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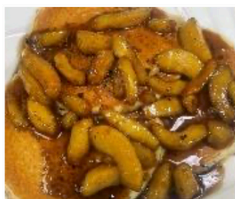
Mission

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More About Tri-Boro Tots

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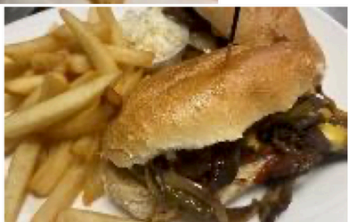


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What We Do

We offer various programs to support local businesses and connect them with the community, including the Small Business Investment Fund, volunteer opportunities, the Women in Business Network, and the Holiday Shop Local Guide.

Why Shop Local?

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Our parent organization, Tri-Boro Tots Inc., is committed to making the Tri-Boro area the best place to raise a family. Through community-building programs like the Parenting Network and environmental stewardship initiatives, we strive to create a supportive and vibrant community for all families.

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Tri-Boro Tots Board Members Share Their Favorite Local Holiday Spots

Tri-Boro Tots is a strong advocate for supporting local businesses, especially during the holiday season. With their enthusiasm for promoting community vibrancy, we asked our board members about their favorite local businesses and holiday traditions in Morris and Passaic counties. Here's what they shared:

With the holiday season upon us, our board members are eager to share their favorite spots and traditions. Katie Huezey can't wait for the Butler Tree Lighting, a magical event where Santa arrives on a lighted fire truck, bringing joy to children and adults alike. This cherished tradition is just one of the ways her family embraces the holiday spirit. When it comes to dining out, Katie's family enjoys treats at Retro FroYo (Bloomington), and Mia's Ice Cream (Bloomington), and they often find themselves at The Butler Family Diner for a cozy family meal.

Matthew Moran looks forward to picking out a Christmas tree at Glenwild Garden Center, a beloved local spot that also tops his list for holiday shopping. He often finds gifts at Magpie Bakery and indulges in sweet treats from Mia's Ice Cream.

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Glenwild Garden Center, La Mixteca (Butler), and Magpie Bakery (Bloomington) are among his favorite local businesses, each offering unique products and treats. Matt also enjoys the Pompton Lakes Winterfest and believes local businesses should get involved in Tri-Boro Tots upcoming Shop Local Tri-Boro initiatives.

For Jessica Zelenak, the holidays are all about tradition and family. She and her husband love exchanging gift cards to local coffee shops, with Comfort Kitchen Cafe (Kinnelon) being a favorite for its warm, inviting atmosphere. Their Slovak Christmas Eve dinner is made special with items from Polski Smak (Butler) from homemade pierogies to airy chrusciki cookies, while Magpie Bakery provides delicious pies for their family gatherings. Jessica's daughter has benefited greatly from the Melody and Motion Music Together (Boonton & Pompton Lakes) classes with Miss Ruth, and the Butler Tree Lighting is a highlight of their holiday season. She also raves about Suite 102 Photography (Butler) for capturing family moments and Tress Chic for the best haircuts she's ever had. Jessica emphasizes the importance of shopping locally, supporting businesses like Anneology (Kinnelon), The Boutique at Tress Chic (Bloomington), and Expired Robot (Butler).



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When it comes to local events and markets, our board members have their favorites. Matthew attends the Pompton Lakes Winterfest, while Jessica visits the German Christmas Market in Sussex County. Jamie frequents the Denville Holiday Parade and various craft fairs. These events provide a festive atmosphere and support the community spirit.



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Supporting local businesses is crucial, especially during the holiday season. Jessica advises getting out there and shopping locally, highlighting that keeping dollars within the community strengthens local businesses. Jamie emphasizes shopping at local stores instead of big chains and promoting them on social media. Matt suggests engaging local businesses in community events like the Tri-Boro Tots Winter Wonderland and Preschool & Daycare Night to better connect with the community.

The collective insights from our board members underscore the importance of supporting local businesses. This holiday season, as we gather with loved ones and celebrate, let's take the time to explore and support the unique shops, restaurants, and services that make Morris and Passaic counties special. Keep the community spirit alive by shopping locally and sharing your experiences.



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One of our core programs is the Parenting Network, which functions as a co-op, bringing parents together to share resources, support, and friendship. Our network includes a moms support group that meets regularly to discuss parenting challenges and triumphs, offering a safe space for mothers to connect and share their experiences. These gatherings are invaluable, providing emotional support and practical advice that make the journey of parenthood a little bit easier.



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Tri-Boro Tots: Building a Thriving Community in the Tri-Boro Area


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Our meetups are another highlight of our Parenting Network. From playdates in the park to coffee dates, stroller walks and nights out just for mom or dad, there's always something exciting happening. These events provide opportunities for parents and children to socialize, learn, and grow together. It's also a fantastic way for new members to integrate into the community and build lasting friendships.

This holiday season, we are thrilled to host a special holiday party, and we are excited to announce that Miss Ruth from Melody and Motion Music Together will be joining us for the festivities. Miss Ruth's engaging and interactive music sessions are a hit with children and parents alike, promising a memorable experience for all attendees. We invite all families to join us in celebrating the season and creating joyful memories.



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The Parenting Network is always open to new members, and we encourage families across Morris and Passaic counties to join our network. Whether you're looking for support, social connections, or opportunities to give back, our community offers something for everyone. You can find out more about the Network on our website.

Another core program we are proud of is Shop Local Tri-Boro. This initiative aims to promote local shopping and strengthen our community's economy. If you shop local this Small Business Saturday or any day in December, we encourage you to tag us in a photo of your local shopping haul, dining experience, or services. As a token of our appreciation, we will send you a Shop Local Tri-Boro bumper decal. It's a small gesture to show our thanks for supporting local businesses.

We are also proud to announce that we have openings on our board. Serving on the Tri-Boro Tots board is a rewarding opportunity to make a real difference in our community. We are looking for passionate, dedicated individuals who share our vision of making the Tri-Boro area the best place to live. If you are interested in joining our board, we would love to hear from you.

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Looking ahead, we are excited to bring a Restaurant Week to the Tri-Boro area in the coming year. This event will highlight the fantastic culinary offerings in our community and provide an excellent opportunity for families to explore new dining experiences. Stay tuned for more details, and get involved now to help us make this initiative a success.

Additionally, we hope to launch a community health program in the coming years, further enhancing our commitment to the well-being of our families.

We believe in the power of community and the difference that dedicated, passionate individuals can make. By joining us, whether as a member, volunteer, or board member, you are contributing to a cause that benefits everyone in the Tri-Boro area. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to welcoming you to our community.



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Founded in 2021, Tri-Boro Tots is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that thrives on community support. We aim to foster economic development, enhance community health and wellness, and create a robust parenting network. Through our programs, we provide invaluable resources and support to parents and families, helping them navigate the challenges of parenthood.

Your contribution helps us maintain and expand our core programs. Our Parenting Network offers support groups, care packages, and meetups that bring parents together, fostering a sense of community and mutual aid. Our care packages, given to families to welcome new babies or during times of need, show that we stand together in times of joy and hardship.



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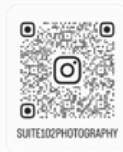
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We also drive the Shop Local Tri-Boro initiative, encouraging residents to support local businesses, which are the backbone of our community. Every dollar spent locally helps keep our area vibrant and thriving.

In the coming years, we hope to launch a Community Health Program, further demonstrating our commitment to enhancing the well-being of Tri-Boro families.

By donating to Tri-Boro Tots, you're not just giving money; you're investing in the future of our community. Together, we can make the Tri-Boro Area the best place to live, work, and raise a family. Please consider making a donation today—your support is invaluable.



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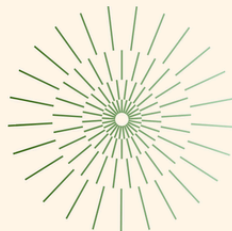
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