

MAHWAH MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

MMA NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2026

WELCOME TO THE MAHWAH MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE WINTER NEWSLETTER!

The MMA is committed to supporting our community and youth. We've put together a recap of our recent work and programs and highlighted what's coming next in 2026!

RECENT MMA WORK AND PROGRAMS:

**The MMA Jeep Raffle Drawing at Mahwah
Winterfest**



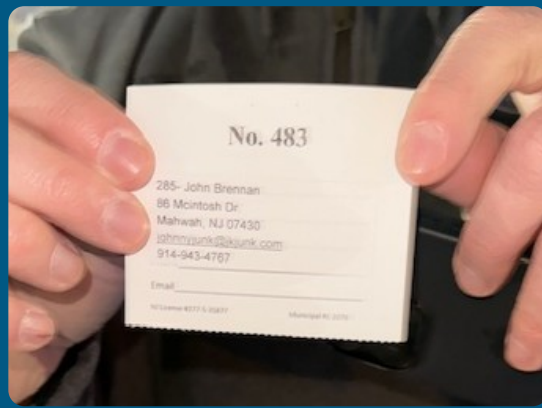
The **MMA Jeep Raffle** is our one and only fundraiser each year. Due to a change in state raffle laws, our tickets could not be purchased online this year. Despite this issue, we sold over 700 tickets!

The winner was John Brennan of Mahwah, NJ!

Congratulations to John and his family on their brand new Jeep Grand Cherokee!



The drawing of the winning ticket was held at the **Mahwah Winterfest on December 7th.**



We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all who generously purchased tickets! Your support will provide funding for the critical programs we will bring to the community in 2026.



Tim Shoemaker Program: "Inspiring Happy, Healthy, and Drug-Free Kids"

The MMA partnered with the Mahwah Parent Academy to bring renowned speaker and author Tim Shoemaker to Mahwah. Programs targeting vaping were held during the school day on October 6th for students in grades 9–12, and a parent program was held that evening at the High School. This was a crucial program as vaping continues to be an issue within our schools.

Mahwah Day 2025

The MMA participated in Mahwah Day on Saturday, September 20th. We enjoyed sharing our informational materials and selling tickets for our Jeep raffle. Our Jeeps were there on display. Plus, we gave away lots of useful MMA “swag”! This included our famous thermal grocery totes as well as stress balls, hand sanitizers, pocket medical bags, notepads and pens, workout wipes, ice packs, and the popular Vaultz medicine lockboxes. It was a great day, as always! Thank you to everyone who dropped by!



The Mahwah Food Truck Festival

The MMA was happy to attend the annual Mahwah Food Truck Festival on August 24th. We provided informational material on critical topics including

vaping, cyberbullying, underage drinking, and opioid addiction. We also sold tickets for our annual Jeep raffle. One of our Jeeps was on display for viewing. We had plenty of useful giveaways, too! Thanks to all who came by!



Junior Police Academy (JPA)

The MMA and the Mahwah PD once again held the ever-popular Junior Police Academy (“JPA”) from July 7th–18th. It was a great success, combining fun with life lessons.

Our annual two-week program, held at Ramapo Ridge Middle School, is open to all Mahwah students entering grades 6–8. The academy is run by the Mahwah Police Department and consists of hands-on activities, physical training, field trips, and presentations by law enforcement and first responders. The objectives are to build confidence, teach safe practices, and develop social skills. Information on JPA 2026 will be made available in the spring.



ONGOING MMA INITIATIVES:

Community Advocate and Helpline



The MMA sponsors a free Community Advocate and confidential helpline (845-548-8781) for all Mahwah residents. This resource puts the caller in touch with our addiction specialist, **Dana Romano**. Ms. Romano is an advocate for families and individuals who are struggling

Help is always just a phone call away... and can help to guide them appropriately.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER

Coming Soon!

Screenagers – Next Chapter

The MMA will partner once again with **Valley Hospital** to bring the latest from physician/filmmaker Delaney Rustin.

"Screenagers – Next Chapter"

discusses ways to address and help relieve adolescent stress, anxiety, and depression in the digital age.

[MMA Events](#)

VOLUNTEER:

The MMA is a volunteer-led group committed to inspiring character, promoting good decision-making, and providing vital resources for our community. We are looking for volunteers to help us execute our mission!



Do you have an interest in:

- Helping Mahwah youth with character building, decision-making, social well-being, and leadership skills?
- Substance abuse prevention, addiction, and recovery?
- Mental health initiatives?
- Or getting more involved in our community?

If so, please consider volunteering for the MMA!

If you are interested in joining us, please fill out the [volunteer form](#) on our website.

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