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**The Official Newsletter for the
THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**
FALL/WINTER
ISSUE 2017-02

FROM YOUR MAYOR

Dear Residents:

Earlier this summer I performed a marriage ceremony in Watchung for a couple from out of town. They commented that they and their family thought Watchung Borough Hall would be a great place for the ceremony, followed by picture-taking around our beautiful Watchung Lake. It is great to be reminded of all that our borough has to offer; there is great pride in the joy our town brings; and it is nice once in a while to “show off” our town!

And we continue to make strides to improve upon our scenic town. Our Traffic and Beautification Committee and Public Works are responsible for the beautiful plantings around the circle, as well at Borough Hall. Recently dead trees and brush around Watchung Lake were removed, creating additional views of the lake. The Texier House, also on the circle (the home of Watchung’s Historical Museum), is being repaired and repainted. And our plans are to complete irrigation and plantings on the islands along Somerset Street.

While on the subject of Somerset Street, unfortunately the large hole currently at Spratford Park (by the “Watchung” sign) is the result of a spill from the neighboring gas station. Efforts are underway to clean up the spill and restore borough property (gas station to make full restitution).

Around the circle on the Green, we are happy to report that great progress is being made on the 9/11 Memorial. The concrete base of our monument was poured in June, and as of the end of July a very gifted hired artisan has started to create the final monument. Our hopes are to have all but the walkway completed by this year’s memorial service.

As many of you may have heard, the Colorado Café closed its doors in July after 22 years. We greatly appreciate the strong sense of community and relationships the owners of the Colorado built with their customers and our residents. The Café provided memorable times for many.

I have been asked many times in the last month to “save the painting!” – the large “Legend of Watchung” mural on a 16’x10’ canvas – hanging in Sears on Route 22. For over 50 years, this painting has been on the store’s walls. Unfortunately, after being reviewed by several art experts, it is believed that it will be very expensive if not impossible to successfully preserve and remove the very thin canvas painting from the masonry wall. All ideas have been considered; as a contingency, the painting is to be professionally photographed for potential reproduction at a later date. Several retail stores are being proposed to be built on the Sears property scheduled for demolition in October. The Sears Auto Center across the street also will be torn down, potentially replaced with a 10 theater movie complex.

*******ECRWSS*****
LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER
Watchung, NJ 07069**

MAYOR STEPHEN K. POTE

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Debra Joren, Council President
Dave Mobus

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George Sopko

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Emergency 911
Non-emergency 756-3663

[Fire Department](#)
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 561-9389

[Emergency Management](#)
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[Watchung Public Library](#)
561-0117
Monday-Thursday..... 9:30 am-9 pm
Friday..... 9:30 am- 5 pm
Saturday..... 9:30 am- 5 pm
Sunday..... closed

Stephen L. Black
Robert Gibbs

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[Watchung Hills Regional High School](#)
Grades 9 through 12
108 Stirling Road
Warren, NJ 07059
647-4800

[Bayberry Elementary School](#)
Kindergarten through 4th Grade
Bayberry Lane
755-8184

[Valley View Middle School](#)
Grades 5 through 8
Valley View Road
755-4422

Affordable Housing continues to be an important topic to Watchung and its neighboring communities across New Jersey. Every town faces large commitments of low and moderate income housing, the result of State judicial decisions reinforced once more in 2015 in conjunction with Fair Share Housing demands for the construction of additional state-mandated low and moderate income housing – even in built-out suburban and rural areas like Watchung. Although our options are limited, we continue to evaluate any alternatives to comply in order to avoid very consequential “builders’ remedy” law suits.

The aerial deer survey conducted earlier this year revealed an estimated 165 deer (not including this spring’s births) within the boundaries of Watchung, an average of 27 per square mile versus the State recommended 20 per square mile for an uncompromised understory. The Mayor and Council have established a workshop date of September 28th at 7 pm at Borough Hall to understand varying opinions and to hear from various experts on the environment and deer management practices.

Similarly, the Mayor and Council would like to conduct a workshop in October on the Watchung Library, to hear and express opinions regarding next steps to be taken. I continue to believe that providing a modern library/community center facility within town is a basic service that should be expected by its residents – especially one of Watchung’s affluence – and that more than just viewed as a “cost”, a library is an *investment in our town and in our residents*. A library serves residents of any age, and this investment, along with schools and park land, serves well to keep our home assessed values strong and competitive with other towns.

In June the PBA came to an agreement with the Mayor, Council and Administration on a 4-year contract through 2020. All sides are perceived to be pleased with both the negotiations and the results. Given the ever-increasing role and importance of our police officers in our community, I personally am very satisfied and appreciative of efforts to reach a fair settlement.

The County at the end of May was performing a traffic study and other analyses regarding Hillcrest Road; the residents will hopefully see a few changes being made in the near future. A contract was awarded by the Mayor and Council for improvements to Valley Drive and that work could be completed by the end of August; \$175,000 in State NJDOT funding paid for about 40% of these expenses. In July a bid was awarded for roadway improvements to Washington Drive; that work is expected to be completed in the next few months, and for this project \$223,500 was awarded to the Borough by NJDOT, financing about 60% of the work. Other roads being worked on include Acorn Road, Glenview Drive, Crestwood Drive, Scott Drive (portion of), and Winter Lane (portion of).

As a reminder, the Farmers’ Market continues every Sunday through October 15th (10AM-2PM) in the parking lot by Best Lake. Our September 11th (Patriot Day) Memorial Service will take place at 5:30 pm on September 11th at the Village Green.

Have a great end of the summer.

Sincerely,



Stephen K. Pote
Mayor, Borough of Watchung



Volunteers Needed

The Borough is looking for residents who are willing to work on our volunteer boards. Please let us know if you would have an interest in serving. Cal (908)756-0080 or mail in the form below to the municipal building. You can also fill out this form on the Borough website: www.watchungnj.gov Look on the Bulletin Board and download the form into Microsoft Word. You can email the form to [volunteer_form @watchungnj.gov](mailto:volunteer_form@watchungnj.gov)

Please send this completed form to:

Volunteer Pool
Borough of Watchung
15 Mountain Boulevard
Watchung, NJ 07069

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please include me on the list of potential volunteers for the following boards, committees and commissions.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Advisory | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Alliance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic & Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Village Center Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Service Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain) | |

I have the following experience, skills, talents or special interests:

**Note: Additionally, we are currently in need of volunteers with the following skill sets:
Fund campaign/Fundraising capabilities**

LYME DISEASE

Lyme disease is transmitted through the bite of an infected tick. The ticks are often found on the body in the groin area, armpits, and scalp. Typical symptoms of Lyme disease are fever, headache, fatigue and sometimes a skin rash that looks like a bull’s eye. The good news is that Lyme disease is preventable. It is preventable because ticks need to be attached to you for a fairly long time for them to transmit the disease.

To prevent Lyme disease:

- Remove tick habitats (high grass and weeds).
- Avoid walking in wooded, bushy areas with high grass or leaves and when walking in the woods, walk in the center of the trails.
- Use an insect repellent that contains at least 20% DEET when outdoors.

Perform “tick-checks” regularly (at least daily) to prevent ticks from attaching and follow the steps below to remove identified ticks.

- Use a fine-tipped tweezers and grasp tick as close to the skin as possible.
- Pull upward with a steady, even pressure.
- After removing tick, thoroughly clean the bite.



If you feel that you have been exposed to Lyme disease, please contact your physician.

PET WASTE

The Health Department continues to receive complaints of pet waste not being picked up and being left on the ground. This is a violation of local ordinances. It also represents a public health hazard to humans and pets as it can transmit disease. For the health and enjoyment of all, please clean up after your pet and be sure to wash your hands!

RABIES CLINIC

The **Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission** will be offering multiple rabies clinics in the fall, one of which will be held in Watchung, tentatively scheduled as noted below. Please call to confirm the date and time in the fall. Rabies vaccination is the best defense for our pets. If your pet has been previously vaccinated the health department recommends that your dog or cat be vaccinated every other year. If your pet has not been vaccinated against rabies, now is the time. **The clinic is free to all.**

- DATE:** Saturday, December 2, 2017
TIME: 9:00 am to 10:00 am
WHERE: Watchung Fire House, Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, NJ



ELECTION TIME LINES

- October 17, 2017 Last day to register to vote for the General Election
- October 31, 2017 Last day Vote By Mail request forms must be received by County
- November 6, 2017 Last day to apply for Mail-in-Ballot in Person (must be done at the County Clerk’s office, 20 Grove St., Somerville by 3:00 pm)

Voter Registration forms, Vote by Mail forms, Change in Party Forms, are all available at Borough Hall, or on our website: www.watchungnj.gov or www.co.somerset.nj.us/elections

Tuesday, Nov. 7th: Election Day—polls open 6:00 am—8:00 pm

VOTING DISTRICT LOCATIONS

- EXEMPT HALL - DISTRICTS 1 and 4
- BAYBERRY SCHOOL - DISTRICT 3
- WILSON MEMORIAL - DISTRICTS 2 and 5

BOROUGH EVENTS

9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

September 11th - 5:30 PM
On the Village Green

VETERANS DAY SERVICES

November 11th at 9:30 am
At the War Memorial

TREE OF LIGHTS CEREMONY

December 2nd on the Village Green
Fireworks on the Lake, Food & Refreshments

NEWS FROM THE 9/11 COMMITTEE:

I'm sure most of our residents who travel around the circle have taken notice of some significant happenings that are going on. Aside from the Texier House getting a well-deserved exterior renovation and new paint, we are also well underway towards the completion of our 9/11 Memorial. This has certainly been long over-due, but we are happy to report that construction is going very well and we are on schedule to complete the Memorial by this year's 9/11 Ceremony at the Village Green, 5:30 PM September 11th - Rain or Shine.



This has been a Labor of Love for the many members of this Committee, both those that are currently serving as well as many others who have participated over the years. There have been many challenges along the way, but we are confident that the result will be something very different and very special for our residents.

We are very fortunate to have people in our town who are both talented and very generous with their time as well as their financial resources. It was always the Committee's intention that the project be completely funded through volunteer labor, and donations of funds as well as construction materials. Many business owners have stepped up to take part in the construction including PJ Panzarella, Weldon Materials and P&R Concrete, to name just a few. The three companies combined to complete phase one of the construction.

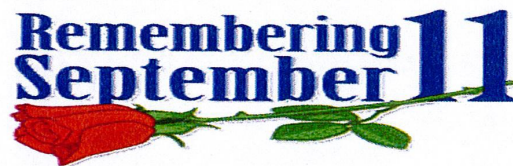
The committee has hired renowned masonry artisan contractor Richard Winget, who along with his son Jacob, will be completing the artistic details of the second phase of the project, under the direction of sculptor and resident Seth Alexander. We are also in the process of coordinating with a few landscaping contractors from town, who are volunteering to complete the beatification of the surrounding grounds. This should all be complete in time for our ceremony.

The final stage, which may not take place until the spring, will be the integration of the Monument's area to the existing walkway that goes around the Village Green.

Many residents have expressed their support of this project through the purchase of a Memorial Brick Paver. These are available in two sizes and are able to be imprinted with a custom message. These bricks will be used in the construction of the walkway that leads up to the Memorial area. We will be continuing to accept orders for bricks and donations until the final phase is complete. To purchase a brick, please see the next page for a convenient order form or visit www.watchungnj.gov to order online.

Looking forward to seeing you all at this special ceremony and presentation of our 9/11 Memorial, known as the "A Journey of the Heart".

David Mobus
Councilman & 9/11 Committee Liaison



On September 11, 2017 the Mayor and Council will hold a memorial service to honor those who lost their lives during the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. The service will be held rain or shine at 5:30 pm on the Village Green at the Watchung Circle, across from the Texier House.

The event will include the unveiling of the 9/11 Monument

All are invited to attend



Texier House Museum, Watchung Historical Committee

Most of you are aware of the impending closing and demolition of the Sears store in Watchung. For most of the year, the Historical Committee has been researching the feasibility of removing our beloved mural of the Legend of Watchung and how to preserve and relocate it. For those of you who are unaware of this mural, it is a very large 16' X 10' oil painting on a thin canvas glued to the wall as you go down the stairs to the lower level. The artist was Garfield Hunter Jones (1925-1994) and known for his oil murals. The Sears store opened in 1965 so it was painted about that time. The mural is stunning and shows the Dutch Captain Michaleson, Chief One Feather and Princess Wetumpka, the key players in the Legend. The detail in the painting is remarkably preserved.

During our many visits to the mural with a variety of art experts, we learned that removing the painting will be a daunting and expensive task. We thought we had a time-table of at least a year or two, but now demolition could begin this fall, so as I write this article in July, we are really scrambling to try and save the mural. Not only is the mural a beautiful piece of art, it is an important part of the history of Watchung and is "so Watchung"! The Council has approved the funding (from the Historical Foundation) for a feasibility study by *Materials Conservation*, a company very experienced in preservation. This study will investigate the logistics of moving and relocating the painting and determine a cost. The cost is going to be considerable and could be \$50,000 or more. We will be actively fund raising very soon, so please consider donating to the Watchung Historical Committee. Your donation is tax deductible. We are exploring every avenue to save the mural. We have arranged for a professional photographer to take a photo of the mural in high resolution so that in a worst case scenario, we will have the image.

2017 is the 100th anniversary of the United States entering WW I and the NJ State and County museums will all have WW I programs this year. We will also have special programming and exhibits at the Texier House. We are fortunate to have some wonderful WW I posters and plan to have them featured in our display. We do need more items for our WW I collection and will be grateful for any items donated or loaned.

The Historical Committee will be participating in the Somerset County Weekend Journey into the Past on October 14 and 15, 2017 and we expect many visitors from all of New Jersey. We expect the WW I exhibit to be a special feature as well as for the ceremony on Veteran's Day, Saturday November 11, 2017. Save the dates.

Barbara Diem, after many years of dedication and hard work for the Historical Committee, is stepping down from the Committee. Barbara, who spearheaded the War Memorial and was persistent in getting a home for Historical, and establishing the Museum, wants to spend more time with her family, her church, and her quilting. She will be sorely missed, but she promises to remain somewhat active. The Borough recognized Barbara's efforts with a proclamation at the July 20, 2017 Council Meeting. She has been appointed the first Life Member Emeritus.

The Historical Committee has been working with vacancies on the Committee. I am happy to report that Tim Logan, and Chrissy Blackadar have been appointed to the Committee. The Committee had asked the Borough for permission to add two alternate members to our roster and that resolution was passed. Shelini Parikh has been appointed Alternate 1. We still have a vacancy for a second alternate. If anyone is interested, please contact me. The summer will be spent orienting our new members. Since the opening of the Museum, the Committee has had a very active work schedule, so we welcome and need these new members.

The Texier House Museum is open the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-4 PM or by appointment. We continue to add exhibits and improve others. The Historical Committee will continue its mission to preserve and protect the history of Watchung. Please support our fund raising activities and visit the museum.

To donate: Make checks payable to The Watchung Community Foundation, designated for the Historical Committee, (and/or the mural) 15 Mountain Blvd, Watchung, NJ 07069

For questions or more information contact:
Chair – Diddy Addario – 908-757-0862 or 908-313-4940, DTAddario@optonline.net.

Historical Members: Betty Jean Aldrich, Chrissy Blackadar, Lynn Franklin, Tim Logan, Lynn Stahl, Richard Stomber, Betse Titus, Chris Vander Fliet and Alternate 1, Shelini Parikh.

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

15 Mountain Boulevard
Watchung, NJ 07069

Deer Management Program
Property Owner Authorization Letter

SHOTGUN USE

Dear Resident;

The deer culling season is fast approaching and the Borough is trying to secure all possible sites in the event the deer management plan as conducted in prior years is authorized once more. Please see the Mayor's article on page 2 of this newsletter relative to deer management. There will be a deer management citizen forum on September 28th in Borough Hall at 7 p.m. Efforts must begin to secure sites now, however, if the program is approved for this upcoming deer season. Any shooting is limited to designated sites in the program with safety being the top priority. If authorized, shooting can only be done from elevated tree stands. If you are willing to allow culling on your property, please complete the section below and return it to the Borough of Watchung by October 20, 2017. The continuation of the deer management program can only be approved and authorized by the Mayor and Borough Council; however, a management plan has been highly recommended by the Borough Wildlife Management Advisory Committee. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Linda Monetti

Linda Monetti
Administrative Assistant
(908)756-0080 Ext. 210

I hereby grant permission to the Borough of Watchung and Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen, Inc., to utilize my property to cull deer using shotguns within 450 feet of any occupied building on my property. This will be done as part of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife approved Community Based Deer Management Program in the Borough of Watchung. The program will run Monday thru Friday, dawn to dusk, beginning November 20, 2017 and ending February 10, 2018.

Property Address: _____

Phone # Home: _____ Cell: _____

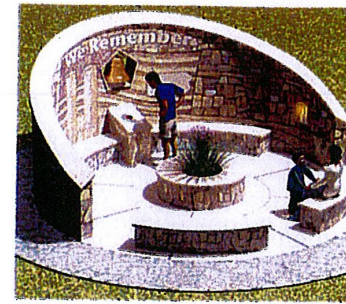
#1 Owner (Print Name) _____

Signature: _____

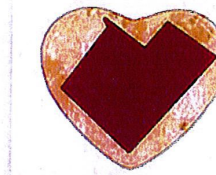
#2 Owner (Print Name): _____

Signature: _____

Fundraising Drive



A Touch Stone



WE REMEMBER
SEPTEMBER 11TH



Watchung 9/11 Memorial

Dear Citizens, Neighbors and Supporters:

Your financial support is needed to help build Watchung's 9/11 Memorial for this and future generations. We request your *tax deductible* donation at the following levels to be recognized in the Memorial dedication program and on the official Borough website:

Benefactor	\$1,000. or more	Supporter	\$100.
Patron	\$500.	Donor	\$50.
Sponsor	\$250.	Friend	\$25.

To Donate Online or to
Order Your Memorial
Brick, go to
www.watchungnj.gov
for the order form
Questions? 908-756-0080



Dedicate a
Paver Brick



Yes, I want to help Watchung remember:

Enclosed is \$ _____ For (to appear in the program as): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make your *tax deductible* check payable to: "Watchung Community Foundation" and add "9/11 Memorial" in the memo line. Mail your check to Borough of Watchung, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, NJ 07069 "Watchung Community Foundation." This foundation is a non-profit 501c(3) – ID# 46-00621799

A Journey Of The Heart
The Watchung 9/11 Memorial



Dedicated to all who perished as a result of the attacks of September 11, 2001 and in memory of Watchung residents, Christopher N. Ingrassia and Honor Elizabeth Wainio.



**The Garden Club of Watchung
An Open Invitation**

Join us as we continue to beautify our community by designing, planting and maintaining the garden at the triangle on the Watchung circle, the deer resistant garden behind the Watchung Arts Center, and the Memorial Garden adjacent to the Watchung Library.

Join us on our field trips to visit gardens, nurseries, arboretums, parks, and historical sites for pleasure and to look beyond our community to broaden our knowledge of horticulture and environmental awareness.

Help us teach our youth to appreciate, protect and beautify our planet. We strive to do this through the Youth Garden Club at Bayberry school for fourth grade students. Our goal is to educate and inspire a love of nature, conservation and horticulture. Our club, in association with The Garden Club of New Jersey, issues annual college scholarships to assist outstanding students of gardening, horticulture, landscape design, environmental studies and allied fields.

Come with us as we show appreciation for our veterans by visiting the Lyons Medical Center four times a year to make floral arrangements to beautify the chapel and community rooms. Help us maintain The Blue Star Byway, located at the junction of Somerset Street and Watchung Avenue, which is dedicated to the memory of those veterans who have served our country.

The Garden Club of Watchung has been an active part of our community for 60 years. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month, September through June. Programs presented at our monthly meetings are interesting, informative, and presented by knowledgeable and qualified speakers.

Visit our website at: www.thegardenclubofwatchung.org, Face Book page, or telephone 908-754-5766 for information about upcoming informative programs and membership information.

We are proud to be a member of The Garden Club of New Jersey and The National Garden Clubs—the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world.

WATCHUNG RECREATION EVENTS

2017 SAVE THE DATES

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MOVIE IN THE PARK

PRESENTING
"THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS"
SEPTEMBER 8TH (RAIN DATE SEPT. 15TH)
8:00 PM AT PHILLIP'S FIELD

EVENT RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WATCHUNG P.T.O.
ICE CREAM SOCIAL WHICH STARTS AT 6:30 PM



GERALD M. MOBUS MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY

SEPTEMBER 16TH @ WATCHUNG LAKE FROM 9:00 AM – NOON (RAIN DATE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH)
TACKLE AND BAIT, REFRESHMENTS, TROPHIES AND PRIZES MUST BRING YOUR OWN FISHING POLE!

FREE EVENT FOR ALL WATCHUNG RESIDENTS!

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

OCT. 28TH 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM @ MOBUS FIELD (RAIN DATE OCT. 29TH)
MUSIC, GIANT HAY STACK, RIDES, INFLATABLES, HOT CHOCOLATE AND CIDER, HOT DOGS,
POPCORN, COTTON CANDY, HOT PRETZELS, SAND ART, FACE PAINTING, PUMPKIN PAINTING,
COSTUME CONTEST, TEEN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES, PRIZES AND ENTERTAINMENT!
FREE EVENT FOR ALL WATCHUNG RESIDENTS!

Go to www.watchungnj.gov for more information!



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Department of Public Works will have a **Fall Leaf Cleanup** beginning November 1st thru November 30th. This is for **leaves only** to be recycled.

Leaf pickup is limited to high density areas located within the following streets: Brookdale, Stirling, and Hillcrest Roads north to Evergreen Lane; Mountain Boulevard from Washington Drive to Rock Avenue; Johnston Drive to the water tower including Upper Drive and Johnston Drive Extension. **Outside of these areas you must call for a pickup.**

All leaves must be in **BIODEGRADABLE PAPER BAGS** only (can be purchased at most Hardware Stores or Home Depot) and placed on the grass area close to the road. **We Do Not provide the bags.**

NO BRANCHES, TRASH OR REFUSE WILL BE PICKED UP. ANY BAGS FOUND WITH TRASH OR STONE IN THEM WILL BE LEFT ON THE CURB

Due to the State's **Stormwater Regulations**, the Borough prohibits the placement of leaves in the street. Questions? Call the Public Works Department at (908) 756-0091.

The Public Works Department is asking for your help!

If you see a pothole in the road or a catch basin covered with debris, please call Public Works Department at (908) 756-0091 or email Maria Fittipaldi at mfittipaldi@watchungnj.gov to report it.

The winter season is fast approaching; please remember it is against Borough Ordinance to push snow from your driveway into the street. Please advise your snow plow contractors.

IF YOU SEE A HYDRANT BLOCKED BY SNOW, Please call Maria at (908)756-0091



COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

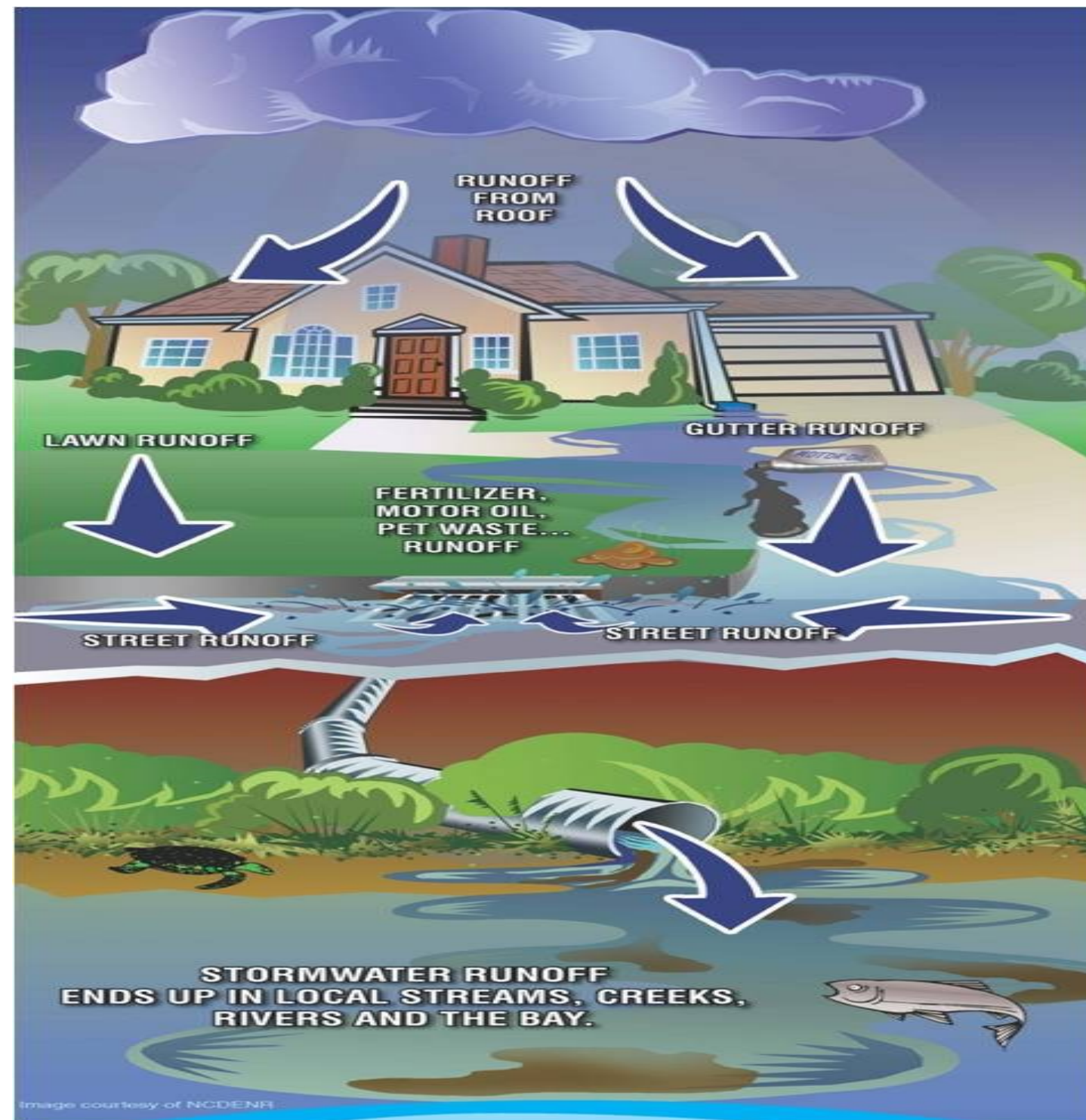
Individuals can make a difference in their own community. Research on personal preparedness indicates that individuals who believe they are prepared for disasters often are not as prepared as they think. In addition, some admit they do not plan to prepare at all.

Our Borough's emergency managers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, EMT/paramedics, and other emergency responders do an incredible job of keeping us safe, but they cannot do it alone. We must all embrace our personal responsibility to be prepared – in doing so; we contribute to the safety and security of our community as well.

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. If you are interested in joining Watchung's CERT Team, please contact: watchungcert@gmail.com

STORM WATER REGULATIONS

Clean water is up to you



For more information: www.cleanwaternj.org



Watchung residents:

It's unfortunate that negative sells and positive seems to take a backseat when it comes to stories involving the police. But the truth is that the small positive gestures that no one ever hears about outweigh the negative police—citizen encounters by far.

On a recent hot and humid summer day a woman placed several items in a used clothing donation bin. After placing the items in the bin, she realized that she hid her diamond engagement ring in the pocket of an item she had just donated. Realizing what she had just done she flagged down Lt. William Kelly and Sgt. Dan Lorimor and explained the situation. Without hesitation the officers began blindly fishing items out of the bin through the one-way deposit door as if they were playing some kind of carnival game rigged for failure. After about an hour of attempts that produced a number of unrelated items, the officers, now soaked in sweat, located the article of clothing they were looking for and the engagement ring was returned to its rightful owner.

Positive police—citizen encounters such as the one described above happen all the time, but they rarely get publicized. On the other hand negative stories become headlines that are analyzed and recounted time and time again. Yes, a very small percentage of police-citizen encounters end up with horrific outcomes, but those should not negate all the good that the police do all the time.

Please feel free to contact me with your questions, comments, or suggestions by emailing me at jcina@watchungpd.com or calling 908-756-3663 ext. 117.

Chief Joseph R. Cina
Watchung PD

Watchung Seniors

15 Mountain Boulevard
Watchung, New Jersey 07069
NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

The **Watchung Seniors** meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month (no meetings in the summers), from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Fireman's Exempt Hall, lower level 31 Mountain Boulevard (next to Borough Hall). **The building is handicap accessible.**

TWO UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Bus departs from Best Lake Parking Lot 10:00 AM SHARP!!

October 11th—Oktoberfest at Doolans Shore Club, Spring Lake, NJ - Trip includes bus, lunch, one hour open bar, dancing, Bavarian Show Band, and comedian.

December 13th—Holiday Show at Stony Hill Inn, Hackensack, NJ— Trip includes bus, lunch, 2 drinks, dancing, band, and comedy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE TRIPS CONTACT Madelyn @ 908—561-1932

For more details on activities please visit the Borough Website at:

www.watchungnj.gov



VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED ***“HELP YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOURSELF”***

Join the Watchung Volunteer Fire Department. We have many membership categories beginning with our junior program for residents that are 16 years of age.

FOR MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS
PLEASE CALL 908-756-6288
OR PICK UP INFORMATION AT BOROUGH HALL

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Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year. And don't forget to test them monthly.

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