.org/commute-3/employer-services#tab4>, or contact Christina Edzenga, Commuter Services Manager, cedzenga@gohunterdon.org, 908-788-5553

Clinton's Come Together Friday Night Music Festivals, named after the Beatles song, fills the streets of Clinton with 4 bands playing simultaneously throughout town every Friday night, 7 PM to 9 PM from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend. Grab friends and family, dine alfresco, enjoy a fro yo or ice cream, browse the unique shops. For more information, visit clintonnj.com

The Homestead Butcher Shop located at 1360 US Highway 22 Lebanon is offering Chamber members 10% off any order over \$100 for the month of July. This discount includes a one-time use on their Monthly Subscription Packages or in store purchases. Can be reused. Print your discount in your Chamber Member portal. For more information visit www.thehomesteadbs.com.

NORWESCAP has Career and Life Transitions Centers located in Flemington and Washington. They offer economic and personal self-sufficiency with skills for today's job market. Email transitions@norwescap.org for more information.

Freedom House will hit the green on Tuesday, July 23rd to raise funds to support those suffering from addiction, an epidemic known all too well in the state of New Jersey. Join Freedom House at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club for their 28th annual Larry Grantham Charity Golf Classic. This is a fundraising event to benefit Freedom House, a local nonprofit in northwest New Jersey which provides adults with substance use and co-occurring disorders treatment, transitional/sober housing, outpatient and case management services.

For more information, please contact Shani Gorman at sgorman@freedomhousenj.org or call 908-617-5492.

To submit your organization's announcements, visit hunterdonchamber.org and fill out the form on the NEWSLETTER page under the 'News and Events' tab. Submissions must be received by the first Monday of the preceding month for publishing. All submissions subject to approval by the Chamber.



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