



The CITIZEN



Black Bear by Bob Todd, Local Artist

THE WEATHER FACTOR...

...has been a roller coaster ride going from two major snowstorms in February to a devastating hurricane in March to a wind storm in May.

It continues...the combined global land and ocean surface temperature made this July the second warmest on record, behind 1998, and the warmest averaged January to July on record. On August 4, the Department of Environmental Protection declared a drought watch for 5 northeastern counties including Bergen and asked residents and businesses to voluntarily conserve water as the hot and dry conditions continued. Reservoirs were some 6-7 feet below normal levels. On August 14, Bergen County issued mandatory restrictions on lawn watering for odd-even days and time of day.

It was eight days after the restrictions were announced that the rains came earlier and harder than expected on Sunday, August 22, causing flash flooding. These downpours came after a month of very hot and humid temperatures that reached nearly 100 degrees! (nj.com and National Weather Forecast).

Then along came Earl...not really smooth talking Earl but



far less intense than feared, brushing past the Northeast and causing little damage in our area. The storm weakened faster than predicted and continued to diminish. By midday Friday, September 3, it dropped to a Category 1 storm, down from a fearsome Category 4 with 145 mph winds a day earlier. At 11 p.m., it was downgraded to a tropical storm. It left us with brilliant blue skies and a humidity-free, breezy Saturday.

What did not diminish was the preparedness shown by our emergency services who were ready to handle any problems. The police department and office of emergency management kept in constant contact as reports came in from the County OEM and weather stations.

I appreciate the stamina and hard work of residents and emergency services personnel including ambulance, fire, emergency management, police, and road department in dealing with the results of the diverse weather conditions.

NO LAZY, HAZY DAYS OF SUMMER HERE

It is clear, however, that a lot of progress was made in the Township this summer to improve services, communi-

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“SHARE” AT THE TWP OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Libraries love interaction, especially the sharing of good book and movie titles.

The Library staff enjoyed sharing some of our favorite book titles with our patrons this summer. Our recent handout, **Staff Picks for a Good Summer Read** was well received. Over 120 flyers were taken home by patrons and, hopefully, provided suggestions for at least one good read for you or your book club. Our patrons’ reading preferences are diverse, and so was this list.

Tell us about a good book **YOU** have read recently and you’ll be able to contribute to our future display of “Patron Picks for a Good Read.” Keep an eye open for these “Sharing Spots” in the Library where you can write your titles down.

Throughout the fall and winter, look for additional

areas and displays in the Library which will spread the word about good books of all types for our readers. A “Reader’s Corner” may actually exist as more of a “Reader’s Shelf,” but we hope to keep the reading suggestions going.

For the past year we have had a “Share” clipboard near the movie DVDs. If you’ve watched any DVDs that you would recommend, please continue to write the titles down here. Patrons DO look at this! We’ve also put out a flyer of “Staff Picks for DVDs” in many different categories, so the “chat” about movies keeps going.

We hope to see you stop by the Library in the coming months, pick up a suggestion or two, and share some good finds of your own.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

On behalf of the Twp. of Washington, I am thrilled to welcome you to our new and improved website, recently launched on Wednesday August 18th, 2010.

Following many months of hard work updating, re-organizing and adding information to improve accessibility to our residents, the launch will hopefully make available a site that is both aesthetically and functionally more advanced than our current site.

Highlights of the new site include:

- A new, Colonial themed site adhering to our history combined with a compilation of Township images, featuring easily recognizable photos of our town and services.
- An updated layout providing organizational and functional improvements, resulting in the elimination of clutter and more intuitive site navigation. Access to information and services has been re-organized according to the most common traffic patterns of most municipal websites in the area.
- Enhanced informational listings for Residents, Businesses, and Visitors that will now group relevant links by category, making it easier to find several links related to one topic in one central place. In addition to a more organized menu, we have also added a Search Box to help even further narrow down an inquiry.
- A rotating slideshow will allow us to present various



seasonal images of the Township’s landscapes, neighborhoods, and people. One of the many features of this new site is its ability to be easily updated allowing new content on a daily basis. We encourage residents to submit photos, community announcements and suggestions which will only promote further traffic to our site.

- A new Google based search engine will provide our web visitors with better access to the specific information they seek allowing improved navigation.

I hope you will find the new site to be visually reminiscent of the Township of Washington’s natural character and—most important—user-friendly, easily accessible, and highly informative. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments you might have regarding the new site at info@twpofwashington.us.

Sincerely,
Heather A. Henry
Website Manager

TOWNSHIP GOING GREEN TO REDUCE SALT IN WATER SUPPLY

During the past two years, United Water has provided notices to residents indicating an increase in sodium levels in our drinking water. The company cites road salt run-off as the leading cause of elevated sodium levels in the drinking water supply. The Township of Washington is proud of its efforts to reduce the environmental impact of its winter road operations through the introduction of brining and the testing of emerging salt technology.

In the winter of 2009-2010, the Township acquired a cutting edge tool in the ongoing battle against the elements—a brine truck. Brining is a new technique in which a liquid solution is poured on the ground before a snowstorm. The solution prevents snow from binding to the road. Brining yields the white residue on the roads that many people in the Township recognize from this past winter. The impact of brining is that snow melts right away; therefore, the Township uses less salt to de-ice.

The Township has also experimented with ‘green’ salt in 2010, as researched by Bob Hamilton, Road Department Superintendent. The ‘green salt’ contained an additive based on molasses, a by-product of the sugar refining industry. The product claims to increase the “stickability” of salt to the road, resulting in a number of benefits that include increasing the performance of the salt and allowing reductions of the overall rates of the spread of salt.

Both of these initiatives provide a win-win for the Township and its residents. The Township realizes a cost saving through the reduction in the use of road salts and the amount of manpower. The environment and Township residents win with these Green initiatives as they contribute to a reversal in the sodium levels within our watershed.

If you have any questions on “Green Activities” within the Township, please e-mail the Green Team at greenteam@twpofwashington.us

THE CONTEMPORARY WOMAN’S CLUB OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

A lighted Christmas Tree was set up and hand decorated by Madeleine Ciocco, Vera Scanlon and M. Hope Diggs, president in the Township PNC Bank to promote the GFWC-NJSFWC Contemporary Woman’s Club’s “Christmas-In-July” project. Non-perishable food was collected for the families of our men and woman in military service. Public Issues Chairman, Barbara Harrington, delivered the collection, valued at \$500 to the Teaneck Armory. She thanks everyone who contributed.

With Holidays on their minds, the Contemporary Woman’s Club members are joining NJSWFC clubwoman in preparing Christmas stockings filled with treats for our Troops. The stockings must be ready for mailing mid-September in order to help Santa!

Labor Day weekend, you will see members at the Township A & P for this Clubs’ annual SHAKE THE CAN event to benefit scholarships. Due to the generosity of Township of Washington and neighboring residents, the Contemporary Woman’s

Club has been able to give two (2) \$1,000 scholarships annually. Grateful thanks to ALL contributors.

And now, information about Gilda’s Club from the “Contemporaries”, (Excerpted from an article by Shelly Banjo of the Wall Street Journal). The New Jersey State Federation of Woman’s Clubs, comprising 280 woman clubs across the state, has selected Gilda’s Club Northern New Jersey as the recipient for its 2010-2012 state project, promising to help the network of cancer support centers get back on good financial footing. The recession has hit the organization particularly hard and it didn’t think it had enough money to keep going. The group has since merged its centers with the Wellness Community another cancer support non-profit, held numerous fund raisers and elected new leadership. “When all the Woman’s Clubs come together, we are a force to be reckoned with,” says Patricia Whitehouse, the newly elected president of the NJSFWC.

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON LIBRARY

Did you enjoy our **Window Display**? We hope you were able to stop by the Library at some point during the summer months and take a look at our display in the windows of the History Room. We tried to highlight all the contributions the Friends had made during the past year to the Library, but almost ran out of window space!!! We have been most fortunate in that the support you give to the Friends through our Book Sales and Basket Raffles has been maintained, which in turn allows the Friends to continue their support of the Library. Thank you to all those patrons who support our efforts.

The Friends are planning our Fall **Book Sale** for the end of September. This event is one of our most popular fundraisers and is often requested by our patrons. It really is a bargain, to pay \$2 and be able to choose from the many books that are donated to the library every year. What a great way to recycle, and donate to the library at the same time! For the exact dates, please check with the Circulation Desk.

Another item in the plans is our **Fall Basket Raffle**. The committee is working on a theme and actively soliciting donations from local merchants.

As any of our winners can tell you, these baskets are filled to the brim with goodies, literally something for everyone. Watch for our basket display sometime in the middle of October!

Once again, the **summer programs** at the library were a great success! The Friends were proud to be able to use a large portion of your donations to provide the funds for much of the extra “fun stuff” that the children enjoyed. We are committed to doing all we can to supplement and enhance these programs for the children of the community.

Wii Gaming continues to be a huge success, with both adults and children participating. Inquire at the Circulation Desk regarding dates and times.

Last but not least, don't forget the **family pass** to the Museum of Natural History in New York City. With the school year starting up once again, this might be an affordable, pleasant, and informative day for the whole family.

The Friends meet in the Library, usually on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. To check on the meeting date, or if you would like more information, please contact the Library or stop by the Circulation Desk.

GIRL SCOUT AWARD – TROOP 1144



Congratulations to Kaitlyn Fanale of Troop 1144 who was awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award from the Girl Scout Council of Northern New Jersey.

Kaitlyn received her Gold Award after completing over 65 hours of community service on a project to benefit sick and underprivileged children by creating handmade quilts that are distributed to children in hospitals and various day care facilities.

Kaitlyn combined her love of sewing and her respect and admiration for her sewing teacher, Ms. Hait, into a community service project to benefit children in need. The project took a lot of planning, preparation and sewing but it was so worthwhile to be able to help put a smile on a child's face.

Kaitlyn is a senior at Westwood High School and is involved in Cheerleading, Interact, Student Council, National Honor Society as well as working as a cheerleading coach for the Washington Township Falcons senior squad.

Congratulations Kaitlyn for a job well done!

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSE FOR LICENSED RIDERS

Article submitted by: Lt. Rich Skinner
Photos by: Chris Carter, Retired Police Motor Officer

The Township of Washington Police Department recently used grant funding for motorcycle safety to purchase our 2008 Harley Davidson Police Motorcycle. The Motorcycle Safety Grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety has allowed the department to lease the motorcycle for the past two years. This year the motorcycle was purchased, at no cost to the tax payers, using this grant and donations from local businesses.



Sergeant Scherer demonstrates motorcycle control.

As part of this safety program, the Township of Washington Police Motorcycle Squad has been conducting motorcycle safety courses for local riders over the past three years. The grant covers all expenses of teaching the course including equipment, course materials and salaries.

The five hour course encompasses one hour of classroom training and four hours of practice riding. Classroom topics discussed included risk management, group riding, alcohol impairment and safety gear. The riding segment provides training to students on their own motorcycles. Riding exercises are designed to help improve important skills such as braking, swerving and cornering. Studies have shown these skills to often be lacking in motorcycle

riders involved in crashes. The officers use the new police motorcycle to demonstrate these accident avoidance skills.

Instruction for the course is provided by Washington Township Police Motorcycle Officers, Lieutenant Rich Skinner, Sergeant Bill Curl, and Sergeant Roy Scherer. These officers have specialized training in police motorcycle operations. Lt. Skinner is also a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Coach. As part of the program, the officers additionally speak to driver education students and local civic groups about driver safety and awareness of motorcycles on the road.

The motorcycle is a great added asset to the police department, being used for patrol, traffic enforcement, and community policing. With efficient gas mileage, the motorcycle also helps reduce fuel costs.

The next Township of Washington Police Department Motorcycle Safety Course for Licensed Riders will be held in the spring of 2011. The Department also loans safety videos to local motorcycle clubs and organizations. For more information, contact Lt. Rich Skinner 201-664-1140 ext 169 or e-mail him at RSkinner@washtwppolice.org.



Lt. Skinner directs Township of Washington resident, Steve Vecchione, through a swerving exercise.

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cations, and efficiencies.

Once the Town Council awarded the cell tower bid to Verizon, negotiations took place to finalize the contract for this communication facility. Also, work was authorized to clear the area next to the police department for the new tower. This involved moving the police shed from that location to its new home. Photo #1 shows Chris Riedel and members of the Road Department pouring cement to provide a new pad in the Municipal Facilities yard; Photo #2 shows Rich's Automotive moving the shed. I thank Chris Riedel for building the footings and Rich's for moving the shed, both working at no cost to the Township.

The PSE & G Gas Main Service and Replacement Project is about 70% complete. The project is being monitored by township personnel to ensure safety as well as adherence to project criteria. Photo #3 shows employees from Napp-Grecco Company implementing the plan. Bruce Broskie, resident of the Township, was instrumental in developing this project.

Fields continue to be used during the summer for our recreation programs. Photo #4 shows teams from the Over 35 Softball League at the end of a playoff game; Photo #5 shows players and coaches from the Falcon Football Program preparing for the season.

You may have noticed the wall that was built recently at the firehouse to prevent erosion and to improve aesthetics. After many years of discussing the need for the wall, Fire Director Tom Sears and Road Department Director Christopher Riedel took action to make it a reality. Chris Riedel, Road Department staff, and volunteers



implemented the plan as seen in photos 6 and 7. They completed their mission despite very hot and humid weather conditions. In addition, they saved the taxpayers approximately \$6-8,000. Chris Riedel deserves a thank you for all the days he spent planning and building the wall.

Lilly Chin, acting administrator, worked with the Valley administrators to increase our community development grant for senior activities. They were successful in obtaining \$4,950 instead of \$3,000.

When Joe Durso, Fred Goetz, and I campaigned last year, many residents expressed the need to bring the community back especially through town events in an economy where people are interested in staying close to home for reasonably priced entertainment and camaraderie. As a result, the Township of Washington Family Festival will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Memorial Field. The response has been great! The committee meets every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall to brainstorm ideas and create the plan (see photo #8). Most of their time, however, is spent working feverishly to raise money, seek out and collect raffle prizes, set up games, research activity rides, contact vendors, make various arrangements, measure the field, etc. They are to be congratulated for their commitment to this community event. Hope to see you on Saturday, October 2, 2010!

A lot of work went into finalizing the police

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contract and guides once the state arbitrator made the official decision. The mayor and council also completed negotiations with the Department of Municipal facilities.

As a result of the malfunctioning of the fire alarm system at town hall, the acting police chief, Randy Ciocco, conducted a debriefing with appropriate personnel to develop evacuation procedures for various emergencies.

The Road Department has been proactive in clearing areas to reduce flooding. This included working with the Bergen County Mosquito Commission to remove several trees from the brook behind President Road and removing part of a large tree near the school path that was hindering water flow.

There have been questions regarding the senior

freeze and the senior citizen homestead rebates. In regard to the freeze, the state gave the 2008 not the 2009 amount; in effect, they froze the freeze. As for the homestead rebate, seniors will not receive one this year. However, in 2011, seniors will receive a credit on their May tax bill for one quarter of the rebate, to be determined by a specific formula. This method will be costly to the municipalities because a lot of the implementation is being shifted to the towns, for example, the cost of printing an additional tax bill, mailing it, processing the changes on the tax CD, etc. However, since the State will be saving money on these items, it does plan to give the towns a 2% overhead fee. The big question is, though, "When will the state reimburse the town for the credits given to residents on the tax bills?"

I hope that you have seen our new website. Heather A. Henry, a resident of the Township, offered to make it for us and has worked very hard to bring us a state-of-the art website. You can access it at twpofwashington.us. Mrs. Henry will be training employees to post to the site. Also, there is a separate memo from her in this newsletter outlining the thematic approach, highlighting the improvements, and discussing its interactivity. Suggestions and corrections are welcomed.

The first Saturday morning meeting with the mayor will be on Saturday, October 9, 2010. Details for the time and format of that meeting are forthcoming and will be on WCTV, the Website, and our E-sign.

In the first two township shredding events, you shredded a total of 4.54 tons of paper. Your "last chance" to shred papers this year is on Saturday, September 25, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Let's try to reach at least three tons in the third event alone! I thank Greenstar for providing this service at no cost to the residents.

Our recycling rebate has increased. From January to June in 2009, we received \$8,035.54; from January to June in 2010, we received \$22,392.48. It's the price of paper that is making most of the difference. PLEASE RECYCLE...it is well worth the effort!

As usual, you can contact Bernadette Pomykala at 201-664-4404 or me at 201-664-0361.

Sincerely,
Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Golden Seniors presented scholarship awards to the Westwood High School graduates. Melissa Peters and Andrew Gioe received \$1,000 awards. James McDonough and Laura Largi received \$100. Jennifer LaGratta, Immaculate Heart graduate, received \$100. Best wishes for continued success from the Golden Seniors.



Pictured left to right
Melissa Peters, James McDonough, Kay Coppola, President of the Golden Seniors, Andrew Gioe, and Laura Largi.

Separate picture of Jennifer LaGratta.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON RESIDENT EARNS GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

For nearly a year, Township of Washington resident Brittany Schroeder helped feed the hungry in the Pascack Valley area as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn and requires the completion of a 65-hour leadership project planned and implemented by each girl.

Brittany worked with food companies and restaurants to provide holiday meals for more than 50 families in Bergen County. Italian Touch Restaurant in Iselin helped prepare meals for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. All the meals were delivered directly to the families.

In addition, Brittany received donations of hams and turkeys from Porky Products of Carteret. She distributed these items, along with other holiday treats, to the military troops stationed at the Teaneck Armory. Many of the soldiers there had recently returned from tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I was able to help feed the less fortunate and put smiles on their faces during the holiday season," said Brittany. "It was a great feeling to know that I was able to make people happy."

Brittany has been a Girl Scout since she was in kindergarten and says the program has given her a deep sense of responsibility and civic involvement.

"By joining Girl Scouts I learned how to interact with other people, volunteer my time, and become a better person," she said.



EMERGENCY SERVICES AT WORK

Township of Washington Acting police Chief Randy Ciocco wishes to announce the successful response to a house fire that occurred on Wednesday, August 25, 2010. The response to this incident involved assets from the Township of Washington Fire Department and Township of Washington EMS, as well as several nearby Fire Departments from Westwood, Paramus, and Hillsdale.

On August 26, 2010, at approximately 2:57 p.m., Police Headquarters Desk Officer Sgt. Mino received a 9-1-1 call reporting smoke emanating from a garage located on Hampshire Rd. The desk Officer immediately dispatched Police Lieutenant Jack Oppelt, who is also a volunteer fireman, and Sgt. Bill Curl. The pair of officers arrived within moments and located heavy smoke emanating from the garage of the residence. At this point the homeowner arrived on scene providing the key to the residence. Lt. Oppelt and Sgt. Curl confirmed the residence was unoccupied and all interior doors to the residence were closed. The Township Fire Department, under

the direction of Fire Chief Christopher Meier, along with assistance from several neighboring fire departments, knocked down the fire within minutes of the initial report.

Damage to the home was limited only to the garage and is still inhabitable. A preliminary investigation revealed that the fire was not intentionally set, and was most likely accidental. The Fire Department has already determined that the ignition began in the garage, likely as a result of a malfunction of an electrical appliance.

Acting Police Chief Randy Ciocco would like to point out the hard work and rapid response of the Fire Departments of the Township of Washington, Westwood, Paramus, and Hillsdale in this instance and in so many other emergencies. Through fluid communication, cooperation, and common goals shared between the Township of Washington Police and Fire Department, emergencies such as this one are quickly tackled through a professional and diligent response.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON RESIDENT EARNs GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

An interest in film and media led Nicole Feoranzo of Troop No. 1145 to create an instructional video about bicycle safety. The video was part of her 65-hour leadership project, the final step in earning her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn.

Nicole's video project included shooting and editing the bicycle safety footage, and then setting up three stations of activities for children to participate in: a contest in putting their helmets and pads on correctly, using hand signals to make right and left turns, and doing bicycle safety word puzzles.

"I chose this project to learn more about creating and editing movies and to teach children skills that they will use in future," said Nicole. "It felt great to see the children having fun and actually learning safety at the same time."

Nicole presented her video and activities to the third graders at the Jessie F. George Elementary School during their physical education class.

"Nicole's presentation was well-organized and well-received by the students," said Dana Farinella, physical education teacher at the George School. "The third graders enjoyed the activities and learned a lot about being safe when riding their bicycles."

Nicole has been a Girl Scout since first grade and says the program has helped her make plans for the future.

"Girl Scouts helped me discover what I enjoy and what I'm good at," she said. "I plan to go to the college and study media."

Within Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey, 12 percent of eligible girls earn their Girl Scout Gold Award, compared to the national average of six percent.



Girl Scouts is the premier leadership development program for girls. In Girl Scouts, girls *discover* themselves, *connect* with others, and *take action* to create positive change in their own communities. For more information about Girl Scouts, call the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey at (973) 248-8200.

The Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey serves girls ages 5-17 in 160 municipalities including all of Bergen, Morris, Passaic, and Sussex counties and the northern half of Warren County. There are currently 34,097 girl members and 17,125 adult members.

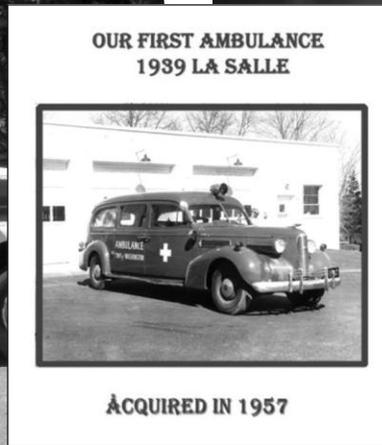
MAJOR WIN IN MINORS

The Township of Washington Minor league Baseball Team found success on the baseball diamond this year winning 12 games while losing only two. The team won the championship game this year in a 7-1 effort on June 13th.



Pictured top row from left to right: Coach Eric Schwarz, Manager Rick Schroeder, Coach Todd Martin and Coach Jamie Cipolla. Second row: Matthew Schwarz, Anthony Rucereto, Matthew Schroeder, Tyler Martin and Justin Berry. First row: Jerry Adamo, Lucas Schoshilos, Ronald Spaziani, Ian Burns and Dylan Cipolla.

Emergency Services...



- Ambulance Corps.
- Department of Municipal Facilities
- Fire Department
- Office of Emergency Management
- Police Department



Emergency services is comprised of career and volunteer professionals who work together to keep our community safe. They accomplish this through communication resources, law enforcement, emergency medical services, firefighting expertise and prevention, emergency preparedness, and education.



... Making Our Community Safe

TOWNSHIP GIRL SCOUTS HAVE GOLD AWARD CEREMONY

On Tuesday, June 29th, Township of Washington Girl Scout Troop 1041 held its Gold Award Ceremony at VFW Post 6192, to honor its members Melissa Peters and Elena Ugenti who earned their gold awards this year from the Girl Scout Council of Northern New Jersey. Melissa's project was a pet fair and dog walk bringing awareness to no-kill shelters and Elena's project was updating the cancer resource library at the Gilda's Club in Hackensack. The evening was filled with many tributes to the girls from area dignitaries, including Senator Gerald Cardinale and Mayor Janet Sobkowicz, as well as local organi-

zations, including the VFW, Knights of Columbus and the Golden Seniors. Also attending were GSNNJ representative Denise Gabbidon and Township SUM Victor Wroblewski

The evening was also an opportunity to recognize all of the girls of Troop 1041 for their 13 year commitment to the Township of Washington scouting program. The other troop members recognized included the following: Emily Abrams, Michelle Chin, Camille Gonzalez, Leanne Klarer, Jamie Mager, Kelsey Pulzone and Jennifer Slusarz, headed by leaders Susan Klarer and Laura Abrams.



MOTHER SETON COUNCIL #5427 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

In a July 31 ceremony, accompanied by the Joseph Lamb Assembly Color Corps and attended by Knights of Columbus members, family, and well wishers, the Council officers were installed by the organization's New Jersey State representative, District Deputy Pro Tem, Mike Hess. Wearing their ceremonial robes, the slate of officers installed for the 2010-2011 term were, Frank Bottini, Jr., Grand Knight; Brian Barrow, Deputy Grand Knight; Fran Sullivan, Chancellor; Mark Holmes, Recorder; Dick Freyland, Treasurer; Joe Tasca, Warden; Pat Donnelly, Dan Licini and John Pimpinella, Guards; Ken Kaphammer, Financial Secretary; Mike Hess, Advocate; and Ed Garland, James Dugan, and Robert Hibler, Trustees. Reverend Stephen Cinque, Council Chaplain and pastor of Our Lady of Good Council Church, led the closing prayer.

Grand Knight Bottini delivered a brief address summarizing the Council's many charitable and fraternal activities over the years and gave a special thanks to the Past Grand Knights during the last five years, Jim Dugan and Ed Garland. During their tenure, the council raised well over \$100,000 for charity. Every year Mother Seton receives State Council recognition as a top fundraiser and earns national recognition as a winner of the Columbian Award for its more than 30 projects in the six Service Program areas of Church, Council Community, Family, Pro Life, and Youth. This year the Council received the high honor of Star Council, for achieving its new member quota in addition to the Columbian Award.

Also recently recognized for their newly elected or ongoing status were the organization's Columbian Club Trustees: President Jose Soto; Vice President, Ed Garland; Secretary Ken Kaphammer; Treasurer Dick Freyland; and Trustees Anthony Carrino, Brian Barrow, Robert Catherman, Shawn Cowie, Jim Duthie, Ed Kohnowich, Al Lombardi, Garret Pinke, Jerry Rider, and Steve Timpanaro.

On Sunday, July 31, following the installation ceremony, a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament fundraiser was held to aid Andy Heusser, nephew of knight Peter Murray, who developed ARDS (Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome) on a recent trip to Europe, which has left him in an intensive care unit

in Pontadara, Italy. Thanks to all who participated in raising over \$4,000 for this worthy cause.

On Saturday, September 11, the K of C will co-sponsor, with the National Football League, the annual Punt, Pass and Kick Contest. The program is for boys and girls, ages 8-15, with four divisions (8/9, 10/11, 12/13, and 14/15) for each. Chairman Jim Murphy will issue a press release with all the details for registering.

On Sunday, September 12, the K of C will hold its annual Family Picnic. About 200 members, family, and friends are expected to attend. Co-Chairmen Bob Catherman and Steve Timpanaro and their committee organize the event and will serve a wide array of barbeque food and a variety of other culinary delights. Activities will include inflatable toys for the children, a highly competitive horseshoe tournament, and a "closest-to-the-pin" golf contest. The picnic, in addition to being a wonderful social for the attendees, is a major fundraiser for charity. The Knights thank all who will attend and contribute to the success of this picnic, which usually raises more than \$3,000 for charity. This year half the profits will go to benefit families of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The K of C will hold its annual Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Sunday, November 7, at the noon mass. A special service will be held to honor the memory of all deceased members of Mother Seton Council. A brunch for family and friends will immediately follow at the Council hall.

The Annual Winter Food Drive will be held the weekend of December 11. Chairman Jim Duthie will be sending a notice to all Township residents.

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Council on Sunday, December 12, and will feature a visit by Santa to give presents to all the children. It is also an open house for anyone interested in learning more about the K of C. Refreshments will be served.

Visit our Council's web site, www.kofc5427.org, for all the news on upcoming events. We continue to issue press releases that are carried by Community Life, Pascack Press, the CATHOLIC Advocate, OLGC bulletin, WCTV, and the Township web site.

Jim Dugan, Past Grand Knight
201-666-3425

Dear Residents,

The Council has been busy at work over the past several months working on various issue's regarding our town and its citizens. This is the first opportunity that we have had to detail some of our achievements, thoughts and ideas.

The bid was accepted for the Cell Tower to be placed at the Municipal Complex, which will provide much needed cell service to our residents, new communications equipment for our emergency services, and, most importantly, increased revenue to the Township; we had very successful 1st Township Clean Up Day sponsored by the Green Team; and, our Police Departments has received much needed software upgrades - just to name a few things. Coming up in a few short weeks some of our Councilmen will be attending seminars on grant writing, amongst other topics, to try and help the town apply for any future grants that will help the Township. We also look forward to attending the League of Municipalities Convention in November to gather new information of various topics and innovations that can help us fulfill our office requirements efficiently.

We have been busy at work looking into Shared Services with the surrounding towns; we have approached numerous municipal leaders regarding the same, and several Council Members have already been meeting with neighboring towns to discuss different opportunities and ideas. We are very optimistic that we will be able to share services in several of the surrounding towns. The possibilities are endless and we will look into every opportunity that we can find or that is presented to us.

We have also pursued working very closely with the Westwood Regional School District on possible shared recreation services and field lighting projects at both the High School Athletic Facilities and our Township fields. This subject has been ongoing for years with the Township Council of old and continued over to the new Council. The hot topics on this have been:

- **Shortage of lighted fields in town**
- **Growing programs causing the needs**
- **Relief of constant use of Memorial Field**
- **Better available parking**
- **Better up-keep of the fields**
- **Better open dialogue with the BOE**

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to participate in this collaboration with Westwood and

the School District, and we will not fail to take advantage of it.

In keeping with the "Go Green" initiative we also encourage all citizens that have Internet access to consider having the Citizen Newsletter emailed to you or view it online via the Township's web site instead of being mailed, in our effort to "Go Green"! This will also benefit the Township by requiring less printing and postage costs which, when combined with all of the other small adaptations we are making, such as already receiving our Council packets electronically, can add up to make a big impact both on our carbon footprint, as well as fiscally.

The sidewalks and traffic patterns up on Wayne Place and School Street by Washington School have also been a popular topic at Council Meetings. The bus zone was removed in the spring to allow extra parking at pick up and drop off which has helped a little bit, but there is still more to do. Some possibilities that have been discussed are

- **Side walks on east side of Wayne Place**
- **Reversal of the one-way on School Street**
- **A loop on School Street**
- **No parking on Wayne Place**

The feedback that we have received from making changes has been great, and much debate has been going on regarding the traffic flow and the safety of the students and their parents parking and walking to and from school. With school expected to start in a few short weeks we are still working on a solution which will make residents and families happy and safe, and we will continue doing so until we come to an acceptable resolution on the issues.

As always, we look forward to open communications with our citizens and we encourage you to contact us with any problems that may arise or issues you would like to discuss. Our contact information is always available on the Township website at www.twpofwashington.org, so please feel free to contact us anytime. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. D'Urso
Council President

Fred Goetz
Council Vice President

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DEAR RESIDENTS *Continue from page 14*

P.S.

We would like to hear from you the Citizens of the Township to let us know what you want to see happen in our town. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any of us to discuss any matter you may have as we want to have an open line of communication with the community. We hope to bring the community back to the Township!

Joe, Fred, Rich, Glenn and Steve

What do you think about making Kennedy Park into a walking park and possibly a future nature center for our residents, the Green Team and local Boy and Girl Scouts to use on a daily basis?

Do you have any opinions or suggestions on possible shared services with other towns?

Is there anything particular that you think our Township needs that it does not currently have or provide?

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS.

TOWNSHIP FAMILY FESTIVAL

We wanted to create a Family Festival where Township residents could socialize and children could play without costing too much. Here's what we did with our small budget.

- We asked our committee to invent family games. What ever happened to the sack race? Perhaps a parent/child, three legged race. You will see many family games with prizes.
- We asked the food vendors to come up with food samples for a nominal fee. Residents will have an opportunity to taste their food which may generate future customers.
- The rides will be activity based rides. No bumper cars that cost \$6 for one child to ride for a minute (because that is what it costs to support one of those rides) but bouncy obstacle courses where a child can run through it over and over again.
- We asked town businesses to sponsor us and got positive responses. Some wanted to sponsor activity rides, some wanted to donate. We appreciate all the assistance we have gotten so far and are sure that as more people become aware of what we are doing, we will continue to get more participation.
- We announced, via the electronic board, that we were looking for volunteers. We got a positive response from members of the community. Thank you!
- Entertainment will include Music, Magician/Comedy for all ages, Karate and Zumba demonstrations to name a few.

- We have free balloons for kids and face painting.
- The Fire Department will join us with their Smoke House and Tower Ladder for Fire Prevention Month. The Smoke House will teach the children to stop, drop and roll. We won't have a Ferris wheel but the Tower Ladder will bring you up to some amazing heights.
- The Sheriff's Dept. will join us with their famous K-9 dogs and demonstrate their skills.
- There will be a children's craft area and a vendor booth for information.
- A raffle will be held but it will a little different. A raffle ticket will be given to each attendee as they enter. It will be a way of tracking the number of adults and children who attend. No tickets will need to be purchased so everyone will have an equal chance of winning. The winner will need to be present at the time of the drawing.
- Family games will combine a little friendly competition with a lot of fun and prizes. The hot dog eating contest should be very interesting.
- The Family Festival is really shaping up to be something different. We are so pleased with all the support we are getting. There still is some work to be done so please, come join us.

For entertainment schedule and more information see our website at www.twpofwashington.us

Sincerely,

Dina Burke

Director of Public Affairs and Information

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS.

A few weeks ago we launched our annual fund drive and appeal for new members. I'm sure that by now you received our solicitation in your mailbox, probably another one of the many "begging letters" you are bombarded with every day.

You, our friends and neighbors, have always responded with generosity, so we feel that now you should have some idea as to how your money is spent. We provide training and uniform for our members, we equip and maintain our ambulance, we supply our own fuel and all necessary servicing. Our rig is outfitted with the most up to date equipment and we are constantly upgrading, so that we can render the best possible care to our patients. We take care of our headquarters building, including repairs, heating, air conditioning, telephone etc.

Most of the work is done by our own volunteers.

Our total income last year was \$65,183 dollars. This included the contribution from the town council, our fund drive, gifts "in memory of," and awards from some organizations and benefactors. We spent \$55,024 in the tax year. This year will show increases in costs of all our equipment and supplies. We have to put funds aside to replace the ambulance in about five or six years, estimated to run around close to \$200,000. Our total insurance costs, including our share, \$15,000 of the municipal J.I.F. premium and \$5,613 for an accident and sickness policy for members injured while on duty, came to almost \$21,000. Some members also take out additional insurance, but pay for it out of their own pockets.

Since the ambulance corps is a public entity, our tax returns, our income and expenditures are available for public scrutiny. We are happy to let you know how we spend your money.

Please take note: There is never a charge for any service by the Ambulance Corps.

Any bill that you may receive probably comes for service or evaluation by an M.I.C. unit or the paramedics. It does not come from your Ambulance Corps. As you know, we have a mutual aid arrangement with the other Ambulance Corps. in the Pascack Valley that provides 24/7 service. In the event of a medical emergency call 911, don't try to deal with it yourself, you may be doing the wrong thing by not calling.

We take pride in the fact that our Corps is representative of the diverse character of the town. Our members range in age from teens to some well past retirement and all walks of life and society are reflected in our membership. We feel privileged to be able to serve our friends and neighbors especially in times of distress.

New members are always needed, so, if you want to do something for yourself that's really rewarding, and maybe save the life of a friend or family member, give us a call at 201-664-3784 and someone will get back to you.

As the U.S. Marine Corps now says "we need a few good men and women."

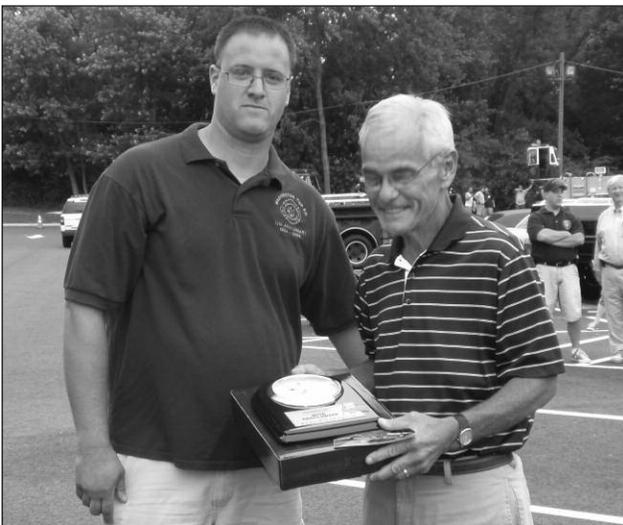
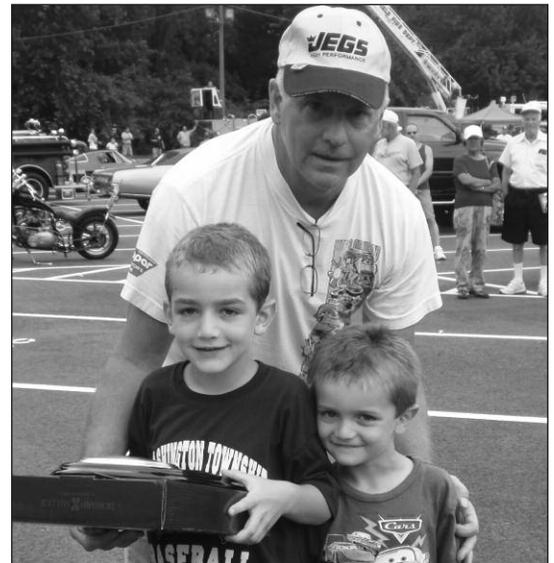
PAPER SHREDDER NOTICE



Donated by Greenstar, our 3rd event will take place on Saturday, Sept 25, 2010 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Municipal Complex at 350 Hudson Avenue. Bring your papers to be shredded (can include paper clips and staples). A special thank you to Greenstar for sponsoring these events.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL ANTIQUE CAR, TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

On June 13, 2010, the Township Fire Department hosted an antique and classic car show at the Westwood High School. This was the 15th year for the event. The show is organized by a committee of car enthusiasts from the Fire Department. 110 classic vehicles were in attendance making the judging a difficult task. Over 60 awards were given in a variety of classes. While the weather was threatening, yet again, spectators were greeted with a variety of cars and bikes. Music played throughout the day as the Fire Department cooks kept the crowd well fed. The Department wishes to thank all of the trophy sponsors and attendees who make the show a success.



Thanks You !

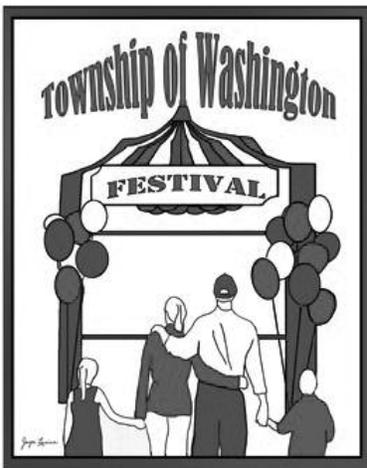
We would like to thank Joyce Levine for creating the Logo that will be used for the Township Family Festival.

Joyce is a township resident for many years, raising her family in the Township, devoting time to them and creating her art. She works in many mediums including oils, pastels, watercolor, collage and photography. She has exhibited her paintings all over the country and has paintings in private collections here and abroad. When visitors come to her studio she always see smiles and a serene look on their faces. They tell her that, "being here makes them feel happy." Joyce feels very lucky to be able to create paintings that nourish her and brings joy to others. To see some of her art go to: www.joyzart.biz

Festival

**October 2, 2010, Memorial Field
Food /Entertainment /Music**

Prizes/ ActivityRides/ Crafts/ Family Games



Sponsors Needed

Please call Bernadette at 201-664-4404

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARDS



Pictured are Melissa Peters, Kay Coppola (President of the Golden Seniors) and Elena Ugenti. The girls were presented with flowers, certificates of accomplishment and \$50 cash awards. The Girl Scout Gold Award takes hard work and dedication.

TWEET THE POLICE!

The Twp. Of Washington Police Department now has a Twitter page. It can be found at www.twitter.com/washtwppolice. All residents are encouraged to sign on to "follow us."

Our Twitter page will be used to report road closures/detours, school closings, and public safety announcements in "real time."

Please give it a try. Help us to help you.

Acting Chief Randy Ciocco

9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Township held a 9/11 Memorial Service to pay tribute to all our fallen firefighters, police, medical responders, and innocent victims of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

It is hard to believe that nine years have passed; it seems like yesterday that we heard those first unbelievable reports that a plane, then another plane, had crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, followed by a third airliner crashing into the Pentagon, and a fourth one crashing into a field in Pennsylvania.



Photos courtesy of Heather Castronova



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MEETING SCHEDULE

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS - 7:30 p.m.

MAYOR/DIRECTORS

3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD

1st and Last Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.

MUNICIPAL COURT-

1st and 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Meeting dates are subject to change by the respective bodies due to holidays, etc.
All meetings are held in the Municipal Courtroom.

WCTV CABLE TV

2nd Monday, 8 p.m.

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

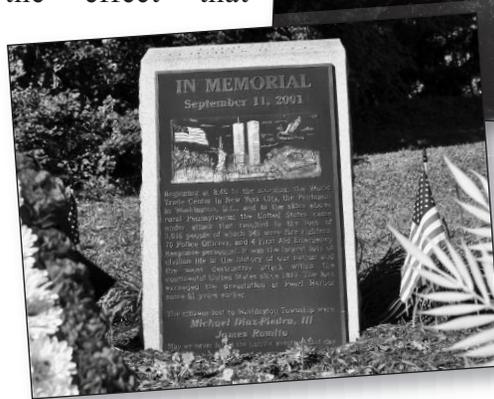
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9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE... *Continued from page 19*

The anniversary of the terrorist attacks offers a time to remember, to reflect about this unforgettable moment in history, and to reconsider the effect that



September 11 has had on our country and the world.

Sincerely,
Janet Sobkowitz, Mayor

Get Your "All In One" Vaccine Today! Seasonal Flu & H1N1

Thursday, September 30

10:00 a.m. – Noon

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