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EMMA WILLIX RECOGNIZED FOR HER VOLUNTEER WORK

The Aliver Foundation

In celebration of The Aliver Foundation's first anniversary, local business partners, community leaders, first responders, donors, and new friends gathered on January 23, 2025, for Impact Night.

The highlight of the evening was when the organization surprised a few individuals who helped make 2024 incredible including 12-year old Garwood Resident, Emma Willix. Miss Willix donated her birthday money to help fund lifesaving equipment, came to many of The Aliver Foundation's educational events, and even became certified in CPR.

"Emma is an absolute firecracker. She is smart, kind, and passionate about saving lives, and is the child of two first responders. Every time we ask her if she can help with something, she's thrilled and jumps right in. She attends as many of our events as she can and is always willing to pitch in. The world could use more Emmas," said Jill A. Pall, Founder of The Aliver Foundation.

At the event, Pall and Board Treasurer, Pamela



(above) Garwood residents Emma Willix and Jill A. Pall (Founder of The Aliver Foundation) at Impact Night 2025.



Lips, discussed what The Aliver Foundation accomplished in just one year's time, including being directly responsible for over 100 all weather, climate controlled AED enclosures having been installed in outdoor public recreation spaces, ensuring lives can be saved 24/7/365; providing over 2000 hours of mental health support for cardiac arrest survivors and their loved ones through their Healing Hearts program, facilitated by a trauma therapist; educating more than 650 people on the stats of cardiac arrest, CPR, and AED usage at nine in-person events; and having content viewed nearly 120,000 times through their social media channels and website.

Pall and Lips said that 2024 was a testament to how remarkable things can happen when we work together. They also talked about the organization's 2025 focuses which include deepening relationships with the communities they worked with last year, leaning into education, encouraging counties and communities to invest in outdoor enclosures, and supporting businesses and individuals who want to bring lifesaving equipment to their neighborhoods.

Please visit: thealiverfoundation.org to learn more.

(left) Emma Willix, practices CPR compressions at one of The Aliver Foundation's community events. Emma became certified in CPR.

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BRRRR, IT'S COLD!



(above) Students in Mrs. Moran's class are having fun creating penguin crafts and learning about these chilly creatures!

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Arthur L. Johnson High School seniors Diva-Kai (Kai) Caro Vasquez and Alexandra (Bella) Gonzalez were recognized by College Board as a National Recognition Program awardee. They both earned the National Hispanic Recognition Award.

According to The College Board, “The National Recognition Programs award academic honors to sophomores and juniors who take the Fall 2023 PSAT/NMSQT (10th or 11th) or Spring PSAT 10 (10th) and score in the top 10% of test takers from their award program in their state. Or earn a 3+ on 2 or more distinct AP exams in the 9th and/or 10th grade. And earn a cumulative GPA of B+ or higher (at least 3.3 or 87-89%) by the time of submission. And identify as first-generation, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Indigenous or Native and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

School Counselor Jennifer Sanchez stated, “Kai has shown an unwavering commitment to her education as she consistently earns strong grades in high-powered courses. Earning a place within the top 20% of her class along with an induction into the Spanish Honor Society are just a few of her accomplishments along the way. Kai also successfully balances her time spent on extracurricular activities, part-time employment, and her family and friends.”

School Counselor Molly Cusick stated, “Bella is a successful student that has elected to challenge herself with rigorous courses throughout her high school career. Bella’s academic success have afforded her entry into the

Math Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She is also a member of Active Minds Club. An experienced soccer player, she is captain of our school varsity team. She is a leader on and off the field.”



(above) Alexandra (Bella) Gonzalez



(above) Diva-Kai (Kai) Caro Vasquez

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SNOWFLAKE ORIGINALITY

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(above) Mrs O'Dell's class learned about snow and snowflakes. After writing the steps involved in making a snowman, first graders then built their own in class.

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SECOND GRADERS IN ACTION

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In Ms. Lopes' class, students explored phonics and word work at small group station centers. Learning has never been more engaging and fun!



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Mrs. Del Conte's 2nd marking period cycle class in Financial Literacy was tasked with creating a plan for a new board game for their final project. The game was to pertain to what we have been discussing: spending money, rent, business needs and wants, and their own choices in spending. Students worked alone, or in a small group. They were inspired by their previous assignments to create directions, the object of the game, and its rules. Some games were Money Hole, Moneyball, Moneyland, Alley Ball, Moneycard and Subway Surfers. When completed, they shared their games with each other to see how well their ideas worked when played by someone else! They also completed Quick Peer Evaluations and Group Self Evaluation at the conclusion of the assignment.

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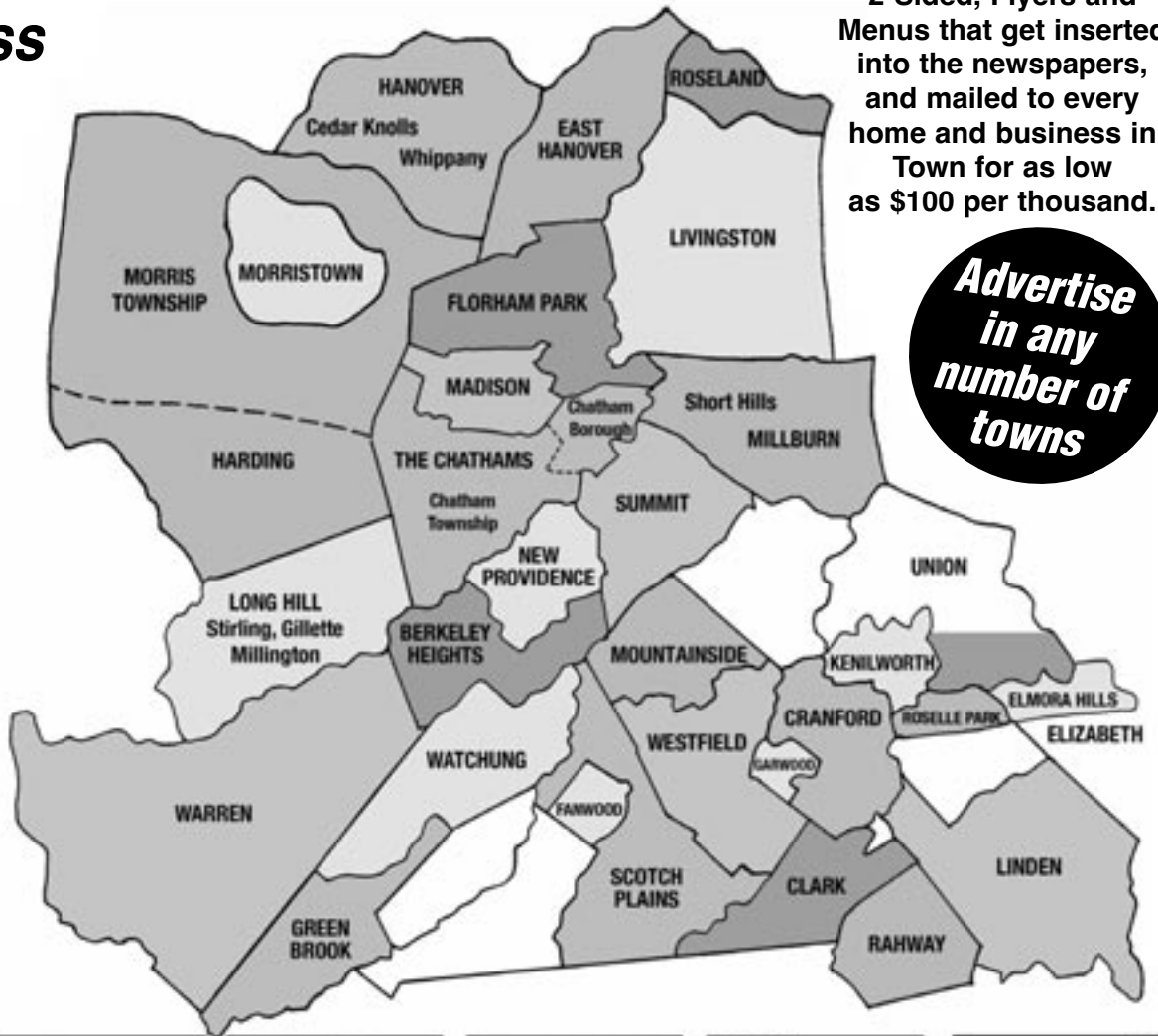
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March 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 3 pm

Informal chess games for children of all ages. Note this is non-instructional supervised play. No registration required. Limit 12.

Storytime

March 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 10 am and 11 am

Join Miss Maryanne for stories and more. Registration is required.

Limit 12. Registration is required.

Grab and Go Kid's Craft

March 4, at 3pm

Pick up supplies and instructions for a seasonal craft.. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 participants.

Library Board Meeting

March 5 at 7:30 pm

A meeting of the Garwood Library Board of Trustees will take place at 7:30 pm in the Library. This meeting is open to the public.

From Italy with Love

March 8 at 11 am

This musical performance features an array of Italian classical songs performed by renowned vocal tenor Salvatore Chiarelli.

Grab and Go Adult Craft

March 11 at 3pm

Pick up supplies and instructions for a seasonal craft.. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 participants.

Adult Game Day

March 12 at 1 pm

Come in out of the cold, play Runikub, Sorry, Uno, or cards and enjoy socializing with others. No registration required. Limit 12.

Monday Book Club

March 17 at 1 pm

Join us for a lively discussion of this month's book, Ordinary Grace By William Kent Kruger

LEGO CLUB

March 19 @ 3 pm

Be inspired by this month's theme or build whatever comes to mind. Some creations will be displayed in our showcase.

Registration required Limit 12

Mush

March 27 @ 3 pm

Join Noggin, the Sled Dog and her human Karen Land. Land is a 3-time participant in the 1000 mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race across Alaska. She is also celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 1925 Diphtheria Epidemic Serum Run featuring Balto and Togo and other heroic huskies who carried lifesaving medicine to people in need.

ST. THOMAS FLEA AND CRAFT MARKET

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church in Rahway NJ, will host a Flea Market and Craft Sale on Saturday March 8, 2025. All are invited to shop 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, with vendor access starting at 7:30 am.

The Flea Market is held in the parish center located at 1407 St.Georges Ave. Rahway. This handicap accessible center can accommodate 60+ vendors at each market. Everyone who attends will receive a free raffle ticket for a drawing of a special gift card at 1:00 pm.

The Vendors have beautiful gifts for children and adults, as well as household items, collectibles, toys and antiques. Our Parish Gift Shop will also be open.

Our kitchen will be open for both breakfast and lunch. The St. Thomas chefs offer homemade ethnic specialties such as stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and sauerkraut subs and pirohi, as well as taylor ham and egg sandwiches for breakfast.

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