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Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce- Monthly Newsletter

18TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC SET FOR OCTOBER 7TH AT STANTON RIDGE

The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce is very excited to be hosting their 18th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, October 7th at Stanton Ridge Golf and Country Club in Whitehouse Station. This is a great way for our membership to come together, conduct business and strengthen business relationships. Check in is at 8:30 am with a light breakfast and a shotgun start at 10:00 am. The format is a scramble with a twist and the winning foursome will claim the Hunterdon Cup! The outing will conclude with a post networking luncheon, silent auction and announcement of the winning foursome.

Golfers may participate in foursomes or as individuals. Per golfer Chamber member rates are \$185 and general admission rates are \$225. Foursome Chamber member rates are \$700 and general admission rates are \$800. Companies and individuals can also participate by donating a door prize or by participating as a sponsor. Tee Sponsorship lawn signs are available for \$50 each or two for \$75 and Green Sponsorships are available at \$150 to have your company logo printed on a course flag.

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Picture from the 2018 Golf Classic

From Left: Kim Blanda, Don Pinner and Christine Sabatino of Hunterdon Healthcare System

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FLEMINGTON BOROUGH DESIGNATED AS OPPORTUNITY ZONE

Reprinted Press Release from Historic Borough of Flemington

The recently established Opportunity Zone Committee for the Borough of Flemington met to discuss the goals of the committee and how best to leverage the Borough's designation as an Opportunity Zone.

The "Opportunity Zones Program" was created by the U.S. Congress in December 2017 and federally recognizes certain geographic areas as Opportunity Zones in order to encourage long-term investment in lower-income areas (as determined by U.S. Census data). Opportunity Zones provide a tax-incentive to investors in return for a, minimally, seven year investment in these communities.

"Flemington Borough's Opportunity Zone designation gives us incredible leverage to attract the right kind of development that fits our beautiful town. We are looking forward to leveraging this opportunity into sustainable future growth," says Borough of Flemington Mayor, Betsy Driver.

The State of New Jersey, County of Hunterdon, and Borough of Flemington have all expressed their support for the Opportunity Zones initiative. The private business community has shown support for this initiative and is represented on Flemington's Opportunity Zone Committee in order to work to maximize this federal opportunity. The Committee seeks to market this Opportunity Zone designation in order to attract investment and will include a Flemington focused Opportunity Zone Summit to showcase the Borough of Flemington to developers, investors, and planners. The summit is set for July 11th.

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DOES TRENTON WANT HUNTERDON COUNTY TO SUCCEED?

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce is submitting its position to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding their efforts to reclassify 749 miles of waterways in New Jersey from Category 2 to a Category 1 designation. This includes the South Branch River that runs through Hunterdon County.

The Chamber is truly committed to the preservation of all of the natural resources that make Hunterdon County such a beautiful and pristine part of our State. However, this re-classification will potentially have a huge impact on the future redevelopment and repurposing of many commercial sites throughout the County. In order to have a favorable business climate and encourage opportunities, the State of New Jersey needs to make its regulations and the process by which decisions are made transparent and predictable.

We have seen, like the rest of the State, a major shift in demographics over the past decade here in Hunterdon County. Declining population, businesses relocating to other regions, increased burden on the business community in terms of regulations and demands have all had detrimental effects. However, despite these challenges, in the past 8-10 months we are beginning to see progress in the right direction.

This movement is starting to drive confidence back in the commercial investment market here in Hunterdon County and there are positive indicators of where our economy is headed. There are companies that are making significant investments in Hunterdon County. ExxonMobil located in Clinton Township is finishing up a major reinvestment into its site, which has expanded their workforce. Unicom Global has purchased the former Merck headquarters site and is positioning it as a research and technology park.

At the end of the day, this re-classification of waterways has the great potential of hampering if not shutting down development and investment throughout Hunterdon County. The impact this might have on our Municipal Sewer and Water Authorities to provide adequate supply for the demand to grow our County will be stifled. A very good example is that the Borough of Flemington which utilizes the Township of Raritan's Municipal Utility Authority could be greatly impacted on future growth. The lack of capacity the Raritan Township Municipal Utility Authority might be restricted to in the future will mean less water and sewer capacity to bring the Borough of Flemington back to its full economic potential.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection needs to put forth the clear and transparent way they have come to their conclusions on making these determinations. They need to hear what the municipalities are saying regarding their economic futures and how this rule change will greatly hinder commercial investment in this region. One of the greatest assets Hunterdon County has is our beautiful landscape and mix of communities and commerce. However, with the number of existing commercial properties that don't have existing tenants or the number of properties that are currently underutilized, the State of New Jersey needs to work with our communities to ensure that we can not just survive, but thrive.

Sincerely,

President & CEO

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

JUNE

- 1 - HUNTERDON COUNTY COMMUNITY DAY
- 5- LEADS EXCHANGE NORTH
- 5- UNITY BANK CARD CLUB
- 8 & 9- HACKHUNTERDON
- 19- LEADS EXCHANGE CENTRAL- NEW LOCATION
- 20- CHAMBER 101
- 20- LEADERSHIP HUNTERDON GRADUATION (SEE BACK COVER)
- 21- UNITY BANK CB&E COURSE- STRONG BRANDS ATTRACT MORE CUSTOMERS PRESENTED BY INKYMA

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

VISIT

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- 3- NO LEADS EXCHANGE NORTH DUE TO JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
- 10- HEALTHY HUNTERDON WORKFORCE CHAMPION'S MEETING
- 17- LEADS EXCHANGE CENTRAL- NEW LOCATION
- 18- CHAMBER 101

SAVE THE DATE

- SEPTEMBER NORTHFIELD BANK CARD CLUB
- 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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10TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT PROVIDES VALUABLE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BY MICHELLE HURLEY

On April 9th, over 100 women and men gathered at Hawk Point Golf Club in Washington for the 10th Annual Women's Leadership Summit organized by the Hunterdon County Chamber's Women's Business Forum. The goal of the yearly summit is to provide professional development in areas that specifically address issues facing women in business. This year the theme of the summit was 'Own Your Strength: Cultivating Confidence in Communication'. The theme was generated in response to the feedback received from last year's summit attendees.

The morning kicked off with a panel discussion featuring three women who are leaders in their industries: Karen Widico, Co- CEO of Prevention Resources, Linda Castner, owner of Alexandria Airport & Up, Up & Away in Hunterdon, and Rosemary Fellner, Chief Marketing Officer at Unity Bank. These women chronicled their experiences and detailed ways that their organizations have created meaningful partnerships in the County.

Attendees were able to choose from three breakout sessions: Social Media Marketing led by Audrey Kerchner of INKYMA, Reputation Management and Public Relations, led by Jessica Smith of Janssen Pharmaceuticals and Managing Your Personal Brand Using LinkedIn, led by Karen Yankovich of Uplevel Media/GoodGirlsGetRich. Attendees left these sessions with tangible action items to take back to their workplace and improve their communications.

The event culminated in the keynote address given by Megan Lamm of Cisco Systems. Megan is a Global Learning & Development Manager and provided insight into how to be confident and best utilize your strengths in the workplace.

There were many new connections made between attendees throughout the event, many who have been longstanding Chamber members but had never crossed paths before. The panel, breakout sessions and keynote inspired much discussion between attendees about what they learned that day.

This marquee event of the Women's Business Forum, a committee comprised of Chamber

Pictured (from Left): Michelle Heide, of Michelle Heide and Associates, Nicole Smith of Room to Read, Ana Galletta, Chamber Vice President, Megan Lamm of Cisco Systems, Michelle Hurley Chamber Executive Assistant



member volunteers would not have been possible without the support of the sponsors of this event and the work of the committee.

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How Much Market Risk Are You Really Willing to Accept?



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If you're like a lot of investors, you may have trouble quantifying the level of risk you are comfortable taking on in your portfolio. Do you like to play it safe, staying in conservative investments even if it means potentially missing out on bigger returns? Or are you willing to take on more risk in the hopes of capturing higher gains? If you're not sure where you land on the spectrum, consider the following eight tips to help define your views on investment risk:

1. Define your goals. Your financial plan should be structured to help you get from where you are now to where you'd like to be with key goals, such as saving for your child's college education or retirement. Your investment strategy should be a key part of this financial plan. Define exactly how much money you will need to save, and when you will need it by. When your goals are crystal clear, it can be easier to weigh the various risks and choices you must make to achieve them.
2. Consider the general market environment. It seems fair to say that investors' willingness to accept risk increases in periods when the stock market has performed well for an extended period of time. In the past decade, stocks have generally been on the upswing. On the heels of such a positive market, investors' level of confidence about owning assets that are subject to fluctuation may be higher. By contrast, investors sometimes become more skittish in periods when markets are struggling. Confidence in stocks and other variable investments tends to decline when the market is not performing well.
3. Accept market moves as normal. It's a known fact that stock markets move up and down – sometimes significantly – which means there's always risk that a particular investment could lose value. Keep in mind that historically markets have recovered, and the reward potential of investing in future growth of global businesses remains strong. Prepare yourself for the fact that investing is not a smooth upward climb, and a smart strategy can help the market moves work in your favor.
4. Recognize that time is one of the biggest influences on risk tolerance. If you have a decade or more to reach your goals (such as retirement), you likely can ride out market downturns or even extended flat or negative markets. If you expect to reach your goals (such as a new home) in the next few years, you may need to think more about how to protect your investments against the impact of market moves. With this in mind, your risk tolerance will likely adjust as you get closer to achieving various goals.
5. Trust your instincts, but don't make decisions solely based on emotions. If you are worried about what's ahead in the markets or how your finances would fare if another Great Recession occurs, it may be time to reassess your portfolio to take some risk off the table. Yet, it's important to not be overly swayed by day-to-day headlines. Look for consistent, long-term trends or events that impact market fundamentals before considering action. And, be sure that any decisions you make align with your financial goals, as defined in tip #1 above.

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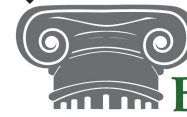
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9 AM- 11 AM

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Presented by:
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June 26
8 AM- 10AM

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"The Chamber's Annual Golf Classic is a great opportunity to come out and do business with fellow members of the business community here in Hunterdon County," Chris Phelan, Chamber President said. "The Chamber is continually looking at ways that we can push forward, proactively economic growth for Hunterdon County. The Golf Classic is one such example that you can get connected in a wonderful recreational setting to reinforce existing business relationships and broaden your horizon all at the same time supporting the good work of the Chamber," he concluded. Not a golfer? Not a problem! Businesses and professionals can join us for the Networking Luncheon after the Golf Classic for a delicious barbeque. Luncheon only tickets are \$35 for Chamber members and \$45 for general admission.

Returning as the Signature Sponsor of this event is Hunterdon Healthcare. Additional sponsorship opportunities for this event are available.

To register for this event, visit the Chamber Calendar at hunterdonchamber.org or call 908-782-7115. See you on the green!



2018 Golf Classic Hunterdon Cup Winners

Team from ExxonMobil pictured with Golf Classic Committee Member Don Pinner of Hunterdon Healthcare (far left) and Committee Chair Jeff Weinstein of Hunterdon Healthcare LLC

OPPORTUNITY ZONE CONTINUED FROM COVER

The committee will continue to meet every other week in pursuit of these goals.

For more information, visit www.choosenj.com/business-assistance/opportunity-zones/.

Opportunity Zone Committee Members:

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Jeffrey Doshna, Borough Council Member – primary, voting member
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Susan Englehardt, Borough Planning Board Vice-Chair – primary, voting member
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31ST HUNTERDON COUNTY BUSINESS EXPO & FOOD SHOWCASE

The Chamber's largest event of the year, the Hunterdon County Business Expo and Food Showcase, will take place on November 7th from 2-7PM, returning to the NexLevel Arena in Flemington.

This event was established to create an avenue for businesses to connect with other businesses and the community, all under one roof. Over the years, it has evolved and elements have been added such as the Food Showcase, which takes place from 5-7 PM on the day of the event. There is also a silent auction featuring items donated from local businesses.

This year's event, which is free and open to the public, will feature over 100 businesses showcasing the unique qualities that make Hunterdon a great place to shop, work and do business. Historically, this event has seen over 2,500 attendees over the course of the day.

"The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce has been the voice for Business for the past 103 years, advocating for a strong economic climate for all", said Chris Phelan Chamber President. "The strength and success of the Chamber of Commerce is a reflection of the strong leadership from our Board and Membership of the past Century", he went on to say.

PNC Bank is returning again as the Presenting Sponsor. Other sponsorship opportunities are available. To register for this event or for more information, visit hunterdonchamber.org.



CHAMBER MEMBERS TO HOST CARD CLUB NETWORKING EVENTS

The Chamber plays an important role in facilitating new introductions and connections between businesses. One way the organization accomplishes this is by hosting after hours networking events called 'Card Clubs'. The admission to these events is included in Chamber membership and provides an opportunity for members to meet at a member's place of business. Non-Members are able to attend for a fee of \$25.

The next Card Club will be hosted at Unity Bank in Clinton on June 5th from 5-7PM. Attendees can expect light fare, beer, wine and a chance to enter the Blizzard of Dollars machine!



Other upcoming card clubs include:

- August 8th, Roselle Bank in High Bridge
- August 27th, Somerset Patriots- Chamber Night
- September-TBD- Northfield Bank in Flemington
- October 17th- Anita's Angels/ INKYMA in Flemington
- December-TBD- Chamber Holiday Party



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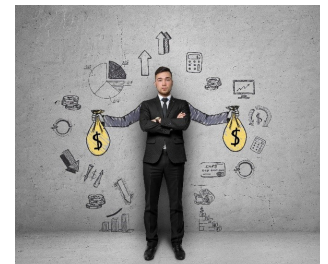
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- The single biggest benefit of incorporating a business is limiting an owner's liability. In theory, a stockholder in a corporation risks only his or her investment in the corporation stock. A lawsuit against the company generally cannot be satisfied by attaching the stockholder's personal assets. In practice, most small corporation stockholders must personally guarantee bank loans for their corporations. Thus, if the corporation fails, the stockholder's personal assets are at risk. In addition, where personal services are involved, the individual performing the services may be personally liable for his or her actions even though the business is incorporated.

-The second advantage of operating as a corporation is that it may be easier to raise capital because the business can do so by issuing stock and selling bonds.

-A third advantage is that ownership interest in a corporation is easier to transfer than in a sole proprietorship.

-A corporation files its own tax return and pays its own income tax. Therein lies the major drawback to the corporate form: business profits may be taxed twice - once at the corporate level and again at the shareholder level when paid out as dividends or liquidating distributions. Double taxation can generally be avoided by electing S corporation or LLC status.

The corporate form does allow for more fringe benefits that are deductible by the corporation and tax-free to employees, including an owner-employee.

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HUNTERDON COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE WITH TOOLS FOR BUSINESSES

Economic development has been a major initiative of the Hunterdon County Freeholders for many years, and now the effort has a new website, along with a new brand and bold messaging.

The new site, HunterdonCountyEDC.com, positions Hunterdon as a hub of innovation and as a prime area for growth in advanced sectors such as technology and life sciences.

Aside from promoting the county's innovation and entrepreneurial strengths, the site is designed to provide an array of tools and resources to aid business retention and attraction.

Website features include a property locator, extensive demographic, workforce, and industrial data, links and guidance for starting and growing a business locally, as well as offering access to key state data and information on programs such as New Jersey business incentives.

The site also features a new look that is "decidedly different" than the rest of the county's online presence, as does the office's social media presence and overall visuals.

This is consistent with other recent moves by freeholders, such as when the economic development division was moved out of county's offices and into The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce offices in 2018. Similarly, the new economic development website is a standalone site, independent of the rest of the county's online presence.

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HATS OFF



Dr. Antonius Bittmann and Valentina Jotovic, the owners of **Hunterdon Academy of the Arts**, had the pleasure of meeting Randi Zuckerberg-- former Director of Market Development at Facebook and sister of Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg. Ms. Zuckerberg was invited to be a keynote speaker at a national conference and address a large group of music education industry leaders.

At this event, Bittmann and Jotovic were honored to receive a national award for their work with Hunterdon Academy of the Arts, and were among a select group of people invited to meet Ms. Zuckerberg in person. To learn more about Music and Acting instruction at Hunterdon Academy of the Arts, please visit www.HunterdonAcademyOfTheArts.com or call 908-782-4943.



Pictured From Left: Valentina Jotovic, Randi Zuckerberg and Dr. Antonius Bittmann

NightingaleNJ's Chris Kellogg (pictured at right, far left) joined healthcare experts at the recent NJ Spotlight roundtable discussion to address end-of-life care in New Jersey. The 90-minute roundtable, convened at Rutgers University's New Brunswick campus, focused on the need for better end-of-life planning and ways the state can support that process.



The panel, which included NJ Health Commissioner Dr. Shereef Elnahal and NJ Hospital Association CEO Cathy Bennett, agreed that communication is the key. Just over one fourth of state residents have recorded their wishes. Less than 1/3 of residents die at home despite their wishes, and 25% die in hospitals- the third highest percentage nationwide.

"Older adults are generally not afraid of dying," Kellogg said. "They are afraid of pain and anguish. They are afraid of not living where they want to live, and they are afraid of being a burden to their loved ones." Avoiding hard conversations means families must make agonizing decisions in times of crisis, when they are least equipped to do so. NightingaleNJ Eldercare Navigators is partnering with the NJ Health Care Quality Institute to facilitate the Conversation Of Your Life (COYL) initiative, which aims to bring advance care planning.

Shaun C. Van Doren, Hunterdon County Freeholder, is the recipient of Raritan Valley Community College's Distinguished Alumni Award. Van Doren was honored at the College's Academic Awards Ceremony on May 15.

The RVCC Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes living RVCC alumni for their professional, public, and community-based accomplishments. These individuals exemplify the values and spirit of RVCC and serve as exemplary role models for current and future students. The award honors individuals who have made an exceptional impact on their profession and community.



Michelle L Heide, Private Wealth Advisor and Joseph J. Patton, Business Development Director with Ameriprise Financial in Clinton have been named recipients of the 2019 Five Star Wealth Manager award by Five Star Professional for the 8th and 7th consecutive year respectively. The award goes to less than seven percent of the wealth managers in the region based on research administered by Five Star Professional, a third-party research firm. To receive the 2019 Five Star Wealth Manager award, a wealth manager must meet 10 objective eligibility and evaluation criteria associated with providing quality services to clients including client retention rates, client assets administered, firm review and favorable regulatory and complaint history.

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The Raritan Valley Community College Foundation held its annual "Giving Day" fundraising campaign on March 21, benefiting students and the RVCC community at large. The 24-hour effort netted \$25,549, making it the most successful Giving Day in the College's history. The RVCC Foundation raised just over \$14,000 during last year's Giving Day campaign.

"We are grateful to the Raritan Valley Community College network of friends and supporters for their generous support during our Giving Day campaign," said Mike Marion, Executive Director, RVCC Foundation. "This community really stepped up and their collective generosity will have a lasting impact."



Congratulations to our Members who were recognized as the 2019 winners of the Hunterdon Happenings in the following categories:

B2B IT Service- **e2 IT Consulting**



Group Fitness/ Nutrition- **The MAX Challenge of Flemington**



Daniel James Wright, owner of **Wright & Ford Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services** is being honored on June 13th at the Inn at Lambertville Station by Volunteer Guardianship for his work with the organization and the community. DJ is the past President of Volunteer Guardianship and also currently serves on both the Hunterdon County Chamber and Hunterdon County Chamber Foundation Board. He is also the current President of the NJ State Funeral Directors Association. Congratulations!



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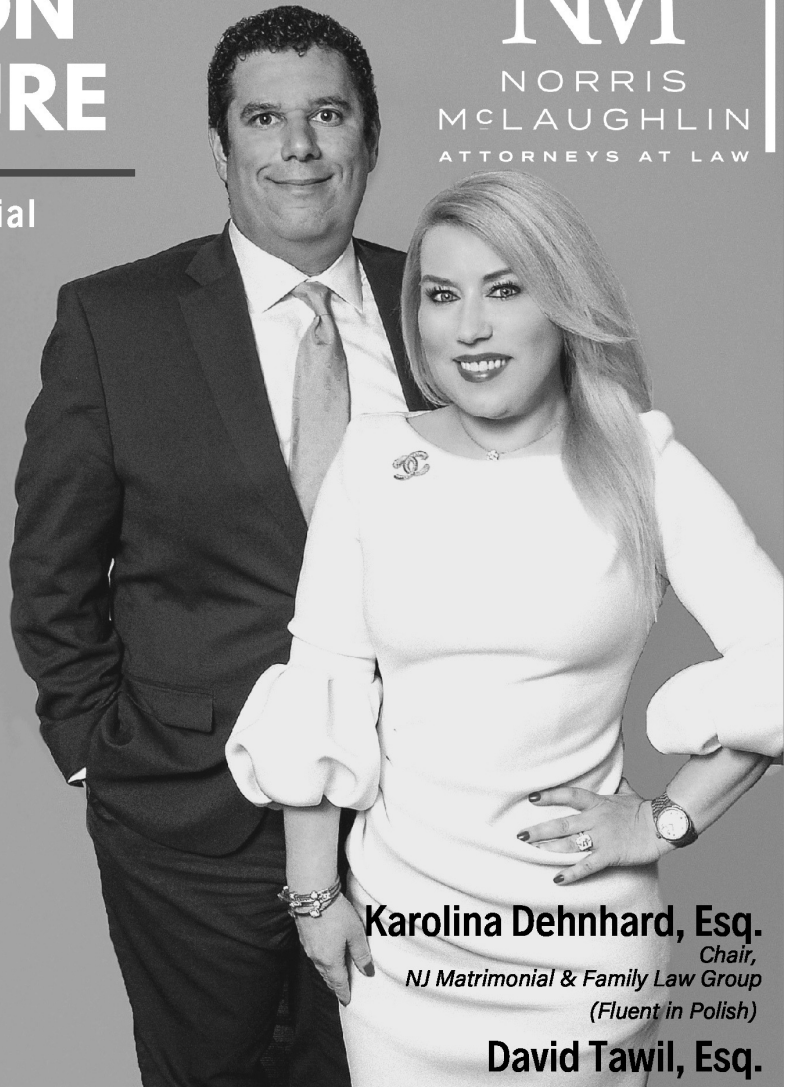


Congratulations to JayPat Commons, home to member Legal Eagle Services on their recent renovations and Grand Opening. They are located at 1309 US 22 East Lebanon. Owners Patricia Fernandez and James Witte officially cut the ribbon alongside Lebanon Borough Council President Richard Burton and Councilman Robert Junge as well as Chamber staff and Chamber Members. The Hunterdon County Office of Economic Development Program Coordinator Mary Evers was also in attendance. Legal Eagle provides various services including background checks, notary, courier, process servers, paralegal work and much more. JayPat Commons recently completed a full renovation and offers affordable office space for rent. For more information, call Patricia at 908-669-9090 or visit www.legaleagleservice.com.

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FYI- MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Red Mill Museum Village** is proud to be offering a summer of fun and learning with two popular, themed day programs that will be offered over three weeks. Nature Week and History Weeks will provide a fun and safe environment for children to learn through games, hand-on activities and crafts. Program will run from 9am-4pm Monday through Friday. Children aged 6-12 are invited to attend and will be divided into groups by age (6-9 and 10-12). For more information or to register your child, please visit our website at: <https://theredmill.org/tours/summer-camp/> or contact Marie Salthouse at programs@theredmill.org

goHunterdon is offering an informational safety presentation entitled, "Surviving Interstate 78" The presentation is in response to ongoing concerns about traffic crashes and related incidents on the heavily traveled highway. The 45 minute presentation is available free of charge to employers, schools, and community groups upon request. For more information on hosting a commuter safety presentation at your location, contact Christina Edzenga, Commuter Services Manager, 908.788.5553, x 12 or cedzenga@gohunterdon.org

The **Hunterdon County YMCA** will hold their 17th annual golf classic on June 17th. Golfer package includes 18 holes of golf, awards, challenges, cart/greens fees and driving range, golfer gift bag, lunch, buffet dinner, auctions, and the opportunity to have fun while giving back to the community! Proceeds from this great event benefit the Hunterdon County YMCA financial assistance program. For more information contact Christine Coffey at 908-483-4326 or ccoffey@hcyymca.org.

First Friends Child Development Center will host a Kick Off to Summer Playdate June 21st from 3:00pm-5:00pm. The playdate will be on the playground at 18 Church Street Flemington and include water tables, sand play, ice pops, a craft and balloon fun! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the center and the programs they offer. No RSVP needed.

High school students interested in learning more about nursing or other healthcare careers are invited to attend a five-day summer program in July sponsored by **Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) and Hunterdon Medical Center (HMC)**. Session 1 will be offered July 8-12, and Session 2 will be held July 15-19. The program runs Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The \$200 cost includes lunches. Seats are limited, so those interested are encouraged to contact Elliot Stetson, RNBC, MSN, CCRN at Elliot.Stetson@raritanval.edu as soon as possible to obtain an application or for further information. Applications, required documents and payment are due June 14.

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

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.

Unity Bank will hold its 13th Annual Classic Car Show on Sunday June 23rd from 10 -1PM at 64 Old Highway 22 Clinton. All proceeds of the fun-filled community event benefit **Family Promise of Hunterdon County** and Family Promise of Warren County.

Readington Township Department of Recreation provides a wide variety of recreational programs and services for all ages. They offer youth and adult sports programs, arts classes, summer camps and more. For their full offerings, visit www.readingtonrecreation.org/programs If you have any questions about recreation programs or services, please call their office 908-534-9752.

A Trivia Night is being held at Lone Eagle Brewing to benefit **Family Promise of Hunterdon County** on June 24th from 6-9PM. For more information or to register: <http://familypromisehc.org/events/trivia/>

Basil Bandwagon Natural Market of Flemington will host How To Help Our Bodies: A Pain & Inflammation Health Event on June 6th from 5-6PM. The event will focus on the follow topics: - How our diet impacts our overall inflammation and pain - The types of inflammation, which one we need and which we should eliminate - Healthy alternatives to help decrease unwanted pain and inflammation Presented by Elke Kallicragas, Terry Naturally Educator Elke has been working with alternative health medicine for over 10 years. Tickets are \$5 in advance and can be purchased through eventbrite.com. Please contact Nicole at outreach@basilbandwagon.com with any questions.

Lori Kayne, Care Coordinator of law firm Norris McLaughlin, P.A., will be co-presenting "Walkers, Canes and Hearing Aides - Why Won't They Use Them and What Can I Do?" hosted by United Way of Northern New Jersey Caregivers Coalition, on Tuesday, June 18, 6 – 8 p.m., at Hackensack Meridian Health Mountainside Medical Center in Montclair. For more information visit norrismlaughlin.com

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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