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The Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is happening on Saturday, May 11, 2019. On this day, you can set out your non-perishable food before your letter carrier's regular pick up time. The top requested non-perishable food items are: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meals (such as soups, chili, and/or pasta), 100 percent juice, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, canned protein (tuna, chicken, and/or turkey), beans (canned or dry). You can also donate healthy, low-sodium, low-sugar items such as beans, oatmeal, and other whole grains, and canola or olive oil.

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.

All donations to the Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive are tax-deductible because all the food collected on Food Drive Day is given directly to non-profit charity food agencies in the community the food was



collected. Though the National Association of Letter Carriers plans the Food Drive's logistics and letter carriers provide the transportation for each donor's generous donation, the National Association of Letter Carriers is not the agency that gets listed on tax forms for claiming deductions. There are more than 10,000 food agencies throughout the country that receive these donations, so if you itemize your taxes and want to provide proper credit for your Food Drive donations, you will need to determine the name of the agency (food pantry or other charity) that received your food, as well as the agency's address and tax I.D. number for proper reporting on your tax-filing forms. The Food Drive Coordinator at your local post office should be able to give you the name of the receiving agency, and that agency will likely have tax information handy.

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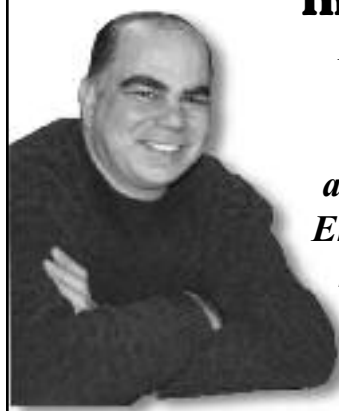
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# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT GIVES EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

Submitted by Tom Kranz

A high school junior, volunteering her time, has brought creativity, comradery and joy to the adult residents of Mt. Bethel Village for almost two years in an extraordinary commitment of service to others.

Niharika (Nina) Iyer, who is finishing up her junior year at Watching Hills Regional High School, first reached out to Mt. Bethel Executive Director Carolann Garafola in 2017 with a desire to bring art projects to Mt. Bethel's developmentally disabled adults. The projects were designed to be done in two or three hours and could be taken back to each adult's apartment to be enjoyed later. They grew beyond day projects and are now part of the fabric of life at Mt. Bethel Village, located at 130 Mt. Bethel Road in Warren. During the month of April, Ms. Iyer continues visiting MBV, completing to date more than 22 projects over 66 hours on-site with countless additional hours of prep time including the purchase of materials. The projects are planned, in writing, and tied to seasonal events and holidays and are tailored to each individual's capabilities.

"Through these activities, Nina has taken time out of her weekends to come on-site to motivate our adults to create their own art," said Mrs. Garafola. "She also encouraged and helped them learn how to get along in a group, how to clean up after the activity, how to have fun with art and how to be proud of what they accomplished."

As you might expect, Ms. Iyer's parents are very proud of her.

"Niharika has grown tremendously through this experience that will be a part of her forever," said Sn Suresh, her father.

Mrs. Garafola has recommended Ms. Iyer for recognition by the National Honor Society.

"She did not get glory on a sports field, on a stage, but in the quiet walls of MBV," she wrote. "For a young woman to initiate such a project took a lot of fortitude, strength and commitment as working with adults with special needs is very challenging."

Mt. Bethel Village is an apartment-style residential community for adults with autism, developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries.



(above) Niharika Iyer, who through her volunteer efforts has completed more than 22 projects over 66 hours on-site at Mt. Bethel Village.



(above) New Year's Eve glasses were among the various art projects that Niharika Iyer completed with MBV residents,

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Far Hills is honored to share with you the list of secondary schools to which the 40 members of the Class of 2019 gained admission:

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## THOMAS RICHARD GARNO ACHIEVES EAGLE SCOUT RANK

*Submitted by Craig and Janet Garno*

Thomas Richard Garno of Millington, a member of Boy Scout Troop 59, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Thomas' Eagle Court of Honor ceremony took place March 2, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church, Stirling, New Jersey.

The requirement to be granted the rank of Eagle includes the successful completion of at least 21 merit badges, demonstrated leadership ability, a service project encompassing at least 100 volunteer hours and a successful Eagle Board of Review – all prior to reaching the age of 18. The rank of Eagle Scout is reached by about 4 percent of the Scouting population.

Thomas's Eagle Scout project required planning, designing, building, and the supervision of twenty-one workers to construct a fence around the parish playground at Saint Vincent De Paul Church in Stirling, NJ. This playground, previously unenclosed and open to a

busy parking lot, is now a much safer place for children to play without being vulnerable to traffic in the neighboring lot. The project required a total of 329.5 hours of community service among those who volunteered, and also served to exemplify Thomas's skill as a project leader.

A Boy Scout since 2013, Thomas worked his way through the ranks of Boy Scouts learning life skills along the way. He earned 25 merit badges and participated in numerous troop activities as well as four years at the Sabattis Adventure camp. Along with the expected skills of survival, first aid, backpacking etc., he gained confidence and practiced leadership in a variety of positions. Thomas was co-navigator for his Philmont Trek, a 100-mile backpacking trek in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of New Mexico, and was elected Patrol Leader, Scribe, and Quartermaster for his troop throughout his years in scouting. He volunteered in many Boy Scout sponsored

activities including Scouting for Food, numerous Eagle Scout projects, placing flags at veterans' graves in honor of their service, and several other non-Scouting service projects such as the Bridges Run, the Morris Catholic Annual Day of Service, and the St. Vincent de Paul Appalachia Mission Trip with the Bold Youth Ministry.

A high school senior attending Morris Catholic High School in Denville, NJ, Thomas has been recognized for his academic achievement with several academic excellence awards from his school, as an AP Scholar by the College Board, and has attained membership in numerous honor societies such as the National Honors Society, the Latin National Honors Society, and the Science National Honors Society. He participates in athletics year-round for Morris Catholic, and holds varsity letters in Cross Country, Basketball, and Track. He has served as Team Captain for both the Varsity Cross Country and Track teams.



(above) Thomas Richard Garno of Millington, a member of Boy Scout Troop 59, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

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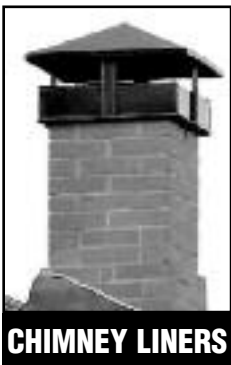
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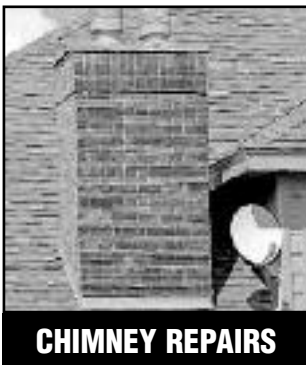




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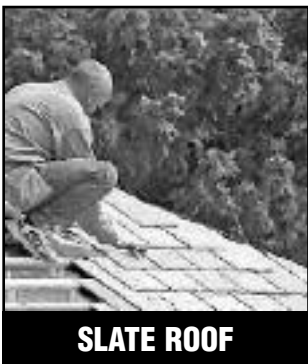
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## 2018/19 HIGH SCHOOL INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL CHAMPS

*Submitted by Amanda Altavilla*

The 2018/19 Warren Rec Basketball Champions have been crowned for the Freshmen-Sophomore and Junior-Senior Divisions. Watchung Hills Regional High School teachers Joe Ascolese and Jon Bedi have been running this successful program for over ten years.

Rutgers is the 2019 Freshmen-Sophomore Warren Rec Basketball Champion. Team

members include Justin Drews, Frankie Gaffney, Adam Cardoza, Luke Malfetti, Justin Defuria, Nikhil Mavinkirve, Christian Beisler, Blake Kominsky and Gene Chung. Rutgers defeated Stanford 61-48 for the Championship! Congratulations to both teams a well-played season.

UNC is the 2019 Junior-Senior Rec Basketball Champion. Team members include Ben Ant, Brad Pinho, John Seyda, James McKenna,

Andrew Martins, Chris Meireles, Brendan Langenauer, Sebastian Leon, Evan Bujnowski, and Kevin Ryan.

Undefeated #1 Seed UNC held off #2 Miami 55-53 in a very competitive back-and-forth championship game which came down to the wire with Miami missing a potential game tying shot with under a second left in the game. Congrats to both teams on a fun and exciting season!



(above) Team Rutgers, the 2019 Freshmen-Sophomore Warren Rec Basketball Champion team.



(above) Team UNC, the 2019 Junior-Senior Rec Basketball Championship winners.



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# GIRL SCOUT JUNIORS TROOP NUTRITION OUTING

*Submitted by Allison Kempe*  
Long Hill Township's Girl Scout Juniors Troop 96292 recently spent time with Michelle Sweeney, Registered Dietician Nutritionist at

ShopRite of Stirling, learning how to plan healthy meals and the importance of budgeting. They also got to make their own healthy snacks and enjoy them as well.



(above, top, l-r) Keira Torpey, Sienna Simo, Tilley Makarewicz, Alexandra Krsmanovic;  
(middle, l-r) Michelle Sweeney, RDN, Madeline Dec, Aspen Elsaesser;  
(bottom) Alyse Franklin, Stella Viegas, Nicole Johnstone, and Isabella Rossi.

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John Montanna





(above) Zasha Wojtech, Assistant Fire Chief Randy Wojtech, and Deputy Fire Chief John Whitmore.



(above) Anthony Pepe and Craig Tuma announcing the door prize winners.

## FIREFIGHTERS VENISON DINNER: A BIG SUCCESS

Submitted by Frank Reilly

Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. firefighters held their 20th annual Venison Dinner on Saturday, March 2, 2019 in the firehouse where more than 150 people feasted on a dozen varieties of venison specialties that were prepared by the firefighters.

Chairmen of this annual fund raiser was Fire Chief Al Gallo who was assisted by more than 25 Stirling firefighters. The firefighter chefs who prepared the feast were Al Gallo, Joe Cerami, Albert Pepe, Troy Pytell, Craig Tuma, Ronni Stein and Tom Delia.

Over 400 hours was spent by the firefighters preparing the food, cooking, staffing the event, and cleaning-up afterward. The income from this event helps to pay for training, firefighting equipment, and maintenance of the firehouse that's owned by the Stirling firefighters.

Diners came from all over central and northern New Jersey and when asked why they traveled so far for this dinner, they unanimously replied because it was the best venison meal in the state.

The firefighters thank the Long Hill Leader for their help in publicizing the event and making it a success.



(above, l-r) Steve Remington, Jeff Wanamaker, Matt Picone, Chris Hoffman, Brian DiDonna, Jack Remington, Matt Rozmerski, and Nick Giglio.



(above, l-r) Troy Pytell, Ronni Stein, Al Pepe, Joe Cerami, Chief Al Gallo, and Tom Delia.

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### **Glorious Ground Cover**

Saturday, May 11 at noon

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### **Performance of The Letter**

Saturday, May 18 at noon

Historian & Performer Laurie Gaulke will portray Mrs. Hudspeth Benson, a former Millington resident. Benson's heroic actions accidentally propelled her into the national spotlight when she testified at the conspirator trials of the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

### **Spring Concert with The Raritan Ringers**

Wednesday, May 22 at 7 p.m.

The Raritan Ringers, a choir of advanced handbell ringers from communities in north central New Jersey, will present a spring concert at the library. The Ringers will perform popular tunes arranged for bells, the latest pieces in repertoire written especially for bells, and several Spring surprises!

### **Creating a Cottage Style Garden**

Saturday, June 8 at noon

Do you dream of a lush, colorful informal garden filled with old-fashioned flowers? Then Cottage Gardening is for you! The charm of a cottage style garden is characterized by the profusion of plants, color, fragrance and a little bit of whimsy. Essential elements and simple steps to achieve the look of a cottage garden will be presented. Master Gardener Diane

Lattanzio will present.

### **Happiness Workshop**

Saturday, June 29 at noon

Diane Lang, our favorite motivational speaker, returns with Why Be Happy. We all want to be happy but what truthfully makes us happy? What are the myths of happiness? Learn new ways of thinking and behaving that will make your life happier like expressing gratitude, setting life goals, random acts of kindness, etc. Make small changes now that will help you to live a more positive and resilient lifestyle. Learn the steps that you can take that will make a HUGE difference in your life.

## ANNUAL CARDBOARD BOX REGATTA

Boy Scout Troop 59 won third place in the First Annual Cardboard Box Regatta in a boat made entirely of cardboard and duct tape. The event was held at Berkeley Aquatics in New Providence on April 7, 2019. Troop 59 meets every Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Stirling. For more information visit [www.troop59.com](http://www.troop59.com).



(above, l-r) Scouts Thomas Baeyens, Matthew Weddle and Brady Marshall.

## SIXTH ANNUAL ARGYLE FISH & CHIPS DINNER EVENT IN STIRLING ON JUNE 1

The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling is holding its Sixth Annual Argyle Fish & Chips Dinner event on Saturday, June 1, 2019, from 5 - 7 p.m. Plans are to hold it outside on the front lawn as has been the custom each year; some indoor seating will also be available. As in previous years, bagpiper David Palladino is scheduled to make an appearance.

The dinner is catered by Argyle Restaurant in Kearny, NJ. Their Fish & Chips dinner is legendary, and loved by many in the community. Dinner includes fish, chips, cole slaw, beverage and dessert. The dinner can be enjoyed at the church with others from the community, or can easily be a "Take-Out" meal. As in the past, the dinner also includes a "chicken option" for those prefer it.

Funds raised at this annual event support the church and its mission activities. The church's mission of "Feeding Those Who Hunger" is met in a literal sense here: in the past 5 years of this event, over 100 free dinner tickets have been given to community members in need.

The church is located 158 Central Avenue in Stirling. Tickets in advance are \$21 for adults, \$16 for seniors, and \$11 for children under 10 (prices higher at the door) and are available from

the church office or from any church member. For more info, contact the church at 908-647-1033 or online at [www.fpcstirling.org](http://www.fpcstirling.org).

### Argyle Fish\* & Chips Fundraising Dinner

Catered by Argyle Restaurant, Kearny, NJ

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

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Sixth Annual Chicken Option

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158 Central Avenue, Stirling, NJ

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Eat In or Take Out!

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## ELKS CLUB SUPPORTS “SENSORY GARDEN” AT CHILDREN'S CENTER

*Submitted by Michael Ryder*

In March the Watchung Hills Elks Lodge #885 presented the Somerset Children’s Center with a \$4,000 donation to be put towards the replacement of their outdated playground with a “Sensory Garden.” The garden is an area where children with multiple handicaps (Autism, Asperger Syndrome, and other communicative disorders) can find an environment that is conducive to rehabilitation and treatment. The funds were coordinated from a number of different sources. ENF Chair Joann Bataille secured an ENF Anniversary Grant in the amount of \$1,500. The Lodge 885 English Trust Fund matched the Anniversary Grant for another \$1,500, and our Special Children’s Committee fund donated \$1,000.

The following people were involved in working on this opportunity: Danny Larsen, Lodge 885 ER; Joann Bataille, Lodge 885 ENF Chair; Marc Steinberg, Somerset Children’s Center BOD Chairman; Michelle Waiser, Lodge 885 member and Trustee at the Somerset Children’s Center; Mindy Hoppe, Director of the Somerset Children’s Center; Kim DeVizio, Lodge 885 member and English Trust Fund BOD member; Stephanie Zitsch, Lodge 885 PER and English Trust Fund BOD member; Pia Grant, Lodge 885 member and English Trust Fund BOD member; and Betty Volker, Lodge 885 PDDGER and Special Children’s Committee Chairperson.

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(above, l-r) Danny Larsen, Joann Bataille, Marc Steinberg, Michelle Waiser, Mindy Hoppe, Kim DeVizio, Stephanie Zitsch and Betty Volker.

## TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

**COME AND JOIN US**

**MAY 27TH**

**PARADE STARTS AT 9:30am**

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*for*

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**1:30pm - 4:30pm**

ALL Long Hill Residents are invited to join us at Stirling Lake for an afternoon of picnicking and swimming. Any Community Groups wishing to march in the parade, please contact the Parks & Recreation Dept.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**908-647-8000 x219 or x267**

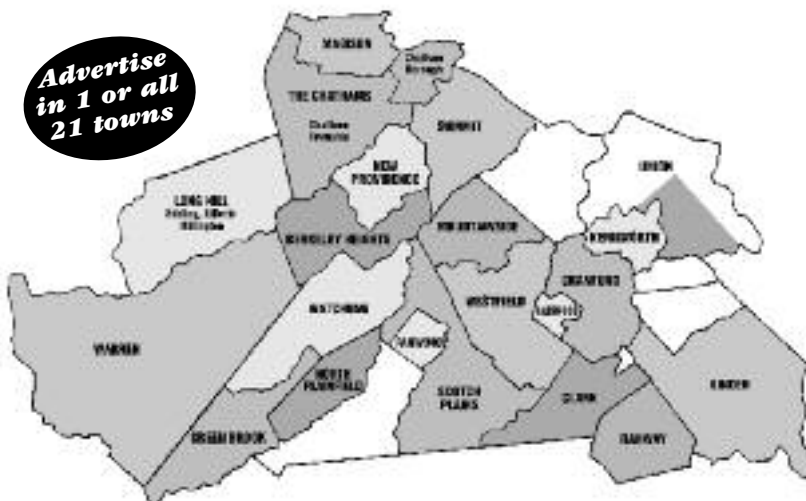
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