



MHA Newsletter

July 2026

Sold Out Success: “Where Did My Money Go?! A Real-Life Budgeting Workshop”

Madison Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program recently hosted "Where Did My Money Go?! A Real-Life Budgeting Workshop," and it was a tremendous success! The workshop reached full capacity and brought together FSS participants for an engaging and practical conversation about budgeting, tracking spending, and building healthier financial habits.

Before the workshop, many participants shared that managing money often felt overwhelming. Most had never created a monthly budget, and many reported worrying about their finances often or almost every day.

By the end of the workshop, participants reported meaningful growth in both confidence and financial knowledge. Eighty percent said they improved their ability to create a monthly budget, 60% reported a better understanding of where their money goes each month, and 50% felt more confident making financial decisions. The greatest improvement was in savings, with 90% reporting increased confidence in knowing how to start or grow their savings—one of the workshop's most encouraging outcomes.

The workshop also created an opportunity for residents to share experiences, ask questions, and learn practical strategies they can begin using right away. MHA looks forward to continuing to offer programs that support residents as they build financial confidence and work toward their personal goals.





After the Storm: Why Renter's Insurance Matters

Recent storms and extended power outages are a good reminder of why the Madison Housing Authority encourages all residents to carry renters insurance.

While MHA insures its buildings, that insurance does not cover residents' personal belongings. Depending on the policy, renters insurance may help cover losses such as spoiled food after a covered power outage, damage to personal property, theft, or even temporary living expenses if your home becomes uninhabitable.

Renters insurance not only helps protect your personal belongings, but it may also provide liability coverage if you accidentally cause damage to your apartment or another person's property. For example, if an overflowing sink, kitchen fire, or other accident causes damage, your policy may help cover the cost of repairs and protect you from unexpected expenses.

Renters insurance is often affordable and can provide valuable financial protection when unexpected events occur. We encourage all residents to explore their options and consider purchasing a policy that meets their needs.



Join Us for a Senior Wellness Day on July 21

Madison Housing Authority is partnering with the Madison Chatham Coalition to host a Senior Wellness Day on Tuesday, July 21 from 12:00–2:00 PM in RTA's Community Room.

This event will offer seniors an opportunity to safely and securely dispose of unused or expired prescription medications while also connecting with helpful wellness and community resources. Attendees can expect educational materials, giveaways, and light refreshments in a welcoming, informative setting.

We hope residents will join us for this important event focused on health, safety, and well-being.

**Madison Chatham
Coalition &
Madison Housing
Authority**

Present:



SENIOR WELLNESS EVENT

Join MCC & MHA for a wellness day aimed to help securely dispose of prescription medications. There will also be educational resources and giveaways. Light refreshments to be served.

When: Tuesday, July 21

Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**Location: RTA Community Room
15 Chateau Thierry Ave
Madison, NJ 07940**

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Affordable Rental Opportunities Available in Berkeley Heights and Morristown

We are sharing the following affordable housing opportunities for informational purposes only. Madison Housing Authority is not affiliated with these developments, is not involved in the application or selection process, and cannot answer questions about availability, eligibility, or application status. Please contact the housing provider or application website directly for more information.

Berkeley Heights – RT 500 Residences, The Park

A total of 45 rental apartments will be available at RT 500 Residences, The Park, Berkeley Heights. Interested households must join the waiting list by **August 27, 2026** to be included in the first random drawing.

For more information and to apply, visit: [🌐 Locations - CGP&H](#)

Morristown – Cannon House Apartments

A total of 4 rental apartments will be available at Cannon House Apartments. Interested households must join the waiting list by **September 9, 2026** to be included in the first random drawing.




For more information and to apply, visit: [🌐 Locations - CGP&H](#)



What's Happening Around Madison This Month

Looking for something to do around town? Here are a few upcoming events in Madison this month:

Summer Stage Series

 10 Kings Rd. Madison, NJ
 July 17
 6:00–8:00 PM

Don't miss the Summer Stage Series Fridays from 6-8pm at the Madison Community Arts Center! We have double the amount of concerts this year, and we are so excited to share these summer nights with you and these amazing bands!

[The MEXI-BOYS Food Truck](#) will be stationed outside serving Mexican food with vegan options! We will also have various craft vendors.




These events are rain or shine! If it rains, we can move it indoors.

Register Here:

[🌐 Summer Stage Series: Candice Lee Band](#)



Morristown 4-H Fair

 416 Sand Shore Rd, Mt Olive, NJ 07828
 July 17
 6:00PM - 11:00PM

The Morris County 4-H Fair returns for a vibrant, family-friendly weekend from Friday, July 24 through Sunday, July 26 at High View Farms (416 Sandshore Road, Mt. Olive). This year's theme invites visitors to "Color the World with 4-H," and everyone is encouraged to wear their brightest colors to help create the most colorful fair yet.

Learn more:

[🌐 Morris County, NJ 4-H Association - 4-H Fair](#)



Madison Farmer & Artisan Market

📍 28 Prospect Street Parking Lot, Madison
📅 17 Saturdays from May 23 - December 12 (except 7/4 and 10/3)
🕒 9:00AM - 2:00PM

The Madison Farm & Artisan Market returns for the 2026 season. The event will be held on Saturdays, and the season will be expanded from May 23 through December 12. The hours will be 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Learn More:

<https://www.rosenet.org/380/Madison-Farm-Artisan-Market>



For a full calendar of local events, visit:

[Borough of Madison Events Calendar](#)



Hack of the month:

Try a “No-Spend Week”

Looking for a simple way to boost your savings? Try a “No-Spend Week”! Choose one week each month to pause non-essential purchases and focus only on necessities like rent, bills, groceries, and transportation. This means skipping things like impulse purchases, online shopping, takeout, or other extras.

A no-spend week can help you become more aware of where your money goes, identify spending habits, and create extra room in your budget for important goals like building savings, paying down debt, or preparing for unexpected expenses. Even small changes can add up over time!

Tip: Before your no-spend week begins, plan meals, make a grocery list, and find free activities to enjoy so you can set yourself up for success.



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