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**The Official Newsletter for the
THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
SPRING/SUMMER
ISSUE 2018-01**

FROM YOUR MAYOR

Greetings Watchung Residents,

At this writing the town is still performing some pretty significant clean-up work following the recent and devastating Riley and Quinn storms. Having traveled most of Watchung's streets in the last week, I have never personally seen so many downed trees, poles, and wires in Watchung at one time. And while there are process improvements to be made, from my perspective overall I was very impressed with the coordination of activities across a multitude of organizations, including Office of Emergency Management (OEM), CERT, DPW, Police, Fire, Rescue, PSE&G, JCP&L, our tree contractors, and our Mayor and Council. The team work and communication was excellent, allowing us to work together with the residents to get things restored. Each street's needs were different, and sometimes the situations were complex. As I expressed to many residents, we have appreciated your patience.

The Affordable Housing issue affecting every municipality throughout the State has been a top concern of your governing body in Watchung for years. It is part of a NJ State Supreme Court mandate, in effect now for 40 years. As defendants in this affordable housing litigation against the plaintiff, Fair Share Housing Center, your Mayor, Council, and Administration have spent many recent months revisiting all options in hopes of achieving a compromise settlement response. While understandably there are many residents in town, as in other towns, who are resistant to this change, make no mistake to think that this issue can or will go away; it is a reality whose impact we are working within the legal system to minimize. We are hopeful for a settlement in the near future.

Having shopped at Sears for over 40 years, I was saddened by the closing and now very recent tear-down of the Sears property and related Sears Auto Center, on Route 22. Sears for decades was the source of many appliances, lawn mowers, and numerous Craftsman tools in the Pote family! I am, however, pleased to report that the Planning Board has meticulously been working with Seritage Growth Properties who purchased the Sears properties; the Board has reviewed, commented on, and approved detailed plans to build 5 new retail stores and 4 pad sites where the Sears building was. Across Terrill Road, where the Sears Auto Center was, now becomes the future site of a recently Board-approved 10 movie cinema complex, a state-of-the-art movie theater.

Our Planning Board also has reached an agreement with Weldon Materials, in regards to a major reforestation of parts of Bonnie Burn Road, especially where the closed Colorado Café building will be removed. Relating to other activities, long-needed renovations to the Borough Fire Department building are close to completion. We also have completed the shortened deer-culling season, having removed 41 deer with 44 fetuses. We will continue to be proactive this year, reviewing any recently revised rules and regulations as it relates to deer management; but I will push, as needed, to resume the original amount of weeks as is allowed by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

I continue to voice a different opinion with some Council members who at this time are now discussing the possibility of closing down the Watchung Library. Shared services with Warren would mean that Watchung annually will still pay an \$800k County Library Tax, but would no longer have a physical library of our own. As I have stated for years, to enhance the lives of our residents and build a greater sense of community in our town, a strong library (technology and resource community center) presence consistent with the means and needs of Watchung should be built. A library is still a basic service, but a state-of-the-art library provides an incredible potential investment return to all of its residents, which I always have maintained far outweighs its cost (average cost ~\$85 annually; potentially averaging ~\$40 annually after government matching).

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

MAYOR STEPHEN K. POTE

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108 Stirling Road
Warren, NJ 07059
647-4800

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Non-emergency 756-3663

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[Watchung Public Library](#)
561-0117
Monday-Thursday..... 10 am-9pm
Friday..... 10 am-4:30pm
Saturday.....10 am-4pm
Sunday.....closed
(Closed Saturday during July and August)

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

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

[Municipal Court](#)
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[Tax Collector](#)
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[Public Works Facility](#)
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bburns@watchungnj.gov

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

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The Council had previously agreed to fund \$2.1M of the library; preliminary design plans had been drawn; and a unique opportunity has been given to municipalities to apply later this year for 1:1 match funding through the recently passed \$125 Million NJ Bond Referendum to rebuild our State's libraries. Watchung is in a fantastic position to build a library and community center that will benefit our Watchung community, of all ages, for generations to come; State fund matching would provide an incredible tax break to our residents. And a strong library presence would greatly enhance Watchung's infrastructure and property values.

Watchung heavily uses its library. Watchung also pays its taxes and deserves its fair share of this State library funding; we need to pursue this State grant money when the application becomes available this fall. I know that many of our neighboring towns will be applying for additional library monies to enhance their libraries' already strong presence within their communities. *With a majority of our Watchung governing body at this time not seeing the need for a strong physical library presence in this town, Watchung will lose a cornerstone upon which municipalities build a strong sense of community for their children, teens, adults, and seniors.* I urge you to reach out to your Borough Council now and express your concerns about this dramatic and consequential change in direction.

We recently and gratefully received a very large NJ DOT grant of \$496k for the reconstruction of High Tor Drive. When the final snow clears, we will finalize a prioritized list of roads to work on this year. We are working with Warren on the possibility of joining them in a Park'n Ride bus service into NYC. We will be surveying our residents to understand your needs and degree of interest.

A couple of friendly reminders: if you have not bought a personalized brick for the 9/11 Memorial walkway, and would like to do so before walkway construction begins this spring, please see enclosed form. Also, Watchung's Operation Pride spring clean-up is scheduled for April 21st. And our kids' summer camp will return in Watchung!

In closing, I wanted to inform residents that for several reasons I have decided not seek reelection for another four-year term. When I complete my current term this December, I will have served as your Mayor for close to six years, and a total of 14 years on the Council. It has been an absolute privilege to serve Watchung, where I grew up and my family has lived for close to 45 years. You can be guaranteed that I will continue to be vocal in government affairs, never hesitating to assertively push for what I believe is best for Watchung.

Have a great spring, everyone!

Regards,


Stephen K. Pote
Mayor, Borough of Watchung



PAVERS ENGRAVED IN ALL CAPS

Brick Costs & Options

- ☐ 4" X 8" Brick Paver (3 lines of 20 characters) \$100.00
- ☐ 8" X 8" Brick Paver (6 lines of 20 characters) \$300.00

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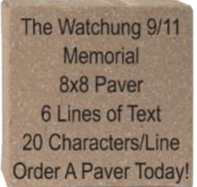
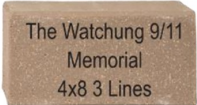
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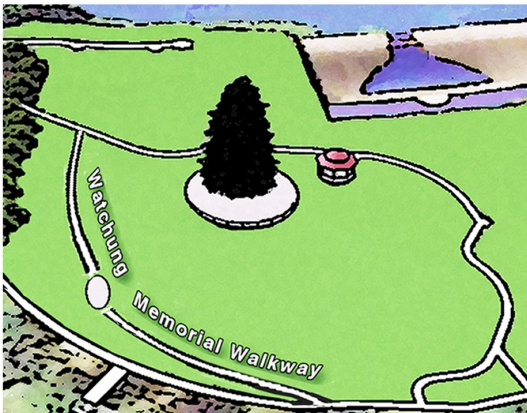
ORDER NOW AT
<http://www.formstack.com/forms/FRB-watchung>

OR

Complete Order form below and return to the following address:
Borough of Watchung, Attn: Linda Montetti, 15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069
Make Checks Payable to: "Watchung Community Foundation" and (add "9/11 Memorial" in memo line)
(This foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) - ID# 46-0621799)
Please direct questions to Linda Monetti at Watchung Borough Hall (908) 756-0080 (ext. 210) or
911memorial@watchungnj.gov



Watchung Memorial Walkway



Dear Neighbors,
Watchung's 9/11 Memorial is completed and was dedicated on September 11, 2017 to all who perished and in memory of Watchung residents, Christopher N. Ingrassia and Honor Elizabeth Wainio. It is a tasteful and respectful memorial of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, funded by your donations and donations of goods and services from local contractors. If you haven't visited it, please do the next time you walk around the lake. A walkway will be constructed this spring, incorporating engraved bricks, so this is the excellent opportunity to dedicate an engraved brick paver and have a lasting memory at the Village Green of your family and your support for this poignant memorial. Please mail the attached order form to Borough Hall or donate online at www.watchungnj.gov by May 1. Thank you for your support.

The Watchung 9/11 Memorial Committee



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Help your community and
yourself



RESCUE SQUAD **AND** **FIRE DEPART-**
MENT

For Fire Department please contact 908-756-6288 or stop by Borough Hall and to pick up information.

For Rescue Squad please visit our website and click "Join Us" to learn more and fill out an application! If you have any questions about becoming a member, please contact us at membership@watchungems.org.



PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 5, 2018



POLLING LOCATIONS

Districts 1 and 4 - Polling location—Exempt Hall
District 3 - Polling location—Bayberry School
Districts 2 and 5 - Wilson Memorial Church (Previously Valley View School)

TIMELINES

- Deadline for Change of Party Affiliation Declaration forms due to County
- May 15th Voter Registration Deadline (21 days before election)
- May 29th Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Primary Election
- June 4th Deadline for In-Person Mail-in Ballot Applications (3:00 p.m.)
- June 5th - Primary Election Day
- June 5th - Deadline for Submission of Primary Election Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election (by 8:00 p.m. on the day of election)

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



"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is designed to prepare you to help yourself and to help others in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately, you can make a difference by using your CERT training to save lives and protect property.

This 20 hour free training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. With training and practice, and by working as a team, you will be able to protect yourself and do the greatest good for the greatest number after a disaster.

The course includes the following topics: Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Fire Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue Operations, Disaster Psychology & Team Organization, Terrorism and a Final Exercise. The training is held at the Somerset County Training Academy, Hillsborough, NJ.

If you are interested in joining Watchung's CERT Team, please contact:
watchungcert@watchungnj.gov

WATCHUNG SENIORS

The Watchung Seniors 55+ meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month (no meetings in the summer) from 11:00 AM to 2 PM. Meetings are held at the Fireman's Exempt Hall, lower level, 57 Mountain Boulevard (next to Borough Hall). There are guest speakers, trips & fun parties. For more information contact (732)968-7843. New members are always welcome.

SENIOR BUS TRIP THURSDAY—MAY 17, 2018

TO

RIVER LADY LUNCH CRUISE

Bus departs from Best Lake parking lot—**9:00 A.M. SHARP** and boards the Paddle Boat at 10:30 A.M. and returning to Watchung approximately 3:30 P.M.

The cruise is a two and a half hour, narrated boat cruise along Toms River and Barnegate Bay, with lunch and a cash bar.

Member fee \$40.00 (after April 11th)

Guest fee \$50.00

Watching Resident Member—free but must pay a \$20.00 deposit on or before April 11th to confirm reservation. This will be refunded aboard the boat.

NO cancellations will be honored, however you may have someone else attend in your place at the current price.

--CUT OFF HERE TO SIGN UP--

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EMERGENCY CONTACT	EMERGENCY PHONE #
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Please circle one lunch choice:

1. Chicken Franchise
2. Chicken Marsalis
3. Filet of Salmon
4. Penne Vodka
5. Chicken Parmesan

All entrees come with rolls, butte, salad, potato, vegetable, soft drinks, coffee and tea with dessert.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WATCHUNG SENIORS

Mail to: Madelyn Cornelisse

15 Old Somerset Road, Watchung, NJ 07069

Phone: 908-561-1932



Watchung Historical Committee Borough Newsletter 2/17/2018

The Watchung Historical Committee is happy to report that the “Legend of Watchung” Mural was safely removed from the Sears Building in September 2017 by Materials Conservation, and is currently being stored in a climate controlled facility. About \$15,000 has already been raised through a Go-Fund-Me page and other fundraising activities, most of which has been used for this safe removal and storage of the Mural.

Approximately \$25,000 more is needed for the cleaning, restoration and re-installation of the Mural. We are consulting other professionals for additional estimates in hopes of reducing this cost. *No tax payer money is being used for this effort*, and we are relying solely on private donations. We applied for, and received, a \$4000 grant from The Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission which will help. We are still seeking donations, large or small to help assure that our wonderful Mural is restored and finds a new home. While the Mural's new home is yet to be determined, we are looking at different locations which will be public and well visited. **We are open to ideas from the public!** We plan to have a decision by September of this year.

Below is the link to the Go-Fund-Me page for the mural if you are interested in donating:
<https://www.gofundme.com/removal-and-conservation-of-mural>. Another option is to donate directly to the Watchung Community Foundation, and please designate that it is for the “For the Mural.” You can send/deliver the check to Watchung Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Boulevard Watchung, NJ 07069.

If you have not seen our WW I exhibit featuring the famous posters and two other newly acquired items, plan to visit soon! 2017 was the 100th anniversary of the USA engaging in the war and exhibits were state wide. Our video project, "Reflections of Watchung" is close to completion and we hope to have a "movie night" soon so that you can all see what we are doing to preserve what life was like in the early days of Watchung. We recently received some priceless film of Camp Endeavor from the 1940's which will be incorporated. We also made sure to obtain some artifacts from the Colorado Café. Please visit your museum!

Two Revolutionary War grave s were identified and specially marked in “God’s Little Acre,” as a result of an Eagle Scout project. We plan to have a program in the spring about this project. A Girl Scout Gold Award has also been completed and look for publicity about this soon. This project includes historic walking and driving tours of Watchung.

The Texier House is now freshly painted and the overgrown shrubbery was removed. The Museum is now another jewel on the circle! The Texier Museum is open the first and third Sundays of each month from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and by appointment any time. We have vacancies on the Committee. Please contact me if you are interested in working on the Historical Committee and helping us preserve and protect the history of Watchung.

Please see a complete report of our activities on the Borough website.

Dorothy Addario, Chair, 908-757-0862 or cell – 908-313-4940, or by email: DTAddario@optonline.net

Current Historic Members

Betty Jean Aldrich, Co-Chair
Chris Blackadar, Secretary
Seth Alexander

Tim Logan
Betse Titus
Chris Vander Fliet

RABIES CLINICS

The Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, with the Warren Township Board of Health, will be offering a spring rabies clinic as listed below. All residents are encouraged to have their dog or cat vaccinated against rabies. 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 clinics are free to all.

DATE: Saturday, May 5, 2018
TIME: 9:00 am to 10:00 am
WHERE: Washington Valley Fire House
Washington Valley road
Warren, NJ 07059

RESIDENTIAL POOL SAFETY

We realize that it is hard to imagine now, but spring is on its way and summer will soon follow. That means an increase in outdoor activities, including the use of residential pools. Pools can be a source of disease, injury, and death. In fact, according to the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, **drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death among children aged 1 – 4 years and most of these drownings occur in residential pools.** In recognition of these facts, the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission has developed a voluntary residential pool inspection program and we encourage all property owners with pools to participate. The program includes an informational flier and an onsite visit where an experienced environmental health professional will review your pool and operations and provide suggestions, where appropriate, for improving the health and safety of your pool experience. Contact us at 732-968-5151 to schedule an appointment or to learn more about this program. A copy of the informational flier can also be found on our website at www.middlebrookhealth.org. This program is currently being considered for national recognition as a model public health practice and it is available to our residents free of charge. Take advantage of this service to protect yourself and your children.

“We baby-proof our homes; shouldn’t we child-proof our pools?”

PUBLIC WORKS
2018

LEAF PICKUP WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 2nd AND CONTINUE TO APRIL 30th

All leaves MUST BE IN BIODEGRADABLE BAGS only and placed on the grass area close to the road, NOT IN the road.

NO BRANCHES, TRASH, OR REFUSE WILL BE PICKED UP

Please check the Borough website to see if your street is listed for pickup

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. Call (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.

Please send this completed form to: Volunteer Pool
Borough of Watchung
15 Mountain Boulevard
Watchung, NJ 07069

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ Board of Adjustment
- ☐ Board of Health
- ☐ Environmental Commission
- ☐ Historic Committee
- ☐ Library Advisory
- ☐ Municipal Alliance
- ☐ Open Space Committee
- ☐ Planning Board
- ☐ Recreation Commission
- ☐ Traffic & Beautification**
- ☐ Green Team**
- ☐ Wildlife Management Advisory Committee
- ☐ Youth Service Commission
- ☐ Other (Explain)

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

**In immediate need of volunteers

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



If everything goes according to plan the warm weather will soon return, flowers will bloom, the fountains in the lakes will be turned on, and the latest crime statistics for New Jersey will be published. As sure as all of the others things will happen, you can bet that Watchung will have one of the highest crime rates in New Jersey having been recently ranked as high as 13th in the state. How can this be? you may ask. What about all of those people fishing and walking around Watchung Lake with the fountains spraying and water gently cascading over the spillway? Are all of those people in danger? How can both of those things exist simultaneously in the same place? They do in fact exist simultaneously because crime rates are based on index crimes and population.

The crime rate is based on the number of index crimes reported per 1,000 residents. Index crimes include crimes such as homicide, robbery, aggravated assault, arson, and burglary, but the crime that puts Watchung high on the list is theft. According to the latest Uniform Crime Report there were 370 index crimes reported in Watchung (2015). These crimes are considered non-violent, and the overwhelming majority of them in Watchung are shoplifting offenses. With 370 index crimes reported, and roughly 6,000 residents, that gives us a crime rate of 62, or 62 crimes for every 1,000 residents. If you only look at how high Watchung is on that list without knowing a little more about how we got there, you could be easily misled when you see that our crime rate is higher than Newark's. A closer look will tell you that of those 370 index crimes, 352 were thefts, and of those 352 thefts, 286 were shoplifting offenses.

From our experience we know that some people shoplift out of want, some people shoplift out of need, and some do it just for the thrill. Still others are part of a more elaborate and organized criminal element, but sadly most people are shoplifting to support a drug addiction. The opioid and heroin epidemic affecting our society has been well documented, and the area we live in is certainly not immune. In many ways Watchung is a typical New Jersey small town, but what is not typical for a community of our size is the amount of retail shopping space that we have along RT 22. When you also factor in a significant amount of shoplifting that is fueled by an opioid and heroin epidemic, what you end up with is a community with a high crime rate that just does not seem to match its bucolic setting.

There are many factors that go into overall crime rates, so don't fall into the trap of only looking at the bottom line. Shoplifting accounts for most of our crime here in Watchung, and only seven of the 370 index crimes reported in 2015 fall into the "violent" category. Our crime rate is high, and we will continue to work closely with retail establishments to bring those numbers down, but I would argue that our community is safe in spite of our crime rate. For additional Uniform Crime Report information you can visit the New Jersey State Police website at www.njsp.org.

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 Police Department

2018 WATCHUNG RECREATION NEWS

The Commission has partnered with Warren, Green Brook and Long Hill Townships to offer many new programs and trips! Click on the Community section of our web page at www.watchungnj.gov to see details of all the programs, trips and events being offered!

WATCHUNG RECREATION'S



@ BROOK HILL SWIM & TENNIS CLUB
8 WEEK PROGRAM 6/25 – 8/17 FULL DAYS RAIN OR SHINE!
SWIMMING DAILY & WEEKLY TRIPS

Now Open for Registration
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS FOR WATCHUNG RESIDENTS UNTIL APRIL 16th!
TO REGISTER GO TO www.watchungnj.gov

SAVE THE DATES

"KIDS NIGHT OUT"
Saturday Night 4:30pm – 9:30pm
April 21st Sky Zone Trampoline Park
(Program Open to Students Grades 5th – 8th)
Register Online @ www.watchungnj.gov

ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC
Saturday, May 19th (Rain Date May 20th)
bus Field

Music, Food, Games and Amusements!

Movie Night and the PTO Ice Cream Social
September 7th, Phillip's Field
Starts @ 6:30 pm
pm
Serving Popcorn & Beverages

GERRY MOBUS MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY

Saturday, Sept. 15th WATCH-



UNG LAKE 9:00 AM – NOON (Rain Date Sept. 16th)

Prizes, Trophies and Refreshments!

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Saturday, Oct. 27th, 1:00pm – 4:00pm Mobus Field (Rain



Date Oct. 28th)

Contests, Haystacks, Pumpkin

Painting, Music, Amusements & Refreshments!

We hope you will join the Watchung Recreation Commission for these fun activities for the family.

WATCHUNG RECREATION COMMISSION

Environmental Commission

Spring is in the air!

As Spring approaches many of us begin to think about our gardens, lawns, and landscaping. Well-groomed properties are a delight; yet, rarely do we stop to think about the cost - the price we pay for that beauty. No, not the money we spend, but the cost to nature, the cost to the environment we live in.

The following facts, statements and pointers are to encourage you to think twice about your gardening habits and, perhaps, how you may alter them a bit to help preserve the natural beauty that surrounds us here in Watchung.

First about the bees...

There are an enormous variety of bees, unfortunately they are often misunderstood. The younger generation of today will become tomorrow's conservationists. Let's educate them now so they may understand the benefits of the many pollinators. A simple start is to teach them that most bees rarely sting unless provoked.

FACT: Most insect species are beneficial or harmless

The bumblebee has recently been put on the endangered species list. Did you know bumblebees are not aggressive and their nests only last a season? If you find a bumblebee nest, please leave it alone.

Honeybees and bumblebees love clover! It's a wonderful feeding ground for them as well as dandelions. To some, dandelions may be an annoyance as they rapidly spread across our lawns. Unfortunately, they last between 8-15 weeks from seedling stage to full grown flower. Please think twice before you spray them. Garden pesticides and lawn care products contain **neonicotinoids**. These chemicals are not good for humans nor wildlife. They can remain in the soil for years and continue to be taken up by the plants, bees, insects, birds and animals, including your outdoor pets. While their involvement in colony collapse disorder is a charged debate, a question remains. Could these neonicotinoids have a seriously negative effect further up the food chain?

Have you ever seen neat circular shapes cut from the leaves on your plants? They look like a big bite was taking out of the leaf. Those are made by Leafcutter bees. Believe it or not it won't harm the plant so please don't spray the plants with pesticides.

Please think of your garden as a feeding station and safe haven for bees, birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

Let's not forget about the birds which are also in decline in some areas. Many of the studies suggest that the birds and bees may share a common enemy - pesticides. The birds may risk exposure by flying near an area being sprayed, eating seeds that may be covered with pesticides or become toxic by eating pesticide laced insects although there does not seem to be enough evidence to support this theory.

Additionally, the fertilizers and pesticides can easily be spread on a breezy day and drift into our lakes and streams ultimately affecting the wildlife.

Of course these are not the sole reasons our wildlife are at risk so hopefully, you will consider alternatives to lessen the harm we pose to these amazing creatures.

Fact: Bees pollinate a significant majority of the world's food - unfortunately these essential pollinators are in serious trouble.

Some basic guidelines:

Protect birds, bees and other insects from pesticides.

Provide a variety of food for bees. Consider plantings with staggered bloom times. Learn about the native plants in your area.

Provide shelter for bees. Wild bees will nest in undisturbed and untilled ground as well as some dead trees and plants.

Fact: 1 out of every 3 bites of food we eat is pollinated by bees.

Clean Water NJ

In The Home

- Shop for nonhazardous, biodegradable and phosphorous-free household cleaning products.
- If you use water-based paints, rinse paint brushes in the sink. If you use oil-based paints, you can filter and reuse the thinner used to clean brushes. Dispose of thinner through a local household hazardous waste program. Visit www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rtrp/hhwcp.htm for a list of local household hazardous waste facilities.
- Sweep up dirt and debris and discard on your lawn or in the trash. Hosing off pavement washes pollutants into storm drains, which may lead to local creeks, bays and the ocean.
- Rather than wash your car in your driveway, on the street or in your yard, take it to a local car wash. This not only conserves water but also eliminates the running off of harmful pollutants.
- Keep trash cans closed to prevent trash from scattering.
- If you use hazardous substances such as paints, solvents and cleaners, use them sparingly, according to the directions. Store properly to avoid spills.
- If you are working on a home improvement project, dispose of drywall and hardened concrete and mortar in the trash or visit www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/classb.htm for a list of recycling centers. Do not rinse concrete or mortar from a bucket or wheelbarrow into the street; dilute the mixture with water and rinse it into an area with vegetation or gravel.
- Participate in local recycling programs. To find out more about recycling in your area, visit www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/recycling/index.htm.
- Dispose of unwanted chemicals at a household hazardous waste collection center in your area. Never pour hazardous materials into the street, sewer or the storm drain. For more information, visit www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rtrp/hhwcp.htm.
- Eliminate or, at least, reduce the use of soaps and shampoos when using outdoor showers that drain to the street.



Litter & Recycling Tips

- Reduce, reuse and recycle materials whenever possible to create less waste, which could end up on our streets and contribute to stormwater pollution.
- Pick up trash and litter on your property and put it in the trash. Always use a public trash can for trash in public areas. Recycle any reusable materials, especially cans, bottles and paper. NEVER throw litter and debris directly into storm drains. Such debris can wash into waterways and onto beaches, and clogged drains can cause street flooding and traffic congestion.
- Always put your cigarette butts in ashtrays or solid garbage cans, not on the streets. Remember, our parks, playgrounds and beaches are not ashtrays. When an ashtray or garbage can are not available, store extinguished butts in your cigarette pack until you find a proper receptacle.
- Empty automobile ashtrays into the trash, not out your car window or directly on the ground. Proper disposal will help keep our waterways clean and minimize the risk of fires.
- Make sure to properly dispose of leftover household chemicals, paints and automotive fluids. These leftover chemicals should never be thrown away. Take them to a household hazardous waste collection center where they can be recycled. To find a center near you, visit www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rtrp/hhwcp.htm





BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG BULKY WASTE COLLECTION
REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Please return this application with your check made payable to the Borough of Watchung

Name: _____ Number of Permits : ____ @\$70.00 = ____
(one per 350 lbs. of material)

Address: _____ District # 1 2
(Circle District Number)

Telephone No. _____

Materials must be out at the curb by 7:00 AM on the Monday of your designated week.

Please indicate the items you are planning to dispose of on collection day by checking below.
(approximate weights included)

- Air conditioner	100	- Lawn mower	100
- Bathtub	400	- Mattress (double)	75
- Chair (large stuffed)	75	- Microwave oven	80
- Chair (small straight)	25	- Rug 5x8	50
- Cedar chest	70	- Sink (porcelain)	40
- Coffee table	50	- Sofa	150
- Desk (large)	100	- Sofa bed	300
- Dishwasher	150	- Stove	250
- Door	50	- Table (large)	100
- Dresser (adult)	170	- Table (small)	50
- Dryer	200	- Gas Barbecue gril	70
- Toilet & tank	100	- Hot Water Heater(40 gal)	150
- Washing machine	300	- Window	30
- Other (Please list with est. weight) ____			

***COMPUTERS– SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLE - 732-469-3363**
***FREEZER/REFRIGERATOR: CONTACT JACO ENVIRONMENTAL 877-270-3520**

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I agree there will be no construction materials, regular household garbage, hazardous waste, flammable explosive waste, containers with excessive liquid, mandatory recyclable materials and similar types of items included in the materials set at the curb for collection. I will not knowingly exceed the weight limitation of 350 lbs. of material per permit sticker. I understand and agree that any unauthorized material or materials that exceed the weight limitations as determined by designated Borough officials and/or the contractor will be left at the curb and must be removed by the end of the collection day.

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Check No. _____ Amount: _____ Date: _____ Initials: _____

District # ____ Permit Numbers Rec'd: _____

ACORN ROAD
ANDERSON ROAD
APPLETREE ROW
BEECHWOOD PLACE
BLUE WOLF TRAIL
BROOKDALE ROAD
CAIN CIRCLE
CARRAR DRIVE
CEDAR LANE
CEDAR ROAD
CRESTWOOD DRIVE
DALE ROAD
DAWN WAY
DEER RUN
DOGWOOD LANE
DRIFT ROAD
DUG WAY
EVERGREEN LANE
FAWN LANE
FOREST DRIVE
GENTIAN LANE
GILDERSLEEVE PLACE
GLEN EAGLE DRIVE

GLENVIEW DRIVE
GUINARD DRIVE
HEATHER LANE
HIGH OAKS DRIVE
HIGH TOR DRIVE
HILL PLACE
HILLCREST ROAD
HILLSIDE AVENUE
HUGHES LANE
INDIAN RUN
JOAN DRIVE
JOHANNA LANE
KAPPELMAN DRIVE
KNOLLWOOD DRIVE
LAKEVIEW AVENUE
LAKEVIEW TERRACE
MAPLE STREET
MOUNTAIN BLVD.
NATALES WAY
PARK PLACE
PARLIN LANE
PHILLIP LANE
PINE LANE

REYNOLDS DRIVE
RIDGE ROAD
ROBIN GLEN ROAD
ROCK AVENUE
ROCK ROAD EAST
SCHMIDT CIRCLE
SCOTT DRIVE
SHAWNEE DRIVE
SNODEN LANE
SPENCER LANE
STANIE BRAE DRIVE
STANIE GLEN
STIRLING ROAD
STONE GATE
SUNLIT DRIVE
VALLEY VIEW ROAD
VERONA PLACE
WASHINGTON DRIVE
WASHINGTON ROCK ROAD
WATCHUNG CREST DRIVE
WETUMKA LANE
WILDWOOD TERRACE
WINANS LANE
WINTER LANE

PROSPECT AVENUE
REDMONT ROAD
ROUTE 22
SEQUOIA DRIVE
SHADY BROOK COURT
SHERWOOD DRIVE
SKYLINE DRIVE
SOMERSET STREET
SUMMIT WAY
SUNBRIGHT ROAD
TALL TIMBERS ROAD
TEMPLAR DRIVE
TIMBERLINE WAY
TUTTLE ROAD
UPPER DRIVE
VAIL LANE
VALLEY DRIVE
VALLEY ROAD
WATCHUNG AVENUE
WILL LANE
WOLFORD COURT
WOODED ROAD
WOODLEDGE ROAD

DISTRICT #2
(June 11-15)

APPLETREE ROW
BAYBERRY LANE
BIRCHWOOD LANE
BONNIE BURN ROAD
BROOK DRIVE
BUMBLE BEE LANE
CANTERBURY LANE
CARDINAL DRIVE
CENTURY LANE
CHELSEA CLUB COURT
COREY LANE
CRYSTAL RIDGE DRIVE
DEVONSHIRE LANE
DIAMOND COURT
EAST DRIVE
EATON ROAD
EDGEMONT ROAD
ELSINORE DRIVE
ELLISEN ROAD
EMERALD DRIVE
FOX CHASE DRIVE
FRIAR LANE

GALLOWAE
GRAND VIEW DRIVE
HILL HOLLOW ROAD
HYDE CIRCLE
JARED COURT
JOHNSTON DRIVE
JOHNSTON DRIVE EXTENSION
KING RICHARD’S COURT
KNIGHTSBRIDGE
KRISTY LANE
MAREU DRIVE
MEADOWLARK ROAD
MOUNTAIN DRIVE
NEW PROVIDENCE ROAD
NOTTINGHAM DRIVE
OAKRIDGE LANE
OAKWOOD ROAD
OAKWOOD ROAD EAST
OAKWOOD ROAD WEST
OLD SOMERSET ROAD
ORCHARD ROAD
PLAINFIELD AVENUE
PRICE DRIVE