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Ladies & Men of the Garwood Fire Department

Maryann Severage has spent 65 years volunteering her time to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Garwood Fire Department. Maryann was president of the auxiliary and is still active. She has served as Membership Chairperson for many years.

MARYANN'S VOLUNTEER SERVICES INCLUDE:

Garwood Public Library Board of Trustees, served for 43 years, serving as President of the Board twice.

As a parishioner of the Church of St. Anne, she has been active in its Rosary Society for 40 years.

Maryann has been a Garwood resident since the age of 6. She and her late husband Bill raised their children in Garwood, and she is a proud Grandmother and Great-Grandmother of 7.

Maryann has selflessly given of herself to the Borough of Garwood for so many years. Her leadership and generous spirit are appreciated by all of Garwood.

The Ladies & Men of the Garwood Fire Department want to thank Maryann for all her years of service.



(above) Maryann Severage

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(above) Members of the Garwood Fire Department recently gathered to honor Maryann Severage for her 65 years volunteering her time to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Garwood Fire Department.

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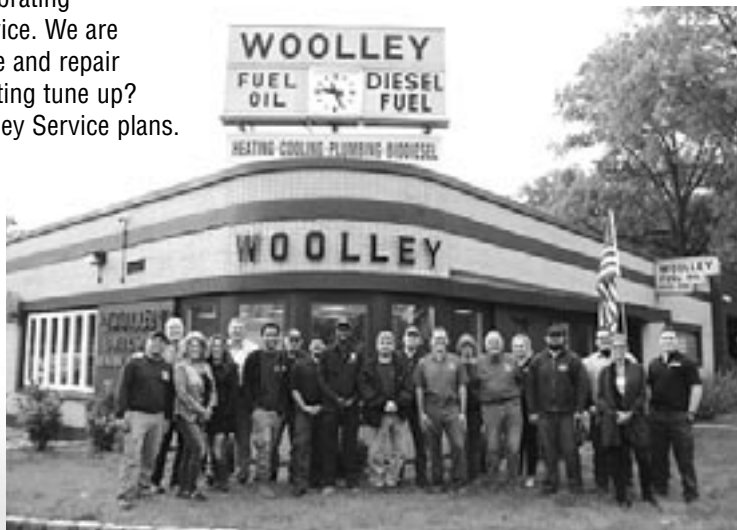


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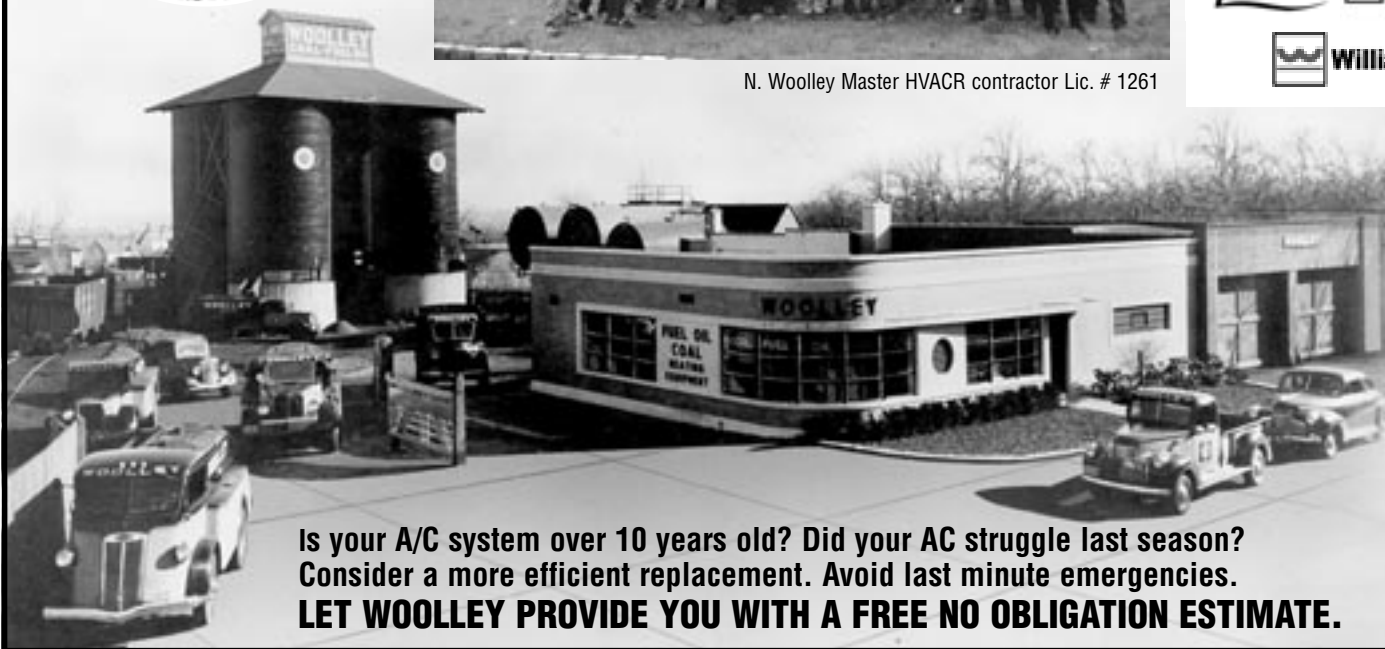
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BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM OPINION

Submitted by Simone Palermo

The Blue Envelope Program's purpose is to raise Union County's police departments' awareness of special needs (such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, dementia, and anxiety) and how to best communicate with a special needs driver. One point of interest for me in this news article is how all police officers in Union County's twenty-one municipalities will go through a specialized training course on special needs, as well as learning the best methods in engaging with special needs drivers during a traffic stop. These specialized training courses will be vital in not only developing a deeper understanding of special needs, but also on how to best approach special needs drivers to minimize potential misunderstandings and escalations in conflict when pulled over. They will also better communication to special needs drivers that are non-verbal to provide a safer, unprejudiced community that can ensure trust in its police force.

According to one source within the Clark Township's Police Department, the process of getting a blue envelope is very easy, as the special needs driver can simply call their local police department, press the number for their helpdesk, and ask to receive a blue envelope either directly from the local police station or having it delivered to them in their mailbox. A copy of their driver's license and vehicle registration, insurance details, and (if necessary) emergency contact card are placed inside the envelope, which is then placed onto the dashboard of their vehicle so that officers do not make the driver even more nervous than normal under a traffic stop. However, it does concern me deeply how easily accessible these blue envelopes can be as there is a possibility of individuals not in the spectrum to abuse them for their own benefit.

According to the same source, there are other towns in Union County that have implemented the Blue Envelope Program in their police departments; said source however does not know if it has currently spread throughout the entire state of New Jersey. Regardless, my source said

that the Clark Police Department has managed to hand out several of these blue envelopes to special needs drivers, which is a promising start for the program's progress. Upon further research, I have discovered on various websites – such as Crimewatch and the Montgomery County website – that it is being employed in police departments in California, Pennsylvania, Connecticut.

Overall, my opinion on the Blue Envelope Program is incredibly positive. I am advocating for the Blue Envelope Program for Union County's police departments and hope that it spreads beyond just Union County and the state of New Jersey.

Having lived most of my life with Autism Spectrum Disorder – specifically Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS) – I was personally intrigued when I came across the Clark Monthly's "Blue Envelopes for Drivers with Autism" newspaper article. As someone who has lived with autism for years, I feel as though I have a voice in this matter, and I would like to let it be heard.

If you or a loved one are a special needs driver looking for more information regarding the Blue Envelope Program, contact your local police department and ask them how you can get started with your blue envelope today.

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The tool will help bridge gaps in communication and build empathy in our community.

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FOR THE POLICE OFFICER: [Image of envelope]

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morning session, the judge, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and victims' advocate entertained many of the students' probing questions about the cases they witnessed, careers in criminal justice and law enforcement, and the court system in general. Once students returned to

school, they enjoyed a pizza lunch, compliments of the Alliance. Follow-up conversations took place in both Social Studies and Language Arts class. Members of the Garwood Police Department accompanied the students and their teacher-chaperones.



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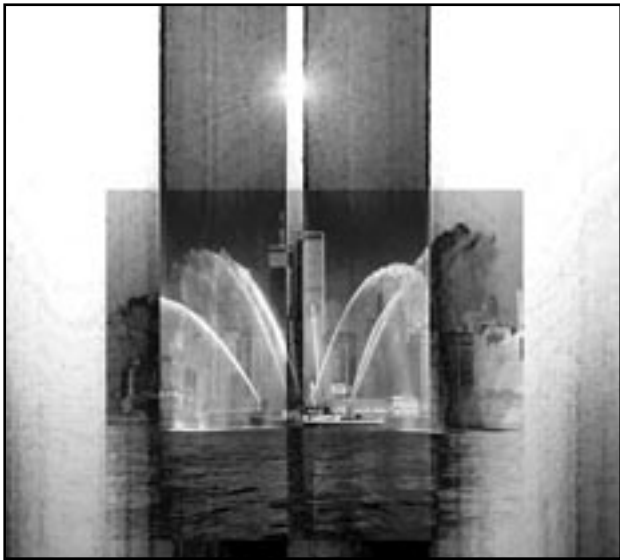
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LEONA M. SEUFERT'S ART RECOGNIZED

Garwood resident Leona M Seufert's digital collage "Celebration" took first place in the 2024 Union County Senior Citizen exhibit, Digital Art category. She is now eligible to have her artwork go on to the NJ State wide competition. "Celebration" is part of her series entitled "When Memories Fade Away", one of 6 collages she created last year for the 22nd Anniversary of 9/11.

Seufert has been a resident of Garwood for 9 years and is known for her award winning digital collages and her art jewelry. She has been creating digital collages using Photoshop for over 15 years and has had solo exhibits and been in numerous group exhibits in the tri-state area.

She recently had an exhibit of her unique craft jewelry at the Garwood Library.



(above) Leona M Seufert's digital collage "Celebration"

Courtesy photo

GARWOOD ROCKS ANNUAL FESTIVAL – JUNE 2

On Sunday, June 2nd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Garwood celebrates its 10th Anniversary of its 'Garwood Rocks' Festival, sponsored by Vermella at Garwood Station. The event is organized by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce [GWACC] and draws over 5,000 people from all surrounding counties and towns in New Jersey. Admission to the festival is free of charge.

"With the 10th Anniversary of Garwood Rocks this year, we have been planning an even more special event than in years' past – especially with our continued partnership with Vermella at Garwood Station" said Lew Kimble, Executive Director of the GWACC. "All residents from Garwood and the surrounding towns will be able to experience what the whole community has to offer – and after 10 years – it demonstrates our commitment to the region and the success of the event."

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Center Street will be opened at 11 a.m. with food vendors and trucks lined up along the street, offering everything from classic carnival fare and much more.

The main stage at Center and Willow will feature performances from a variety of musical acts from local bands to bigger and more well-known artists including 4 Flight Rock, Marie & the Blue Rats and Mirrors on the Moon.

The Beer and Wine Garden, sponsored by the Crossroads, will provide adult beverages throughout the event.

Families with young children will be drawn to the kid's area at the Westfield Y location, between Locust Avenue and Beech, where there will be

inflatable bounce houses and a carnival ride.

Classic car show which is expected to draw over 150 cars.

Merchandise and artist vendors of all kinds will also be displaying their wares for purchase.

Several non-profit organizations will also be on display.

For more information about Vermella at Garwood Station's residential rentals, visit www.vermellanj.com.

For more info about the Garwood Rocks event, contact Carol carol@uniquecruiseandtravel.com at 908-233-3021 or Donna Vella at donnavellastreetfairs@yahoo.com.

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Garwood Rocks

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Knitting Club

June 3 and 10 at 10:30 am

Join our Knitting Club. Spend an hour being creative and socializing. No Registration required. Yarn and needles provided to newcomers. The knitters will be taking a break for summer after their June 10 meeting. They will resume the club in September.

New Jersey Primary Election

June 4 All Day

The Garwood Public Library is a polling location. The Library will be open, the children's section will be closed. Our computers and seating are not available. Browsing and check out are permitted.

Library Board Meeting

June 5 at 7:30 pm at the Library

A meeting of the Garwood Library Board of Trustees will take place in the Library. This meeting is open to the public.

Summer Reading Sign Up begins

June 10

Adventure Begins at Your Library this Summer. We'll be celebrating all kinds of adventure this Summer. Our Summer events include ice cream parties, scavenger hunts, crafts, and musical programs. You have a chance to win tickets to Great Adventure, the Mall of America's Legoland Discovery Center, or the Sea Life New Jersey Aquarium.. Registration begins today. Pick up your summer reading packet at the Library from June 10 through July 17.

Book Discussion Group

June 17 at 1:00 pm

Join us in the library for a lively discussion of this month's book, "The Uninvited Guest" by Shari La Pena.

Summer Reading Opening Party

June 26 at 2:00

Join us for a Summer Reading Kick Off event in the Library parking lot with free ice cream from the Scream Truck. This event is open to those who are registered for summer reading.

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Magic Show

June 27 at 1:00

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Scavenger Hunt

June 28 from 10 am to 3 pm

View a picture of the lost the Suitcase on the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages at 10 am on Friday. Find the lost suitcase somewhere in Garwood. Leave the suitcase for others to find. Return to the Library, report the location of the suitcase by 3:00 to collect a prize.

Stomp Rockets

June 28, at 1 pm

Create stomp rockets. Then launch your rocket outside. For children entering 3rd grade and older. Registration is required.

ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER

The Education Foundation of Garwood (EFG) celebrated 20 years of supporting Garwood teachers and students, during its annual "EFG Appreciation Dinner" fundraiser which took place on April 25th at the Knights of Columbus.

The evening included the presentation of the Garwood Educator of the year to Mr. Matthew Burke, as well as the first presentation to Paraprofessional of the Year, Mrs. Imperio Mormile.

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Elks members from across NJ recently gathered at the NJ Elks Veterans Annex in Stirling to assemble 200 backpacks which will be distributed to homeless veterans at Stand Down events in Newark, Atlantic City, and other locations throughout the state. These backpacks help to provide comfort to homeless veterans, offering them a sense of support and care during challenging times.

The backpacks contain clothing, food, personal hygiene, and other care items, including many of the 4,000 pairs of socks and undergarments that were collected and donated to the Elks through the Middlesex Borough Police sock drive for New Jersey veterans.

The NJ Elks Veterans Annex also serves as a warehouse for Welcome Home kits consisting of furniture and other household items that a formerly homeless veteran would need when moving into their new housing. It is featured in the Youtube video "Givers of Hope".

Please email njelksnvsc@gmail.com to learn more about what NJ State Elks are doing to help veterans and visit Elks.org for more information about the Elks, including how to become a member.



24TH ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY

Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park, NJ

The Church of the Assumption's annual St. Anthony Italian Feast returns for its 24th year! The Feast will feature rides, games, live entertainment, homemade cooking, food vendors, a beer and wine garden, and a SUPER 50/50 drawn Sunday night at 9 p.m.

The Feast, located on the Church grounds at 113 Coolidge Place, Roselle Park, NJ, begins on Thursday, June 6 and runs through Sunday, June 9.

Feast hours: Thu 6-10 p.m., Fri 6-10 p.m., Sat 5-10 p.m. and Sun 5-10 p.m.

On Sat, June 8, there will be a 4 p.m. mass honoring St. Anthony, followed by a procession through Roselle Park beginning at 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 6, Pay-One-Price unlimited ride wristbands will be sold at the Feast for \$30.

Visit the Church of the Assumption website at assumptionrp.com for more information and to

Musical entertainment:

Thu, June 6: Valencia School of Music/
Paper Statues, 8 to 10 p.m.

Fri, June 7: 2/5ths Crazy, 7 to 10 p.m.

Sa, June 8: Diamonds in Jupiter, 7 to 10 p.m.

Sun, June 9: DJ playing traditional Italian music from 5:30 -7 p.m.

Other performances at the Feast:

Thu, June 6: 6 p.m. – Roselle Park H.S. Band, Fusion Dance, Planet Dance

Sat, June 8: 5:30 p.m. – Susie Karlik Dance Sensation, Akido Schools of NJ

Sun, June 9: 5 p.m. – Sabre Guild, 730, Maplewood Glee Club



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WINTER G.P.A. CHALLENGE BREAKFAST

Clark Public Schools

The Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Department held a breakfast in honor of the 2023-2024 Winter Athletics G.P.A. Challenge winners, the Girls' Basketball Team. The event, sponsored by the Athletic Department, was held in the Arthur L. Johnson Cafeteria.

The Crusader G.P.A. Challenge is awarded each season to the team that finishes with the highest overall G.P.A. amongst athletic teams seasonally. They will be presented with certificates, have their team memorialized on a plaque, and be invited for a "Breakfast with the A.D." to celebrate their actions both in the classrooms and on the courts.

The G.P.A. Challenge for the winter season was awarded to the Crusader Girls' Basketball Team with a G.P.A. of 4.231. Members of the Girls' Basketball Team include: Gwendalyn

Cahill, Kaileigh Nettland, Isabella Ciccotelli, Alyssa Martucci, Mackenzie Thompson, Elizabeth Fitzharris, Avery Forfa, Alisia Hamm, Julia Lettini, Alexa Sikoriak, Jordanna Tarentino and Claire Brighthouse.

Athletic Director for the Clark School District Gus Kalikas had this to say about the G.P.A. Challenge winners from the Winter Season: "The Athletic Department is extremely proud of all the members of the Girls' Basketball Team. The team was able to balance athletics and academics at the highest level, not only competing in the State Tournament in the winter season but also excelling in the classroom, which is evident by the cumulative G.P.A. of 4.231 that the team held throughout the season. They are a model of what it means to be a student athlete and the Clark School District is proud of all of their accomplishments."



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Submitted by Michael Boll,

Director New Jersey Veterans Network

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