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Welcome to the 2018-2019 issue of Sussex County magazine. Have you ever experienced those times when it feels like you are stuck in neutral? You aren’t going backward, but you aren’t advancing as quickly as you would like either. Then suddenly, it’s like someone steps on the gas. You stop idling and begin moving ahead – fast!

That’s what the past 12 months have been like for Sussex County. A number of development projects that have been in the works for years have either opened or made significant progress towards completion. Three of those blend housing and retail and one will put Sussex County on the map as home to the largest recycling center of its kind in the world (pages 19-22).

Major renovations and expansions have taken place too. The Sussex County YMCA added 9,000 square feet (page 37). Four area venues, including one that’s brand new, did some major upgrading to meet the demands of the county’s burgeoning wedding scene (pages 42-43) and the Shoppes at Lafayette, a 100,000 square foot retail and commercial destination, is also investing millions into rebuilding the shopping village.

Our cover story highlights one of the county’s true hidden gems - Kittatinny Valley State Park. This 6,000 acre oasis suits strolling dog walkers to mountain bikers and everyone in between (pages 32-35). Hikers love its 11 trails and the fact that the 20-mile Sussex Branch Trail passes right through it.

Speaking of trails, the Chamber’s Trail Partnership Committee celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Trail cleanups, new trail enhancements along with added signage are some of the committee’s recent accomplishments (page 17).

I hope you enjoy our publication and make sure to keep your seatbelt fastened. Sussex County is in forward motion!

Sincerely,

Tammie Horsfield
President
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Sussex Bank is now SB ONE BANK, launching its new brand and name on April 26, 2018.

WSUS Morning Show Host STEVE ANDREWS was inducted into the New Jersey Broadcasters Association (NJBA) Hall of Fame.

ELIZABETH MORGAN, of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Sparta, was an Honored Nominee in the Lifetime Achievement Award category at the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce’s “Toast to the Stars” Awards Dinner in 2018.

TERENCE WYNNE of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Newton recently won the firm’s Edward Jones Sr. Founders Award for his exceptional achievement in building client relationships.

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For the 8th year in a row, the WOODEN DUCK BED & BREAKFAST has been awarded the TripAdvisor 5 Star Certificate of Excellence and the TripAdvisor Hall of Fame Designation for the having more than 5 consecutive years with Certificates of Excellence.

IES BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION, a completely volunteer run non-profit organization, has awarded 101 summer fellowships to students to study neuroscience since the organization began this program in 2005.

MIDDLETON & COMPANY INSURANCE OF NEWTON qualified for the Merchants Insurance Group’s “President’s Club.” Middleton & Company Insurance has been serving Sussex County and surrounding areas since 1937.

COMPASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY was named the #1 Hospice in New Jersey for Patient Visits per Week by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

PAINTED GRAPE was voted the Best Art Classes by the NJ Herald’s Readers’ Choice Awards three years in a row (2016, 2017, 2018) and BECKIE SAJBAN, Painted Grape founder, was a nominee for a Sussex County Chamber Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2018.

Who holds a Viking march to celebrate a ground breaking? ANGRY ERIK BREWING of course! Attendees trekked two miles (many in Viking garb) to the site of the new brewery in Hampton Township from the current location in Lafayette.

Two NAMI SUSSEX members were recognized with NAMI NJ Program awards: board member Jeri Doherty for Family-to-Family, and Bob Cubby, a facilitator of PTS (“Post Traumatic Stress”) Connection, a free support group for veterans, police and first responders.

REALTY EXECUTIVES EXCEPTIONAL REALTORS was named the 2017 premiere mid-sized company in North Jersey Media Group’s annual Top Workplaces awards program.

THE CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND COUNSELING experienced a 17% growth in the services and programs it offers in Sussex County.

Drs. Greg and Kim Stetzel of BRANCHVILLE FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC announce the graduations of Dr. Billy Stetzel and Dr. Danielle Stetzel from Sherman College of Chiropractic in Spartanburg, SC as the third generation of chiropractors in the family.

CHRIS HEMMER, Chief Development Manager of the SCARC Foundation has been awarded the Robert Lane Chairman’s Award for his exemplary contribution to the SCARC mission to provide high quality services and support to people with developmental disabilities and their families in Sussex County.

KURT WALTON took over as the President of Pass It Along, as Diane Taylor, the organization’s Founder, stepped down to assume the role of chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Left to right: Dr. Kim Stetzel, Dr. Danielle Stetzel, Dr. Billy Stetzel, Katelyn Stetzel and Dr. Greg Stetzel.
Honoring Sussex County’s Stars

Well timed and delivered with the right note of sincerity and celebration, a toast gets any celebration off to a strong start. That’s why the Chamber themed the 33rd annual awards dinner, which recognized area companies, organizations and individuals that shine, a “Toast to the Stars.” Glasses were raised to the numerous nominees and 15 winners at Perona Farms in Andover, NJ.

“There were plenty of deserving nominees, as there always are, because so many of our businesses make it a priority to be a integral part of this strong community,” said Chamber President Tammie Horsfield.

A number of new awards were introduced for the first time including Business Innovation, Business Person of the Year, Chamber Champion, Entrepreneur of the Year, Healthy Living, Non-Profit Organization of the Year, Rising Star, Outstanding Community Event of the Year, and Workplace of the Year.

“The Chamber added new award categories, updated others and retired a few this year,” said Horsfield. “It was time to broaden the scope and add some categories that were a bit more modern and represent businesses that are pursing success by meeting the changing needs of consumers, like the Healthy Living award.”

The Healthy Living award recognizes an innovative business that supports the health of its consumers and community within its core business model and mission.

Get Juiced, a health food and drink store in Sussex, NJ, was the winner in this category. Open a year in the former location of El Coqui and Prouts Diner, the company’s mission says it all “Optimum health and it’s direct relationship to environment (including; community, food, microbiome, and soil) is the principal driving force behind our dedication to providing the highest quality healthy snacks in fun and accessible forms produced through sustainable, habitat enriching practices.”

Longstanding award categories that didn’t end up on the chopping block include Quality in Business, Customer Service, David C. Herzenberg, Quality in Living, Lifetime Achievement and the Chairman’s Award.

The prestigious Chairman’s Award, given to an individual or organization that has made an exemplary and/or extraordinary contribution to the county in the past year, went to the Sussex County Knock Out Opioid Abuse Town Hall.

Co-sponsored by the Sussex County Prosecutor’s Office, the Center for Prevention and Counseling, Atlantic Health System, the Coalition for Healthy and Safe Communities, and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence - New Jersey, the event was presented nationally as a way to shed light on opioid misuse while offering strategies for prevention and awareness.

Last year the same award went to the Sussex County C.L.E.A.R program which shared a similar goal of fighting the ongoing addiction and opioid crisis.
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Two popular community festivals, both presented by the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce, joined forces in 2016. But it wasn’t by choice. With weather compelling the cancellation of Sussex County Day twice that May, Chamber President Tammie Horsfield decided to combine it with the organization’s Champion of the Grill festival held each September at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta, NJ.

“Merging two events can be tricky,” said Horsfield. “Especially when it’s not what the original plan was. But the majority of participants and visitors really liked having one big celebration of Sussex County in one place.”

In fact, it was so well received the two merged permanently in 2017, this time by choice, not chance – under the Sussex County Day at Champion of the Grill banner.

And now another change is taking place. While the continued on the next page
popular BBQ cooking competition will still be a major part of the event, it’s being dropped as part of the festival’s name, which will now be known solely as Sussex County Day. The 2018 festival will be held at the Sussex County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 16 from 12-5 pm. A portion of the day’s proceeds are used for the Chamber’s annual scholarship program for area graduates and will also support business training and development needs for local companies and organizations.

“Sussex County Day was created to celebrate our community,” says Horsfield. “While discussion abounds about what actually defines a community, I believe, like many, that it’s a certain cohesiveness, camaraderie and sense of support among residents, businesses, organizations and municipal representatives. That’s what we have here and it’s what we are highlighting at Sussex County Day.”

As Premier Sponsor of Sussex County Day since its inception, Newton Medical Center -Atlantic Health System has a large presence at the event each year, showcasing various hospital departments and offering a variety of free screening, interactive activities and loads of great information on health and wellness.

A huge team of Chamber members volunteer behind the scenes to make Sussex County Day a success and their enthusiasm is contagious.

“I feel it is a great event to bring all of the local residents together and support the chamber that gives back in so many ways,” said Deena Marie Smith, Co-Chair of the Volunteer committee and Vice President, Commercial Relationship Manager at First Hope Bank. “It supports the Chamber scholarships too, which in turn helps our residents to achieve their educational goals.”

Cathy Kut of Realty Executives Exceptional Realtors, chairs the Exhibitor Committee with Co-Chair Kurt Walton of Pass It Along. Kut says of the event, “It is a fabulous opportunity to meet residents from the entire County for a fun free day!”

Walton agrees, adding, “I have had the privilege of being an educator for 31 years and now I have the privilege of working at Pass it Along. With that privilege comes great opportunities to serve and give back to our local communities, which have given my family so much. It’s an honor to be on a Sussex Day Committee.”

Lee Ellison, Director of Marketing Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, is both an exhibitor and an event volunteer. From the organization’s point of view, Ellison said, “As a business, Sussex County Day is the place to be. We participate in the scavenger hunt so hundreds of people stop by our booth, giving us an opportunity to talk to them about services.”

When discussing her volunteer role, Ellison explains, “As a volunteer I got involved because the Sussex County Chamber, specifically Tammie Horsfield, does so much for not only our organization but for the business community, and I felt this was a perfect opportunity to give back. The event is such a huge undertaking, any way we can support the effort only makes the event better for the community.”

Some volunteers got involved after years of enjoying the festivities as guests, like Mary Ann Ryan of Hello Neighbor, who now handles the popular Apple Pie Contest along with Elizabeth Morgan of Caldwell Banker Realtors and Christy Mahon of Escape Artist Holidays - Dream Vacations.

“Having enjoyed my trips to Champion of the Grill, I saw an opportunity to volunteer for a fun part of Sussex County Day,” said Ryan, who admits a little nostalgia motivated her too. “I grew up with my Mom being the pie maker in my home and always enjoyed coming home to the delicious smell of a pie in the oven.”

But even her mom resorted to store bought pies in a pinch, “The pies donated to this event from our local grocers and bakeries also reminds me of when my Mom ran out of time to make a homemade pie and she told me “We have adopted Mrs. Smith” and it would be her pie in our oven. It was very good, but I still wished it was my Mom’s.”

As you would expect, local municipalities and departments of County government are well represented at this community celebration. There’s even opportunity for some friendly competition between towns including an egg toss contest, and a chicken wing eating contest between area law enforcement officers.

“Sussex County Day is a great opportunity for law enforcement agencies to meet with their residents and the visitors to their municipalities,” said Chief Michael S. Richards of the Newton Police Department and President of the Sussex County Police Chiefs Association. “We enjoy being able to showcase the ways that we work together, partnering with federal, State, county and municipal law enforcement, to serve our communities and to help make our county safe and secure.”

Companies, organizations, vendors, exhibitors, classic car enthusiasts, aspiring young singers (k-12 grade) and grill aficionados interested in being a part of Sussex County Day can contact the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce at 973-579-1811 or visit sussexcountychamber.org for more information.
Are you in love with the outdoors?
If so, then you are probably one of the thousands of Sussex County residents and visitors that enjoy the area’s beautiful trails each year. Famous naturalist and Sierra Club founder John Muir said, “In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks.”

The Trails Partnership Committee of the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, works to develop the local trail system for the economic and healthy community benefits that result from this resource.

“Trails are great for the community in a lot of ways,” explains Chamber President Tammie Horsfield. “Not only do they provide recreational opportunities for the people that live here, they encourage travelers to visit, which has many positive economic benefits.” Trails, says Horsfield, foster economic prosperity too. “Whether it’s lodging, dining, gas fill ups or a cup of coffee, trails provide a real, measurable financial benefit to Sussex County.”

Well cared for trails become popular trails and the Trails Partnership Committee actively participates in their maintenance by organizing quarterly trail cleanups. During this year’s scheduled trail cleanups, front gates were refreshed with new coats of paint, tunnels that contained graffiti were painted and overall trail maintenance was completed. Local companies like Friendly’s, Franklin Mutual Insurance Company, LAN Associates EPAS, Inc., Pain Relief Chiropractic, Thorlabs, and United Methodist Communities at Bristol Glen encourage their employees – many on company time – to volunteer at the cleanups. They battle blisters, bruises and some bug bites in the clearing of brush and fallen tree branches so hikers, bikers, runners, and anyone seeking the peace of nature can enjoy.

For Jamie LaCouture, who handles community relations at Thorlabs, the decision to send a team to the clean-up was an easy one. “It is important to us as a pillar of the community to support our hometown and surrounding areas wherever we can, in any way that we can. This was a good opportunity for our employees to get out in the fresh air and do something to help beautify and maintain the trails that both the community and many members of our Thorlabs team use on a daily basis.”

Working to increase public awareness of the trails and ensure users have access to information to enhance their experience also falls to the Trails Partnership Committee. A full-size comprehensive trail map helps with this, outlining where trail heads, parking lots and restrooms are located. So does trail signage, which can prove indispensable if users are uncertain about trail location or direction, or become disoriented. In 2018 new informational kiosks were installed at 3 trails heads, each containing a trail map and other important information regarding the trails. Over 1,000 new trail blazer directional signs were installed along the 13.5 mile Great Valley trail loop as well.

Looking forward to 2019, the Trails Partnership Committee plans to add new signage for trail parking and additional information kiosks and wayfinding signs. The launch of a new website from the Sussex County Chamber in October 2018 will provide current trails information, scheduled committee and trail clean up dates as well as any trails related events. The partnership recognizes the importance of the trails to the economy and tourism and looks forward to seeing you out on the trails!
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2018 was a pivotal year for Sussex County! There were many exciting developments that significantly impacted the local economy and community—Newton Town Centre’s opening, Greentree Development, LLC’s role in a re-imagined Hopatcong Borough, Pace Glass Inc.’s $55 million investment, and the start of construction at North Village at Sparta.

NEWTON TOWN CENTRE
Newton Town Centre, located in the heart of downtown Newton, opened its doors to residents in March of 2018. Positioned on the main thoroughfare, residents are just steps away from the Newton Theater, restaurants, shops, and a variety of cultural institutions. Newton Town Centre brought something totally unique to Newton—the ability for residents to live in the heart of the community with access to a plethora of amenities in a brand new, energy efficient, affordable development. The community has embraced this building with open arms—long-time residents of the community are eager to stay put without the burdens of homeownership, Newton residents are moving their parents to the building, and local business are giving new residents gifts for moving in. This project is just one piece of the puzzle for a town that is...
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working hard at investing in its strengths and highlighting the benefits of Sussex County living.

Newton Town Centre was born in a meeting between RPM Development staff and the Town of Newton in July of 2012. RPM Development reached out to the town as a redevelopment area, but the town brought up a different idea; it suggested a partnership with the Town of Newton Parking Authority to transform one of their surface lots in a prime location into a mixed-use development. Thomas Russo, Newton Town Manager, was integral in helping bring together all of the Town of Newton pieces – including the Parking Authority, Planning Board, and Town Council.

The project site – with a main entrance on Spring Street – is the gateway to downtown Newton and the historic district. Corner retail activates the ground floor and helps the building blend into a street filled with ground floor commercial uses. Residents can walk to a variety of local restaurants, cultural institutions, and the majority of the civic buildings for both the Town of Newton and Sussex County.

The total project costs were just under $17.5MM. The project employed more than 50 different workers during the construction process across a spectrum of trades and included three full-time on-site employees. Additionally, the project now has a full time live-in Superintendent and the retail space will employ additional people once it is rented, hopefully later this year.

Many lake communities like Hopatcong Borough struggle daily to preserve their unique character in order to keep both residents and tourists happy and to maintain their economic vitality. For many, redevelopment efforts are necessary in neighborhoods and commercial areas to replace or repair previously developed buildings or plots of land that are in substandard condition or are no longer useful in their current state.

Hopatcong’s revitalization is no miracle; rather, it is the result of concerted effort and planning by the Borough beginning with two projects in the River Styx section of town from Greentree Development Group.

The first, a 15-unit condo community with on-site retail space known as Brookland at Lakepointe, was recently completed at 5 West River Styx Road. The second project, known as The Townhomes at Lakepointe, will feature nine luxury housing units located at 468 River Styx Road. For years

“These projects reflect how area developers and towns are working together to build stronger communities.”
— Tammie Horsfield

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“QUALITY IN BUSINESS”

New Developments

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Brookland at Lakepointe

Brookland at Lakepointe

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If you are a Rutgers football fan, you know the team plays at the High Point Stadium in Piscataway. What you may not know is that High Point is a Sparta, NJ- based company run by two High Point Regional High School grads; Mike ('86) and Tom Mendiburu ('89).

It's pretty unlikely that either brother could have predicted what the future held for them when they graduated; be it the success of the company they ended up building together – a circa quarter billion-dollar, multinational technology solutions provider - or the fact that they would sign a $6.5 million deal for the Rutgers Stadium naming rights.

That's because theirs is a bit of a “rags to riches” story. The brother's parents split up when they were very young so they were raised by a single mother. Cash was tight and neither went to college after high school. Both worked a couple of different jobs, got married, moved around, and experienced some hardships, like the one that drove Mike and his wife Heather to their knees in 1996: a house that they owned in Wantage but were renting to friends while they were living in Ohio, burned down due to a construction fault in the chimney.
It was while praying that the idea to start High Point Solutions (the original company name), whose namesake was High Point State Park, came to them. As they headed back to New Jersey in July of 1996, Mike made the company’s first transaction, a $350 order taken at a rest stop in Youngstown, OH.

This is a bit extraordinary since the couple had only $1,000 in the bank, $23,000 in credit card debt, and no business plan whatsoever, just the founding principles of honesty, integrity, trust and serving. Even though Mike thought he wanted to work alone as a single consultant focused on serving customers’ technology needs, the plan quickly changed when circumstances brought him and his brother Tom together as a team.

The new company’s first year saw modest sales of $200,000. Running a business was a challenge for the 27 and 25 year old entrepreneurs, but 1997 saw explosive growth finishing with $6.8M in revenue and conducting business in 3 different locations.

The business doubled every single year and in 2001 hit a milestone: High Point was named the fastest growing company in America reaching the #1 spot on the Inc. 500. There were no shortage of stories and interviews about their company’s success, as well as additional awards, but the Mendiburu brothers always endeavored to give credit to God, the incredibly loyal and talented High Point team, as well as principles of doing the right thing and serving others.

Even as the company has grown, it has neither forgotten its roots in Sussex County nor compromised its founding principles of honesty, integrity, trust and serving, which are the corporation’s bedrock. The outlook for the technology industry has never been stronger and High Point looks to serve the local community for years to come.

In addition to the Sparta headquarters, the company maintains offices in Charlotte, North Carolina and London, England.

*The 52,454-seat stadium had been called High Point Solutions Stadium since Rutgers sold the naming rights to the company in June 2011. Recently the company rebranded and took “solutions” out of its name. As a result, Rutgers’ football stadium has been called HighPoint.com Stadium since the beginning of 2018.
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HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERS FORM ALLIANCE TO MEET WORKFORCE NEEDS

To get ahead in today’s economy, employees and jobseekers alike need skills and credentials to succeed. At the same time, a growing number of Sussex County employers face a shortage of qualified workers. In an effort to strengthen economic and workforce development in the Northwest New Jersey region, Sussex County Community College (SCCC) and Warren County Community College (WCCC) signed a non-credit partnership agreement that offers residents an opportunity to take advantage of a myriad of choices for certification programs and non-credit courses.

The partnership, known as Skylands Professional Training, offers education for employees of NJ-based businesses and organizations, including small business owner-operators. This grant funded training opportunity is made possible by a partnership among the New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA), NJ’s community colleges, and the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

“The collaboration between SCCC and WCCC is a terrific example of two leaders in higher education working together to enhance their educational offerings, while helping continued on the next page

Seated, from left, Dr. Will Austin, WCCC President and Dr. Jon Connolly, SCCC President. Standing, from left, Craig Dana, WCCC Board of Trustee member; Eve Azar, WCCC Vice President, Corporate and Continuing Education; Ed Smith, Warren County Freeholder and former WCCC Trustee; State Senator Steve Oroho; Dr. James Baker, SCCC Vice President of Academic Affairs and Judge Lorraine Parker, Chair, SCCC Board of Trustees.
They take advantage of abandoned rail lines of the Delaware Lackawanna and Western Railroad and also the New York Susquehanna and Western Railroad. Where trains once thundered, hikers now connect with nature.

Today, you can wander aimlessly through the park and get an eyeful of the vibrant colors offered by a myriad assortment of wildflowers such as Queen Anne’s Lace, wild bergamot, and Black-eyed Susans. You can ride your bike over its trails, stake out a quiet spot to catch a glimpse of a kingfisher or sandpiper, or ride your horse. You also can slide your canoe or kayak into one of its lakes — including the state’s deepest natural lake, Lake Aeroflex, at 110-feet deep — and take in the sights from the water, or cast a line to catch some brown or rainbow trout, or even a land-locked salmon.

Communing with nature is a simple task at Kittatinny Valley. Start with a visit to a specially designed organic butterfly and hummingbird garden, bursting with the vibrant colors of native perennials growing just behind the park’s visitor center. A creation of park naturalist Lynn Groves, the garden offers an opportunity for nature study, photography and quiet reflection. You are likely to encounter a host of butterflies flitting through the flowers -- Eastern Tiger Swallowtails, Monarchs, Red Admirals and American Painted Ladies are some regular attractions. If you are lucky, you may even catch a fleeting glimpse of a ruby-throated hummingbird.

Then it’s off to meadows or deep woods, filled with hemlocks, oaks, white ash and maples, via a host of well-marked network of trails. Or, if you prefer a more structured day, sign up for one of Grove’s many organized programs to get a first-hand, guided tour of some of the park’s wonders. Nature hikes, mountain bike rides, kayak tours and nature talks are regular features year round and offerings have included a “Little Tykes Hike” aimed at getting kids and adults out together into nature; “Hike to Happy Hour” a leisurely 3-mile round-trip hike at sunset to enjoy the local Angry Eric’s brewery; and the new, and very popular, Shinrin-Yoku (Forest Bathing) Walk, a 1-mile guided walk to cultivate sensory awareness, reduce stress, and facilitate a deeper connection with nature.

The Park recently added a group campground consisting of three group campsites containing picnic tables, grill, fire ring, lantern hook, and composting toilets which overlook scenic Twin Lakes. They add a new dimension to the park, marking the first permanent campsites offered at Kittatinny, and have drawn a new group of visitors to the park.

“It’s wonderful to create great parks like this but what’s the point if people don’t know about them, don’t take advantage of them,” said Groves. “I’m really thrilled when I see our parking lot packed with people of all ages enjoying what we have to offer. Not enough people know the park exists, that we offer more than 100 outdoor events each year. We are here to provide affordable recreation to the people of New Jersey, so we hope everyone gets a chance to come out and visit Kittatinny Valley.”

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# Trails of Kittatinny Valley State Park

There are 11 official trails within Kittatinny Valley State Park offering more than 15 miles of trails with connection and access to extensive regional trail systems.

Trails in the park vary in difficulty and terrain from flat gravel roads to technical single-track trails with natural obstacles. The Sussex Branch Trail, a 20-mile-long rail trail, passes through the middle of the park and beyond. This trail intersects with Paulinskill Valley Trail and Great Valley Rail Trail to form a 14 mile loop. All trails are multi-use.

## Andover Junction Trail
- **Red** • 1.0 mile • Easy to moderate
  - Hilly and rocky trail
- **Trailhead:** On Sussex Branch Trail, 400 feet north of parking area off Route 206

## Explorer Trail
- **Yellow** • 1.6 miles • Easy
  - Trail follows gravel access road
- **Trailhead:** Visitor center

## Glacial Trail
- **White** • 2.6 miles • Moderate
  - Semi-loop trail north of visitor center
- **Trailhead:** 50 yards west of visitor center parking

## Hemlock Trail
- **Red** • 0.8 miles • Easy to moderate
  - Short hilly trail through forest
- **Trailhead:** Visitor Center parking area

## Limestone Trail
- **Light Blue** • 1.2 miles • Easy to moderate
  - Rocky north-south single-track trail
- **Trailhead:** Across from visitor center

## Mount Nebo Trail
- **Red** • 0.8 miles • Moderate
  - Semi-loop trail on forested hilltop
- **Trailhead:** On Twin Lakes Trail

## Raccoon Trail
- **Black** • 0.9 miles • Easy
  - Hilly single-track loop north of visitor center
- **Trailhead:** Off the connector trail behind visitor center

## Shale Trail
- **Blue** • 1.0 mile • Moderate
  - Winding single-track along rocky hillside
- **Trailhead:** On Sussex Branch Trail, approximately 0.3 miles from park entrance

## Sussex Branch Trail
- **Red & White** • 3.0 miles • Easy
  - Flat rail trail
- **Trailhead:** Across from park entrance road

## Twin Lakes Trail
- **Yellow** • 0.8 miles • Moderate
  - Loop trail along lake and hillside
- **Trailhead:** 0.2 miles north of park entrance on Sussex Branch Trail

## Vernal Trail
- **Green** • 0.5 miles • Easy
  - Short & flat trail along a seasonal pond
- **Trailhead:** Mount Nebo Trail or Sussex Branch Trail

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When you think of the Sussex County YMCA, what picture comes to your head?

**DO YOU SEE A GYM, TREADMILLS AND WEIGHTS?**  
We see a place where members are working towards creating healthy lifestyles. We see adult cancer survivors reclaiming their health in the FREE Livestrong at the YMCA cancer survivor program. And we see chronic diseases being battled through the Y First Physicians Referral and Diabetes Prevention Programs.

**DO YOU SEE A GYMNASIUM?**  
We see over 300 kids at the Y on a FREE middle school membership working to find a sense of belonging, increase their self-esteem and build confidence. We see adults of all ages and athletic abilities coming together in groups having fun playing volleyball.

**DO YOU SEE A POOL?**  
We see a place where all children learn to swim in formal swim lessons in order to reduce the risk of drowning. We see a place where seniors with limited abilities to exercise on land can be comfortable in the water and we see a place where adults with diverse abilities can have fun and play in a safe environment.

In January 2018, after 18 months of planning, fundraising and construction, the Sussex County YMCA completed a $3.8 million, 9,000 square foot expansion and renovation, including adding a gymnasium, children’s play structure, dedicated spin studio and renovating the lobby, locker rooms, restrooms and multipurpose rooms.

The project was fully funded through the generous support from individuals and businesses of Sussex County. With the additional space, the Y has been able to expand its program offerings to allow it to be even more of a community center.

The Y is a place where people can come to spend time with their kids, their friends, their neighbors. Overall, the goal of the expansion is to allow the Y to better serve the health and wellness needs of the county.

During the 8 month construction period, the Y was able to continue to stay open throughout and actually saw a growth in membership during 2017. The community has always embraced the Y both in membership and in support of donors and through the first five months of 2018, there has been over a 10% increase in members to where the Y currently is serving over 10,600 people in Sussex County.

In addition to the building expansion in 2017, the Y also purchased 31 acres of land that surrounds the facility. The Y is currently working to create a master plan for this property but thoughts and dreams include additional parking, a walking trail with exercise stops, athletic fields and a camp outpost pavilion.

This space will not only allow for more and enhanced programming, but it will be space that will enhance the opportunities available for the community.

With the expansion and additional land purchased, combine with growth in membership, the future looks bright for the Sussex County YMCA.

Written by Jennifer Gardner, Executive Director of the Sussex County YMCA
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If you went to summer camp as a kid you might occasionally feel nostalgic for those happy-go-lucky days of hiking, making crafts and meeting new friends. If so, you are in luck! Adult camps are having a moment, offering the classic activities you loved with some twists.

Two Sussex County camps, both catering primarily to children and teens, also promote packages for adults. Fairview Lake YMCA Camps mixes some traditional camping adventures with programs that are a bit like wellness retreats in the wild with offerings like meditation and yoga. The other, Camp Nejeda, provides programming specifically geared to adults with type 1 diabetes, just as they do with their kids’ programs.

Fairview Lake YMCA sits on mile-long Fairview Lake in Stillwater, New Jersey. Its 660 acres adjoin the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, providing access to the Appalachian Trail, Delaware River, hiking and breathtaking views. Popular offerings include the Women’s Wellness Weekend where participants enjoy massage therapy, yoga, hiking, meditation, crafts, dancing, and adventure. Attendees choose their level of involvement; they can engage in high-energy activities or just sit by the fire with a good book. According to program materials, the weekend is framed to “satisfy every need.”

The Arts and Crafts Weekend is billed as “Come get crafty at camp!” with lots of art and craft projects including eco-art, tie-dye and candle making. Adventure Weekend encourages attendees to “put their adventurous spirit out there” with hiking, indoor and outdoor climbing and high ropes adventures.

Camp Nejeda’s Survive and Thrive Bootcamp weekend is for adults (ages 21 and older) with type 1 diabetes. The unique weekend strives to create a balance between relaxation and fun with intense interactive education designed to empower adults with type 1 diabetes. The weekend includes a line-up of speakers who are knowledgeable about living with diabetes as an adult.

This year’s bootcamp featured six speakers with breakout sessions that included presentations on the newest developments
Big Kid Camps
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in diabetes technology as well as the latest research into potential cures. Fun, interactive sessions focused on fitness and nutrition.

Dr. D’Arcy King, Ph.D, one of the speakers at Survive and Thrive and a health psychologist who has lived with type 1 diabetes for over 40 years, explains that what’s often overlooked about type 1 diabetes is the emotional aspect. Her workshop, “Diabetes and Relationships” stressed that those with diabetes don’t have to “go it alone” and explored ways to ask family and friends for help in making life with diabetes easier and less overwhelming. She offered suggestions on how to deal with the “diabetes police,” the family, friends and others who criticize diabetes behaviors, and explored ways to establish boundaries that will help build stronger relationships.

Brian Salny, an alumni of the camp and a 3-year participant in the bootcamp, said of his experience:

“Alumni and first timers alike get an opportunity to hear about the new technology behind supporting diabetes management, hear people in heart opening experiences talk about overcoming different and numerous obstacles, as well as learning about fitness and how it can help your diabetes. These activities are just the tip of the iceberg. Having gone to Survive and Thrive Bootcamp for the past 3 years and attending camp as a child for 12 years, I know Camp Nejeda will always be a place where you are forever welcome with warm, wide open arms.”

Camp Helps Young People Embrace Their Diabetes

At Camp Nejeda children and young people with type 1 diabetes are given the opportunity to live, if only for one or two weeks, in a world where having diabetes is the norm and where there is no need to explain blood sugar testing, finger pricks, insulin injections, ketones, ‘lows’ (insulin reactions), boluses or ‘carb’ counting because everyone here already understands.

Here, children with diabetes are free to be just children. This normalizing of their condition combines with both formal and informal educational moments to promote good diabetes management and healthy, active living.

As the only facility of its kind in New Jersey and its neighboring states, Camp Nejeda hosts children, teens and families from across the region. While most are from New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, there are also campers from Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and elsewhere. It has been in continuous operation since 1958 and at its present location in Stillwater, New Jersey since 1960.

Funding comes from the Camp Nejeda Foundation, Inc, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the lives of people with type 1 diabetes and their families through education, empowerment, camaraderie, supportive programs, and fun. It is fully licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health and accredited by the American Camp Association.
Established in 1915, Fairview Lake YMCA Camps provides sleep away summer camping for grades 2-11, environmental education for schools, family programs, and weekend retreats for individuals and groups. It develops programs for children, adults and families to realize their potential by focusing on specific skill sets, building confidence and creating a sense of belonging.

Summer camp attracts approximately 1,000 children each summer. About 8,500 guests attend weekend conferences annually, and more than 13,000 schoolchildren a year take part in the environmental education programs offered.

Celebrating its golden anniversary in 2015 was an organizational highlight and the future of the camp looks even brighter.

"As the camp was getting closer to hitting its 100th year, we gathered our stakeholders together for a couple of days of dreaming about its future," said Bob Kahle, Executive Director at Fairview Lake YMCA Camp. Utilizing a visioning charrette, a technique for consulting with some of the most interested community participants early in a project, the group formulated a masterplan.

"We have developed a plan that allows us to come more in line with the needs of contemporary campers and staff over the course of the coming years," said Kahle. New cabins, an expanded dining hall, several new locations for programming and education, and a new administrative building and parking lot are all part of the prospective picture.
Brides Say “I Do” to Sussex County

DEMAND FUELS OPENING OF NEW VENUE AS OTHERS RENOVATE

One new wedding venue opened in Sussex County last year and three others recently remodeled as the area’s beautiful mountains and lush countryside continue to draw brides looking to plan their special day here.

BEAR BROOK VALLEY
Surrounded by trickling waterfalls and rolling hills, Bear Brook Valley in Fredon, NJ is the new kid on the block. Its owners however, are far from inexperienced. Perry and Michele Bonadies also own Rock Island Lake Club in Sparta and both had been in the business for years before starting their own ventures; Perry as the former General Manager of Lake Valhalla Club, in Montville, NJ, for over 26 years, and Michele Bonadies, a professional wedding ceremony coordinator.

“Running two venues hasn’t been double the work – it’s been triple the work – but it’s very rewarding,” say Perry Bonadies. “We picked up much more quickly than expected. Also, we didn’t expect such a difference in clientele, so that’s been interesting too. Through all the work everyone has been so supportive in our community and we are so grateful of everyone’s warm embrace.”

Bear Brook Valley oozes rustic elegance at every turn. It’s all wood and stone, no carpets, with an indoor fire pit, high beam ceilings and sliding barn doors throughout. Recently added were a new vineyard and garden.

PERONA FARMS
Perona Farms celebrated its 100th anniversary last year and underwent a remodel shortly thereafter. Asked about the decision to move forward with the project, Bryant Avondoglio, one of the fifth generation family members now managing the venue, emphatically said, “It was time for an upgrade!” adding, “Our Florentine venue proudly played host to countless weddings, celebrations and corporate events since the mid-1970s. After many incremental changes, it was time for a completely new look. The re-imagined, rustically elegant space “The Reserve at Perona Farms,” is now becoming our most in demand venue.”

Behind the rustic charm of the room lies a
heart beating with new technology. “We put a special emphasis on technology geared toward our growing list of corporate clients to make it exceptionally easy for them to present content and welcome team members and clients into the perfect space,” said Avondoglio. “The sound and lighting system is state of the art as well, allowing each client to custom select colors and looks to fit their design goals.”

The Avondoglio family shared kudos with everyone that brought the reimaged space to life, especially Chris Wolverton and his team at HQW Architects who they credited with doing an excellent job “putting our vision on paper and making the project a reality.”

**SKYVIEW GOLF CLUB AND BANQUETS**

Skyview closed its doors for the winter of 2018 to expand its ballroom and enclose the terrace previously covered with a tent each summer. Now the new patio offers floor to ceiling sliding glass doors that give guests at the venue a beautiful view of its plush green golf course fairways, kaleidoscopic mountain vistas and breath taking sunsets 365 days a year. The grand ballroom features 15 foot high majestic string lit ceilings as well as floor to ceiling windows ensuring no one misses the incredible panoramic landscape. Other amenities added include hardwood floors, a charming fireplace, and massive bar.

**LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB**

Recognized on the National Register and the NJ Register of Historic Landmarks, the Lake Mohawk Country Club was established in 1929 and is the centerpiece of Sparta’s Lake Mohawk community. Its’ beautiful lakefront setting serves as a stunning backdrop for weddings as well as social and corporate events.

Over the past two years, the Country Club has undertaken a near total renovation of both the interior and exterior of the building replacing all flooring on the building’s third floor, which includes the ballroom overlooking the lake, and adding new lighting, trim and windows.
Taking Action Against Workplace Violence
Chamber Offers Prevention Programs

According to OSHA, more than 2 million American workers report being the victims of workplace violence each year. Workplace violence is the third leading cause of death for American workers, with an average of 2 killed every workday.

By definition, this violence is any threatening, disruptive behavior, act or threat of physical violence, harassment or intimidation that occurs in the workplace, including verbal or physical assault, and even homicide.

In an effort to empower area companies and organizations with information regarding the prevention of violence at the work site, the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce held two seminars in 2018 at the Sussex County Community College Performing Arts Center.

The first, “New Thinking in Workplace Violence Prevention and Active Assailant Response” was held in February followed by a second program in June entitled “Advanced Concepts in Workplace Violence: Essential Elements in Recognition, Response & Recovery.”

Presenting both programs was Steven Crimando, an internationally known expert in behavioral response to disasters and mass violence and a Certified Homeland Protection Professional (CHPP) and a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress (BCETS).

“We have to be conscious of the fact that at any time, we could have a situation that needs to be dealt with in our offices or even off site,” Chamber President Tammie Horsfield said when explaining why she chose to have Crimando share his expertise with local businesses. “Our hope is that we never have to deal with it, but better to be prepared.”

HIGHLIGHTS OF CRIMANDO’S PROGRAMS INCLUDED:

- Planning and interacting with law enforcement before, during and after violent events
- Psychological survival and basic psychological first aid

During the first workshop, Crimando showed a short video entitled “Run, Hide, Fight” which recommends escaping if you can, hiding if you can’t, and fighting only if you have to.

One tip shown in the video proved an “a-ha moment” for many in the crowd: turning off the volume on a cell phone ringer when hiding from a violent intruder in a building. “I would never have thought of that,” murmured many in the audience.

According to Crimando, the best way a business can head off workplace violence is through preparation. While those who commit violence in the workplace do not fit a typical profile - contrary to popular notions, it’s not always a “loner” - common warning signs can include having personal or work-related issues, having experienced a loss, and perceiving the company to be unfair toward them. Changes, such as an increase in alcohol use, outbursts or a decrease in personal hygiene can also be signals.

“It’s important to recognize that managers and supervisors are often in a unique position to detect and deter potentially violent individuals,” says Crimando. Unfortunately, he explains, “they are also frequently the target of a disgruntled or disturbed employee’s wrath.”

As he closed the program, Crimando said, “I hope you never use a single thing I spoke to you about today.”

ABOUT THE PRESENTER
Steven Crimando, CHPP, BCETS, is the Principal of Behavioral Science Applications (BSA), a training and consulting firm based in Sparta, NJ, serving a global client base. BSA is focused on human factors in crisis prevention and response. Mr. Crimando is a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress (BCETS), and Diplomate of both the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, and National Center for Crisis Management, as well as a Certified Homeland Protection Professional (CHPP).

He has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to the field by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and the U.S. Department of Justice-Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

With nearly three decades of front line crisis response experience, Mr. Crimando was a responder to the 1993 and 9/11 World Trade Center attacks, New Jersey’s Anthrax Screening Center, the Unabomber case and other major disasters and acts of international terrorism. He serves as a consultant and instructor for multinational corporations, government agencies, major city police departments and military programs, as well as an expert to the media and the courts in the area of crisis prevention and intervention.
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