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## 2019 SPRING BASEBALL LEAGUE SEASON BEGINS

Garwood Baseball 2019 Spring baseball season began with an opening day parade held on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

The Garwood Baseball League Tee Ball and Midget programs are open to boys and girls ages 4-8, regardless of where they reside. This year, they have partnered with

Kenilworth and Roselle to offer programs to their youth as well as Garwood youth. Age Ranges: 4-5-yr's will play tee-ball, 6-7-yr's will play coach pitch baseball, and 8-yr's will play on appropriate baseball/softball teams as their skill level determines.



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## GARWOOD HISTORICAL COMMITTEE'S SPOTLIGHT ON FIRE CHIEF THOMAS BRITTAIN, SR.

Submitted by Max Blanton, Historical committee member

The next time you're in the Borough's fire station take a look in the long glass case along the wall and amongst the memorabilia you might notice an innocuous-looking set of items. Next to the old toy fire trucks, helmets and hoses is a portrait of a former fire chief and a few lines about his service.

Thomas F. Brittain, born October 1887, moved from Newark with his family around the turn of the century to Winslow Place in Garwood. His father, Edward Sr., took a job at the Hall Signal Company Factory, where the Crunch Gym currently sits, and Thomas would become a fireman in 1911.

By 1922 he was named Commissioner of our burgeoning town's fire department and not seven years later he would be made Chief. During the Second World War, Chief Brittain would be on the Borough's Defense Council, helping train neighbors to be reserve firemen. He helped ensure higher pay for his firemen, oversaw the department's purchase of its first fire truck, doubled its size and would remain Chief until his death in 1961. His career spanned over 50 years, nearly 35 of which as Chief.

He also had two younger brothers serve in the department, served as a councilman and also as the President of the Board of Trustees of the Garwood First Aid Squad in the 1950s.

Our historical committee thanks the Brittain family for their selfless volunteer services to our great Borough.



(above) Thomas F. Brittain, whose career with the Garwood Fire Department spanned over 50 years, nearly 35 of which as Chief.



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TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT

A variety of activities for Garwood residents to enjoy in celebration of Local Government Week were held on April 7th thru 13th, 2019. On Sunday, April 7th, a Touch-a-Truck event was held. Residents got to experience some of the equipment used by the DPW, Police, Fire, and EMS to protect and serve the community.



Photos by Borough of Garwood



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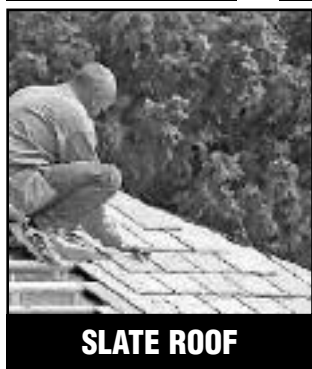
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## GARWOOD HISTORY ROCKS AGAIN

*Submitted by Carol Lombardo*

The Garwood Historical Committee will be hosting its third annual "Garwood History Rocks" contest at the "Garwood Rocks" street fair to be held on Sunday, June 2, 2019, on Center Street in Garwood. The contest is open to all residents of Garwood, regardless of age.

This is the idea: The Committee will hide - in plain sight - 25 brightly colored rocks throughout the Borough, right after Memorial Day. If you happen to find one, hold onto it until the day of the Garwood Rocks street fair. Bring the rock to the Garwood Historical Committee booth on June 2, and you will win a prize. You will also receive information about the place painted on the rock you found, as well as the other 24 rocks in the contest. Each rock will have a specific Garwood location printed on it that has some history associated with it. The rocks will be placed at random throughout the borough, so a rock that has the words "Garwood Library" painted on it,

may or may not be found on the Library grounds, or even on the north side of town. One rock per family please. The names of all those who find, and return, a rock will be eligible for a grand prize selected by random drawing from the 25 rock finders.

There are many interesting places of interest throughout the Borough and the Historical Committee hopes this rock hunt will encourage families to walk around the Borough as they search for the rocks, and look at the various different historical sites in our town.

The Garwood Historical Committee is dedicated to preserving the short, but rich, history of our town. Any resident that has artifacts, memorabilia, programs, photos, of events or places long gone, please contact the Historical Committee at [garwoodhistory@garwood.org](mailto:garwoodhistory@garwood.org). If you want to retain your item, we will be glad to digitally scan your item and return it to you.

## JOIN THE GARWOOD SENIORS

The Garwood seniors plan many bus trips throughout the year. Lunch meetings are held the First and third Thursday of every month at 12 p.m. at the Garwood Fire House, South Ave.,

Garwood, NJ. Meetings include speaker, lunch, and BINGO. Membership is \$5 per year. Lunch is \$2. For more information call Pat DeFabio 908-789-0835.

## MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN 3K WALK - 5/11

*Submitted by Charles P. Lombardo*

Garwood residents of all ability levels are invited to join the Garwood Mayors Wellness Campaign 3K Walk with Mrs. Mary Emmons, the Principal of Lincoln School. This 3K walk is the next step in the Committee's plan to establish a long-time tradition in Garwood. School students and walkers of all ages are welcome to participate in this family-friendly walk, and parents with strollers are encouraged to join in. Take your active lifestyle to a new level and join the Committee for a fun walk in Unami Park. This 3K Walk will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, starting at 10:00 a.m. beginning at the East Street entrance of Unami Park. For safety

purposes, the 3K walk will be contained in Unami Park on a predetermined path.

Through public-private partnerships, the Garwood Mayors Wellness Campaign will establish and continue to provide structure and resources for healthy community initiatives. The Wellness Committee works together to increase opportunities for Garwood residents to participate in many activities, with a long term goal of creating better health which will, in turn, reduce personal health care cost.

Interested residents are advised to contact the Garwood Mayors Wellness Campaign via email at [MWC@garwood.org](mailto:MWC@garwood.org) for more details or to get involved with the Mayors Wellness programs.

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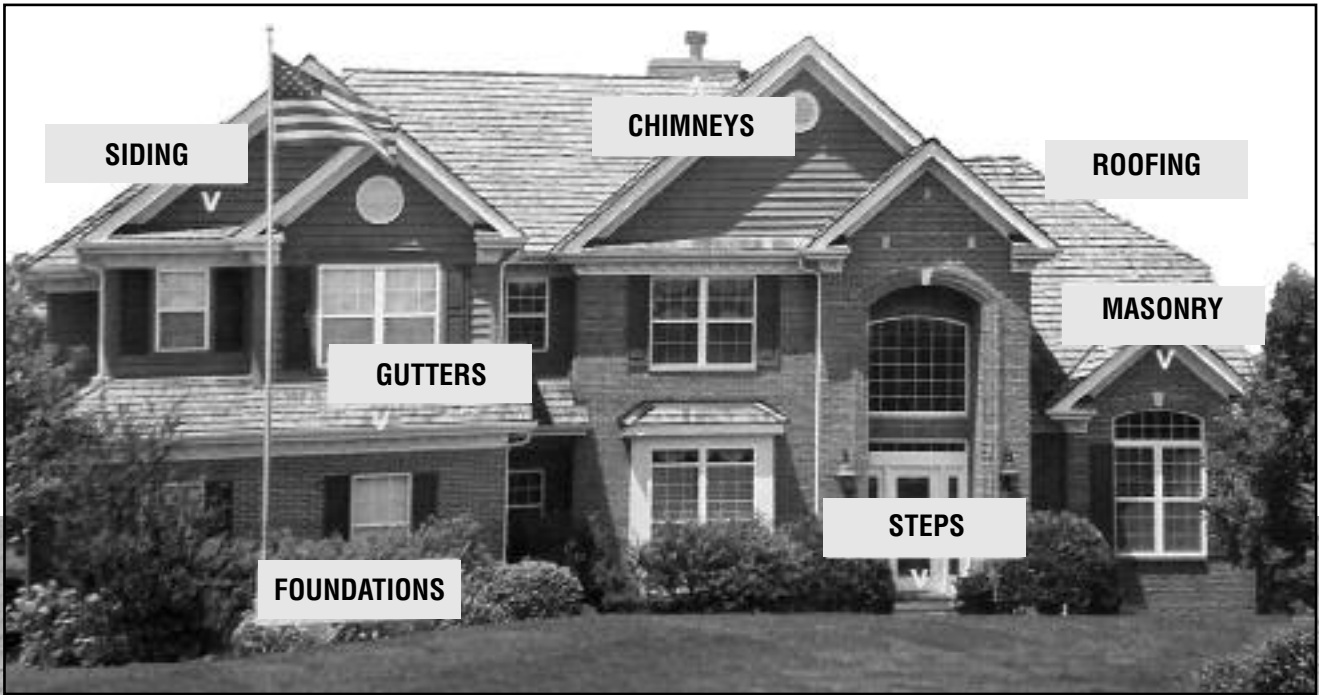
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## PUBLIC MEETING 5/7

An informal town hall style meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at Lincoln School to discuss the potential purchase of a ladder truck for the Garwood Fire Department. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. with a presentation, then it will be open to questions and comments from members of the public. Fire Chief Allan Tweedle, Assistant Fire Chief John Scalzadonna, Councilman/Fire Commissioner Rich McCormack, and Mayor Sara Todisco will lead these informational meetings. Please come to this meeting to learn more information about this important topic, ask your questions, and share your opinions.

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The Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.;  
Fridays 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Library will be closed May 27

### 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, supervised program. Six boards provided.

### Monday Afternoon Book Club

**at 1 p.m. on May 20**

No registration required. Discussing Keeping the World Away by Margaret Foster.

### Explore It

**Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.**

in the Lincoln School Art room through May 21. This is after school STEM fun for kids 4th grade and older: Registration required Limit 16.

### Adult Craft

**Tuesday, May 7 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.

### The Beatles: The Beginning

**Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

Paul Groom presents the story of their rise from obscurity to international stardom from his unique perspective. Groom attended the same high school as Paul McCartney and George Harrison; the same Sunday school as John Lennon; he belonged to the youth club where Lennon met McCartney, and he lived in the same village as Harrison and Lennon. Paul punctuates his presentation with song clips including some from the Quarrymen, the group formed by John Lennon which evolved into the Beatles.

### Toddler Story Time

**Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

No registration required.

For children birth to age 4; Stories, songs, bubbles and more.

**The Pipsqueak Players will visit Storytime on May 22.**

### Kid's Craft

**Wednesday, May 8, at 3:00 p.m.**

make a fun craft. Registration required.

For children 2nd grade and up, Limit 20

### Library Board Meeting

**Wednesday, May 1 at 8:00 p.m.**

The Library Board meeting is open to the public.

### Aging Services Kiosk (ASK)

**Thursday, May 16, 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, May 9 and 23 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, May 2, at 7:00 p.m.**

No registration required. Join us for a lively discussion of this month's book. Check with the Library for their latest book selection.

### Voting Machine Demo

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# LINCOLN SCHOOL STUDENT'S ARTWORK CHOSEN TO TOUR UNION COUNTY

Mrs. Planer, the art teacher at Lincoln School in Garwood, is thrilled to announce that one of her 8th grade students, Amanda Doggett, will have her artwork featured in the 2019 Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit. Her pen and watercolor creation titled "Whimsical Wonderland" caught the eye of many at the Teen Arts Festival that was held at Union County College in March and it was selected from a pool of hundreds of visual art submissions. Amanda is a creative, outside-of-the-box student whose talents are shown off through her work in the Yearbook Club and participation in the Advanced Art class at Lincoln School. The Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit is a 10-month touring exhibit where select visual artworks are showcased at libraries, corporations, galleries, and public buildings, giving the public the opportunity to view the talent of Union County teen artists.



(above) Amanda Doggett pictured with her artwork titled "Whimsical Wonderland".

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(above) Police Chief James Wright with Riley Herz & Carmela Rocco.



(above) Fire Department Chief Emma Willix with Lucy Leonard.



(above) First Aid Squad Chief James Willix with Gianna Miller and Vaughn Rae Zaleski.

## GARWOOD TO MARCH IN CRANFORD MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

In the spirit of the National Memorial Day Program, the Cranford Memorial Day Committee will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2019. Members of the Governing body of Garwood will participate in the parade and all residents are encouraged to attend.

The parade will assemble at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey. Marching will start at 9 a.m. The parade will finish with services at approximately 10 a.m. at Memorial Park on Springfield Avenue. In case of inclement weather, services only will be held at the Community Center.



(above) 2018 Cranford Memorial Day Parade

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Please do not donate frozen food, homemade food, or home-canned items. Please do not donate items that have expired or are in glass containers. In keeping with good food-handling and food-safety procedures, food that is opened, damaged, out of code or does not have the official ingredients will be discarded by the food bank in the sorting process.

The Food Drive is primarily a people food drive, but if you also want to give pet food in addition to your regular donation, food banks may be able to distribute or direct it to pet shelters and organizations in the area that have a need.

Please do not donate any form of individual baby food products, including formula, jarred vegetables and fruits, meals, snacks, infant cereal. Baby food may be donated by the case or pallet, but single item donations present potential contamination risks and special handling requirements.

The Food Drive is primarily a food drive, but if you also want to give personal care items (such as diapers, laundry detergent, soap, toilet paper, and household cleaning items) in addition to your regular donation, food banks may be able to distribute or put them to good use with organizations that also provide help to those in need. Please note that not all food banks will be able to accept these items.

If you would like to volunteer with food distribution and sorting, or in any other capacity, call your local post office and ask to speak to the local food drive person there. Many food banks have a great need for volunteers on Food Drive Day, as well as all throughout the year.

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