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2022 VALOR AWARDS PRESENTED TO FIRST RESPONDERS

Green Brook Volunteer Fire Department

The 200 Club of Somerset County held its annual Valor Award luncheon on May 18, 2022.

The 200 Club of Somerset County is a non-profit group of residents and businesses in Somerset County with a deep concern for the welfare of over five-thousand Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Rescue Squad members and New Jersey State Police Officers who protect our families and our property, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year after year.

The 200 Club of Somerset County Valor Awards are presented each year in recognition of first responders for their service to the community that goes above the call of duty.

Several Green Brook Volunteer Fire Department members were presented with Valor Awards for their actions on September 1, 2021 during Hurricane Ida.

On September 1, 2021 Captain Bob Smiegocki, Captain Marc Gottlick, Firefighter Huma McGhee and Fire Chief Geno Panella with the assistance of Green Brook Police Department performed numerous water rescues via boat on Washington Ave, Madison Ave, Greenbook Rd and Jefferson Ave.

In the midst of the flooding while that boat rescue crew was working, they encountered a structure fire in flood waters on Washington Ave. Along with fighting the fire, additional crews assisted in removing the occupants of the home through the flooding. Crews had to stretch a line through waist deep fast-moving flood waters and fight to maintain the hand line to extinguish the fire. All equipment needed for extinguishment and overhaul had to be carried through rising fast moving flood waters.

Chief Geno Panella, Assistance Chief Rick Connolly, Firefighter Chris Hess Jr. Firefighter Ethan Gottlick, Firefighter Jerry Putruele, Firefighter



(above) Chief Geno Panella presenting Green Brook Firefighters during the ceremony.

Courtesy photos

Patrick Esmerado, Firefighter Rob Beattie Jr, Firefighter Julio Montes and Firefighter Huma McGhee simultaneously worked to remove the residents from the structure to extinguish and overhaul the fire.

All of this took place after the initial deployment to rescue drivers and occupants of more than 14 vehicles stuck on Route 22 West between Warrenville Rd and Cramer Ave. with flood waters rolling over the center divider almost the whole length. We then secured and abandoned our own Firehouse as it began to flood. We continued to answer numerous other calls for assistance throughout the 3-day event.

The night of and the day after the remnants of Hurricane Ida's flooding, Green Brook was left with devastation at levels not ever before seen. Areas in town that never saw flooding before and areas known to flood reached levels almost 2 times greater than Hurricane Floyd.

Congratulations to the following Green Brook Volunteer Fire Department members: Chief Geno Panella, Assistant Chief Rick Connolly, Captains Bob Smiegocki and Marc Gottlick; Firefighters Jerry Putruele, Chris Hess Jr., Julio Montes, Ethan Gottlick, Patrick Esmerado, Rob Beattie Jr., and Huma McGhee



(above) Assistant Chief Rick Connolly, Captain Marc Gottlick, Firefighters: Jerry Putruele, Chris Hess Jr., Ethan Gottlick, Patrick Esmerado, Rob Beattie Jr., Huma McGhee. Not pictured: Captain Bob Smiegocki and Firefighter Julio Montes.

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The United States u17 women's soccer team participated in the Concacaf Tournament in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic April 23-May 8, 2022. Warren resident Melina Rebimbas was a member and standout of that team that captured the Gold. After defeating their first 5 opponents by the margin of 43-0, the United States was up to the task in the semifinal round defeating Canada 3-0 behind 2 goals from Melina Rebimbas and she scored the game winner in the championship game versus rival Mexico 2-1. Melina finished the tournament with 8 goals. "I was extremely excited to represent my country. Like every little kid growing up playing soccer their dream is to have the opportunity to wear the US crest and this was my dream too... but to be able to score 3 goals in the last two games was nothing that I could have imagined."

Melina began her soccer journey in town playing recreation soccer and soon thereafter she became a member of the travel team and eventually her desire for greater competition took her to the Player Development Academy (PDA). It was at PDA that she began to blossom into one of the elite players in the country. Rebimbas explained, "I was very fortunate to be given an opportunity early to play at PDA. Everyone at PDA is super motivated to be challenged, and they set the bar high for excellence. That expectation of excellence provided me with a blueprint on what I had to do to be successful."

She is currently ranked 6th nationally in the 2023 graduation class by Top Drawer Soccer and has already committed to playing soccer at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Where she will be mentored by Legendary and 23-time national championship coach Anson Dorrance.



(above) Warren resident Melina Rebimbas

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Even landscape professionals occasionally need assistance identifying problems. Diseases of trees and shrubs or insects need to be properly diagnosed before they can be cured or controlled.

Rutgers Garden Helpline is staffed by trained volunteers to assist the citizens of their county with continuing educational opportunities supplied by Rutgers agricultural department during the year.

Rutgers Garden Helpline of Union County is located at 300 North Ave East, Westfield, NJ, (Colleen Fraser Building, 2nd floor). For questions and office hours call the Garden Helpline at 908-654-9852

There are three ways you can reach the garden helpline with your questions.

First you can call them at number above.

Secondly you can e-mail questions and

photographs to: mastergardeners@ucnj.org

Or clients can bring a plant, lawn, or insect samples to the office. Specimens are the surest way to guarantee a proper identification.

Hours are Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. until noon.

The Garden Helpline volunteers are well trained to identify tick* species including 'deer ticks' which transmit Lyme disease to humans and pets.

This is an extremely valuable service as the deer and tick populations continue to grow in New Jersey.

The Asian Lantern-fly invaded Union County last spring and has already damaged many fruit trees and vines. The Helpline will keep you updated on the latest information how to control this colorful but destructive leaf hopper.

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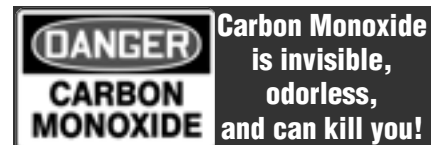
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Twelve Baskets Food Pantry will be moving to the First Presbyterian Church in Stirling, at 158 Central Ave., for the summer months of July, August, and September. The pantry will be open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Twelve Baskets provides food and various non-perishables to individuals, families, seniors, and Veterans in Long Hill and surrounding areas. A valid driver's license or state ID to verify local address is the only documentation needed. Anyone in need of walk-in hours for emergency appointments can call 908-647-0067 ext. 4 and arrangements will be made. All calls and visits are free and confidential.

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Participants honored those who gave the gift of organ and/or tissue, paid tribute to those who have received a transplant, offered hope to those currently waiting for a transplant, and remembered those who passed away while waiting for the gift of life. Funds raised by 5K Celebration of Life participants, teams, sponsors, and contributors support the Sharing Network Foundation. Thus far, nearly \$1.3 million has been raised for this year's campaign. Campaign contributions can be made until the end of August by visiting SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K.

"We were thrilled to come together with our community and safely reconnect in person to share stories and love, tears, and laughter. It was a healing and uplifting experience for those whose lives have been touched by organ and tissue donation and transplantation," said Elisse E. Glennon, Executive Director, Sharing Network Foundation.

According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), there are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.

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SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

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"Groups can take a 'virtual' trip to the Rainforest, visit Tanzania on a safari, trek deep into Africa or learn about plants, maple sugaring and a variety of other topics. Our subject matter experts know how to tailor the presentation according to the audience and are great at engaging participants," said Somerset County Park Commission Secretary-Director Geoffrey Soriano. "Our programs are ideal for libraries, senior centers, garden clubs, women's clubs and other organized groups for a minimal cost."

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For more information or to schedule a program, contact Kurt Bender at 908-722-1200 ext. 5332 or email kbender@scparcs.org.

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The Park Commission welcomes everyone to participate in its programs and facilities regardless of race, color, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, national origin or religious or political affiliation.

The Park Commission stewards nearly 15,000 acres of county-owned open space, which is visited by 2 million park users each year. Five golf courses have three driving ranges, a pitch and putt course and a recreational putting course. Other attractions include a riding stable, an environmental education center, two tennis facilities, an outdoor pool, paddle boating, a rock and rare plant garden, an award-winning rose garden, an arboretum and a sensory and fragrance garden. Six county parks also offer amenities, such as athletic fields, picnic facilities, bike paths, fishing, birdwatching, cross country skiing, and hiking.

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