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(above) *The Improvables* will be providing audiences with outlandish humor, 8 p.m. at the WAC on Saturday, October 13 (Family Improv) and Saturday, November 17 (Adult Improv)

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On September 21, 2012, the premiere issue of The Watchung Post went to press. The Watchung Post is a brand-new community newspaper published by Renna Media (of Cranford, New Jersey). The Post will strive to be a source for local-interest stories, announcements for upcoming events, and important municipal information. The Post will feature press releases and announcements from Watchung's local government, schools, community service groups, recreation department, and non-profit organizations. The newspaper will be delivered – for free – to every home and business in town. It will be printed the third Friday of every month, and will be in mailboxes around town the following Monday. The publication is entirely supported by local advertising; regional businesses who are interested in opportunities to advertise their business in The Watchung Post will find ad rates on page two.

The Watchung Post would like to emphasize to Watchung residents that this is their paper, and their chance to share all of the great things that are going on in town with their neighbors. If you have a story idea, or an announcement you'd like to include in the paper, please contact Nick Keyasko at (908) 930-2425, or at thepride@rennamedia.com, and we will print as much of your news as we can fit!

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There will be costume contests, pumpkin painting, pony rides, trackless train rides, fun slides, and other enjoyable activities for the whole family. There will also be music, entertainment, and some snacks and refreshments. Please, the event is for Watchung Residents only!

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For additional information, please contact Laura Merizio at (908) 490-0140, or at ajmlam4@aol.com. Feel free to visit our website: www.nncwhnj.org.

WATCHUNG-WARREN ROTARY CLUB

The Watchung-Warren Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12:15pm at the Twin Brooks County Club, 600 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, NJ. For more information about the club and upcoming events, please call Bob Aznar at (908) 755-8724.

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WATCHUNG BOROUGH 9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY



(above) Boy Scout Troop 32 leads the ceremony in The Pledge of Allegiance.

On the 11th anniversary of the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center, the Watchung community gathered across at the Village Green to “share the sorrow of the 746 New Jerseyans who lost their lives,” as Mayor Mobus said in his speech. Mayor Mobus also paid special tribute to two Watchung residents who lost their lives on 9/11. Christopher Ingrassia, a graduate of Watchung Hills Regional High School and Princeton University, was a talented athlete and a friend to many in his community. Mr. Ingrassia was working at Cantor Fitzgerald, on the 104th floor of Tower One, on the morning of September 11th. Ms. Honor Elizabeth Waino had moved to Watchung in 2000. She was on United Flight 93. Her last conversation was a phone call with her stepmother, who said Ms. Waino “exuded calm” as she faced her death. Her last words to her stepmother (“I have to go, I love you, good bye,”) were used in the 2011 film *United 93*.

“Watchung lost two young, talented individuals on that day,” Mayor Mobus said in his remarks. “For them, for all those lost, and for all those still suffering, we gather here today.”

Many members of the Watchung community

came out to participate in the ceremony. The Valley View Middle School Ensemble performed at the opening and close of the ceremony. Boy Scout Troop 32 and Patrol Leader Noah Monetti led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Local resident Ruth Sachariah performed a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, as well as “The Sound of Silence.”

Rescue Squad Captain Adam Wexler and Sergeant Charles Pivnichny carried and placed a ceremonial wreath for the victims. Mayor Mobus also acknowledged “...the first responders, who put their lives on the line.” He paid special tribute to Al Kappelmann, who was working a few blocks away from the towers on 9/11. Mr. Kappelmann, a former Green Brook Fire Chief, re-entered the towers numerous times to save other victims at the expense of his own life.

The event was a solemn tribute to all of those lost on September 11th, but also an example of the Watchung community coming together. Councilman William Nehls thanked all of the volunteers of Watchung’s 9/11 Committee, who worked to plan the ceremony, as well as the many residents and families who attended.

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(above) Mayor Mobus.



(above) Watchung's Fire and Rescue Squad.



(above) The "Flag of Heroes", which lists the names of all those lost on 9/11, is displayed at the ceremony.



(above) Alexandra Benc reads her original poem, "The Names."



(above) Ruth Sachariah performs "The Sound of Silence."



(above) Councilman William Nehls speaks about Watchung Resident Honor Elizabeth Waino, who was on United Flight 93 on September 11th.



(above) Rescue Squad Captain Adam Wexler and Sgt. Charles Pivnichny.

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The Pink SOCS Foundation officially became

(left, r-l) Mike Chirichella with Lou Vargas, who is a Trustee of the SOCS foundation.

a 501(c) 3 public charity in February 2008, but they started raising money for cancer several years earlier. The Foundation began as the Pinkham family's attempt to actively fight back against breast cancer. At that point, 4 of the 9 Pinkham sisters had already received a breast cancer diagnosis.

In 2005, the small group raised \$38,000 in their first year of participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, \$57,000 in their second year and along with other fundraising efforts have raised over \$300,000 to date. The organization also raises money for cancer research and scholarships for students who have battled cancer. For more info, visit www.pinksocs.org.



(above, r-l) Louise Roesler, Diane Ray and Terri Keefe volunteered at The Pink SOCS Foundation Golf Outing held at Twin Brooks Country Club in Watchung.



(above, r-l) Jackie Terhune, SOCS Board member, lines up her chip shot as event volunteer; Teresa Chirichella, waits her turn.

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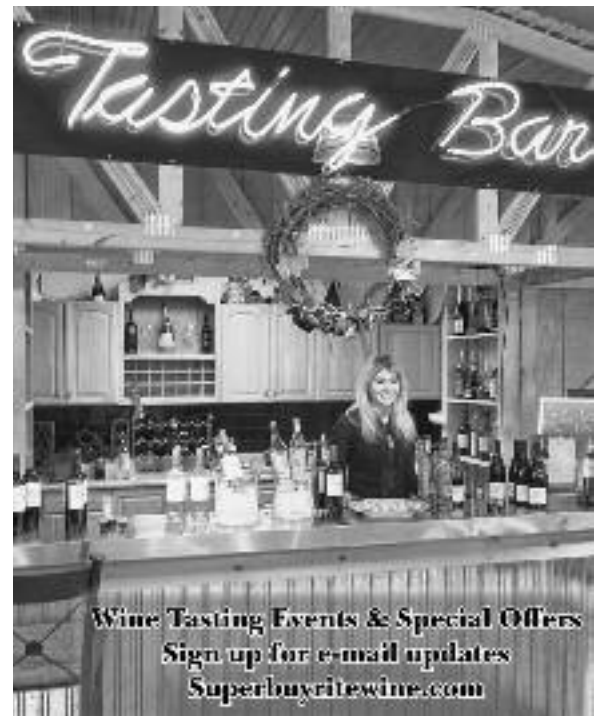
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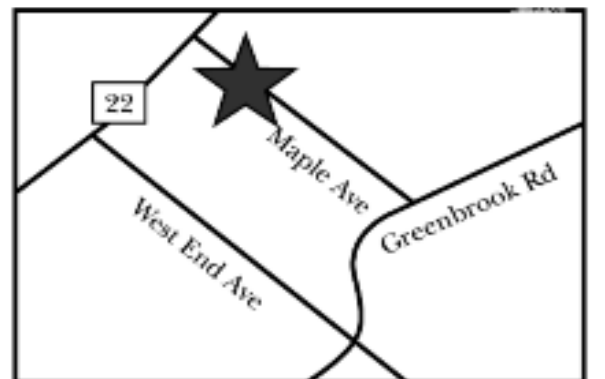
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