



## **GARWOOD VOLUNTEER RESOURCE FORM**

There are so many great opportunities to help give back to our Small Town with a Big Heart. Listed below are the Borough's Municipal Boards, Committees and Organizations that are filled by Garwood volunteers. Appointments to the Borough's Municipal Boards and Committees are made by the Mayor of Garwood.

### **Municipal Boards and Committees**

#### **Planning/Zoning Board\***

- Provides for and guides growth and development of the Borough in accordance with the Master Plan and law
- Meets approximately 10 times per year

#### **Library Board of Trustees\***

- Governs the operation of the Garwood Public Library
- Meets once per month from September to June (no summer meetings)

#### **Recreation Committee**

- Organizes community programs and events, including basketball, soccer, ceramics, summer recreation camp, organizes community events, including the egg hunt, tree lighting, house-decorating contests, Memorial Day program and more
- Meets once per month

#### **Board of Health\***

- Works cooperatively with the Westfield Regional Health Department to ensure the health, safety, and wellness of residents
- Meets quarterly

#### **Historical Committee**

- Responsible for preserving and promoting the history of Garwood through events and educational materials/programs
- Meets once per month

#### **Green Team**

- Helps beautify Garwood and make it more environmentally and economically sustainable through community events and programs
- Meets as needed, typically four times per year

\*Members serving on this Board are subject to the Local Government Ethics Laws and may be required to file an Annual Financial Disclosure Form with the State of New Jersey.



### **Garwood Small Business Association**

- The GSBA is comprised of volunteer local business owners and Borough officials.
- It provides support by creating Borough-wide strategies to promote the interests of Garwood's small businesses to help those businesses grow.

### **Garwood Partnership for Arts and Culture**

- GPAC is formed of volunteer members of the community with an interest and an appreciation for the arts.
- They provide arts experiences for the community in a variety of settings throughout the Borough including, but not limited to, photography/art exhibits, concerts, poetry readings, and theater.
- Meets once a month

### **Citizens' Advisory Panel**

- Provides input to the Mayor and Council on capital projects, such as roads and equipment
- Meets as needed, typically four times per year

### **Shade Tree Advisory**

- Promotes the planting of Shade Trees throughout the Borough
- Meets as needed, approximately six times per year

### **Municipal Alliance Committee**

- Empowers residents concerned about substance abuse to provide prevention programs in their community.
- Coordinates prevention projects such as DARE.



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### Emergency Service Organizations

#### Garwood Fire Department

Fire Chief John Scalzadonna (908) 789-8877 [j-scalzadonna@garwood.org](mailto:j-scalzadonna@garwood.org)

Garwood First Aid Squad (908) 789-0300 [InformationGFAS@gmail.com](mailto:InformationGFAS@gmail.com)

### Other Community Organizations

**Garwood Lions Club** – established in 1929 to help the blind community as well as Garwood community and holds annual events including the senior citizens' picnic, Halloween parade, and pancake breakfast

Contact: Peggy Briggs: [pbriggs1256@gmail.com](mailto:pbriggs1256@gmail.com) or (908) 654-4977

**Education Foundation of Garwood** – established in 2004 to support, enhance, and promote excellence in the Garwood school system and holds an annual Appreciation Dinner to honor an Educator of the Year as well as Person Making a Difference in the Garwood Community

Contact: Maureen Scepkowski: [maureenscep@gmail.com](mailto:maureenscep@gmail.com) or (201) 988-0062

**Garwood Baseball League** – private organization that runs the youth baseball league in Garwood Contact: [JTS7478@yahoo.com](mailto:JTS7478@yahoo.com) or (908) 591-3179