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**The Official Newsletter for the
THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**
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FROM YOUR MAYOR

Dear Residents of Watchung,

While last year at this time we were still digging out of the snow, it seems this past winter our primary worry has been lingering ice on our sidewalks and in our gutters, and possible frozen pipes. I hope you have managed well through the winter.

A lot is going on in the Borough. The generators have been installed at the Police Department, Fire Department, and Borough Hall locations. For safety reasons, a new air ventilation system has been installed in the Fire House, as well as a new floor and floor apron in the main garages. Fire Department membership and the Fire Committee are in final stages of review of architecture plans for Fire House improvements. The Buildings and Grounds Committee and then the Mayor and Council at-large will then review and reach some final conclusions on what improvements will be made.

The town could not be more appreciative of the assistance provided by Weldon Materials, Inc., late last year. As many residents are aware, large pieces of the rock wall behind the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Police Department came down in November 2013, destroying a Public Works structure and creating a potentially dangerous situation for DPW employees and those parking at the Police Station. Weldon donated time and equipment to both dig a trench and create a berm in front of the rock wall, allowing for future rocks to fall safely. This alternative solution eliminated the need to spend hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars on the construction of a mesh fence on the wall behind the DPW (as it exists today behind the Police Department). State of New Jersey inspectors approved all of the work when completed.

Late last year the Borough finished installation of sewers on sections of Johnston Drive and Valley Drive. We also resurfaced Washington Rock Road, and a portion of Anderson, Cedar, and Lakewood. This year we intend to make drainage improvements, install curbing, and resurface Knollwood Drive, (partially funded through a \$190,000 State grant), and this project would include drainage and paving improvements to two portions of Deer Run where it intersects Knollwood Drive. Budget permitting, our intention in 2015 is also to mill and pave Ridge Road (Hillcrest to Parlin), and the entire lengths of Jared Court, Kristy Court, Oakridge Road, and Tall Timbers.

The structural review was completed on the current Watchung Library facility. It was determined that the structure can continue to be used. Any future changes in how space is used would require appropriate changes to improve structural integrity. The results of this review do not necessarily equate to the building's ability to meet all the requirements of a future library. Changes to the existing structure may increase the potential that other things will need to be upgraded and brought into compliance. The addition of new elevators, wider staircases, etc. will need to be considered when evaluating current and future space needs. The next step is to hire an architect to design how best the facility could be changed to better meet our Borough's library needs.

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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

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Grades 5 through 8
Valley View Road
755-4422

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Our deer management program in Watchung demonstrated some improvement as it relates to deer taken (54 in 2014-2015 versus 40 in 2013-2014); however, we are not close to the numbers (in excess of 130) we had achieved several years ago, nor the numbers I believe we need if we are going to really mitigate the damage and danger the deer present. If you are willing to offer your property as a potential site for future culling please access the borough website for a copy of the permission slip to complete and send to Borough Hall. With such a cold winter, it is possible that this also may have had an impact on the deer population.

I am very proud of our Girl and Boy Scouts. It was an honor to have four Girl Scouts from Watchung Troop #65624 come to Borough Hall to receive their Silver Award: Allie Gilmore, Gwen Kinder, Danae Churchill, and Diana Sarri-co. I also attended a recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor where five Boy Scouts from Watchung Troop #32 were formally elevated to Eagle Scout: Brian Beckert, Jeffrey Isaacs, Justin Scalera, Hunter Stiles, and Timothy Carroll. Congratulations, future leaders!! I am very proud of all our youth who participate in Scouting. And thanks to the involved volunteers and parents who continue to make our programs a success!

Our annual town-wide clean-up, Operation Pride, will be held on Saturday, April 11th. We meet at 9:00 AM, at the Texier House. Extra hands are always welcomed—Please join us!

I hope you will enjoy this issue of Watchung's Newsletter. Please see inside for several upcoming events.

Have a great spring. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Stephen K. Pote

Stephen K. Pote
Mayor, Borough of Watchung





POLL WORKERS NEEDED!!!!

**Somerset County Board of Elections is looking for registered voters to
work on Election Days**

Please call 908-231-7086
or visit the **Board of Elections** web site at:
www.co.somerset.nj.us/elections/forms/pollworker.pdf

WATCHUNG RECREATION EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES



EASTER EGG HUNT

March 28th 11:00 am – 12:30 pm @ Mobus Field (Rain Date March 29th)
Decorate your wagons and strollers, wear your Easter Bonnet or Easter Cap and
join the Easter Bunny for pictures, games, prizes, and refreshments!
Don't forget your Easter Baskets! Event Sponsored by the Lion's Club



COMMUNITY PICNIC

May 16th Noon – 3:00 pm @ Mobus Field (Rain Date May 17th)
Music, Amusements, Games, Crafts, Train Rides, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Pop Corn,
Cotton Candy, Italian Ice, Refreshments and Prizes. Free event for Watchung Residents!



MOVIE IN THE PARK

June 12th Friday Night at 8:30 pm @ Mobus Field (Rain Date June 19th)
Bring your blankets or chairs and the whole family! Movie to be announced.
Popcorn, Candy and Refreshments will be \$1.00 ea.



GERALD M. MOBUS MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY

September 12th @ Watchung Lake from 9:30 am – 11:30 am (Rain Date Sunday September 13th)
Tackle and bait, Refreshments, Trophies and Prizes Must bring your own fishing pole!
Free event for all Watchung Residents!



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Oct. 24th 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm @ Mobus Park (Rain Date Oct. 25th)
Music, Giant Hay Stack, Rides, Inflatables, Cider, Hot Chocolate, Hot Dogs,
Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Sand Art, Face Painting, Pumpkin Painting, Costume
Contest, Games and Prizes! Free event for all Watchung Residents!

For further information contact recreation coordinator Linda Monetti at: lmonetti@watchungnj.gov

Watchung Rescue Squad

10 Stirling Road
Est. 1950
100% Volunteer



Trained and Dedicated To Save Your Life

Hello, friends and neighbors -

Springtime is a time for new beginnings, and there's no better time to think about joining our Watchung Rescue Squad family.

Every one of us has our own story, and we get to write it ourselves. Watchung Rescue Squad has had a fantastic year, and it's only going to get better! Please consider making us a part of your life story. Our members come from all different walks of life, and no prior medical experience is required. There are different member categories to suit your personal preferences and your busy schedule.

Contact us at (908) 755-1297 or visit our website at www.watchungems.org for more information and to get an application, and get ready for an exciting, life-changing experience that is sure to become a valuable part of your story.

THANK YOU!



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

“CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS....CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES”

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

The Watchung Volunteer Fire Department wishes to thank our community for it's continued support of our organization. Your **100% Volunteer Fire Department** could not continue to provide this life saving service without your generous contributions.

THANK YOU!



PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 2, 2015



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

April 8th - Deadline for Change of Party Affiliation Declaration forms due to County
May 12th - Voter Registration Deadline (21 days before election)
May 26th - Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Primary Election
June 1st - Deadline for In-Person Mail-in Ballot Applications (3:00 p.m.)
June 2nd - Primary Election Day
June 2nd - 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

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NEW INFORMATION ON ANIMAL CONTROL St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center

EFFECTIVE 1/1/2015 THE BOROUGH HAS CONTRACTED WITH ST. HUBERT'S FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES. IN ADDITION TO THE BASIC ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES OFFERED TO THE BOROUGH, THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS:

- Transportation of owned dogs and cats to veterinary hospitals within the contracted service area for owners who are truly UNABLE to get the animals to the hospital. Residents must contact St. Hubert's in advance to make arrangements. No Fee
- St. Hubert's will remove small wildlife which appears healthy, but which has gained access to the property of homes or commercial buildings, provided St. Hubert's deems such removal to be within the realm of its expertise. A nominal fee must be paid by the resident or business when St. Hubert's agrees to undertake such removals.
- St. Hubert's will respond to calls regarding injured or sick wildlife.
- Residents of the Borough of Watchung may surrender to St. Hubert's their own dogs or cats that they are unable to continue to keep. Arrangements should be made in advance by calling St. Hubert's.
- At the request of residents, St. Hubert's will remove from their homes their deceased pet dogs or cats and will dispose of their remains for a fee to the resident.
- Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) for feral cats- St. Hubert's makes every initiative to promote trapping, spaying/neutering, vaccinating, ear tipping/micro-chipping and returning feral cats to the originating location when possible, and promote caregiver volunteerism and guardianship. Residents can contact St. Hubert's directly to obtain a trap for feral cats.

St. Hubert's can be contacted 7 days a week, 24 hours a day at 973-377-2296 and is located at 575 Woodland Rd., Madison, NJ 07940. If you are considering an addition to your family, please visit www.sthuberts.org for a listing of available pets.



Watchung's Green Team

The Green Team was established by the Mayor & Borough Council to promote efforts to save tax dollars, conserve energy and reduce the community's carbon footprint and natural resource consumption. Members of the team review and recommend eco-friendly, cost-efficient projects designed to improve municipal operations. The team includes residents and a variety of borough staff.

Watchung's Green Team is proud to announce that the Borough has achieved **Bronze Sustainable Jersey Certification** in November of 2014 and is working hard to achieve Silver Certification for 2015.

In addition to the several sustainable action items the Green Team and Borough are diligently working on, the Green Team has scheduled the following sustainability events for 2015:

Farmer's Markets to run every Sunday from September 13th through October 25th from 10AM to 2 PM on Brookdale Rd. The market will include local food vendors, food trucks, children's activities and live music this year.

A collaborative **Green Fair** with the Warren Green Team to be held on April 25, 2015 from 10A.M. to 1P.M. at the Warren Municipal Complex at 46 Mountain Blvd.

In honor of Arbor Day the Green Team and Borough will be distributing 500 Norway Spruce seedlings to residents. Distribution dates to follow on the Borough's website.

The Green Team will be hosting an "Animals in the Community Education Program" through Lord Stirling Park's Environmental Education Center. Dates to be announced.

Shred Day to be held June 13, 2015 from 9A.M. to 1P.M. at the Police Department Parking lot.

Prescription Drop Off events hosted by the Watchung Police Department. Dates to be posted on the Borough's website.

The Green Team is working hard towards Silver certification for 2015 and currently is in **DESPERATE NEED of active volunteers** who can help us achieve this task and improve our community. If interested, please contact: Bill Hance at bhance@watchungnj.gov or Shelini Parikh at sparikh@watchungnj.gov or call 908-756-0080 for additional information. Visit the Borough's website at www.watchungnj.gov for updates and additional information.



WATCHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY 2015 SPRING PROGRAMS

Some programs offered include

CHILDREN:

Much More Fun for Munchkins—Age: 2 1/2 to 3 with caregiver. March 17 & April 21 at 10:30 AM

Miss June's Room—Ages 4 to 6. March 5 and April 2 at 4:00 PM

Leisa's Lovely Crafts—Ages 5 to 8. March 25 and April 29 at 4:15 PM

Baking and Books with Doug—Ages 6 and up. March 3 and April 7 at 4:15 PM

Poe-Tree—Ages 7 to 10. April 13 at 7:00 PM

Worms with a Wiggle—Grades 1 to 3. April 22 at 3:45 PM

LEGO Club—Grades 1 to 5. March 23, April 27 and May 18 at 7:00 PM

The King's Castle—The Chess Club for Kids. Grades 3 through 8. March 2, and April 6 at 7:00 PM

OLDER CHILDREN, TEENS, AND ADULTS:

Life Hacks U Can Use—Grades 5 to 12. March 18 at 7:30 PM

Family Fishing—Ages 8 to 12 and Adults. March 18, and repeated on April 22 at 6:30 PM

Teen Action Group (TAG)—Grades 6 to 12. March 4, April 1 and May 6 at 7:30 PM

Never Judge a Book by its Movie—teens & adults. March 26 and April 23 at 7:00 PM

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Mah Jong Club of Watchung—all ages. Monday and Tuesdays 1:00—4:00 PM

Watchung Writers Group—10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

The Writers Galley—March 11 and April 15 at 7:00 PM

WACC Watchung Adult Chess Club—March 16 and April 20 at 7:00 PM

Energy Meditation—March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10 at 10:30 AM

Current Books Book Club—March 9, April 13 and May 11 at 11:00 AM

Social Action Book Club—March 19, April 16 and May 21 at 7:00 PM

Tasty Bites and Books Book Club—March 16 and April 20 at 12:00 PM

Watchung Book Discussion Group—March 12 and April 9 at 7:00 PM

Community Open House—Learn How to Make Something at Watchung Library
March 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

The Watchung Library has many programs and events for all ages. For more detailed information on a particular program go to the Watchung website at: www.watchungnj.gov, click on Community and the Public Library. You will find everything you need under the programs.

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 2, 2015
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?”



ADULT IMMUNIZATION: 19 YEARS AND OLDER

It is thought by many that vaccinations are only for children; but that notion is false. The recent measles outbreak associated with travel to Disneyland and mumps outbreak associated with the National Hockey League should be clear evidence of this. Each year, about **42,000 adults die** from diseases that can be prevented with a vaccine. These diseases include, but are not limited to, influenza, pneumonia, pertussis, hepatitis, shingles and measles. Contracting these diseases can lead to severe complications such as cancer, developmental disabilities, and as noted, death.

In an effort to educate our residents and address the issue of low immunization rates among adults, the **Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission** has created an educational brochure about the issue that can be found on our website at www.middlebrookhealth.org. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) recommended schedule of immunizations that is specifically for adults can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html>. We strongly encourage you to speak to your doctor about your personal vaccination and immunity status.

Stay protected. Get Vaccinated!



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. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

The Borough of Watchung’s CERT Team was created in 2012 and fully trained in the program. We have assisted in many Watchung community activities, training programs and drills. We support our local emergency services including neighboring municipalities.

If you are interested in joining the Watchung CERT Team, please email – watchungcert@gmail.com .

New members are always welcome.



The Borough of Watchung’s Office of Emergency Management will shortly be mailing to all residents a double-sided magnet intended to assist you in preparing for an emergency and as a resource tool during an emergent event. Please place this magnet somewhere visible, such as your refrigerator, so you can access it when needed.

It will contain Important Contact Information, How to get Information, In Case of Emergency Checklist, Generator Safety, Downed Poles and Wires, Important Tips/Things to Remember.

This information is in cooperation with Watchung Office of Emergency Management, Watchung Borough Mayor & Council, Police & Fire Departments, Watchung Rescue Squad and CERT Team.

Please visit www.watchungnj.gov and/or www.fema.gov for further information on Emergency Preparedness.



POLICE NEWS —” RESIDENTS ARE OUR BEST ALLIES”

The more things change, the more things stay the same. Identity theft and various types of internet scams have exploded during recent years, and we’ve seen an increase in telephone scams, but the household burglary remains one of the most intrusive and invasive crimes that can happen to an individual or a family.

While the details surrounding each residential burglary are unique, some factors remain constant. Recently, some surrounding counties have seen a small, but highly publicized surge in the targeting of certain ethnic groups, but experience tells us that most residential burglaries are random. A common theme that we continue to see year after year is the seemingly innocuous ringing of your doorbell by a stranger. The suspects pick a house that appears unoccupied and they knock, or ring the doorbell. If someone answers the door they may ask “does Bob live here?” or they might say “I got off of RT 78 for gas and now I’m lost. Can you tell me how to get back to the highway?” If no one answers the door, they seize the opportunity, and that house becomes a convenient target.

A less common, but not unheard of tactic is when the perpetrators actually look for occupied homes. When you answer the door they offer to perform a service, or they claim to be from a utility company that is working in the area. Those offering a service may say that they’ve spotted some diseased trees on your property that are in need of attention, and they will ask that you step outside so they can show you the problem. While you are in the backyard assessing the trees, his partner is inside stealing your valuables. Another trick is to claim to be from the water company checking on reports of low pressure or discoloration in your neighborhood. They’ll ask for permission to enter your home to check the water, and they’ll ask you to monitor the pressure downstairs while they go upstairs to run the water in the bathroom at the same time. Unfortunately, while you take them at their word, they are upstairs searching for cash, jewelry, and other valuables.

Over the years we have also found that **when our residents act quickly by calling the police immediately**, it has led to a great deal of success in preventing and solving these types of crimes. The simple truth is that no one knows your neighborhood better than you do. If something seems out of place, or just doesn’t seem right, the best thing you can do is be a great witness, gather as much information as possible, and call 911 immediately. If a stranger knocks on your door looking for directions, get a description, a license plate number, watch their direction of travel and report it to the police immediately. If someone knocks on your door and offers a service that you did not solicit, say “no thanks,” get a good description, and call the police immediately. If you’re out walking your dog, and you see an unfamiliar car that is driving slowly and looking up and down driveways, get a license plate number, maybe even take a picture of it with your cell phone, and call the police immediately.

While most people can agree that these suggestions are simple and seem to make sense, we have investigated far too many burglaries where at least some, if not all of these preventative steps were not taken.

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Watchung Environmental Commission

INVASIVE EMERALD ASH BORER DETECTED IN NEW JERSEY



The NJ department of Agriculture officials confirmed that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) an invasive beetle that attacks and kills ash trees, has been found in Somerset County.

A landscaper investigating unhealthy trees in a retail area in Bridgewater alerted the Department. Inspectors took samples and insect larvae were sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Systematic Entomology Laboratory where the specimens were confirmed.

For the past 4 years the Departments of Agriculture and Environmental Protection (NJDA and DEP) have participated in an Emerald Ash Borer survey but none of the beetles were found in the more than 300 traps set up around the state. Emerald Ash borer had already been detected in Pennsylvania and New York counties bordering New Jersey.

EAB is now present in 23 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces. It was first discovered in Michigan in 2002 and has since killed tens of millions of trees.

The adult Emerald Ash Borer is a and one-eighth inch wide making lay eggs on the bark of ash trees. to the fluid-conducting vessels off the flow of nutrients and, even-North American species of true following initial infestation. EAB is native to Asia.



metallic green insect about one-half inch long it hard to detect in the wild. The female beetle The eggs hatch and the larvae bore into the bark underneath. The larvae feed and develop, cutting tually killing the tree. EAB attacks and kills ash, and tree death occurs three to five years

The state will now survey trees in the area surrounding the initial find to determine the extent of the EAB infestation. It is expected that the federal quarantine will be expanded to include New Jersey.

Homeowners who own ash trees can take steps to protect their trees. Treatment products are available at local retail establishments and state-certified pesticide applicators can treat for EAB. Signs of EAD include: canopy dieback beginning at the top of the tree and progressing through the year until the tree is base; sprouts growing from the roots and trunk; split bark with an S-shaped exit holes; and more woodpecker activity creating large holes as the extract the larvae.

To prevent spread of the beetle, do not move firewood. Firewood is a vehicle for movement of tree-killing forest pests including EAB and Asian Long-Horned Beetle. Use locally-sources firewood when burning it at home and when traveling, burn firewood where you buy it. Make sure to burn all wood purchased.



The Watchung Historical Committee

The Watchung Historical Committee (WHC) has been active in refining the exhibits in Texier House Museum. To that end, the Committee members have developed and voted to accept a “Collections Policy.” Under this policy the acquisition of materials for the Museum will have to meet certain standards of acquisition/loan before they can be acquired or accepted by the WHC.

A new item/material must have historic relevance to the Borough of Watchung or one of its residents, and when possible, provenance must be documented. The WHC must be able to care for and house any proposed acquisition while considering all moral, legal and ethical implications of the piece. The donor must have clear title to the material(s) to be acquired.

A member of the WHC will sponsor the proposed donation/loan and present the material(s) to the Committee for consideration. The above mentioned standards will be considered as to why a piece(s) should or should not be acquired. For more exact information on the Collections Policy, contact Watchung Borough Hall or a member of the WHC.

The Texier House Museum continues to be open to the public on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month from 2 to 4 PM—weather permitting. We also open for individuals who cannot make it on those days. In November the Museum was open for the Lion’s Club before their monthly meeting. The Committee received a photograph of the Watchung Art Center, taken by Heinz Otto, from his daughter Vera Otto. It was presented to the Committee at Mr. Ottos’ Memorial Service at the Art Center.

Chris Vander Fliet, Bob Adams, and Brian Ericksen continue to work on their production of “Reflection’s of Watchung, which is a film about Watchung History which will be displayed in the Museums’ media room.

Committee members continue to gather names to be added to the Watchung War Memorial. If you know of anyone who lived in Watchung at the time of their service, please contact Barbara Diem 908-756-5949 or Lynn Franklin 908-755-6276.

Cash donations, in addition to the collection of historic artifacts and photographs, will help the Committee finance the work of properly restoring, preserving and displaying the history of Watchung. Donations may be made online at the Borough website: www.watchungnj.gov, under the Watchung Historical Community Foundation. Books, notecards, and Watchung blanket are available at the Museum. If you have items you wish to donate, purchase items or to arrange group tours, please contact:

Chairpersons, Barbara Diem	908-756-5949
Betty Aldrich	908-755-6575

(POLICE NEWS CONTINUED)

Whether it’s a professional burglary crew or just a random thief trying to support an illegal drug habit, there are some simple steps that you can take to keep from becoming a victim.

- Lock your doors and your ground floor windows.
- Activate your alarm system.
- Turn on lights, and use timers and motion sensors.
- When travelling, stop mail and newspaper delivery, or ask a neighbor to collect it.
- Let your neighbors know if anyone will be at the house while you’re at work or away.
- Clear overgrown vegetation that provides cover for burglars trying to break in.
- Make sure your house number is clearly and conspicuously marked so that it can be quickly and easily located in case of an emergency.

In addition to the random residential burglary, telephone scams are on the rise. In these scenarios unsuspecting victims are asked to provide credit card information or to make electronic transfers of cash to avoid IRS prosecution, to pay a utility bill, or to help a family member who has been arrested on an outstanding warrant. In an effort to avoid any problems, or any loss of utility service, or to help a family member they believe to be in trouble, many people act quickly and follow the instructions they are given only to realize later that they were taken advantage of. If you receive a similar type of call, gather as much information as you can, do not provide any personal or financial information, and verify the authenticity of the call through the agency itself or with the Watchung Police Department before taking any action. If the call is from a legitimate agency they won’t have any problem with you taking the time to confirm and verify what they have said. On the other hand, if it is a scam they will demand that you act quickly, and they will threaten you with additional fines if there is any delay. Any threat of additional penalty in the absence of immediate action on your part is a clear indication of a scam. Do not give in, hang up the phone and verify the call with the authorities before taking any action.

Quick and easy access to and from RT 78 makes the residential burglary an issue that we must constantly and diligently work to prevent in Watchung. Phone calls requesting immediate financial transactions are most likely scams.

The Watchung Police Department has experienced over the years that preventing and solving these types of crimes is usually the direct result of quick thinking and fast acting residents who didn’t hesitate to call us. At other times, we’ve received information hours after the fact and we hear the same thing time and time again; “I was going to call, but I didn’t want to bother you.” I’m here to tell you that your calls are not a bother to us and we would rather investigate a suspicious person or activity that turned out to be nothing, than to have to label you or your neighbor as a victim later. If you hear or see something the least bit suspicious trust your gut, be a good witness, and call us immediately.

Please feel free to email or call me with your comments, questions, or suggestions at jcina@watchungpd.com or (908) 756-3663 Ext. 117.

PUBLIC WORKS **2015**

LEAF PICKUP WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 1st 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



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 : ____ @\$60.00 = ____
(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

BULK PICK UP
DISTRICT #1
(June 1-5)

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

DISTRICT #2
(June 8-12)

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

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