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LIONS CLUB EXPO ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR VENDORS

The winter is not over yet but 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.

WARREN TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB EXPO 2025

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<p>Ashley's February Watchung Market Update</p> <p>CHERIE BERGER TEAM The Cherie Berger Team Ashley Berger Freitas M: 908.432.0818 cheriebergerteam@compass.com O: 973.310.6816</p>	<p> \$1,617,500 Average Sales Price ▲ Increased from last month</p>	<p> 2 # of sales ▼ Decreased from last month</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COMPASS</p>
	<p> 53 Average Days on Market ▼ Decreased from last month</p>	<p> 12 # of houses on the market ▲ Increased from last month</p>	

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(above) On Saturday, March 8, the “Michigan State” team, made up of Watchung and Warren 5th and 6th grade boys, won the semifinal and final games to become the Grades 5/6 champions of the Warren Youth Basketball Association.

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Introduce your child to the beginnings of storytime in this interactive program featuring rhymes, movement, songs, and stories.

BIRTH TO 5 YEARS

(with caregiver)

Music with Miss Donna

April 28, 10:30 - 11:00am

Take time to bond with your children while making music in this interactive session. Enjoy music, fingerplays, and playing instruments.

AGES 4 AND UP

Bingo with Miss June

April 23, 4:30 - 5:00pm

Share your love of Bingo with other players as you compete to win prizes.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Family Storytime

April 14, 10:30-11a.m.

Discover songs, stories, and movement in this active storytime.

GRADES K AND UP

Drop-In: 'Marble' Run with Pom Poms

April 26, 10:30am-1:30pm

Make a 'marble' run with paper towel rolls, scissors, tape, and see how pom poms run through it.

GRADES K - 4

Read to a Therapy Dog

April 15, 4:30 - 5:30pm

Practice your reading skills by reading a story to a certified therapy dog. Register by calling 908-458-8455.

GRADES K - 5

Drop-In: Chess

April 1, 4:30 - 5:30pm

An hour of informal play. Open to all abilities.

Giant Games

April 9, 4:30 - 5:00pm

Play fun classic games that are giant.

Paint and Snack: Sun and Moon

April 8, 4:30 - 5:30pm

Discover how to paint step-by-step using watercolors. Pre-packaged snacks and drinks will be served.

LEGO® Fun

April 16, 4:30 - 5:00pm

Join the fun if you like building with LEGO® bricks. Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

STEAM: Snap Circuits

April 29, 4:30 - 5:15pm

Discover circuitry using Snap Circuit kits.

Grades 3 - 8

Nintendo Switch for Kids and Tweens

April 10, 4:30 - 5:30pm

Play Nintendo Switch games like Mario Kart and Super Smash Brothers.

GRADES 6-12

Teen Volunteer Afternoon

April 17, 4:30 - 5:30pm

Write letters and make cards for a good cause. Attendees will earn one hour of service time.

ADULT

Watchung Library Writers Group

April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:30am - 12:30pm

The Watchung Library Writers Group welcomes experienced writers interested in providing and receiving direct, constructive feedback.

Drop-In Tech Help

April 10 & 24, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Connect with one of our library staff members to get answers to your questions about technology.

Adult Book Discussion - "Seldom Disappointed: a memoir"

April 10, 6:30 - 7:45pm

"Seldom Disappointed: a Memoir" by Tony Hillerman moderated by Manny Miracle.

Coffee with the Mayor

April 11, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Join Mayor Ron Jubin, Township Administrator Jim Damato and Library Manager Manny Miracle for coffee and cookies in honor of National Library Week for a friendly chat about the library renovation.

Wine Charms

April 19 & 23, 10:30 - 11:30am

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WATCHUNG'S GOT TALENT



(above) Watchung's Bayberry Elementary School students had fun participating in, and watching, their talent show held on Friday, February 28th at Valley View Middle School. There were many talented act. (left, l-r) Kayla Bateman and Francesca Yhlen, (above, center) Madeline Mayers, (above, right) Caleb Pressman

Courtesy photos

WATCHUNG RECREATION COMMISSION

Save the Date!

EASTER EGG Hunt

Take a picture with the Easter Bunny!

Saturday **April 5**
Rain Date: Sunday April 6

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For upcoming events and news visit:
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COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENTS RANKED #1 IN STATE AND HEADED TO FINALS IN MAY



Warren Hills Region High School Computer Science students competed in the First Annual Garden State CTF Cybersecurity competition sponsored by NJCCIC. There were 370 teams competing, including many of the top schools in

the state. Warren Hills had 2 teams in the top 10 of the qualifying round, including the #1 team in the state : David C, Dylan F, Angelina L and Franco G. This team will compete in the finals at TCNJ on May 28th. Good luck in the finals!

Photo by WRRHS

WOMAN'S LITERARY 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.

The Club is a member of the N J State Federation of Women's Clubs and is a service Club for women interested in making new friends while being active in service to their communities.

OPERAS ON FILM

Mountainside Rescue Squad

The Mountainside Rescue Squad presents Operas on Film, now in its 12th season. The selected films from famous opera houses throughout the world, will be played with subtitles on the second Friday of the month at 1 p.m. hosted by Mena Clemson. It is free to attend. Whether you are an opera buff or an opera neophyte, you are invited to join I

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10:00 a.m. Festival Liturgy with Eucharist

Holy Thursday - April 17
12 noon Spoken Liturgy with Eucharist
7:30 p.m. Liturgy with Rite of First Holy Communion

Good Friday - April 18
12 noon Community Ecumenical Service
7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae

Holy Saturday - April 19
A Day of Silence, Prayer & Reflection

Easter Celebration - April 20
7:00 a.m. Memorial Garden Liturgy
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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.

Zumba Gold with Judith

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. April 1 – May 20

Get your blood pumping with some music.

Cost is \$40 for the 8-week program.

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.

By invitation only.

Line Dancing with Linda Hyland

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

It's suitable for those limited mobility.

Card/Table Games

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

Play Mahjong, Bridge, Dominoes, Left-Right-Center, Rummikub, Canasta, 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.

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 build the Brooklyn Bridge.

Somerset County Traveling Library

April 7, 1 p.m.

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.

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.

Important role grandparents play and provide effective communication strategies.

Brain Health

April 28, 11 a.m.

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.

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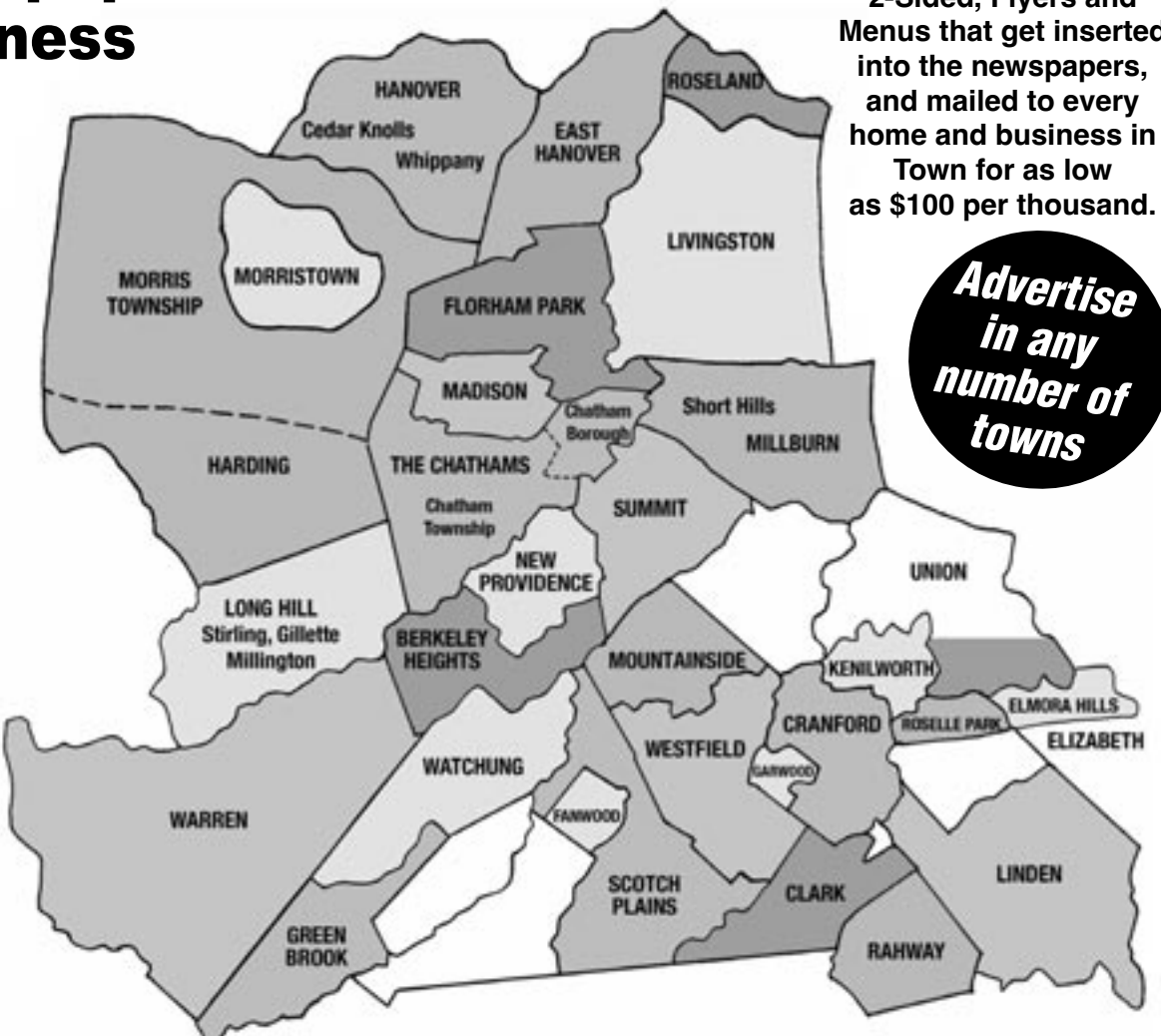
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