



September 2026



Bottle Hill Day is one of Madison's biggest community celebrations, and Madison Housing Authority will be there!

Bottle Hill Day will feature food, live music, family activities, vendors, local organizations, and more throughout downtown Madison. We hope to see you there!

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Our Back-to-School Giveaway was a wonderful success! We were so happy to provide Madison Housing Authority families with Madison-branded drawstring bags, filled with school supplies to help students start the new school year ready to learn.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of the Madison Rotary Club, whose grant helped make the drawstring bags possible, and the Presbyterian Church of Madison, whose generous donation of school supplies helped fill them.

We are incredibly grateful to our community partners for helping us support our MHA families. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success!



NJ FamilyCare Changes: What You Need to Know

Changes are coming to NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, and some New Jersey residents may be affected by new federal work requirements.

Want to understand what these changes could mean for you or your family? New Jersey Citizen Action is hosting a FREE virtual webinar to explain the upcoming requirements and what residents need to know to prepare.

During the webinar, you'll learn:

- Who may be subject to the new requirements
- What activities may count toward meeting the requirements
- When the new rules are expected to take effect
- What could happen if requirements aren't met
- What you can do now to prepare and protect your healthcare coverage

 Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 PM

 Virtual Webinar

 Free & Open to the Public

 [Register for the webinar](#)

Taking a little time to learn about the changes now can help you understand your options and prepare for what's ahead.



Planning Ahead: An Elder Law Conversation

Planning for the future can feel overwhelming, but understanding your legal options can help bring clarity, confidence, and peace of mind.

Join the Madison Public Library for an upcoming Elder Law Seminar to learn more about important legal considerations for older adults and their families. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, learn about available resources, and better understand the steps you can take to plan ahead.

Whether you're planning for yourself or helping a loved one navigate the future, a little preparation today can make tomorrow a little easier.

For more information and registration:

[Elder Law Seminar Details & Registration](#)



Tenant Alert: Be Careful With Mail Addressed to MHA

Have you received mail that is addressed to Madison Housing Authority rather than to you?

Please check with the MHA office before responding, providing information, making a payment, or following any instructions included in the letter.

Unfortunately, scams can sometimes look official or use the names of legitimate organizations. If you receive something that appears unusual or is addressed to Madison Housing Authority instead of you, please contact our office so we can help determine whether the correspondence is legitimate.

When in doubt, check with us first!

Swap Your Stash! Craft Swap @ Madison Library

Have craft supplies you no longer need? Looking for something new to add to your creative collection?

Check out the upcoming Craft Swap at the Madison Public Library! It's a great opportunity to give unused craft supplies a second life while discovering materials for your next project.

Learn more and register:

[Craft Swap Details & Registration](#)



Madison Rotary & Thursday Morning Club Costume Swap 🎃

Why buy a brand-new Halloween costume when the perfect one might already be out there?

Join the upcoming Costume Swap on Saturday, October 10th from 10AM - 1PM, and give gently used costumes a chance at a second spooky season! It's a fun, budget-friendly way to find a new Halloween look while keeping perfectly good costumes out of the landfill.

Whether you're looking for something spooky, silly, creative, or completely over-the-top, you never know what you might find!

Swap a costume. Find a new favorite. Make Halloween a little more sustainable.

Learn more about the event:

[Costume Swap Details](#)



Madison Rotary | THURSDAY MORNING CLUB

MADISON ROTARY AND THURSDAY MORNING CLUB PRESENT

HALLOWEEN COSTUME GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 10TH
10 AM TO 1 PM

- FREE COSTUMES TO CHILDREN - INFANT TO LARGE SIZES
- CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
- COME ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, GAMES AND CRAFT TABLE - ALL FREE
- IF YOU HAVE A COSTUME TO GIVE- BRING IT! - PLEASE BE SURE IT IS COMPLETE AND CLEAN

TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT -
CALL 973-377-0244 OR
EMAIL - tmc@tmcch.org

Event will be held at the Madison Community House - 25 Cook Ave.

Madison/Chatham Community Yard Sale

Ready to clear out the closets, refresh your home, and maybe discover a hidden gem along the way? The Environmental Commissions of Chatham Borough, Chatham Township, and Madison Borough are hosting their bi-annual Community Yard Sale!

It's the perfect opportunity to declutter, shop sustainably, and give gently used items a second life—all while connecting with neighbors and finding some great treasures.

So grab your reusable shopping bags and get ready to browse, bargain, and give pre-loved items a new home!



Saturday, October 17

Rain Date: Sunday, October 18

Happy hunting!



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Hack of the month:

Start Your Holiday Fund Now!

The holidays may still feel far away, but September is actually a great time to start preparing financially.

Instead of waiting until November or December and feeling overwhelmed by holiday expenses, start setting aside a small amount now.

Try the "Holiday Envelope" Method:

-  **Make a list:** Write down the people, gifts, meals, travel, and other holiday expenses you expect.
-  **Set a total:** Estimate how much you'll need overall.
-  **Divide it up:** Divide that amount by the number of paychecks you have before the holidays.
-  **Set it aside:** Put that amount into a separate savings account or envelope each payday.

Even \$25 per paycheck can add up! Starting early can help you avoid putting holiday expenses on credit cards or feeling financially stretched when December arrives.

Small steps now = less financial stress later.



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