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This month's issue we feature a family that continues to travel extensively abroad for work and yet always looks forward to life in our special burbs.

Very best,

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Lorrie Foster and
Mark SaFranko

Around The World: All Roads Lead Back To Montclair

BY VALENTINA DI DONATO

PHOTOGRAPH BY NEIL GRABOWSKY, THROUGH THE LENS STUDIOS

MONTCLAIR HAS BEEN HOME to many talented individuals over the years, and one family that has made a mark not just in town but abroad is the SaFranko-Foster family. Mark SaFranko, a true multihyphenate; prolific writer, painter, musician, journalist, and actor, and his wife Lorrie Foster, an expert in international relations, moved to Montclair with their son in 2000.

“We lived in Hoboken for several years but decided to move to Montclair for the good public schools as well as the greenery and culture,” says Foster.

Their son, Jack SaFranko, was an avid soccer player at Montclair High School and even worked for Major League Soccer teams. He started a non-profit for underserved youth to be able to play soccer in D.C., and continues to work part-time in professional soccer. He also currently works for a technology consulting company in Washington, D.C.

Lorrie has always worked in the international relations field.

“Aside from doing strategic planning, mergers, and acquisitions for AT&T International, I was recruited to launch the N.J. Governor’s Commission on International Trade and serve as its Executive Director. I also served as Executive Director of the World Trade Institute at the World Trade Center in New York.” She has had several senior roles at the Conference Board in New York and now advises global companies on their employee volunteer programs and philanthropy. “These roles have involved extensive global travel and allowed me to do what I love, which is interact with other cultures,” she explains.

SaFranko is best known for his novels, with over 20 titles to his credit. His work has been published overseas – in the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and, later this year, Germany. In the U.S., his novels have been published by both established and niche publishers like Harper Perennial and Thomas & Mercer, as well as smaller publishers. “The vast majority have been published in Europe – the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and later this year, Germany,” he says.

His work as an actor is recounted in his 2019 semiautobiographical novel, *Nowhere Near Hollywood*. Another novel, *Putain D’Olivia*, was nominated for the Spirit of the Left Bank prize in France.

The Guardian wrote a glowing review about SaFranko entitled, “A Genius Overdue for Recognition” which focused on his recognition in the international underground lit scene. The piece questioned the taste of the contemporary commercial publishing industry and the inability to “tell a good book if you went up and hit them over the head with one.”

SaFranko tells me his take on the difference between the U.S. and European publishing houses, how the audiences differ, and



Jack and Seeing Eye puppy in training, Yuma, on annual Seeing Eye socialization trip in Washington D.C.

where he feels more comfortable as an author, “No question in the European literary world because of the quantity of my work that’s appeared there. And it’s more appreciated there. The French are very proud and protective of their literary perception and taste. Fortunately for me, I’ve been able to find European publishers. I’ve been particularly lucky because they’ve found me. I have lived in France for periods of time over the past decade. I was named the first International Artist-in-Residence at the University of Lorraine in Nancy. So, in some ways, France is a second home for me.”

His biggest takeaway on what defines the French reader’s taste is their voracious appetite for literature. “I have found the audience to be women and men of all ages, people who read widely, adventurous readers. People who are interested in literature and the travails of artists. Readers who appreciate

noir and suspense. People with a sense of black humor,” he says.

SaFranko’s work, which ranges from gritty and dirty realism to crime and psychological suspense, has found a home in France, Italy, and Germany, with a large readership in France.

I’m not altogether sure why I have such a strong following overseas – I’ve been trying to figure that out for years now – but the French, in particular, have provided a home for certain types of American writers since the days of Hemingway and Henry Miller. So, it’s a long tradition for them. Some say they are ahead of the curve when it comes to American writers,” adds SaFranko.

Travel has been and continues to be a cornerstone of the family’s lifestyle, not only for work but for their culinary and artistic curiosities, “I continue to travel globally for work and try to add a few days to every business trip to experience the local culture. It is hard to pick a favorite, but I have enjoyed touring the temples in Kyoto, learning to cook Thai food in Bangkok, biking near

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Monet's home and gardens in France, visiting museums in Basel, attending Ballet Folklorico performances in Mexico City," says Foster.

"Over the years, between the two of us, I've become the poissonnier," says SaFranko. He often visits the Shoe Catch tent at the farmer's market on Saturdays and comes back with specialties he loves to cook, "skate wing and, on the rare occasions when it comes in, wahoo. Their middle-neck clams are also great. We also visit Gus's Seafood on Valley Road for their incredible crab cakes. Living in France and the Florida Keys has also opened up other seafood worlds to us since their staples are much different from ours. Yellowtail snapper in the Keys. Dorade royale in France."

"Since Mark is so good with fish, I focus on the other dishes - soups, stews, desserts - especially cobblers when we pick N.J. blueberries in July or apples in the fall," says Lorrie.

During the family's time in France, they were able to see so much of the world. "Mark and I were able to travel extensively when he was the artist-in-residence in France, and it was hard to find an area we didn't like. The Basque country - especially Biarritz and San Sebastian during the Film Festival - was a definite favorite," says Lorrie.

Sometimes, their foreign colleagues have come to visit

Montclair and have been fascinated by the diversity of architecture. "A German film crew that came to film a documentary on me in advance of my novel from Pulpmaster was fascinated by every nook and cranny of our house, both inside and out. They explained that their homes are largely homogeneous, and the variety of the styles in Montclair utterly captivated them.

The architecture here is a show in and of itself. It's still captivating to me, too," says SaFranko.

The SaFranko-Foster family has also been raising German Shepherds as Seeing Eye dogs. "Our son was the primary puppy-raiser for two Seeing Eye dogs - both German Shepherds. He did this through the Seeing Eye guide dog school in Morristown - the oldest guide dog school in the U.S. and one of the largest. They have a very rigorous and extensive program that uses volunteers to socialize and train puppies from seven weeks to 14 months. We don't currently have a pet, but for the past several years Lorrie and Mark have been temporary puppy raisers for the Seeing Eye - with dogs in special circumstances or for short-term stays when the raiser needs to be away."

The SaFranko-Foster family has made a mark on Montclair and beyond with their talents, philanthropic work, and involvement in the community. They are a testament to the creativity that Montclair has to offer. ■



Mark with the French movie director Philippe Claudel (*I've Loved You So Long*) teaching a master class in Nancy, France.

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Library of Things and Seed Library

CONTRIBUTED BY ANDREW NG

BOOKS, MAGAZINES, AND MOVIES may be the conventional offerings of a public library, but since April the Montclair Public Library has begun lending a variety of other useful and recreational objects as part of its new “Library of Things.”

The list of “things” offered will expand as donations and funding allow. Currently two dozen objects are available for borrowing, including:

- mini bass and amplifier
- telescope and microscope
- ukulele starter kit
- robot kit
- speaker and microphone
- board games
- cassette to CD converter
- bedazzler
- video to digital converter

To see the full list and place a reservation, visit montclairlibrary.org/borrow/things or call 973-744-0500 ext. 2232. Borrowers must present a Montclair Public Library card at the designated pickup location (Main Library or Bellevue Avenue Branch). Only one thing per library card may be borrowed at a time, and the loan period varies per thing. Late fees and replacement costs for damaged things apply.

In addition to the Library of Things, MPL launched a Seed Library in March that offers a variety of free seed packets to

anyone, no library card required. The Seed Library focuses on plants that are native, pollinator-friendly, and/or edible, with the goals of fostering resilience, preventing hunger, and promoting nutrition in the community. To see a list of available seeds, which are currently available at the Bellevue Avenue Branch only, visit montclairlibrary.org/borrow/seeds or call 973-744-0500 ext. 2283.

The Library of Things and Seed Library add to a nationwide trend of circulating non-traditional items, expanding the role of libraries as community hubs and spaces for sharing. For several years now, MPL has offered other non-traditional items such as Wi-Fi hotspots, Chromebooks, Kindles, museum passes, and activity kits for senior citizens.

The Library of Things is supported by the Montclair Public Library Foundation. The Seed Library is funded by Friends of the Bellevue Avenue Library and includes seed donations by Hudson Valley Seed Company. ■

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Featured Article



Jadin O’Brien’s Olympic quest continues with national title

By Cody Kluge,
BVM Sports Journalist/Editor

Over the past few years, Jadin O’Brien has proven to be one of the best track and field athletes in the entire country. While competing in the pentathlon, the Notre Dame standout has found plenty of success. However, it hasn’t come without hard work, focus, and overcoming some adversity. “I did everything I had needed to do to prepare for the national championship,” O’Brien said. “But the night before it really sunk in. I was like, ‘I’m about to go do this...’” *Continue reading on the BVM Sports website.*

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Empathetic Leadership

CONTRIBUTED BY STEVE ADUBATO, PHD

CONSIDER THE WORDS of Henry David Thoreau; “Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other’s eyes for an instant?” Many agree that empathy is one of the most important leadership skills. It involves taking a genuine interest in others and being open to other points of view. However, empathy often does not happen organically or by accident. The ability to empathize—in fact the awareness of the need to empathize—is something we MUST remind ourselves to do. So, as a leader, how can we reprogram our mind and leadership approach to make empathy a priority? Consider the following:

■ **LOOK OUTWARD** One of the biggest dangers in the leadership and communication game is to become so consumed with our own reality that we become oblivious to the reality of those around us. We lose the ability and willingness to even try to empathize with others, and as a result, our relationships suffer. When we later find out what was really going on with the other person, we often regret our initial reaction and say to ourselves; “If I had only known what was happening, I wouldn’t have acted that way.”

■ **BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT** If you are interacting with someone and he seems despondent or not particularly friendly, ask yourself what could be going on that might cause such a reaction? Give that person the benefit of the doubt. Become more “other centered” in your thinking and your communication and ask the person some open-ended questions regarding what he is feeling. Give him the option of opening up. By showing concern or interest in others, we are communicating in a more empathetic fashion.

■ **BE SELFLESS** As leaders, especially as we are working our way up in an organization, we can become “selfish” as a defense mechanism. It is not intentional or malicious, but instead we focus on ourselves and doing those things that will elevate our



status within the company. However, the great leaders show their true abilities when they put others first and are “selfless.” In a meeting, recognize a team member for the work he or she did on a project. If someone thanks you for a report you created,

be sure to acknowledge the work of the other contributors. No one likes a person who always says, “Hey look at me and all I did.” Include others in your success.

■ **GENUINELY CARE** A client once asked me, “Steve, can you tell me how to be perceived by others as if I care about them?” To which I asked, “Bob, do you actually care about them?” He responded, “Well, no, but I want them to believe that I do.” Acting as if you care about someone and actually being invested in how they are feeling and what is going on in their lives are two different things. Make a commitment to listen, truly listen, and to be there for those on your team. Trust me, if you are faking that you care about them, they will notice.

■ **BE KIND** As leaders, our patience can be tested. Our expectations may not be met. Deadlines are missed. When these moments happen, remind yourself to be kind. Do a little digging to understand your employees’ behaviors and what tools they may be lacking to get the job done. What more can and should you be doing to put them in the best place to succeed. Simply put, instead of approaching the situation from a place of anger, frustration, or resentment, come from a place of kindness and understanding and, yes, empathy. This will build trust within your team and will lead to increased work productivity and efficiency in the long run. ■

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A northern rough-winged swallow settles in to a cozy nesting site in a stone wall.

Nesting Time

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PHOTOGRAPHY BY RICK WRIGHT

BIRDERS LIKE TO TAKE a day or two off after the breathlessness of spring migration. All those early mornings can seem a bit much, and as temperatures and humidity rise, a soft pillow and a leisurely breakfast just get more and more appealing.

The birds don't have the same luxury. The rush of spring migration, so exhilarating for us watchers, is fraught with the highest of stakes for the northbound birds. For them, the end of May brings not rest and relief but the beginning of the most intense, most stressful, and most perilous period in the annual cycle. It's time to see to the next generation.

For many of the species that breed here in our area, the tangled processes of courting, establishing and defending a territory, building the nest, and tending to eggs and chicks began as early as the end of March. Mourning doves, American robins, European starlings, and house sparrows have been busily gathering sticks and stems to construct nests in trees and beneath the eaves of houses, and the woodpeckers have split their time between frantic feeding, drumming and yaffling, and digging new nest holes with the mighty chisels of their beaks. By the time June rolls around, some of these species are already hard at work on a second brood.

Later arrivals—swallows, warblers, vireos, catbirds—are under even more pressure. With a longer migration behind them, they have an accordingly shorter time to get the reproductive wheels rolling, and it sometimes seems as if they take no time off at all between falling out of the nighttime sky and setting to their domestic tasks. Here in Bloomfield and Montclair, pairs of chipping sparrows and eastern kingbirds, common yellowthroats and wood thrushes, barn swallows and red-eyed vireos will be all a-bustle through June, and by the end of the month, feckless young of these and other species will be everywhere, begging from their exhausted parents even as they slowly learn to feed themselves—and to prepare for their own



American goldfinches gather them zinnia seeds while they may.



Mourning dove chicks quickly outgrow their nests.

first southbound migration at the end of summer.

The notable exception to all this hurry and hassle is the American goldfinch, the familiar “wild canary” of our yards and feeders and New Jersey’s official state bird. Rather than rush into the breeding season, goldfinches spend much of the summer blithely singing; they patiently wait until thistles and milkweed have gone to fluffy seed, and only then do they turn to building their tiny cup nests, lined with the softest of down to cradle their late-summer babies. ■

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Understated Beauty on Irving Street

CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE FARRELLY, MONTCLAIR TOWN HISTORIAN



Photo courtesy Mike Farrelly

SOMETIMES MONTCLAIR HOUSES are not famous because of their size or stunning architectural features. They are famous because of the people who lived in them.

This is one of those houses. Dr. John A. Kenny, who is one of the most inspiring characters who ever lived in Montclair, lived in this house in the 1920s and 1930s. Many people lived in it before and after Dr. Kenny lived there. No one seems to have stayed in it very long except for the Jett family who lived in the house for more than 50 years (along with other people). This article will not be able to cover everyone who lived in the house.

This house was built by the Andrew Doremus (Construction) Co. of Glen Ridge in 1908 and sold to Hannah E. Harris. Hannah owned it for the next 16 years or so, but she never lived here. The first person to live here was Clifford L. Weston and his sister, Grace (Weston) Cornell, and his brother-in-law, David C. Cornell. Clifford had worked for the George R. Read (Real Estate) Co. in New York until he formed a partnership with Howard

Haselhurst and went into the real estate business for himself. David Cornell had been in the banking business but was working in the real estate business in 1916. Clifford, David, and Grace only lived in the house for a couple of years. In 1916 Ozro B. Phillips, his wife, Sally (Cox) Phillips and their children lived in the house. Ozro held a wide variety of jobs in his lifetime. A 1910 census noted that he was a “gold prospector”. In 1916, when he lived in Montclair, he was an agent for a munitions firm. A few years later he was a “campaign director” for various progressive causes. He ended up in the oil business with a few wells in Louisiana. Ozro and Sally only lived here for a couple of years.

In 1923 Hermina Wilhemina Auguste Maria “Anna” (Hasenbalg) Snead moved in. Anna was born in Hamburg, Germany. She was the widow of Charles Snead who was an

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executive in the iron foundry started by his father in Louisville, KY. They moved to Montclair when he was attached to the Snead offices in New York. They had lived in Erwin Park and on Rockledge. Anna moved here briefly after Charles passed away.

Around 1925 Mary S. Hannah bought the house and lived in it for a short while. Mary was the widow of Rev. Henry K. Hannah who had been the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Concord, MA. Mary had been the church organist. Mary only lived here for a short while. She moved into various houses in Montclair with her adult children.

Around 1926 Dr. John A Kenny and his wife Frieda (Armstrong) Kenny bought the house. Dr. Kenny had been the personal physician to Booker T. Washington in Tuskegee, AL. He was instrumental in setting up a clinic at the Tuskegee Institute. In 1923, when he was asked to join the (white) staff of a VA hospital in the city of Tuskegee, the KKK burned a cross in his front yard. He immediately brought his family North for their safety. He found that New Jersey hospitals would not allow African American doctors to treat their patients once they were admitted. African American doctors had to turn their patients over to white doctors (Montclair's three hospitals included). With his own money he founded the Kenny Memorial Hospital in Newark to honor his parents and to serve the African American community. It was the first hospital in New Jersey to be staffed by African American doctors and nurses. His commitment was total. He ran the hospital, served as chief physician and at night washed the sheets and towels. Frieda ran the kitchen. Dr. Kenny founded the National Medical Foundation and published the Journal of the NMF to keep African American doctors up to date with current medical practices. Dr. Kenny returned to Tuskegee in 1939 and turned the hospital over to representatives of the local

Newark community, who renamed it Community Hospital. The building that housed the hospital is now a church on W. Kinney St. John and Frieda's sons, John Jr., and Howard both became doctors. Ironically, Dr. Howard Kenny became the chief of staff at the VA hospital where the KKK tried so hard to prevent his father from working. Their daughter, Harriet (Kenny) Quisenberry worked with Dr. Bousfield who took over the National Medical Foundation after Dr John Kenny Sr. retired. Their son, Oscar, became one of the famous Tuskegee Airmen. He was killed during WWII. Frieda graduated from the Sargent School of Physical Education. In so doing, she became one of the first African American women to graduate from Boston University. John and Frieda came back to Montclair in 1944 but moved into a house on Madison Ave.

In the early 1940s John M. and Lillian Ragsdale lived in the house. John was a baggage handler for the Delaware Lackawana & Western Railroad at Pier 68 in New York harbor. He was active in the "Colored" YMCA that was on Washington St. The Charles Bullock School stands on the site now. By the late 1940s George W. and Roshia (Tutman) Ward lived in the house. George had a number of jobs throughout his career. Most of them were clerical. Somewhere around 1955 the Jett family bought the house. James and Theresa Jett occupied the house until their deaths. Their son, Steven, continued to live in the house.

James was an attendant at the Essex County Hospital (Overbrook) in Cedar Grove. Theresa stayed at home. She was very active in the Elks Club. The Jett family owned the house until 2010. ■

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PARK STREET ACADEMY: Where Emotional Intelligence Is Cultivated

BY VALENTINA DI DONATO



Lisa Raphael

LISA RAPHAEL began Park Street Academy in Montclair in the summer of 1996. “I had years of experience teaching special needs kids and middle and elementary school students, and I wanted to impact young children and give them the best introduction to learning in an environment that supports academic, social, and emotional growth,” she says.

As a preschool director, Raphael is worried about the incessant news of violence in schools and wants to help guide future generations. “I want parents to know that early childhood development is the most important time for cultivating emotional intelligence. Social and emotional intelligence is at the heart of Park Street Academy ... always. If we all commit to teaching ourselves and our children the



importance of identifying, understanding, and regulating our emotions, as well as learning to be compassionate with others, I believe we can implement real change in our society. If social and emotional intelligence curricula continue well past the early childhood classrooms and throughout a child’s school career, we can break this awful cycle and make a change for a kinder, safer world.”

Although there is so much seriousness in the current state of the world, levity is a constant in the classroom. “There are so many funny things that happen in a day when you work with young children. I always tell my teachers that if school isn’t fun, why bother? Kids respond to fun, so the sillier and the bigger, the better! I teach Fine Arts to my 4 and 5-year-olds like a college art history/art class that I make developmentally appropriate. I sometimes dress up and impersonate a particular artist I am introducing, and I never have a problem being silly and poking fun at myself,” says Raphael.

Park Street Academy’s philosophy is rooted in inclusivity. “Celebrating and embracing diversity and inclusivity has been my goal since the inception of Park Street Academy. Instead of avoiding holidays, we embrace them and expose our students to all of types of celebrations. We also begin our school year with our September theme, which we call ‘Me, Myself, My Family.’ This gives children the opportunity to learn to understand and accept physical, cultural, and familial differences in their classroom.”

“The philosophy of my school is to meet children where they are academically, emotionally and socially. Children come to school willing, curious, ready, and eager to learn. Early childhood education addresses the whole child, not just academics. In addition, families are an important part of a young child’s life, and school involvement is important.”

The teaching methods at Park Street Academy focus on being developmentally appropriate, sensory-based, individual and collaborative, with lots of room for experimental learning. Students are encouraged to take risks and that mistakes are a pathway to learning.

The biggest inspiration in Raphael’s work is the children. “Their curiosity, wonder, joy, and unconditional love are treasures I look forward to every day. Their excitement and capacity to learn truly amazes me, and though I feel accomplished in my past teaching experiences, I believe this is the most important work I have done in my entire career. The children I teach are my inspiration in life in and out of school,” she says.

“A school is only as good as its staff. I am so fortunate to work with loving, talented, devoted teaching professionals, many of whom have been with me for decades. They love teaching and our school and all it stands for, as much as I do.” ■

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June 2023

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 & 15 Garden Tales Kids Gardening Class

@Van Vleck House & Gardens
Spend time in the Edible Garden with us this spring! Each class will focus on a different storybook and will include planting, harvesting, journaling and learning all about the natural world! Registration required. Space is limited. Appropriate for children in grades K - 2. Register online at www.montclairfoundation.org. Sponsored by The Albert Payson Terhune Foundation and Haven Savings Bank.
Time: 4 - 5pm
Cost: \$15 per child Members, \$20 per child Non-Members

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 Author Chat: Women Who Invented the Sixties by Steve Golin

@Montclair Public Library
50 South Fullerton Avenue
Golin will discuss his book spotlighting Ella Baker, Jane Jacobs, Rachel Carson, and Betty Friedan.
Time: 6:30pm
Cost: Free
montclairlibrary.org/events

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 2 & 3 Roses to Rock Gardens

Our annual tour of delightful gardens will take place in Montclair and the surrounding area. Admittance to the gardens requires a purchase of the Tour Journal which can be picked up at Van Vleck House on Friday and Saturday of the tour. Each garden may be toured once, and the journal must be presented for admittance. The Journal has descriptions of each garden and a map with the addresses of all the properties to tour.
Time: 11am - 4pm
Cost: \$40/\$50/\$60

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 Which Stone are You?

@Trend Coffee and Tea House
411 Bloomfield Avenue
Twin comedians Stone and Stone (NBC's "Last Comic Standing," the Comedy Cellar, Friars Club roasts) entertain you in their new home town.
Time: 8-9:30pm
Cost: \$20.00

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25 Sunday Morning Rooftop Yoga with Melanie Nycole

@The MC Hotel
Find your flow and soak up the skyline at Montclair's only Rooftop! Melanie will guide you through a Yoga Flow linking postures with breath. You will move through sun salutations, warriors, balancing postures, backbends, inversions and relaxing hip openers. All levels are welcome! Here's how we are going to kick things off: We will meet on the rooftop! We'll have plenty of water / towels / hand sanitizer on hand. Please #BYOM (Bring Your Own Mat) as we will not have communal mats. Class will have limited spots and require a reservation. Please check in by 10:55am. 973.329.5550
Cost: 30\$ **Time:** 11am-12pm
melanie.nycole@gmail.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 MUSIC UNDER THE JUNE MOON: CONCERT IN ANDERSON PARK

@Anderson Park
Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy the Chamber Music Society of North Jersey under the historic Olmsted Oak, featuring works by Samuel Barber, George Walker, Franz Schubert and Franz Joseph Haydn. A full program will be posted at www.FriendsOfAndersonPark.com. Sponsored by Friends of Anderson Park; made possible by funds from the Essex County Division of Cultural Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts; and the Bravitas Group/Silver Family Foundation. Handicap accessible; for accommodations: 973-477-7207. (Raindate: June 4, same time. Check the Friends of Anderson Park Facebook page or call for weather updates.)
Time: 7:30pm **Cost:** Free

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH Guided Walking Tour of Watchung Park and Plaza

@Watchung Park
This walk will take you through a turn-of-the-century business district and commuter suburb, developed between 1900 and 1930.

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm
Cost: Free
<https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2023/6/4/guided-walking-tour-of-watchung-park-and-plaza>

MONDAY, JUNE 5 AND 12 Monday Morning Yoga - Hybrid (In-person/virtual)

@Van Vleck House & Gardens/@Home
Begin your week with mindful vinyasa yoga in the Van Vleck living room or in the comfort of your own home. We flow between postures at a slow to moderate pace, focusing on building strength in body and mind. This class welcomes all levels from beginner to experienced yogis. Masks optional for in-person class. Bring your own yoga mat and props. Register at www.montclairfoundation.org.
Time: 9:30 - 10:45am
Cost: \$20 per person for Members/\$25 per person for Non-Members

TUESDAY, JUNE 6-9 MuseumWeek!

@Montclair History Center
108 Orange Road,
Montclair, NJ 07042
MuseumWeek is an annual event that takes place on social media, with the goal of promoting museums and cultural institutions around the world. During MuseumWeek, museums and cultural institutions in general share content on their favorite social media platforms and organize special events in their venue.
Time: 11am-2pm
Cost: Pay what you can!
<https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2023/6/6/museumweek>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 Garden to Table Family Class

@Van Vleck House & Gardens
Enjoy quality time in the garden with your child as we explore the Edible Garden and all that it has to offer. Help us weed and water, plant and harvest. We will prepare a simple snack with ingredients found in the garden. Register for each session individually, but space is limited. Appropriate for children ages 4 and up but all are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by The Albert Payson Terhune Foundation and Haven Savings Bank Register online at www.montclairfoundation.org.
Time: 4 - 5pm
Cost: \$15 per family for Members, \$20 per family for Non-Members

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 7, 14, 21 & 28 Virtual Meditation @Home

Contemporary spiritual teacher and author Ramananda John E. Welshons will guide you through a series of evening meditation classes in the comfort of your own home. These classes will focus on specific practices for working with fear and anxiety and will offer reflections on how to deal with our current "social distancing" lifestyle. Participants will learn and practice different forms of with a highly experienced meditation teacher. Registration is required by 1 pm, the day of the class, at www.montclairfoundation.org.
Time: 7 - 9pm
Cost: \$10 per person for Members/\$15 per person for Non-Members

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SATURDAY, JUNE 10

**Outdoor Adventures:
Magnification Station:
Nature Too Small to See**

@Van Vleck House & Gardens
Spend some time with us in the gardens as you and your family explore and learn about the outdoor world through crafts, scavenger hunts, activity sheets and displays. Each program will focus on a specific theme, and our Van Vleck Education team will guide your family through this interactive learning experience. Registration is required and includes everything you need to participate in the program. Designed for children ages 4 -11 but all are welcome. Sponsored by Montclair State University & Haven Savings Bank. Registration required one day prior to program at www.montclairfoundation.org.
Time: 10am - 12:30pm
Cost: FREE for Members. \$15 per family for Non-Members

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

**Watchung Booksellers
Welcomes Elin
Hilderbrand, "The Five-
Star Weekend"**

@Watchung Booksellers

Watchung Booksellers welcomes bestselling author Elin Hilderbrand for a release day signing of "The Five-Star Weekend." Ticket required for entry--first come first-served entry! Ticket includes one copy of The Five-Star Weekend. Additional copies may be purchased at watchungbooksellers.com for pickup on June 13. She will only be signing copies of The Five-Star Weekend purchased through Watchung Booksellers. Please do not bring outside purchases or backlist. This event will be extremely popular--we ask that you be mindful of the weather and be patient and have fun talking with other fans as you wait on line. About The Book: After tragedy strikes, Hollis Shaw gathers four friends from different stages in her life to spend an unforgettable weekend on Nantucket, by the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Hotel Nantucket.
Time: 5 - 7pm **Cost:** \$30
<https://www.watchungbooksellers.com/events/20230613>

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14
Tales on the Trails Pre-K**

Class: Incredible Insects

@Van Vleck House & Gardens
Discover the wonders of the outdoor world with your little one. This program begins in the gardens of Van Vleck with a story then continues with a walk and a simple craft. A parent or caregiver is required to accompany each child. Programs will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Registration is required at www.montclairfoundation.org. Appropriate for 3 - 5-year-olds.
Time: 1 - 1:45pm
Cost: \$10 per child for Members. \$15 per child for Non-Members

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

**History at Home: Trinity-
Doing Good Work in
Montclair's Caribbean
and African American
Communities**

Virtual
George Marshall Plaskett founded Trinity Episcopal Church in Montclair, NJ, and many other churches. Trinity, which closed in 2007 after 91 years, became a home for British subjects who immigrated from the Caribbean in addition to becoming a church home for many entrepreneurs,

professionals, and musicians who broke racial barriers in various disciplines.

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm
Cost: Free
<https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2022/5/19/history-at-home-matinee-trinity-doing-good-work-in-montclairs-caribbean-and-african-american-communities-8k579>

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

**Montclair Passive Income
Real Estate**

@Greek Taverna
292 Bloomfield Avenue #1
The Montclair Passive Income Real Estate Network invites you to join us for a Welcome Launch Networking Night! This exciting event is the perfect opportunity for you to connect with fellow passive real estate investors and start building meaningful relationships with others in the industry. The topic this month will be on the economy, surviving the current turbulence. How does the Silicon Valley Bank failure effect us?

Time: 6 - 8pm
Cost: Free
<https://www.meetup.com/montclair-passive-income-meetup-group/>

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SUNDAY, JUNE 18

An Evening with Taylor Goldsmith (of Dawes)

@Outpost in the Burbs

First Congregational church

Taylor Goldsmith is the lead singer/songwriter for the band Dawes. Taylor's work has been widely recognized for his excellent story-telling and honest lyrics. Esquire Magazine called Goldsmith "The best young songwriter in America" and says of his songs "these are songs that don't just speak for themselves but accomplish something far rarer - they speak for us." Goldsmith draws influence from Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, Warren Zevon, and Jackson Browne, who Dawes have had the pleasure of playing with and who has called Taylor a "brilliant songwriter." Taylor & co-writer Sidd Khosla recently received an Emmy nomination for "Outstanding Original Music and Lyrics" for their song "Memorized" from the NBC show This Is Us.

Time: 8pm

Cost: \$45 advance/\$50 day of show Tickets and info at www.outpostintheburbs.org

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Guided House Tour: Eyewitness to Black History

@Crane House and Historic YWCA, 110 Orange Road, Montclair, NJ 07042

Explore 200 years of Black history in Montclair and New Jersey through rare first-hand accounts, primary and secondary source documents at the Crane House & Historic YWCA. Tours begin at 12:00pm, 1:00pm, and 2:00pm at the little red Nathaniel Crane House & Visitor Center located at the back of the parking lot. No reservations needed.

Time: 12 - 3pm**Cost:** \$12/adult; \$10/student/senior with ID; \$8/child; under 2 free

<https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2020/2/23/eyewitness-to-black-history-october-2022-nfcjl-m8xma>

MONDAY, JUNE 19

Juneteenth At The Montclair Pre-K

49 Orange Rd

Join us for Juneteenth to celebrate community and freedom! Event will include food trucks, performances, history, culture and family fun.

Time: 11am - 2pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

Drop-in Health Screenings

@Montclair Public Library

50 South Fullerton Avenue

Blood pressure and glucose

screenings courtesy of

Hackensack Meridian

Mountainside Medical Center.

First come first served.

Time: 11am - 1pm**Cost:** Freemontclairlibrary.org/events

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Open Book / Open**Mind: Lenny Kaye,****Lightning Striking: Ten****Transformative Moments****in Rock and Roll**

@Montclair Public Library

50 South Fullerton Avenue

Kaye, the former lead guitarist for Patti Smith, discusses the evolution and enduring legacy of the music that rocked the 20th century. Attend in person or livestream on Zoom.

Time: 4pm**Cost:** Freemontclairlibrary.org/obom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Miyazaki Movie Fest: Howl's Moving Castle

@Montclair Public Library

50 South Fullerton Avenue

Teens can watch a screening of Howl's Moving Castle (rated PG). Snacks provided, while supplies last. (ages 12-18)

Time: 5pm**Cost:** Freemontclairlibrary.org/events

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IN RECENT YEARS, certificates of deposit, or CDs, have been somewhat under the radar of investors. But things may be changing. As the Federal Reserve has raised interest rates to combat inflation, CD rates have also gone up. One-year CDs can currently be found paying in the 5% range — a rate that hasn't been seen in more than 15 years. However, rates could fall again later in 2023.

The income potential from CDs may be attractive, but CDs can also help broaden the investment mix in your portfolio, so you're not over-concentrated in one type of asset.

You might consider building what's known as a "ladder" by buying a series of CDs that mature at different dates. If interest rates are up, you can reinvest your maturing short-term CDs. And if the available CD rates are lower than your maturing CDs, you can cash them out. Meanwhile, you'd still have your longer-term CDs, possibly paying higher rates, working for you. A CD ladder and the securities held within it should be consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances. CDs may prove useful to your overall financial strategy — so give them some thought.

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Police Department, 647 Bloomfield Ave.....973-744-1234	Montclair Water Bureau, 54 Watchung Ave.....973-744-4600
Fire Department, 1 Pine Street.....973-744-5000	Montclair Board of Education, 22 Valley Road.....973-509-4000
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