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OVER 50 CARS COMPETED IN CUB SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY

Roseland Cub Scouts Pack 801 and Caldwell / West Caldwell Pack 846 held a successful Pinewood Derby race event on Saturday, February 7th. Over 50 cars competed, including both Scouts cars (Kindergarten through 5th grade) and an "Unlimited" rank in which parents were able to build and race their own cars.

The event was held at United Methodist Church of Caldwell. We had great attendance from Scouts, Parents, and friends.

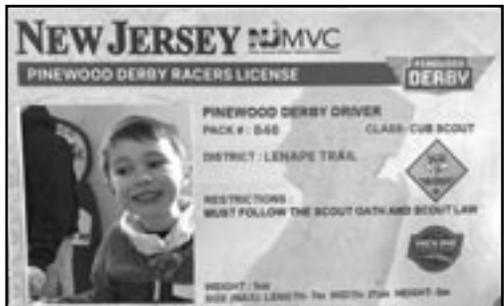
The Pack even cooked and sold breakfast on site, including taylor ham egg and cheese sandwiches, and pancakes.

Scouts had designed and built their cars in the previous weeks, both at home and at an on-site workshop the Packs set up the week before. Cars designs included ones that looked like tanks, the Ghostbusters car, one that was carved and burnt using electricity, several with 3D printed components, and even ones shaped like the USS Intrepid and Thor's Hammer.

The top 2 winners from each den (grade) and each Pack are invited to the District-level derby (scheduled for April 11th), which will include

Packs from towns all over Essex County.

Our next Pack Meeting is Friday March 6th, 7pm, St Aloysius Catholic Church of Caldwell, in the gymnasium. If you have a K through 5th grade boy or girl in the West Essex area and are interested in Scouting, you are welcome to come check us out.



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2026 SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Roseland residents, organizations, and groups - now is the time to nominate the person you think should be named the Senior Citizen of the Year, with the winner being recognized at the Senior of the Year Luncheon in May of this year. The deadline for nominations is March 27th.

Mail a biography or resume of your nominee to the Roseland Recreation Department (140 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068) or email recreation@roselandnj.org and include a nominating letter as to why your nominee should be chosen. Include your name, address, and phone number when submitting. Nominees will be reviewed by the Recreation Department, the Recreation Borough Council Liaison, and the Roseland Senior Advisory Board.

The senior must be a current Roseland resident, have lived in Roseland for at least three years, be 55+ in age, must be of good character, and must be nominated by a Roseland resident or a committee or organization based in the Borough. NO PETITIONS will be accepted, but multiple groups or individuals may submit the same name for consideration.

Questions can be directed to the Recreation office by calling 973-403-6854.

2026 MOTHER OF THE YEAR ESSAY CONTEST

The annual Mother of the Year competition is looking for nominations on who should be the 2026 Mother of the Year. The deadline for submissions is April 1st.

In 200 words or fewer, tell us why "My mom should be mother of the year because..."

Prizes awarded in 1st to 3rd grade and 4th to 6th grade groupings. Winners will receive lunch for two at Johnston's Steakhouse in Roseland. Essays should include name, address, telephone number, grade, birthday, school, and mother's name on the back of the essay.

Entries can be mailed to the Roseland Recreation Department at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068 OR dropped off in the gray, metal drop box in front of Borough Hall OR or email Lauren Seiner at recreation@roselandnj.org.

Please note that if emailing your entry, the body of the email should contain the name, address, telephone number, grade, birthday, school, and mother's name of the person making the submission and the essay (without any of that identifying information) should be included as the attachment.

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AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OF MUSIC TO TRANSFORM YOUNG LIVES

On March 21, Pegasus: The Orchestra will perform with the Chatham High School Chamber Choir in a dazzling benefit concert for the TheraYouth Foundation at the Dorothy Center for Performing Arts at Drew University. Led by accomplished conductor and pianist, Karén Hakobyan, the vibrant program includes Haydn's "Fire" Symphony and a rousing version of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, both composed exclusively for this ensemble. GRAMMY-nominated cellist Sergey Antonov - hailed by The Washington Post as "destined for cello superstardom" - will bring his soaring tone and formidable technique to Saint-Saëns' Cello Concerto No.1. All proceeds support pediatric medical therapy for disadvantaged youth. Normally this ensemble performs in New York City theaters so tickets are a steal at \$41-\$61 and can be purchased at therayouth.org.

TERAYOUTH CELEBRATES THREE YEARS OF TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S LIVES

In just three years, the TheraYouth Foundation has become a beacon of hope for families across New Jersey struggling to secure essential therapy services for their children.

Physical therapist Dr. Irina Marcoff, DPT, founded TheraYouth to address a troubling reality: too many children with treatable conditions were being left behind. Long waitlists for public Early Intervention and school-based services; a shortage of pediatric providers accepting Medicaid; and the high cost of private therapy (often exceeding \$125 per session); placed critical care out of reach for hundreds of families.

"Early therapy can change the entire trajectory of a child's life," says Dr. Marcoff. "But for many families, access is the greatest barrier."

At its Elizabeth, NJ clinic, TheraYouth provides affordable physical, occupational, and

speech therapy to disadvantaged children, more than 90% of whom rely on Medicaid. Since its inception, over 113 patients have "graduated"

from therapy by achieving critical developmental milestones.

The impact of timely intervention is undeniable. One young patient, unable to crawl or walk due to congenitally weak neck muscles, faced the risk of permanent disability due to delays in care. After just four months of physical therapy at TheraYouth, he graduated from treatment, able to walk normally, transforming his future.

Unfortunately, demand continues to outpace resources with more than 400 children on TheraYouth's waitlist for services. The foundation operates entirely through donations, community partnerships, and fundraisers.

On March 21st, TheraYouth will host a benefit concert to raise vital funds for pediatric therapy services. Help transform the lives of New Jersey's most vulnerable children through buying a ticket, or through a donation at www.therayouth.org.



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2025 ROSELAND MAYOR'S BALL SUCCESS

Mayor James R. Spango

On behalf of the Borough of Roseland, we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the 2025 Roseland Mayor's Ball such a tremendous success.

This special evening would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, whose time, energy, and commitment ensured every detail was executed flawlessly. We are equally grateful to our generous donors and sponsors, many of whom attended and celebrated with us, as their support and presence reflects a deep adoration and commitment to our community.

Your participation truly made the evening memorable.

It is with great pride that we announce the proceeds from the 2025 Mayor's Ball will be

distributed to the following organizations:

- Roseland Police Foundation - \$12,516
- Roseland Recreation Boosters - \$12,516
- Roseland Historical Society - \$6,307

These funds will directly support the vital work each organization does to strengthen, protect, enhance, and preserve our community. The success of this event is a testament to what

can be achieved when a community comes together with generosity and shared goals and purpose.

Thank you once again for your support, your service, and your belief in Roseland. We are deeply appreciative of everyone who played a role in making the Roseland Mayor's Ball such a meaningful and successful event.



(above, l-r) Former Mayor Richard N. Leonard, current Mayor James R. Spango, former Mayor John Duthie, former Mayor Michael A. Pacio, Jr.

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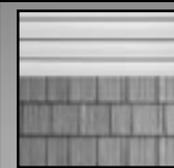
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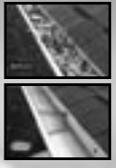
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GIRL SCOUT TROOP 20131 MEETS THE MAYOR

Mayor Spango recently met with several Girl Scouts from Troop 20131 at the Roseland Free Public Library where he was asked questions

about the roles and responsibilities of being Mayor.

Both the Scouts and the Mayor enjoyed the

Q&A session and the Mayor hopes that the girls will continue to be involved in the Roseland community in the years to come.



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LEGACIES WRITING CONTEST - DEADLINE APR 20

Essex county

Essex County Division of Senior Services invite Essex seniors ages 60 and older to submit an original story focusing on a special person, life-changing experience, or significant period of their life to the 2026 Essex County Legacies Writing Contest. The deadline is Monday, April 20th.

“Our senior citizens have led interesting lives and I am always impressed by the stories that are submitted. Our Legacies Contest is an opportunity for our older residents to remember their past and share their experiences with family, friends, and the younger generation,” County Executive DiVincenzo said. “It’s never too early to begin collecting your thoughts and writing your drafts. I encourage all our seniors to start working on their entries now,” he added.

THE CONTEST RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Writers must be Essex County residents who are 60 years of age or older.
- Entries should be original stories focusing on a special person, a life-altering experience, or a significant period in your life.
- The suggested maximum length is 1,500 words.
- Stories must be typed or legibly hand-written on 8.5-by-11-inch paper.
- Entries must have a cover page with the story’s title, the author’s name, date of birth,

address, and telephone number.

- The story title with no identifying information should appear on the first page of the story text. All identifying information about the author is removed when stories are judged by the review committee.
- Seniors may submit only one entry.
- Previously published stories may not be submitted.
- Seniors should keep a copy of the story. Entries will not be returned.
- The deadline for entries is Monday, April 20th. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Stories should be sent to the following:
Essex County Division of Senior Services
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All writers who submit stories will be invited to the Division of Senior Services Legacies Award Ceremony in May. Awards will be presented to the authors of the winning and honorable mention stories. These stories will be posted on the Essex County website at essexcountynj.org.

For a complete list of contest rules or for more information, please visit essexcountynj.org or call the Essex County Division of Senior Services at 973-395-8381.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Story Time

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 10:30-11 am

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Crafty Wednesday

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10:30-11 am

All crafts will be in-person in the library community room. Work on a different themed craft each week. RSVP required for each session. Ages: Pre-K

Lego Club

Wednesday, March 4, 4:30-5:30 pm

Explore the library's many Lego bins and let your imagination soar.

Crafter-School Club

Thursday, March 5, 4-5 pm

Make your own Truffula tree. Smocks recommended. Limited to 15 participants in grades K-6 ONLY - REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Paint Wooden Easter Eggs

Thursday, March 26, 4-5 pm

Paint and decorate your own trio of wooden Easter eggs. Smocks recommended. Limited to 15 participants in grades K-6 ONLY - REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Spanish/Bilingual Story Time

Thursday, March 12, 10:30-11:15 am

Enjoy stories in Spanish and work on a related craft. Ages: Pre-K - REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Reading Is Magic: Read Across America Show

Tuesday, March 3, 4 pm

Join Muscle Man Mike for a Dr. Seuss-inspired puppet show featuring the Cat in the Hat! Ideal for ages 2-8.

Crafter-School Club

Thursday, March 5, at 4 pm

For ages 5 and up: Make your own Truffula tree for Dr. Seuss's birthday. Smocks recommended, RSVP required.

Celebrate Girl Power:

Women's History Month Event

Tuesday, March 10, at 5 pm

For kids ages 7 through teen: Learn about a variety of notable women and their accomplishments, then use your creativity to work on a collage highlighting your favorite female heroes! RSVP required.

Kids' Yoga Class

Wednesday, March 18, at 4 pm

The Mindful Nest Yoga Studio will lead a yoga class for children ages 3 and up. Interactive class will incorporate age-appropriate movement, breathing, and mindfulness techniques. RSVP required.

Sensory/Motor Story & Play Time

Tuesday, March 24, at 10:30 am

FOR AGES 18 MONTHS-4 YEARS: Led by Christina Lubrino, a pediatric occupational therapist, from Playful Pathways NJ, this class includes songs focusing on motor imitation,

story time, parachute play, obstacle course/gross motor movement activities, tactile play, art, bubbles, and so much more! PLEASE NOTE: Materials at the tactile station(s) may contain small pieces, parents/caregivers must supervise their children. LIMITED TO 15 CHILDREN - RSVP REQUIRED.

Tummy Circle Time

Thursday, March 26, at 10:30 am

Pediatric occupational therapist Christina Lubrino will lead a supportive baby class designed for little ones from newborn to pre-crawling. Learn practical baby exercises and tummy time tips, explore alternative tummy time positions, and skills like rolling and early pre-crawling movements. Babies will be engaged through songs, stories, and play while caregivers connect with other mamas. Time will also be available for questions about your baby's development and reaching milestones. RSVP required.

Crafter-School Club

Thursday, March 26, at 4 pm

For ages 5 and up: Paint and decorate your own trio of wooden Easter eggs. Smocks recommended, RSVP required

NJ Makers Day

Saturday, March 28, 11 am-2:30 pm

A special day devoted to creativity and technology with robotics demonstrations, building stations, "make & take class," and other hands-on activities. For more details, check www.roselandpubliclibrary.org.

TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS:

Intro to American Sign Language

Saturday, March 21, at 12:30 pm

TWEENS IN GRADES 5 & UP can learn the basics of American Sign Language. RSVP required.

FAMILY CULTURAL EVENT

****STILL NEED TO CONFIRM THIS EVENT!**

Greek Culture Event

Saturday, March 14, at 1:30 pm

Enjoy a performance of traditional Greek dances by the Greek Orthodox Youth Association dancers of Roseland's Sts. Nicholas and Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and sample some Greek treats.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Matinee Mondays

Mondays, March 2, 9 & 23, at 1 pm

Watch a different movie every week! Check the library website for titles. Please note:

Roseland Senior Fitness

Mondays & Thursdays,

March, 2, 5, 9, 12, 19, 23 & 26, 10-11 am.

Basic English Practice for Beginners

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16 & 23, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Practice English conversation through lessons, games, and other activities..

Mindful Coloring

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 1-3 pm

Relax with some adult coloring.

Collage Together with Darlene Sardinsky

Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 pm

Enjoy a creative collaging session with Darlene Sardinsky, an intuitive collage artist who loves to share her passion of creating with newbies as well as seasoned experts using magazines, books and papers, along with a glue stick and some scissors. No experience necessary! Library will provide materials and you can bring your own as well. RSVP required.

Yoga, Crystals, and Essential Oils

Monday, March 9, at 6:30 pm

Floor-based mat class will combine soothing movements and calming breathwork, essential oils, reiki-infused crystals, and uplifting affirmations. Each guest will receive an affirmation card and an essential oil roller to take home. Open to all levels. Suitable for those comfortable lying on their back, seated on the floor, and stretching on hands and knees.

Adult Craft with Nuria

Tuesday, March 10, at 1 pm

Unleash your creative spirit and join us for one or two crafts this month! Absolutely no experience is necessary! Supplies will be provided. RSVP required.

Vinyasa Yoga

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26, at 6:30 pm

Led by yin yoga master Mary McCourt, assistant manager of Niyama Yoga Shala in Roseland. Classes will be held in the Roseland Library community room. Limited to 12 participants - RSVP required. Suitable for all levels. Participants must bring their own mats, water bottles, and props. Free to Roseland residents and paid Roseland Free Public Library members, \$5 (cash) fee per class for others.

Knitting & Crochet Circle

Monday, March 9, 1-3 pm

Ladies of History Historical Productions

Presents: Eliza Schuyler Hamilton

Monday, March 16, at 6:30 pm

Learn about the interesting life of U.S. President Alexander Hamilton's wife.

Chair Yoga

Tuesday, March 17, at 2 pm

Adult Watercolor Canvas Painting

Wednesday, March 18, at 6:30 pm

Add your own artistic touch to an 8 by 10 canvas. All levels welcome.

Dick Clark's American Bandstand

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Saturday, March 21, at 1:00 pm

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Joel Farkas Presents:

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Wednesday, March 25, at 6:30 pm

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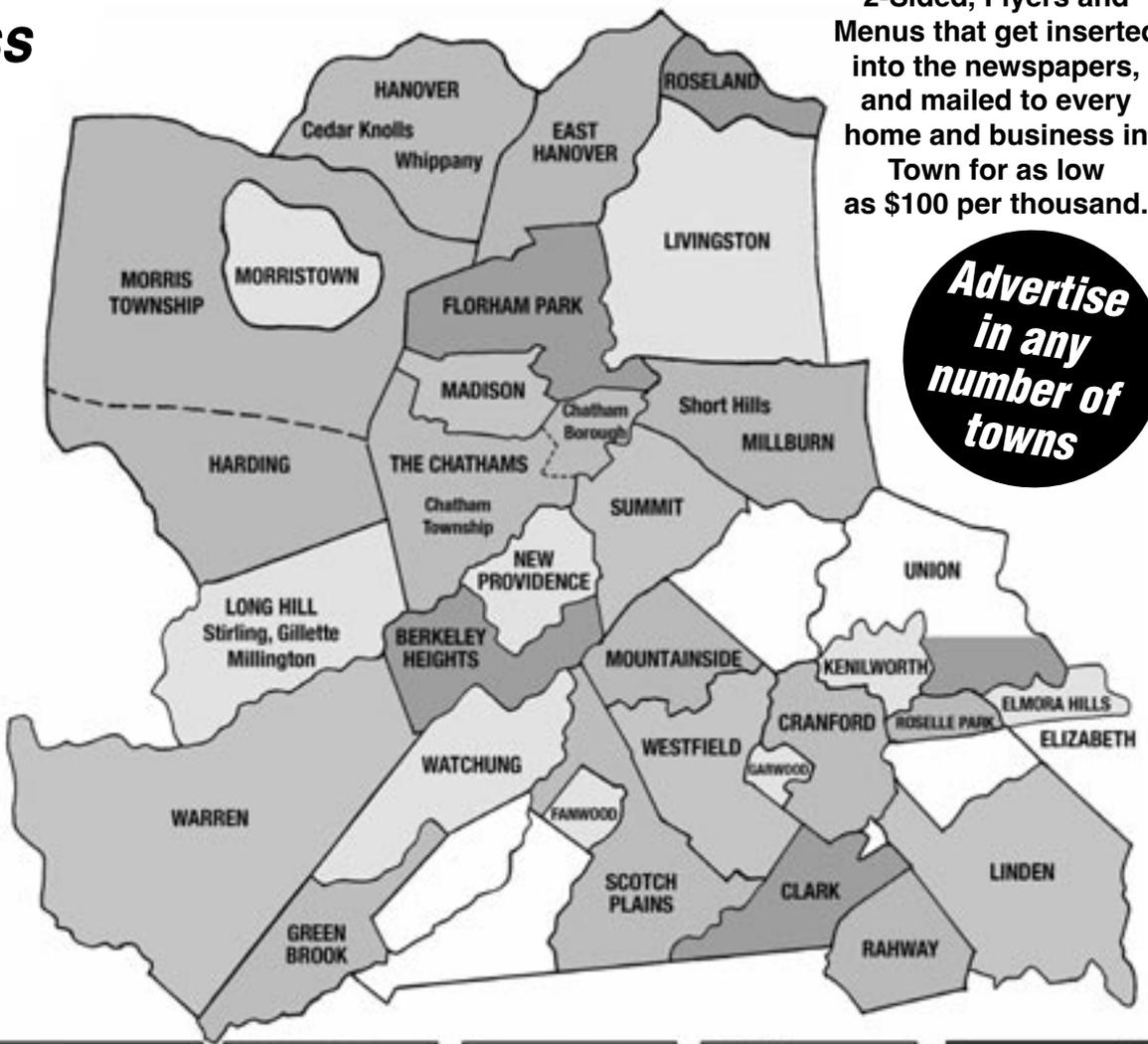
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ALICIA ANGIONE APPOINTED MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

West Essex School District

At the January 7, 2026, meeting, the Board of Education approved Ms. Alicia Angione's appointment as the next Principal of West Essex Middle School, effective on or about March 8. "We are confident that Ms. Angione will be an outstanding addition to our school district," said Superintendent of Schools Damion Macioci.

Ms. Angione currently serves as an Assistant Principal at Paramus High School in Bergen County, where she has been a valued member of the administrative team for the past seven years. In this role, she has demonstrated strong leadership across both instructional and operational areas, including overseeing standardized testing, serving on the school security team, supervising attendance systems and student discipline, conducting teacher

observations and evaluations, and assisting with the planning and implementation of professional development for faculty.

Prior to becoming an administrator, Ms. Angione taught social studies at both the middle and high school levels in the Cedar Grove Public Schools. During her teaching career, she was actively involved in the school community and extracurricular programs, serving as Head Girls Volleyball Coach, Assistant Cheerleading Coach, Peer Leader Advisor, and TREPS Advisor. Her well-rounded background reflects her commitment to students, school safety, and engagement beyond the classroom.

Superintendent Macioci explained that throughout the interview process, Ms. Angione demonstrated a clear understanding of middle school culture, a student-centered leadership

philosophy, and a strong focus on collaboration. He added: "We are confident that her experience and approach align closely with our district's core values and vision for academic excellence."

To provide the community with an opportunity to meet Ms. Angione, she will be on site for a "Meet and Greet" on Thursday, January 29, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. We encourage families, students, and staff to attend. As previously shared, Caesar Diliberto, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, will continue to serve as Interim Principal of West Essex Middle School to ensure a smooth and successful transition. Mr. Diliberto began serving as Interim Principal on January 1, following the resignation of Dr. Gina Donlevie, who accepted a position as Principal of Cranford High School. We are grateful for his leadership and support during this important period. We also wish Dr. Donlevie all the best in her new role.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Angione to our school community! We look forward to the positive impact she will have on West Essex Middle School and the continued success of our students.

Also during the meeting, the Board swore in its members following the November 4 election. Mrs. Deborah Sacco-Calderone of Roseland was sworn in after her reelection, while Mr. Philippe Andre of North Caldwell was sworn in to his first term on the Board. Mrs. Debra Holinstat of North Caldwell was also reelected and will be sworn in in the near future. In addition, the Board held its annual officer elections. Mrs. Maryadele Wojtowicz of North Caldwell was elected President, and Mr. Raphael "Ray" Stampone of Fairfield was elected Vice President. Congratulations to all!



(above, l-r) Board Vice President Raphael Stampone, Superintendent Damion Macioci, Assistant Principal Jeffrey Martin, Incoming MS Principal Alicia Angione, Board President Maryadele Wojtowicz, and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction (and Interim MS Principal) Caesar Diliberto.

Photo by West Essex School District

SENIOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE - MAR 27

Borough of Roseland

Roseland residents, organizations, and groups - now is the time to nominate the person you think should be named the Senior Citizen of the Year, with the winner being recognized at the Senior of the Year Luncheon in May of this year.

Mail a biography or resume of your nominee to the Roseland Recreation Department (140 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068) or email recreation@roselandnj.org and include a nominating letter as to why your nominee should be chosen. Include your name, address, and phone number when submitting. Nominees will

be reviewed by the Recreation Department, the Recreation Borough Council Liaison, and the Roseland Senior Advisory Board.

The senior must be a current Roseland resident, have lived in Roseland for at least three years, be 55+ in age, must be of good character, and must be nominated by a Roseland resident or a committee or organization based in the Borough. No petitions will be accepted, but multiple groups or individuals may submit the same name for consideration.

Questions can be directed to the Recreation office by calling 973-403-6854.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 9TH

Mayor Spango

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities and I have an excellent scholarship opportunity for the High School Juniors and Seniors from the Borough of Roseland. We have teamed up to offer three \$1,000.00 scholarships through the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship

Competition. This statewide scholarship competition centers on the theme "What I Like About My Hometown" and seeks to advance the virtues of elected and volunteer members of municipal government.

The deadline to submit is the end of the workday on March 9, 2026.

HIGH SCHOOL NAMED AP HONOR ROLL WITH GOLD DISTINCTION

We are proud to share the College Board has recently announced that West Essex High School has been named to the Advanced Placement (AP) Program School Honor Roll, earning GOLD distinction. This award recognizes schools whose AP program delivers a high level of achievement while also increasing access to more students.

West Essex High School offers 30 different AP courses including the AP Capstone Diploma Program. Each AP course provides its students the opportunity to earn college credits through a rigorous curriculum and challenging end-of-year assessment. As detailed in the district's recent Annual Assessment Report, 393 students took 1034 AP exams in May 2025. Over 88% of the students passed their exams.

Congratulations to our students, faculty, administration, and staff, for their dedication and commitment to academic excellence!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberly Westervelt,
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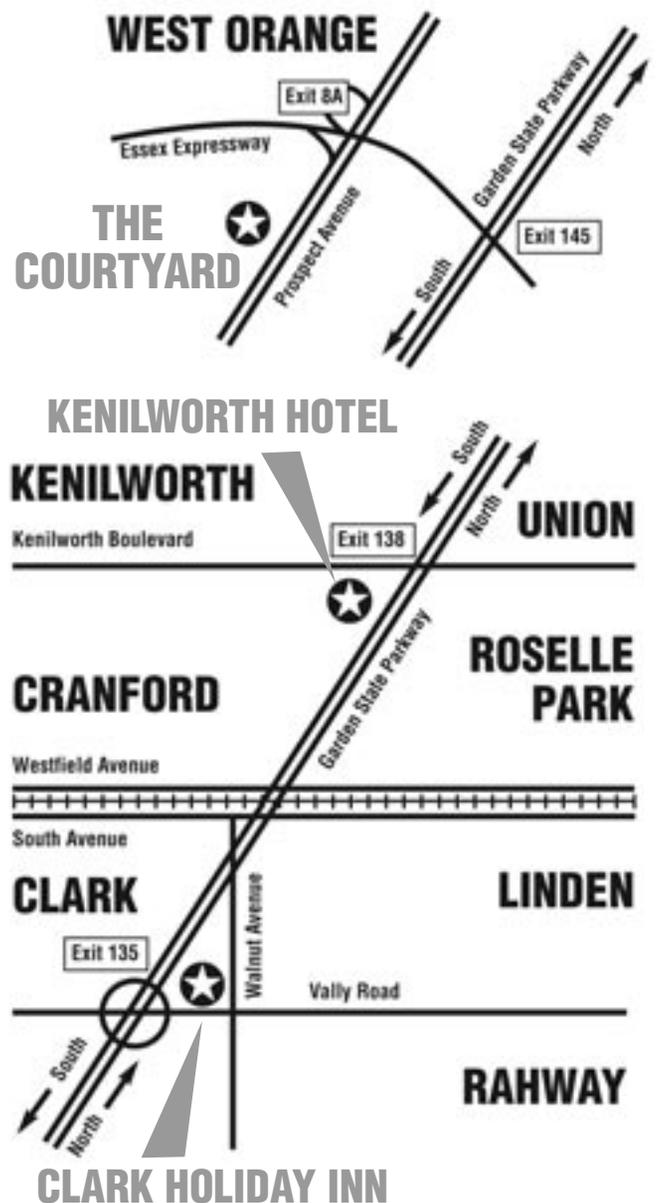
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