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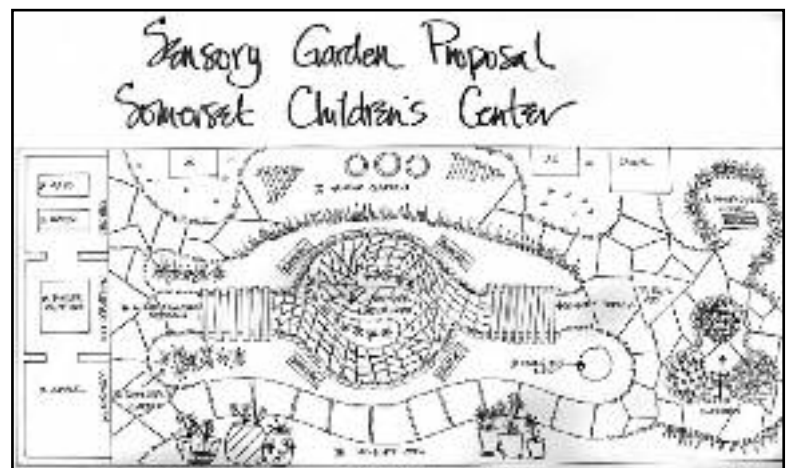
Submitted by Michael Ryder

The Watchung Hills Elks Lodge #885 recently presented the Somerset Children's Center with a \$4,000 donation to be put towards the replacement of their outdated playground with a "Sensory Garden."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) "A sensory garden is a garden environment that is designed with the purpose of stimulating the senses."



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



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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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(above) Recreation Director Joe Passaro speaks with the Lions Club on April 9, 2019 about proposed expansion of the Pavilion.

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION DISCUSSES PROPOSED EXPANSION OF LIONS PAVILION

Submitted by Amanda Altavilla

On April 9, 2019, Joe Passaro, Director of Sports and Recreation in Warren Twp., gave a presentation on the expansion of the existing pavilion on the Warren Municipal grounds. The existing pavilion was built in 1965 funded by the Lions Club and a host of other donors. The upgrade of the LIONS pavilion, as it was called back in the day, is sorely needed by a growing town and to keep up with huge demand for the facility by many groups.

Recreation holds many functions there ranging from Summer concerts and camps, picnics, birthday parties, and chair yoga. "We have a great deal of interest for corporate events to be held at our pavilion also," said Joe Passaro. On news of

a possible expansion there was an inquiry about holding a wedding there.

The design and construction would mirror the newer buildings on the Municipal complex, have expanded bathroom facilities, lighting, and security. "We are still in the planning stages and have welcomed input from the President of the Lions, Adrienne Stewart," said Mr. Passaro. Adrienne and Joe ran the Recreation Commission in Warren as Chair and Co-Chairman for over a decade.

The Lions will be an integral part of the new expansion project and have been great benefactors for many causes in the town of Warren. The township of Warren would like to have this completed by sometime in 2020.

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1940's

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Drop-In Craft - Mother's Day Craft

May 7, 3:30-7 p.m. and
May 11, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(families)

Game Day

May 24, 27; 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
(families)

Construction Zones

May 25, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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CHILDREN, TWEEN, AND TEEN PROGRAM

Toddler Storytime - Story and Craft

May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30
10-10:30 a.m.

(ages 18-36 months)

Preschool Storytime - Story and Craft

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 11-11:45 a.m.
(ages 36-60 months)

Teen Volunteer Night

May 2, 7-8 p.m.
(grades 6-12)

Baby Storytime

May 7, 14, 21, 28; 10-10:45 a.m.
(ages birth - 18 months)

Toddler Storytime - Rhyme and Play

May 7, 14, 21, 28; 11-11:45 a.m.
(ages 18-36 months)

Healthy Snacks with ShopRite

May 9, 7-8 p.m.
(grades 6-12)

Let's Cook

May 14, 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
(grades 3-5)

Wompy's World of Musical Play

May 31, 10-10:45 a.m. and 11-11:45 a.m.
(ages 6 month - 4 years)

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adventures Under the Northern Lights

May 2, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

U.S. Citizenship Preparation Course

May 4, 11, 18; 10 a.m. - noon

Yarn and Threads

May 6, 13, 20, 27; 10 a.m. - noon

English Conversation Group

May 7, 14, 21, 28; 10-11:30 a.m.

The Beatles and the BBC

May 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Recipe Club

May 13, 7-8 p.m.

Somerset Hills Stitching Club

May 14, 7-8:30 p.m.

Film Discussion: "Georgia O'Keeffe,"

on May 15, 1-4 p.m.

Writers Group

May 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

Empty Mansions - Huguette Clark

May 16, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Book Discussion: "Meet Me at the Museum,"

on May 16, 2-4 p.m.

Girls Night Out - Women of Motown

May 18, 2-3 p.m.

Book Discussion: Professor led discussion

"Hamlet,"

on May 21, 7-8 p.m.



As a member of the Friends of the Warren Twp Library, you help to support free and vital services offered through both Children and Adult programs, as well as providing assistance and contributions with new and ongoing projects that ensure the quality of resources and benefits offered to the public.

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WARREN RECREATION SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

Spring Tennis Lessons

There is still time to sign up for
Session 2 of Spring Tennis
starting the week of May 13.

These lessons are open Warren, Watchung and Green Brook residents ages 4 to adult and costs \$100 per session. The deadline is May 13 at 10 a.m.

Annual Fishing Derby

will take place on May 18
from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
(hard rain date only May 19).

This is a free event open to Warren Residents only. Prizes for ages 5-14. Free hats for the first 200 participants by Warren PBA and free food provided by the Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club. NJ Fish & Game will be bringing the Show & Tell Tank.

Summer Camp registration is open for Warren residents

Warren residents who register early will receive a \$10 discount on the Summer Playground Program & Teen Camp until May 6, 11 a.m. *Watchung and Green Brook residents may register after May 6, 11 a.m.*

Register early as camps fill up fast! No refunds. For more information on the camps please go to warrennj.org/recreation then "Youth Programs, Events & Camps"

Jr. Field Hockey Clinic

Sunday's, June 2, 9, 16, 23.

Grades 1-4 from 8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. &
Grades 5-9 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

at Duderstadt Field. Cost is \$50 grades 1-4 and \$75 for grades 5-9. This clinic is open to the residents within the sending district of Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Summer Playground Program

June 25-July 27, M-F 9 a.m. - 3p.m.
Monday's 12 - 3 p.m.

\$235/5wks for Warren Residents and \$325 for Watchung & Green Brook Residents.

Summer Teen Camp

July 1- August 2, Monday-Friday,
8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

3 trips a week. Register by the week. Warren residents each week \$225 (Week 1: \$215) and Watchung & Green Brook Residents \$250 each week (Week 1: \$235).

Little Kids Camp

August 5-9 - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
for 4-6 year olds \$85

Theatre Camp

August 5-9 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
grades 7-12 \$125

Legos Camp

August 12-16 - 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
ages (6-12) \$200

Summer Concert Series- Bob Marino & Barbara Harris

June 19

Fabulous 50's Night featuring The Keynotes

June 26

Lost in Place

July 10

Ross Griswold & The Second Line

July 17

All concerts take place at the Warren Municipal Pavilion Area and start at 7p.m..

9TH ANNUAL WARREN WATCHUNG GREEN FAIR

The Warren Watchung Green Fair will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. at the Warren Middle School, 100 Old Stirling Road in Warren Township.

This event is sponsored by the Warren Township Committee under the guidance of the

Warren and Watchung Borough Green Teams.

There will be activities, environmental information, an electric car display, and recycling collections of hard-to-dispose-of items.


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2018 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS AT SPORTS RECOGNITION DINNER

Submitted by Warren Township Recreation

The Warren Township Recreation Department held its annual Sports Recognition Dinner at the Chimney Rock restaurant in Bridgewater on March 13, 2019. The event was well attended by the Warren Twp. Committee and other elected officials, coaches and administrators from Watchung Hills High School, and keynote speaker Chris Ash, Head Coach of Rutgers University Football Team.

Coach Ash gave an inspiring speech on Youth Sports and today's athlete. Joe Passaro, Director of Sports and Recreation, hosted the event and was thrilled to honor so many volunteer coaches. He quoted Billy Graham, "A coach will affect more people in one season, than most people do in a lifetime," and stated "our youth coaches have a huge responsibility and are priceless."

During the dinner, each township sport recognized a volunteer of the year. Following are the volunteers that were honored.

SHAWN GRABKO - WATCHUNG HILLS POP WARNER FOOTBALL & CHEER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Entering his 8th year in the program, there are not too many things our Volunteer of the Year, Shawn Grabko has not done. He became involved when his son Will, and later, daughter Ella joined the football and cheer programs respectively. On game days, he arrives at the WHPW Complex at sunup and does not leave until sundown; no one spends more hours there than he does. What Shawn is probably most known for is as co-manager of the Snack Shack, WHPW's most profitable endeavor year after year. But he doesn't stay behind that counter for very long, here is a list of just some of the things Shawn is continually busy with: game day field set up; recruits at every recruiting event; WHPW Board Member; grilling, BBQ-ing, cooking and ordering Snack Shack supplies; assisted with new website design and implementation; built new apparel store in Squad Locker, which sends 10% of sales back to the program; football coach Shawn willingly lends a hand whenever and wherever needed and Pop Warner could not produce the professional product that they do without him. For all these reasons and many more, Shawn is Watchung Hills Pop Warner Football & Cheer Volunteer of the Year!

CHRIS LARSEN - WATCHUNG HILLS SOCCER ASSOC

Chris Larsen has been on the board for 8 years and has owned the scheduling role for most of that time. WHSA has 1,500 players and Chris is in charge of scheduling the 75+ teams, which play in 3 different leagues for WHSA, 7 different locations with 19 different fields. Depending on the age of the teams, WHSA has 4 different team configurations (5v5, 7v7, 9v9, 11v11) and 3 different referees assignors. Based on all of these variables, he sets an initial schedule where he tries to keep consecutive games to accommodate the referees. Then on top of all of the variables, Chris has to deal with hundreds of game change requests that are sent in. He has to put the schedule together for the Fall and Spring. WHSA had to buy him an IBM Watson to help him keep up! On top of all of this, Chris has two children of his own who have been in the program and he

still coaches and managers one of the teams. Chris is a true friend, a fantastic board member and he is fully committed to developing soccer within our community. Unfortunately, Chris was unable to attend the dinner but was conferenced in to be told of this honor.

MIKE OHLSON - WARREN BASEBALL/SOFTBALL INC.

For the past 10 years, Mike Ohlson has been a trusted and steady leader of our town's Baseball & Softball Program. Mike is always available to players, parents, coaches and fellow board members. He puts the kids first and has a tremendous commitment to ensuring our program and facilities are in good order. Just a few examples of Mike's selflessness include:

He spends hours on the fields preparing them for 6 p.m. games, leaving work early regularly; he is often seen on the tractor grooming the field and running around the snack shack to make sure it is operating smoothly. He has pulled on knee high boots and pumped water from the field for a chance at making them playable. Just this past season he showed up after torrential rain to help make the field playable for the 8u District Championship game. He never bows to pressure, including at district or state tournaments and the occasional insanity of screaming coaches and fans. Mike makes practices and games fun for the kids. Such as his famous sliding drills with refrigerator cardboard boxes or his personal Slip N Slide. These have become a hit throughout the league! One year, because the league being short on coaches and parents were not stepping up, Mike coached a team, for an entire season, on which he didn't even have a child playing! As a leader, Mike has navigated a time of shrinking enrollment and has placed more focus on bolstering enrollment and retention with our youngest age groups, who are the future of our program. Mike seems to have an endless supply of energy and sacrifices his time that could be spent with his job, family (including 3 kids). Mike is supremely focused on providing the boys and girls of Warren with a great baseball and softball experience.

RICH BURTON - THE HILLS LACROSSE CLUB

The Hills Lacrosse Club would like to thank Coach Rich Burton for his dedicated service with the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award. Rich has been an essential part of this lacrosse club and has helped develop it into the program it is today.

Through his many years of unselfish service, Rich has helped the children in our town by providing them with the best possible training in an effort to advance their lacrosse skills. As a board member, he has fulfilled many roles, from running the beginners clinic to ordering equipment, to putting up signs, and assisting coaches with practices wherever and whenever requested. As a coach, Rich has always tried to provide the most insightful and skills based training possible.

Co-President of the Hills Lacrosse said, "as a parent, I can tell you my boys didn't realize Rich had actually given them girls lacrosse sticks to use (which are actually quite different from boys sticks), but they didn't care as long as they got their lollipops at the end of class. His infectious

laugh and uncanny way of making the drills and learning fun kept the kids engaged and asking to play year after year. Stick skills were taught but life lessons were also emphasized which included the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork, and kindness towards others."

The Hills Lacrosse Club would like to thank Rich Burton for years of dedicated service on the board and as a coach. They hope that they will be fortunate enough to continue to benefit from his experience, dedication, and love of lacrosse.

WALTER LEE - WATCHUNG HILLS WRESTLING ASSOC

Walter Lee has unselfishly stayed involved and continues to stay involved with the Watchung Hills Wrestling Association even after his sons no longer wrestled in the program. He has stayed for the love of the sport, and the love of the program. He has coached youth wrestling for over 10 years and has held the Executive Board positions of Trustee, Recording Secretary, Vice President and President during his tenure. Walter has held almost every job within the program, including running the concession stands and the ordering all of the wrestlers uniforms.

Walter was a key part in the construction of the Wrestling building. As an Executive Board member and a construction committee member, he was instrumental in our fundraising, planning and ultimately the construction of the new building. Not only did he help behind the scenes, he also donated his own time, money and resources as a general contractor, during the construction process. Without Walter's contributions, the Wrestling building may not have happened.

Walter is a huge advocate for the sport of wrestling and has left an extraordinary imprint on the Watchung Hills Wrestling Association and the sport he loves; and for all this, they would like to honor Walter Lee with the 2019 Watchung Hills Wrestling Association Volunteer of the year.

JOHN GRUNSTEIN - WARREN YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSC

The Warren Youth Basketball volunteer of the year is John Grunstein. He has been the WYBA equipment manager for many years. He orders, warehouses and delivers our uniforms each year without a fuss. It is one of the more necessary, yet unsung jobs on the board. He lives in Warren, and continues to serve on the board even after his last son was finished with the program.

BRUCE LEVIN - WARREN YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOC

Bruce Levin was awarded the Outstanding Charity and Service to Warren Youth Basketball

Over the years, Bruce has been a big part of what makes the WYBA a success. He was president of the WYBA for many years. He also coached Warren Travel basketball for many years, and is beloved by his players. He has been a great mentor, and his leadership has been instrumental in keeping basketball in the lives of Warren Youth.

His charity work is legendary. Through the support of the WYBA and his love of basketball, Bruce ran an annual fundraiser called "Baskets for Bama." Each year Warren kids and adults played in 3 on 3 tournaments and shot 3 pointers to raise over \$215,000 to help cure brain cancer. A very impressive accomplishment indeed.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS PHOTOS

Photos by Warren Township Recreation



(above) President Andrew Marion with Watchung Hills Pop Warner Football and Cheer Volunteer of the Year Shawn Grabko.



(above) Recreation Director Joseph Passaro with President Frank Sena of the Watchung Hills Soccer Association. Unfortunately, Volunteer of the Year Chris Larsen was unable to attend the dinner.



(above) President Vance Gillenwater with Warren Basketball Association Volunteer of the Year John Grunstein.



(above) Co-President Gina Blekicky with Volunteer of the Year Rich Burton of the Hills Lacrosse Club.



(above) President Matt Richardson with Watchung Hills Wrestling Association Volunteer of the Year Walter Lee.



(above) Board Member Jon O'Sheal with Volunteer of the Year, Warren Baseball/Softball Inc. President Michael Ohlson.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019

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:

Academy of Saint Elizabeth	The Hill School	Morristown-Beard School
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(above) President Vance Gillenwater with Bruce Levin who was awarded the Outstanding Charity and Service to Warren Youth Basketball.

WARREN RECREATION'S ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

Warren Township Recreation's Annual Fishing Derby will take place on May 18, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (hard rain date only May 19) at Dealaman Nature Trail & Pond. This is a free event open to Warren Residents only. Register day of event, must show I.D. Prizes for ages 5-14. Free hats for the first 200 participants will be provided by the Warren PBA and free food will be provided by the Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club. NJ Fish & Game will be bringing the Show & Tell Tank.

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GIRL SCOUTS RECEIVE BRONZE AWARD

Submitted by Bridget Ameo

Eight Girl Scouts from Central School's 5th grade Troop 65-468 received their Bronze Award pins and certificates during a ceremony at the courthouse on March 26, 2019. The Bronze Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout Junior can receive in which each scout must work 20 hours on a project to make a positive change in the community. These scouts spent months

researching and creating educational videos at local Warren historical landmarks which were used to teach students about colonial life and Warren's importance during the Revolutionary War. The videos were shown at Central School during NJ History Day. Instrumental in the girls' research was Mr. Rory Britt of the Warren Historical Society and troop leader Jeannine Sarosy.



(above) Front row: Celina Bhatt, Clarissa Kwan, Megan Lehal, Zoya Balakrishnan; Second row: Allison Ameo, Angelina Haung, Kathryn Flanigan; Back row: Rory Britt, Mayor Gary DiNardo, and Jeannine Sarosy.

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LETTER CARRIERS' STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE – MAY 11

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The 27th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

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.

For more information, visit: nalc.org.



(above) The 27th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Leave non-perishable food next to your mailbox.

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(above, l-r) Paraprofessional Tanna Sheneman, Grade 1 Teacher Anita Brower, and Woodland School parent, Melissa Castle, holding Butterscotch!



(above, l-r) PTO and volunteer members Mrs. Paige Jasaitis, Mrs. Dana Marucci, Mrs. Kim Kardos, and Mrs. Gina Blekicki on Science Day.



(above, l-r) Isabella Sicignano, Jae Vespucci, Delaney Surbrug, Lily Pritchard excited by Rizzo's creatures!



(above, l-r) Alyssa Raspovich, Kayden Thursfield-Ritchie, and Alexandra Valyuk working on a forensics lesson.

Photos courtesy of Warren Township Schools

A SCIENCE DAY TO REMEMBER AT WOODLAND

Submitted by Shannon Regan

Imagine the possibility of wandering around the inside of a brain? On Friday, March 29, students from Woodland School had the opportunity to do just that. The Overlook Medical Center Community Health Department presented the large "Inflatable Brain" to students in grades 2-5 as one of the many exhibits for students to experience during Science Day. Woodland parent, Lorie McDonald, arranged for the brain exhibit. Students learned how to protect and nourish their brains as well as the importance of exercise, sleep, and mindfulness.

The Woodland School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), in conjunction with Woodland School staff, arranged for a full day of exciting science presentations, experiments and fun. Science Day committee members, Mrs. Paige Jasaitis and Mrs. Dana Marucci worked with Mr. Jeffrey Heaney, Woodland School Principal, to coordinate a schedule that would allow students in Kindergarten through grade five to participate in a variety of scientific activities.

Dr. Amy Williams, a Post-Doctoral Associate from Stevens Institute of Technology, shared a presentation on Coastal Engineering of living shorelines. Williams brought a wave tank and worked with the students to create and build their own structures to protect an imaginary town from the next big storm.

Mr. Joseph Lodge and Mr. Nick Stryker, graduate students from Stevens Institute of Technology, gave a presentation on neutral buoyancy. Students worked together to build structures that would stay under the surface of the

water without touching the bottom, similar to a submarine. Ms. Laura Kerr, a former Woodland School parent and a Research Coastal Engineer at Stevens Institute of Technology helped coordinate the presentations.

Kindergarten through grade 2 students viewed "The Call of the Wild," a very engaging presentation by Mad Science of Western New Jersey. Students learned about animal calls, animal tracks, and animal teeth. Grade 3 students worked with Mrs. Amanda McGrath, Library Media Specialist, and grade 3 teachers, Ms. Lisa Lenci-Coppola and Miss Hannah Nizri, as well as parent volunteers, to learn about owls and dissect owl pellets. Mr. Heaney and Mrs. Zimmer, Reach Teacher, gave a fantastic forensics lesson using matchbox cars and ink to grades 4 and 5. The lesson was designed by Mrs. Marucci.

CRODA, the company name behind the high-performance ingredients and technologies in some of the biggest, most successful brands in the world, sent a team of volunteers to Woodland School to make soap with every Woodland student. Mrs. Danielle Rowell arranged for the CRODA activity.

The entire Woodland School community listened together as Ms. Caryn Lin, a musical artist, performed Bach 2 Rock: The Science of Sound. During this multimedia presentation, students took a musical journey from classical to techno. The Woodland students were introduced to the scientific concepts and art involved in the creation of live music.

Last but not least, the school library was transformed into a wildlife center as Rizzo's Wildlife World, provided a multi-sensory, hands-on, and interactive experience for the students, staff, and volunteers. A lucky group of volunteers even got the opportunity to hold Butterscotch, the Albino Burmese Python!

The co-chair members of Science Day, Rowell and Jasaitis, along with Heaney were very pleased with the entire day. "It was truly a special day at Woodland as students and staff explored the wonders of Science," said Mr. Jeff Heaney. "Thank you to the PTO, volunteers and all of the presenters for a day that students and staff will never forget!"



(above) Max Kisselev and Ahmed Aamir working in the wave tank.

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LIFE SCIENCE CLASSES MIDDLE SCHOOL RECEIVE A VISIT FROM THE WETLANDS INSTITUTE

With Spring upon us and warmer weather ahead, Warren Middle School (WMS) seventh grade Life Science classes are studying the aquatic adaptations and reproductive systems of many marine animals that can be found in the waters of coastal New Jersey.

Members from the Warren Middle School PTO arranged for the Wetlands Institute, a non-profit organization preserving and protecting wetlands and ecosystems, to visit WMS. The Traveling Environmental Education Program is aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and the North American Association for Environmental Education K-12 guidelines.

The program began with an exchange of information about human adaptations where students were challenged to think and share ways that they adapt to different climates as well as other environmental factors. Next, the instructor introduced a few sea creatures including a hermit

crab, spider crab, horseshoe crab, oyster toadfish and knobbed whelk.

In addition to learning about the adaptations of each critter, students were given an understanding of the predator - prey relationships, food webs, life cycles, anatomy and classification of each animal visiting the class.

Lastly, students were encouraged to think like a Marine Biologist and invited to take turns at each station to have a closer look at the sea creatures. Jumping right into the activity, using a two finger touch, students could feel the squishy, scaleless flat brown toadfish, and the hard shell of the horseshoe crab.

The Wetlands Institute is dedicated to educating students to encourage a better understanding of the wetlands and coastal ecosystems. Be sure to keep an eye out for some of these creatures during your next trip to the Jersey Shore this summer!



(above) Grade 7 students Hallie Sussner and Julianna O'Sheal checking out the horseshoe crab.



(above) Grade 7 students Hallie Sussner and Eesha Lal checking out the spider crab.

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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. There is also a

"chicken option" for those who 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 fpcstirling.org.

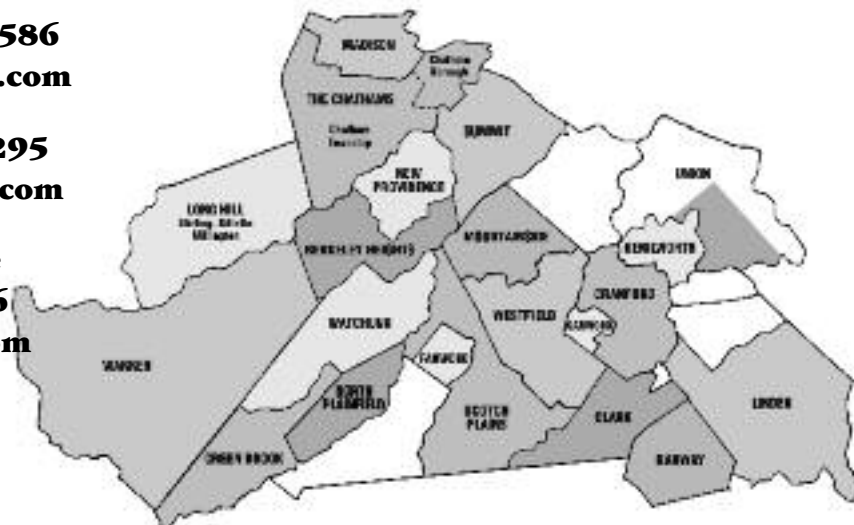
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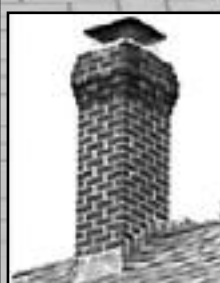
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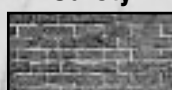
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