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The following is the list of roads and expected starting dates for the **2014 Union County Resurfacing Program**. Please note that this year all work is scheduled to take place **overnight** from **9:00PM to 6:00AM** unless otherwise noted.

- * **W Hazelwood Ave**, Rahway – August 4, 2014
- * **E. Third Ave**, Roselle - August 13, 2014
- * **Locust St/Tucker Ave**, Roselle Park/Union - August 20, 2014
- * **South Ave**, Cranford - September 1, 2014 (Labor Day)
- * **South Ave**, Garwood - September 12, 2014
- * **South Ave**, Westfield - September 23, 2014
- * **E. Broad St**, Westfield - September 30, 2014
- * **Meisel Ave**, Springfield - October 7, 2014

A total of eight municipalities will be *directly* affected by the program this year. Details for each of these projects are located on our Road Construction Update page

(<http://ucnj.org/traffic/roadconstructionupdate.html#map>).

The dates listed above are subject to change. All future updates to these projects will be posted on the website. For further inquiries, contact Angelo Paparella at the Bureau of Traffic Safety & Maintenance at (908) 789-6011

The Borough of Garwood has commuter parking spaces available for rent in the John F. Kennedy Plaza parking lot and the Shoprite Parking lot, both on North Avenue. The permit fees are as follows:

For Garwood residents:

Garwood Shop Rite \$50 per quarter; John F. Kennedy Plaza \$75 per quarter

For nonresidents:

Garwood Shop Rite \$75 per quarter; John F. Kennedy Plaza \$100 per quarter.

Please call 908-789-0710 or e-mail c-ariemma@garwood.org for more information.

From the Mayor's Office

By Mayor Patricia Quattrocchi

Garwood Helps Make America Strong August 2, 2014

It is doubtful that many Garwood residents, even those born and bred here, ever heard of Henry M. Crane. An acclaimed master engineer he had a private laboratory right here in the borough where he quality tested airplane engines. In the 1890s Henry Crane was attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and developed a relationship with a classmate named Alfred P. Sloan, who later became the President of GM, as in General Motors. After attending college they went their separate ways but in the 1920s when Sloan was in need of an independent advisor on engineering matters at GM he called on his old friend Henry Crane.

Henry had started his engineering career with Western Electric and as a hobby with his brother Clinton Crane and had begun building racing boats, Clinton the hulls and Henry the engines. Henry created an 2,394 cu.in square-dimension V-8 engine that had been lovingly referred to as a "big beast" which went on to be a component in a Gold Cup champion racing boat. In 1907 Henry took his V-8 technology into automobiles and in 1908 he designed a larger six-cylinder engine and started to build cars, just the chassis here in NJ. He sold his company to Simplex in New Brunswick joining the company as vice-president of engineering. By the outbreak of war Crane was now an acclaimed master engineer and had taken control of manufacturing of Hispano-Suiza airplane engines.

After the war was when Sloan of GM came calling at Crane's airplane laboratory in Garwood. One of Crane's projects here in Garwood was an L-configuration cylinder head with high swirl combustion chambers. It has been considered to be Crane's crowning achievement at GM when he convinced Sloan to use this type of cylinder head for the original Pontiac Six engine.

The Pontiac brand was established in 1926 and became a companion make for Chevrolet's Oakland brand for most of its life and sold in the US, Canada and Mexico as the performance division of GM. It is an incredible to think that the infamous "Pontiac Six" or Six Pack as it came to be known and used in GTO, LeMans, Firebird and other 1960s muscle cars was developed in the 1930's and the original technology was born right here in Garwood. There is more amazing history hidden right here in the borough and we should be proud to be known as the "Original Industrial Center of Union County" having contributed to Making America Strong.

I want to thank Hemmings Classic Car magazine for providing me with the seeds to investigate this bit of American history.- Mayor Pat Q

Business and Industry

By Carol Kearney, Business & Industry Liason

The Chamber of Commerce is growing daily within the Borough. The Shop Rite of Garwood, along with Sports Clips and David Rossi Photography are our most recent members. Sports Clips had a soft opening Tuesday, August 19th. Simon Oxley, Mayor Quattrocchi, Mr. Paragano, owner of the mall, myself just to name a few and of course Sporty the mascot were in attendance. Sporty will be making a special appearance at the Movie Under the Stars on September 19th at the Garwood Family Center Y more details to follow.

Loaded will be expanding their facility to the next store front on Center Street, and also adding a new menu.

The local chamber of commerce is proud to announce the start of our second class of the Young Entrepreneur's Academy. This a 30-week afterschool program takes students, grades 6 to 12, through the process of developing their own business idea, writing a business plan, obtaining funding and actually launching the business! "Last year's class was such a success and we are so excited to be moving into our second year", says Mitch Beinhaker, YEA!Westfield Program Manager. Classes meet on Tuesdays at Westfield High School from 4pm to 7pm. The academy is limited to only 24 students, so be sure to get your applications in quickly as space is expected to be at a premium. For more information or to obtain an application including all admission requirements, email yea@westfieldareachamber.com or call the Chamber offices at 908-233-3021.

Garwood Police

By Chief Bruce D. Underhill

By the time you read this, we should be putting the hot and hazy days of summer behind us and the leaves will soon be changing. School will be starting the 2014-15 season and my letter should have arrived at your homes with your child's school packet. In addition to that, we will be reminding residents of all our fall safety recommendations on the Police website Garwoodpd.org along with some other programs we will be starting.

One of the main goals of the Garwood Police Department is to be more accessible and interactive with the residents and businesses in the community. We will soon be initiating our "Coffee with a Cop" program where residents can meet and sit with a member of the Police Department to pass along any concerns, learn more about law enforcement or just get to know the officers. Personnel and locations will be rotated around the various businesses in the Borough and announced via the departments Website, Nixle, UC First Alert and Twitter. We hope to make this a weekly event but will start with a few times a month. Stay tuned for the program's kick off date.

The Garwood Police Department welcomes a new officer to our ranks. Officer Dylan Cosgrove was sworn in August 1st. Officer Cosgrove comes to us with two year experience as an officer with Kean University. Dylan resides and grew up in Clark. He attended ALJ with our kids and is pursuing a degree at Kean University. With the addition of Officer Cosgrove, the department is now back to our 2011 staffing level of 16 sworn officers and four civilian Dispatchers. Please join us in welcoming him aboard.

If you attended the Garwood Rocks Street Fair in June, you probably saw members of the Bike Patrol Unit out and about along with many of our officers. We had a great time speaking with residents and received a lot of good feed-back. The Bike Unit continues to patrol the Borough and recently assisted the PBA with a Bicycle Rodeo conducted with the summer recreation participants. Basic bike safety was addressed and bicycles were registered. Anyone who did not participate and wishes to register a bicycle can do so in person at police headquarters at any time.

The new patrol units are now in service and look great! The Ford Police Interceptor Utility is the police version of the Ford Explorer. It is an all-wheel drive vehicle which should be a great improvement during inclement weather. Gas mileage is actually better than the sedan and they have more interior room, even with all the equipment necessary in each. The old patrol cars will be auctioned.

Again, For emergency messages and alerts please register with Union County First Alert, (Ucfirstalert.com), Nixle, (Nixle.com), Twitter and be sure to log on to Garwoodpd.org as well for all the latest. Enjoy yourselves and be safe!

Garwood Celebrations Committee

By Kathy Villaggio



Movie Under the Stars. For the first time in Garwood, the Public Celebrations Committee, together with the YMCA, Spencer Savings Bank and the Chamber of Commerce will be showing the "The Nut Job" on September 19th at 7:15 (or dusk) at the YMCA Garwood

Family Center (Washington School). This family oriented movie is about a scheming squirrel named Surly (voiced by Will Arnett) who gathers a crackerjack crew of critters to pull off a heist of the local nut shop so that they will have enough food to make it through the winter. Liam Neeson, Brendan Fraser, Katherine Heigl, and Gabriel Iglesias also lend their voices to this upbeat animated caper comedy.

Please join us for the Movie Under the Stars. There will also be a raffle for various items so bring your children, your grandchildren early and enjoy. In case of inclement weather, the rain date is September 20th. We will be posting any changes on Garwood's Facebook Page.

Upcoming Events for 2014:

Pumpkin Decorating Contest, same time as the PTA Trick or Trunk Event at Lincoln School Parking Lot.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Visit from Santa - Saturday, November. 29th at 6:00 pm.

ATTENTION GARWOOD RESIDENTS

It has been brought to the attention of the Health Department that there is increased rodent activity in the Borough. Homeowners and tenants must take precautionary measures to prevent rodent attraction to your property. If you notice any rodent activity on or near your property, please contact the Board of Health immediately at 908-789-4070. **Below are instructions that should be followed by all citizens.**

- Clean up your yard and driveway of all debris, and cut any high grass and/or weeds. The Police Department will be enforcing the current ordinance. Violators are subject to a notice of violation.
- The owner, agent, lessee, tenant, or occupant of every dwelling or other premises where garbage accumulates shall provide and keep on such premises sufficient and suitable receptacles with tight-fitting covers. Said receptacles are not to exceed 35 gallon capacity. Overloading and spillage of garbage onto the ground is prohibited. **Containers must be closed and trash cannot be piled on top or outside the receptacle. Placing trash curbside in plastic trash bags is prohibited.** Trash that is placed curbside in uncovered receptacles or in plastic bags will not be picked up. The Street Department will be enforcing the current ordinance. Violators are subject to a notice of violation.
- Eliminate possible rat harborage areas under porches and outside staircases, and around shed foundations by using fencing or blocking openings where possible. Note: A rat burrow is a hole in the soil approximately the size of a baseball.
- Pile all wood or other material stored outside into closely packed units at least six (6) inches off of the ground.
- Compost (leaves/grass/garden material) should be placed into a compost bin.
- Food for birds should be placed on a platform at least four feet from the ground and be constructed to eliminate food from spilling to the ground. Throwing of bread, crackers, or food scraps directly on to the ground for the purpose of feed birds encourages rats to harbor on your property and is prohibited.
- Feeding domestic animals outdoors should be avoided, or area should be checked and cleaned on a daily basis.
- Gardens should be fenced with small meshed wire and maintained on a regular basis.
- All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public, or private, not owned or possessed by that person. Animal feces should be cleaned up from your property on a regular basis. It is unlawful to place animal feces into storm sewer basins.
- Remove any fruit that has fallen from trees on a daily basis.

IF YOU BELIEVE THERE IS A VIOLATION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, PLEASE CALL GARWOOD POLICE NON EMERGENCY NUMBER 789-1500 TO REPORT. THE VIOLATION WILL BE INVESTIGATED BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY.

* From the Office of Christina M. Ariemma, Borough Administrator/Clerk, Borough of Garwood *

The 2014 User Fee Based Residential Cleanup Program

The 2014 User Fee Based Residential Cleanup Program of Type 13 Solid Waste (BULK) is available to residents through the purchase of a permit for \$80.00 to dispose of up to 750 lbs. of bulk waste. The permit is purchased by completing an application that was mailed to residents early this year. You may also obtain an application by visiting www.garwood.org Application and fee must be received by October 10, 2014

The Fall bulk program will begin on Monday, October 20, 2014 and continue for as many days necessary to complete the program in accordance with the number of permits sold. There will not be a Town Wide Yard Sale in the Fall. Participating residents will receive a permit approximately one week prior to the event. If you have any questions concerning the Bulk Program please contact Borough Administrator Christina Ariemma by e-mail at c-ariemma@garwood.org or by phone at 908-789-0710. All e-mail questions will be answered; however, if you do not receive an answer in a timely fashion, please call this office as your e-mail may have not been received.

Senior Citizens News

Senior Citizens / Section 202 PRAC/LIHTC Housing



The Village at Garwood

The Village at Garwood will be accepting applications for our 1-bedroom apartments which are subsidized through the Section 202/PRAC Program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are subject to the following federal eligibility requirements:

1. Head of Household must be 62 years of age, or older, at time of application.
2. Applicant's maximum annual income:

\$ 30,700 Individual
\$ 35,100 Two Persons

Applications will be available weekdays from September 3, 2014 through September 19, 2014 (10 A.M. to 4 P.M.) at the address listed below, or may be obtained by mail by calling (908) 233-5898, or by email by contacting noreen.romano@westfieldseniorhousing.com.

Second Westfield Senior Citizens Housing
1129 Boynton Avenue
Westfield, NJ 07090

If you have a disability and need assistance with the application process, please contact Melanie Hunt at 908-233-5898.



SMOKE FREE BUILDING



The plaster statues of the Fatima Children were saved from the wrecking ball at the last minute. They have a new home at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Martine Ave in Scotch Plains, courtesy of a construction official of the Senior Citizen Housing project under construction on Second Ave.

If you are at least 65 years or older, you may qualify to participate in the following services provided by the borough. The Senior Citizen Leaf Clean Up Program provides leaf raking and bagging services at no cost to you. Leaves are bagged for pick-up by the DPW. Please contact Borough Hall to be added to the list for the 2014 Leaf Raking Program for Senior Citizens.

You may also qualify for the Senior Citizen Handyman Program which provides low-income senior citizens with effective and professional home repairs and maintenance. Improvements include minor carpentry, plumbing, electrical, masonry, window and minor exterior structural work. Primary concern is the abatement of health and safety-type violations. Homeowner pays for material; program supplies repair person. The program is managed through the Borough Administrator and is performed by a part-time employee with appropriate qualifications in construction/repair work. These programs are funded through the Union County Block Grant Program and municipal funds. Call 789-0710 to complete the application form and be added to the list

Library News

By Carol A. Lombardo, MLS, Library Director

As the summer comes to a close, the Garwood Library would like to remind cardholders that fall and winter are the perfect times for cozying up with a good E-BOOK. Several new titles have recently been added for your reading enjoyment. Simply follow the directions from the Axis 360 link found on the Garwood Library's home page and you're literally good to go – to take your reading with you on the device of your choice. The Library website is youseemore.com/garwood.

Some dates to remember:

Wednesday, September 24th – “How to make 60 minutes seem like an hour” - a magic show for an adult audience – 7:00 PM. Registration required.

Wednesday, October 8th – Peter Biedermann in Concert – Acoustic guitarist Peter Beidermann will entertain with instrumental selections on a variety of different types of guitars. Easy listening from a popular repeat performer. 7:00 PM. Registration required.

Thursday, November 6th – Singer Dave DeLuca will be back, this time performing his “Star Spangled Notebook” in honor of Veteran’s Day, bringing back the music that buoyed and encouraged the spirit during the times of World War II. Nostalgic and entertaining. 7:00 PM – Registration required.

Holiday closings for the rest of the year: Monday, September 1st – Monday, October 13 – Tuesday, November 11 – For Thanksgiving the Library will close early on Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 4:30 PM, and will remain closed Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th. In December, the Library will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holidays. The library will also be closed on Wednesday, December 31st. Please plan your library visits accordingly.

Regular Saturday hours (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM) resume on Saturday, September 5th. Toddler storytime will resume on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM beginning September 10th. Friday morning Movie Time! (10:00 AM) will resume on Friday, September 12th.

The Garwood Public Library is located at the corner of Third Avenue and Walnut Street, behind the Lincoln School Complex. Business hours are 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Fridays and 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturdays. Phone is 908-789-1670 – E-mail is garwoodlibrary@gmail.com and our Website is youseemore.com/garwood. You may visit our website’s calendar to register for programs, or “like us” on Facebook, for further information about the library or its programs and events.



Hello. For those of you reading this that do not know me, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Christina M. Ariemma and I am your Borough Administrator and Municipal Clerk. I am certified by the State of New Jersey as a Registered Municipal Clerk.

My job is to coordinate, lead, and direct the department heads, officers and employees of the Borough in the administration of their duties in accordance with the policies and plans set forth and established by law and by the Governing Body.

Another important aspect of my job is assisting you, the residents of our tiny Borough. I am here to answer your questions and to provide you with direction and accurate information to the best of my ability. Of all the things I do here, you matter the most to me. I also pride myself on having an open door policy in which anyone is welcome to meet face to face with me. I welcome the opportunity to communicate with you regarding the Borough and to explain the day to day operations of Municipal Government. If there is a question or concern that you have that I cannot answer, I will find the answer and get back to you. Having an understanding of how government functions will enable you to understand what goes on behind a decision that is made by either myself, another officer of the Borough, the Governing Body or even an official at another level of government.

I can be reached during normal business hours at 789-0710, or by email at c-ariemma@garwood.org. However, if you email me and don't get a timely response it may be that the spam filter on my computer rejected your email. Therefore, I suggest you give me a call. I always enjoy hearing from the residents regardless of the matter.

Do you have a family member or neighbor from Garwood serving in any branch of the Military? If so we'd like to know about it. We'd like to know their progress, status and when they're coming HOME!!! Please let us know via email at garwood@garwood.org or give us a call at 908-789-0710. Thank you.

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THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD HAS INSTITUTED MANDATORY LEAF BAGGING FOR ALL RESIDENTS

On May 28, 2013 the Governing Body adopted Ordinance No. 13-08, which amended Chapter 99-40.3 as follows:

Leaves. No person shall sweep, rake, blow or otherwise place loose leaves at the curb or along the street at any time. No person shall dispose of leaves except in accordance with this section. All leaves for disposal shall be bagged in biodegradable leaf bags (not plastic) or placed in containers not to exceed thirty-two (32) gallons. No bagged or containerized leaves may be placed at the curb or along the street more than seven days prior to a scheduled and announced collection. Bagged leaves shall not be placed closer than 10 feet from any storm drain inlet. Placement of such leaves at the curb or along the street at any other time or in any other manner is a violation of this article. If such placement of leaves occurs, the party responsible for the placement of the leaves must remove the leaves from the street, and said party shall be deemed in violation of the article and shall be subject to the penalties provided in this article.

Bags are available free to all Borough residents with proper identification, beginning Monday, October 6, 2014 at the Department of Public Works facility (phone 908-789-1522) located at 15 South Avenue between the hours of 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (Monday thru Friday). Residents are allowed two (2) five (5) bag bundles, total ten (10) bags per scheduled pick up. Alternatively leaves can be placed in covered trash receptacles of no more than thirty-two (32) gallon capacity in lieu of biodegradable bags. Such receptacles or bags may not exceed fifty pounds in weight.

The bagged or containerized leaf pickup for residents will begin on Monday, October 20, 2014 and are picked-up according to the following schedule.

BAGGED LEAVES PICK UP SCHEDULE

Week of October 20th, Sections 1 & 4

Week of October 27th, Sections 2 & 6

Week of November 3rd, Sections 3 & 5

Week of November 10th, Sections 1 & 4

Week of November 17th, Sections 2 & 6

Week of November 24th, Sections 3 & 5

Bags or containers must be placed curb side no later than 6:30 a.m. according to the above schedule.

PLEASE NOTE – Due to the leaf composting facility requirements, only biodegradable bags will be permitted. During leaf pickup season, no grass clippings, brush, wood chips, stumps etc., can be mixed with leaves. Please do not block intersections/corners, fire hydrants, and/or storm drains. Questions?? Call DPW Superintendent Fred Corbitt at 908-789-1522 or via e-mail at departmentofpublicworks@garwood.org



One of Garwood's new dump trucks at the DPW garage