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TREE LIGHTING KICKS OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The Borough of Garwood's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was held on Saturday, November 29th. The event, presented by the Garwood Recreation Committee featured fun and free activities and entertainment for the whole family.

Some highlights were: Free hot chocolate and baked goods, music and entertainment with performances by The Celebration Singers, and the Lincoln School Chorus, DJ and

music by Alan Keith Entertainment, a Ugly Sweater Contest, Food Trucks (food for purchase),

Holiday arts and crafts, and Special Guest, Santa Claus!

The Garwood Police Department and Girl Scout Troop 41290 were collecting donations (unwrapped toys) for Toys for Tots.

After the Tree Lighting residents were invited to a Family Skate Night at Warinanco Park.

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Knitting Club

January 5, 12, 26 - at 10:30 am

Learn how to knit or show others how it's done while enjoying fun conversation. Open to all levels. No Registration required. Yarn and needles provided to newcomers.

Storytime

January 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10 and 11 am

Join Miss Maryanne for stories and more. Registration is required. Limit 12.

Code Forward

January 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 3:30 PM

this program offers students the opportunity to learn computer programming languages such as Java, Python, and more.

Aging Services Kiosk (ASK)

January 8 from 10 am to noon

Assist seniors (age 60+) or their caregivers with information on services, such as meal delivery, respite care, adult day care and support services for caregivers

Virtual Kids Craft

January 13 @ 3pm

Pick up supplies and instructions for a craft. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 participants. Sign up on the library's website calendar or by phone.

Adult Game Day Socialize

January 14 and 21 at 1 pm

with others while playing Rummikub, Sorry, Uno, or cards. No registration needed. Limit 12

Library Board Meeting

January 14, @ 7:30 pm

A meeting of the library Board of Trustees will be held at the Garwood Public Library at 7:30.

This meeting is open to the public

Virtual Adult Craft

January 20 @ 3pm

Craft Pick up supplies and instructions for a craft. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 participants. Sign up on the library's website calendar or by phone.

LEGO CLUB

December 21 at 3 pm

Be inspired by this month's Halloween theme or build whatever comes to mind. Some creations will be displayed in our showcase.

Registration is required Limit 12

Monday Book Club

January 26 at 1 pm

Join us for a lively discussion of this month's book, The Queen of Crime by Marie Benedict.

Icons of the Revolution

January 28 @ 7pm

The Whole Story

- What caused the duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr?
- Why did Benedict Arnold become a traitor?
- Did all those people really fit in the boat when Washington crossed the Delaware?
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Tickets are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple and include buffet dining, live music, live

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Attendees are encouraged to dress in their finest 1920s-inspired attire to fully embrace the spirit of the evening.

The Speakeasy Soirée is the Brook Arts Center's largest fundraiser of the year.

As a fully volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Brook Arts Center relies on community support to continue with the preservation and restoration of the facility and its mission of providing high-quality entertainment, inspiring creativity, fostering community partnerships, and nurturing education and growth through the arts.

Tickets are on sale now through January 16, 2026.

To purchase tickets or learn more, visit www.brookarts.org.

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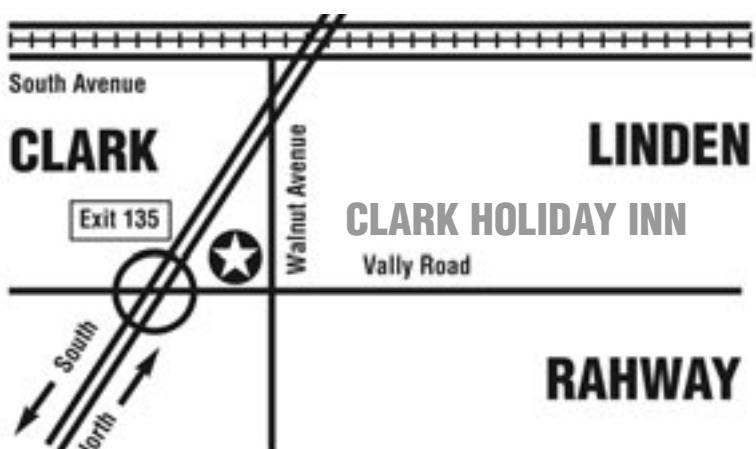


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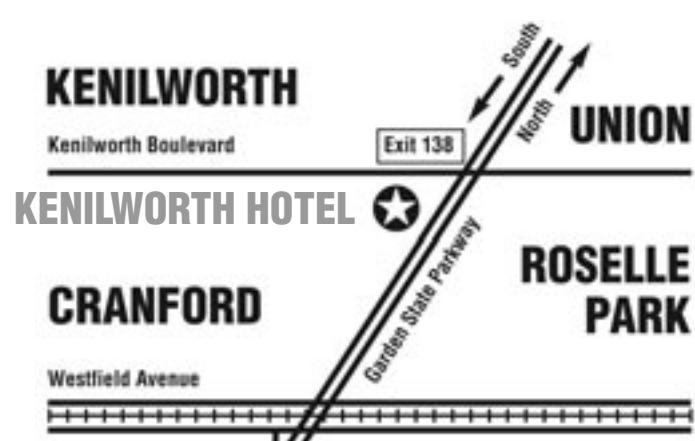
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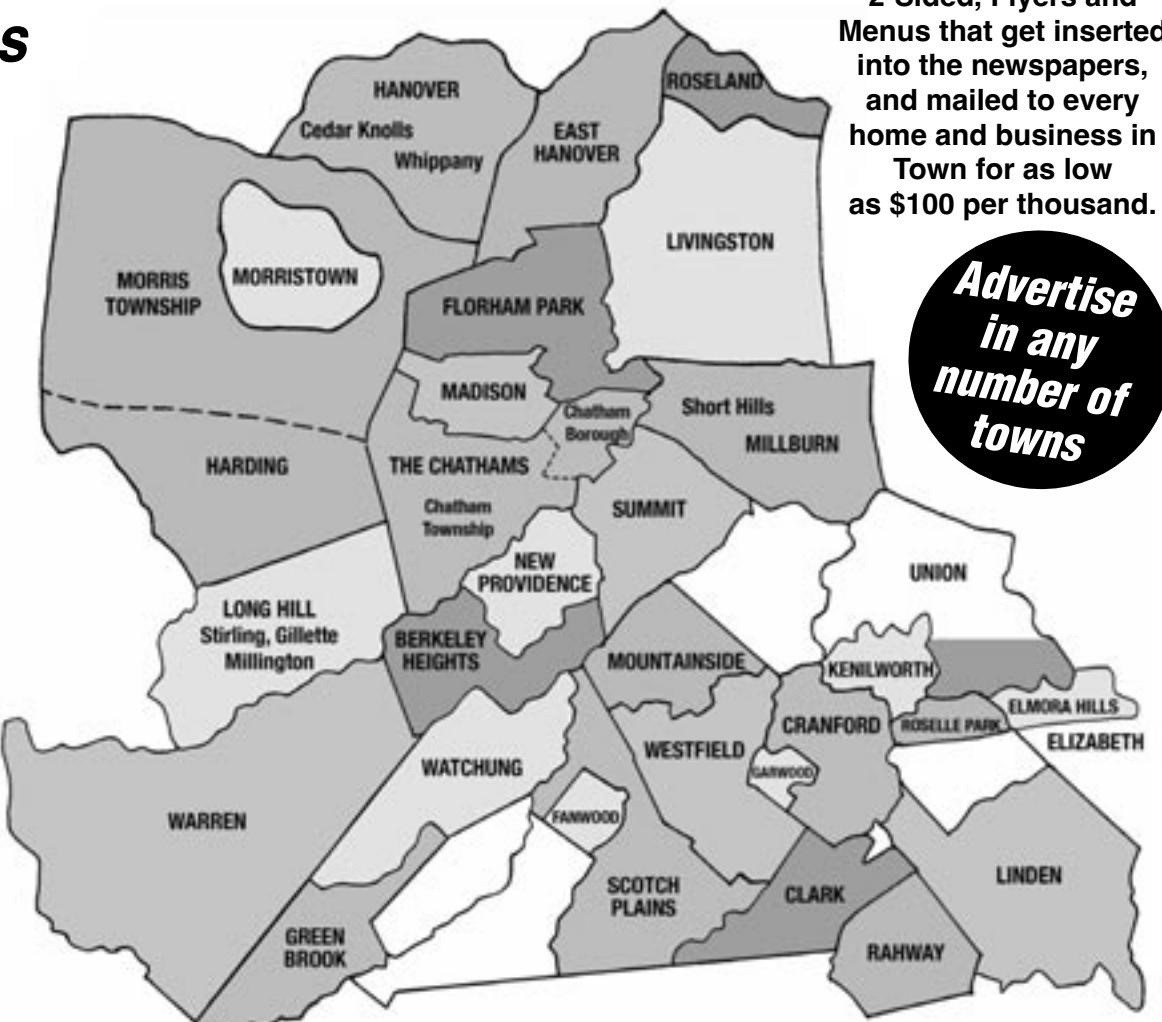
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In some cases the majority of content in the newspaper had been the legal ads. In question was the criteria for the mandate, i.e., were the publications meeting the required numbers of

paid subscriptions, and circulation.

The idea of doing away with the mandate, though practical, was considered political poison. No lawmaker wanted to be deemed responsible as the cause for newspapers' closures and people losing their jobs. During the Governor Christi administration the Star Ledger warned that doing away with the mandates would cause 250 weekly newspapers to close.

What brought about the change is a successful lawsuit filed by the County of Warren which named the Star Ledger and Daily Record as defendants. The suit may have been the last straw in the Ledger's decision to stop printing the newspaper in January of 2025.

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