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(above) Warren, Watchung and Green Brook CERT teams recently gathered together to celebrate the holidays.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), assists our local first responders in cases of emergencies. We might be called for various tasks such as traffic assistance, sheltering or search & rescue.

CERT Watchung will be hosting the CERT Watchung, Warren, Green Brook Quarterly Meeting on January 17, 2017, from 7 – 9 p.m. The topic will be Search and Rescue. The venue will be Watchung Exempt Hall (57 Mountain Blvd, Watchung, NJ). All of our meetings are open to observers. In order to become an official CERT member you will need to

participate in a training program.

Somerset County CERT will be offering the next training for certification starting in April 2017. All supplies and training are provided free and include the following subjects: Emergency Preparedness; Disaster Medical Operations; Fire Suppression; Light Search and Rescue Operations; CERT Operations/Incident Command System; Disaster Psychology; Terrorism Awareness; and Disaster Simulation.

For more information please contact Bob Longo at Bob_Longo1@yahoo.com.

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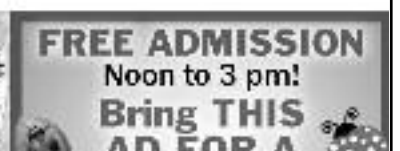
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Community service organizations and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos on recent events.

Organizations who are interested in submitting content can email editor@rennamedia.com or call 908-418-5586

CUB SCOUTS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER

A highlight on the annual calendar for Green Brook Cub Scouts Pack 129 is their visit to New Jersey Eastern Star Home. On December 17th Christmas came early for the residents of the home. The scouts provided gift bags and sang

holiday favorites.

Cub Scouts Pack 129, based in Green Brook, is open to all grades K through 5th. For information about Pack 129 you may contact Brent Cheshire at info@greenbrookpack129.org.



(above) Members of Pack 129 at Eastern Star Home.



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THE DRIFTWAY

Green Brook Cultural, Heritage and Historic Preservation Committee

We have something in Green Brook that all towns do not have. That is a driftway. Naturally your first reaction is what in the world is that? Glad you asked. Webster's Dictionary says that is "a sometimes private lane or narrow country road: driveway." Another dictionary says "A broad route along which cattle or sheep used to be driven to market." Those of you with dogs hopefully have brought them to our Dog Park at the Trust House on Greenbrook Road. But we are sad to say that we haven't seen anyone bring their sheep to utilize the Driftway. A missed opportunity. The Driftway runs between the top of Warrenville Road and through Scheurman Terrace and Morning Glory Road. In recent months there has been utility work along the route on the Scheurman Terrace end.

Before the Top of the World development bordered the Driftway, it was negatively looked at by local residents. We have no records to pinpoint the exact years other than the 1930's to 1960's but the area was referred to as the Pig Farm. Of course guessing, but possibly there was a farm there that raised pigs and that the farm driveway intersected the Driftway which exited at Warrenville Road. Sometime in the 1960's or before, the farm was abandoned. This was a remote area. People found out that the farm was abandoned and loaded their pick-ups with

mattresses and washing machines and dumped them at 3 a.m. This attracted animals and soon the Driftway became associated with being a public nuisance. The Township had neither the manpower nor the finances to deal with the situation. So it remained for many years.

General George Washington had several aides with him for the important 22 days in June 1777 when he utilized Washington Rock as a lookout. The Continental Army was camped at Middlebrook, now Bridgewater, 4 miles to the west. The General would stay nights at the Drake House on Front Street, Plainfield or with the Vermeule brothers at the Blue Hills Plantation on now Clinton Avenue in North Plainfield. But most of the nights he would go back to his men at Middlebrook. Being dark, it was easier to ride along a trail on the crest of the First Watchung, first to where an Indian Trail (now Warrenville Road) crossed the mountain and then along the Driftway until he wound his way down the mountain to the Middlebrook campground. So the Driftway has significance in the history of the Township.

Come join us at our meetings to learn more.
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POLICE AWARDS CEREMONY RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING ACTS

On December 19th, 2016 the Green Brook Police Department conducted its annual awards ceremony in conjunction with the Green Brook Township Committee meeting led by Mayor Nancy Stoll. The ceremony, which recognized officers for exceptional acts performed throughout the year, was unique for 2016 in that for the first time the department also awarded a civilian, Steven Knight of Dunellen, N.J., for his actions in assisting another person.

Before distributing the awards, Chief G. Christopher Kurz stated "The purpose of this ceremony is to recognize individuals who have performed exceptional acts over the past year. Although I'm proud to say our officers work hard every day to provide the highest level of service to the Township and community, there are times when the unexpected occurs and these men are challenged to rise above the norm in order to ensure our citizens are kept safe and secure".

In order of occurrence, the awards were then presented as follows:

Officer Christopher Dill received an Honorable Service Award for his actions on February 22, 2016 in the investigation and arrest of a subject being sought in multiple jurisdictions for thefts of wheels from car dealerships.

Sergeant Shawn Snyder, Officer Timothy Stringer and Officer Michael Kula received Life Saving Awards for their actions on May 5, 2016 in the saving of a suicidal subject; Officer Stringer also received an Honorable Service Award for having disarmed the subject of a cutting instrument.

Officer Randy Stratton, Officer Gary Maurer and Officer Jonathan Camp each received a Letter of Commendation for their actions on June 5th, 2016 in the arrest of two subjects for the possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a defaced handgun.

Mr. Steven Knight received a Civilian Service Award for his actions on August 4th, 2016 in which he crawled into an overturned vehicle involved in an accident and assisted the driver, cutting away a seatbelt that was restricting their airway and searching the vehicle for other

occupants.

Sergeant Danial Lanzafama and Officer Vincent Luberto each received a Letter of Commendation for their actions on August 12th, 2016 in the welfare check and arrest of a subject for possession of 77 folds of heroin.

Officer Michael Kula and Officer Kevin O'Connor received Life Saving Awards for their actions on September 5th, 2016 in which they performed Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation on an unresponsive male with no vital signs, saving his life.

Sergeant Shawn Snyder, Detective Adam Seidel, Officer Timothy Stringer, Officer Anthony Pepe, Officer Jonathan Camp, Officer Randy Stratton and Officer Kevin O'Connor each received a Letter of Commendation for their actions on October 26th, 2016 in locating and arresting a subject reported to be aiming a rifle towards traffic on U.S. Highway 22.

Officer Rigoberto Gonzalez received a Lifesaving Award for his actions on October

29th, 2016 in administering Naloxone Hydrochloride to an unresponsive male after determining he was experiencing an opioid overdose due to prescription medication, saving their life.

Officer Gary Maurer, Officer Jonathan Camp and Officer Randy Stratton received Letters of Commendation for their actions on November 25, 2016 in rapidly evacuating the 3000 building of King Court and surrounding buildings in response to a large and growing fire, resulting in no injuries being reported.

Lieutenant William Coward and Sergeant Danial Lanzafama each received a Ready Commendation Citation Bar for completing 15 years of active and dedicated service.

Upon conclusion of the ceremony, Chief Kurz addressed the room stating "I would like to thank everyone here for taking the time to attend, and know that after what has been a very tumultuous year for law enforcement, your support of our officers and department is greatly appreciated."



(above) Chief Kurz, Ofc. Timothy Stringer, Ofc. Kevin O'Connor, Ofc. Jonathan Camp, Ofc. Randy Stratton, Ofc. Anthony Pepe, Det. Adam Seidel and Sgt. Shawn Snyder



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(above) Officer Gonzalez receiving his Lifesaving award.



(above) Sergeant Daniel Lanzafama, Letter of Commendation recipient.



(above) Officer Timothy Stringer, Honorable Service and Lifesaving Award recipient, and Officer Michael Kula and Sergeant Shawn Snyder, Lifesaving Award recipients.



(above) Officer Rigoberto Gonzalez, Lifesaving Award recipient.



(above) Officer Randy Stratton, Officer Jonathan Camp and Officer Gary Maurer, Letter of Commendation recipients.



(above) Officer Vincent Luberto and Sergeant Daniel Lanzafama, Letter of Commendation recipients.



(above) Officer Christopher Dill, Honorable Service Award recipient.



(above) Mr. Steven Knight, Civilian Service Award recipient.



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"Niagara Falls" by Kevin Woyce,

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January 23, 10:15 am

Join us for an illustrated tour of the Niagara a river, from its historic bridges and forts to modern-day parks and tourist attractions.

Discover how the river, falls and gorge formed, and see how they have changed over the years. You will be introduced to the river's explorers and settlers; daredevils who risked their lives for fame or fortune; businessmen who harnessed the falls' power; and the conservationists and visionaries who saved the falls for generations of visitors. Have you ever visited Niagara Falls?

Would you like to become a part of this special program and share your experiences? If yes, please call Gwen at (908) 753-9440 by January 6th (10:15 am – shared memories; 10:30 am – Kevin's presentation.

"Chinese Watercolor"

by Barbara Gerson, Art 4 All

January 30, 10:30 am

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Wednesday, January 25th**

Lunch Program

All Somerset County-operated Senior Centers offer a nutritionally balanced lunch, Monday through Friday, for a suggested donation of \$2.50, for anyone 60 and above. Menu choices include a hot meat-based or meatless entrée or a cold meat-based or meatless boxed lunch. Please make reservations prior to 10:00 am the previous business day. Why not invite a friend or neighbor to join you for lunch!

As an additional suggestion, why not come earlier in the day and enjoy one of the center's many programs.

UMPIRE CERTIFICATION CLASS TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

ASA/USA Softball NJ District 2 will hold its umpire certification class in Cranford beginning in mid-January 2017. The class costs \$75, and will run from 6-8 weeks, including both classroom and gym training. Once certified, you will be eligible to umpire any of the thousands of the games ASA/USA Softball NJ hosts throughout the state, including the 3,500 games hosted by District 2 in and around Union County.

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PARENT ACADEMY EVENING WAS WELL RECEIVED

On Wednesday, December 7th, Green Brook Township Public Schools hosted their first Parent Academy evening at the Irene E. Feldkirchner elementary school. The event, planned by the district's teachers, in coordination with Beth Stanton, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, aimed at providing parents with information and support about the district's programs as well as how to support their children at home. Parents were able to attend up to four classes throughout the evening. Presentations included: "Understanding and Helping Your Child with Reading Levels" by Maria Botte & Suzanne Scannell, "What is Foundations?" by Chris Doane & Lori Alhanti, "Writer's Workshop 101 for Parents" by Jennifer Wagner & Michele Wolkun, "THEN vs. NOW Math" by Donna Pirrone, "Developing and Practicing Age-Appropriate Social Skills" by Shaune Casazza & Ann Kessler, "Collaborating for Success: Parent & School Partnerships" by Silvia Rego & Natalie Whalen, "Helping your Child Recognize and Prevent Bullying" by Shaune Casazza & Ann Kessler, "OnCourse Connect: Using the Parent Portal" by

Jason Weber.

The Parent Academy was attended by over 85 Green Brook families. In addition to classes, parents enjoyed free childcare provided by Green Brook Middle School's Peer Leadership program. Dinner was donated courtesy of local restaurants including Carrabba's, Capital Craft, Bonefish Grill, and Texas Roadhouse. Representatives from Green Brook's PTO and the Green Brook Education and Athletic Foundation (GBEAF) were on hand to discuss programs with parents and information on how to get involved in the school community. Parents were also able to do some holiday shopping from vendors in the cafeteria selling products including LuLaRoe, Dreamers Do Travel, Thirty-One, Usborne, Trinity Gem, and Rodan and Fields.

Thanks to the efforts of the district's teachers, administrators, custodians, peer leaders, and local business and restaurants the evening was a great success. A follow-up survey will be sent to families who attended to get feedback about the event and will be used to start the planning process for a spring Parent Academy.

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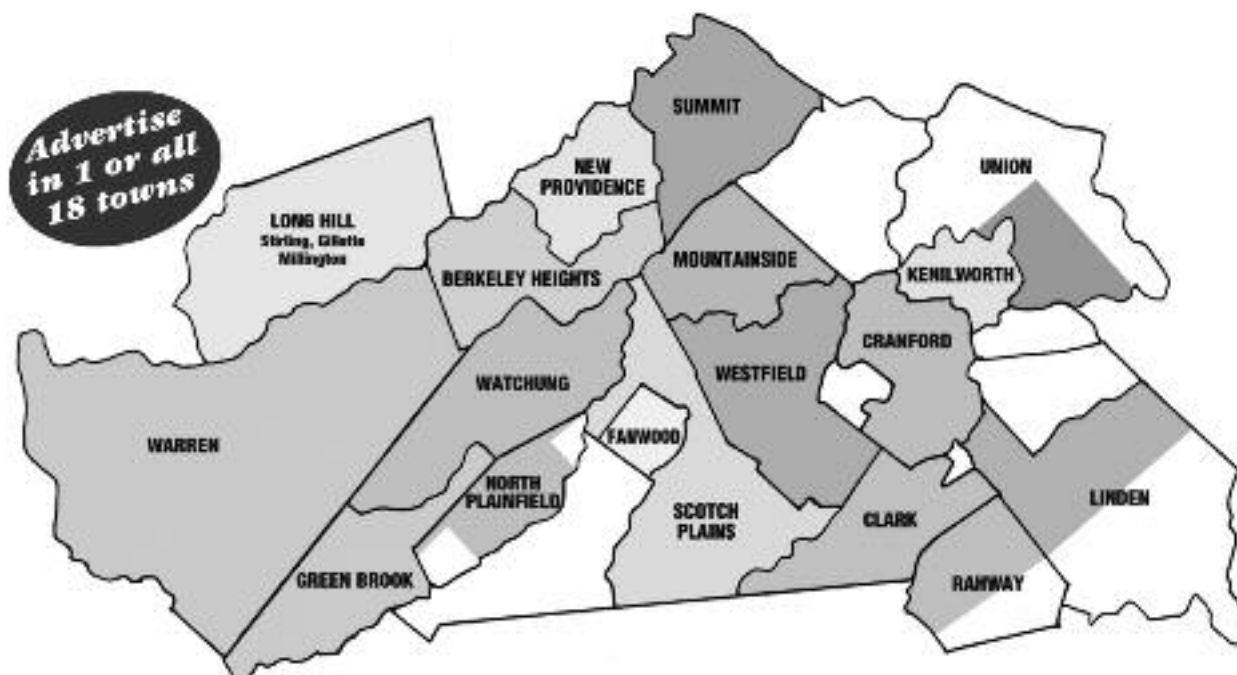
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