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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: SAVING A HERO'S PLACE

Borough of Watchung

The Borough extends our heartfelt gratitude to BSA Scout Charles "Charlie" Ford. Charlie recently unveiled his Eagle Scout project, a memorial chair from Saving A Hero's Place honoring fallen hero, Matthew Melchionda, of the Watchung Police Department. Chief Anderle proudly announced Matthew's chair will be kept in a special place inside Police Headquarters.

In a world that often moves too quickly, Charlie's project serves as a touching reminder that we must never forget the sacrifices made by those who came before us.

Thank you, Tommy and Robbie Capell, for founding Saving A Hero's Place program.

Also thank you to Matthew's mother, Jane Melchionda, Somerset County Prosecutor Michael McDonald, Mayor Ronald Jubin, Council President Ead, Councilman Fischer, and Councilman Marano for attending the ceremony.

Let's continue to celebrate our heroes, today and always.

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Ashley's June Watchung Market Update



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No change from last month



13 Average Days
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13 # of houses on
the market

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LABOR DAY 5K RUN & WALK - AUGUST 30

Who's ready for the 2nd annual Warren Labor Day 5K Run/Walk? Like last year, the 5K will be held at 8:45 AM on Saturday, August 30th at the Warren Municipal Complex.

Get ready for a fun-filled morning of movement and community synergy. Whether you're aiming for a new personal best or want to enjoy a relaxing walk, this event has something for everyone!

Take in the fresh air, soak up Warren's natural beauty, and enjoy the energy of fellow runners and walkers as we kick off Labor Day weekend in a spirited way. There will be medals for

winners in every age category! Early check-in will be at the Lions Club Pavilion on August 27th, 28th, and 30th, between 5 PM to 7 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help out with check-in, race set-up, water stations, and race clean-up. If you are interested, please register through the race website! This year's 5K proudly supports the Mayors Wellness Program, promoting a healthier and more active community.

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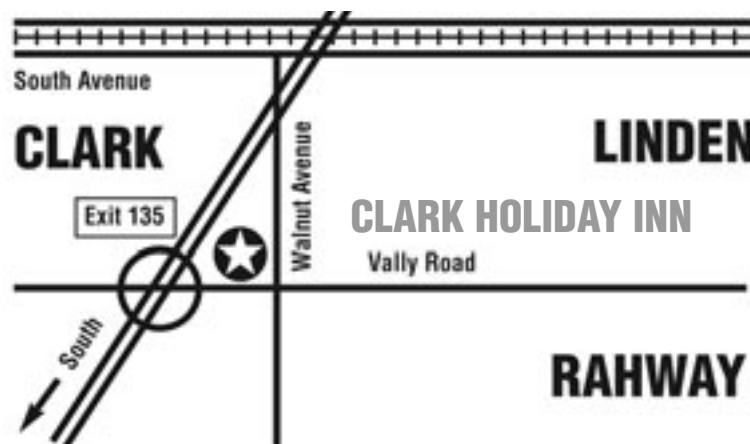
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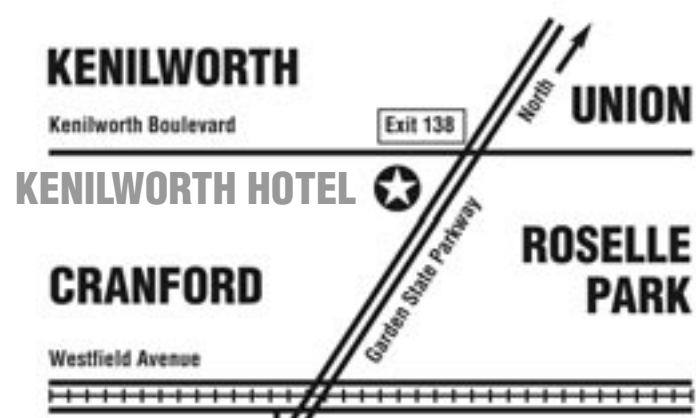
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and blue. It was a day of family fun with music by the band Lost In Place. There were food trucks with food to purchase. All entertainment

was free, including inflatables, a trackless train, a rodeo horse, and more. Superman and Batman even made an appearance and posed for photos.



ZUMBA ON THE GREEN SATURDAY, AUG 9TH

Borough of Watchung
Join the Mayor's Wellness Campaign on Saturday, August 9 at 10 a.m. for Zumba during our 'Fitness on the Green Series'.

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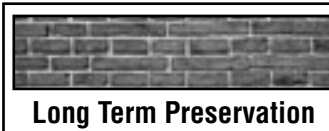
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BIRTH TO 3 YEARS

(with caregiver)

Baby/Toddler Storytime

August 4, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Meet Nile, a Life-Sized Humpback Whale

August 5, 2:00 - 2:30pm, 2:30 - 3:00pm, 3:00 - 3:30pm, 3:30 - 4:00pm

Learn how fascinating humpback whales can be as you go inside Nile, the life-sized inflatable humpback whale! Hosted at Wilson Memorial Church.

Family Storytime: Move and Groove

August 11, 10:30 -11 a.m.

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

Family Storytime: Yoga

August 25, 10:30 -11 a.m.

Discover songs, stories, and yoga poses in this active storytime.

COUNTDOWN TO JULY 4TH, 2026

America250 - In New Jersey & Nationwide

Next year, on July 4, 2026, the United States of America will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our country's past, to honor the contributions of all Americans, and to also look ahead towards the future that we want to create and leave behind for the next generation of Americans.

On the federal level, America250 is a nonpartisan initiative working to engage every American in commemorating the 250th anniversary of our country. This multi-year effort, from now through July 4, 2026, is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

In New Jersey, RevolutionNJ has been set up and is a partnership between the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC), a division of the New Jersey Department of State, and the nonprofit Crossroads of the American Revolution Association to plan the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in New Jersey.

BIRTH TO 5 YEARS

(with caregiver)

Music with Miss Donna

August 18, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

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

AGES 4 AND UP

Bingo with Miss June

August 20, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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

GRADES K AND UP

Drop-In STEAM: Pencil Case Stamping

August 30, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Create your own unique pencil case using stamps and acrylic paints.

GRADES K - 4

Read to a Therapy Dog

August 19, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Practice your reading skills by reading a story to a certified therapy dog. Registration is required by visiting the Youth Services desk or calling 908-458-8455. Registration begins July 29.

GRADES K - 5

Giant Games

August 6, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Act out skits with each GIANT Jenga block pull. Skits include but are not limited to act like you won a million dollars to pretend to drive a race car.

Paint and Snack: Post Card

August 12, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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

LEGO® Fun

August 13, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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

STEAM: Ice Cream Science

August 26, 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Explore the science behind ice cream. Discover more about physical changes, freezing points, and emulsion. Whole milk, sugar, pure vanilla extract, salt, sprinkles, and ice will be used.

GRADES 6-12

Teen Volunteer Afternoon

August 7, 14, 21, 28, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Write letters to local community helpers. Attendees will earn one hour of service time.

Teen After Hours Lock-in: Superheroes

August 8, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Dress to the theme and get locked in the library after hours! Work together with other teens to complete a scavenger hunt. Then hang out, play video games and watch a movie. Pizza will be served!

ADULT

Watchung Library Writers Group

August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Watchung Library Writers Group welcomes experienced writers interested in providing and receiving direct, constructive feedback. Hosted at Wilson Memorial Church.

Qigong and Meditation

August 7, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Patty Barron will lead gentle sitting and standing Qigong exercises/meditation focusing on body/mind connection. Benefits include learning new ways to de-stress and enhancing coordination and balance.

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Paint By Sticker

August 9 & 13 10:30am - 12:00pm

Create your own art using stickers. Find the sticker, peel it and place it in the right space. Please sign up for only one session.

Adult Book Discussion - "Tell Me Everything"

August 14, 6:30 - 7:45p.m.

"Tell Me Everything" by Elizabeth Strout moderated by Manny Miracle.

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CHATHAMS NJ**

Qty: 7,600
Zip: 07928

**Clark
Monthly**

Qty: 6,800
Zip: 07066

**CRANFORD
MONTHLY NJ**

Qty: 9,900
Zip: 07016

**East
Hanover NJ**
View

Qty: 4,700
Zip: 07936

**Elmora
Hills**
ELIZABETH, NJ

Qty: 5,400
Zip: 07208

Section of Elizabeth, NJ

**Fanwood
Post NJ**

Qty: 3,000
Zip: 07023

**Florham
Park
Press NJ**

Qty: 6,000
Zip: 07932

Garwood NJ
Times

Qty: 2,500
Zip: 07027

**Green
Brook NJ**
Gazette

Qty: 3,300
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TOWNSHIP PRESS NJ**
CEDAR KNOLLS
WHIPPANY

Qty: 6,100
Zips: 07927, 07981

**BUSINESS • LIFE
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Qty: 3,500
Zip: 07033

**NJ
LIFE in
LINDEN**

Qty: 18,000
Zip: 07036

Livingston NJ
Monthly

Qty: 12,100
Zip: 07039

**Long Hill
LEADER NJ**

Qty: 3,500
Zips: 07933,
07946, 07980

**MADISON
MONTHLY NJ**

Qty: 6,300
Zip: 07940

**Short Hills
MILLBURN
MONTHLY NJ**

Qty: 8,200
Zips: 07041,
07078

**MORRIS
TOWNSHIP
TIMES NJ**

Qty: 13,500
Zip: 07960,
Harding 07976

**MORRISTOWN
MONTHLY NJ**

Qty: 7,000
Zip: 07960

**MOUNTAIN
SIDE NJ**
VIEW

Qty: 3,000
Zip: 07092

**New
Providence
NEWS NJ**

Qty: 5,100
Zip: 07974

**OUR
TOWN
Rahway, NJ**

Qty: 13,100
Zip: 07065

**Life in
Roseland NJ**

Qty: 3,000
Zip: 07068

**ROSELLE
PARK
MONTHLY**

Qty: 5,600
Zip: 07204

**Scotch
Plains NJ**
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MONTHLY

Qty: 9,600
Zip: 07076

Summit NJ
& Times

Qty: 9,600
Zip: 07901

**Spirit of
UNION NJ**

Qty: 7,800
Zip: 07083 (partial)

**WARREN
MONTHLY NJ**

Qty: 6,500
Zip: 07059

**Watchung
Post NJ**

Qty: 2,700
Zip: 07069

Westfield NJ
MONTHLY

Qty: 12,000
Zip: 07090

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6 Units	6.5"x6.25" or 10"x4"	320	760	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800
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