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## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT DEDICATION CEREMONY

On September 18, 2014, at Harding Elementary School in Kenilworth, Chris Kossor, a Life Scout with Kenilworth Boy Scout Troop 83, completed and dedicated his Eagle Scout project which was to purchase, assemble and install two picnic tables, two benches and a garbage can near the school's recreation play area. Chris would like to thank all of the students, parents, teachers, Kenilworth Board of Education members, alumni, and members of the community for their generous fund raising and monetary donations that totaled \$3,800 and he would also like to thank Troop 83 for their help with the assembly and installation of picnic tables, benches and garbage can. Lastly, Chris would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Ronald Bubnowski, Assistant Principal of Harding Elementary School, for his mentorship and guidance throughout his Eagle Scout project. Please stop by and test out the new tables and benches!



(above, l-r) Dedication Ceremony at Harding Elementary School in Kenilworth – Superintendent of Kenilworth Schools, Dr. Scott Taylor; Principal of Harding Elementary School, Mrs. Kathleen Murphy; Assistant Principal of Harding Elementary School, Mr. Ronald Bubnowski, Laura Kossor, Chris Kossor, Mike Kossor; Principal of David Bearley Middle/High School, Mr. Brian Luciani.

## 2014 KENILWORTH SILVER CARD ANNUAL DINNER

The Kenilworth PBA #135 held their annual Silver Card Association dinner on October 9, 2014 at the Garlic Rose Bistro, Cranford.

This annual dinner is the group's main fund raising event and helps to underwrite the various charitable organizations that they support. In the last year they were able to help Hurricane Sandy victims, disabled veterans, local youth groups, church food drives and several needy area families.

The dinner honors supporters of the PBA. The 2014 Silver Card recipients were Valerie Smith, John Weaver and Robert "Bobby" Durana.

Valerie Smith has been a Kenilworth Police officer for 13 years. She is the first female police officer in the history of the Kenilworth Police Department. She has been married for twelve years to her husband Mike, a Roselle Park police officer, and they have a beautiful seven year old daughter named Audrey.

John Weaver is the owner of Weaver Printing and Digital Copies which is located in Cranford. The company has been family owned and operated for over 40 years. John was born and raised in Cranford and for the last 20 plus years has served on the Board of Directors of the Cranford Chamber of Commerce. John and his wife Cheryl have been married for 31 years and reside in Piscataway. They have four adult children, Kyle, Trevor, RaeAnn and Lance.

Robert "Bobby" Durana is the owner and president of All County

Dispenser located in Kenilworth. He was born, raised and has lived in Kenilworth in the same house for 59 years. He has been married to his lovely wife Patty for 13 years who also runs the office for the business.



(above, l-r) Silver Card Association President Robert W. Schielke, Kenilworth Police Chief John Zimmerman, Retired Kenilworth Police Lieutenant Ricky Dopf



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This letter will be my last letter as your Mayor. The election on November 4 will put in place a new mayor once the election is certified. It has been an honor to be Mayor of our charming town. During my tenure I have strived to do what is right for Kenilworth's citizens. There have been accomplishments and frustrations. I have seen many of our fellow residents endeavor to do what is best for our community. Unfortunately this has not been universal with all the people I have interacted with. I urge the new Mayor to remain steadfast in their Mayoral duties and resistant to the pressures that come with the position. Have a great Holiday season and may God Bless you all.

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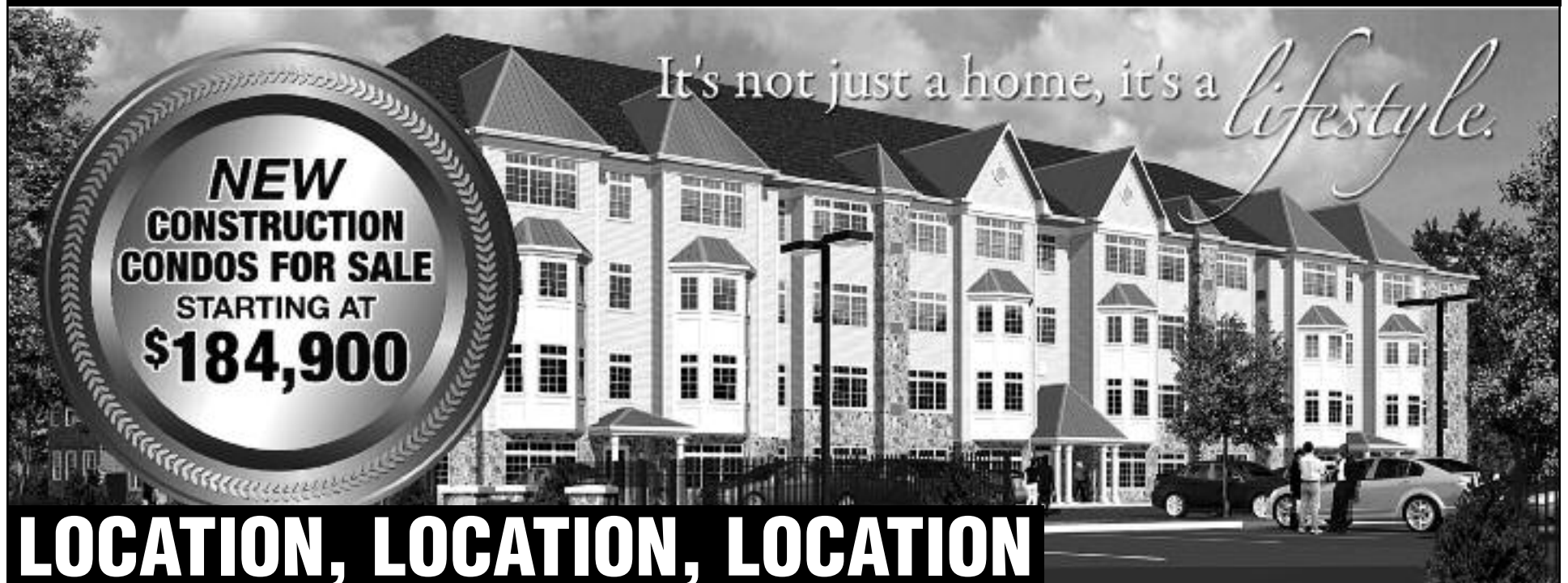
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House Yoga is a military veteran owned studio. The studio owner, Christa Lapinig, joined the Army National Guard when she graduated high school in 2003 after the 9/11 events. In 2004-2005 she deployed to Iraq with the Bravo 250th Signal Battalion stationed out of the Westfield Armory for Operation Iraqi Freedom III. After giving birth to her beautiful son Jonas in 2008, and graduating Cum Laude from NJIT in 2010, she decided to complete her enlistment with the Army in 2012 after 9 unforgettable years.

Christa moved to Kenilworth in 2012 from Jersey City and immediately fell in love with the town, the people, and Harding Elementary. After

completing her 200 Hour Yoga Certification earlier this year, she decided to open the studio in Kenilworth. Along with nine other unique and amazing yoga instructors from her training class, they are dedicated to House Yoga's mission to help build an even stronger community, and to share the benefits of how a solid yoga practice can build stronger minds, bodies and souls.

House Yoga continues to be active in the community and was recently at the Kenilworth Street Fair. In celebration of Veterans Day, all veterans and active military are welcome to take a free class anytime during Veterans Day Week. Upcoming events include House Kula Movie Night featuring Yoga Unveiled, a top rated yoga documentary on November 7th, and a Yoga Nidra Workshop on November 16. They soon plan to implement kids and teen yoga classes and workshops at the studio. Information about the studio, class schedule, and events can be found at [www.HouseYogaNJ.com](http://www.HouseYogaNJ.com).



(above) House Yoga Studio owner Christa Lapinig



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The 11th Annual Taste of Kenilworth drew over 200 hungry visitors to savor the culinary offerings of several fine eateries from Kenilworth and neighboring municipalities. Visitors were teased by an array of aromas – from garlic to curry to chocolate – and rewarded with more than just a "taste" of Kenilworth.

Local residents have long known Kenilworth as Union County's dining jewel, as the community is home to many fine restaurants and cultural eateries. Once annually a number of these establishments unite to feature the culinary cuisines of their kitchens in one gathering of hungry diners.

Proceeds from the Taste of Kenilworth benefit Kenilworth students through the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Prize. The event was hosted by Merck & Co. and featured a live D.J. and a raffle fundraiser.

The 2014 Taste of Kenilworth was presented by the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce and Merck & Co. Local business support included Kenilworth Business Life and Renna Media, the

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The Taste of Kenilworth represents the continued commitment of the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce to bring together its business and residential communities for the enrichment of both.

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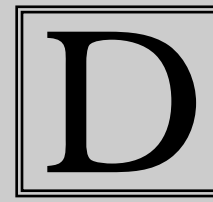
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Chief John Zimmerman announced that the Kenilworth Police Department has completed a 4-part training at the David Brearley High School with the sophomore class of health teacher Steve Shohfi. This training was run in conjunction with the Union County Prosecutor's Office and their Human Relations Commission representative Karen Positan, who helped arrange the program.

Chief Zimmerman said "this program is to introduce the students of how to properly interact with the police", and "to get the perspectives of the students thoughts about such interactions".

Several Kenilworth Police Officers were present in the class for a practical question and answer session, and also during the next session where the class moved into the school parking lot for a role reversal scenario. During the role reversal, officers played the role of "suspects" and students were assigned the role of police

officer to make stops of the suspects. The students were put into various situations which Kenilworth officers have experienced throughout their careers.

Captain William Hannon of the Department, also present for the program, commented "the students were able to have a firsthand experience of the tasks we face every day as officers, from such simple things as a routine traffic stop, to trying to arrest someone for a criminal matter".

Chief Zimmerman lauded the program "I want to personally thank the Kenilworth Police Officers for their participation along with the County Prosecutor's Office, and especially Karen Positan for presenting this important program to our students", and concluded with "we expect to make this program a regular part of our service to the students at Brearley and the community, by expanding it to different student groups next year."

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(above, l-r) Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 2230 Commander Bobby Jeans presents a new American flag to the General Chairman Tony Brennan and Parade Adjutant Kathleen Holmes of the 2015 Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. The flag donated by VFW 2230 and the Kenilworth Veterans Center will fly above the Irish tricolor over the grand stand at the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14, 2015 in Union Township. For more information about the parade visit [unioncountystpatricksdaysparade.com](http://unioncountystpatricksdaysparade.com). Photo by Jim Lowney

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# SWIFTREACH EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

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In our efforts to provide more reliable communications with residents and businesses, the Kenilworth Borough has implemented Swiftreach Networks as our Emergency and Non-Emergency Notification service provider.

Swift911™ is a high speed notification program with the capability of delivering recorded warnings to the entire community or to specific people or areas, via telephone, email, or text. This system is also useful for sharing important and, on occasion, critical information. The calls you receive will come from 908-276-9090 and have the Caller ID of Kenilworth. Emergency messages are able to reach TTY (teletypewriter) phones used by those who are deaf or hard of hearing. Additionally, the system employs a Do Not Call component for those who do not wish to receive the alerts.

The Swiftreach Network Data has been provided by a third party data provider and only includes listed phone numbers in the Kenilworth

Borough. It is important for residents and business owners to provide contact information such as unlisted/unpublished landlines and/or cell phone numbers. Accurate numbers in the database help to ensure emergency information will be passed on to everyone in a timely manner.

If you would like to provide an alternate number other than your home number you may also do so. The alternate phone number would be called if your primary phone number is not answered by a person or answering machine.

If you are not receiving these calls, please go to our website at [kenilworthborough.com/](http://kenilworthborough.com/) and click on the 'Swift911™ Notification' icon on the left-hand side of the page. Then, click on the 'Register Now!' button to register your contact information. If you have already registered your contact information, you can log in at any time to update your information. You may also remove yourself from our lists.

## ST. THERESA'S SEEKING THANKSGIVING FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

St. Theresa's Social Concerns Food Pantry is gearing up for their Thanksgiving food basket distribution. Last year they distributed over 250 baskets and turkeys and they anticipate a bigger need than any year before. Nonperishable food items can be dropped off at the back of the Church on Sundays or any day of the week between 9 am to 3 pm at the Rectory.

There is a special need for gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce and canned yams.

Frozen turkeys can be dropped off the Friday before Thanksgiving (November 21st) between 9am - 5 pm at St. Theresa's Rectory.

Baskets will be distributed the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 22nd). If you need a basket call the Rectory to reserve one at (908) 272-4444. Only first names are required. There will be no baskets given out without a reservation.

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denominations are also needed. Gift cards and checks payable to St. Theresa's can be mailed to Social Concerns c/o The Church of Saint Theresa, 541 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ 07033.

## GIVING TREE

With Thanksgiving behind them, Social Concerns will now be collecting donations for a "giving tree" which will be located in St. Theresa's church. The tree is decorated with tags with needed items written on them. Donors simply take as many tags as they wish and return the items to the church for distribution.

The orders on the tags were collected from needy families within the community as well as Covenant House, Catholic Charities and St. Joseph's Social Service Center located in Elizabeth. If you are in need please call the Rectory (908) 272-4444.

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# JOYFUL STUDENTS

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Joyful... Joyful... Joyful... was the theme for the month of September for St. Theresa School in Kenilworth. Principal, Sr. Helene Godin FMA, presented students from PreK to 8th grade certificates acknowledging their joy and enthusiasm in the classroom.



(above, front, l-r) Aiden Viaud, Christopher Hnatowski, Joseph Bradbury, Lucas Monaghan, Kyle Pumarda. (back row, l-r) Sr. Helene Godin, FMA Gianna Vaynberg, Stephanie Mendes, Faith Forenza, Arielle Lopina, Chloe delCueto, Emily Donovan

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