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DAISY TROOP EARNS BADGES THROUGH PANDEMIC



(above) Garwood Daisy Troop #41108

Garwood Daisy Troop #41108 had their first meeting since COVID on Saturday, September 12. Troop Leader Vanessa Schubring and Co-Troop Leaders Mary Alverson and Erika Zurzolo made sure all the girls wore their masks and social distanced during activities. The main goal of the meeting was to welcome the girls back. They each received a Girl Scout mask, a personal hand sanitizer to hang from their bookbags, and all the badges they received during quarantine.

During quarantine the girls earned most of their petals through various activities, whether it was sending cards to the front line workers, doing chores around their house, planting and maintaining the flowers around town, or joining in a birthday parade to show that even through tough times, they are there for each other. Troop Leader

Vanessa said "I am very proud of these girls and more so impressed by how they stood strong through everything."

As a special surprise, Mayor Sara Todisco and Council President Jen Blumenstock came to speak to the girls about democracy and helped them earn their Democracy Daisy Badge. They spoke about the differences between the town, state, and federal levels of government. They also helped the girls write a letter to the Governor. After the meeting, Mayor Sara Todisco said, "It was an honor to join the Daisies to talk about my two favorite topics--Garwood and social studies. It was nice hearing the girls share what they love about Garwood. Hartman Park was the top answer."

Co-Troop Leader Mary said "I look forward to seeing all that the girls accomplish this year, and the many badges to be earned and adventures to be had."

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Edward Bucior, Assistant Principal of ALJ, stated, "Collectively as a school community, we promote and instill positive core values for our students. We have the best students, teachers, parents, and community! Our stakeholders are fully invested in creating upstanding leaders within the community. There's your "image" and then there's your "character". "Image" is doing

Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark was the right thing when everyone is watching. "Character" is doing the right thing even when no one is watching. Both are important, but your character is what defines you! At the end of the day, character is not something you simply acquire, but rather it is something that is developed. Our students have been developed to be leaders within our building and community."

He continued, "The Character Committee just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone that has helped ALJ get to this point. I want to thank the Board of Education and Superintendent Mr. Edward Grande for supporting ALJ throughout the process. I want to thank our teachers, students, parents, and community members for the work that they put in on a daily basis and for all of the support they gave during the application process."





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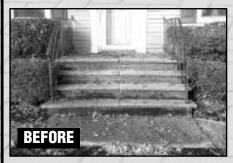
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Andrea works for New Jersey American Water at the Raritan Millstone Water Treatment Plant. Having worked in both the laboratory and in customer service, Andrea understands complex water quality issues and is able to communicate them in a customer-friendly manner. With this gift, Andrea provides critical water quality customer communication information to employees statewide. Many departments look to Andrea for guidance and clarification on water quality issues and how to explain them to customers.

Andrea is a member of the Garwood Green Team and the Education Foundation of Garwood and has assisted with different projects in her community.

YWCA Union County's Tribute to Women & Industry (TWIN) Award is a nationally recognized honor for women. Since creating the YWCA Union County, which provides TWIN award 41 years ago, the YWCA has honored women in executive, managerial, and other professional roles who have made significant contributions in their fields. This important award recognizes successful women executives for their outstanding achievements and honors those companies that have provided



opportunities for women to achieve their potential.

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The Garwood Library is now open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m to 1 p.m. Five people are permitted in the library at a time for thirty minutes. Curbside service is also available

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, October 7 at 7 p.m.

A meeting of the Garwood Library Board of Trustees will take place on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the Library. This meeting is open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required

Kid's Cooking Classes

Every Wednsday, at 3 p.m.

The Garwood Library in collaboration with Wakefern Afterschool Enrichment Programs brings you kid's cooking class every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in October. Pick up your pre-made ingredient kit box at the library before the virtual class begins at 3:30. The menu themes include "Fall into Flavor", "Hidden Veggies", "All Things in a Mug" and "Harry's Hogwarts's Party". The class is open to children in grades 3 to 6. Please register for the class by phone or on the Garwood Library's events calendar. The class is limited to 20 participants. Please note: although all these recipes do not contain nuts, we cannot ensure each ingredient is produced in a nut free facility.

Virtual Kid's Craft

Tuesday, October 13, at 3 p.m.

Pick up Supplies form 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on October 13. A craft tutorial will appear on Facebook Premiere on the Library's Facebook page on October 13 at 3 p.m. The video will be available for viewing thereafter. Registration is required and is limited to 15 participants. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone.

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"Introduction to Ukulele"

Tuesday, October 20 at 4 p.m.

The Garwood Library in collaboration with The Guitar Den presents "Introduction to the Ukulele". Children and adults will learn the basics of the ukulele in an interactive Zoom Workshop. Registration is required on the library website calendar or by phone. The Zoom link will be provided to registrants via email.

Virtual Adult Craft

Tuesday, October 27 at 3 p.m.

Pick up your craft supplies from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on October 27. A craft tutorial will appear on Facebook Premiere on the Library's Facebook page on October 27 at 3 p.m. The video will be available for viewing thereafter. Registration is required and is limited to 10 participants. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone.

Spooktacular Pet Photo Challenge

It's time for another photo contest at the Library. This time it's a Spooktacular Pet Photo Challenge, open to all Garwood residents. Just snap a picture of your pet dressed in their best Halloween costume, (no humans in the picture please) Email your picture to garwoodlibrary@garwood.org from October 1 through October 28. Your picture may be posted on the Library's Facebook and Instagram page. Best picture, as decided by the Garwood Library staff on October 30, will win a \$50 Amazon card.

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Volunteer services, scouts, social and school groups as well as individuals are invited to work together to reduce the amount of litter accumulating in various parts of the Borough.

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