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SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL KICK OFF AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Warren Township Schools

Eighth-grade students at Warren Middle School (WMS), under the guidance of Mrs. Degen, Mr. Arnold, and Mrs. Shimko, recently took part in an exciting, hands-on exploration of the American Revolution. Teachers set up a series of engaging learning stations that brought history to life through technology, creativity, and collaboration.

At the Audio Station, students listened to guided tours from The Liberty Trail app while relaxing on couches and discovering key Revolutionary sites in New Jersey. The Book Station offered a collection of Revolutionary War books for students to browse, read, or check out for later.

Using the Battlefields VR app from the American Battlefield Trust, students at one of the VR stations experienced famous battlefields in virtual reality. Another VR station explored George Washington's home, Mount Vernon. At

the Digital Breakout Station, students worked together to solve Revolutionary-themed puzzles and unlock clues using their historical knowledge.

At the Art Station, students collaborated on a Mount Rushmore Stick Together mosaic. A Virtual Tour station guided students through New Jersey's historic governor's mansion, Drumthwacket.

These interactive stations provided students with the opportunity to experience history in new ways, making the American Revolution both educational and unforgettable.

Additionally, Mr. Arnold took a group of twenty students to tour Drumthwacket, the governor's mansion in Princeton. The students toured the house and learned about the amazing 300-year history of the grounds. The students learned the history of the architecture and the different owners and governors who resided there throughout the years.



(above) Mrs. Degen

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(above) Mr. Arnold's class tour to Drumthwacket

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CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH GINGERBREAD

Somerset County 4-H Association

People of all ages are invited to enter the Somerset County 4-H Association Gingerbread Contest on December 6 & 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in conjunction with the 4-H Holiday Craft Festival at the Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County, 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater.

Participants must register when they drop off their entry on December 6, 8-10 a.m. There are divisions for youth and adults. Ribbons and a \$25 gift card will be awarded the following day. There is no fee to enter, but participants are asked to bring a canned vegetable to donate to the 4-H Community Holiday Dinner. Entries must be picked up at 3 p.m. on December 7.

The mission of the Somerset County 4-H Association is to support the 4-H Youth Development Program of Somerset County. The Association owns and maintains the Ted Blum 4-H Center, hosts the annual Somerset County 4-H Fair, offers scholarships and provides monetary and volunteer support for programs and events. Learn more at 4HisTOPS.org.

(right) All ages are invited to display their gingerbread creations.

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The following programs are hosted at SCLSNJ's Warren Library, located at 42 Mountain Blvd. Some programs require registration. Visit SCLSNJ.org to register today.

PRE-SCHOOLERS

Baby Playtime

December 16, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to socialize while your children play.

Toddler Playtime

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

This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to socialize while your children play.

KIDS

Gingerbread Houses

December 9, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Create a graham cracker house. We provide the materials. Dress for a fun mess.

LEGO® Club

December 20, 11:00 a.m. - noon

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

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Fancy CD Fish Craft

December 18, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Drop in between 3-5pm to make a fancy hanging fish. Parental supervision is required.

New Year's Noise Maker

December 29, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Drop in between 11am-2pm to make a craft for New Year. Parental supervisor is required.

TWEENS/TEENS

Tiny Art Designs

December 4, 11, 18, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Earn volunteer credit and connect with other teens as you create tiny art designs that will be on display around the library.

ADULT

In-Branch Movie

"Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"

December 4, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Drop-In Craft: Washi-Tape Gift Tags

December 5, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Create holiday gift tags using washi-tape. Bring your creativity. All materials will be supplied.

No registration required.

Hybrid Book Discussion - "Hercule Poirot's Christmas" by Agatha Christie

December 10, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

"Hercule Poirot's Christmas" by Agatha Christie. This hybrid book discussion will be moderated by Warren Twp. Librarian Jennifer Konopacki.

In-Branch Movie - "The Sting"

December 11, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

In-Branch Movie - "Barefoot in the Park"

December 18, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Drop-In Craft:

Paper Dala Horse Ornaments

December 20, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Make and decorate a paper ornament inspired by the traditional Scandinavian culture. Dala horses are a traditional Swedish folk craft.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 6, 2025

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

The Warren Township Recreation Department is excited to announce the return of its annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, December 6, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Warren Municipal Complex.

This beloved community event brings residents together to celebrate the holiday season with an evening full of festive fun for all ages. Attendees can enjoy holiday music, fireworks, complimentary hot chocolate, and horse and carriage rides. And of course, Santa Claus will be there to greet children and spread holiday cheer!

The Holiday Festival is free to attend and open to the public. Don't miss this magical evening filled with joy, lights, and celebration!

For more information, please contact the Warren Township Recreation Department at 908-753-8000 ext. 271 or visit warrennj.org/recreation.



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(above, l-r) 4-H Community Holiday Dinner Coordinator Sue MacCombie accepts a delivery of 300 cans of fruit and vegetables from DAR prospective member Clara Barbaz.

(right) The DAR has a tree focused on America 250 and members' Patriot ancestors at the Somerset County Park Commission's Festival of Trees.



Courtesy Photos

DAR UPLIFTS HOLIDAYS FOR HOSPITALIZED VETS

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter DAR

Local members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) wanted to help ensure that hospitalized veterans would not be forgotten this holiday season. Continuing a decades-old tradition, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter members donated clothing, blankets, toiletries, books, and games for the patients at Lyons V.A. Medical Center valued at more than \$400.

"The DAR is first and foremost a service organization," explained Chapter Regent Nancy Stoll. "It is how we honor our Patriot ancestors. Last year, DAR members contributed more than 17 million hours of service."

The DAR chapter also arranged for the donation of 300 cans of fruit and vegetables to the Somerset County 4-H Association for their Community Holiday Dinner. The dinner is prepared by 4-H volunteers on Christmas Day and provided free to people in need of a holiday meal.

Chapter members wrote notes of thanks to Honor Flight veterans and hosted a ceremony to honor veterans who are residents of Mira Vie in Warren. And, after flood waters damaged the Hope4Paws Humane Society shelter in Plainfield, the chapter donated to repair and renovation efforts and helped to build winter shelters for homeless cats.

In celebration of the holidays, the DAR chapter is taking part in the Somerset County Park Commission Festival of Trees, December 5-28, at the Environmental Education Center in Basking Ridge. And, on December 13, DAR members will be placing wreaths at Somerset Hills Memorial Park as a Wreaths Across America Sponsorship Group.

The DAR is open to women 18 and over who are descended from a patriot of the American Revolution. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter will be celebrating its 130th anniversary in January. The chapter is based in Green Brook and serves areas of Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties.

New members are welcome. Contact the chapter at ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com.



(above) DAR volunteers will be placing wreaths on the graves of veterans at Somerset Hills Memorial Park in Basking Ridge.



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Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools

State and local dignitaries were on hand to mark the official opening of two new buildings at Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools (SCVTS) during a ribbon cutting ceremony held on October 3. The event celebrated the completion of a new Career and Technical Education (CTE) building and a new gymnasium, both of which were funded through grants from the State of New Jersey and Somerset County. Though the ceremony was just held, the new facilities, which were completed in 18 months and on budget, were ready to greet students on the first day of school this year.

SCVTS Superintendent Robert Presuto greeted the guests, thanking government officials and the people of New Jersey for funding the project through the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act, which was set up to provide financial resources to increase the ability of schools to offer CTE programs. "Somerset County Vo Tech's expanded facility and mission to prepare our students for high demand, high wage, highly skilled careers, while earning their high school diploma, remains healthy and strong. These new buildings will allow Somerset County Vo Tech to both grow in enrollment and expand course and career offerings."

The new CTE building houses 8 programs, including Business, Entrepreneurship, & Management (BE&M), expanded Health Occupations, Computer Science, and

Mechatronics, Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing (MEAM) programs, and new HVAC-R, Finance, Biomedical, and Global Business Operations programs. The expansion of facilities and programs will allow SCVTS student enrollment to increase to over 1000 high school students from Somerset County and other nearby communities.

The new gymnasium will hold approximately 150 spectators and will provide students in both physical education classes and sports programs with an additional court to play and practice on.

State Assemblyman Roy Freiman was impressed by the new facilities, stating that "when I had a chance to actually walk through it, I didn't expect to be stunned" adding that the buildings were "college level." He also spoke about the importance of CTE programs. "This type of education is not just fulfilling what is needed in the marketplace. It also taps into the passions of our children."

In her remarks at the ribbon cutting, Somerset County Commissioner Director Shanel Y. Robinson stated that the new facilities are a "testament to the continued investment in our students' future" and that the Somerset County Commissioners are committed to "making sure that our residents have a pathway forward for careers that are on the leading edge, and the opportunities to be competitive in those sectors."

SCVTS Board of Education President Gregory

Lalevee echoed Commissioner Director Robinson, praising the "commitment by all those people" involved in the project "to do what's best for the children of this county and provide them a good education." He also thanked the team at USA Architects who designed the gymnasium and CTE building, as well as the management and workers of Epic Management who built them.

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(above) Warren Township Fire Department personnel engaged the students.

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STUDENTS GET HANDS-ON FIRE SAFETY LESSONS

Warren Township Schools

Students across Warren Township schools recently had the exciting opportunity to learn essential fire safety skills firsthand, thanks to the visits from the Warren Township Fire Department. Firefighters made their annual rounds to all of the town's elementary schools, engaging students in lively, hands-on lessons designed to promote safety awareness both in the classroom and at home.

During these visits, students weren't just listening; they were actively involved. The firefighters covered fundamental, life-saving topics, including the importance of smoke alarms and the proper procedure for testing them regularly. A major focus was placed on

emergency evacuation procedures, teaching students how to remain calm, the correct way to crawl low under smoke, and the necessity of having a designated family meeting place outside the home.

The firefighters showed students how to use basic fire safety equipment and even brought a fire engine to the school grounds. Many students got to meet a firefighter fully dressed in their protective gear. The firefighters patiently answered every question, ensuring the students left with a clear understanding of these lessons.

The students' enthusiasm and the dedication of the Warren Township Fire Department volunteers highlight the community's shared commitment to fire safety and prevention.

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB OF BOUND BROOK

Submitted by Sherry Gilroy

The Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook will hold its Holiday Luncheon at Carpaccio Ristorante on Tuesday, December 16th, at noon. The address is 651 Bound Brook Road in Middlesex.

The Club is part of the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs. We are the oldest club in the state! Membership is open to women from Bound Brook and beyond. For more information, please email MFiczko@optonline.net and reference WLCBB on the subject line, for more information.

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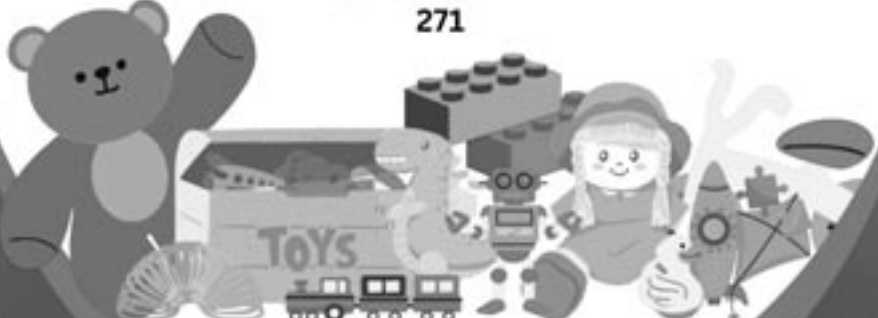
TOYS FOR TOTS

Warren Township Recreation will have a Toys for Tots collection box outside of the Recreation Office on the first floor of Town Hall.

Collection will be from Friday, November 7 through Tuesday, December 9.
Donations accepted are new, unwrapped toys only.

Donations will be collected Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:00pm during the collection window.

Questions contact the Recreation Office at recreation@warrennj.org or 908-753-8000 ext. 270 or 271





Letter to Santa

46 Mountain Blvd, Warren, NJ

Warren Township Recreation has been approved by Santa to gather mail from Township children and deliver it to the North Pole. We will be accepting mail from Friday, November 7 through Tuesday, December 2.

Letters should be dropped off at the red mailbox in front of Town Hall or mail to: "Santa" Warren Twp. Recreation, 46 Mountain Blvd., Warren, NJ 07059.

Every child will receive a personalized letter from Santa, but after December 2, Santa will be busy getting ready for the holiday and will not be able to answer any more letters. Mom and Dad, please be sure to include a return address

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SCHOOL DISTRICT KICKS-OFF COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORT

Warren Township Schools

The Warren Township School District is proud to continue its commitment to community engagement through its Community Outreach initiatives. Designed to connect with residents across town, this initiative provides opportunities for community members to hear updates on what's going on in the school district and speak directly with administrators and members of the Board of Education.

On Wednesday, September 3, 2025, Superintendent Dr. Matthew Mingle and School Business Administrator Mr. Christopher Heagele met with the town's Seniors Club to share updates on the district's strategic priorities, capital projects, and to answer any questions.

Dr. Mingle highlighted the district's 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, focusing on three key areas:

Student Learning: Elevating academic rigor through research-based instruction, project-based learning, and personalized supports to meet diverse student needs.

Student and Staff Well-Being: Fostering safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environments while expanding access to mental health and wellness resources.

Planning for Growth: Addressing future enrollment and facility needs through strategic planning to maintain small class sizes and ensure all programs are well supported.

The conversation provided the group with insight into how the district is preparing students for success while maintaining its long-standing traditions and fostering educational excellence.

Mr. Heagele spoke about the referendum that passed last March, emphasizing that the projects will be implemented with a 0% tax increase for township residents. He detailed the district's strong record of fiscal responsibility, reviewing completed capital projects from 2017–2025, such as boiler replacements, HVAC upgrades, and security improvements, and outlining upcoming projects in the 2024–2029 Capital Plan. These include new security cameras, playground upgrades, classroom renovations, and enhanced safety measures throughout the schools.

Following the presentation, club members were encouraged to ask questions and share personal experiences about the district, creating an exchange of ideas between residents and school leaders. The district looks forward to continuing these conversations with other community groups throughout the year.

For more information about the strategic plan and planning for growth, please visit warrentboe.org.

If you or a community organization is interested in hosting a similar event, please reach out to community@warrentboe.org.



(above) Mrs Patricia Zohn, Dr. Matthew Mingle, Mr. Christopher Heagele

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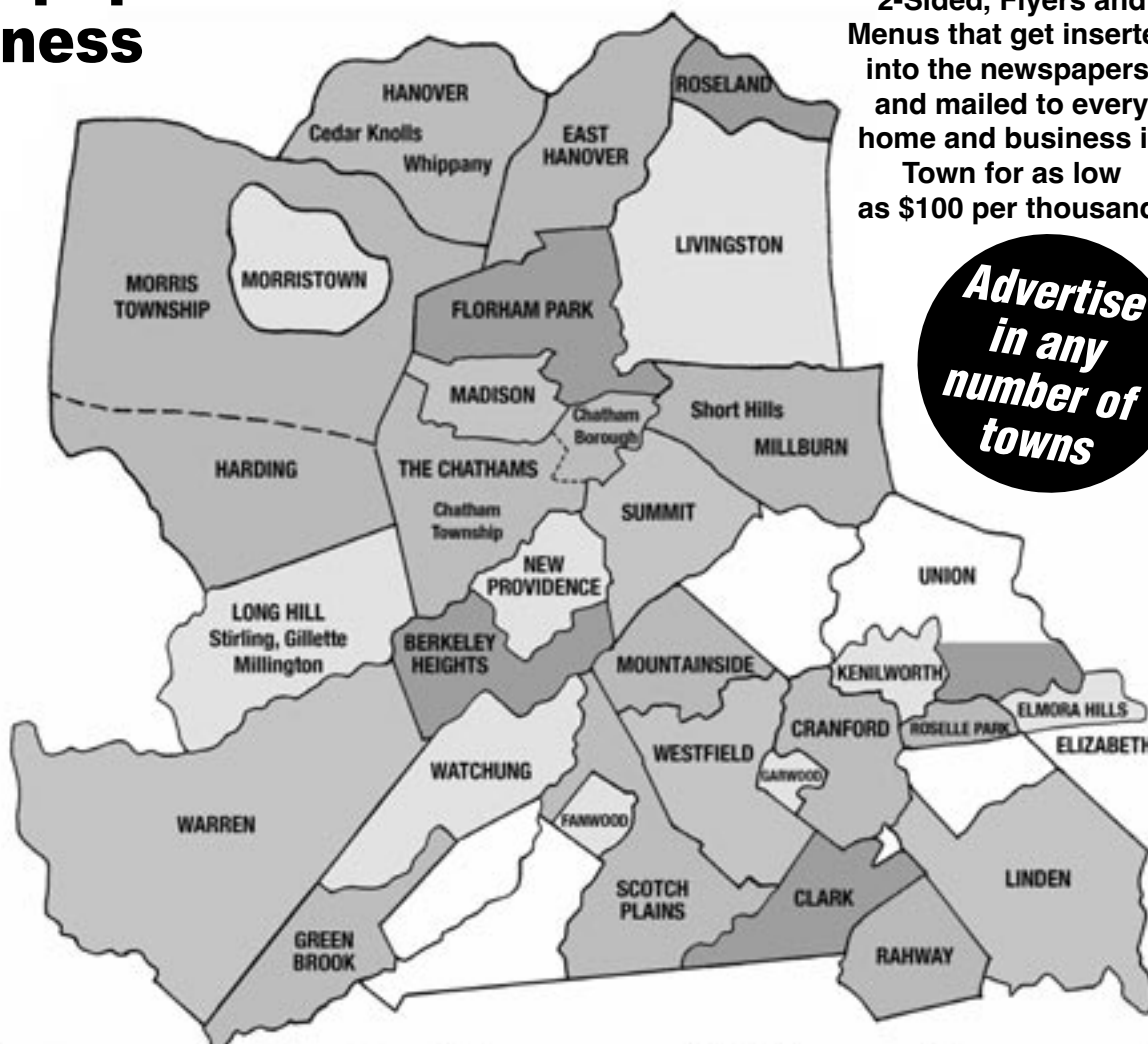
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1 on 1 Computers with Sal

Mondays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

By the end of an 8-week, one-on-one class, you will understand computer programs.

No class on Dec.22 & 29.

Chair Yoga with Kartika

Mondays, 10 a.m.

This class is open to all levels of skill. Practiced while either sitting or standing.

Mahjong for Intermediate Players

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Intermediate mahjong player and would like to 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.

For beginners who need modifications to their exercise routine. Build cardiovascular health.

Bridge Group with Ronnie

Tuesdays, 1 – 4 p.m.

Welcome new members and beginners (lessons available).

Strength

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

The exercise can be done with or without weights. The hand weight of 2-5 pounds is recommended.

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 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.

Seated and standing poses. Perfect for all fitness levels. Come stretch, breathe, and enjoy.

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.

Christmas Tea Party

December 1, 11 a.m.

Gentle holiday music will set your mood while you relax, sip the tea and mingle with friends.

Somerset County Traveling Library

December 1, 1 p.m.

Get help troubleshooting technology, check out a book, or just share a favorite book.

Wordle with Warrenbrook Staff

December 2, 11 a.m.

Wordle is a word-based brain game.

Bingo

December 3, 11 a.m.

It promotes socialization, and improves listening and short-term memory skills.

Build Your Own Snowman

December 4, 11 a.m.

Make snowmen using recycled materials.

All supplies provided.

RVCC Dance Ensemble

December 5, 11 a.m.

Performance includes dances created by RVCC faculty, students and guest artists, and exposes the communicative aspects of the art form.

Calcium Connection

December 8, 11 a.m.

Learn the health benefits of calcium and the food sources rich in this important mineral.

Drum Circle

December 8, 1 p.m.

This is a holistic experience that leaves participants feeling a sense of joy!

Wheel of Fortune

December 9, 11 a.m.

Perfect for all levels of ability, offering a wonderful mix of entertainment and socializing.

Monthly Book Club

(Hybrid) December 9, 1:30 PM

discuss the book of the month and select the next book to read. New members welcome!

Jeopardy

December 10, 11 a.m.

Whether you are a trivia buff or just enjoy a friendly competition, this interactive game is sure to keep you engaged and entertained.

Breathing Techniques for Mental Wellness

December 11, 11 a.m.

Develop awareness of trigger situations and to calm and regulate the nervous system.

Star of David Craft

December 12, 11 a.m.

This versatile piece can be used many ways. All materials will be supplied.

Tis the Season with Discovery Orchestra

December 15, 11 a.m.

Violinist and piano, will explore Handel's Messiah!

Studio 60+

December 15, 1 p.m.

Plan the events they are interested in. They will also practice for musical entertainment.

Christmas Card-Making Workshop

December 16, 11 a.m.

We'll provide all the supplies.

Christmas and the Winter Solstice

December 17, 11 a.m.

We travel around the world seeking out the best Christmas markets.

Bingo

December 17, 10:30 a.m.

It promotes socialization, strengthens and improves listening and memory skills.

Holiday Party

December 19, 10:30 a.m.

Merry mix of tunes sure to get you singing, dancing, or simply smiling with friends.

Holiday Cheer Through Song

December 22, 11 a.m.

Spark new friendships, and remind us all of the simple joy of singing together.

A Very Merry Christmas Trivia Fun

December 23, 11 a.m.

Put your holiday knowledge to the test at our Christmas Trivia event!

Boxing Day Board Game Social

December 26, 11 a.m.

Fun-filled day of board games and company!.

New Year's Eve Party Popper Craft

December 29, 11 a.m.

These cheerful little poppers are perfect for ringing in the new year. All materials provided.

Boggle

December 30, 11 a.m.

Join us for big fun time.

Ringling in the New Year Together

December 31, 11 a.m.

with Musical Entertainment by Candy Nelson
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Nestled on a private 5.06-acre cul-de-sac estate, this newly updated residence offers 6 spacious bedrooms, and 7 full and 2 half beautifully appointed bathrooms. Every inch of this home has been thoughtfully renovated for modern living.



29 LILAC DRIVE, WARREN, NJ

3 BD | 2 BA | 1 HB | \$835,000

This newly built townhouse is perfectly situated on a cul-de-sac and you can't beat the location with the view of scenic trees. Located nearby Route 78 and the NJ Transit bus to NYC, this home combines prime location with modern lifestyle comforts.



115 SKYLINE DRIVE, WATCHUNG, NJ

6 BD | 6 BA | 2 HB | \$3,945,000

This extraordinary custom estate is a rare opportunity to own a one-of-a-kind residence that combines luxury, privacy, and architectural distinction, just under three miles away from Route 78 and Highway 22.



3 KENSINGTON COURT, WARREN, NJ

6 BD | 5 BA | 1 HB | \$2,385,000

This home is a showstopper with a beautiful paver driveway, fenced-in property, and brick facade. Enjoy owning 3 acres in the sought-after Warren Township School District just minutes from The Pingry School and major commuter routes.



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