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THE WHOLE TOWN AWAITS WARREN LIONS CLUB EXPO!

4 Days of extravaganza, June 11th to 14th, 2025, ends with a grand Fireworks Show on June 14th

The Spring is finally here and the township has transformed into a beautiful canvas of bright colors, from the flowering trees all around us. The Warren Lions Club is also accelerating the EXPO readiness. Yes, the Lions 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 sponsor is NextHome Premier. We are also supported by valued corporate sponsors - Temple Har Shalom, Orchard Academy, Warren Oral Surgery, Lawrence Law Firm, Lightbridge Academy, Warren Hills Orthodontics, Weichert Realtors, John's Painting and Mira Vie at Warren.

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.

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STUDENTS SHOW SUPPORT POLICE UNITY TOUR

Warren Township Police Department

During National Police Week a chapter of the Police Unity Tour was scheduled to travel past Angelo L. Tomasso Elementary School on May 9th, but the ride was unfortunately cancelled due to rain. Despite the change in plans, students still filled the halls and classrooms with posters and banners to show their support for those who ride for those who died.

Later in the afternoon, officers traveled to

Somerville to support another chapter that was continuing the ride to Washington DC.

We thank everyone, especially our Warren students, who continue to honor the fallen and support the mission.

The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty. The secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum.



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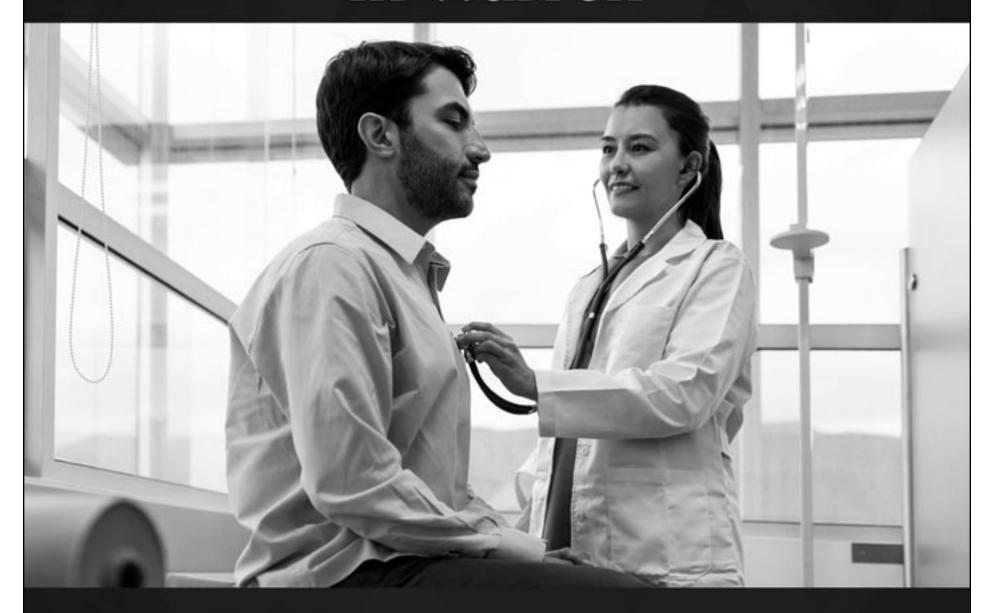
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2025 HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

1982 GRADUATE'S **JOURNEY TO THE BIGS**

Representing the Class of 1982, Michael Stanfield, the third inductee, was a standout scholar-athlete and National Honor Society member who played on both the varsity football and baseball teams. After earning a degree in sports management from Saint Leo University, he began his career in Major League Baseball. Today, he serves as the Senior Vice President of Sales for both the New Orleans Saints and New Orleans Pelicans, exemplifying how passion and perseverance can lead to extraordinary achievements.



(above) Michael Stanfield with presenter Mark Suseth

Photos by WHRHS

1954 INAUGURAL BOARD OF ED

The fourth induction recognized the pioneering spirit of the 1954 Inaugural Board of Education. As the first Board following the regionalization of the surrounding districts, their tireless efforts and visionary planning were instrumental in establishing Watchung Hills Regional High School. Their work laid the foundation for the generations of students who have passed through its halls.

1973 FOOTBALL TEAM

The final inductees were the members of the 1973 football team, remembered for their unity, spirit, and unforgettable victories. Introduced by one of their former coaches, Mr. Robbery Baly, the team was celebrated for its contributions to the school's rich athletic tradition. Nostalgic stories of teamwork and triumph were shared, reminding all in attendance of the power of sports to shape character and create lifelong bonds.

Each inductee was honored in person and given the opportunity to share memories and reflections from their journey. The ceremony highlighted the importance of preserving local history and recognizing those who have helped shape the identity of Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Watching Hills Regional High School

In a heartwarming celebration of excellence, service, and history, Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) proudly hosted its annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The event brought together alumni, faculty, and community members to honor five distinguished inductees whose contributions have left an enduring impact on the school and the broader community.

The Hall of Fame honorees include a decorated Air Force lieutenant, a beloved former school nurse, a nationally recognized sports executive, the original Board of Education from 1954, and the legendary 1973 football team.

Air Force Leadership from the Class of 1968 The first inductee, Virginia Procino Hartmann, graduated from WHRHS in 1968. She was honored for her groundbreaking service in the U.S. Air Force. After graduating from WHRHS, she pursued her studies at Hood College, a

women's university, and soon earned her commission as a second lieutenant through Officer Training School. She began her service career at a time when few women served in the armed forces, breaking barriers and paving the way for generations of women in uniform.



(above, l-r) Virginia Procino Hartmann and presenter Beatrix Procino Hartman

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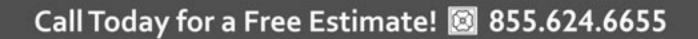
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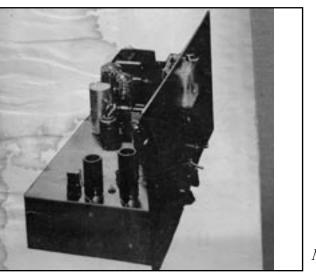
We do all kinds of Ham Radio Activities. We take part in contests and exercises to practice our communications skills. We work with local kids, at school and at summer camps

The club was formed in 1965, primarily by hams working at Bell Labs. Meetings were (and are still) held in New Providence, hence the name of the club. Despite the name, there are no resi-

dency requirements for membership, although most members happen to live within 20 miles of New Providence, NJ, which is in Union County.

We currently have about 50 members - men and women - of all ages, including students, with a wide variety of ham radio skills and interests. Please join us!

Our meetings are held in the Salt Brook Elementary School in New Providence, NJ at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month when the school is open. Topics discussed at our meetings are always related to Ham Radio or electronics, but are frequently non-technical, or presented for the education of our young and/or new members. YOU are cordially invited to attend one of our meetings. For more information, please visit nparc.org, or call 908-464-1730.



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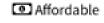
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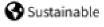
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The Raptor Trust is located at 1390 White Bridge Road, Millington, NJ.

The Raptor Trust is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization which provides free medical care to thousands of orphaned or injured birds each year. Our infirmary staff is available seven days a week during daylight hours to admit injured birds, but we must rely on the people who find them to bring them to us for care. If you find a bird that needs help, please visit our website theraptortrust.org for instructions. We cannot do what we do without the kindness of many – including our visitors!





CULINARY STUDENTS BRING HOME SILVER MEDAL

Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School

A team of culinary students from Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School (SCVTHS) were recently awarded a Silver Medal at the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) Culinary Cook-off held at Caesars Atlantic City Resort.

Teams from twelve vocational schools from across the State were tasked with creating, preparing, and serving 300 portions of a savory amuse-bouche – a delicious morsel that takes only two or three bites to eat. Culinary instructors Keith Johnson and Mark Mastrobattista held a "local" competition at SCVTHS to determine which recipe would be entered into the Atlantic City contest. The bite that won the SCVTHS competition – the Pancetta Bruschetta - was developed by Delilah Bergman of Hillsborough and Francesca Boian-Togyik of Manville. The bite featured pancetta, a cream cheese spread

with fresh herbs and spices, a tomato and cilantro bruschetta, and homemade guacamole, served atop crostini, and was presented amid flowers on stands built by the SCVTHS Carpentry program.

Ms. Bergman and Ms. Boian-Togyik were joined by Sharon Castro Benitez of Hillsborough, Michael Dagostino of Bridgewater, Amy Hernandez of Hillsborough, and Alyssa Robinson of Somerset. The team of chefs had an hour onsite to prepare their dishes before the judges arrived for a tasting, evaluating the entry for taste and presentation. Among the judges was celebrity chef David Burke who, after tasting the Pancetta Bruschetta, spent some time with the students, talking with them and providing feedback on their creation.

"It was great for the students to see the reception they got from attendees and the judges" said Mr. Johnson. "We're very proud of the work these chefs did, the food they put on the table, and the accolades they received."











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Faith Lutheran Church

Do you have bikes or sewing machines needlessly taking up room in your home or garage? Give them a new home by bringing them to Faith Lutheran Church's bike and sewing machine collection for Pedals for Progress (P4P) and Sewing Peace on Saturday, June 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Adult and children's bicycles in rideable or repairable condition will be shipped overseas by P4P and distributed to those who rely on them for transportation to jobs, markets, medical care, and schools. Donations of working sewing machines also provide income opportunities for those living in developing countries.

If you are unable to drop by on June 7th, you may still leave your bicycle(s) in Faith Lutheran's lower lot next to the utility shed. If you are donating a sewing machine, please leave it underneath the sheltered alcove by the red doors at the bottom of the parking lot. Faith will make sure these items get to P4P for this collection or will hold them until the next one. Please note that "bikes for parts" or disassembled bicycles will not be accepted.

On average, it costs \$52 to collect, process, and ship each bicycle. A donation toward shipping costs is necessary for P4P's continued success and \$20 is suggested per bike and sewing machine. All monetary donations (cash or check) and material donations are fully deductible, and a receipt will be provided on site on June 7th. Donations can also be made directly via p4p.org.

To date, Pedals for Progress has shipped over 167,000 bicycles and 6,300 sewing machines to partner agencies in Central America, Africa, and Eastern Europe.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ. Find out more at famfaith.org. Worship is on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with livestreaming available via website, Facebook, and YouTube. The church phone number is 908-464-5177 and the pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready.



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Kids in the Kitchen

June 16, 4:30pm - 5:15pm

Build your cooking skills and socialize with other kids as we make a recipe each session.

Life-Sized Candyland

June 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27, 11:00am - 12:00pm

June 23, 24, 25, 26 & 28, 2 - 3:00pm Journey your way through sweet obstacles on your way to King Candy's Castle in this giant version of Candyland. Drop-in event. Parental Supervision is Required.

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Recipe Club: Rainbow Food

June 17, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Meet like-minded foodies to discuss all things delicious. Our topic this month is rainbow food! This hybrid program is moderated by Warren Library Adult Services staff member.

Local Author Talk:

An Afternoon with Iris Glazner Leigh

June 18, 3:30 - 4:30pm

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Plant Decor: Beaded Plant Stakes

June 21, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

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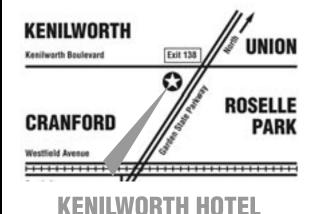
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(above) Oskar Gaebele achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on April 10, 2025, from Green Brook Troop 129.

Green Brook Troop 129

Oskar Gaebele achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on April 10, 2025, from Green Brook Troop 129. Oskar's start in Boy Scouts began in 1st grade and continued into his Senior Year at Watchung Hills Regional High School. Oskar says, "In college and for the rest of my life I plan to live by the morals and standards that I have learned from Boy Scouts." Oskar plans on pursuing Mechanical Engineering while taking advantage of any opportunity he gets, whether that be academically or just a chance to have fun. One of those adventures Oskar prepared for and went on was a rugged backpacking trip in New Mexico that took him and his Scout Troop over 80 miles and camping in the wilderness.

Oskar's final Eagle Scout project was to benefit the Warren Lions Club, with the assistance of leaders and Scouts from his Troop he successfully refurbished a shed allowing the Lions Organization to better protect their equipment. Oskar stated, "I learned to plan things out and adapt when things didn't go according to plan." Troop 129 wishes Oskar the best as he continues to live the Scout Oath.

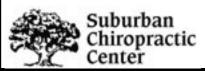
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(above) Oskar's final Eagle Scout project was to benefit the Warren Lions Club, with the assistance of leaders and Scouts from his Troop he successfully refurbished a shed allowing the Lions Organization to better protect their equipment.

FORMER STUDENT NOW CEO AND FOUNDER OF INSPIRING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Warren Township Schools

Julia de Montagnac, a proud alumna of Angelo L. Tomaso School, Warren Middle School, and Watchung Hills Regional High School, returned to her roots to share her inspiring journey from struggling student to successful nonprofit founder and Princeton University scholar. Diagnosed with dyslexia, Julia is now the Founder and CEO of Coloring Confidence, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children with dyslexia through artintegrated, curriculum-aligned lesson plans and mental health resources, including guided meditations and classroom worksheets, designed to support student wellness and academic growth.

The concept of Coloring Confidence was created from Julia's Girl Scout Gold Award project during high school. What started as a personal passion has grown into a nationwide program. Now an established nonprofit, Coloring Confidence reaches children in all 50 states and over 50 countries, providing school districts with dyslexia-friendly curriculum designed to build self-esteem and literacy skills through creativity and structured support.

Julia recently joined the students at Central School and Warren Middle School to give a presentation about the nonprofit organization she now leads. During her presentation, Julia offered valuable insights into the process of identifying real-world problems, conducting effective research, and translating ideas into action, providing students with both inspiration and practical guidance. By observing her approach and problem-solving mindset, students can learn to apply similar strategies in their own projects, starting with recognizing issues in their communities, gathering data, and developing

solutions that create real impact. After each presentation, the 5th graders and 8th graders had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in meaningful discussions.

Warren Township Schools is proud to celebrate Julia de Montagnac's accomplishments and is inspired by her commitment to giving back to the community that helped shape her.

For more information about Coloring Confidence, visit coloringconfidence.com.



(above) Julia de Montagnac, Founder and CEO of Coloring Confidence

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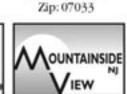
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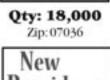
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Chair Yoga with Kartika

Mondays, 10:00 a.m.

This class is open to all levels of skill. Hatha yoga poses can be practiced while either sitting or standing. No fee for this ongoing class. Warrenbrook Senior Center clients only.

"Walk With Ease"

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Mahjong for Intermediate Players

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

If you are an intermediate mahjong player and would like to play this game of skill, join us.

Take control with Exercise

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

This is an ongoing exercise program, in video form, for all skill levels that can be practiced while either standing or sitting. No fee for this ongoing class.

Bridge Group with Ronnie

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

Join Ronnie and her group as they play bridge on a weekly basis. New members and beginners welcome (lessons available).

Stretch & Strength

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

A 10-week exercise class that involves stretch & strength.

Craft Activities

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for artists & crafters to meet new people while creating an art piece or craft. All supplies will be provided.

Advanced Bridge

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. This is a closed group and is available by invitation only.

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

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Tai Chi (Video)

Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Tai Chi participants will focus on shifting body weight through a series of light, controlled movements that flow rhythmically into one long gesture. This program can be practiced while either standing or sitting.

Technology for Seniors with Aadi Fridays, 1 p.m.

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Bridge

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

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

Teen's Perception on Aging

June 2, 11 a.m.

How Social Media Influences Teen's Perception on Aging and Alzheimer's with Chris Kellogg of Nightingale NJ.

The Somerset County Traveling Library

June 2, 1 p.m.

Help troubleshooting technology, check out a book, or just share a favorite book you are currently reading.

Bingo

June 4, 11 a.m.

Bingo sponsored by Kristina Bischof of Country Arch Care Center.

Breathing techniques for mental wellness

June 5, 11 a.m.

Dr Prabha Srinivas will be teaching some practices that can be used to distract the mind and induce calm during an anxiety episode.

Brains n Games and Hand Bells

June 6, 27, 11 a.m.

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

Reducing Sodium

June 9, 11 a.m.

Learn how to identify hidden sodium sources and make simple changes to reduce your salt intake without sacrificing flavor.

Drum Circle

June 9, 1 p.m.

Deep relaxation, lower blood pressure, reduced stress and open communication. Anil will guide us through playing different tones using drums.

Wheel of fortune

June 10, 11 a.m.

Spin the colorful wheel and watch the anticipation build as participants try to match clues and solve word puzzles.

Monthly Book Club (Hybrid)

June 10, 1:30 PM

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

Here comes the Bride

June 11, 11 a.m.

Discover the origins of many of the traditional practices we follow in the age-old celebration of marriage & weddings.

Warrenbrook Senior Center closed -

June 12

Father's Day Games

June 13, 11 a.m.

We will race the cars on our Warrenbrook Race course in teams and encourage friendly competition, and social interaction all while engaging in a lightheaded and fun activity.

Summer Musical Entertainment

June 16, 11 a.m.

From nostalgic tunes of the past to lively singalongs and dance-worthy hits, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Neurographics

June 17, 11 a.m.

Providing a meaningful and enjoyable way to engage their minds. All materials will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

Uncovering the History of the Enslaved

June 18, 11 a.m.

Listen to the stories and narratives as we uncover the voices of the enslaved people.

Bingo

June 19, 10:30 a.m.

Improves listening and short-term memory skills.

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June 20

Women's Health: The Big Three

June 23, 11 a.m.

This presentation will equip you with the knowledge you need to take control of your health!

Boggle

June 24, 11 a.m.

Then look for words within a larger word. Join us as we try to find as many words as possible.

Pinecone flower Bouquet

June 25, 11 a.m.

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Wordle

June 26, 11 a.m.

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