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A PHONE CALL CAN SAVE A VETERAN'S LIFE

Michael D. Boll, President, NJVN

Every year we honor the fallen, who have sacrificed their lives so we can live in the best country in the world. Please reflect on the service our heroes perform to keep us safe and protect our way of life. This Memorial Day we are asking people to call and check on our active duty soldiers and veterans that have served. Every day we lose twenty-two veterans to suicide and 40 percent of veterans that return from combat are diagnosed with PTSD. Unfortunately, this number has not changed much, and we feel that recreational therapy and peer support can really make a difference for our veterans living in crisis. The New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) is fully committed to combat this epidemic by aggressively seeking out veterans in need. Our goal is to contact the veteran before they fall into a deep state of depression and provide them lifesaving and lifechanging resources.

Over the last few years, the NJVN has been able to provide thousands of meals to our veterans and active duty soldiers. Thousands of veterans were given new suits and clothing from our storage area, over thirty newly refurbished

automobiles were gifted to disabled veterans, and the most important thing the NJVN does is save lives through our peer support /mentorship program.

The NJVN works from the heart and is therefore able to work with all the other amazing veteran charities that share the same common goal, putting veterans first. Our donations go directly to the veteran's programs, which allows us to assist veterans and their families throughout the entire state and host numerous recreational therapy activities as well. This year we are starting up a few veterans' retreats and will focus on increasing events at our state veteran hospitals and shelters.

We are always looking for volunteers that can both assist with upcoming events and help mentor veterans so they can live better productive lives. Volunteers are the most important NJVN resource, and we would love to have more people help us save lives. If you need assistance or are interested in joining the team, please send us your name, email, and phone number to NJVN1775@gmail.com or call 973-332-1556. Check out our website NJVN.org for our services and accomplishments.



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WARRENBROOK SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

500 Warrenville Road • (908) 753-9440, May 27 – Center Closed – Memorial Day

- Craft – Maracas**
May 3, 11 a.m.
- Fiesta Games**
May 6, 11 a.m.
- Mariachi Songs Musical Entertainment**
May 8, 11 a.m.
- Breathing techniques for mental wellness**
May 9, 11 a.m.
- Mother's Day Bouquet of Flowers Craft**
May 10, 11 a.m.
- Mind Reading Game Show**
May 13, 11 a.m.
- Balance & Flexibility Exercise**
May 15, 11 a.m.
- Bingo with Bob Mazet**
May 16, 30, 11 a.m.
- Brains n Games and Hand Bells with Adrienne Graubard**
May 17, 31, - 11 a.m.
- Spring Trivia**
May 20, 11 a.m.
- Senior Medicare Patrol & Fraud Prevention by Joel Schneider**
May 22, 11 a.m.
- Over the Counter Drugs Interactions- Part 2**
May 23, 11 a.m.
- Memorial Day Paint & Sip with Arista Care**
May 24, 11 a.m.
- Blood Pressure Screenings**
May 29, 10:30 a.m.
- Older American Month Celebration**
May 29, 11 a.m.
- Stretch**
Mondays – 10:00 a.m.
- Mahjong for Intermediate Players**
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Zumba Gold with Judith**
Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Bridge Group with Ronnie**
Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.
- Gentle Yoga with Jillian**
Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 1:00 a.m.
- Strength**
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. ongoing class.
- Art Hour with Jean**
Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Take Control with Exercise**
Thursdays, 10 a.m.
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"This production was made during my first year as ARB's Artistic Director, and it truly represents the overall vision we wanted to kickstart at the time," says Stiefel. "Its blend of artful, athletic, whimsical and heartfelt movement and storytelling absolutely encapsulates ARB, and what makes both the show and the company wholly authentic. Simply put, our *A Midsummer's Night Dream* production is as unique as our artists and our repertoire."

This timeless tale, set to Felix Mendelssohn's iconic score with additional music written for film by Erich Wolfgang Korngold, promises to transport attendees into to a magical forest filled with fairies, elves, mischief, romance, and joy. Audiences of all ages will once again be cheering, laughing out loud, and mesmerized by

the ballet's whimsy and crisp storytelling. There is no better way to celebrate Mother's Day weekend!

With scenery by award-winning designer Howard Jones, lighting by Joseph Walls, and original costumes by ARB's Resident Costume Designer Janessa Cornell Urwin, Shakespeare's beloved masterpiece receives a modern transformation. The cast will feature the entire ARB Company alongside trainees from Princeton Ballet School.

For ticketing and information, please visit arballet.org

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Friday, May 10, 2024 at 7 pm

Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 2 pm and 7 pm

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MAY 12, 2:30 PM

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THE MAGIC OF TONY BENNETT
A HEARTFELT TRIBUTE
JUNE 1, 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM

Join us for an unforgettable musical journey as Frankie Cirell pays homage to the legendary Tony Bennett. Backed by a full orchestra, this heartfelt tribute captures the emotional depth and elegance of Tony's iconic songs. From "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" to the soaring melody of "Fly Me to the Moon," get ready to be moved by timeless classics. Whether you're a lifelong fan or discovering Tony Bennett's magic for the first time, this performance promises an evening of pure musical bliss.

TEA FOR THREE:
LADY BIRD, PAT & BETTY
JUNE 9, 2:30 PM

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DANCING DREAM:
AN ABBA TRIBUTE
JUNE 15, 7:30 PM

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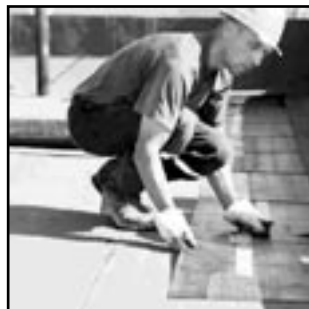
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WHAT IS PROJECT GRADUATION?

Project Graduation is a tradition at many high schools to keep graduates safe and substance-free on graduation night. For WHRHS, the event will be six hours long, filled with all kinds of indoor activities, entertainment and -- of course -- lots of food and drinks! All students are required to ride the bus to and from the event, which will be held on graduation night June 13, 2024. Location TBD.

WHO RUNS PROJECT GRADUATION?

Project Graduation is an independent parent organization with their own budget, fundraising events and planning committee. Senior parent volunteers work hard to host various exciting events that lead up to the end-of-year graduation night event.

WHO ATTENDS PROJECT GRADUATION NIGHT?

WHRHS has approximately 500 seniors from the towns of Green Brook, Long Hill, Warren and Watchung who will be graduating on June 13, 2024. The event is open at no cost to the entire WHRHS graduating class, and we hope for 100% participation.

WHO PAYS FOR THE EVENTS?

Project Graduation is funded completely through donations.

The ability to provide all the events throughout the year is only possible through generous donations from our families & community. This includes the parents, local businesses and community organizations. As we are a regional high school, we are reaching out to the member towns, seeking donations to help offset the costs of this celebration. In the past, we have received pledges as well as goods and services, from many different community members. If you have a business or skill you can offer or know someone willing to help, please let us know!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

VENMO @WHRHS-ProjectGrad2024. Or Mail checks payable to WHRHS Project Graduation 2024: Project Graduation 2024

Watchung Hills Regional High School, 108 Stirling Road, Warren, NJ 07059.

3RD EPISODE OF MIND YOUR OWN LOCAL BUSINESS

Featuring promo for WHRHS Project Graduation

Renna Media has posted its third episode of "Mind Your Local Business", a podcast that gives advice on how to run a successful local business.

Similar to the newspapers, the show will serve as a venue to support local community

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Townwide Dunellen & Green Brook COMMUNITY YARD SALE

(RAIN DATE: JUNE 8TH)

Troop 129 is sponsored by Green Brook PTO

Suggested Donation: \$20.00

HOW IT WORKS:

- Advertising Provided
- Signs & Promotion
- Maps available on Sale day from 7:30 AM – 12 Noon:
 - Washington Square Park in Dunellen
 - Facebook (Troop 29/129 Community Yard Sale)
- YOU** keep your proceeds!
- All homes registered before 12 Noon on Wednesday May 29th are guaranteed to be included on printed map & google map
- You'll be emailed a link by the end of Thurs. May 30th with the Google Map of participating homes.
- A "Boy Scout Supporter" sign will be delivered to your home before the sale to show you're participating & will be picked up Sat. afternoon
- MORE INFO?** Leave a voice message at 732-630-0621 or email Troop129CGS@gmail.com

YES!

Our household would like to participate in the Dunellen/Green Brook Annual Community Yard Sale on June 1, 2024 (Rain Date: June 8, 2024)

(Please write clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

(Please check) Check Enclosed: _____ Cash: _____

Make check payable to: Troop 129

Mail your application to:
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P.O. Box 7172
Green Brook, NJ 08812

TO REGISTER & PAY ONLINE*:

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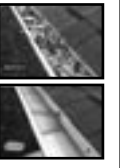
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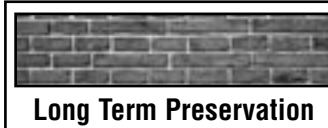
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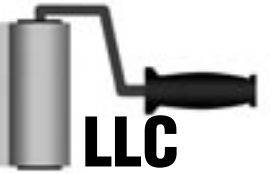
Units	Size	1 TOWN	3 TOWNS	6 TOWNS	9 TOWNS	12 TOWNS	15 TOWNS	18 TOWNS	21 TOWNS	24 TOWNS
1 Unit (Business card)	3.25" x 2"	\$60	\$150	\$250	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$550	\$600
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9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400	\$2700
12 Units	10" x 8"	\$360	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700	\$3000
18 FULL PAGE	10" x 14"	\$400	\$1000	\$1400	\$1800	\$2200	\$2500	\$2800	\$3000	\$3400
2-PAGE SPREAD	21" x 14"	\$700								
BACK PAGE	10" x 14"	\$500								
FRONT PAGE BANNER	8.25" x 2"	\$320								
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