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WATCHUNG RECREATION ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

On Saturday, May 18, 2024, the Borough of Watchung gathered at Mobus Field for the much-anticipated Annual Community Picnic hosted by Watchung Recreation. The event, which has become a beloved tradition, once again brought residents together for a day filled with laughter, delicious food, and a plethora of activities for all ages.

The festivities kicked off at noon, with families and friends spreading out across the benches and playground. Local vendors and volunteers lined the park and offered free hot dogs and refreshments to those in attendance. Other activities included a dance party, inflatables, face painting, arts & crafts and more exciting family fun.

The Watchung Recreation's Annual Community Picnic at Mobus Field was more than just a day out; it was a celebration of community, friendship, and the simple joys of life.



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JERSEY JAM TOURNAMENT

Submitted by Annette Mayers
Watchung Hills Lacrosse's 4th and 5th grade boys participated in the Jersey Jam tournament

held at Pingry School on May 5. It was a rainy and windy cold day, but the boys demonstrated grit all throughout.



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LIONS CLUB EXPO STARTS JUNE 12T ENDS WITH FIREWORKS ON JUN 15

As the spring flowers bloom all across the beautiful Township of Warren, and we get excited about the much awaited warmer days, the Warren Lions Club announces the fast approaching EXPO 2024. It is the single biggest social and commercial event, held every year around mid-

June, at the Warren Township municipal field (46 Mountain Boulevard). The gathering is a classic carnival for all ages, family and friends, 6-10 p.m. from Wednesday to Saturday. This year's EXPO, in its 56th occurrence, will be hosted from June 12-15th, 2024. There will be amusement rides, games of chance, fireworks, food vendors, and an exposition of local businesses, and non-profit organizations.

Our Event sponsor is NextHome Premier. The Corporate sponsors are Lightbridge Academy, The Orchard Academy and Temple Har Shalom. We will also have a spectacular fireworks show, which concludes the EXPO on Saturday at 10 p.m.

The Lions EXPO attracts more than 10,000 people over the four days and has become the premier family & friends' melting pot, in the Warren Township and the neighboring communities.

In addition to the daily tickets, the EXPO has the pay-one-price wristbands every night. And don't forget the Giant 50/50 cash raffle with the drawing on Saturday June 15th, resulting in thousands of dollars payout to a single winner. The winner need not be present at the drawing. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Expo, every night, for \$5 each.

LOCAL BUSINESS EXPOSITION

The EXPO is an excellent platform for local businesses to showcase their services and connect directly with customers through the purchase of a \$500 Exclusive Game sponsor sign or a \$150 non-exclusive ride sponsor sign, displayed at the Expo for the 4 days.

"Interacting with potential customers at a high profile community event can greatly boost a company's image and customer base," noted Anthony Franchini, the Warren Lions Club Treasurer. "Community members deeply appreciate those businesses that demonstrate their local support through events like this."

We are still accepting applications for tent vendors to sell or promote their businesses to the thousands of people in attendance at the gathering. For information on becoming a tent

vendor at the 2024 Warren Lions EXPO, please contact Anthony Franchini at 908-334-9304.

All proceed from the Lions EXPO are donated back to the community organizations and sight and hearing foundations throughout New Jersey. **ABOUT THE LIONS CLUB OF WARREN TOWNSHIP**

When caring people come together, roll up their sleeves and take actions to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness.

Lions Clubs International is made up of 1.4 million members in 49,000 clubs who bring hands and hearts to the communities we serve in nearly every country on earth. Our Lions and Leos help hundreds of millions of people every year.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides grants that empower the service of our members. Since its inception in 1968, LCIF has awarded more than US\$1.2 billion in grant funding.

The Warren Lions Club currently has more than 100 active members from the Township as well as surrounding communities. Members include business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and bonding in the communities.

All funds raised by the Lions Club of Warren Township are used to support a wide variety of community service organizations and projects. The Club holds dinner meetings every second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from September through June and occasionally feature speakers, donation recipients and special guests that inform and entertain. The Club encourages all members to help set the direction of our Club, participate in leadership roles, and identify causes to support and the Club's priorities, while fostering camaraderie and advancing our mission.

To learn more, please visit Warren Lions Club website warrenlionsclub.org, and social media page facebook.com/warrenlionsclub.org.

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Martial Your Strength:

Senior Self-Defense with L. Greg Smith

June 3, 11 a.m.

High level/basic martial arts move for seniors to see, learn, and do.

Meet & Greet with Warren Librarian

June 3, 1 p.m.

Jennifer Konopacki, Librarian, walks us through the programs that are available.

Jersey Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

June 5, 11 a.m.

Learn about seasonal produce from Mikaela Kane of Rutgers Co-operative Extension.

Chair Physical Therapy

June 6, 11 a.m.

Improve your strength and mobility without leaving your seat.

Pompom Key Ring Craft

June 7 – 11 a.m.

Create a beautiful Pom Pom Key ring. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. All materials will be provided.

Bingo with Bob Mazet

June 10, 27, 11 a.m.

Bingo promotes socialization, strengthens hand-eye coordination, and improves listening skills.

Monthly Book Club

(Virtual) June 11, 1:30 PM

Meets Every Second Tuesday of the month. Warrenbrook Seniors Book Club members discuss the book of the month and select the next book to read. New members are always welcome! **Only for Warrenbrook Senior Center Participants**

Nutrition for Colorectal Health – CINJ

June 12, 11 a.m.

Cecilia Gomez will be discussing nutrition tips that can lower the risk of colorectal cancer.

Breathing techniques for mental wellness

June 13, 11 a.m.

Learn practices that can be used to distract the mind and induce calm during an anxiety episode, calm and regulate the nervous system.

Brains n Games and Hand Bells with Adrienne Graubard

June 14, 28, - 11 a.m.

Join Adrienne for some word games and a fun-filled musical workout using hand bells.

Carnival Games

June 17, 11 a.m.

Carnival Games we will play are Ring Toss, Button Toss, Spin Wheel, Dart, Roll the Ball and of course win some prizes.

Africans in America

June 19, 11 a.m.

Charles Smith will discuss the descent of Africans in America,

Lawn Care for the Homeowner

June 20, 11 a.m.

The program will discuss the basics of lawn maintenance.

Summer Musical Entertainment

June 24, 11 a.m.

Join Tommy Strazza for a summer musical entertainment covering songs from 50s, 60s.

How to talk to your Dr.

June 26, 11 a.m.

Audrey Taffet will help you get the most out of your next MD visit for your best health.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Watercolor Paint Class

Mondays & Wednesdays,
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For an experienced artist to meet new people while water coloring. All supplies are included.

1 on 1 Computer with Sal

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

No classes on June 17 and June 24

8-week, one-on-one class.

Stretch

Mondays – 10:00 a.m.

Kanwaljit Minhas will guide you through the exercises to improve flexibility & balance.

Mahjong for Intermediate Players

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If you are an intermediate mahjong player join us on Tuesday mornings. Call for more info.

Zumba Gold with Judith

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Build cardiovascular health by challenging your heart and working hip, leg, and arm muscles while sitting in a chair. Cost is \$40.

Bridge Group with Ronnie

Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.

Play bridge on a weekly basis. New members and beginners welcome (lessons available).

Gentle Yoga with Jillian

Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.

This class is for relieving stress and to help gain an overall sense of well-being. Cost is \$40.

Tai Chi with Roger

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Tai Chi can help reduce falls, especially for those with balance problems. This program can be practiced while either standing or sitting.

Advanced Bridge

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

This is a closed group by invitation only.

Art Hour with Jean

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

We all work on doing craft work for Community Service projects throughout the year. All supplies will be provided.

Gentle Yoga with Jillian

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

This class is open to all levels of skill. This class is perfect for relieving stress. Cost is \$40.

Take Control with Exercise

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Program will strengthen core muscles, improve flexibility and balance while boosting stamina.

Geri-Fit with Rutgers

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Fridays (managers to determine time and put in here), June 7- August 2

The Geri-Fit physical activity program incorporates strength training with stretching and range of motion exercises, stability, and balance training for fall prevention, cardiovascular activity for heart health, and gait exercises to help improve walking. Pre-registration is required, please call Karen Kowalski: at 908-704-6327.

“Walk With Ease” Self Guided Program

Fridays, 1:00 p.m. - June 7 – July 19, 2024.
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Bridge

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WARREN LIBRARY ENHANCES CHILDREN'S SPACE

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Warren Township branch hosted a dedication ceremony, celebrating their enhanced children's play space - The George Sr. and Betty Dealaman Children's Corner - on May 2, 2024.

"It has truly been a delight to witness the children's play area transform from email subject lines to a real and dynamic physical space in the Warren branch," said Darryl Voorhees, branch manager. "Knowing that children can explore and interact with each other and the Library in new creative ways is incredibly rewarding for everyone involved. Thanks to the Dealaman family for their remarkably generous contribution that will serve the community for years to come. We are also so grateful to the Township, to the Friends of the Warren Library, and to the Warren Library Advisory Board for their support."

"We are so excited to share this newly imagined space with the community," said Katie Winjum, youth services department supervisor. "Having the new play elements in our children's

area makes the space instantly welcoming to customers and invites them to explore and stay a while."

The new children's space offers visiting families the opportunity to explore through play, allowing children and caregivers the opportunity to utilize the new interactive market playhouse, read atop garden-themed tables, spend a few quiet minutes meditating beside wall decorations that help bring the beauty of the outdoors inside, and more. Dedicated librarians and library staff at the branch have also worked to enhance the Library's collections by adding new reading materials as well as rearranging older materials for easier access.

The Warren Township branch is located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren.

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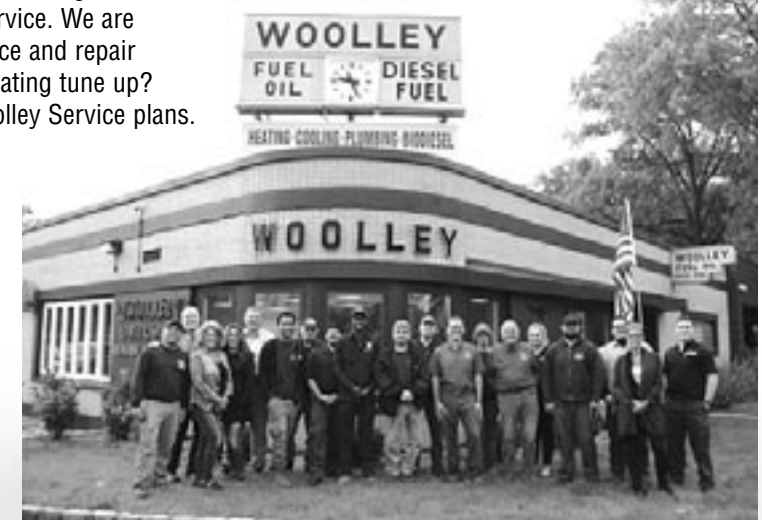
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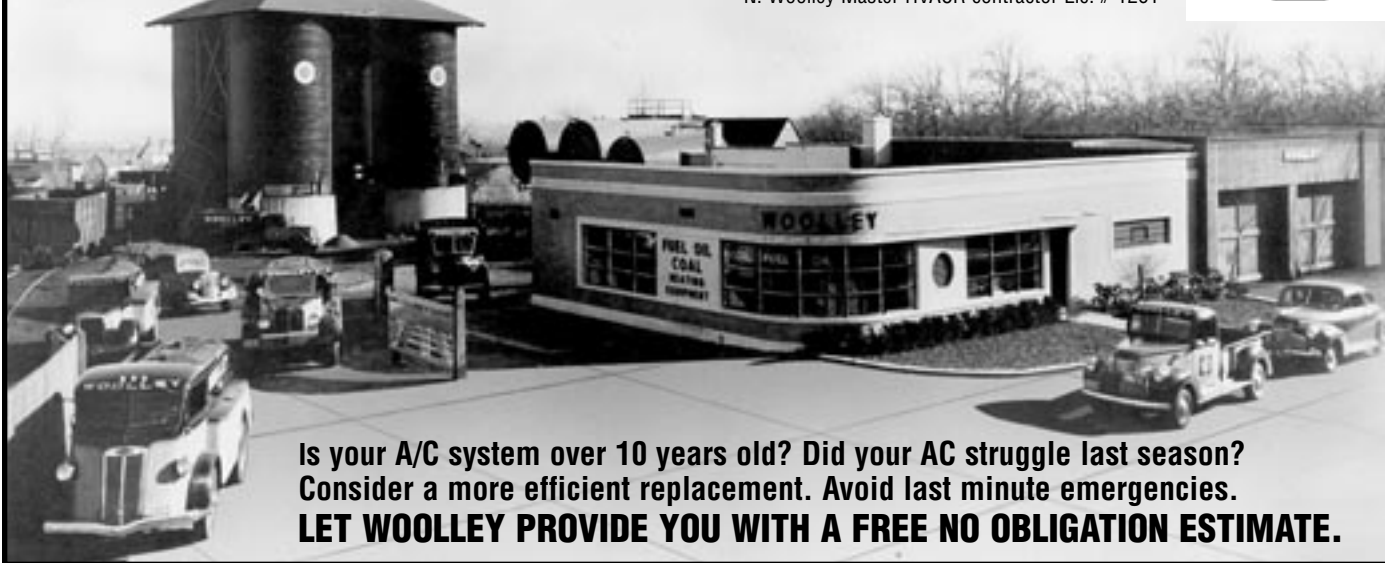
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The backpacks contain clothing, food, personal hygiene, and other care items, including many of the 4,000 pairs of socks and undergarments that were collected and donated to the Elks through the Middlesex Borough Police sock drive for New Jersey veterans.

The NJ Elks Veterans Annex also serves as a warehouse for Welcome Home kits consisting of

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Elks pledge "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Every night, as many as 40,000 veterans sleep on the streets. In partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission has pledged to help end veteran homelessness and ensure that all veterans have the safe, stable homes they deserve.

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