



Distracted Driver/Pedestrian Project

Did you know that every year nearly 500 pedestrians ages 19 and under are killed and more than 16,000 a visit hospital emergency rooms with injuries? This is due in part to the increased use of cell phones and other



mobile devices available to teen pedestrians, distracted walking is becoming an increasing concern in regard to safety.

In an attempt to address this important issue, Safe Kids Worldwide is undertaking a national project to determine the prevalence of distracted walking and driver behavior in school zones across the county.

As part of the initiative we will evaluate the effectiveness of a public health message informing pedestrians crossing the street and drivers in drop-off and pick-up locations in school zones on the dangers of distracted walking and driving.

Mountain Lakes High School and Briarcliff Middle School have agreed to participate in this study.

Sgt. Gil Benitez from the Mt. Lakes Police Department has been the liaison between the school and Northern NJ



Safe Kids /Safe Communities. High School Students have been participating in observation stage of the project by collecting data.

As of April 18, 2016 both schools have signs and street stencils that say "Heads Up, Phones Down".

We will share the results later this summer.



SAFE KIDS DAY
5K RUN/WALK



Honeywell Hometown Solutions partners with Safe Kids Worldwide and Safe Kids New Jersey Coalition, to raise awareness about child safety and the many tools and resources available to prevent injuries at home.
 To register or go to: runsignup.com/safekids5k
 Proceeds benefit local programs of Safe Kids Worldwide.

Sunday, May 22nd 9:00am
 at Honeywell Campus
 115 Tabor Road
 Morris Plains, NJ

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2015 Northern NJ Safe Kids/Safe Communities Awards

Each year the steering committee looks to nominate an outstanding individual and organization that has gone above and beyond to participate in programming and keep the mission of our organization moving forward. Like many years, 2016 was full of many wonderful programs, new initiatives and individuals and organizations that made a difference.

At our March 2016 General Membership Meeting we honored our 2015 awardees.

John O'Connor from Shade Tree Garage was honored as our Outstanding Organization. John and his staff at Shade Tree Garage have been supporting Safe Kids/Safe Communities for many years. Over the past 2 years our Car Seat Inspection Station held in Morristown has doubled the number of clients we serve. John and his staff are friendly, courteous and kind to all who call or just



show up for a car seat inspection. Partnerships with local independent businesses are hard to find. Shade Tree Garage shines in our eyes.

Volunteering as a High School student on a consistent basis is something that is not new to Maggie Jones. Maggie has been volunteering over 10 hours a month at the Car Seat Inspection Stations of Northern NJ Safe Kids for over 2 years. Maggie's dedication is not just in time. Her work ethic and detail to accuracy has helped Northern NJ Safe Kid/Safe Communities achieve 100% accuracy on our car seat check sheet data for months.

Maggie will become our youngest child passenger safety technician in May when she takes her national certification.

We want to thank both John and Maggie for their dedication Northern NJ Safe Kids/Safe Communities.

Summer is coming – Make Water Safety a Priority

Water Safety Tips at Home

Don't Leave Kids Alone in or Around Water

- Never leave your child unattended around water. We know it sounds strict, but there is no room for compromise on this one. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water.
- Put the cell phone away, forget about all the other things

you have to do and give young children 100 percent of your attention when they are near or around water.

- When using inflatable or portable pools, remember to empty them immediately after use. Store them upside down and out of children's reach. These types of pools can pose a drowning risk.

Close Lids and Doors

- Keep toilet lids closed and use toilet seat locks to prevent drowning.
- Keep doors to bathrooms and laundry rooms closed.

Remove Water From Tubs and Buckets After Use

- Once bath time is over, immediately drain the tub.
- Empty all tubs, buckets,

containers and wading pools immediately after use. Store them upside down and out of children's reach.

Learn CPR

- Parents have a million things to do, but learning CPR should be on the top of the list. It will give you tremendous peace of mind – and the more peace of mind you have as a parent, the better.

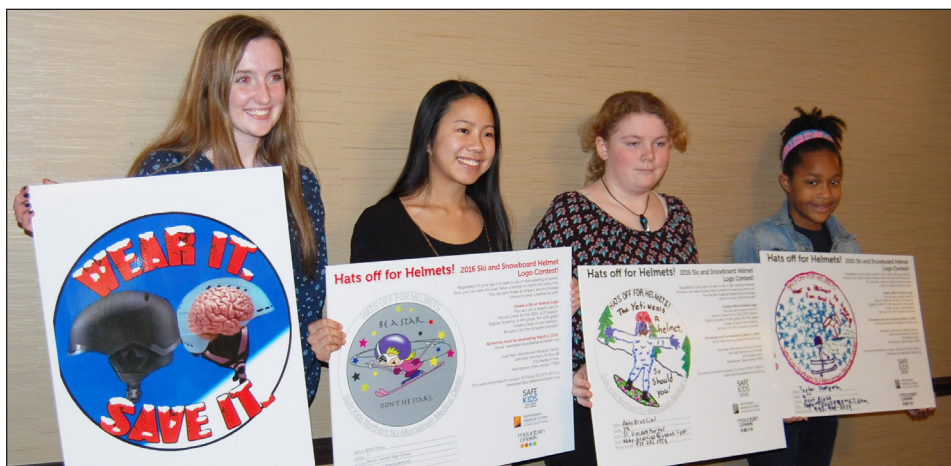
Hats off for Helmet Winners!

Even though NJ saw only 2 major snow storms and had an unusual warm winter, students across Morris, Warren and Sussex Counties took place in the Hats Off For Helmets Ski and Snowboard Helmet Contest.

Over 70 entries were received for the High School competition. The first place winners received a 2017 season ski pass to Mountain Creek while the second place winners received a triple play card worth 3 full days of skiing at the mountain.

Mountain Creek has supported this program for the last 3 years and encourages all who ski or snowboard to wear a helmet. We congratulate our 2016 winners and look forward to partnering with Mountain Creek again in the future years.

This year's winners were:



HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION:

1st Place: **Caitlyn Nolan**
11th, Morris Knolls High School

2nd Place: **Anna Clancy**
11th, Morris Catholic High School

MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION:

1st Place: **Taylor Sharperson**
6th, Kent Place School

2nd Place: **Abby Broscius**
St. Vincent Martyr

Prevention Works is the official triennial newsletter of Northern NJ SAFE KIDS/Safe Communities.

We welcome articles of interest highlighting your community or organization. Let us know how you have made your community a safe community.

If you have any comments or topics you would like to see covered, please feel free to contact

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