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WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Submitted by Jaime Getsinger

The Township of Hanover Recreation Department, in partnership with the Recreation Commission, welcomed families to a festive and memorable Winter Wonderland celebration held on Friday, December 12, 2025, inside the Hanover Township Community Center.

This year's indoor Winter Wonderland transformed the Community Center into a charming holiday village, offering residents a warm and welcoming space to enjoy seasonal décor, festive activities, and family fun. Children participated in holiday crafts, wrote letters to Santa, and enjoyed special surprise visits throughout the evening.

Adding extra excitement and laughter to the event, the Grinch made a special appearance, greeting families, posing for photos, and spreading holiday cheer in his own mischievous way.

A highlight of the evening was the arrival of Santa Claus at 7:00 p.m., escorted by the Hanover Township Police Department with assistance from the Cedar Knolls and Whippany Fire Departments. The moment brought smiles and excitement to children and families throughout the Community Center.



The Hanover Township PBA Local 128 generously served hot chocolate and munchkins, helping create a cozy holiday atmosphere for attendees. The event also included a toy collection to support children in need, continuing the Township's tradition of community giving during the holiday season.

The Recreation Department extends sincere thanks to the Department of Public Works for their dedication and countless hours spent transforming the Community Center into a Winter Wonderland Village. Appreciation is also extended to the Police Department, Fire Departments, PBA Local 128, volunteers, and staff whose teamwork and support made the event possible.



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WHIPPANONG LIBRARY JANUARY EVENTS

*To register, go to the Whippanong Library event page at whippanong.org/events-calendar

Yoga and Jewelry Making with Pamela Nixon (Grades 6-12)

Monday, January 5, 6:00 PM

Whippanong Library. Participate in a fun and engaging class of yoga & jewelry making. Choose your own mantra to focus on during poses, breath work and guided meditation, and turn your mantra into a bracelet using letter beads. Must pre-register.*

Author Talk with Jessika Caruso

Thursday, January 8, 6:30 PM

Start the New Year and the 250th anniversary of the United States by attending an author talk with Jessika Caruso, author of *Perpetual Rainbows*: a novel of the American Revolution. Must pre-register.*

Peppermint Sugar Scrub (Adult)

Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 PM

Whippanong Library. Come and make this soothing scrub with sugar, peppermint oil, and coconut oil. Perfect for the cold months! Must pre-register.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Making 3D Snowflakes (Grades 6-Adult)

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 PM

Learn two ways to make beautiful 3D snowflakes and bring a winter wonderland into your home! Must pre-register.

History of Tea

Thursday, January 23, 6:30 PM

Join Nina Androski, tea enthusiast and educator for an introduction to the world of loose leaf tea from the tea plant to your teacup. Learn about the history of tea, including afternoon tea; five main types of teas; the herbal "tea" category; how to brew the perfect cup and the wellness benefits of drinking tea. Must pre-register.

MORRIS COUNTY LIBRARY JANUARY EVENTS

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Lunch & Learn: Wills, Trusts, & Estates

Fri., Jan. 23, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

with Morris County Surrogate Heather J. Darling: Surrogate Darling will discuss wills, trusts, and estates.

Registration is required at tinyurl.com/mcl-lunch6.

Celebrate 250:

Music of the American Revolution:

Tue., Jan. 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Anne and Ridley Enslow return for an entertaining evening of 18th-century songs about the struggle for American independence. No registration; seats are limited and first-come, first-seated.

ALL AGES

Chess Club

Wed., Jan. 14, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friendly & non-competitive chess games between players of all ages and ability levels. No registration.

Spanish Conversation

Thu., Jan. 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Practice your Spanish language proficiency in a casual, small group environment. A basic level skill is recommended, but any skill level is welcome. No registration. For teens and adults. in the Conference Room

ADULTS

Computer Classes for Adults

January classes include PC Basics, Excel I, II, & III, Internet Basics, Online Spam & Phishing, and Intro to Excel Tables. Schedule and registration (required) at:

mclib.info/Programs/Computer-Classes

Friday Afternoon Movies at 2:00 p.m.

no registration:

1/9: "Relay"

1/16: "The Untouchables"

1/30: "Eleanor the Great"

True Crime Chat (Via Zoom)

Thu., Jan. 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Virtual true crime discussion group meets via

Zoom on the second Thursday evening of each month. The Zoom link will be emailed to you shortly before the program start time. Register at tinyurl.com/mcltruecrime

Tuesday Book Club

Tue., Jan. 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

January's book: *The Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alix E. Harrow. No registration.

Socrates Cafe

Tue., Jan. 20, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

A discussion group using the dialogue of the Socratic Method. No registration.

Mystery Book Club

Mon., Jan. 26, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

January's book: *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins. No registration.

Writers Circle

Wed., Jan. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join our Writing Circle for experience, tips on writing, reading, editing, and revising your work, whether poetry, prose, or long story. No registration.

CHILDREN

Winter Bingo Reading Challenge

Mon., Jan. 5 through Sat., Jan. 31

Complete a bingo card and return it to the Children's Room for a prize. For ages birth-12. No registration.

Paws for Reading

Thu., Jan. 22, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Read to a very patient therapy dog! For ages 5-12. Registration (required) begins 1/13 at: tinyurl.com/mcl-paws1 in the Children's Room

LEGO Club

Sat., Jan. 24, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Create and build using LEGO! For ages 4-12. Registration (required) begins 1/13 at: tinyurl.com/mcl-lego5

Preschool Storytime & Music w/Mr. Laurence:

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Stories, fingerplays and music with Mr. Laurence. For ages 2-5. No registration.

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9 HALF PAGE	6.5"x9" or 10"x7"	360	860	1300	1600	1900	2200	2400	2600	2800	3000	3200
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Whippany Fire Department

Congratulations to the Whippany Fire Department Swiftwater Rescue Team (aka the TURTLES)!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the members who were recognized at the Hanover Township Committee meeting held on Dec. 11, 2025.

Deputy Chief Derrick Shearer and the entire

Whippany Fire Department Swiftwater Rescue Team were presented with the Hanover Township Distinguished Service Award for their meritorious acts of courage, bravery, and valor.

The award recognizes the team's actions on the evening of July 14, 2025, when they responded to multiple calls for mutual aid in Scotch Plains Township during intense, sudden floodwaters.

Their heroic efforts resulted in the rescue of numerous people trapped by the rising water.

Each team member received a plaque, recognizing their dedication to service every day.

We are so fortunate to have such highly-trained, courageous, and dedicated volunteers protecting our community and helping our neighbors when they need it most. Congratulations to all!



(above) Whippany Fire Department Swiftwater Rescue Team (aka the TURTLES) were recognized during a Hanover Township Committee meeting, for responding to calls for mutual aid in Scotch Plains Township during intense, sudden floodwaters.

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ANGELA LIU PUBLISHED IN SCIENCE JOURNAL

Whippany Park senior, Angela Liu's research study was published in the National High School Journal of Science on November 24, 2025.

Angela's study "Responsibilities in the Home: Investigating the Influence of Household Chores on Northern New Jersey High Schoolers' Sense of Internal Control" can be found on-line: nhsjs.com

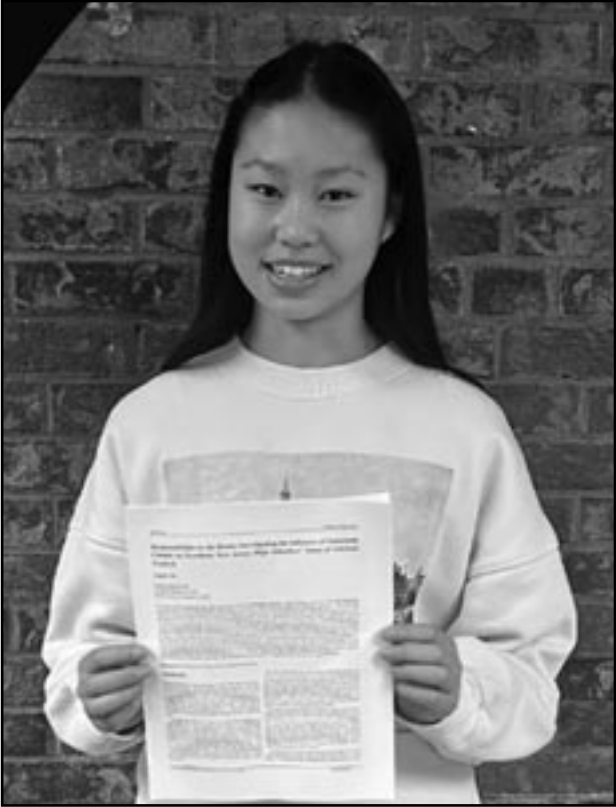
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