



Madison
Rotary



March 2022 Update

Since our last update in February, we have several updates to share as we follow the Discovery, Commit and Build process that we outlined last month.

Regarding the theme “Curated Community Information Hub”:

We met with Michael Pellessier regarding Rosenet content on February 2nd.

We met with John LaPierre regarding Board of Education website content on February 8th.

We met with Lynn Favreau regarding Madison Library website content on February 23rd.

These three sites provide the majority of the content that would satisfy a community information hub. We are now exploring how best to push content/information/event updates from these static sites out to the active social media groups that from the very virtual Madison town square....as demonstrated by this Facebook data:

Madison Area Parents & Community ~ 7,800 followers

Borough of Madison ~ 5,300 followers

You Know You're From Madison If? ~ 5,000 followers

We hope to have a workable and efficient solution to share with you next month.

The BoE has also added some Spanish language forms to the residency and registration sections of their website following our discussion.

Regarding the theme “Making Madison a More Vibrant Community for All”:

On February 14th, we met with John Miscia, Madison’s Chief of Police. He introduced us to the Community Relations Unit that has been formed and specifically to Sergeant Julian Morales. Sergeant Morales was born in Columbia and grew up through the Madison School System. The Immigrant Trust Directive was discussed and Chief Miscia was very clear on the department’s commitment

to it. The Directive can be found on the department's website (<https://rosenet.org/1125/Immigration-Trust>). The action coming out of the meeting will be to coordinate a meeting between the police and congregants following a Spanish Mass at St. Vincent's. Guillermo Gil is working on this. We also had follow up meetings with Lisa Ellis and Bob Conley on February 9th and 18th.

Finally, regarding the theme "Expanding Mental Health Services": We met with Samantha Bunsu and Sarah Jacobs of our Public Health department on March 3rd. It was agreed that several Rosenet website pages should be refreshed with more current program information. They are also planning on rolling out a new program for Seniors called WISE or Wellness Initiative for Senior Education. It will be a 6 week (one session per week) program that celebrates healthy aging and informs seniors on healthy lifestyle choices, medication misuse and management, stress management, depression, preventing substance abuse, etc. We shared several points of contact within Madison with Samantha and Sarah to insure community awareness of the rollout.

We will continue to keep the community informed. Members of the public can get back to us at madisongrowbetter@njrotary.org with their thoughts and also let us know if they want to be more involved.