



Morris County NOW

News & Updates

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The April Morris County NOW Chapter meeting will be in-person.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 (NO FOOLING)

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Place: Morris Plains Community Center, Room B, 51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains

Please join us at our first in-person meeting of 2025! Future in-person meetings are scheduled for May, June, September, and December.



TAKE ACTION TAKE ACTION TAKE ACTION



Want to take ACTION that will make a difference for women and girls? We know that the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) has been ratified by the required 38 states, the last state to ratify being Virginia on January 15, 2020, but it still is not recognized as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution. A Joint Resolution has been introduced in the House (H.J.Res. 80) and Senate (S.J.Res. 38) on March 24th and 25th, 2025, respectively, that will explicitly remove the time limit imposed on the amendment back in 1972. Here is the text of both the House and Senate Resolutions:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding any time limit contained in House Joint Resolution 208, 92nd Congress, as agreed to in the Senate on March 22, 1972, the article of amendment proposed to the States in that joint resolution is valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution, having been ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States."

For more information on these Resolutions visit these websites: (House) <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-joint-resolution/80/text?s=6&r=7>; (Senate) <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/38/cosponsors>.

The New Jersey House members who have signed on to cosponsor this Joint Resolution are: Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-5), Rep. LaMonica McIver (D-NJ-10), Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ-1), Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ-6), Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ-11). Neither New Jersey Senator has signed on since the introduction just days ago.

If you don't see your Representative listed, call them and tell them that you are their constituent and you want them to cosponsor this Joint Resolution. Here is the switchboard number for the House, 202-225-3121. Just ask the operator to connect you to their office. And while you are at it, call our Senators too, Cory Booker, (202) 224-3224 and Andy Kim, (202) 224 4744. THANK YOU FOR TAKING ACTION.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

A great time was had by all. We had the largest group of marchers ever. The weather cooperated – cloudy, but no rain and moderate temperatures. Thank you to all who participated, and especially to Karen Lontka who expertly drove her car that we decorated perfectly for the event. Lots of photos can be found at our website, www.morriscountynow.org

EXCITING NEWS

Special Program planned for our May meeting!

We have invited a speaker from the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking. The Coalition's Speakers Bureau is a team of educators, healthcare professionals, law enforcement and NJCAHT experts from around the state. Their pro bono HT 101 presentations and talks cover a range of topics pertaining to human trafficking, such as understanding coercive control, red flags/identification, prevention, internet safety, and what we can all do.


Check out the Coalition's website at www.safernj.org.

Do you have a question about Human Trafficking that you would like to ask our speaker? Send it to us at morriscountynow@gmail.com at least one week prior to the meeting. Here are the specifics:

What: Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7:00 PM

Where: Morris Plains Community Center, Room B, 51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains



2025 National NOW Conference

Healthcare • Economy • Women's Safety

Join us in Las Vegas on July 11th – 13th for a weekend of workshops, inspiring speakers, caucuses, and feminist fun. We will elect National Officers for the 2025-2029 term in Las Vegas as well. There are also plans to update NOW's by-laws.

Want to stay during the conference? Make your reservation today at the [Sahara Las Vegas](https://www.saharalasvegas.com), 2535 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Standard booking rates apply.

Registration
* [NOW Member Registration](#)
*If you need assistance with a conference ticket, please email Vice President Bear Atwood
[Non-member Registration](#)

MORE NEWS: The conference will be live-streamed, so if you are unable to attend in Las Vegas, you can attend virtually. (Note from Susan: I believe the connecting information comes after you have registered.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our "almost" annual Garage Sale is set for Saturday, May 3, 2025. We are taking advantage of the scheduled Randolph Township town wide sale by scheduling our sale on the same day. Volunteers are always welcome. Please consider joining us at my home in Randolph. See the flyer on page three of this newsletter for all the details.

Volunteers are also needed at our table celebrating PRIDE month at the Morris County PRIDE Festival at County College of Morris on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Not sure of the hours at this time, but last year it ran from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This is a fun event for everyone, and, in light of the current political climate, we need make a strong showing to support the LGBTQIA+ community.

Please call me, Susan J. Waldman, 973 895 2218, to sign up. Thanks!!

So what has Morris County NOW been doing since our last Update? Here's an approximate rundown.

Cosponsored and attended Power up the Vote (a postcard-writing pre-election event). Cosponsored and attended "Reclaiming Our Voices" which explained New Jersey's role in the fight for women's suffrage. We tabled at Bottle Hill Day in Madison; successfully screened "Still Working 9 to 5" at the Morristown Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; sponsored our own pre-election postcard campaign to Wisconsin. Publicized and attended a rally for women's rights in Westfield where Jill LaZare, President of NOW-NJ, was the keynote speaker. Held our holiday party at our in-person December meeting. Publicized and attended a rally in Burnham Park, Morristown, to "Protest the Trump/Musk Monarchy." Publicized and attended a "Rally for Our Rights" at the Morristown Town Hall. Marched in the Morristown St. Patrick's Day parade. Attended NOW-NJ State Board meetings. Set up chapter goals for 2025—mainly keeping our members informed and working to elect a New Jersey governor who supports all of NOW's key issues.

Thank you to all who participated.



IT'S BACK!

After a One Year Hiatus,

the Morris County NOW Garage Sale is Back

At last Spring has arrived, and with it come thoughts of new beginnings and a fresh start. What better time to clear out those unused, unneeded and unwanted items just gathering dust around the house/apartment/condo/trailer/you name it? Have you been looking forward to the opportunity to declutter? It's the perfect time to donate those items to the Morris County NOW Garage Sale. The sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2025, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, and we will be accepting items at my home in Randolph beginning April 2nd. Or we can arrange a pick up. Books are welcome (excluding textbooks), but please limit clothing donations. With your help, the garage sale can be a great fundraiser for the chapter. If you have any questions or need more information, please give me a call, Susan J. Waldman, 973-895-2218. And thank you for your donations. Your castaways can make our sale a success.