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The Township of Green Brook would like to announce its "Shop Local for the Holidays" Campaign, in conjunction with the launch of the Green Brook Business Directory on the Township website. The directory consists of a listing of all businesses in town including the business name, location, and contact information. The goal of this initiative is to provide residents with a convenient way to search for local business options, making it even easier to support Green Brook's business community. The directory can be found on our website at www.greenbrooktwp.org.

A strong connection between the Township of Green Brook, our residents, and our local business community is invaluable. Before you leave town to shop or dine, or order clothing and consumer goods online, take a look at the Green Brook Business Directory and see what you can get locally.

BENEFITS OF SHOPPING LOCAL

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Shopping local creates jobs. Shops in our town create local employment and self-employment. These people in turn spend in the local economy.

Green Brook NEW JERSEY Municipal Services News & Events Welcome to the official Township of Green Brook website! Please take a look around and connect as if there is anything that you cannot locate. Take a look in the updated documents library and the improved alender. Thanks for visiting! Calendar of Events Announcements

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Shopping locally saves you time and money. You travel less, saving on time and fuel.

Shopping locally retains our communities. People don't like losing shops and services in small towns but don't equate this with how they spend their money.

Shopping locally retains our distinctiveness. Independent shops create distinctive shopping experiences and stock different products. Local businesses respond more quickly to the needs of local customers, stocking products to meet changing population needs.

Shopping locally saves the environment. Local shops often stock a high percentage of locally sourced goods that do not require long-distance transportation, helping to reduce our global footprint.

Local shops are for everyone. Most people can get to their local shops easily. This is especially important for the elderly, young people and others who rely on public transportation.

Local shops value you more. Evidence from numerous surveys show people receive better customer care and service locally. These businesses survive by their reputation and repeat business, which means you get a higher standard of service.

Shopping local saves services. Private and public sector services cluster around shops. As shops disappear so do hairdressers, banks, restaurants and other businesses.

(List courtesy of www.the350project.net)

We hope this information helps our residents make the choice to shop local not only during the holiday season but throughout the year. Happy Holidays!



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STAY INFORMED ABOUT GBTPS NEWS

Stay connected and ensure that you do not miss any news or information pertaining to the wonderful things occurring in the Green Brook Township Public Schools by subscribing to email alerts via the district website at www.gbtps.org. In addition, please take the time to view the contents of the Web Backpacks located on the home page of the district website, as well as on the home pages for each school.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF GREEN BROOK

In 1872 a large tract of land was subdivided from Warren. Since the prominent city at that time was Plainfield and the land was all north of the city, the subdivided lands were named North Plainfield Township.

In 1885 land was carved out to form the Borough of North Plainfield and it's inception. And then in 1926 Washingtonville area requested portions of North Plainfield Township land and adopted the name of Watchung Borough.

There is a quarry in back of the current Huston Lumber; mainly on the land of a gentleman named Smalley, whose home was at 30 Interhaven Avenue. Quarrymaster Smalley had great foresight. So when Watchung was formed he made sure his property remained with North Plainfield Township.

Being opportunistic, when the remaining land was renamed as Green Brook Township in 1932, Mr. Smalley was waiting in the wings to become the first Mayor.

THE GREEN BROOK CULTURAL HERITAGE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING: 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 7:30 pm GREEN BOOK TOWN HALL 111 Greenbrook Rd • Green Brook, NJ THE GREEN BROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS DIRECTLY AFTER AT 8:30 PM. We are always looking

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Operation Shoebox NJ has shipped more than 62,000 total packages to U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and other posts in the Middle East.

Monetary donations are gladly accepted, as shipping costs are about \$25 to send four care packages.

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- Instant oatmeal (individual packets)
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- Boxes of hot chocolate (individual packets)
- Bars of soap
- Small cans of tuna with pop-tops
- Small bottles of shampoo
- Small cans of fruit with pop-tops
- Deodorant non-aerosol
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WATCHUNG HILLS STUDENTS EARN 2013 'AP SCHOLAR' DESIGNATION

By Eleanor Mathews

Two-hundred-and- twenty-four Watchung Hills Regional High School students who took Advanced Placement (AP) Exams in May of 2013 have won distinction as "AP Scholars," according to the College Board, creators and sponsors of the Advanced Placement (testing) program.

provides motivated and The program academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school and to earn college credit, advanced placement in college course work, or both, for successful performance on the AP Exams. The program offers several levels of awards which recognize college-level achievement on students' performance on the Advanced Placement Exams, and students may progress from one level to the next as they successfully complete the exams which are given each spring.

At Watchung Hills, 19 students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award, which designates students who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these. Watchung Hills' National AP Scholars, whose average score was 4.62, are:

Neha Agrawal Kayleigh Askin Jessica Bethlahmy **Rohit Biswas** Kevin Chen Katherine Dong Joshua Ehrenberg John Draikiwicz Olivia Hampton Alan Gou Patricia Hwang Felix Kung Hao Yan Li Diana Liao Audrey Luo Milonee Mehta **Brian Pester** Matthew Piekarski Jessica Xu.

The AP Scholar with Distinction designation recognizes students who received an average score of at least 3.5 on all APs taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Watchung Hills had 86 Scholars with Distinction who earned an average score of 4.31. They are:

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The AP Scholar with Honor designation was granted to students who received an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. There were 34 students in this category; their average score was 3.90. They are:

Celine Alapatt Mark Barrameda Elizabeth Booth Elana Borinsky Karen Chi Salil Chowdhury Audrey Chu Jordan Cole Teddy Devico James Ford Eric Gardner **David Garyantes** Bryan Gerber Kalashree Gopal Aaron Jaslove Josh Katz Yiming Li Kathleen Lo Noah Monetti Natalie Moszcynski Alexandra Pash Benjamin Profenius Dillon Robinson Syeda Quader Erin Schwartzstein Setu Shah

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Eighty-five students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams. Watchung Hills had 85 such Scholars,

with an average score of 3.58 They are: Trevor Adriaanse Melissa Aiello Sara Battaglia Tuhina Bhat Lucy Bolognese Alyssa Bonnesen Samantha Braver Zachary Chan Cody Chen-Shao Woo Chang **Zachary Collins** Adam Christopherson Kelsey Conway Christopher Cottrill Alexis Coven Joseph Da Christopher Demczuk Michael Dejesus Michael Di Bianca Jeremy Di Calogero Bridget Doran Sreya Doddakashi Alison Draikiwicz Anika Fanlo George Filippatos Mitchel Fung Lianne Galante Keryn Gallagher Kevin Glorius-Patrick Michelle Gallic Brandi Goldman Abhinav Goyal Kevin Guo Brandon Harris Greer Hennnessy Julia Horowitz Isabella Hou Kristy Huang Katherine Humphrey Andrew Hunter Claire Iroudayassamy Kyle Isler Cristine Jones Max Kabat Amalia Kanaras Eshan Kaul Rebecca Kinsella Jaclyn Kukoff Samantha Larkey Rachel Langer Jesse Lu. Deborah Liaw Danielle Mak Harley Maslin Anika Mavinkurve Erin Murray Isabella Nugent Ashwini Nagappan David Oliveira Harsimran Panesar Vikas Patel Arjun Puranapanda Ben Raibley Jessica Reyes Leah Rich Jared Roth Joyce Samarina Hana Sawanobori Lauren Scott Mengting Shen Stephanie Silva Sahib Singh Patrick Skowronski Julia Smith Abhay Srinivas Joshua Stein Justin Strnatko Spencer Taffet Valerie Tan Tenzin Tsepel Joshua Voorhees Alexander Wang **Emily Weaver** Kavinda Wijayaratne Mitchell Woo

Each of the different AP Exams is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and Advanced Placement teachers, ensuring that the exams are aligned with the same high standards expected by college faculty at some of the nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions. AP scores are accepted by more than 3, 800 colleges and universities worldwide, including more than 90% of four-year institutions in the United States. Many of the students listed above have already begun their college studies and have either received credit for their achievement or have bypassed some of the required courses.

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Cross in the distribution of Vitameal to those hit hardest in the Philippines. Vitameal is Nuskins nutritional food product (similar to porridge) that will last a child for a month or an adult for 15 days. Attached please find a flyer and form to order Vitameals.

During this season of giving, I hope you consider providing assistance. In the words of Mrs. Frank: "Think of the impact we can have on the lives of so many others. We may just save a life!"

Please help this massive effort, your donation CAN AND WILL make a difference in the life of someone else. If you have questions, please contact Ileane Frank 201-303-2529, or email ileane.frank@gmail.com.

During this season of giving

The Philippines Still Needs OUR Help!



In light of the destruction and devastation in the Philippines, the charity Nourish The Children, will be sending bags of nutritious meals overseas to the areas hardest hit by the Typhoon.

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You will receive a tax receipt from Feed the Children, who along with the American Red Cross will be distributing the food.

Those affected have no food, or water to drink. The rebuilding effort is going to be very long and arduous, with more than 10,000 men, warmen and children displaced.

Please help this massive effort, your donation CAN AND WILL make a difference in the life of someone else. If you have questions, please contact Ileane Frank 201-303-2529, or email Ileane.frank@gmail.com.

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WATCHUNG HILLS HS IS SEEKING HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

By Eleanor Mathews

Nominations to Watchung Hills Regional High School's Hall of Fame are being accepted through January 15th, 2014. Nomination forms may be obtained at the school's main office at 108 Stirling Road, Warren Township school website, www.whrhs.org.

The names of the 2014 honorees will be announced at the end of February, and an induction/reception ceremony for those selected by the nominating committee is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the evening of Friday, May 9th in the school's Performing Arts Center.

The Watchung Hills Hall of Fame, initiated in 2008, marking the school's fiftieth anniversary, honors alumni of the school who have achieved distinction either during their high school years or in professional or community life thereafter, and also acknowledges individuals such as school board members, teachers, coaches and others who exemplify outstanding service to the school. Alumni nominees must have graduated at least ten years ago.

Nominations of individuals who were nominated but not selected will be retained for consideration for four years.

Persons who lack complete information about a potential Hall of Fame nominee, are requested to fill out the nomination form and contact Vice Principal Terry MacConnell at tmacconnell@whrhs.org, or call him at (908)647-4800, Ext. 6975, for further assistance. Every attempt will be made by the Hall of Fame committee to gather additional information about that nominee.

Those honored by membership in the Hall of Fame are recognized by a personalized plaque in the school's main lobby. The Hall of Fame includes persons who represent many fields, such as teaching, music, public service, entertainment, the arts, athletics, science, etc.

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Renna Media is a Cranford based business owned and operated by husband and wife team Joe and Tina Renna. Cranford Monthly joins Renna Media's family of twelve community newspapers published in and around Union and Somerset counties. The publications are "hyperlocal" in nature in that they contain information focused on each individual town and are direct mailed within those towns.

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