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It was a busy week of service for Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Brownie troops from Clark, NJ, in early October. Scouts from BSA Troop 145, Cub Scout Pack 145, and Brownie Troop 41921 all participated in the Garwood Township clean up on October 8, where they were asked to pick up trash along a stretch of sidewalk from Garwood Borough Hall to 4th Avenue and back. A number of scouts from each group showed up to the event and did great work beautifying the area.

On October 10, Scouts from BSA Troop 145 and Cub Scout Pack 145 pitched in to clean up the Clark Rec Center after the Unico Festival. Armed with bags and buckets, the Scouts walked the grounds of the Rec Center and picked up trash, cleaned rugs, and moved tables and chairs. John Cistaro, the Scoutmaster of BSA Troop 145 said, "It was a great service event. We're proud to be able to get the grounds of the Rec Center clean after another great Unico Italian Festival."

Also, during the week of October 3, BSA Troop 145 collected donation items for Osceola Presbyterian Church's Operation Christmas Child. Troop 145 families donated generously to the cause, providing items such as small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and small clothing like hats and gloves that will be boxed, wrapped and given to underprivileged children as Christmas gifts.

The Scouts of Clark, NJ, are happy to serve the communities of Clark and Garwood and they look forward to other community service opportunities.



(about) Scouts did a great job in October giving back through clean-up projects and a donation collection.

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Union County's Got Talent (UGT) is a major fundraising event that supports the Union High School Performing Arts Company and the Douglas Michael Krueger Scholarship Fund, both of which directly benefit the students of Union Township.

Union's Got Talent has been a major community success and, this year, we have gone county-wide.

Our contestants this year either live, work or attend school in Union County. We have 20 contestants from various towns in Union County.

The show, on November 19, 2022, will be

hosted by Kean University and will take place at Kean's Enlow Recital Hall.

Tickets are available only online at unionsgottalent.org. Tickets will not be available at the venue. Enlow Hall is a small theater with only 300 available seats. We advise that patrons buy their tickets early.

This year, UHSPAC and the DMK Scholarship Fund will be partnering with the Township of Union's Cultural Arts Committee with sponsorship by Investors Bank, Union's Special Improvement District and BCB Bank to present UGT on Saturday, November 19, 2022.

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GARWOOD GREEN TEAM AND LIQUID CHURCH JOIN FORCES

Submitted by William Nierstedt

On Saturday, October 15, the Garwood Green Team joined forces with volunteers from the Liquid Church on Center Street to install a new landscape at the entrance/exit of the JFK parking lot on North Avenue. As you will see in this reading, many, many people made this day a success, and kudos are extended to all for a great end result. Go out and take a look!

Church members Jaz Barredo, Isaiah, Keisha and Tiffany Kinyanjui, Trent Mattern, Robin and Gianna Miller, and Robert and Caleb Price, met with Pastor Zarida Brokenborough to commence the day with a prayer, and then met Green Team members Charles Lombardo and Bill Nierstedt at the site to place all of the plants and commence digging holes. The Garwood Department of Public Works had already picked up the plants

from Statle Nurseries in Springfield, leaf mulch from the Westfield Conservation Center (Thank you, Westfield), and wood chips from Fanwood (Thank you, Fanwood). After digging all 17 holes, the Garwood Fire Department (thank you!) arrived to water all of the plants. The group even transplanted three forsythia shrubs to a new location on the other side of the parking lot. Everyone backfilled the holes with the new leaf mulch and finished the plantings with the new wood chips. Then we stood back and admired our work.

While we were taking pictures, professional photographer Will Mallett of Mallett Photography happened to stop at Al's Deli for lunch and was gracious enough to come over and take a few professional photos of the group. Then AJ from Al's offered lunch for all of us. Madison,

Caitlyn, and Chelsea courteously and efficiently took our orders and served us the best sandwiches. As you can tell from all of these thank yous, this project was truly a group effort of many people and thanks are extended to all.

This new planting replaced the rose bushes and forsythia that had been there for years. The Green Team had weeded these planting areas for a number of years, and the bushes had been taken over by invasive oriental bittersweet and were in much need of replacement. This new planting is mostly evergreen and native material, with one shade tree, a formal framing of the memorial plaque, and lower-growing plants to provide better visibility for drivers. We hope that it is seen by all as an improvement to the Borough. Keep your eyes out for more Green Team plantings next year!

PAT DI FABIO AND RODNEY VAN NATTA RETIRE FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Pat Di Fabio and Rodney Van Natta have both retired from the Garwood Fire Department with 89 years of combined service.

Pat Di Fabio was born in 1929 and joined the Garwood Fire Department in 1951 serving in many positions over the years. Pat was appointed to the Garwood Fire Department Fire Police in 1995 and served in this position until his retirement. He served a total of 71 years to the Garwood Fire Department and the Borough of Garwood.

Rodney Van Natta was born in 1933 and joined the Garwood Fire Department in 1970. Rod was a fire fighter until 1959 when he was appointed to the Garwood Fire Department Fire Police. He was also past President to the Garwood Fire Department Relief Assoc., and is currently serving as treasurer to the Garwood Fire Department Exempt Assoc. Rodney served 52 years of service to the Fire Department and the Borough of Garwood.

Both men will be made Life Members of the Garwood Fire Department. They volunteered and served the Garwood Fire Department and Borough of Garwood Residents with dedication and we thank them for their service.




(above, l-r) Pat Di Fabio and Rodney Van Natta

Courtesy photos



(above) Thanks to a great group effort led by the Garwood Green Team and members of Liquid Church, a new planting installation was finished at the JFK parking lot on North Avenue.


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(above) With the help of the community, the Garwood Green Team replanted the Rankin Street Triangle.

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Nov 26th 2022, 5 p.m.

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Don't miss Garwood's most anticipated event of the year!! The 2022 Garwood Tree Lighting. Enjoy a special visit from Santa and his favorite elves, live entertainment by the Celebrations

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Be sure to bring your own camera to snap a picture with Santa and his elves!!

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BRUNCH W/SANTA

Saturday December 3rd, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Columbian Club, 37 South Ave, Garwood NJ.

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Tickets can be purchased online through Eventbrite.

RANKIN STREET TRIANGLE GETS BEAUTIFIED

Garwood Green Team

Saturday, October 15 was a busy day for the Garwood Green Team as the group, with other community volunteers, completed a second planting – this one at the 'Rankin Street Triangle' formed where Rankin and Locust avenues and Oak Street come together. This site contains a memorial dedicated to the deceased members of the Garwood Police Reserves, Police Department, and Fire Department and the team believed it was in need of an overhaul.

There was a large oak tree on site, but it suffered from a previous topping, falling limbs, and tip dieback. While depressing, the tree had to be removed. After the tree removal, the Garwood Department of Public Works (thank you to Lenny Navarro and the whole staff) used a backhoe to dig out the oak tree roots and provide planting holes. Then team members Andrea Castro, Rich Faustino, and the entire Blumenstock family of Andy, Jen, Lena and Cece followed the directions of site manager Dori Dec to plant 3 winterberry hollies, 5 Eastern redbud trees and one American Holly. Garwood Fire Department members Alan Tweedle and Joe Pelusio brought the firetruck in to water all of the plants before the team backfilled with leaf mulch (thank you Westfield

Conservation Center) and finished the plantings with wood chips supplied by Fanwood (thank you, Fanwood!).

With administrative support from Garwood Business Administrator Kyle Harris, and Kathleen Wierzbinski, Janice Farrell, and Sandy Bruns from Garwood Boro Hall, technical support from Harbor Consultants in Cranford, tremendous supply and distribution coordination from the Garwood Department of Public Works, and plants supplied by Dreyer's farms in Cranford, as well as all of those people mentioned previously, this was truly a community effort and is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated by the Green Team.

The planting design is based on the evergreen, native American Holly becoming a 25-40 specimen planting in the center of the island, with the deciduous and early flowering and purple fall color Redbuds forming a copse of trees surrounding it. The deciduous trees will drop their leaves in the fall, opening it up for the American Holly with its bright red berries taking center stage in the winter months. All of the plants are native to New Jersey. We hope that this landscape grows into a beautiful improvement for the Borough of Garwood.

GARWOOD SENIORS CERAMICS



(above) The Garwood Seniors recently enjoyed painting ceramic boot planters with Councilwoman Jennifer Blumenstock. Light refreshments were served. The ladies had a great afternoon.

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Health and Physical Education Teacher Laura Bundy stated, "This simulator will help teach our students an important lesson about the dangers of drunk driving and distracted driving. We are grateful for the support of the Hero Campaign and will always remember our own hero, Michael Sot."



(above) Students using the DUI Simulator

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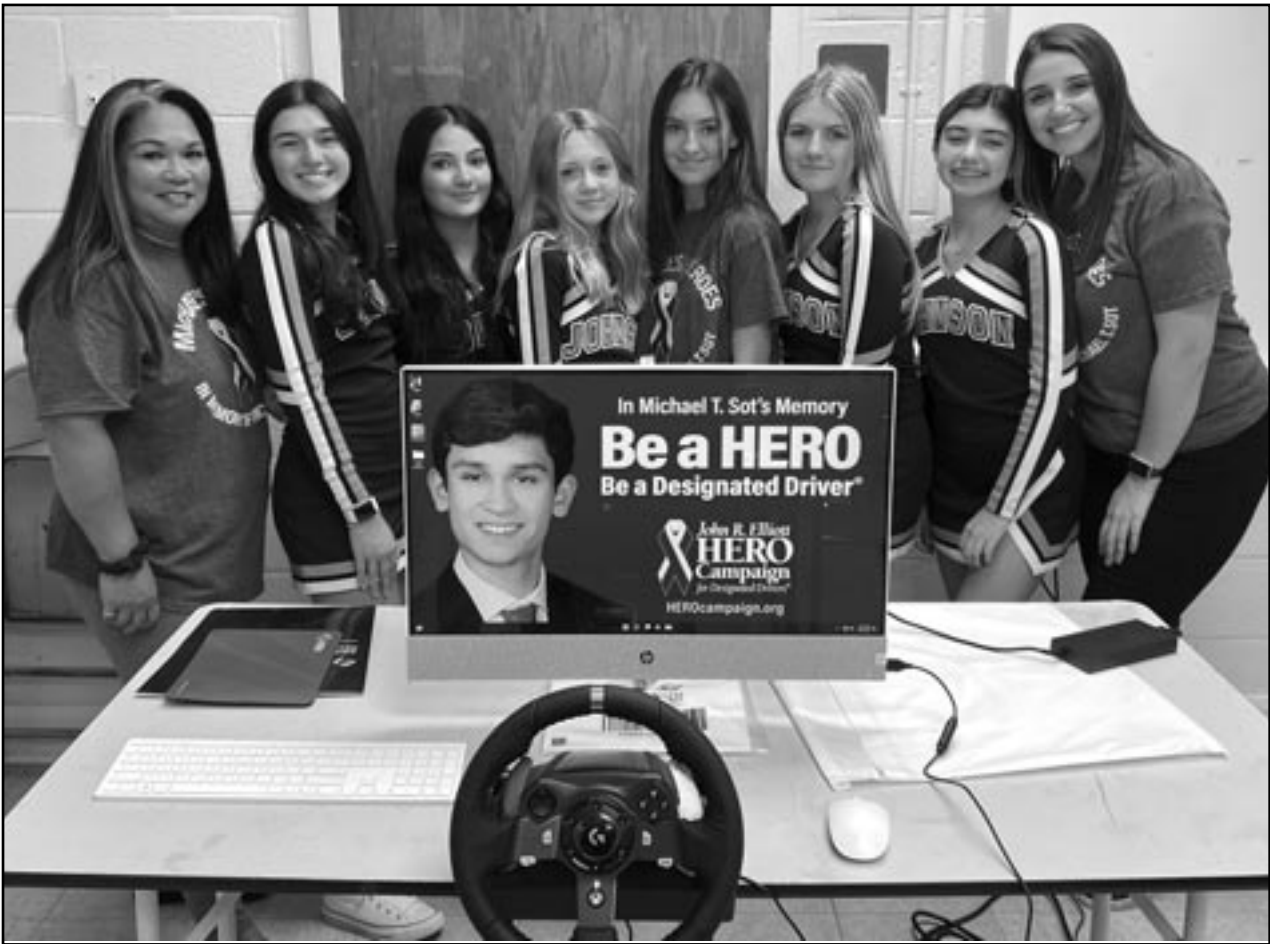
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(above) Pictured are Candice Buno-Sot, ALJ Cheerleaders,
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(above) Garwood Clean Communities Day was held October 8th. Scouts came out in force to help keep Garwood clean of litter.

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SHINING STARS "CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR" *GarwoodTimes* • Page 11 • November 2022

DECEMBER 9

Celebrate the holiday season when the Shining Stars take the stage for their 2022 "Christmas Spectacular" set for Friday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. The show will take place on the main stage at the historic Union County Arts Center in Rahway as this talented cast sings and dances to many of your holiday favorites.

With many cast members from all over Union County and beyond, Shining Stars Network has been producing live programming for the special needs community for ten years.

This year's Christmas Spectacular marks the return of the Shining Stars to one of the most beautiful theaters in New Jersey and will feature 35 special needs cast members and their volunteer buddies from local high schools, who serve as mentors to the cast during rehearsals.

Two previous Shining Stars shows at UCPAC drew more than 1,000 audience members for each performance, and already, the buzz is building in the community.

"We're so excited to ring in the holiday season," noted Shining Stars Network co-founder and President Mike Curci. "Our stars are ready to share their smiles, energy and amazing talents with everyone. This will be a great way to cap off our 10th anniversary celebration."

"We strongly believe in creating an inclusive environment for our cast, and our buddies are an integral part of the Shining Stars experience," noted Shining Stars co-founder and director Sally Curci. "We are so excited to bring a new show to

the stage and cannot wait to connect with our incredible audience again to celebrate the holiday season."

Shining Stars Network is wrapping up a big year, which included their annual "Evening of Shining Stars" Spring Show, Summer Performing Arts Workshop, and their successful Paper Mill Playhouse debut performing in front of a sold-out audience at the Paper Mill Brook Side Cabaret.

"Shining Stars Network is not only about performing, but more importantly we're about building self-confidence and self-esteem," said Shining Stars co-director Nicole Greene. "Our cast members are not only talented, but inspire us every day, and we are all very excited about taking the stage again to share another magical night with the audience."

Tickets are on sale now at UCPAC.org. For groups of 10 or more, email shiningstarsnetwork@gmail.com.

The night will also feature a Tricky Tray and 50/50 raffle. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

Shining Stars Network is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization based in Cranford, N.J. that offers opportunities in the performing arts for the special needs community.

Plans for the 2023 season include their 2nd "Reach for the Stars" Gale, set for March 14 at the elegant Park Chateau Estate & Gardens in East Brunswick.

For more information on Shining Stars Network or to make a donation, please visit shiningstarsnetwork.org.



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