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ROTARY CLUB KEEPS ACTIVE WITH SERVICE PROJECTS

Submitted by Club President Kirti Reddy

The Watchung Warren Rotary Club has had a busy year with a lot of service projects, food drives and various speakers at their club meetings. Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 million leaders and problem solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change- across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Kirti Reddy, President of the Watchung Warren Rotary Club says "I joined the Rotary Club to give back to the community that I have lived in for 10 years. We have a lot of fun planning and executing our service projects. We do a wide range of service projects from providing dictionaries to the 3rd graders at both Warren and Watchung to making donations to the Animal Shelter, from conducting food drives to

supporting eagle scout projects and many more. Together, we can join hands and make a difference in making this world a better place". Visit our website, wwrotaryclub.com, or follow us on instagram @wwrotaryclub.



(above) Kicking off Maternal and Child Health Month with the Founder of Baby Bundle



(above) President Kirti Reddy delivering animal shelter donations to the PlainField Animal Shelter



(above) President Kirti Reddy presenting a check to the Executive Director of the Food Bank Network of Somerset County for our Thanksgiving Food Drive



(above) Our Club at the Warren Winter Festival



(above) President Kirti Reddy distributing dictionaries to our elementary schools



(above) Halloween Celebrations at our Club

Courtesy photos



(above) At the Holiday Breakfast for Children with Disabilities

Ashley's May Warren Market Update



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15 # of sales

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65 # of houses on the market

▲ Increased from last month



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COUNTY JURIED 2025 SENIOR ART SHOW

Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission is accepting applications for its juried 2025 Senior Art Show. To be eligible, artists must be Somerset County residents and at least 60 years of age. Acceptable artwork mediums include acrylics, oils, pastels, watercolors, crafts, digital/computer art, mixed media, works on paper, photography, and sculpture. The deadline for registration and submission is Monday, July 14.

"Our senior residents have tremendous talent and Somerset County is proud to showcase their amazing artwork," said Somerset County Commissioner Deputy Director Melonie Marano, liaison to the Cultural & Heritage Commission. "Last year, 19 outstanding artists were selected to move on to the state competition. Two participants were over 100 years old, which proves that creativity can spark at any age. This contest is a great way for older adult artists to receive recognition."

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO CREATE

"Entering the Somerset County Senior Art Show was a wonderful opportunity to showcase my passion for digital art," said Ed Caravana, who received First Place for Digital Art in the County Senior Art Show. "I have been exploring the convergence of art and technology since retirement, so winning was an amazing affirmation that it's never too late to learn, grow, and create."

COUNTY SENIOR ART SHOW GUIDELINES

The artwork will be displayed from Aug. 1 to Sept. 8 in the Cultural & Heritage Gallery, located at the Somerset County Administration Building on 20 Grove St., Somerville, NJ and will be available virtually on the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage website.

First-place winners of the 2025 Somerset County Senior Art Show will compete at the 2025 New Jersey State Senior Art Show. The state art show exhibit will take place at the Meadow Lakes Senior Center in East Windsor from Sept. 29 to Nov. 6, and virtually on the state's website at njseiorarts.com.

MUST COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM.

- Applicants who wish to display their artwork in the virtual gallery or potentially feature their artwork on promotional materials must submit a digital image of their artwork using the online form.
- Only one photo per piece of artwork will be accepted.
- Artwork must have been completed within the past three years (April 2022 to 2025).
- Artwork previously shown in the Somerset County Senior Art Show will not be accepted.

If applicants experience issues submitting their artwork, contact the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Office at 908-203-6145 or email CulturalHeritage@co.somerset.nj.us.



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YEAR-END PICNIC AT ROUND TOP SWIM & TENNIS CLUB

Submitted by Adam Lella

Cub Scout Pack 182 wrapped up an exciting year with a fun-filled picnic at Round Top Swim & Tennis Club. Scouts had the opportunity to earn their swimming achievement while engaging in team-building activities that fostered camaraderie

and confidence. Families enjoyed the club's amenities, making it a memorable day for all. The event also highlighted the accomplishments of our 80 dedicated Cub Scouts across all ranks. From Tiger to Arrow of Light, each Scout's growth and achievements were celebrated with

their latest rank advancement!

If your son is in grades K-5 and interested in joining the Cub Scout Pack 182, we'd love to welcome you to our Pack! Please message us or reach out to Adam Lella, Cubmaster: cubmaster@warrenpack182.org

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DAR VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA

Submitted by Holly Dunbar

Honoring the Service to America initiative of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), members of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter have been actively engaged in service projects.

In May, the chapter held a pet food drive for the Plainfield Area Humane Society Shelter at PetsMart in Watchung. Donations of pet food and supplies valued at \$1,000 were collected by DAR members. The shelter provides care for homeless pets and offers educational programs to local communities.

Earlier this year, the chapter collected donations of vegetable seeds for Hindman Settlement School, a DAR-supported school in eastern Kentucky. The school participates in Grow Appalachia, a program that addresses food insecurity by providing free seeds, organic gardening instruction and access to food processing facilities that enable families in need to supplement their food supply with home-grown produce.

More than 1,800 seed packets valued at \$2,400 were collected by the DAR. Major contributors included 4-H youth programs in Somerset, Bergen, Monmouth, Salem and Warren counties; also St. Luke's R.C. Church in North Plainfield and the Neshanic Garden Club.

Upcoming DAR service projects include public observations of Constitution Week, Veterans Day and Native American Heritage Month, greeting newly naturalized citizens and bringing cheer to hospitalized veterans. Based in Green Brook, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter serves areas of Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. New members are welcome.

The DAR is a nonprofit nonpolitical service organization open to women who are descended from a man or woman who aided the cause of independence during the American Revolution. New members are welcome.

Based in Green Brook, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter serves areas of Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. Contact the chapter at ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com or visit www.dar.org.



(above, l-r) Collecting donations for homeless pets are (standing) Ashley Salsano, and Karen Miller; Holly Dunbar, Lynda Pasko and Nancy Stoll.

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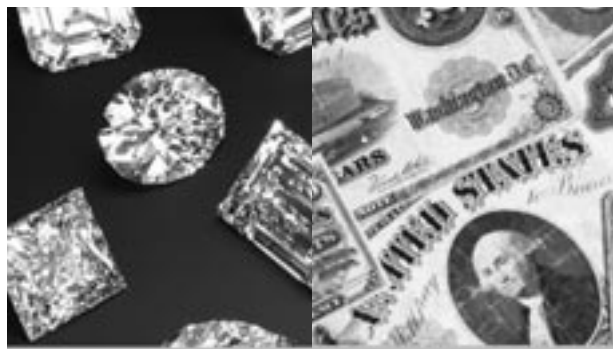
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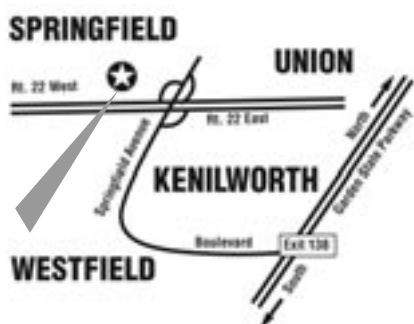
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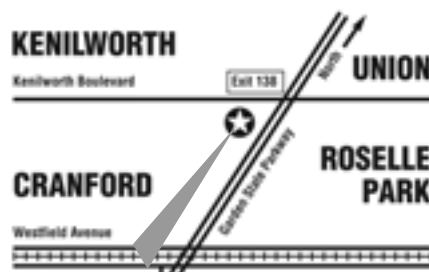
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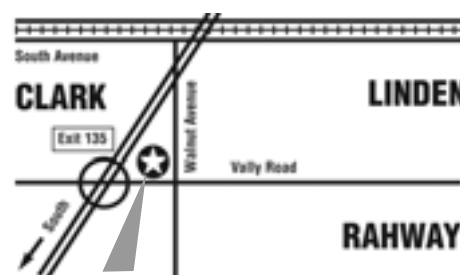
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9/13 – HUMAN WHEELS: THE ULTIMATE MELLENCAMP EXPERIENCE

Feel the pulse of heartland rock with Human Wheels, New Jersey’s premier Mellencamp tribute band. Featuring hits like Pink Houses and Jack and Diane, this seven-piece ensemble brings Americana to life with authentic, high-energy performances.

9/19 – A BROTHER’S REVIVAL: A TRIBUTE TO THE ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND

Led by former Allman Brothers Band bassist David “Rook” Goldflies, this faithful tribute captures the spirit of Southern rock with jam-infused renditions of classics like Midnight Rider and Ramblin’ Man.

9/20 – GYPSY: A TRUE STEVIE NICKS EXPERIENCE

Sabrina Staats leads this enchanting tribute that channels the haunting voice and ethereal style of Stevie Nicks. Backed by a top-tier band, audiences can expect faithful renditions of Rhiannon, Edge of Seventeen, and more.

9/26 – SOUTHERN STEEL: CLASSIC SKYNYRD LIVE

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9/27 – RODNEY NORMAN: COMEDY, INSIGHT, AND LAUGHTER

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KIDS

Propagation Station

July 8, 3 - 4:00 p.m.

Discover how to grow and propagate plants from a cutting. Participants will be handling gardening shears and other gardening tools during the program.

Elephant Toothpaste

July 10, 3 - 3:30 p.m.

Discover the fun of STEM with hands - on experiments and creative activities at your library. No registration required.

Art on the Floor: Self Portrait

July 14, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Create an oversized self portrait utilizing various art medium. Explore all the possibilities Dress for mess.

Art on the Floor: Sugar Art

July 21, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Let your creativity shine. Discover cool sugar art inspired by the sky. Dress for mess.

Beginning Loom Knitting

July 22, 2 - 4:00 p.m.

Connect with other kids as you learn the basics of loom knitting.

Ice Cream in a Bag

July 25, 3 - 3:30 p.m.

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Art on the Floor: Explore Your World

July 28, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Explore your world using circular shaped paper, oil pastels, chalk, markers and gel pens to make paint layers. Dress for mess.

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July 31, 12 - 1 p.m. and 3 - 4:00 p.m.

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Daytime Family Storytime and Craft

July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
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Saturday Family Social

July 5, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00pm

We're opening up our program room for

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Movie Matinee - "Dog Man" - Rated PG

July 17, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Relax and enjoy watching Dog Man (2025).
Snacks will be provided. Parental supervision is required.

Strange World of Reptiles

July 19, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Explore the world of reptiles with lizards, turtles, and snakes from both near and far!

Movie Matinee - "The Wild Robot" - Rated PG

July 25, 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Relax and enjoy watching The Wild Robot (2024). Snacks will be provided. Parental supervision is required.

Marble Run

July 25, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Drop in between 2-4pm to build your own marble maze. Parental Supervision is required.

TWEENS/TEENS

Bookmark Decorating

July 10, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Connect with other teens as you create colorful designs and positive messages that will be put up around the library.

Crafting for the Community

July 17, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Connect with other teens as you earn community service hours. Work with outside organizations to do creative projects and help the community.

Teen Volunteer Night (Grades 6-12)

July 24, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Connect with other teens as you help with hands-on projects in preparation for upcoming library programs. Participants will earn one community service hour.

ADULT

English Conversation Group

July 1 & 8, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Practice speaking English in a friendly setting.

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SCLSNJ eBooks and eAudiobooks

July 8, 11:00am - 12:00 p.m.

Learn how to access eBooks and eAudiobooks from your library. We will cover the Libby app

TBR - To Be Read List Summer 2025

July 9, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Thinking about what to read this summer? Join us for recommendations from the library staff on books you can add to your To Be Read list this summer.

In-Branch Movie - "A League of Their Own"

July 10, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Summer Paint and Snack for Adults

July 12, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Paint a summer themed canvas and snack on goodies at the Library! Presented by Jennifer Moy of Art Sink.

Adult Craft: Beginner's Crochet

July 14, 21 & 28, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Interested in learning about crochet? In this class you will learn basic crochet stitches. Beginner crocheters to experts welcome. All materials will be provided.

Be Wise with your Medications

July 17, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Best practices for medication management, presented by Middlebrook Regional Health Commission

In-Branch Movie - "The Great Gatsby"

July 17 & 24, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Hybrid Book Discussion

July 23, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

"Lula Dean's little library of banned books" by Kirsten Miller. This hybrid book discussion will be moderated by a Warren Twp. Librarian.

Community Solar - What's It All About?

July 26, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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Chair Yoga with Kartika

Mondays, 10 a.m. & Thursdays at 1 p.m.
This class is open to all levels of skill. No fee for this ongoing class.

“Walk With Ease” Program:

Mondays, 1 p.m. (June 16 – July 21).
Weekly Check In and Presentation with Rutgers University Doctoral Occupational Therapy Students. Walk with Ease is 6-week evidence based structured walking program

Mahjong for Intermediate Players

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Intermediate mahjong players play this game of skill, strategy, and calculation.

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.
The cost is \$40 for the 8-week program.

Bridge Group with Ronnie

Tuesdays, 1 – 4 p.m.
Welcome new members and beginners (lessons available).

Geri-Fit

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
Geri-Fit is a unique and evidence-based seated (standing optional) exercise program.

Project Healthy Bones

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
This peer-led, 24-week exercise and education program is for individuals who are at risk of osteoporosis or have it.

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 – 3:30 p.m.
This is a closed group and is available by invitation only.

Line Dancing with Linda Hyland

Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
You don’t need a partner. Suitable for participants with limited mobility.

Card/Table Games

Thursdays, 1 – 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 with Roger Hsu

Fridays, 10 a.m.

This program can be practiced while either standing or sitting.

Bridge

Fridays, 1 – 4 p.m.
Bridge is a mentally challenging card game that offers intellectual and social stimulation.

Technology for Seniors

Fridays, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
"Technology for Seniors" is focused on helping elderly people stay connected, informed, and independent in a rapidly changing digital world.(June 27 – August 15)

Boggle with Warrenbrook Staff

July 1, 11 a.m.
Join us as we try to find as many words as possible.

Bingo

July 2, 11 a.m.
It promotes socialization, strengthens hand-eye coordination, and improves listening and short-term memory skills.

Independence Day Songs

July 3, 11 a.m.
Let’s bring joy and nostalgia by singing patriotic songs and honor the holiday.

Senior Center Closed

July 4
Independence Day
Lighthouses of New Jersey

July 7, 11 a.m.
NJ has many lighthouses with interesting history, mystery & stories.

Somerset County Traveling Library

July 7, 1 p.m.
Sign up for a library card, get help troubleshooting technology, check out a book.

Wheel of Fortune

July 8, 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) July 8, 1:30 p.m.
Meets Every Second Tuesday of the month.
Patriotic T-shirt Craft

July 9, 11 a.m.
A fun and creative way to celebrate your love for the USA by designing a T-shirt. Registration is required, and supplies are provided.

Breathing Techniques for Mental Wellness

July 10, 11 a.m.
Dr. Srinivas will be teaching some practices that can be used to distract the mind and induce calm during an anxiety episode.

How to manage Arthritis

July 11, 11 a.m.
Engaging and empowering session where you will share simple and effective ways to manage arthritis pain, improve mobility, and maintain an active lifestyle.

Christmas in July Musical Entertainment

July 14, 11 a.m.
This event offers a special musical performance that blends the magic of Christmas with the warmth of summer.

Wordle with Warrenbrook Staff

July 15, 11 a.m.
Wordle is a word-based brain game where participants have six chances to guess a five-letter word.

Estate Planning

July 16, 11 a.m.
This presentation explains why it is important for you to have a “Last Will and Testament”, and what other documents are needed.

Healthy Feet

July 17, 11 a.m.
An informative presentation that will cover topics such as foot care, common foot conditions, choosing the right footwear and tips for maintaining mobility & comfort.

Diabetes Education Bingo “Diagingo”

July 18, 10 a.m.
Fun and educational event as we learn about diabetes through Diabetes Education Bingo.

Wheels on the Bus, Part 2

July 21, 11 a.m.
True stories will be presented by seniors to the fellow seniors which include laughter, games, exercises, videos & meals.

Home Care

July 22, 11 a.m.
Information about home care services with the goal to enhance the individual's quality of life.

Vision Screening

July 23, 10:30 a.m.
Be screened for distance visual acuity and glaucoma. Get recommendations on their specific follow-up.

Bingo

July 24, 10:30 a.m.
Promotes socialization, strengthens hand-eye coordination, and improves listening and short-term memory skills.

Summer Trivia

July 25, 11 a.m.
Enjoy a friendly competition filled with laughs, memories, and maybe even a few surprises!

Musical Summer Dreams

July 28, 11 a.m.
The Discovery Orchestra staff member and violinist Michael Avagliano, joined by Executive Director Rick Kaller on piano.

Jeopardy

July 29, 11 a.m.
Test your knowledge and have some fun with Jeopardy as led by center client,.

Picnic on the Patio

July 30, 10:30 a.m.
While we listen, we will also have an opportunity to play outdoor games like corn hole, badminton and frisbee.

Recycled Plastic Flowers Craft

July 31, 11 a.m.
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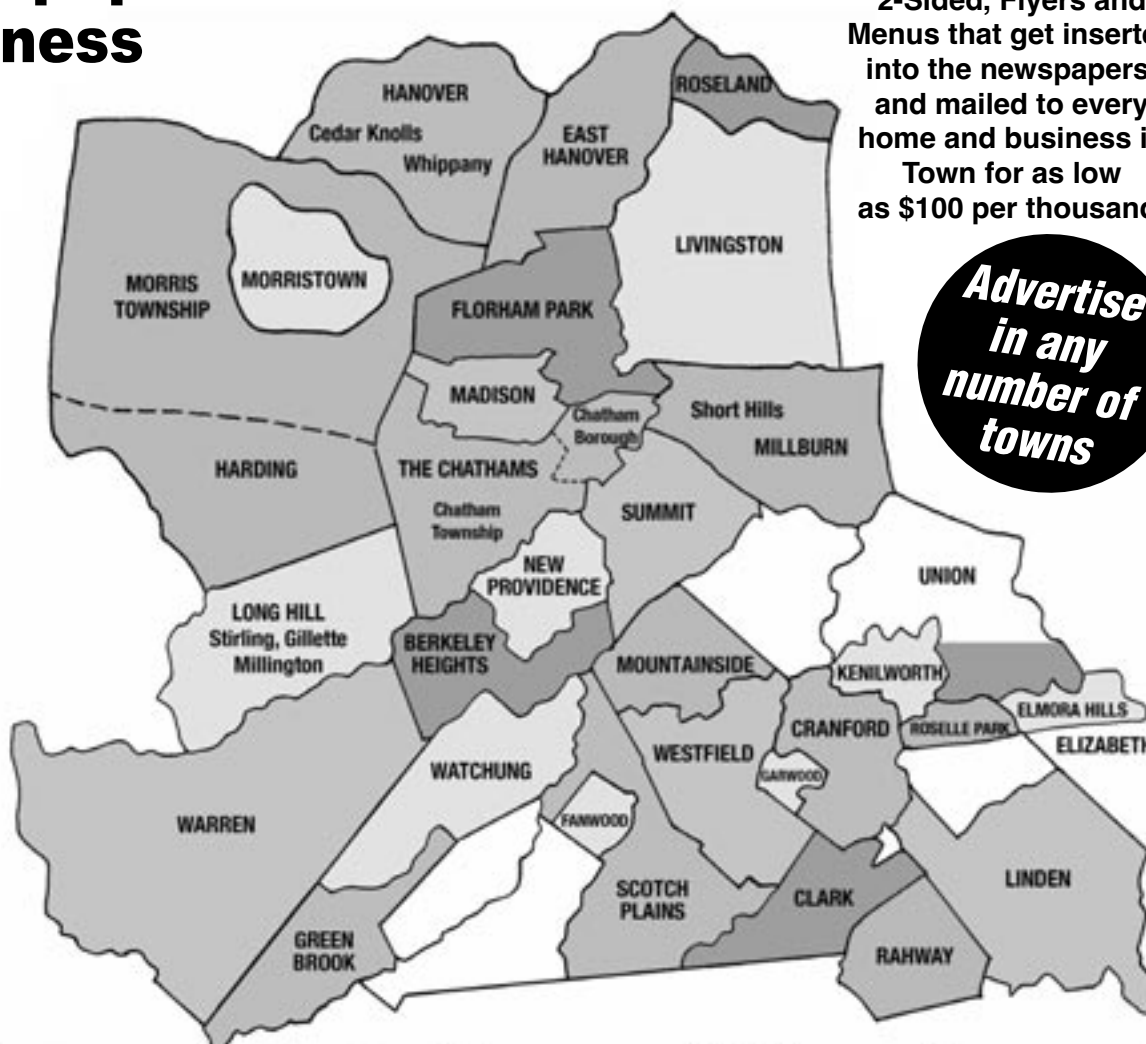
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FIRST SATURDAY AND E-WASTE EVENTS - JULY 12

Somerset County residents are invited to attend the First Saturday and E-Waste Drop-Off events on Saturday, July 12, 2025.

Proof of Residency is required at both events. Residents must have a current driver's license, valid lease, tax bill or any other bill that shows proof of their Somerset County address for both events. Pre-registration is not required. Businesses and commercial vehicles are not permitted at either the First Saturday or E-Waste events.

FIRST SATURDAY

Residents can bring recyclables such as newspapers, junk mail, and other acceptable items to the First Saturday of the Month Drop-off on Saturday, July 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Somerset County Recycling Center, located at 40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater, NJ. Residents should remain in their vehicles: Staff will be available at every station to help residents remove their items.

Items Accepted: Drop off up to eight tires – with or without rims – scrap metal, used motor

oil, oil filters, antifreeze, and the usual curbside materials, including chipboard items, plastic bottles and containers marked #1 through #7. Chipboard items include gift, shoe, shirt- and all retail boxes, as well as cereal, cookie, pasta, cake and cracker boxes without the plastic liners, poster board, backing from writing pads, and empty dried-out steel paint cans.

Items NOT Accepted: Somerset County does NOT accept textiles at First Saturday of the Month Drop-off. Residents should continue to recycle used textiles at any local charity donation bin.

To learn more about First Saturday events, call the Somerset County Recycling Center at 732-469-3363. For a complete listing of recyclable items, recycling events and more visit somersetcountynj.gov/recycle.

ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP-OFF

Dispose of items cluttering the home at the Electronic Waste Drop-off event to be held on Saturday, July 12, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the South County Public Works Garage, located at

410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Residents should remain in their vehicles unless otherwise instructed and may need to remove items without assistance and place them on pallets as instructed by the staff.

Items Accepted: Computers (desktops and laptops), monitors (cathode-ray tube and flat panel), televisions (cathode-ray tube and flat panel), copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, e-book readers, fax machines, MP3 players, personal digital assistants (PDAs), printers, stereos, radio equipment, VCRs, audiovisual equipment, typewriters, camcorders, telephones, cellular phones, circuit boards, modems, telephone mainframes, keyboards, mice, scanners, cables, wiring, power supplies, mainframe equipment and controllers.

Items NOT Accepted: Batteries are not accepted. Residents can recycle household hazardous waste, including lithium and rechargeable batteries at scheduled Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off events.

For a complete list of items accepted at the Electronic Waste Drop-off, contact the Somerset County Division of Solid Waste Management at 908-231-7109 or send an email to solidwaste@co.somerset.nj.us.

A complete listing of recyclable items, recycling drop-off events (First Saturday of the Month, Household Hazardous Waste, Rx Medicine, E-Waste) and more, are available at www.somersetcountynj.gov/recycle.

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