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Joe Chiarolanizio, left, and Dominick Romanelli of Romanelli's Italian Eatery on Lincoln Place display the pizzeria's longtime support of the Madison Eagle Christmas Fund.

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MADISON ROTARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE SALE RETURNS

MADISON – The Madison Rotary's Christmas tree sale returns once again this year, with early bird sales from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29 and 30.

Arriving after Thanksgiving will be an assortment of Fraser, Balsam and Douglas Fir trees, together with wreaths, rope greenery, with tree stands and other accessories also offered. Pricing will vary by tree species and size.

As in recent years the tree lot will be at Dodge Field on Central Avenue. The lot will be fully open for business from Dec. 1 through Dec. 20, or until trees sell out. Regular hours will be: 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Rotarian and Mayor Bob Conley, who organizes the sale each year, pointed out that the sale benefits both the customers – who will get great decorations – and community organizations supported by Rotary.

"Rotary's core mission is to make our community a better place," Conley said.

"We do that in part by providing direct financial support to local organizations that serve those in need in Madison and neighboring communities. The tree sale provides Rotary with funds that are used to support dozens of local service groups, so, our customers can know that when they buy a tree from Rotary, they are helping us support the many groups that are helping those in need."



Photo by Brett Friedensohn

Madison Mayor Robert Conley, the chair of the Madison Rotary's Christmas Tree Sale, cuts a customer's tree during last year's sale at Dodge Field Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024. Looking on is Morristown resident Michael Pooler. This year's sale will begin for early birds on Saturday, Nov. 29 and for regular business on Monday, Dec. 1.

HOLIDAY ARTS FESTIVAL RETURNS TO MADISON

MADISON – The Madison Arts & Culture Alliance is hosting a Holiday Arts Festival during Thanksgiving weekend featuring musical performances around local businesses.

Taking place from Friday, Nov. 28 to Sunday, Nov. 30, the event is free and open to the public. Here is the list of artists performances and their locations:

Friday, Nov. 28

- 12 to 3 p.m. – Classical Music Acts plays at the Madison Community Arts Center,

- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. – Roe Knows Best plays at Romanelli's,

- 1 to 2 p.m. – Darren O'Neill plays at Harvest Bistro,

- 1 to 2 p.m. – Alejandro Ataucusi plays at the Madison Early Trades & Crafts (METC) Annex,

- 2 to 3 p.m. – Rob & Ronnie plays at Romanelli's,

- 2 to 3 p.m. – Lavender Disaster plays at Dewey's Comic City,

- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Anthony Francesco plays at METC Annex,

- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – The Nightly Noodle plays at Dewey's Comic City,



Photo by Brett Friedensohn

The band "Famous Prophets," whose members are all Madison residents, perform at the Madison Community Arts Center Friday, Sept. 6. From left are Luca Bambucci on guitar, Matt Stebins on bass and vocals, Jack Sanderson on guitar, Eric Harding on Saxophone, and Olivia Gennaro on trumpet and vocals. They will perform at the Madison Holiday Arts Festival at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29 at the Madison Community Arts Center.

- 4 to 5 p.m. – Jerry Vezza Quartet plays at Shanghai Jazz,

- 6 to 8 p.m. – Flying Cars Levy Okun plays at Madison Community Arts Center.

Saturday, Nov. 29

- 12 to 1 p.m. – Spotlight Kids play at the METC Annex,

- 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Classical Music Acts plays at Madison Community Arts Center,

- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. – Dan Baldan plays at Harvest Bistro,

- 1 to 2 p.m. – Sydney Leigh plays at The Joyful Shoppe,

- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Danello, Sad Surfer plays at METX Annex,

- 2 to 3 p.m. – Cara Scarmack plays at Romanelli's,

- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Olivia Eden plays at The Joyful Shoppe,

- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Dave Murphy Trio plays at Romanelli's,

- 6 to 8 p.m. – Famous Prophets, Samantha Jean, Misa Rai plays at Madison Community Arts Center.

Sunday, Nov. 30

- 2 to 4 p.m. – Poe Opera: Tell-Tale Heart performs at the Madison Community Arts Center,

- 5:30 to 7 p.m. – Live Holiday Show Filming at the Madison Community arts Center.



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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO (MORRIS)TOWN

2025 Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green to be held on Saturday, Nov. 29

MORRISTOWN – The holiday season kicks off two days after Thanksgiving in Morristown, as Santa will be making his first appearance at the Morristown Green at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29 at the 2025 Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green.

The festival kicks off five weekends of Christmas cheer at the Green, as Santa is set to appear for visits and photos at the Green every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Christmas.

After making his entrance, Santa will be available for visits and photos from 5:45 to 8 p.m. Photos are available for \$15.

The festival will also feature the lighting of the Green, programming from the Mayo Performing Arts Center, hot chocolate and cookies provided by Hyatt Regency Morristown and an ice sculpting demonstration on the Green courtesy of 1776 Morristown.

“The holiday spirit is alive and well in downtown Morristown!” said Kristin Blake, area director of sales, events and

marketing at Hyatt Regency Morristown, one of the event’s sponsors.

“Hyatt Regency Morristown is delighted to once again join our neighbors in celebrating the season at the beloved Christmas Festival.

“It’s a tradition that captures the heart of our community and we are excited for everyone to experience the joy, lights and memories that make the holidays in Morristown truly unforgettable.”

After Saturday, Nov. 29, Santa will be available for photos from 3 to 8 p.m. on Fridays and noon to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Photos are available for \$15. Personal photography and videography is not permitted without purchase.

On the Saturdays and Sundays leading up to Christmas, there will be miniature train rides from 4 to 6 p.m. There will also be various other activities on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Those interested can view the schedule of events at <https://www.morristown-nj.org/christmasfestival2025/>.



Photo by Claudia Ceva

Hundreds of area residents traverse through the Morristown Green during the kickoff to the Christmas Festival on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024. The 2025 Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green is on Saturday, Nov. 29.

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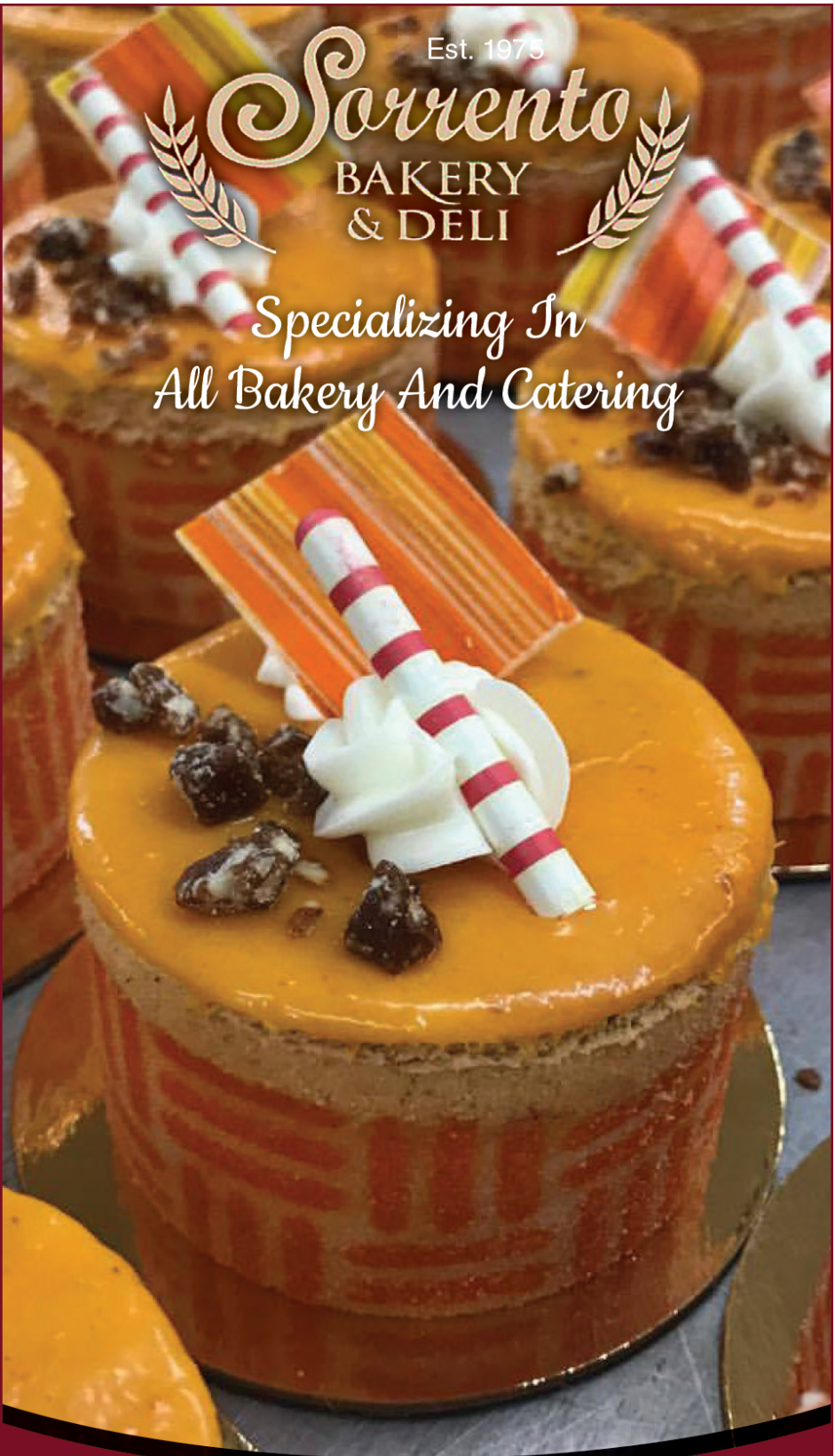
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MADISON CHRISTMAS PARADE IS NOV. 28



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Above: Santa Claus, aka Paul Newman of Bayonne, waves to kids during the Madison Christmas Parade on Nov. 29, 2024. This year's parade will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28 on Main Street. **Below:** Mrs. Claus, aka Madison resident Diana Krug, and Santa Claus, aka Bayonne resident Paul Newman, count down to the lighting of the Christmas tree on Waverly Place during the Madison Christmas Parade on Nov. 29, 2024.



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From left, Jerry, Bret and Lynne Harmen of Madison Photo Plus on Main Street pose for a photo inside the shop.

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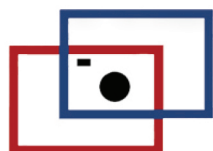
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HANUKKAH IN CHATHAM



Photo by Claudia Ceva
Chabad of Southeast Morris County Director Rabbi Shalom Lubin kicks off the festivities at the menorah lighting at Chatham's Reasoner Park off of Fairmount Avenue on Dec. 18, 2022. This year's iteration of the event will take place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21.

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NEW JERSEY FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA IS KICKING OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

MADISON – They're back! Under the baton of Maestro David Wroe, the New Jersey Festival Orchestra (NJFO) kicks off the holiday season with a bang as Return of the Holiday Tenors comes to Drew University, 36 Madison Avenue, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 7.

Back by popular demand, NJFO's festive holiday celebration features three award-winning tenors, John Kun Park, Luke Norvell, and Michael Deshield, in a symphonic spectacular of seasonal favorites, beloved arias, and timeless holiday classics. Adding to the merriment, the Central Avenue Choir of Madison joins NJFO for a community celebration that brings the magic of the season to life.

"We cannot wait to celebrate this special time of year," said Maestro Wroe. "Each of these phenomenal tenors brings remarkable artistry, charisma, and vocal power, together they create an unforgettable experience for audiences of all ages."

Luke Norvell, a graduate of the Academy of Vocal Arts, has been lauded for his "dramatic intensity and evenness of line" (Parterre Box). His fast-rising career includes appearances with Sarasota Opera, Opera Roanoke, Canadian Opera Company, and Opera Grand Rapids. Recent roles include Faust, Tamino (The Magic Flute), Alfredo (La Traviata), and Lensky (Eugene Onegin). A decorated competition artist, Norvell has earned prizes from the Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition, Tenor Viñas Competition, and Opera Index, among others.

Tenor Michael Deshield, a recent winner of the Indiana District Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition, brings a rich and expressive tone to the stage. Highlights of his upcoming season include a return to Sarasota Opera to cover Manrico in Il Trovatore and his debut with the Madison Symphony Orchestra as soloist in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. His credits include performances with Des Moines Opera, Sarasota Opera, and the



Return of the three Holiday Tenors will take place at Drew University, 36 Madison Avenue, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 7.

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Korean American tenor John Kun Park has been praised for his "stentorian voice" and commanding stage presence. His 2025–2026 season includes major debuts in the title role of Samson with West Bay Opera and as B.F. Pinkerton in Madama Butterfly with Opera on the James. He has recently appeared in leading roles such as Otello (Otello), Manrico (Il Trovatore), and Rodolfo (La bohème) with companies across the U.S., and has performed as a soloist at Carnegie Hall with Mid-America Productions.

Together, Park, Norvell, and Deshield will captivate audiences with a thrilling blend of traditional carols, operatic gems, and signature arrangements that showcase their extraordinary range and talent. This heartwarming program is the perfect prelude to NJFO's annual New Year's celebration, Broadway Through the Ages, a dazzling symphonic tribute to Broadway's greatest hits featuring soloists Tess Marshall, Lisa Marie Rogali, and Peter Kendall Clark, presented Wednesday, December 31 at 5:00 PM in Westfield and Thursday, January 1 at 2:30 PM in Basking Ridge.

For tickets and more information, visit njfestivalorchestra.org or call (908) 232-9400.

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Three days of fantastic programming will be held at multiple venues in Downtown Madison, NJ, on Friday, November 28, Saturday, November 29, and Sunday, November 30

This event is free and open to the public.

The Madison Community Arts Center, located at 10 Kings Road, will serve as the headquarters and warming station, with an information booth.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28		
TIME	ARTIST/BAND	LOCATION
12:00-3:00pm	Classical Music Acts	Madison Community Arts Center
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3:30-4:30pm	The Nightly Noodle	Dewey's Comic City
4:00-5:00pm	Jerry Vezza Quartet	Shanghai Jazz
6:00-8:00pm	Flying Cars Levy Okun	Madison Community Arts Center
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29		
TIME	ARTIST/BAND	LOCATION
12:00-1:00pm	Spotlight Kids	METC Annex
12:30-3:30pm	Classical Music Acts	Madison Community Arts Center
12:30-1:30pm	Dan Baldan	Harvest Bistro
1:00-2:00pm	Sydney Leigh	The Joyful Shoppe
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3:30-4:30pm	Dave Murphy Trio	Romanelli's
6:00-8:00pm	Famous Prophets Samantha Jean Misa Rai	Madison Community Arts Center
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2:00-4:00pm	Poe Opera: Tell-Tale Heart	Madison Community Arts Center
5:30-7:00pm	Live Holiday Show Filming	