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LIONS CLUB EXPO ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR VENDORS

Spring is here and there is a certain warmth in the air. It's from the Lions Club gears, picking up speed on EXPO readiness activities. Warren Lions Club EXPO 2025 will be here soon. 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, 6-10pm from Wednesday to Saturday. This year's EXPO, in its 57th occurrence, will be hosted from 11th to 14th June, 2025. There will be amusement rides, games of chance, fireworks, food vendors, and an exposition of local businesses and not-for-profits organizations. We will also have a spectacular Fireworks, which concludes the EXPO on Saturday, 10pm.

Our Event sponsors are The Connections Magazine and NextHome Premier.

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 14th, 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." said Mark Ramos, the EXPO Chairperson.

We have started 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 2025 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.

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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GBPD TIPS ON PREVENTING VEHICLE THEFTS AND HOME BURGLARIES

Green Brook Township Police Department

Vehicle thefts and residential burglaries are not unique to our township, as they are happening throughout the entire State of New Jersey. These incidents are crimes of opportunity. To help you protect your family and neighbors, we provide below some simple actions that you can take right away.

Most Importantly, Report Suspicious Activity Immediately! If you see a suspicious person or vehicle, contact the Police Department without delay at 732-968-1188 or dial 911 in the event of an emergency. Even if you think it might not be significant, it is better to report it to the police rather than just posting it on social media or a community page.

Below are additional actions that all residents can take to protect one another:

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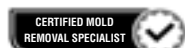
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LEO CLUB PLANNING FIRST MEETING AND RECRUITING MEMBERS

The Green Brook LEO club had its first meeting of the year on March 8 to plan priorities for the year with a key focus on giving back to the Green Brook community. The group is under new leadership this year including President Kalya Boyer, Vice President Sai Bhavsar, Treasurer Shaan Bhavsar and Secretary Addie Boyer. These young leaders are building on the foundation that the past leaders of the club built since the club was founded in 2021.

Key events discussed for the year include participating in the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership (LRWP) clean up in Green Brook on May 10, food/supply drives for those in need, fundraising for local causes as well other volunteer activities. All of these activities align with the Leo Club focus on "Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity."

A key first priority is also growing the membership with Green Brook residents age 12-17. This is a great way to give back to community and gain leadership experience. Interest has been strong so far and anyone interested in joining should contact Sai Bhavsar saibhavsar17@gmail.com, or fill out the new member form at Green Brook Leo club webpage greenbrooklionsclub.com/green-brook-leo-club.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB WELCOMES NEWBIES

Green Brook Senior Citizens Club members meet once a month on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held at the Senior Center, 111 Rock Avenue at 11 a.m. on April 22nd. Middle-Brook Health Commission will give a presentation, and refreshments will also be provided. In addition to the monthly

meetings, club members also have gatherings at local restaurants from time to time.

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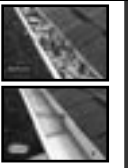
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Mahjong for Intermediate Players

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Intermediate mahjong player and would like to play on Tuesday mornings. Club size is limited, registration for one time frame is required.

Take control with Exercise

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

This is an ongoing exercise program, in video form, for all skill levels that can be practiced while either standing or sitting.

Zumba Gold with Judith

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. April 1 – May 20

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Bridge Group with Ronnie

Tuesdays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

New members and beginners welcome (lessons available).

Stretch & Strength

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Mikaela Kane from Rutgers Co-operative Extension will be leading a 10-week exercise class that involves stretch & strength.

Advanced Bridge

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

This is a closed group and is available by invitation only.

Line Dancing with Linda Hyland

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

It's suitable for participants with limited mobility.

Card/Table Games

Thursdays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Join in and play some of your favorite games such as Mahjong, Bridge, Dominoes, Left-Right-Center Dice games, Rummikub, Canasta, Mexican Train and more.

Tai Chi (Video)

Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

This program can be practiced while either standing or sitting.

Bridge

Fridays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Bridge is a mentally challenging card game that offers intellectual and social stimulation.

April Fools with Parul

April 1, 11 a.m.

Join us for a day of laughter, learning and lighthearted fun with April Fools entertaining session full of pranks and friendly games.

Bingo

April 2, 11 a.m.

Sponsored by Kristina Bischof of Country Arch Care Center.

Volunteer Recognition Event

April 3, 11 a.m.

Through this recognition, the Warrenbrook Senior Center aims to inspire a continued spirit of service among its valued volunteers.

Benefits of Walking

April 4, 11 a.m.

The session will focus on how regular walking can improve physical, mental, well-being.

Bridge Builder in Petticoats

April 7, 11 a.m.

Carol Simon Levin impersonates Emily Warren Roebling to tell the story of the woman who helped manage this architectural feat of building the Brooklyn Bridge.

Somerset County Traveling Library

April 7, 1 p.m.

How to set up your phone or tablet to use the library eBook app? Get help troubleshooting technology, check out a book, or just share a favorite book you are currently reading.

Pointillism with Parul

April 8, 11 a.m.

Pre-registration is required, supplies provided.

Monthly Book Club

(Hybrid) April 8, 1:30 p.m.

Meets Every Second Tuesday of the month. New members are always welcome! **Only for Warrenbrook Senior Center Participants**

Understanding Memory Loss

April 9, 11 a.m.

Explores the difference between normal age-related memory changes and abnormal changes that are associated with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

Breathing Techniques for Mental Wellness

April 10, 11 a.m.

Techniques can be practiced on a regular basis to calm and regulate the nervous system.

Brains n Games and Hand Bells

April 11 & 25, 11 a.m.

Join Adrienne for some mind-tingling, brain-stumping word games and a fun-filled musical workout using hand bells.

Fall Prevention & Strength

April 14, 11 a.m.

Interactive, immersive seminar on fall prevention and strength with some informative takeaway tools and resources.

Drum Circle

April 14, 1 p.m.

This is a holistic experience that leaves participants feeling a sense of joy!

Bingo

April 15, 11 a.m.

Bingo is more than just an exciting activity.

Polka Party

April 16, 11 a.m.

Music, history and fun stories of Polka songs.

Wordle

April 17, 11 a.m.

Wordle with Warrenbrook Staff

Center Closed, Good Friday

April 18

Tapping for Stress

April 21, 11 a.m.

Tapping on certain pressure points on our face and upper body to lower stress.

Lady Bug Craft

April 22, 11 a.m.

Pre-registration is required, supplies provided.

Navigating Eldercare Housing Options

April 23, 11 a.m.

Discuss the additional assistance or support required to maintain a good quality of life.

Grandparenting for Drug-Free Kids

April 24, 11 a.m.

Presentation will cover the important role grandparents play and provide effective communication strategies.

Brain Health

April 28, 11 a.m.

Session is designed to help older adults understand the importance of maintaining cognitive function and mental well-being.

Boggle

April 29, 11 a.m.

Attendees search for words that can be constructed from letters in a grid.

Sun Catcher Craft

April 30, 11 a.m.

Pre-registration is required, supplies provided.

WOMAN'S LIT CLUB

Submitted by Marj Schindelar

The Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook will hold a meeting on April 7th at 1pm at St Paul's Rennell Hall in Bound Brook.

The program will be "Impressionism with a Woman's Touch: Berthe Marisot" presented by Mike Norris, PhD. Guests are always welcome and can call Marlene Fczlo at 908-507-7406 and follow Club activities on Facebook WLCBB.

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BELOVED UNCLE'S LIFE HONORED

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss

The Toriello Family honored the life of Matthew Toriello, who died in 2019, with the dedication of "Uncle Matt's Room" at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss. The room is home to grief support groups for 6-9-year-olds who experienced the loss of a parent, sibling, or other family member. Known as the "Orange Group" these children make up Imagine's largest group of participants and the group most likely to run a waitlist at the organization.

Uncle Matt's Room contains multiple spaces for therapeutic play designed to provide a safe place for the bereaved children to mourn their loss, develop healthy coping skills, and integrate the loss into their lives. As one young Imagine participant expressed, "At school, I didn't know anyone else whose dad died. But when I come to Imagine, other kids lost their dad too and it feels good to know I'm not alone."

Executive Director Lindsay Schambach said, "We're so grateful for the Toriello family's commitment to Imagine, first as Board members and volunteers and now through this incredible gift to our Imagine children. We are honored to host a space that recognizes the important role aunts and uncles play in the lives of young people and the incredible impact they can make both while living and after their passing. Thank you to the Toriello Family for their continued trust, belief and support for this mission."

Imagine's Nights of Support provide free year-round trauma-informed peer grief support for children ages 3-18 and young adults 18-30 who are coping with loss due to the death of a close family member. Support groups are also available for the parents and care givers of children in Imagine's groups. Last year, Imagine served over 600 individual participants on a bi-weekly basis who came from 85 towns across New Jersey. In January 2024, Imagine opened a second location at 570 Broad Street in Newark and is the only family bereavement center in the state that offers services in Spanish. Imagine is also called upon to respond to schools and workplaces when an unexpected or tragic death occurs, and the



(above) Matt Toriello's Family gathers in "Uncle Matt's Room" following the room dedication at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss.

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community needs support. Imagine also worked closely with Senator Bramnick and Senator Cryan to draft the Grief Awareness Bill (S3330) allowing schools to provide grief education to NJ students in grades 8-12. The bill was passed unanimously and signed into law by Governor William Murphy in January 2024.

Kristen Sonnek-Schmelz, Imagine Board member and sister of Matthew Toriello said, "As Mackelmore says in one of Matthew's favorite songs, 'Glorious, I heard you die twice, once when they bury you in the grave, And the second time is the last time that somebody mentions your name.' Uncle Matt's Room keeps us saying

Matthew's name and reminds us that while life is different now, we can continue to change the world for the better in his honor."

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is a 501c3 that offers grief and loss education and training to the community and 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 caregivers of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. For more information, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imagine-nj.org or visit our website at www.imagine-nj.org.

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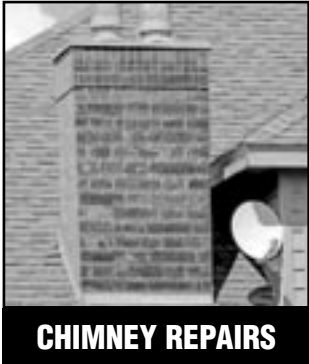
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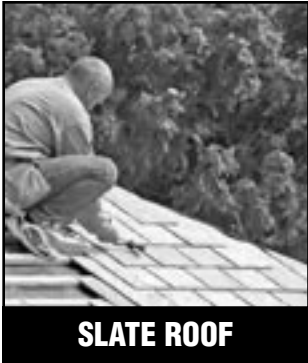
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