

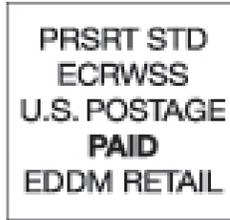
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**The Official Newsletter for the  
THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**  
SPRING/SUMMER  
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**FROM YOUR MAYOR**

Dear Residents of Watchung,

As I make final revisions to this newsletter I am sitting outside – it is March and it is over sixty degrees in the sun. Could it be groundhog Phil is correct and Spring is on its way?

Let me review with you several of the many activities currently underway in town. The Mayor and Council, with good attendance from the public, met in February with architect Anthony Iovino from Arcari + Iovino, P.C., who provided several high level designs regarding potential changes to our library: options ranging from doing what is minimally required to bring the library up to current code as it relates to certain things like, accessibility or required maintenance; other options provide increasingly more substantive change, such as greater efficiency and flexibility in the use of library space over time, as well as more structurally sustainable building.

Significant library changes will require a greater investment. Your mayor continues to believe that without a “center of town” (e.g., Westfield), there is *even greater need and value* to our residents to invest appropriately in a library which is then better enabled to become a valued source of learning, as well a centerpiece of the community in terms of social interaction and pride. A high-functioning library with a strong presence actually helps maintain or increases the assessed value of our homes (strong schools, active recreation areas, and a vibrant library are often seen as strong home buying/selling differentiators) relative to those in neighboring towns.

Standard & Poor’s recently provided an extremely strong financial report on Watchung Borough; the municipality clearly demonstrated that it has been extremely well managed as it relates to its finances, and the future looks very strong for Watchung. In a related proactive consolidation of debt, the Borough secured impressively a very low bond interest rate ( 2.23%) which will result in considerably less interest payments, a savings of over One Million Dollars to our residents.

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Council introduced the 2016 Municipal Budget, again within the 2% State mandated levy cap. It is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on April 21<sup>st</sup>. As always, the public is welcome to attend and comment. Copies of the proposed budget are available upon request at Borough Hall in the Clerk’s Office, or can be viewed on-line from the Borough’s webpage.

Watchung continues to look for ways to minimize the impact of affordable housing development. As you might be aware, COAH (Council On Affordable Housing) was disbanded last year, now placing the burden on regional State judiciary appointees to decide what should be Watchung’s fair share obligation to build affordable housing in the future. If not carefully defended, an unfair burden of affordable housing units on Watchung could fundamentally change the landscape of the town (schools, traffic, other services). Your Mayor and Council are actively pursuing opportunities to demonstrate Watchung’s very limited capacity to build affordable housing.

**\*\*\*\*\*ECRWSS\*\*\*\*\*  
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Watchung Art Center

For information call—561-0190

Watchung Hills Regional High School

Grades 9 through 12  
108 Stirling Road  
Warren, NJ 07059  
647-4800

**BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Debra Joren , Council President  
Dave Mobus**

Police

**Emergency** 911  
**Non-emergency** 756-3663

Emergency Management

**Contact Police Dept.** 756-3663

Tax Assessor

**Ed Kerwin** 756-3366  
ekerwin@watchungnj.gov

Construction Official /Zoning Officer

**Ed Bennett** 756-6093  
ebennett@watchungnj.gov

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

**William Nehls  
George Sopko**

Fire Department

**Emergency** 911  
**Non-emergency** 561-9389

Municipal Court

**Jodi Hanson Rodriquez** 769-2265

Tax Collector

**Ray Murray** 756-8333  
rmurray@watchungnj.gov

Public Works Facility

**Robert Burns** 753-6115  
bburns@watchungnj.gov

Valley View Middle School

Grades 5 through 8  
Valley View Road  
755-4422

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I personally have been spending time working in collaboration with almost 20 Mayors from other towns in the area, all of whom are impacted by the potential Pilgrim Pipeline installation, a 178 mile, bi-directional pipeline, running between Albany, NY and Linden, NJ, including Watchung (crude oil would be transported south to Linden, be refined and be piped back to Albany as finished products). Most towns affected, including Watchung, have provided impact studies demonstrating potential dangers and hazards of having a highly combustible pipeline buried in our town, largely alongside PSE&G pipelines (PSE&G has reiterated its stance against the pipeline). Pilgrim recently applied for permits in New York State. I am working with other Mayors to prevent the same from happening in New Jersey. This consortium of local officials is looking to secure collective legal and environmental counsel to protect our towns.

How can you help in preventing the pipeline in our borough? Our residents who live in proximity to the proposed pipeline installation through Watchung have every legal right to refuse Pilgrim from surveying their land, a requirement for permitting. You also can write to Public Service, and New Jersey state legislators (Bramnick, Munoz, Kean, Christie, Sweeney, Prieto), as well as Congressman Lance and the Bureau of Public Utilities (BPU) to voice your concerns. We will post contact information on the Borough's website. Your voice can make a difference.

At this writing, Mayor and Council have received two informative reviews/analyses performed by The Rodgers Group (a consultant on matters of fire safety and management) which takes a look at long term equipment/apparatus and operations needs of the Watchung Fire Department. We had a public meeting in March with the Rodgers Group to discuss these reports and recommendations. These studies, in conjunction with architectural plans for potential renovations to the Fire Department building, provide good insight into improvements that are both necessary and optional.

9/11 Memorial plans are starting to take shape. Our town engineer is now working with our 9/11 Memorial Committee to finalize an exact location. The town is mobilizing to create final designs and plans for construction. Be on the lookout in your mailboxes for information on how you can help. The Committee is planning several fund raising events such as "A Taste of Watchung" and others that will be fun for the community and at the same time, support this very important memorial.

The following roads are planned for roadway resurfacing: Cardinal Drive, Ellisen Road, Redmont Road and Valley Drive. Additional roads are also under consideration.

Watchung also is preparing for other important events of possible interest, including Operation Pride April 2, Little League Opening Day April 9, Green Fair April 30, Memorial Day picnic May 21; May 22 rain date, and Memorial Day Service May 30. We welcome you to attend and participate in these events!

Best Regards,

*Stephen K. Pote*



## WATCHUNG RECREATION EVENTS

### 2016 SAVE THE DATES

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#### COMMUNITY PICNIC

May 21<sup>th</sup> Noon – 3:00 pm @ Mobus Field (Rain Date May 22<sup>th</sup>)  
Music, Amusements, Games, Crafts, Tractor Rides, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Pop Corn,  
Cotton Candy, Italian Ice, Refreshments and Prizes.  
Free event for Watchung Residents!

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#### YANKEES VS. MINN. TWINS TRIP



FRIDAY JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> COST \$65.00 PP  
BUS LEAVES AT 4:00 PM FROM THE WATCHUNG PD  
SEATS AVAILABLE IN SECTION 131 ROWS 14,15,16

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#### MOVIE IN THE PARK

September 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday Night at 8:30 pm @ Phillip's Field  
Bring your blankets or chairs and the whole family! Movie to be announced.  
Event will be offered with the P.T.O Ice Cream Social!  
Free event for Watchung Residents!

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#### GERALD M. MOBUS MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY

September 17<sup>th</sup> @ Watchung Lake from 9:30 am – 11:30 am (Rain Date Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>)  
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. 29<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm @ Mobus Park (Rain Date Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>)  
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!

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Go to [www.watchungnj.gov](http://www.watchungnj.gov) for more information!

**We hope you will join the Watchung Recreation Commission for these fun Activities for the entire family. These events are free for Watchung Residents!**

## Watchung Rescue Squad

10 Stirling Road  
Est. 1950  
100% Volunteer



The Watchung Rescue Squad continues to fulfill its mission to provide fast and professional emergency medical services to the residents, businesses and visitors to the Borough of Watchung and the surrounding areas.

In 2015, the Watchung Rescue Squad responded to 349 emergency calls. Our top responders for the year were Adam Wexler, Alison Diecke and Ben Dorkin.

WRS also had the chassis of our ambulance 82 replaced as opposed to purchasing an entirely new ambulance. This saved a great deal of money, allowing our organization to optimize the generous donations provided by the residents.

Each year, in addition to providing emergency coverage to the borough, the Watchung Rescue Squad participates in a wide variety of events, both locally as well as in conjunction with the surrounding towns. These events include side by side training with the Watchung Fire Department, the CERT team and as well as medical standby's for town gatherings and athletic events.

If you'd like to see some photos or learn more about upcoming events, visit our website at [www.watchungems.org](http://www.watchungems.org) or like us on Facebook!

The squad held its annual Tree of Lights Festival fundraising event once again in early December. The evening was a success, thanks to all Watchung Borough residents who showed their support through generous donations and attendance.

The time for our annual Fund Drive is fast approaching. Keep an eye out for our mailer in early May. Furthermore, Watchung Rescue Squad is an independent, volunteer organization. Our appreciation goes to our residents for the generous donations, love and support. We rely solely on your donations for the medical supplies, daily expenses that are required to keep our ambulances on the road, maintaining our standard of high quality, and providing free of cost Emergency Medical Services.

Be a part of the action. The Rescue Squad is always looking for dedicated volunteers interested in joining our team as a Driver or EMT. No prior medical experience or training is necessary to join. Training and uniforms will be provided by the Squad. If you have the desire to help your community, 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](mailto:membership@watchungems.org).

**Trained and Dedicated To Save Your Life**

**THANK YOU!**

# 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](http://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:

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**\*\*In Immediate need of volunteers\*\***

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

**Please call Borough Hall if you have any questions about a volunteer position or committee.**

**Borough of Watchung**  
BOARD OF HEALTH



**DOG/CAT LICENSE APPLICATION:**

**You must also submit proof of rabies vaccination, which must be valid through the tenth month of the current license year. (this is a New Jersey State Law).**

Fees are as follows:

**DOGS:** Spayed/neutered \$12.00; and non-spayed/neutered \$15.00.

**(Renewable yearly – January 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**A late fee of \$2.00 per dog will apply for all renewals received after January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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**CATS:** Spayed/neutered \$3.00 maximum fee \$15.00; non-spayed/neutered \$5.00 maximum fee \$25.00.

**(Renewable yearly – May 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**A late fee of \$2.00 per cat will apply for all renewals received after May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Please fill in application below:

NAME OF OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BREED OF DOG/CAT \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SEX \_\_\_\_\_ NEUTERED \_\_\_\_\_ SPAYED \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR: LONG \_\_\_\_\_ SHORT \_\_\_\_\_ MEDIUM \_\_\_\_\_

RABIES VACCINE (**submit proof**) \_\_\_\_\_ (**must be valid through tenth month of license year**)

Make checks payable to:  
Borough of Watchung  
15 Mountain Boulevard  
Watchung, NJ 07069

**PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE**

15 Mountain Boulevard Watchung, New Jersey 07069 www.watchungnj.gov  
Phone: 908.756.0080 ; Fax: 908.757.7027



Watchung’s Green Team continues to work hard toward sustainability efforts. The members of the team were busy last year with the relocation of the Watchung Farmer’s Market. In addition to Watchung’s Fall Farmer’s Market, the Green Team sponsored a From Our Farms workshop at the Watchung Library in December of 2015. The From Our Farms is a project, offered through Rutgers Co-operative Extension that teaches children about the importance of good nutrition and the value of local agriculture.

The Team is currently focusing on planning the 2016 Green Fair. The Watchung Green Team is proud of the collaborative effort with the Warren Green Team and Somerset County Planning Board in hosting this year’s joint Green Fair scheduled for April 30, 2016, 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Bayberry Elementary School. Residents from both towns will have an opportunity to recycle materials that you cannot recycle in your regular recycling (i.e. Electronics, Styrofoam, paper, crayons, books, textiles/shoes etc). The Green Fair will also have live demonstrations and exhibits from sustainable vendors.

In addition to the Green Fair, the team is planning the 2016 **Watchung Farmer’s Market** which is scheduled to run every Sunday this year August through September from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Best Lake parking lot. The market will include local food vendors, local produce and rotating prepared food vendors/food trucks and will include craft vendors.



The Green Team is working hard toward maintaining Bronze Certification and is striving to obtain Silver certification. The Team currently is in **NEED of active volunteers** who can help us achieve this task, assist with upcoming events and help improve our community. If interested, please contact Bill Hance at [bhance@watchungnj.gov](mailto:bhance@watchungnj.gov) or Shelini Parikh at [sparikh@watchungnj.gov](mailto:sparikh@watchungnj.gov) or call 908-756-0080 for additional information. Visit the Borough’s website at [www.watchungnj.gov](http://www.watchungnj.gov) for updates and additional information.

## 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 7, 2016  
**TIME:** 9:00 am to 10:00 am  
**WHERE:** Washington Valley Fire House  
Washington Valley Road  
Warren, NJ 07059



## ZIKA VIRUS DISEASE



Zika virus disease (Zika) is a disease caused by Zika virus that is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika. For this reason, many people might not realize they have been infected. Once a person has been infected, he or she is likely to be protected from future infections.

In May 2015, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) issued an alert regarding the first confirmed Zika virus infection in Brazil and on Feb 1, 2016, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Zika virus a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC). Local transmission has been reported in many other countries and territories. This virus likely will continue to spread to new areas.

Zika is mostly spread through the bite of infected mosquitoes. It can also spread from a pregnant mother to her baby during pregnancy or around the time of birth. There have also been reports of sexual transmission. There have been reports of a severe birth defect called microcephaly (abnormally small head and a brain that is not fully developed) born to mothers who were infected with the virus during pregnancy. More studies are planned to better understand exactly what problems might happen as a result of the virus.

### **CDC RECOMMENDS SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND WOMEN TRYING TO BECOME PREGNANT**

Pregnant women in any trimester should consider postponing travel to areas where Zika virus is spreading. Pregnant women who do travel to one of these areas should talk to their doctor first and strictly follow steps to avoid mosquito bites during the trip. Women whose partner has traveled to an area where Zika is present should abstain from sex, or correctly and consistently use condoms for all sex acts, throughout the remainder of the pregnancy. See your doctor if you are pregnant and have traveled, or plan to travel, to an area where the virus is present.

Finally, no local mosquito-borne Zika virus disease cases have been reported in US states, but there have been travel-associated cases. As we rapidly approach the spring and summer, prevention of mosquito breeding becomes more important and aids in preventing other mosquito borne diseases such as West Nile Virus. Eliminating the presence of standing and stagnant water can go a long way to reducing the mosquito population, yet stagnant water can collect in many places around the home, such as bird baths, empty ceramic pots, discarded tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters, and plastic wading pools to name a few.

You can stop water from becoming stagnant by replacing water in your birdbaths every couple of days. You can reduce the possibility of pooling water by disposing of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots and other water-holding containers that are outside. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools. Turn over plastic wading pools, wheelbarrows, and buckets when not in use. Aerate ornamental pools, or stock them with fish. By using these simple control measures you can help reduce the population of mosquitoes around your home and will be more able to enjoy the spring and summer months!

If you have specific questions please contact the health department at 732-968-5151 or 908-753-8000. For more detailed information visit our website at [www.middlebrookhealth.org](http://www.middlebrookhealth.org) and the CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>



## **BOND SALE FOR \$8.17 MILLION VERY SUCCESSFUL SALE YIELDS INTEREST RATE OF 2.23%**

The Borough conducted a bond sale in the amount of \$8.17 million on February 18th and the results were very positive for the residents as an interest rate of 2.23% was secured. The Mayor and Council unanimously approved a resolution on January 21st consolidating bond ordinances that had been approved since the latter part of 2007 enabling the Borough to conduct this sale on February 18th. The low bid was submitted by Roosevelt and Cross, Inc. Four (4) additional bids were submitted and the highest bid from RBC Capital Markets was 2.628%. The last Borough bond sale was conducted in 2007 for \$15.6 million yielding an interest rate of 4.34% which was very competitive also for market conditions at that time.

For this February bond sale the Borough was rated by the rating agency of Standard and Poor's (S&P). The rating given to the Borough by S&P was AA positive. This rating helped to impact the very strong bids that were obtained by the Borough for this February 18th sale.

Over the course of the life of this bond sale which is sixteen (16) years the Borough will make total interest payments of \$1,808,175. By receiving a low bid of 2.23%, hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest rate payment savings were achieved for the residents and taxpayers of Watchung. The timing on hitting the permanent financing market and conducting this bond sale was excellent. Borough officials were concerned that over the next twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months interest rates would gradually start to climb even if only incrementally.

Bond ordinances are considered by the Mayor and Council for major capital improvement projects that should be financed over the long term. Some examples of capital improvement bond ordinances consolidated into the February 18th bond sale included numerous roadway improvements, sanitary sewer installations, public building enhancements/improvements, the purchase of some Public Works equipment such as trucks and heavy equipment, and fire apparatus.





### POLICE NEWS

It may be cold and dreary now, but Spring is here and as many of us look forward to getting back to doing all of the things that we enjoy doing outdoors, don't forget that burglars are anxiously awaiting the return of spring as well. When the warmer weather arrives trees and flowers will be in full bloom and while most of us will simply appreciate the scenery, burglars appreciate how it helps to conceal their activities. There is certainly no shortage when it comes to the creative ways that someone will try to take advantage of you, but there are a few simple steps that you can take to avoid becoming a victim of a burglary or some of the more common scams that are reported to the police.

When securing your home the one thing you must realize is that while burglarproof may be ideal, it is not realistic. The question is can you secure your home enough to make the burglar go somewhere else? Below is a list of simple steps that you can take to secure your home enough so that it is not an easy target.

- Lock your doors.
- Secure windows that can be easily reached or accessed without a ladder.
- If your house has an alarm system, use it.
- Put exterior and interior lights on timers.
- Put exterior lights on motion sensors.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery when traveling.
- Trim overgrown vegetation that helps to conceal a burglar's attempted entry.
- Tell neighbors of your travel plans, advise them if anyone will visit the house while you're gone, and ask them to check on things while you're away.
- Lock your car, keep valuables out of sight, and remove keys and key fobs from vehicles.

Don't hesitate to report any unusual or suspicious activity to the police right away. No one knows your neighborhood better than you do, so if you see something that just doesn't seem right, report it to the police immediately. Have you ever seen a contractor's vehicle that didn't have the company name and phone number plastered all over it? If someone knocks on your door offering some type of home improvement service and you didn't call them first, that should be your first indication that something may be going on. If you don't see a truck with the company name all over it, then something is wrong. Remember that most burglaries are random, and chances are a stranger is knocking on your door simply to see if anyone is home, or if the house is vacant. Once they see that the house is occupied, offering home improvement services is nothing more than a convenient explanation for knocking on your door. Since you are at home, chances are that one of your neighbors is about to have their house burglarized. Many of the cases we've solved over the years were the result of someone who called the police immediately when they received a strange knock on their door. Don't dismiss those unsolicited inquiries. Call the police immediately and let us investigate.

Unfortunately, it doesn't end with simply securing your home and you must remain vigilant when it comes to the various types of scams that are used to defraud innocent victims. Scam artists often pose as representatives of government agencies while preying on your fears and emotions. You may receive calls or emails from the "IRS" requesting money for taxes and threatening arrest if payment is not made immediately. The IRS and other government agencies do not operate that way, and you should always make every effort to verify the call and the caller before sending any money. Please keep this in mind as we enter tax season, and go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) under their "News & Events" tab for additional information.

The same is true if anyone calls demanding some type of immediate payment. Whether it's someone purporting to be from the IRS, or some law enforcement agency requesting bail money for a family member DO NOT wire any payment or provide any bank account or credit card information without verifying the authenticity of the call first. Legitimate agencies will not threaten you with consequences for failing to act immediately. Ask questions, takes names, titles and callback numbers and in many cases a quick internet search on the names and numbers you've gathered will reveal the scam. Most of these scams are initiated from out of the country, so recovering lost funds and prosecuting those offenders is extremely rare. Don't be a victim.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please don't hesitate to email me at [jcina@watchungpd.com](mailto:jcina@watchungpd.com) or call (908) 756-3663 ext. 117.

Best Regards,  
*Chief Cina*



### [The Watchung Historical Committee](#)

The Watchung Historical Committee continues to be open on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-4 PM weather permitting. We have a new entrance sign at the parking lot and a new sandwich board to remind visitors when we will be open. We also encourage private tours anytime.

Our Committee participated for the first time in the Somerset County Historical "Journey Through The Past". We were one of 30 stops that day with a total of 115 people visiting and we received many favorable comments about what a beautiful and informative museum we have.

The ceremony on Veteran's Day on November 11th at Borough Hall was well attended and new names were added to our veterans monument.

The Historical Committee will be hosting a tour and luncheon on April 13th at 11:00 AM for the Watchung Seniors.

Cash donations, in addition to the collection of historic artifacts and photos, will help the Committee finance the work properly restoring, preserving and displaying Watchung's History. Tax deductible donations may be made online at the Borough Web Page: [www.watchungnj.gov](http://www.watchungnj.gov), listed under the Watchung Historical Community Foundation. Books, notecards and Watchung Throws are available at the Museum. If you have items you wish to donate, purchase items, or to arrange for group tours, contact:

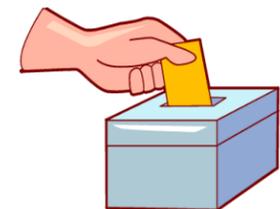
Chairpersons, Barbara Diem	908-756-5949
or	
Betty Aldrich	908-755-6575



## June 7<sup>th</sup> Primary Day

**Polls are Open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm**

- Locations:
- Districts 1 and 4 – Fireman's Exempt Hall
  - District 3 – Bayberry School
  - Districts 2 and 5 – Wilson Memorial Church



# WATCHUNG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

## 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 its 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!**

## PUBLIC WORKS 2016

**LEAF PICKUP WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 4th AND CONTINUE TO APRIL 29th**

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!!**

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## **RECYCLING ALERT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION!!**

Plastic bottle caps and lids and empty prescription drug containers are now being collected at the Watchung Library. These items are **NOT** allowed in our regular recycling stream. Plastic bottles and containers with **CAPS/LIDS ON** are **NOT** accepted by Somerset County Recycling, even if they are crushed. Please collect your plastic caps and lids and bring them to the foyer of the Library for special recycling. Thank You!

### **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING**

- Caps from water and soda bottles
- Caps from plastic milk jugs
- Tops from detergent bottles
- Plastic caps from toothpaste and cosmetic tubes
- Lids from cans of peanuts, coffee, and plastic peanut butter jars
- Prescription drug bottles (caps and bottles), empty with labels removed

### **NO METAL CAPS**





**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. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 grill	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**

**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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

**Check No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Permit Numbers Rec'd:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BULK PICK UP  
DISTRICT #1  
(June 6-10)**

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

**DISTRICT #2  
(June 13-17)**

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