



Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County, NJ



July 2021

Raritan Hosted Treaty Signing Ending World War I

Though it was decreed that World War I had ended on November 11, 1918, the Treaty of Versailles peace plan was never ratified by the U.S. Senate.

On July 2, 1921, President Warren G. Harding was playing golf at Somerset Hills Country Club in Bernardsville. At the completion of his round, he returned to the Raritan estate of Sen. Joseph Frelinghuysen. It was there that a courier delivered the Knox-Porter Resolution, ending hostilities with Germany and Austria. It was there in Raritan, one hundred years ago, that World War I officially came to an end. A reenactment of the signing was scheduled for July 10, 2021 at 12:00 Noon at the Raritan Library.

Free Auto Charging Stations Coming to Commons

Upon approval by the Township Zoning Board, a California company will install 20 electric charging stations for vehicles at the Bridgewater Commons.

There will be no charge for use of the stations with advertising covering the costs. It is expected that a one-hour charge will add enough power for 25 miles.



Broadway Coming to Somerville

The Downtown Somerville Alliance (DSA), in cooperation with Daryl Stewart Productions, will host "Showtune Sundays" on Division Street. The series will run every Sunday from July 11 through August 1, 2021 beginning at 3:00 P.M. The lineup includes:
July 11 Lauren Palmeri
July 18 Marisa Renee Budnick
July 25 Daniel Belnavis & Katherine Thomas
Aug. 1 Daryl Stewart & Friends

There is no charge and guests are encouraged to bring chairs.

RWJ Somerset Recognized for Safety

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset has been recognized with an "A" Safety Score as part of the Healthgrades 2021 Patient Safety Excellence Award.



The recognition places RWJUH Somerset in the top 5% in the nation for patient safety based on patient safety data from 13 Patient Safety Indicators (PSI) at acute care hospitals.

This is the sixth consecutive "A" Hospital Safety Score and the twelfth "A" rating overall.

Somerville Landfill to Transition into Solar Farm

After more than five decades of dormancy, a large portion of the former Somerville landfill on Route 206 is being developed with the property becoming a solar farm.

The Borough Council introduced an ordinance that will allow Hathaway Solar, LLC to enter into a lease agreement for 25 acres. Hathaway will have to enter into discussion with the NJ Board of Public Utilities to obtain necessary approvals.

Somerset County Courthouse Renovation

The new lobby and security area at the Somerset County Courthouse on North Bridge Street is expected to be completed by the fall when judicial operations are expected to return to post pandemic normal.

The original lobby was not designed for the currently necessary security procedures, often resulting in lines of jurors, attorneys, employees and others stretching out the doors.

Commons Opens Community Hub

The management of the Bridgewater Commons recently opened the Community Hub, a 3,500 sq. ft. location on the Main Level that will host community organizations for art exhibits, family-oriented activities, fashion shows, arts and crafts displays, and more.

The goal of the Hub is to reconnect people and support nonprofits coming out of the pandemic.

JAG-ONE Physical Therapy Moving to Bridgewater

JAG-ONE Physical Therapy is moving its headquarters from Woodbridge to 12,000 sq. ft. at 981 Route 22 in Bridgewater. The company has more than 80 locations in the tri-state area. The location was selected for the highway access and the proliferation of food and shopping opportunities for the employees.

County Vo-Tech Plans \$23M Expansion

Somerset County Vo-Tech will receive \$17.25M from the state with a 25% match from the County Board of Commissioners to construct a state-of-the-art facility on the Bridgewater campus.

The funds will support an increased enrollment of over 500 students expected in the fall of 2024.

Expanded programs will be offered in construction and architecture, finance, transportation/distribution, healthcare, leisure/hospitality, and manufacturing.

Sushi Restaurant Opens in Bridgewater

Ryujin, The Art of Modern Sushi has opened in the Bridgewater Shops on Prince Rodgers Avenue in Bridgewater. The restaurant is named for the dragon king, sea god, and master of serpents in Japanese mythology.

Somerville Launches Facebook Page

The Somerville Borough government has launched a facebook page to provide up-to-the minute news on Borough activities and programs. The page is available at Borough of Somerville, NJ - Government. The Borough web site at www.somervillenj.org will remain the predominant source of information.

Cookie Store Opens in Somerville

Epic Cookies has opened a store at 92 West Main Street providing hot and freshly baked cookies for takeout and delivery.

The four inch by four inch cookies come in chocolate chip, sugar, gluten-free, and a chocolate chip cookie doughnut each week in addition to four weekly specials.

Mental Health Center Expanding

Construction has begun on new medical and dental facilities at the Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center on North Bridge Street in Bridgewater. Staffed and operated by Zufall Health, the changes will allow all aspects of care for Richard Hall clients. The facility will be officially changing its name to Richard Hall Community Health and Wellness Center.

The expansion is funded by a federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Grant and expected to open at the beginning of 2022.

New Italian Restaurant Opens in Raritan

Hillsborough residents Joe Trani and Karo LaSpisa have opened Basilico, an Italian eatery at 46 West Somerset Street in Raritan. The restaurant serves authentic, made from scratch Italian cuisine. Basilico is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday.

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Somerville Honors Pride Month

A 75-foot mural commemorating Pride Month is featured on Somerville's Division Street near West Main Street through mid-July. The mural is dedicated to the leaders of the LGBTQ movement and featured national, state, and local icons of the movement.



The mural is the result of a partnership between the Downtown Somerville Alliance, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerville and the Babs Siperstein Proud Center.

Community Calendar

REGIONAL CENTER MEETING DATES

The Regional Center Partnership meetings are held virtually utilizing the Zoom application. To participate in the July 21, 2021 meeting beginning at 5:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89783968613>
Meeting ID: 897 8396 8613
One tap mobile
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Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M.
Thursday, September 9, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M.

LINKS TO REGIONAL CENTER COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Bridgewater:

<https://www.bridgewaternj.gov>

Raritan:

<https://www.raritanboro.org>

Somerville:

<http://www.somervillenj.org/content/4060/4459/default.aspx#gsc.tab=0>
<http://www.downtownsomerville.com/>

Somerset County

<https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/about/calendar>

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