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# **EAGLE SCOUT JOSEPH ANTONUCCI JR COMPLETES 300 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE** Submitted by Shauna Williams

Boy Scout Troop 368 of Berkeley Heights is pleased to recognize that Eagle Scout Joseph Antonucci Jr has achieved 300 hours of community service.

Joseph has served the troop in many leadership positions culminating his scouting career as our very memorable Senior Patrol Leader. In addition to his service to Troop 368, he has a long history of volunteerism. The troop has awarded Joseph their bronze, silver, and golden service coins in recognition of his extensive personal service, but that recognition was limited to his first 100 hours. Joseph's continued participation included community clean-ups, troop eagle projects, food bank collections, parades, blood drives, local 5k runs, the annual Relay for Life, Gary Whyte's Annual FOP Fundraiser, and many more.

Joseph is a living example of the Scout Oath by "helping other people at all times." Joseph is a graduating Senior at Governor Livingston High School and a member of Mu Alpha Theta. When not scouting, Joseph is fencing on the GL Fencing team, programming and competing with the GL Robotics Team, and filming Friday Night Lights with the GL TV Club. His hobbies include working out, video editing, coding video games using the LibGDX Game engine, and developing neural network/machine learning algorithms using Python.

Joseph will be attending NJIT this September, majoring in Computer Science and minoring in Applied Mathematics.

Joseph stated that "Scouting has taught me to persevere, never give up and give of my service freely for the betterment of the community. I have learned to lead by example and teach-back skills to younger scouts." Joseph recognizes Troop 368 for providing adventure, leadership training, character building, and community service for middle and high school scouts from Berkeley Heights and Mountainside.

If you have a middle or high school student that would like to join Troop 368, we meet Tuesday nights at the Mountain Park School at 7:30 p.m. Come drop-in and visit us!



(above) Mountainside resident, Eagle Scout Joseph Antonucci, was recognized by his troop, Boy Scout Troop 368 of Berkeley Heights, for completing 300 hours of community service.

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# GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON MARCHING BAND GETS BACK TO BUSINESS

Submitted by Victoria Baum

If you are lucky enough to live near Governor Livingston High School, for the past few weeks you were treated to the sounds of the pipes and drums (and other instruments) as student musicians came back together to begin outdoor rehearsals with the Governor Livingston Marching Band.

"We are thrilled to be back for the band in person. It was great to see the Governor Livingston Campus alive in the month of August with band and athletics proceeding. While we cannot predict exactly how the school year will proceed, it is our hope that these culturally needed extra and co-curricular activities can continue," said Nicholas O'Sullivan, Highlander Band Director and GL Music Teacher.

The band has been rehearsing roughly four times a week (weather and holidays permitting) and is having a blast together. This year's Marching Band is composed of 54 students across all sections. As of now, they will be playing at home games only (for in-person

performances), with the exact details of their schedule still being worked out.

Well-known for their success on the competition circuit, the Marching Band will have to switch gears a bit this year to continue competing. Due to the global pandemic, many competition circuits for marching bands across the United States have changed models from inperson competitions to "virtual" evaluations. The local circuit that the Highlanders compete in, 'Tournament of Bands', has done the same. Accordingly, Mr. O and his team will be recording the field show at Governor Livingston High School weekly and submitting it to the circuit for evaluation. On weekends in late September and throughout October, the band staff will meet with the judges virtually on Zoom to watch the performance together and get feedback to share with the students.

While it may not be a typical year for our band members (or any of our students), it is exciting to see students and staff embracing the challenges they face with creativity so that they can pursue the activities they love.



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## **BOROUGH BOYS TAKE THE FIELD**

#### Submitted by Jeanie Ruban

Pony League Field at Deerfield School on what turned out to be the nicest day of the summer.

USABL Tournament hosted by MSBL (Mountainside Softball & Baseball League) got underway. Governor Livingston High School Sophomores Georgie Provel, Johnny Schmidt and Timmy Smith were joined by GL Juniors Roman Andre, Michael Labisi, Gregory Patterson, Danny Pupo, Jimmy Ruban, Connor Tracy and Jackson Wenz, all close friends. These boys came up with the idea of taking the field together again while hanging out one summer night. They all have such fond memories of their younger years playing for Mountainside Youth Baseball. Some of them still play ball, others don't.

Several have joined different club teams and haven't played together in a while. They decided it was time to reunite and make some magic.



Fittingly, the boys asked Coach Worswick to Ten boys from Mountainside reunited on the coach them. Worswick was their coach when they all played together for the Deerfield Middle School baseball team. This was bigger than After being rained out, the 16U Summer Sizzle baseball. The self-named "Borough Boys" just wanted to "play ball" with their lifelong buddies.

> They played three games on that beautiful falllike Sunday. They made it to the championship game and lost to the Jersey City Saints, a team

they had beaten in pool-play earlier that day. Although they lost on the field, they won in our hearts. Their smiles were priceless, the team camaraderie was unmatched. The field was packed with parents, siblings, grandparents, friends and classmates who enjoyed each other's company as well. Hopefully these boys will make this a tradition and treat us all again in the summers to come.



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Submitted by Rachel Pater It's time to journey back to 1995.

We are excited to announce that Mayor Mirabelli and Council are planning to open a time capsule from 1995. We will be opening and sharing its contents at 10 a.m. on October 22 at Constitution Plaza (weather permitting).

Opening the capsule will serve as a final celebration Mountainside's for anniversary. The capsule just happens to be 25 years old. It likely contains many interesting and sentimental items. If you would like to attend the event in person, information will be posted on the Borough Facebook page on the number of people we can accommodate at that time. It will be on a first come, first serve basis. This event will be live streamed on Channel 35 and 39, our Facebook stream and youtube channel.

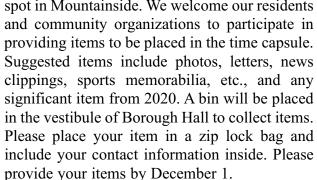
We also want to fill the time capsule with items from 2020, and place it in an appropriate

spot in Mountainside. We welcome our residents providing items to be placed in the time capsule. significant item from 2020. A bin will be placed provide your items by December 1.

This special event is being coordinated by the 125th Anniversary Chairs, Councilwoman Deanna Andre and Councilwoman Rachel Pater. Please reach out with questions or ideas to either Councilperson at dandre@mountainside-nj.com or rpater@mountainside-nj.com.

We are looking forward to this special event and sharing the time capsule with our residents!

Follow the Borough of Mountainside on Facebook for official announcements and updates for this event.





For everyone's safety and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are cancelling our inperson OPEN HOUSE on October 9, 2020 at 7PM at the Mountainside Fire Department. We apologize for the inconvenience and will resume the OPEN HOUSE program in Fire prevention Week October 2021. Please refer to mountainsidefd.com for upcoming events and activities. We have created a fire safety video which we invite for you to watch and will be posted to our web site shortly.



Get ready to be spooktacular! Beautiful Mountainside will be sponsoring their first annual Halloween House Decorating Contest.

To register, please visit Beautiful Mountainside's Facebook Page. Click "Like" and submit your name and address in the comments section. Entries must be submitted by October 19. Judging will take place between October 26 through October 30. Three winners will be selected. A \$100 gift card will be given to each winner.



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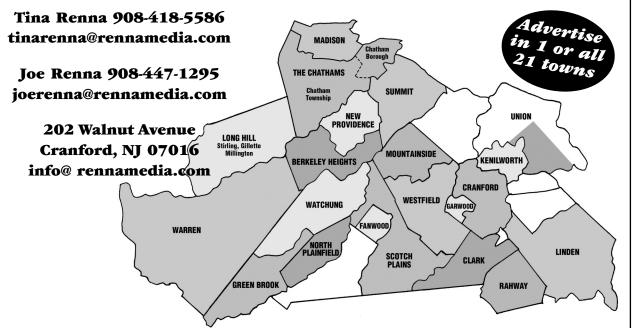
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# **MORGAN TORIELLO JOINS IMAGINE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Submitted by Val Stierhoff

Morgan Toriello of Westfield has joined the Board of Trustees at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss in Mountainside where she has served on the Development committee for years and has been a Circle of Hope member since 2019. Morgan is an executive recruiter at Windham Management Group, a boutique placement firm focused on mechanical engineering. Morgan graduated with honors from the University of New Hampshire with a BA in Communications and before taking a hiatus to raise her 3 children, was in product development for major brands such as Levi's and UGG, focused on design and supply chain.

Morgan founded the charitable fundraising organization, The Garden Gives, which hosts events to provide donations to Imagine as well as local community organizations such as The Westfield United Fund. Additionally, she has volunteered her time serving on the board of the Presbyterian Nursery School & Kindergarten as a Parent Teacher Organization representative.

Morgan and her husband John have three children – John, Rosie and William. Morgan has seen first-hand the impact grief can have on children and families, and has been drawn to the mission of Imagine since being introduced to the

organization in 2017.

When asked about her reasons for joining Imagine's Board of Directors, Morgan said: "I was honored to be asked to join the Imagine board. I have tremendous respect and admiration for all that Mary Robinson and her team do to help grieving families in our communities. After attending one of Imagine's Seasons of Hope breakfasts several years ago, I felt compelled to help in any way that I could. The Imagine team was there for my family recently when dealing with a tragic loss, and their guidance and support were paramount in helping us, and our young children, deal with the grief. The families that Imagine serves have taught me so much about strength and resiliency and I am eager to get even more involved."

Imagine offers grief and loss education and training to the community and free year-round grief support groups for children age 3-18 who have had a parent or brother or sister die, and for families caring for a family member living with a life-altering physical illness. Concurrent groups are available for parents and guardians, and young adults 18-30. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 info@imaginenj.org.









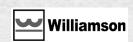
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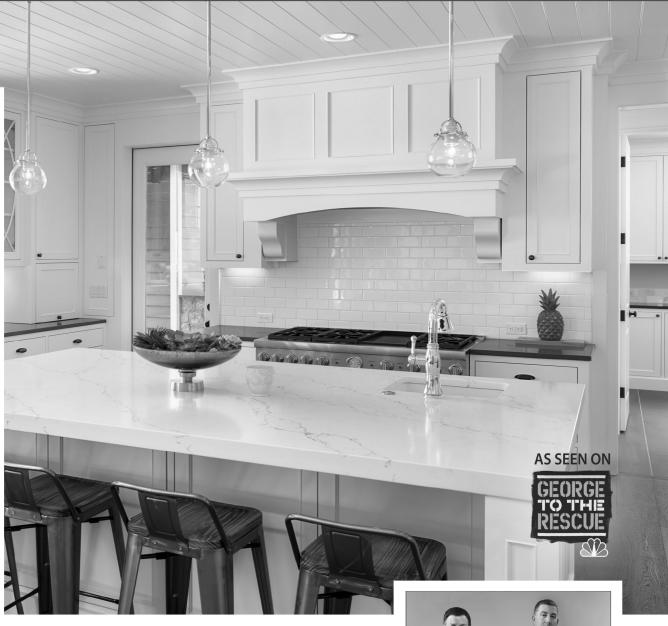














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