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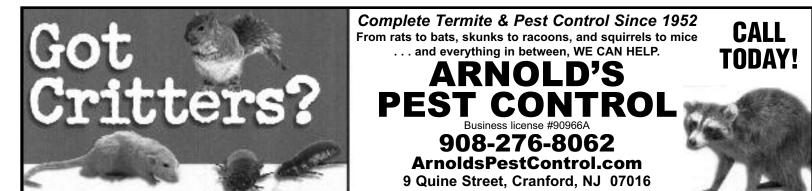
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The Garwood Fire Department escorted Santa Claus around the Borough on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Santa stopped to greet residents along the way, and he collected Toys for Tots.





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## GARWOOD NOW BRONZE-CERTIFIED BY SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

#### Submitted by Councilwoman Jen Blumenstock

This fall, Sustainable Jersey officially recognized Garwood as bronze-certified. Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit organization that provides tools and training to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. By earning 150 points in the Sustainable Jersey certification program, Garwood successfully demonstrated that it provides a sustainable environment for its current and future residents, and is now eligible to benefit from the organization's many grants that support waste-reducing measures and improve environmental equity.

A few of the actions that Garwood accomplished on their way to certification include: creating a Green Team, promoting socially responsible pet ownership through a Companion Animal Pledge, installing a permanent drug drop-off box at Borough Hall, as

well collaborating with the borough's Emergency Management Officer and Police and Fire Departments to further enhance Garwood's emergency management planning. Another significant component of the certification was the institution of a Mayor's Wellness Program. Through this program, and working in conjunction with a nutritionist at a local Shoprite, Garwood was able to provide nutrition and wellness programs for children, seniors, and its employees. 3K walks and recreation activities round out this program.

Garwood is one of 210 municipalities in the state currently certified, with over 400 municipalities participating. Garwood proudly distinguishes itself among the ranks of other bronze municipalities in New Jersey and aspires to continue bettering its community through sustainable efforts.



(above, l-r) Randall Solomon, Executive Director, Sustainable Jersey; Garwood Council President Jen Blumenstock; Garwood Councilwoman and Mayor-Elect Sara Todisco; and Richard Dovey, Chairperson, Sustainable Jersey Board of Trustees. Blumenstock and Todisco received Garwood's Plaque at the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon at the League of Municipalities in November.





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## **JANUARY EVENTS AT THE GARWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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#### **Knitting Club**

Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. No registration required; Learn how to knit or show others how it's done while enjoying fun conversation. Needles and yarn provided to

### newcomers.

#### **Kid's Chess**

Mondays, at 3:00 p.m. No registration required. Limit 12; Informal chess game for children of all ages. This is a non-instructional program. Six boards provided.

#### **Monday Afternoon Book Club**

at 1 p.m. on January 28 No registration required. Discussing, The Tuscan Child by Rhys Bowen.

#### **Explore It**

Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. starting January 22 in the Lincoln School Art room. This is after school STEM fun for kids 3rd grade and older: Registration required Limit 16.

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#### Adult Craft

Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. Let those creative juices flow. Make a craft to bring home and impress your friends and family. Limit 10. Registration required

#### **Toddler Story Time**

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. starting January 9. No registration required. For children birth to age 4; Stories, songs, bubbles and more. The Pipsqueak Players will visit Storytime on

January 16.

#### **Therapy Horse**

Wednesday, January 9, at 3:00 p.m. Maureen Coultas. from Hope's Promise (a therapeutic horse farm) will tell the story of Chief and how he became a therapeutic riding horse. She will also explain how riding and working with horses can help individuals on many levels - physically, emotionally, etc. She will be accompanied by a miniature therapy horse for children to meet and photograph.

Registration required. Limit 25

#### **Library Board Meeting**

Wednesday, January 9 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is open to the public.

#### **Kid's Craft**

Wednesday, January 16, at 3:00 p.m. make a fun craft. Registration required. For children 2nd grade and up, Limit 20

#### The Joys of Backyard Bird Feeding

Wednesday January 23 at 7 p.m. join a representative from Wild Birds Unlimited in Scotch Plains, as he explains how to use bird feeders, food, water and shelter to attract native birds. He will also cover how to discourage nuisance animals and how to make your property bird friendly.

#### Aging Services Kiosk (ASK) Thursday, January 17,

from 10 a.m. till noon

Union County Division of Aging Staff will be on hand to assist seniors (age 60+) or their caregivers with information on services, such as meal delivery, respite care, adult day care

and support services for caregivers.

#### Lego

Thursday, January 10 and 24 at 3:00 p.m. be inspired by this month's theme and build whatever comes to mind. Then share your creation with others. Some will be displayed in our showcase. Registration required. For children age 4 through 12, Limit 15;

#### **Thursday Night Book Club**

Thursday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m. No registration required. Join us for a lively discussion of this month's book.

The Library will be closed January 21 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.





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## ALJ STUDENTS THANK OUR ARMED FORCES FOR THEIR SERVICE

As the holidays began, Mrs. Winthers's keyboarding students at Arthur L. Johnson High School prepared thank you letters to service members who are deployed during the holidays. Practicing their keystrokes and using formatting techniques learned, students were asked to compose a positive message thanking the service member for his or her service to our country which allows us to peacefully enjoy our freedoms at home.

According to Winthers, "each message was

As the holidays began, Mrs. Winthers's positive, which means a lot to someone far away yboarding students at Arthur L. Johnson High from home in a challenging situation."

- The letters will be forwarded to
- The Military Support Group

of New Jersey Inc., based in Stratford, NJ TheMilitarySupportGroupOfNJ.com.

The group will then forward the letters, along with other items such as care packages, to troops deployed in various places. The group also supports the families of service members.



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(above) Joy Prescott Humanitarian Award Winner Rachel Papa, ALJ senior.

### GARWOOD DOG LICENSES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

Dog Licenses are due during the month of January in the Borough of Garwood. To obtain or renew your license, visit the Municipal Clerk's office at 403 South Avenue, Garwood, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Proof of rabies vaccine covering the entire licensing year is necessary. If you have any questions, please call 908-789-0710.



### **RACHEL PAPA RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Submitted by Christine Casale Broski

Rachel Papa, a Arthur L. Johnson High School senior, was one of nine students recognized as a recipient of the inaugural Joy Prescott Humanitarian Award for student leadership and dedication at the Student Leadership Conference at Kean University on Friday, November 16, 2018. According to the application, the award is presented to a student leader "committed to human rights and the pursuit of social justice." There were over forty nominees from partner schools throughout New Jersey. Rachel was recognized for her contributions to "Community Safety and Inclusion."

According to ALJ Holocaust/Genocide studies teacher Frank Stebbins, "Knowing

Rachel, community safety and inclusion is something I feel she will focus on long after her senior year at ALJ. She is a pleasure to have in class and was a terrific representative of ALJ at the Middle and High School Conference on Friday."

Joy Prescott, an educator at Kean University for four decades, dedicated most of the latter part of her career to the Holocaust Resource Center and sharing its resources with educators around New Jersey.

The application states, "Ms. Prescott dedicated more than 30 years of service to students and educators through her passion for diversity training, community building, and Holocaust education."

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## **"TIRED OF TURKEY" FUNDRAISER**

On Thursday, November 29th, 2018, the Education Foundation of Garwood (EFG) held a very successful "Tired of Turkey" fundraiser. The event was well attended and a total of \$450 was raised through a contribution of 15% of patrons' checks at The Station Bar and Grill, 99 Center Street, Garwood. Additionally, nearly \$200 was raised in direct contributions to the organization from patrons that night as well.

The owner of The Station Bar and Grill, Brian Cruikshank, said, "I'm always happy to support the great local organizations we have in town, like the EFG. It's a win-win for Garwood." Flyers brought by patrons supporting the EFG were honored from 3 p.m. to midnight. All of the proceeds will be used for scholarships for Garwood students and grants for Lincoln School teachers.

In reflecting on the night, EFG President Sara

Todisco said, "I want to say a big thank you to Brian and The Station for their support, which was our fourth fundraiser with them over the past few years." She added, "The EFG has continued to increase its membership each year for several years now and I appreciate all the members who helped so much to drive up the turnout."

Please save the date for the signature EFG event of the 15th Annual Appreciation Dinner to be held on Thursday, April 25th, 2019 at The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood. This event honors an Educator of the Year as well as a Person Making a Difference.

The EFG is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization. It was founded in 2004 to work with the Garwood School District "in pursuit of educational excellence." You can follow the foundation on Facebook at "Education Foundation of Garwood."

## **GARWOOD DAISY TROOP 41290 COLLECTS TOYS FOR TOTS**

Daisy Troop 41290 spent Sunday morning, these girls, they are Daises after all. Dec. 2, 2018, outside of the CVS in Garwood collecting for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots effort. A little rain didn't dampen the spirt of

Troop leader Jennifer Rocco stated "We are overwhelmed by the support from the community, it's been amazing."



## TRICKY TRAY TO BENEFIT **MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL, FEBRUARY 8**

Magnet High School PSA in partnership with Union County Technical High School PSO will be hosting a Tricky Tray on Friday, February 8, 2019 at the UCTech Cafeteria located at 1776 Raritan Rd. Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. Doors open 6:00 p.m. and raffle calling begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door and can be purchased by mailing check payment

#### made out to Magnet PSA PG2020 to the address above. This event will benefit the MHS and UCTech Class of 2020's Project Graduation events. PG is an overnight, supervised alcoholfree evening of events held on the night of senior graduation to prevent drinking and driving. For additional information please email muclassof2020@gmail.com.



(above) EFG President Sara Todisco, EFG Vice President Candace Kilmer, and The Station owner Brian Cruikshank





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