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## FRANK J. BISIGNANO RECEIVES KEY TO THE BOROUGH

*Borough of Watchung*

In a heartfelt ceremony held on September 18, 2025, Mayor Jubin presented longtime resident and national leader Frank J. Bisignano with a Proclamation and the prestigious “Key to Watchung”, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to public service, education, and civic life both locally and nationally.

A distinguished public servant and former Chairman and CEO of Fiserv, Inc., Mr. Bisignano currently serves as Commissioner of the United States Social Security Administration, where he continues to impact millions of lives through his commitment to equity and service.

“Frank Bisignano embodies the very best of Watchung’s values—leadership, generosity, and a tireless commitment to community,” said Mayor Ronald Jubin, who issued the proclamation alongside the Borough Council. “His contributions have touched every corner of our town, and today we honor not only his achievements, but the legacy he continues to build.”

Among his many philanthropic efforts, Mr. Bisignano and his family have been instrumental in strengthening public education and community spaces in Watchung. Highlights include:

- The 2019 funding of a state-of-the-art STEM lab at Valley View Middle School and a new playground at Bayberry Elementary School.
- A \$70,000 technology donation in August 2020 that equipped students with iPads, Chromebooks, and cases to ensure continued learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Ongoing support for the Watchung Library, including temporary relocation space, critical infrastructure repairs, and sponsorship of the beloved aquarium.

In addition to his local impact, Mr. Bisignano was recently named a 2025 inductee into the New Jersey Hall of Fame, an honor recognizing his broad-reaching influence in business, public service, and philanthropy.

The presentation of the “Key to Watchung” is a rare and symbolic honor, reserved for those who have made a profound and lasting impact on the borough. As Mayor Jubin noted, “This key represents the open doors Mr. Bisignano has created through his generosity and the deep admiration our community holds for him.”

The Borough of Watchung extends its deepest gratitude to Frank J. Bisignano and the entire Bisignano Family for their dedication and hopes their example will inspire future generations to lead with compassion, service, and pride.

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(above, l-r) Councilman Dahl, Council President Ead, Frank Bisignano, Mayor Jubin, Councilmembers Fischer, Marano & Councilwoman Abi-Habib

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Founded in 1895, the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) is the nation's oldest and largest nonpolitical patriotic youth organization. Membership is open to boys and girls from birth to age 21 who are descended from a person who aided the cause of independence during the American Revolution. New Jersey has 11 C.A.R. groups, known as societies.

Activities offered on an age-appropriate basis help members learn about American history, government, historic preservation, conservation, community service and more. Members also gain valuable leadership experience conducting

meetings and serving as delegates at state and national conferences.

The New Jersey C.A.R. state project for 2025-2026 is "Patriot Privateers," and focuses on the critical role of privateers off the New Jersey coast during the American Revolution. The goal is to create an educational marker to be placed along the New Jersey shore.

Pis-Cat-A-Qua Society C.A.R., hosted by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is seeking new members. For more information, contact [ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com](mailto:ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com) or visit [nscar.org](http://nscar.org).



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# CATHY GUBERER MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN HER COMMUNITY

“Helping adults in my community improve their English literacy has been very fulfilling,” says Warren resident Cathy Guberer.

Named Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County’s (LVSC)’s October Tutor of the Month, Guberer has been tutoring Paola, a learner from Peru, for nearly two years. In that time, Paola’s English communication has improved so much that she feels confident enough to volunteer at her children’s school. Commenting on her experience with LVSC, Guberer said, “Realizing that I could make a difference in my student’s life has been very inspiring.”

You too can make a difference in someone’s



(above, l-r) LVSC student Paola and Cathy Guberer.

Courtesy Photo

life. LVSC is a non-profit that promotes literacy throughout the community by providing free student-centered tutoring and literacy programs. The organization is actively recruiting volunteers in Warren and surrounding area to help meet the needs of the local community. With one-to-one or small group tutoring, you can help adults improve their reading comprehension, writing

skills, and conversational English. An hour or two a week is all it takes to make a difference, and you don’t have to be a teacher to be a tutor. Training is provided.

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## TWO LOCAL BROTHERS BECOME OFFICERS

Spencer & Colin Savulich, brothers from Watchung are now police officers. Spencer joined the Morris County Sheriff's Department in February 2024, and Colin joined the Clinton Township Police Department in August 2025.



(above, l-r) Officers Spencer & Colin Savulich

Courtesy Photo

## FAMILY COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY - NOV. 16

Somerset County 4-H clubs are inviting families to get into the spirit of giving through community service on Sunday, November 16, 9 to 11 a.m. at the Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County, 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater. The event is free and open to the public.

4-H clubs will be hosting a variety of simple hands-on projects for youth and adults that can be completed on site. These make-and-give service projects will be donated to local nonprofit organizations chosen by the clubs. Community service, along with acquiring leadership and organizational skills, are part of the 4-H

curriculum.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is one of America's oldest and largest youth organizations. 4-H provides youth with the skills that they need to succeed by offering hands-on learning opportunities in agriculture, STEM, health, civic engagement and the arts.

Somerset County 4-H is offered through Rutgers Cooperative Extension and provides resources to local youth from kindergarten to one-year out of high school through engaging clubs and activities, volunteer opportunities, and informative workshops. Learn more at 4HisTOPS.org.



(above) County 4-H has more than 70 clubs that are focused on a wide variety of project areas.

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## 1 on 1 Computers with Sal

*Mondays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

By the end of an 8-week, one-on-one class, you will understand what your grandkids have been trying to explain to you. Registration required.

## Chair Yoga with Kartika

*Mondays, 10 a.m.*

This class is open to all levels of skill. This class is perfect for relieving stress and helping gain an overall sense of well-being.

## Mahjong for Intermediate Players

*Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

If you are an intermediate mahjong player and would like to play this game, then join us on Tuesday mornings.

## Bridge Group with Ronnie

*Tuesdays, 1 – 4 p.m.*

Play bridge on a weekly basis. Welcome new members and beginners (lessons available).

## Stretch & Strength

*Wednesdays, 10 a.m.*

8-week exercise class that involves stretch & strength. The exercise can be done with or without weight. The hand weight of 2-5 pounds is recommended, which can be brought by the clients for exercise. No fee for this class.

## Project Healthy Bones

*Wednesdays, 10 a.m.*

This peer-led, 24-week exercise and education program is currently full at this time.

## Craft Activities

*2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1 – 4 p.m.*

We all work on doing craft work for Community Service projects throughout the year. This quarter, we are creating cards for our Meals on Wheels clients. All supplies provided.

## Line Dancing with Linda Hyland

*Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.*

You don't need a partner. It's suitable for participants with limited mobility.

## Afternoon Yoga with Wai-Ling Poon

*Thursdays, 1 p.m.*

This class uses seated and standing poses. Perfect for all fitness levels.

## Tai Chi with Roger Hsu

*Tuesdays & 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.

## The Price is Right

*November 3, 11 a.m.*

Guess the prices of everyday items, and win fabulous (and funny!) prizes.

## Somerset County Traveling Library

*November 3, 1 p.m.*

Somerset County Library staff to sign up for a library card, get help troubleshooting technology, check out a book, or just share a favorite book you are currently reading.

## Wordle

*November 4, 11 a.m.*

Participants have six chances to guess a five-letter word. So, dig deep into your vocabulary repertoire and identify some words.

## Bingo

*November 5, 11 a.m.*

Promotes socialization, hand-eye coordination, and improves listening and memory skills.

## Showing Gratitude to Our Caregivers

*November 6, 11 a.m.*

As a small token of appreciation, thank-you cards filled with heartfelt messages are being created and shared with these everyday heroes.

## Brains n Games and Hand Bells

*November 7 & 21, 11 a.m.*

Mind-tingling, brain-stumping word games and a fun-filled musical workout using handbells.

## Animals Go To War

*November 10, 11 a.m.*

Meet the pets, rodents, farm and circus animals, birds and even insects that accomplished amazing things during World War I.

## Drum Circle

*November 10, 1 p.m.*

Soothe the mind, body and spirit in this drumming circle.

## Closed in observance of Veterans Day.

*November 11*

## Honoring Our Heroes Through Song

*November 12, 11 a.m.*

Classic Veterans Day songs and patriotic tunes, we express our deepest gratitude for the

courage, sacrifice, and service of those who have defended our freedom.

## Breathing techniques for Mental Wellness

*November 13, 11 a.m.*

A few techniques can be practiced on a regular basis to develop an ongoing awareness of trigger situations and to calm and regulate the nervous system consistently.

## Canvas Painting

*November 14, 11 a.m.*

Thanksgiving-themed canvas painting session! Whether you're an experienced artist or just looking to try something new. Pre-registration is required.

## Live Well, Age Well:

## Proactive Tips for Healthy Living

*November 17, 11 a.m.*

This engaging talk, created with input from a family physician, offers practical advice to help seniors stay healthy, active, and independent.

## Studio 60+

*November 17, 1 p.m.*

Meet to plan the events they are interested in. All senior center members are invited to participate in this planning club.

## Wheel of Fortune

*November 18, 11 a.m.*

Whether you're a seasoned player or a first timer, this classic game offers plenty of laughter, friendly competition, and a chance to test your memory and word skills and enjoy the chance to win!

## Monthly Book Club (Hybrid)

*November 18, 1:30 PM*

Discuss the book of the month and select the next book to read. New members are always welcome!

## Musical Entertainment

*November 19 – 11 a.m.*

Enjoy live performances of classic favorites, toe-tapping tunes, and nostalgic melodies that will bring back cherished memories.

## Bingo

*November 20, 10:30 a.m.*

Bingo promotes socialization, strengthens hand-eye coordination, and improves listening and short-term memory skills.

## Thanksgiving Tunes & Good Times

*November 24, 11 a.m.*

Uplifting afternoon of music and camaraderie! Enjoy a special Thanksgiving-themed performance filled with familiar melodies.

Whether you're singing along or simply soaking in the sounds, it's the perfect way to welcome the holiday spirit together.

## Boggle

*November 25, 11 a.m.*

This is a challenging game that is played using a grid of letters. Join us as we try to find as many words as possible.

## Thanksgiving Trivia Fun!

*November 26, 11 a.m.*

Festive and fun-filled Thanksgiving Trivia event! Test your knowledge of turkey traditions, holiday history, and quirky facts.

## Closed in observance of Thanksgiving

*November 27, 28*

## 100TH INCORPORATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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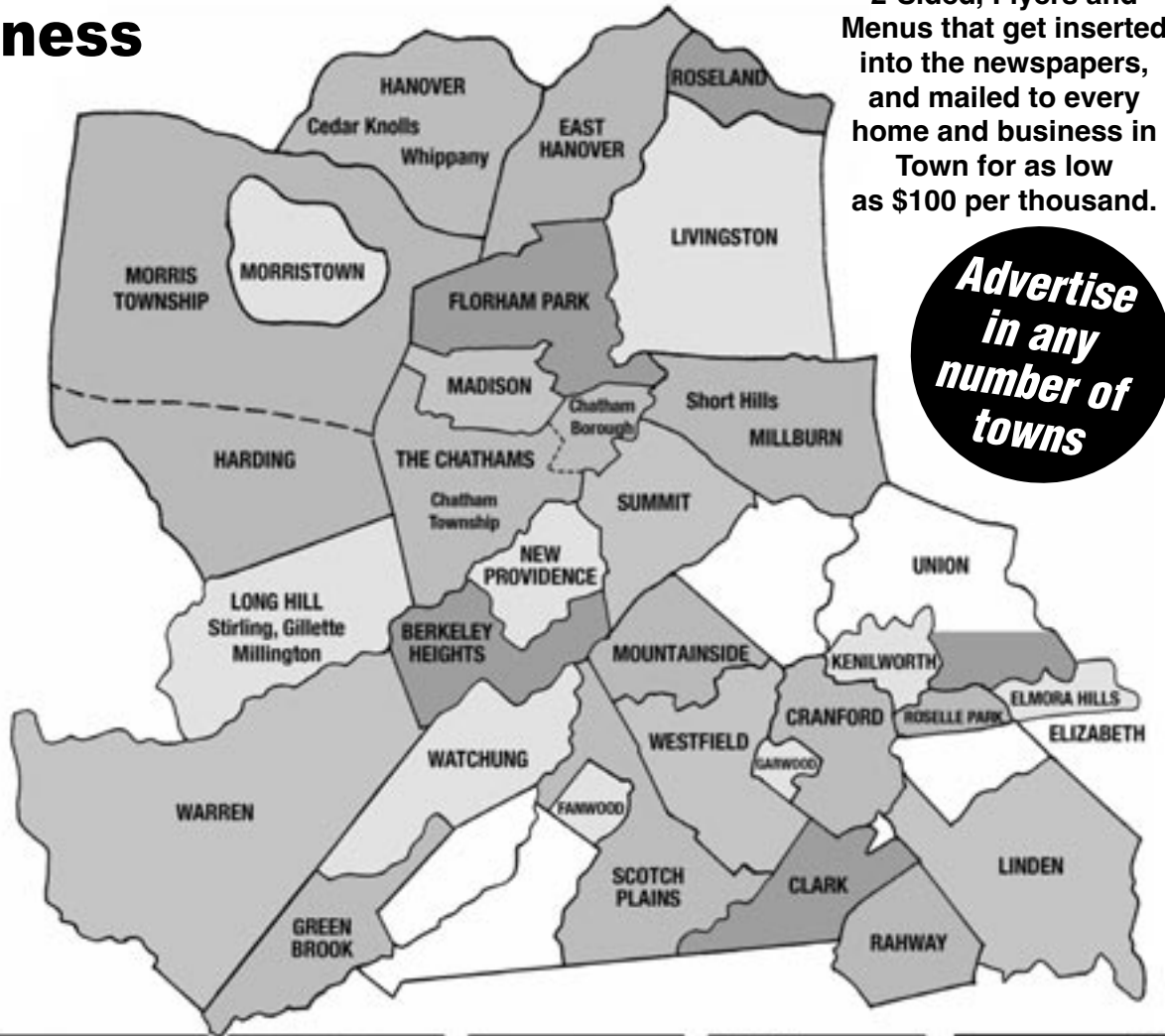
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As autumn leaves start to fall, the Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services is calling for volunteers to participate in its Fall Leaf Clean-Up Project. Volunteer groups are being asked to rake leaves for registered seniors and disabled homeowners any day during the week before Thanksgiving, from Saturday, November 15, through Saturday, November 22.

### WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

Friends, families, and community groups, including church groups, scout troops, 4-H clubs, school clubs, and other civic organizations, are welcome to volunteer.

**Team Requirements:** A team of adults must include at least four individuals. Youth groups must include at least one adult. Formal clubs, organizations, and temporary teams are all welcome.

**Tools Needed:** Somerset County will not be able to provide tools. Volunteers should bring rakes and tarps. Leaf blowers and other tools are helpful but not required.

**How To Volunteer:** Register your team by completing the online form, or visit somersetcountynj.gov/fallraking.

For more information, email VolunteerSvs@co.somerset.nj.us or call (908) 704-6301.

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