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## COMMUNITY WELCOME AT ANNUAL SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL JUNE 5-7 AT WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

The annual Spring Arts Festival, a year-end celebration of the accomplishments in, and dedication to, the arts by students at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS), will be held Monday, June 5, through Wednesday, June 7, at various exposition and performance spaces at the school.

The community is invited to attend the three-day festival, to witness exhibitions of 2 and 3-dimensional visual art as well as film screenings, theatrical, musical and choral performances involving students of all grades and levels. Admission is free.

### Monday, June 5

The festival kicks off at 5:30 p.m., with the visual arts opening.

Works in all mediums including drawings, paintings, photographs, ceramic works, sculptures, crafts, graphic design pieces and creations made from wood will be on display in the Atrium at the main entrance of the school and around the arts wing. These works will remain up for the duration of the festival.

Shakespeare in the Park begins at 6:30 p.m. Students will perform in an outdoor space, excerpts and monologues from a collection Shakespeare's greatest works, including "The Taming of the Shrew" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

### Tuesday, June 6

The Spring Choral Concert will be held in the Performing Arts Center from 7 to 9 p.m. This is on a different night of the week than it has been held in



*"Untitled," a photo by Senior Emily Graf of Green Brook Township*

the past. Students in the Chorus, Advanced Chorus, and Ensembles will be performing works by Green Day, Bruno Mars, Ray Charles, and Billy Joel, as well as songs from Broadway's "Hairspray," the film, "Pitch Perfect," and more.

### Wednesday, June 7

The South Auditorium will hold multiple short-film screenings starting at 5:30 p.m., and lasting through to 7 p.m.

The Spring Orchestra and Concert Band Concert will be held in the Performing Arts Center from 7 to 9 p.m. The Orchestra will be playing a variety of music including Vivaldi's "4 Seasons with Spring," and the concert band's set will include "Salute to American Jazz," "Variations on America," and more.



*"Untitled," a photo by Senior Martina Cruz of Warren.*



*"Undertow," an Oil Painting, by Senior Abigail Pedroso of Warren.*



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Organizations who are interested in submitting content can email [editor@rennamedia.com](mailto:editor@rennamedia.com) or call 908-418-5586

## QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

June 13th marks the 240th anniversary of General George Washington's arrival in the afternoon at Washington Rock. He was looking for a place up upon the mountain where he could look for the movements of the British forces on the Plains below. Although often asked, that was not the origination of the name of Plainfield and related entities.

The predominant religion in this area was the Quakers or Friends. General Washington had stopped at the farm of Jonah (or John) Vail after the noon repast to find a mountain lookout. Edward FitzRandolph who guided the General up to Washington Rock and the farm owner and the workers were all Quakers. Not important other than to realize what the philosophy and lifestyle was of the occupants of this area in these years.

It wasn't until eleven years later that the Quakers moved their meeting house from Amboy (Perth Amboy) to Plainfield. The group had been formally organized in 1686. So the Friends Meeting House was built in Plainfield in 1788. It may surprise you that this was even before George Washington was elected to be our first official President. The same Edward FitzRandolph that guided General George up to Washington Rock was on the committee to build the first Meeting House. Also contributing his labor as a carpenter to participate in the construction. The Meeting House has had several locations in Plainfield. But happily has resided at 225 Watchung Avenue for many years.

Shortly after 1900, Charles McCutcheon of Plainfield learned that Mr. Garretson who was operating the quarry on the mountain near the top of Washington Avenue had his eye on acquiring the land on the south side of the mountain to expand his operation. Being patriotic, McCutcheon realized that Washington Rock

would be destroyed and therefore sought out others and in 1913 the Washington State Park Commission was formed to save the area by an Act of the NJ State Government.

At the same time Mrs. McCutcheon was instrumental in organizing the Continental Chapter of the DAR in constructing the 1912 monument as we see today and raising the \$3,100 that it took to build it. They were Quakers. Their home, Dalnashea was operated as a Quaker retirement community into the 2000's.

To summarize, the name Plainfield was not derived from the level farming fields referred to by the General as the "Plains" but actually for the Plain people or the Quaker influence that was so important at the time.

The Green Brook Cultural Heritage and Historic Preservation Committee and The Green Brook Historical Society meet the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Green Brook Town Hall located at 111 Greenbrook Rd., Green Brook, NJ. We are always looking for people interested in history and culture to join our group, as a guest or a member. For more information about the Green Brook Historical Society, visit [www.gbhsnj.org](http://www.gbhsnj.org).





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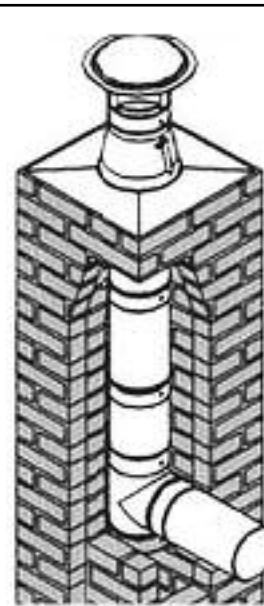
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by Jyotsna Thapar, DPM

Most of us ignore them, but all of us depend on them. The sad fact is that most people only start to pay attention to their feet when something hurts. Four out of five adults eventually develop foot problems and most of them could have been prevented. Taking care of your feet includes making sure that shoes fit properly, that feet are kept clean and dry and small problems are taken care of before they become big ones. With 26 bones, 20 muscles, and 3 joints in each foot, there is a lot that can go wrong. In the weeks to come, we'll be bringing you information on your feet, how to care for them and possible corrective measures.

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## NINA DANNER NOW A NJ STATE CERTIFIED ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Nina Danner, resident of Green Brook, is now a New Jersey Certified Animal Control Officer. She graduated from the state certified program on Saturday May 6th, 2017. As a graduate, Officer Danner's NJ State ACO Certification includes expertise in Animal CPR & Pet First Aid, Incident Command Systems 100 & National Incident Management 700. Danner completed her 20-hour field training with Edison Animal Shelter.

Officer Danner is a student at Seton Hall University where she studies Psychology. She is also an avid volunteer of CAPIC (Cat Adoption and Pet Information Center) cats where she is a foster mom and trapper. She is currently bottle feeding and caring for six rescue kittens. As a trapper, she specializes in the trapping of feral cats who are then neutered/spayed, vaccinated, then returned to their home with their colony. Her work for Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue includes participation at events to educate the public about the unique qualities of rabbits, and to educate rabbit owners in the care and maintenance of rabbits as pets. Danner is committed to promoting and raising awareness of rabbits as indoor companion pets.



## EMERALD ASH BORER WARNING

The Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive insect that infests and kills only ash trees. The insect has now been found in New Jersey including Somerset and Middlesex counties and may now be in Union County.

Homeowners should determine if they have an ash tree on their property and decide whether to treat or remove their ash trees. If left untreated,

an ash will likely be infected and killed by the Emerald Ash Borer. The dead ash tree will become brittle and dangerous. Please visit our website here to see how you can identify an ash tree.

For more information please visit: [emeraldashborer.nj.gov](http://emeraldashborer.nj.gov), [emeraldashborer.info](http://emeraldashborer.info), or [forestry.nj.gov](http://forestry.nj.gov).

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Four young fashion designers won first prize in their age group at the 11th Annual Project Fabricland Fashion Show held on Sunday May 12 at the North Plainfield High School auditorium.

Modeled after the successful TV series Project Runway, each year Fabricland chooses a theme to inspire their students. This year the theme was 'Make it Iconic'. Students had to choose their favorite icon (Lady Gaga, Madonna, etc.) and create a diva inspired garment. A panel of local professional dressmakers chose the winners based on creativity, quality of sewing, fit, use of inspiration and a design board.

A crowd of over 200 people were entertained by the Mark Peterson Band. NJ's own Helen Castillo from Project Runway (season 12 and All-Stars season 4) presented the awards. Ticket proceeds of \$1,000 were donated to Dress for Success whose mission is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life (<https://morriscounty.dressforsuccess.org>).

For more information on Project Fabricland or summer sewing classes for kids and adults, visit [fabricland.com](http://fabricland.com) or call 908-755-4700.



(above l-r) Helen Castillo, Project Runway All-Stars with first prize winners Evana Fahmy 13, Watchung; Kaylee Spiteri 17, Greenbrook; Arianna Minassian 16, Basking Ridge; and Felicity Anderson-Moore 18, Chatham

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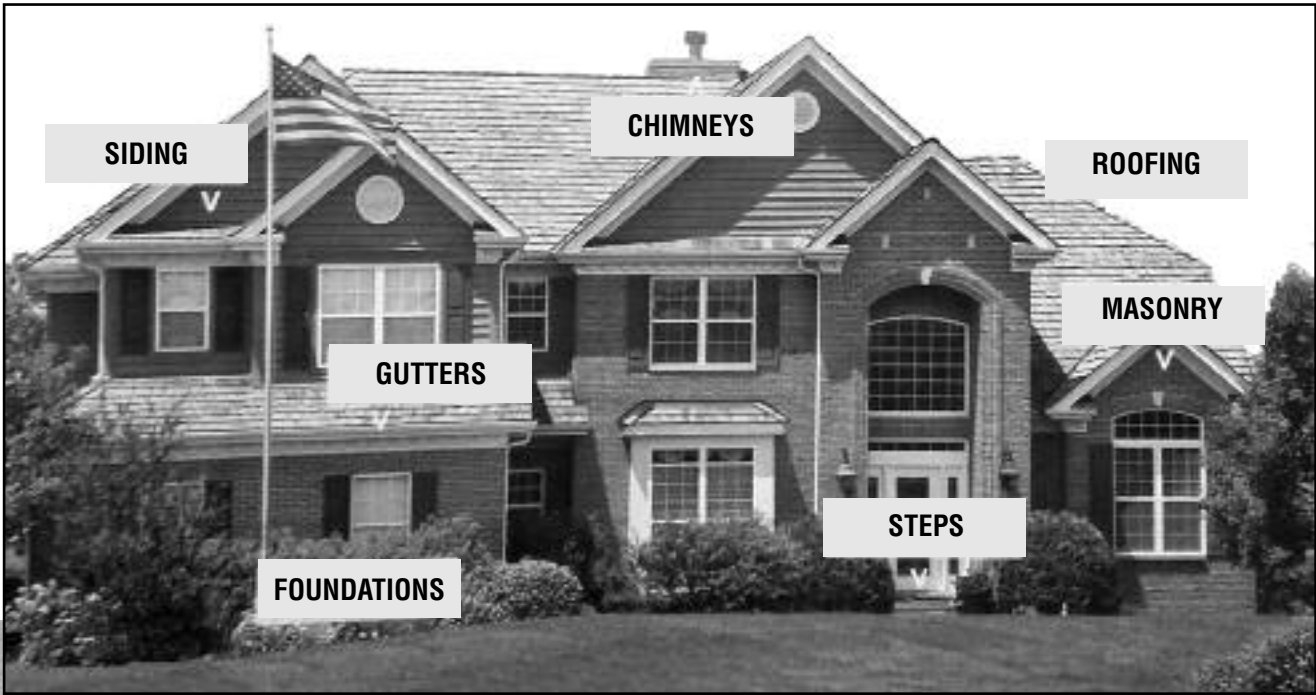
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**The Book Club will meet on**  
Thursday June 22nd at 1:45  
to discuss "The Girl From the Train"  
by Irma Joubert.

### KIDS PROGRAMS

**Build a Better World Summer Reading**

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Saturday, June 17th 10:30 am -2:30 pm

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Saturday June 24th at 12:30 pm.,

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"Small businesses use technology to increase productivity and capabilities. Just imagine how losing control over these necessities can set them back?" said David Margulies, Director, Union County SBDC at Kean University. "We all need to be well versed on how to best mitigate this risk to ensure business continuity."

The Internet of Things refers to the diverse array of networked devices, ranging from cars and kitchen appliances to heart monitors, able to collect and exchange data through embedded sensors. The seminar will explore potential risks the IoT poses to small businesses and best practices for securing networked devices.

"While smart devices and systems are making life easier for users, the steady adoption of the Internet of Things and the integration of more smart systems into critical infrastructures are making industries and consumers more vulnerable to attacks—possibly with life-threatening repercussions," said Walter Rant, Managing Assistant Director, Cybersecurity Center at Kean University.

David Weinstein was appointed New Jersey's first ever Chief Technology Officer by Governor Chris Christie in June of 2016. Weinstein serves in Governor Christie's cabinet, oversees the New Jersey Office of Information Technology (OIT), and is responsible for developing and implementing strategic policies, information security standards, and requirements for all state departments and agencies.

Several expert speakers will provide valuable insights, industry best practices, and even a glimpse of the "DARK WEB" at The Internet of Things seminar. This is a free event. Breakfast will be served. To register visit: [bit.ly/IoTSBDC](http://bit.ly/IoTSBDC)

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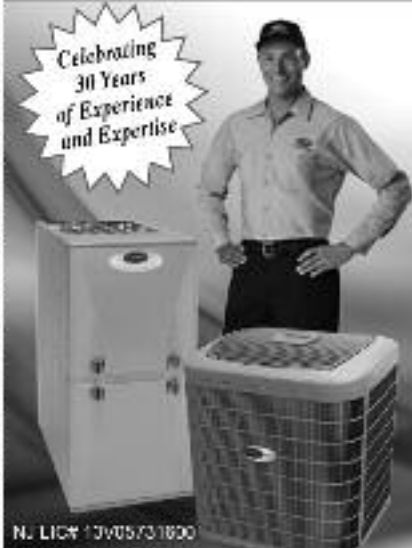
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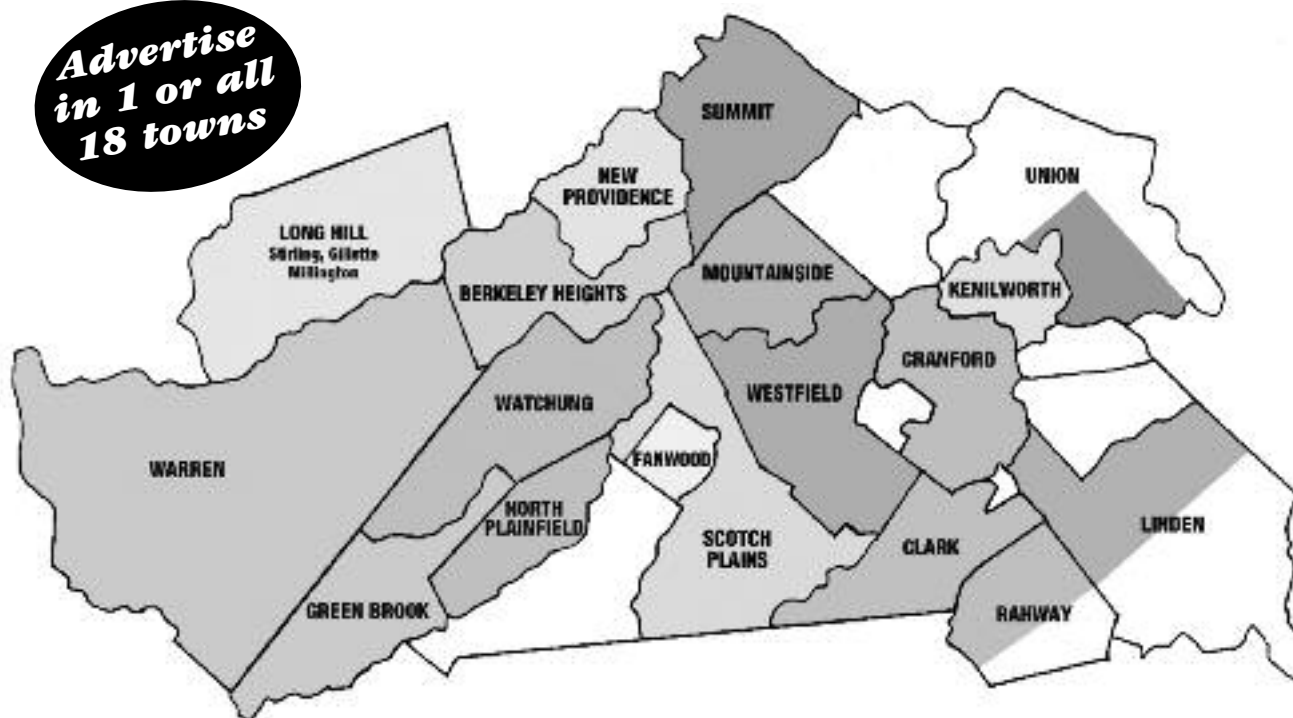
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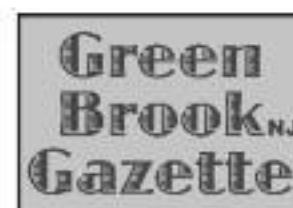
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When audiences packed the Performing Arts Center at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS), March 30 to April 1, to see the school's annual Spring Musical, "Beauty and the Beast," they were seeing more than performances of student actors, singers and dancers on the stage and hearing more than student musicians in the orchestra pit.

They were also seeing an "interdisciplinary learning" experience that engaged more than 150 students, teachers, staff, parents, volunteers, and community supporters. According to school officials, the annual drama productions are being seen as vehicles to learn a whole host of skills.

An example of this evolution this year was a new special event, "Breakfast with Belle," from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 1, in the school's media center. The event was held in anticipation of the Saturday Matinee performance of the musical. The event was sold out, as were earlier-in-March similar special events at the Warren Township and Long Hill Township. Student actress Hannah Melillo made personal appearances as fully costumed and in-character Belle, to the delight of young children, who had pictures taken with her, and enjoyed various other typical Saturday Morning at the Library activities, such as face painting, craft-making and

imagination building.

Then, at the WHRHS Library on April 1, the cast of costumed characters who appeared at the event expanded, since the student actors were preparing to take to the stage for the show's Saturday matinee. In addition to Belle, other characters appeared, including: "Beast," portrayed by Sam Sinnott; the enchanted candlestick, "Lamiere," portrayed by Jacob Lesser; the enchanted clock, "Cogsworth," portrayed by Scott Rmankow; "Gaston," portrayed by Will Johnson; and Enchanted Objects, "Knife" portrayed by Katie Napell, "Spoon," portrayed by Amelia Stapperfenne, and "Fork," portrayed by Claire Vickery."

In addition, members of the high school's Culinary Club baked, created, prepared and assembled a smorgasbord of treats for the children and their guardians. High school students in the Art Department and student volunteers led the children in craft-making activities. Students also provided face painting, temporary tattooing and hair braiding. Space was provided for story time activities in the Media Center.

The event was organized by the business manager of the Drama Department Theater Arts

organization, Script and Cue -- WHRHS Business Teacher Dianne Krutz. She also engaged her business students in a variety of "real life" living learning business tasks required for the staging of Beauty and the Beast, or any school drama or musical. Among the items they covered were budgeting, business planning, marketing, gate receipts, ancillary merchandising, and other related applied business tasks.

"We always keep in mind that staging these plays and musicals is a living-learning interdisciplinary opportunity for not only the actors, singers, dancers and musicians," said Krutz. "It is also a real-life learning opportunity for: Production designers; stage crews; directing; lighting and sound designers; applied arts such as face painting and make up; wardrobe and costume support; program and fundraising support; reception cooking and culinary support; set construction, and more."



(above) Crew of WHRHS production of "Beauty and the Beast"

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For children, teens and adults in Warren, Green Brook, and Watchung. Registration for camps will be open for Warren residents on April 11, 9am. Green Brook and Watchung registration begins May 23, 9am.

### Playground Program

is held 9am-3pm at the Municipal Complex Pavilion and begin June 26 and run until July 28, T-F and at the Warren Brook Pool from 12-3pm every Monday, except for the first Monday which is a full day at camp. We welcome children entering 1st to 5th grade in September. The fee for 5 weeks is \$225. Warren residents register before May 22 receives a \$25 early bird discount. Late fee of \$25 begins June 13. Deadline for registration is June 19 or until it fills up.

### Teen Camp

will be held 8:45am to 2:45pm and runs Monday-Friday full days. M-T at Roundtop Swim Club, W-F at WHRHS and begin June 26 until July 28.

We welcome teens entering 6th to 8th grade in September. The fee each week varies and includes a trip and special event. Warren residents register before May 22 receives a \$10 early bird discount per week. Late fee of \$25 begins June 13. Deadline for registration is June 19 or until it fills up.

### Little Kids Camp

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