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WATCHUNG - WARREN ROTARY CLUB
 Meets every Tuesday at 12:15pm at the Twin Brooks Country Club, 600 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, NJ.
 For more information about the club and upcoming events, please call Bob Aznar at (908) 755-8724.

FAMILY FUN AT ANNUAL PICNIC!

Mobus Field was alive with activity on May 18, 2013 for Watchung's Annual Community Picnic, sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

There was fun and activities for the whole family including

demonstrations, music, games, and free mini train and pony rides. Of course, it wouldn't be a picnic without food like hot dogs and Italian ices to eat outdoors with friends and family.



(above) Watchung Rescue Squad and TGI Friday's Partner to Offer Delicious Snacks



(above, l-r) Pack 32 Kurt Weber, Wendy Ruta, Alex Ruta, Michael Mattiassi, Amanda Mattiassi and Beth Mattiassi.



(above) PBA Provides Refreshments and Displays Patrol Bikes and Car.



(above) Pony rides were a big hit.



(above, l-r) Briana Vaynerchuk, Jennifer Tyler, Jed Ober, and Zach Goodman.



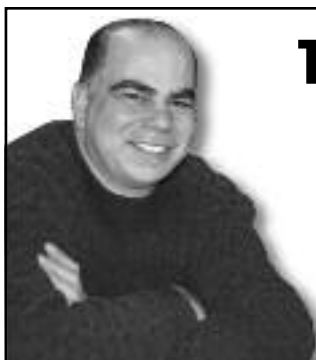
(above) Girls enjoy complimentary Ices.



(above, back, l-r) Lauren Freid, Jen Goodman (front, l-r) Michael Tyler, Elhanan Wilson Nicholas Dias.

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(above, l-r) Colleen Mehegan, Tracy Jacobus; Rose Anne Barr; Phyllis Matteo; Jane Rappaport. - Photo by Lynn Sjurset

SENIORS ENJOY BARBEQUE LUNCH WITH ALL THE FIX-IN'S



(above, l-r) Mayor Stephen Pote and Club President Grace Bell with volunteer grilling team David Mobus and Gary Greeves.



(above, l-r) Ruth Allen, past Watchung Senior Club president, accepts gift of appreciation from Grace Bell, current president, on behalf of the Watchung Senior Club.

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ONE TROOP - TWO AWESOME SERVICE PROJECTS

Watchung 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop 65474



When Troop 65474 began to brainstorm ideas for their Girl Scout Bronze Award service project, these civic minded girls came up with too many to achieve in the year allocated to them. The answer? Divide and Conquer!

STORM READINESS

Selena Adrianzen, Sarah Arber, Alex Bury, Kaelin Churchill, Lauren Ng, and Aishwarya Sabharwal were all exhausted by Superstorm Sandy. The resulting devastation not only cancelled Girl Scout meetings but brought home to them how unprepared they were, even after the snow storms from 2011 and Hurricane Irene. They wanted to do something to help the community, especially the children. Reaching out to the community with surveys, interviews with the Rescue Squad, the police, and of course extensive internet research, resulted in several project ideas. The biggest complaint from children was the lack of things to do in the house when there is no power. The girls prepared 'Emergency Fun Boxes' from donations from local businesses. These were given out to children at the Watchung Spring Community Picnic, and as a result many people were inspired to give money to the Watchung Rescue Squad. The Troop plans to add to this donation from Troop funds. The bigger project involves the creation of a website containing useful information about storms and how to prepare for them. sites.google.com/site/girlscoutstormprep/

The troop leaders were quickly outstripped by the girls' technological abilities!

BEAUTIFYING THE LAKES

Elsbeth Allen, Rachel Krouk, Cristina Sarrico, and Angela Schaeffer worked on how to make their environment more pleasing to the community. They talked to family, friends, neighbors, Brandywine Senior Center, WHRHS Cross Country team, and the Watchung Garden Club. The most common complaint was the amount of geese waste polluting the areas surrounding both lakes. Project 'Geese Poop' was born. The girls discovered that this is a very complex subject that is a problem to communities nationwide. They decided that there were a few things that eleven year old girls could do. It has been proven that no other interventions will work if people feed the geese, so the girls started a 'Don't Feed the Geese' campaign. They handed stickers out to people at the Watchung Spring Community Picnic and educated the children at Bayberry Elementary School. Next, they presented their research at a Watchung Council Meeting where they were very encouraged by the feedback. It was agreed that the Council would further explore a product called 'Away-With-Geese' and that the Troop would donate a sign to the community making it more obvious that feeding the geese is against the law. What did they learn from all this? "Democracy is hard, everyone had a different opinion!" "It is important to make eye contact when talking to people," "People talked to us more when we had our Girl Scout uniforms on," "The idea we started with, was not the one we finished with!"



(above) Storm Fun Kits at Community Picnic.

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(above) Girl Scout crosses B.S. Troop 32's Rope Bridge



(above) Cowgirls enjoy free pony rides



(above) Chloe Bahna pauses briefly for a photo after winning in a 3-way tie following the Hula Hoop Marathon Contest.



(above, top to bottom) Tyler Piggot, Blake Bahna, Jenn Tyler and Briana Vaynerchuk enjoy the park playset.



(above) Boys Zumba Dance



(above) Complimentary Hot Dogs Served for All by Watchung Recreation Commission.



(above) Happy Kids Prepare to Launch Another Round of Pack 32 Supplied Stomp Rockets



(above) Young Boy gets to the final challenge on inflatable obstacle course

NEWS FROM WATCHUNG LIBRARY

Watchung Library is located at 12 Stirling Road in Watchung, behind the Watchung Arts Center.

For complete program registration information, please check the online calendar (www.somerset.lib.nj.us, then go to Evenys/Programs for Watchung).

Program information is subject to change, so also look online for updated programs and additions.

READ & WIN

Joining a summer reading club gives readers lots of chances to win prizes this summer at Watchung Library! Here's how:

FOR CHILDREN

Every time you visit the library to record your minutes of reading, you'll receive TWO RAFFLE TICKETS or chances to win the GRAND PRIZES at the end of the summer, as well as other prizes during the summer.

You can also pick up a prize when you've completed 100, 250, 500, 1,000, 1,500, 2,000, 4,000 and 6,000 minutes of reading. The GRAND PRIZES for the children's Dig into Reading summer reading club include a colorful, jumbo plush dragon, or a microscope with projector, accessory kit and carrying case.

There are also weekly activities and guessing games that give you chances to win more prizes.

FOR TEENS

The Beneath the Surface teen summer reading club is giving away books, snacks and gift cards. The GRAND PRIZE is a Samsung Galaxy Tablet 2. Every three hours of reading gives you a chance for a prize.

For Adults

A tote bag awaits adults who join the Groundbreaking Reads summer reading club! Every book you read also enters you into drawings for gift cards, and the GRAND PRIZES of a Kindle Fire, or one of five Kindle eReaders with power adapters. After reading ten books, you'll receive a Stylus Pen.

DO YOU LOVE TO READ? YOU CAN BECOME A MEMBER OF 6,000 CLUB

Thanks to the Friends of the Watchung Library, anyone who registers for the children's summer reading club and reads an amazing 6,000 minutes or more will be awarded THE 6,000 CLUB TROPHY! Why? Because 6,000 minutes make someone a reading STAR! So, this summer, DIG INTO READING and REACH FOR THE STARS!

GARDEN CLUB OF WATCHUNG GIVES CHILDREN FLAVORS FROM THE GARDEN

Thanks to the Garden Club of Watchung, children registering for the Dig into Reading Summer Reading Club will receive a small herb plant for growing – and eating! Herbs will be available while supplies last.

Readers will also be able to participate in Rock & Roll- the Dirt on Soil, presented by the Morris Museum. And thanks to the Garden Club, children attending programs will also be eligible to win Growums herb and vegetable starter kits which are linked to an online site of growing fun for kids (www.growums.com).

BE A BURROW BUDDY!

As part of Watchung Library's Dig into Reading summer, children will be able to discover more about the creatures who live beneath their feet, and in doing so, become a Burrow Buddy!

The library will be featuring a different underground animal each week from June 24 to August 19. There will be fun Underground Facts to unearth about each creature, a creative craft to make, and a selection of stories and informational books to read all about the animals at home.

A Burrow Buddy Reading Log is included in each child's registration packet. Children who read one fact book or story about an underground creature each week will become a Burrow Buddy, and win a Burrow Buddy Rabbit.

Books about burrowing animals are at Watchung, and can be reserved from any of the other nine branch libraries and delivered to Watchung. To see what story and fact books about underground animals are available in the Somerset County Library System, visit www.somerset.lib.nj.us.

So dig into reading and be a Burrow Buddy this summer!

You may win a GROWUMS Garden Kit by attending a program!

Thanks to the Garden Club of Watchung, a Growums garden kit will be raffled off at selected programs. See how much fun growing vegetables and herbs can be at Growums.com.

WIN THE SMARTFOX

Children who have joined the summer reading club and come to the library to report their summer reading can fill out a raffle ticket for a chance to win the SmartFox!. The Smartfox, donated by Build-A-Bear, is a plush red fox who loves to read, and is wearing black glasses and sneakers. The raffle is open to all ages. A winner will be pulled on August 26. Be smart – READ! You may win a SmartFox!

WATCHUNG IS WORKING TOGETHER FOR LITERACY

Thanks to the Friends of the Watchung Library and the Watchung community for making it possible for the library to offer an array of free programs, activities and awards that support summer reading for children.

Throughout the year, the Friends of the Watchung Library have been organizing book sales, bake sales and a fish-naming contest to raise funds for summer reading. In response, the Watchung community has been very generous in their support of these endeavors. The results of this collaboration follows below.

The Library gratefully acknowledges the Friends of the Watchung Library for their work in helping to promote children's reading.

CURRENT BOOKS BOOK CLUB

Ages: Adult

Current Books Book Club Second Monday of the Month at 7:30 PM

(with exceptions for holidays)

Mark your calendars!

Monday, July 8:

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

A monster assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.

SOCIAL ACTION NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

Ages: Adult

Third Thursday of the Month

at 7:30 PM for books, 7:00 PM for films

Thursday, July 18 at 7:00 PM:

FILM: *Angry Planet*

There are five DVDs to choose from. Shows the effects of super storms and other super climate events - will choose which episode to see at the time of showing.

TASTY BITES AND BOOKS

Ages: Adult

Bring a bag lunch and share your thoughts!

Monday, July 15 at Noon:

Home by Toni Morrison

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(above, back, l-r) Mets: Coach Curt Dahl, Nicholas Candilorus, Tommy Casale, Jake Zaikov, James Rhyner, and Alyssa Agugliaro (front, l-r) Nico Savatta, Michael Tyler, Alex Zaikov, Doyle Hunsinger and Matt Dahl. Not pictured were Coach Bill Candilorus and Coach Ken Casale



(above) Mets' Tommy Casale winds up for a fast ball pitch.



(above, Back ,l-r) Spectator Moms Jill Goldman and Greta Santucci; (front, l-r) Lauren Freid, Jodi Hector, and Marianne Tyler.



(above) End of game congratulations, Yankees win championship game



(above, back row, l-r) Yankees: Rohil Navani, Kelly Hector, Coach Steve Rizzi and Coach Scott DiGiacomo. (front row, l-r) Andrew Goldan, Preston Sepe, Finn DiGiacomo, Vinny Rizzi, Tyler Irving, Jaeden Ead, Tyler Piggot, John Santucci and Jody Canellis.

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