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## SENIORS CELEBRATE INDIAN FESTIVAL OF COLORS – HOLI

Somerset County seniors were invited to mark the beginning of Spring during a free Holi Festival celebration held at the Warrenbrook Senior Center, located at 500 Warrenville road in Warren, one of six county operated senior centers.

Holi is the Indian Festival of colors – it marks the beginning of spring. The Holi festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm all over India. It gives people the opportunity to renew friendships and build new relationships. It is a time to rejoice in the bounties of nature, honor farmers and their cattle, and enjoy the blossoming of the earth. During Holi people play with colored powder, dance to fun songs, engage in spring cleaning, light bonfires and hold family get-togethers to celebrate life!

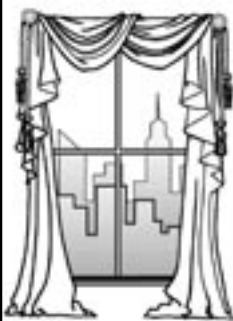
Seniors danced to the Bollywood music using Indian scarves and had fun. Seema Moondra from Enjoy Explore India! Co-ordinated the event with Warrenbrook Senior Center manager Parul Patel.

All senior centers offer a nutritionally balanced lunch at noon, Monday through Friday. The menu choices include both hot and cold lunches, with and without meat. Lunch reservations should be made by 10 a.m. the day before attending. There is a suggested lunch donation of \$2.50 for anyone ages 60 and above. For seniors less than 60 years of age, the cost is \$8.07.

To learn more about the Somerset County Senior Wellness Centers, call 908-704-6346 or email [OfficeAging@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:OfficeAging@co.somerset.nj.us).



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# WORLD AUTISM MONTH

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### Autism Speaks

Every April Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month, beginning with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. This year marks the 15th annual World Autism Awareness Day.

Throughout the month, we focus on sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism, fostering worldwide support. This year, we are committed to creating a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

Supporters can participate in World Autism Month by:

Join our 2.8 million social followers and help foster understanding and acceptance by sharing the diverse stories of people on the spectrum or telling your own. Submit your story by visiting: [surveymonkey.com/r/AutismSpeaksShareYourStory](https://surveymonkey.com/r/AutismSpeaksShareYourStory)

Invite your colleagues, classroom and friends to join our Kindness Campaign and encourage acceptance, understanding and inclusion with daily acts of kindness at school, work or in your community. Together, we can create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

Make a meaningful, lasting impact for people with autism with your gift. It's one of the easiest and best ways to show your support.

Learn about all the ways you can fundraise on social media.



Joined by the international community, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes and communities around the world come together on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, to Light It Up Blue in recognition of people with autism and those who love and support them.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Whether you have autism, love someone who does, or are looking to support a diverse, accepting and kind community – you're invited to take the pledge to help create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential. For more information visit: [autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day](https://autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day)

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## CLASS OF 2023 PROJECT GRADUATION SEEKS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Watchung Hills Regional High School Project Graduation Committee has been busy working on the Class of 2023's Senior year events and graduation night event since the beginning of the school year in September.

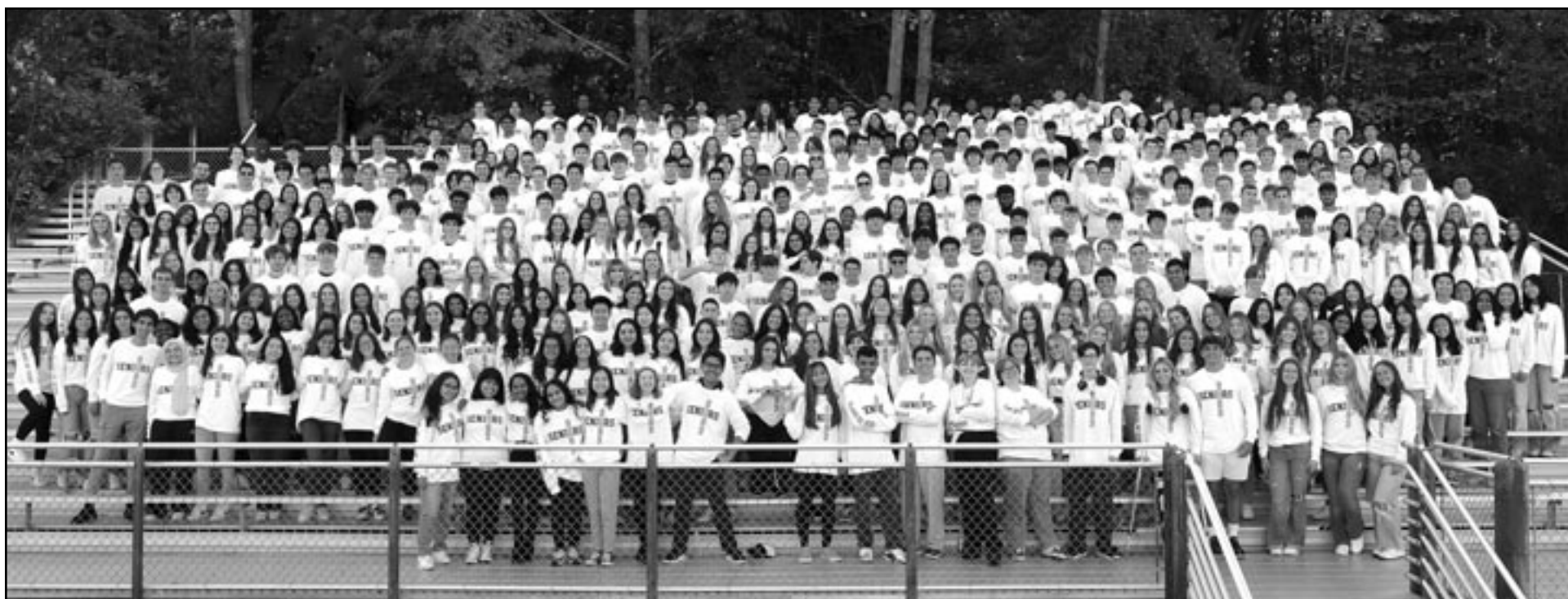
This year's graduation night event will take place at Iron Peak Sports & Events. Project Graduation is a year-long celebration for the

Senior Class that began in October with the distribution of "Senior Class of 2023" t-shirts where students then had a class photo taken to help kick off their Senior Year!

The Project Graduation event is held the night of graduation to help safeguard our Seniors by providing a fun filled, substance free celebration in a safe environment to keep our graduates safe.

Parents, community members and local businesses are the heart of our success.

Please show your support to our program by sending in your tax-deductible donation today to WHRHS Project Graduation,  
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## IMAGINE SEEKS LOVING LISTENERS

You may be familiar with Imagine and know that the non-profit provides free peer support groups for children, youth, young adults and parents/guardians who are grieving. Did you know that the groups are facilitated by an amazing team of volunteer facilitators? Imagine's volunteer facilitators come from all walks of life and no special background is required other than a willingness to listen, a heart inclined to serve, and the ability to be with children and adults in grief without trying to fix, solve or give advice. No prior experience is necessary.

Volunteers must be 18 years or older. Spanish-speaking volunteers are needed as well. Volunteers serve as companions and loving listeners for those who are grieving and help create a safe space where participants can share tears and embrace the joys of life.

Here's how some of our current volunteer facilitators have described their experience:

"Being an Imagine volunteer has been the most fulfilling and worthwhile volunteer experience I've ever had. I feel that the model is just what it should be, and I love being a part of it. I think being an imagine volunteer helps me fulfill my desire to be a good person." Aimee-6+ years as Imagine Facilitator

"People outside of Imagine are always supportive when they hear that I volunteer at a grief support center. But I know it can be a little confusing to hear that volunteering at a grief support center is the best night of my week. And that's the magic. That as a volunteer, the joy is not in what we bring, but what we take home from our participants." Rob-4+ years as Imagine

Facilitator

"I have found the people at Imagine to be among the best that I have ever met." Diane-6 months as Imagine Facilitator

If you'd like to join Imagine's amazing team of volunteer facilitators, there is a training planned for June 2 - 4. Each training is held from 9 a.m. - 5a.m. each day over 3 days at Imagine's Mountainside center. Imagine asks that you plan to attend the entire training. Participants in the training will have an opportunity to learn companionship and facilitation skills while sharing stories with one another and providing each other with support. Many of Imagine's facilitators come away from the training feeling truly connected to one another and describe the experience as "life changing" Participants also come away better prepared to support those at Imagine, and those in their lives who have experienced a loss.

If you'd like to join one of the upcoming trainings, please visit Imagine's website at [imaginein.org](http://imaginein.org) or call the center at 908-264-3100. Imagine's staff and volunteers hope to welcome you to the team!

Imagine is a 501c3 nonprofit that offers free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine also offers grief and loss education and training to the community. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or [info@imaginein.org](mailto:info@imaginein.org).



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10:00 a.m. Festival Liturgy with Eucharist

**Holy Thursday - April 6**  
12 noon Spoken Liturgy with Eucharist  
7:30 p.m. Liturgy with Rite of First Holy Communion

**Good Friday - April 7**  
12 noon Ecumenical Community Service  
7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae

**Holy Saturday - April 8**  
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**Easter Celebration - April 9**  
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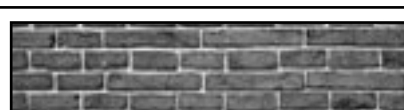
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Warrenbrook Senior Center, located at 500 Warrenville Road, is one of the six county operated Senior Centers. Somerset County residents who are 60 years and older are welcome to participate in any of the programs. They also provide a choice of 4 different meal choices during lunch that seniors can take advantage of during the weekdays. All the programs are free for registered members.

### **Fish & Wildlife**

**April 5 – 11 a.m.**

A presentation from New Jersey State Conservation Police Officer Brice Paey describing what Conservation Law Enforcement and its role in protecting and preserving New Jersey's vital natural resources. The presentation will cover everything from the daily responsibilities of a New Jersey Conservation Police Officer to the regulations they enforce.

## **PAINT AND CALLIGRAPHY ARTIST EXHIBIT**

Paint and calligraphy artist Allan Jann, of Watchung, will be exhibiting traditional brush fans at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Warren Township branch through May 31, 2023.

Jann draws inspiration in the creation of his art from nature as well as from literary and philosophical concepts. Jann's calligraphic works utilize five script styles: classic Small Seal, Clerical or Lithu, Kaishu or Standard, Coashu or Cursive, or Wild Cursive.

"Daily life should be cherished," said Jann. "Through my creative endeavors, I aim to touch my viewers' hearts."

Viewers should take extra time to look for and detect the parables and special meanings hidden within Jann's art.

Art displays are available to view during regular hours of operation. The Warren branch is located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren.

For more information about the art space, email Kathy DeCristofaro at [kdecristofaro@scslibnj.org](mailto:kdecristofaro@scslibnj.org). For questions about the branch, call (908) 458-8450 or email [warrentownship@scslibnj.org](mailto:warrentownship@scslibnj.org).

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

**April 5 – 11 a.m.**

The nurse from VNA (Visiting Nurse Association) will meet with you individually and take your blood pressure and answer your questions.

### **Easter Trivia**

**April 6 – 11 a.m.**

We will be playing Easter Quiz, Egg-spressions, Unscramble word search, Easter Word Quilt and try to create an Easter Basket.

### **Ladies of Liberty Hall**

**April 10 – 11 a.m.**

Hannah Gaston - From Susan Livingston, daughter of Governor Livingston, whose daring exploits saved Liberty Hall from the British during the Revolutionary War, to Mary Alice Kean who worked tirelessly for the preservation of our historic structures, Livingston and Kean women have played an important role in the history of our community. This lively talk describes 200 years of contributions by the ladies of Liberty Hall.

### **What's Cooking by the**

### **Museum of Early Trades and Crafts**

**April 12 – 11 a.m.**

Learn about the nineteenth century cooking techniques through hands-on examination of cooking utensils and food-related artifacts from the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts teaching collection. Participants are encouraged to reminisce about favorite recipes, and to share food and cooking memories.

### **Basic Computer and iPad Instruction with Parul**

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### **Brains n Games and Hand Bells with Adrienne Graubard**

**April 14, 28 – 11 a.m.**

Did you know that solving puzzles or challenging yourself with new mind-stretching activities like learning music can stimulate the brain and enhance your creative and critical thinking processes? Join Adrienne for some mind-tingling, brain-stumping word games and a fun-filled musical workout using hand bells.

### **Healthy Aging with Brenda Miller, Community in Crisis Senior Education Director**

**April 17, 24 - 11 a.m.**

This is a seven-week wellness program for adults 60 years of age or older. The program's interactive lessons provide valuable education to older adults on topics including health and wellness, medication use, stress management, depression and substance use and misuse. The seventh session will discuss alternative ways to manage pain such as yoga, chiropractic care, massage and more. Attendance at all (or most) sessions is requested.

### **Brain Health**

**April 20 – 11 a.m.**

Dr Karthik Joshua Kota—Assistant Professor of Medicine and Geriatrics at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School—will briefly present on how exercise, diet, sleep, and brain health affect a person's cognition. Learn more about what types of activities boost the brain best, and how to best incorporate these non-pharmacologic techniques into your life for a healthy long-term future and age gracefully in place."

### **Mahjong and Bridge**

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Families, friends, and employees will enjoy fresh air, scenic views, and the amenities that the county's parks provide. Amenities include a newly installed playground, a softball field, picturesque trails, pavilions with wheelchair accessibility, a leash-free dog area and much more.

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# “EAGLE’S NEST” PRESERVED IN THE WATCHUNG HILLS

Somerset County in February completed the open space purchase of the “Eagle’s Nest,” one of several major lookouts in the Watchung Hills used by General George Washington during the American Revolution. Consisting of 1.43 acres, the property holds outsized historic importance, and fills in a missing piece in the Somerset County Park Commission’s Washington Valley Park.

Also known as Wayne’s Brigade Encampment, the “Eagle’s Nest” site in Bridgewater Township was owned for several decades by local restaurateur and Navy veteran Herbert Patullo, who showcased it, off-and-on, as a private Revolutionary War museum. The property was accessible via a right-of-way through Washington Valley Park. A lifelong resident of Bound Brook, Mr. Patullo wanted the property to be preserved. Acquiring the land has been a high priority of Somerset County and the purchase was handled through his Estate, following Mr. Patullo’s death in 2020.

“On behalf of the Estate of Herbert (“Herb”) Patullo, we are very pleased that Herb’s wishes and legacy are fulfilled with the transition of this property to the County of Somerset,” said John Bruder, co-executor of the estate. “Herb expressly desired that the property be conveyed to the County so that the property would be maintained as an historic site and not developed. With this transaction, we have now ensured that Herb’s wishes for the preservation of this historic piece of property are honored. Herb was himself a treasured piece of Somerset County history, having accomplished many things in his life including leaving Bound Brook High School as a 16-year-

old to serve his country, at the US Army Supply Depot during WWII, and later in the US Navy. Herb was a local historian and Revolutionary War history buff. He would be very happy to know that Somerset County shall preserve this property for the benefit of all its residents and use it as a centerpiece for its celebration of the 250th anniversary of this nation’s founding.”

Local historian Robert A. Mayers, of Watchung Borough, wrote about the Eagle’s Nest site in his book Middlebrook: The Revolutionary War Encampment that Saved America (American History Press, 2021). In the book, he describes seven lookout rocks through the Watchung Mountains, including the most famous, Washington Rock in Green Brook. Mayers has dubbed the newly acquired property as “Middlebrook Washington Rock” and believes it was used by Washington more often than any other.

“The Revolutionary War was here. Washington stayed seven months right here,” said Mr. Mayers in a video released by Somerset County. “This is a fantastic place, and for 250 years it was forgotten!”

The Eagle’s Nest was acquired in February by Somerset County with dedicated Open Space funds for \$680,000 and will be incorporated into the surrounding Washington Valley Park. The County is considering options for possible future uses of the small residential building, barn, and pavilion that remain on the property. Until a plan is developed for the property, the buildings and adjacent fenced area will not be accessible to the public.

Search for Eagle’s Nest Video on YouTube.



(above) Local historian Robert A. Mayers at the newly preserved “Eagle’s Nest” Lookout in Bridgewater Township.

## SENIORS CLUB MEETINGS

The Watchung Seniors Club, for residents 55 and older, regular meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. from September-June, at the Fireman’s Exempt Hall (lower level, handicap accessible), 57 Mountain Blvd, Watchung. The meetings offer fellowship, refreshments, guest speakers. Other special events include trips, pizza party, and a picnic in June.

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