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ALT SUPERHEROES SWOOP IN TO ASSIST WITH FUNDRAISING

Submitted by Shannon Regan

The Superheroes from Angelo L. Tomaso (ALT) School were back at it again, participating in the 2021 Pennies for Patients annual fundraising program. Pennies for Patients connects schools with local blood cancer patients, provides tangible life skills to participants, and allows students to see the impact they're making in the lives of others.

For many years ALT has been recognized as a top supporter of the Pennies for Patients program through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). In May of 2020 ALT Principal, Ms. Christine Smith and Grade 5 Teacher Mrs. Nancy Andrews were both honored during a virtual celebration for their commitment to the LLS.

On April 20, students and staff were encouraged to tap into their superpowers by wearing a color that matched their superpower strength.

Red = Patience, Pink = Kindness, Blue = Strength, Purple = Resilience, Green = Teamwork, Orange = Respect, Yellow = Bravery, White = Empathy and Black = Persistence.

The ALT staff were dressed in blue shiny capes sealed with a common phrase of encouragement repeated by Smith, "Who are We? ALT!" The capes were purchased by Ms. Smith and stamped by Mrs. Marissa Marton-Sarao, the art teacher.

During A.M. drop off and P.M. pickup, the ALT superheroes visited the car line to collect generous donations from ALT families. Students were also able to bring their donations into their classrooms to give to an ALT Superhero. According to Andrews, some families made multiple donations.

In the end, the one-day fundraiser raised a grand total of \$5,190.91. Andrews, the driving force behind the effort was very excited and appreciative of the generosity from the ALT community.

Smith shared her reaction to the success of the fundraising campaign. "The Pennies for Patients fundraising campaign was started by Mrs. Andrews years ago and is one of the most exciting events of the year! What many do not know is that Mrs. Andrews is a model of the



(above) Miss Sydney Harris, Mrs. Carolyn O'Regan, Mr. Kurt Reck, Mrs. Marissa Marton-Sarao, Miss Paige Hobby, Dr. Erica Pawlo, Miss Brittany Leonard, Mrs. Teresa Kuprat, and Miss Kelly Backus.

Photos by Warren Township Schools



(above) Ms. Christine Smith sporting her Superhero cape



(above) Mrs. Nancy Andrews visits the car line to collect donations.

superpowers that childhood cancer patients exhibit in their battle with cancer as a survivor herself. We are always humbled by the generosity and empathy of our ALT families and love to see everyone united in such a meaningful way. Who are we?! ALT!!!"

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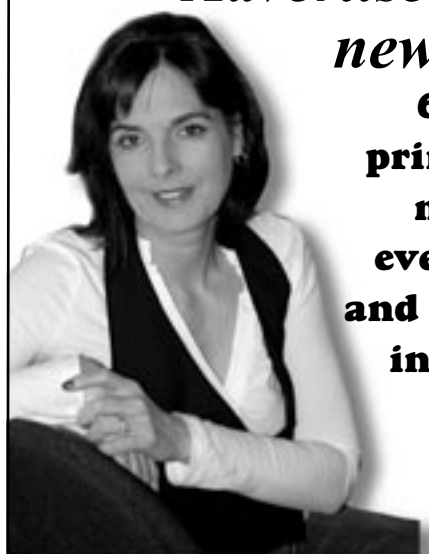
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NEW ADULT SERVICES LIBRARY INTERN

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Warren Township branch recently welcomed Genevieve Girvan to their adult services department as the new library intern. Girvan, who is currently working on completing her master's degree at Rutgers University School of Communication and Information, started working for the Library System in 2019 as a library assistant.

"I decided to become a librarian because of how many new and exciting things happen at the library," said Girvan. "I love that libraries are places where people can come to learn about anything from job applications to cupcake decorating. I really enjoy working at the Library because I am always learning about new ways to really make a difference in my community."

DISCOVER GIRVAN'S FAVORITE RECENT READS IN THE LIBRARY'S CATALOG:

"The Magic Fish" by Trung Le Nguyen

"Lifting As We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box" by Evette Dionne

"Punching the Air" by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

"Circe" by Madeline Miller

"Are You Listening?" by Tillie Walden

Connect with Girvan at ggirvan@sclibnj.org or 908-458.8450 ext 1534.



(above) SCLSNJ's Warren Township branch recently welcomed Genevieve Girvan to their adult services department as the new library intern.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM 2021

The Recreation Department will be offering a modified Summer Playground Program to Warren Residents only entering grades 1st-5th in September. Our camp will follow the guidelines for Youth Camps issued by the New Jersey Department of Health and Governor Murphy and we are still awaiting updated guidelines for the 2021 camp season.

The camp is a 4-week program that will run from July 6-July 30, Monday-Thursday from

9:00am-12:00pm. We will share more information about the program regarding size of camp, cost, registration and COVID-19 protocols soon.

Please be patient, as we will release more information when it is ready. Due to the current camp guidelines in place from last year, we will not be holding the Teen Camp, Lego/Robotics and Little Kids Camp this summer. We hope to bring those programs back next summer.

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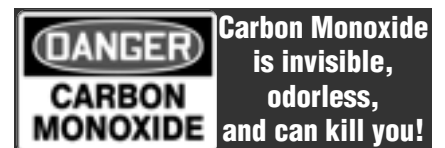
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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ON A ROLL

Submitted by Shannon Regan

Warren Middle School (WMS) students are on a roll this year! In addition to the many academic team achievement awards already received, two students have earned individual recognition.

In early April, Kayla Peng was awarded first place for her Peace Poster submission through the Lion's Club. More recently, Kayla and her teachers Ms. Sandra Foley, and Mrs. O'Brien Speckin, were notified that Kayla had won the grand prize for the Scholastic Plant Mash-Up Contest.

The Scholastic competition encourages students to envision, draw, and describe their own hybrid plant to solve a challenge in their community. Peng's Mash-Up plant consisted of Silver Birch Trees and Lavender. The combination of the two would lead to saving the bee population and reducing air pollution.

Miss. Peng's project will be featured on the Scholastic website and both she and her teachers will receive a cash prize. Foley and Speckin plan to spend their award money on science supplies



(above) Ms. Sandra Foley, Warren Middle School teacher, Miss. Kayla Pang, Warren Middle School student, and Mrs. O'Brien Speckin, Warren Middle School teacher, joined together for a picture in honor of Peng's award.



(above) The New Jersey 2021 State Champion for the American Scholastic Challenge, Ethan Liu

for the classroom, in honor of their award-winning student.

Grade 8 student Ethan Liu has just been named the 2021 New Jersey State Champion of the American Scholastic Challenge, an event sponsored by the American Scholastic Achievement League.

The American Scholastic Achievement League was formed by a committee of middle school teachers who organized and operated a local annual competition for the purpose of challenging their students to demonstrate knowledge and thinking skills and to recognize and reward excellence. The "contest" evolved into a state-wide competition in New York in 2001 and became a national contest in 2002.

According to Dr. Susan Cooper, Liu's teacher, "Ethan scored 90% in the rigorous 100-question competition. He has been a top quiz bowl student

on our team this year, so how wonderful to be recognized individually."

Mr. George Villar, Warren Middle School principal, is thrilled by the success and commitment of the WMS students. "WMS is proud and honored by the success of Kayla and Ethan. Their dedication to learning is inspirational. On behalf of the wolverine family, we extend our congratulations to both of them and their families."

Both Peng and Liu will be acknowledged for their accomplishments by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Matthew Mingle during the May 10 Board of Education meeting. All Warren Middle School student award recipients will be further recognized at the Board's May 24 meeting. The district is proud of Liu and Peng for continuing to shine brighter every day during what can be described as a non-traditional school year.

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Warren Township Recreation

On Saturday, April 17, 2021, the Warren Cache in Trash Out (CITO) event was held at Glenhurst Nature Trail. CITO is an environmental initiative supported by the geocaching community.

Catherine Cooney, an avid geocacher in the area, organized the CITO event with the support of Warren Township Recreation. The event was again a success that included a group of about 36 volunteers including volunteers from three different states and one from Australia. The volunteers cleaned the trail by pruning overhead and trailside overgrowth, removing sticks and branches off the trail and picked up trash.

Volunteers received goodie bags supplied by Warren Township that included items such as a reusable cloth mask and water bottle.

Warren Recreation would like to thank Catherine Cooney and all the volunteers for helping to clean up Glenhurst Nature Trail. The next event will happen in the fall.



Photos by Warren Township

WEEKDAY DOG WALKS AT LORD STIRLING STABLE

The Somerset County Park Commission and the Friends of Lord Stirling Stable are adding to the Saturday Dog Walks at Lord Stirling Stable. Additional dog walks will be held on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

"Our weekend dog walks are a great way for the public to enjoy the beautiful equestrian trails of Lord Stirling Stable, as well as an opportunity to get some outdoor exercise in a safe environment during the COVID pandemic," said Anna McLernon, Friends of Lord Stirling Stable President. "There's the added bonus of plenty of sights and smells to entertain and tire out the pooches."

Registration begins 15 minutes before each walk kicks off. Dogs and their humans will

be led on the trails at: Monday, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. (casual walk); Saturday, 10:30 a.m. (fast walk)

To protect the safety of all walkers during the pandemic, masks must be worn prior to the start of the walk but are optional on the trails once the walk begins unless proper social distancing cannot be maintained.

The traditional fee of \$3 per dog will be waived at this time, but donations to the Friends of Lord Stirling Stable are welcome. The Friends of Lord Stirling Stable is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to support Lord Stirling Stable.

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CENTRAL SCHOOL CELEBRATES 4TH GRADE STUDENTS

Warren Public Schools

On Friday, April 23, grade 4 Central School "Writers" celebrated the completion of a research and writing project with a fun outdoor Writer's Celebration. The unit of study which began in February during the hybrid school schedule concluded in early April with students back to school in person five days per week.

Over the winter, the students in Mrs. Laura Rodaman's and Ms. Danielle Riccio's classes were tasked with selecting a county of their choice to research. The students were asked to investigate general facts about their selected countries, famous tourist sites, native animals, culture, holidays, traditions, and famous people.

As the students became experts in their own research, Rodaman and Riccio expanded the assignment. Students were asked to write a

Realistic Fiction story based on their own research. The students had previously studied this genre earlier in the school year. Realistic Fiction creates imaginary characters and situations that depict the world and society.

Riccio and Rodaman are very proud of their 4th-grade classes. Their students learned how to gather research for a topic, organize the information, and develop nonfiction stories with text features of their own.

The Writing Celebration took place outside on a chilly but beautiful sunny day. The students were arranged in groups of 8, perfect for mini-group discussions about their stories. Before the celebration concluded, Riccio, Rodaman, and the students gave a toast. The students were asked to share something special that they learned throughout the writing unit or something that

they were proud of.

School Principal, Mrs. Alison Tugya attended the Writing Celebration. "It's wonderful to see the culmination of weeks of hard work. Throughout the unit students and teachers adapted to changing learning environments and new homerooms, but always maintained a focus on and commitment to their writing. The students' pride and sense of accomplishment was on display in the smiling, animated faces as students shared their work."



(above, l-r) Luis Penaloza, Cooper Bianchi, Sara Clemente, and Caitlyn Byrne.



(above) Dana Dealaman, Sara Clemente, Bailey McCarey, Krish Dave, Philip Antonio, Benjamin Siebert, Christopher Brown, and Iniya Senthil.

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ROGER allows veterans and their family members to search for programs, resources and care by a variety of factors such as zip code, branch of service, discharge status and income. With these customizable search features, veterans will see only the programs that they qualify for. This helps mitigate time wasted for not only veterans searching for programs that fit their needs, but also the service providers to ensure the

veteran is a good fit for them.

"Navigating through resources is hard...we get it. As a veteran myself, I was often running around in circles trying to find programs that I was eligible for and that fit my needs. When we're working with veterans, every minute matters and with ROGER we can work more quickly to get veterans what they need. We're excited to bring ROGER to the NJ veteran community." - Sgt. Brett D'Alessandro, Retired US Marine & President of Backpacks For Life

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BUTTERFIES SHOW SIGNS OF SPRING IN WARREN

Warren Township Schools

Grade 2 Mt. Horeb Gators recently finished a unit of study on the butterfly lifecycle. Students from Mrs. Lindsay Rosenberg's, Ms. Kathleen Haydu's, and Mrs. Catherine Maguire's classes received butterfly kits donated by the Mt. Horeb Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

Upon receiving the kits, the students and teachers observed the tiny caterpillars in their larvae stage. According to Rosenberg, "We were able to watch the caterpillars eat the mashed mallow and couldn't believe how big they grew. We observed the caterpillars molt four times and

then transition into j-form. This meant they were about to molt into their chrysalis or the pupa stage!"

After about one week, the butterflies emerged from their chrysalises in their adult stage. The students loved monitoring their progress. On a beautiful day in early May, the lovely butterflies were ready to be released into their natural habitat.

Students sat in a large circle on the blacktop and eagerly awaited as Haydu opened the butterfly net. The three teachers were able to gently pick up the butterflies so the students

could have a closer look. Some students were lucky enough to have a butterfly in their hands or even land on their shirts. It was a magical moment for all!

After about 15 minutes the butterflies became acclimated to their new environment and began to fly away. The students were excited to watch and run with the graceful insects until they were out of reach.

Thank you to the Mt. Horeb PTO for supplying the students with the appropriate materials for a wonderful learning experience.



(above, l-r) Alexa Molfetta, Isabelle Lafkowitz, Charles Padilla, Karyna Velazquez, Liam Powers.



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Submitted by James Bodajlo and Fred Ricci

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and were crowned champions keyed by aggressive base running, strong pitching and a solid defense.

The Warriors finished the regular season 3-1 and then stepped up to the plate when it counted most in the playoffs. They solidified a tough win against South Plainfield 9 U Thunder 5-4 in the first game of the day and then a thrilling 6-4 victory over the Denville Baseball Dragons in the championship game. Congratulations to the entire team for a great spring travel baseball season.

Each and every player stepped up, contributed to the team's success and earned the title of "Champions" for this season.

WBSI is a 501c(3) non-profit, all volunteer organization offering baseball and softball leagues for children ages 4-15. Our coaches teach the fundamentals, while promoting fun, teamwork, good sportsmanship, and a love of the game. Based in Warren, New Jersey, WBSI is a charter member of the Middle Atlantic Region Babe Ruth League, Northern NJ, District 12.

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NETWORK HELPS VETS AND FAMILIES LIVE BETTER LIVES

Submitted by Michael D. Boll, President

Memorial Day weekend is one of the most challenging for the New Jersey Veterans Network and its team of volunteers and mentors. This is a difficult time for many veterans because they reflect on their brothers and sisters that didn't make it home. Every day our nation loses 22 veterans to suicide, and it seems that number isn't coming down. If you are a veteran, or a family member, who is feeling alone, or are in need of assistance, we are here for you. Please reach out to us.

Our team focuses on helping our veterans and first responders have a better way of life through our volunteer mobile outreach mentoring program. We believe by aggressively seeking out veterans in need and contacting them before they are in crisis, we can really have some positive results. Contacting a person in need first is a great way to build trust and make it easier to begin a friendship. People will do better when they have human contact in their lives, too many programs are automated and lack the empathy and compassion needed to help someone in crisis.

We are not afraid to tell our veterans and first responders that they are loved and we strive to give them purpose. The team immediately empowers and gives its members a new family unit to be part of again. Nearly everyone that joins the team wants to help others and make a difference in someone else's life. Helping others definitely is a medicine that will make you become a better person, and you'll feel really good about it.

New Jersey Veterans Network is constantly keeping active thru our Operation Rebound Racing Team which hosts numerous hikes, runs, bike rides and all other types of physically challenging events. However, we also focus on non athletic events like hosting a BBQ, comedy show, tailgate, camping trip, and several other fun outings throughout the year. But it doesn't stop there, the team works well with other charities and hosts numerous food drives and clothing events which normally take place at

our veteran hospitals and shelters. If you would like to help, there is something for you to contribute.

Most recently, in April, our outreach director Frank "Doc" Schupp spearheaded our "Helping Heroes" program, and "Hero Day". These two programs were responsible for providing over 3,000 veterans and National Guardsmen throughout the state with food, PPE, and personal items.

In the last few years New Jersey Veterans Network has grown and has been able to save lives, provide cars, employment, housing, clothing, food, toiletries, and so much more to heroes.

In the next few weeks, we will be launching a statewide anti-suicide and PTSD awareness campaign. We have joined forces with the NJ VFW, NJ American Legion, NJSPBA, NJ FMBA, NJ FOP, NJ Veterans Affairs, State Legislators, and numerous other groups and organizations.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Financial donations are great but we mostly rely on volunteers and donated resources. Our charity allows donors the opportunity to choose

where their funds go and the volunteers get to play an active role in changing someone's life.

If you are interested in joining the team as a volunteer, or are a veteran in need of assistance or comradeship, please contact us at NJVN1775@gmail.com or call 973-332-1556. Visit online at NJVN.org.

ABOUT NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK

We are a group of veterans and volunteers dedicated to helping our veterans and their families live better lives. Our team is raising awareness of our veterans needs by organizing public speaking engagements, meeting with business and political leaders across the state and sponsoring fundraising events. Our mission is to identify veterans and connect them with resources and programs designed to meet their unique set of needs. To ensure that EVERY single one of our veterans, who have sacrificed so much for this great country, receives the resources that they require and deserve. If you are interested in joining our team, would like us to speak at your event, or contribute to our mission, call 973-332-1556 or email mdbollio@optonline.net. To learn more visit njvn.org.



(above) The operation Rebound Racing Team road 25 miles before the Union Memorial Parade and then marched with the veterans. If you are interested in donating, joining the team as a volunteer, or are a veteran in need of assistance or comradeship, please contact us at NJVN1775@gmail.com or call 973-332-1556. Visit online at NJVN.org.

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Warren Township Boy Scout Troop 228 held a scrap metal recycling collection drive on October 24, 2020 at the Community Firehouse on Community Place. Filling multiple dumpsters over a half dozen times, more than 29,000 lbs (14.5 tons) of recycled materials from the

community were kept from landfills. The dumpsters were generously provided by Loren Bush of Bush Brothers Disposal.

Hundreds of area residents dropped off items including electrical wire/cords, engines, motors, batteries, aluminum awnings, metal appliances

and fixtures. Over 15 Scouts helped pack the dumpsters and clean the parking lot afterwards. A donation and a plaque featuring an antique brass fire extinguisher (collected at the drive) was presented to the Firefighters on May 6, 2021 as a thank you for their generosity in sharing their space and for their support to the community.

The next drive is planned for June 12, 2021, 8 – 11:30 a.m. at the Community Firehouse on Community Place.

ITEMS BEING COLLECTED INCLUDE:

- appliances such as microwave ovens, toasters
- electrical wire, power cords, cable cords
- engines, motors
- automobile or boat batteries
- aluminum (awnings, car rims)
- plumbing fixtures, pipes
- brass bathroom fixtures
- lawn mowers
- old metal tools
- radiators
- stainless steel appliances/items
- copper roofing/flashing
- computers
- Christmas lights



(above, l-r) Scouts Wolf Holczinger, Harrison Bush, Bernie Ryder, Sean Gubitosi, Landon Bush; Mike Fogarty (Scoutmaster); Firefighters Alyssa Rose (holding plaque), Kai Vonrimaiy, and Christopher Monrroy; and David Gubitosi (Assistant Scoutmaster).

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(above) Scout Arthur Andersen checks out the Fire Engine with Engineer Nick Grieco



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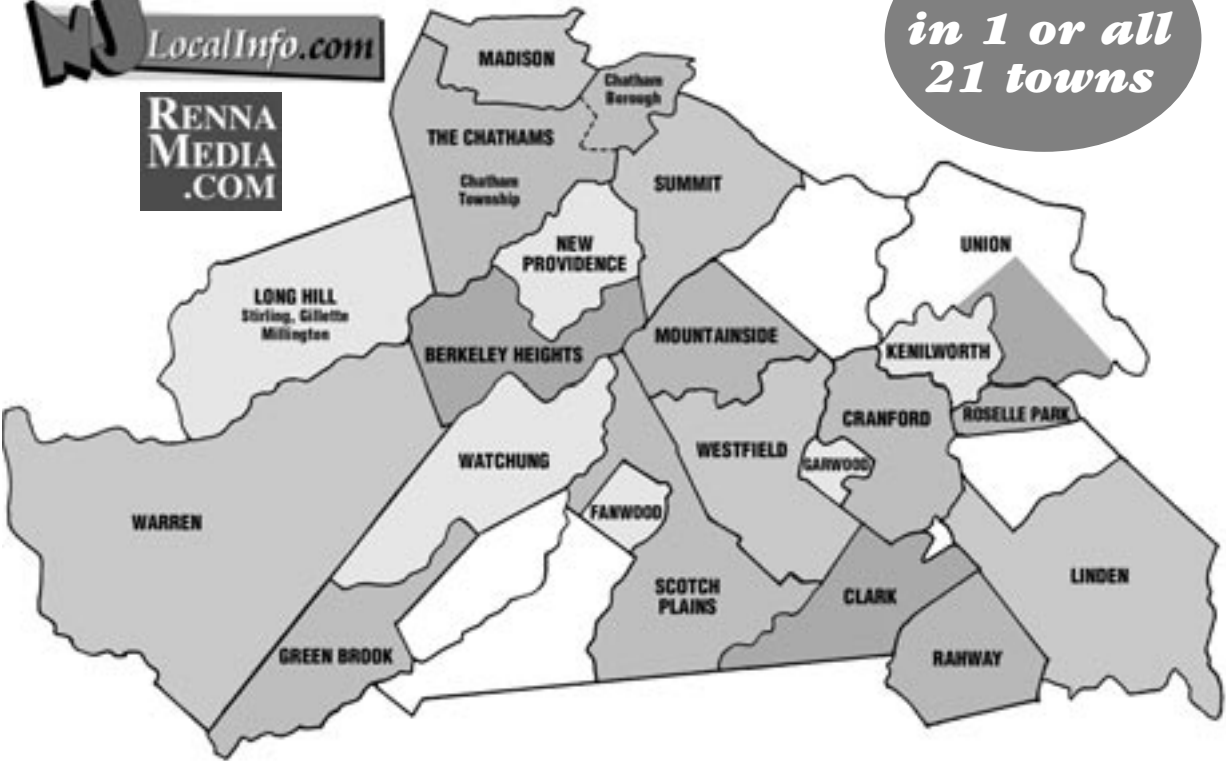
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WEBSITE AUDIT/ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION PLAN

• SEE WHAT IS WORKING AND NOT WORKING

Know where your web traffic is coming from and why.

• ELIMINATE / AVOID COSTLY SCHEMES

Evaluate the return you are getting from your online marketing costs.

• INCREASE ONLINE MARKETING RESULTS

Recommendations include ways to increase traffic to your website

• NO OBLIGATION

This service is recommended even if you have an existing web management contract. Use it to tune up your marketing plan.

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Call for a consultation
if you do not have a website
or if need a new one.

Joe Renna at 908-447-1295

email: JoeRenna@RennaMedia.com

WEBSITE / SEO SERVICES

• STARTER WEBSITE: \$500

Basic static site that can be developed further

• WEBSITE CREATION/UPDATE: \$2,400

Cost for average website: 12 pages, contact form, SEO friendly, responsive design

• WEBSITE HOSTING: \$300 PER YEAR

Includes website hosting, software updates, monthly website content updates

• SEO SERVICES: AVERAGE COST \$1,000 - \$2,000 PER MONTH


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