



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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John V. Lane
Mayor

Letter from Mayor Lane

2-7-2025

Dear Resident,

Although many of you know by now, I just wanted to offer my thoughts on the passing of Victor Terraglia, father of our Councilwoman AnnaMarie Sasso. Victor was part of the fabric of our community, having been a long-term member of the School Board and Zoning Board, among many other prominent roles in the borough. He will be missed. From the Borough Family, our condolences to his family.

The Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce would like to thank their members and friends who attended their Annual Dinner last Friday. Hawthorne is a great community to do business in, and the Chamber appreciates everyone's support.

Taxes are due February 1; grace period is extended to Monday, February 10 to avoid a late penalty.

Our Traffic Bureau has issued a public reminder regarding the snowstorm expected this weekend; please see the attached notice.

AARP is offering tax aide preparation for senior residents at our library. The library employees are not involved in appointment making, but you can email or telephone AARP to arrange a meeting; details can be found on the flyer which is attached.

Please note that under the new zoning laws that the council passed, Airbnbs are illegal in the Borough of Hawthorne, and if found to be operating in town, you will be subject to summonses.

Attached to this letter is a flyer from our Traffic Bureau. While it is directed to Hawthorne High School Students, please take a look at it. There are many points that we can all benefit from. Please drive safe. Also, this Sunday from 7am to 11pm (Super Bowl Sunday), our police are participating in the 89th Passaic County Distracted and Aggressive Driving Task Force. This initiative aims to enhance roadway safety. Again, please drive responsibly, stay focused when driving, and obey all traffic laws.

The Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team is announcing that there are four (4) garden beds (4x8) available for the 2025 growing season only for the residents of Hawthorne. Any Hawthorne resident who is interested can complete the 2025 garden application and the hold harmless form. The forms are located on the borough's website <https://www.hawthornenj.org/313/Community-Garden>. Completed applications must be submitted to: Boro Hall Attention Ellen Brogno by Wednesday February 19, 2025. The drawing for

the four available garden beds will take place on Monday, February 24, 2025, during the Green Team Meeting at 7:30pm.

On Saturday, March 15 Hawthorne Fire Co. #1 presents Annual Comedy Dinner at the firehouse. Please see the attached flyer for all details.

Leadership Camp will be held August 11-15 for students entering 6th grade at Lincoln Middle School. Please see the flyer, which is attached, for details.

The Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne will hold their 11th Annual Beefsteak Trick Tray Dinner on Saturday, March 8 at the Gene Meyers Club House, 1 Downes Way. Tickets can only be purchased online, and are \$70 (tickets won't be sold that night, and please note that the event sells out every year!); please see the attached flyer for all the details. All proceeds go to expanding programs for their youth members with disabilities.

Hawthorne JD Baseball online registration is open for the 2025 Baseball Season; registration will be open until February 24. Please see the attached flyer.

The Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne will hold its Valentine's Dance for K-5th Grade on Friday, February 7th from 7pm – 9pm. Admission is \$5 at the door, and refreshments and snacks are included!

On February 18 Passaic County Department of Human Services will be holding a "Community Outreach" from 9am to 12pm here at Borough Hall.

Late last year I contacted our surrogate court judge inquiring about free Last Wills & Testaments for our senior residents; I followed up on my inquiry earlier this month to see if arrangements could be made for them to come to Hawthorne.

On Friday, April 11, the Passaic County Surrogate in partnership with Northeast New Jersey Legal Services will be hosting a free Last Will & Testament event here at the Hawthorne Municipal Building for qualifying Passaic County Senior Residents (age 60 and above) and all Veterans, regardless of age. Please see the attached flyer with information on how to register.

On May 3, the Passaic County Surrogate in partnership with the Wills for Heroes Foundation will be providing free Last Wills & Testaments for Passaic County law enforcement, firefighters, EMS members, and all first responders and their spouses. This event will be held at the Passaic County Police Academy in Wayne; please see the attached flyer for all the details and how to register.

There are many events happening at our library; please see a few flyers which are attached for upcoming events.

As many of you already know, I am in my office every day, and I welcome your input and suggestions. Please don't hesitate to call me.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane



Hawthorne Police Department Traffic Bureau

445 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Headquarters 973-427-1800

Traffic Bureau 973-949-2997

Email: Traffic@Hawthornepdnj.org



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Public Reminder from the Hawthorne Police Department Traffic Bureau

Attention Hawthorne Residents,

With snowfall expected during the weekend of **February 8, 2025, and into next week**, the **Hawthorne Police Department Traffic Bureau** and the **Hawthorne Department of Public Works (DPW)** request your cooperation to ensure safe and efficient snow removal.

Parking & Roadway Safety

- **Move vehicles off public streets whenever possible** to allow DPW crews to plow effectively and ensure emergency access.
- **Do not shovel or blow snow into the roadway**, as it creates hazards and disrupts plowing operations.
- **Parking restrictions will be enforced under Borough Ordinance 505-43:**
 - Parking is **prohibited on designated streets when snowfall exceeds two inches.**
 - Vehicles in violation may be subject to fines or towing.
 - Vehicles **cannot remain parked on borough streets for over 24 hours.**
 - **If a snow-covered vehicle is left for over 48 hours, it will be removed from the roadway.**

More details on borough parking ordinances can be found on the borough website.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

- Residents **must clear snow and ice from sidewalks within eight hours of daylight after snowfall ends**, per **Borough Ordinance 444-14.**
- Failure to do so may result in fines.

Stay Informed & Plan Ahead

- Monitor weather forecasts and prepare for snow events.
- Move vehicles off the roadway before snowfall reaches **two inches.**
- Clear sidewalks within the required time frame.
- Share this information with neighbors to keep our community safe and accessible.

The **Hawthorne Police Department Traffic Bureau** appreciates your cooperation in keeping our streets safe during winter weather. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the **Traffic Bureau.**

AARP TAX AIDE PREPARATION

for seniors

**Appointments for consultations are
made through AARP ONLY.**

Call (973) XXXXXXXX or email to arrange meetings:
HawthorneTaxAide@gmail.com

**Louis Bay 2nd Library
staff are not involved in
appointment making.**

**Please contact AARP to
make appointments.**





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ATTENTION HAWTHORNE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Hawthorne Police Department Detective Timothy Vega, S.R.O. and Traffic Bureau remind you that **safe driving saves lives—including your own.**

Teen drivers face **higher crash risks**, often due to **avoidable mistakes**. Thanks to **AAA and the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety**, here are the **10 Deadly Teen Driver Mistakes**—and how to avoid them:

1. **Risk-Taking** – Driving isn't a game. **Reckless choices can be fatal.**
2. **Texting & Talking** – **Put the phone down!** Texting while driving increases crash risk **23 times**.
3. **Un-Buckled** – **Always wear a seatbelt!** Two-thirds of teens killed in crashes weren't buckled up.
4. **Music Distractions** – **Set your playlist before you go.** Loud music and adjusting devices are major distractions.
5. **Speeding** – **Slow down!** Speeding is a factor in **1 in 3 teen driving deaths**.
6. **Rowdy Riders** – **Limit passengers.** More friends = more distractions = higher crash risk.
7. **DUI/Drugs** – **Stay sober.** New Jersey has a **zero-tolerance policy** for impaired teen drivers.
8. **Late-Night Driving** - **Nighttime crash risk is twice as high** - obey curfews.
9. **Peer Pressure** - **Speak up!** If a friend drives dangerously, **don't get in the car.**
10. **Overconfidence** - **No one is invincible.** Stay alert, keep learning, and drive responsibly.

Your choices behind the wheel affect everyone. Drive safe. Stay alive.

For questions, contact **Detective Timothy Vega, S.R.O., or the Traffic Bureau.**

Hawthorne Police Department – Committed to Your Safety



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Hawthorne Police Participating in the 89th Passaic County Distracted and Aggressive Driving Task Force

The Hawthorne Police Department Traffic Bureau will be actively participating in the **89th Passaic County Distracted and Aggressive Driving Task Force** event on **Sunday, February 9, 2025, from 07:00 to 23:00 hours (Super Bowl Sunday).**

This initiative aims to enhance roadway safety through **high-visibility enforcement** targeting **distracted driving, aggressive driving, unbelted occupants, and unsafe vehicles.**

We remind all residents and visitors to **drive responsibly, stay focused on the road, and obey traffic laws.** Let's work together to keep our streets safe. **Slow down, buckle up, and never drive distracted!**

Stay safe, Hawthorne!

Hawthorne Police Department Traffic Bureau



HAWTHORNE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION/GREEN TEAM
445 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Press Release – Immediate Release

The Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team is announcing that there are four (4) garden beds (4x8) available for the 2025 growing season **only for the residents of Hawthorne**. Any Hawthorne resident who is interested can complete the 2025 garden application and the hold harmless form. The forms are located on the borough's website — <https://www.hawthornenj.org/313/Community-Garden>

When submitting the above documents, the applicant can hold off on paying the \$25 garden bed fee and \$25 deposit. Once the selection has been made, the lucky residents will be notified and payment will be required at that time.

The winners will be chosen by the luck of the draw from all applications submitted. Completed applications must be submitted to: Boro Hall Attention Ellen Brogno by **Wednesday February 19, 2025**.



HAWTHORNE FIRE CO. #1
PRESENTS



ANNUAL
COMEDY
DINNER

PERFORMANCES BY:

BUDA THE
COMEDIAN
&

MELVIN GEORGE

TICKETS: \$55/PERSON
INCLUDES BEER & FOOD



SATURDAY, MARCH 15

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

SHOW BEGINS AT 8 PM

616 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne NJ 07506

Questions? Call (973)-427-4264

2025 Hawthorne PD

August 11-15

LEADERSHIP CAMP



**FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 6th
GRADE AT LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

CAMP INFORMATION

Police Officers and LMS teachers instruct the students to work together as a team, develop leadership skills, and become familiar with the Lincoln Middle School environment. We also focus on respect for authority, and for each other. Including assistance from the New Jersey State Police Aviation Bureau.

REGISTER YOUR STUDENT

Cost is \$60.00 - no student turned away!

**More Info & registration
form: hawthornenj.org/police**


Leading the Way
for Healthy and
Safe Communities.



**Contact Sgt. Delallo for more
info:
(973) 949-2997
adelallo@hawthornepdnj.org**

Hawthorne JD Baseball

Online Registration is open for
our 2025 Baseball Season!!

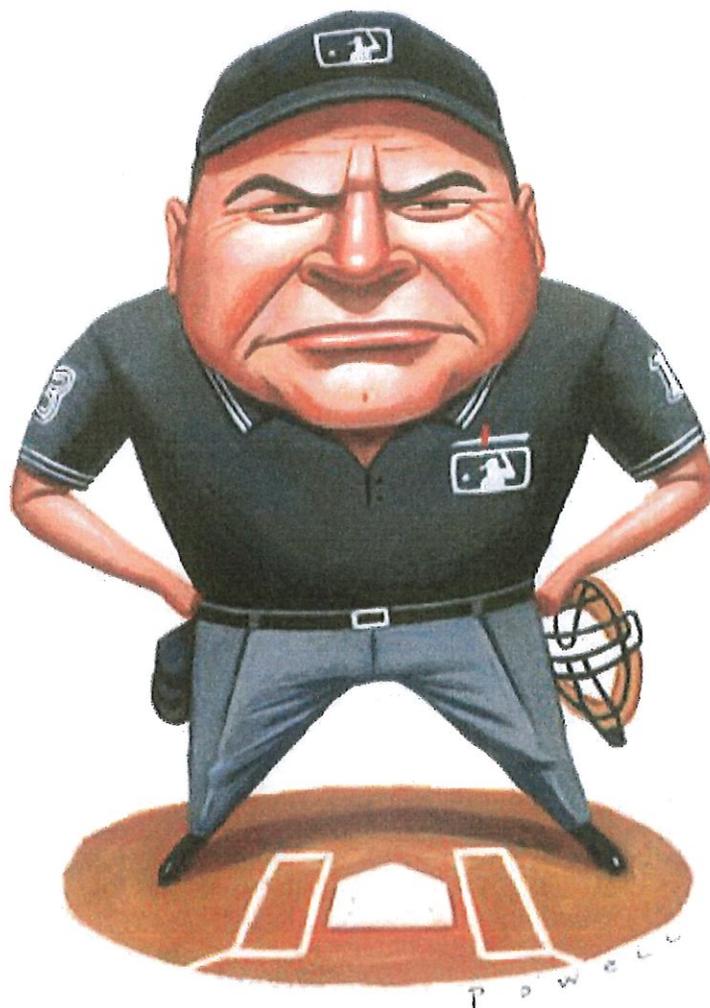


Hawthornejdbaseball.com

\$125 per family. Sign Ups Open till 02/24/2025

Open to 7th- 11th (born after May 1, 2008) Graders.

We want you to PLAY BALL!!!!



THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF HAWTHORNE
INVITES YOU TO OUR



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OF HAWTHORNE

11th Annual Beefsteak Tricky Tray Dinner

\$70 per ticket

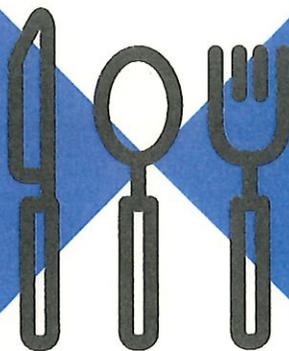
All proceeds go to expanding programs for
our youth members with disabilities.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025 | 6 PM
1 DOWNES WAY, HAWTHORNE, NJ

SCAN BELOW FOR MORE INFO & TO PURCHASE TICKETS



PRE-PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS BEFORE EVENT!



For more information:

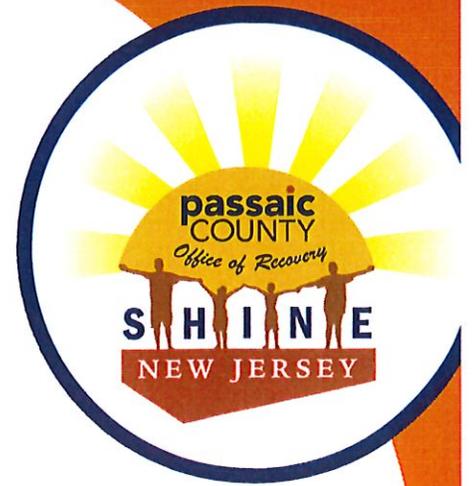
Irina Conte

iconte@bgchawthorne.org

973-427-7777 ext. 13

RL1549 & RL1550

FREE COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Information • Education • Referrals

Tuesday February 18th
445 Lafayette Ave
Hawthorne
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Substance use & misuse education
Narcan distribution and training
Resources & referrals
Screening and follow up



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

 vitoA@passaiccountynj.org

 (973) 247-3355

**NO APPOINTMENT OR
INSURANCE NEEDED**

Outreach includes
education, referrals,
support and follow
up for individuals
and their families



**Passaic County Surrogate's Court
Hon. Zoila S. Cassanova, Esq.
Surrogate Judge**

**71 Hamilton Street, Room 101, Paterson NJ 07505
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**



Make-A-Will Event



We are delighted to announce that the **Passaic County Surrogate Judge Zoila Cassanova, Esq.** in partnership with **Northeast New Jersey Legal Services** will be hosting a free Last Will and Testament event for qualifying* **Passaic County Seniors (age 60 and over)** and **Veterans (regardless of age)** this is your opportunity to prepare a standard Will for

FREE!

Please join us on:

Date: April 11, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (by appointment)

Place: Hawthorne Municipal Building

445 Lafayette Avenue

Hawthorne, NJ 07506



Help protect the people you care for! Get your Will done

AT NO COST

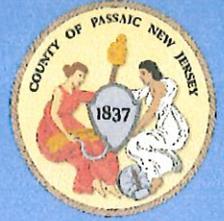
To participate, you will need to register at:

www.PassaicCountySurrogate.org Or call: Christopher Mariano at 973-881-4760 Ext: 1220

***This event is for Qualifying Passaic County Residents Only. Pre-registration is required.
NOTE: A Last Will and Testament will be drafted at no cost to qualifying seniors and veterans in the most economic need. Legal advice will be provided for all other seniors and veterans***



Passaic County Surrogate's Court
Hon. Zoila S. Cassanova, Esq.
Judge of the Surrogate's Court
71 Hamilton Street, Room 101, Paterson NJ 07505
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM



Wills for Heroes



The *Passaic County Surrogate Judge, Zoila Cassanova, Esq.*
in partnership with the **Wills for Heroes Foundation** will be *providing Wills for*
Passaic County law enforcement, firefighters, and their spouses



FREE!

Please join us on:

Date May 3, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Passaic County Police Academy
214 Oldham Rd, Wayne, NJ 07470

Help protect the people you care for! Get your Last Will & Testament

AT NO COST.

To participate, you will need to register with the Surrogate's court

at:

www.PassaicCountySurrogate.org Or call: Chris Mariano at 973-881-4760 Ext: 1220

This event is open only to Passaic County Law and Fire with priority given to Passaic County Residents

All documentation will be required to be completed prior to the event. Failure to do so, will result in cancellation of your appointment



Louis Bay 2nd Library
345 Lafayette Ave
Hawthorne, NJ 07506
973-427-5745



Adult Cookbook Club

Seats are limited for this event
Please REGISTER EARLY

Cookie Decorating



'Steph's Baking Boutique' will supply
the cookies, a professional baker and
all of the decorating materials...

**You supply the creativity
& appetite!**

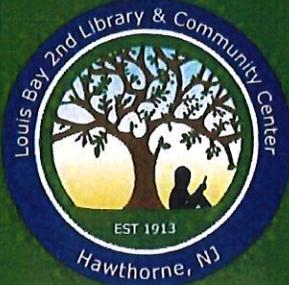


**Monthly
Gift Card
Raffle!**



REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
SCAN THIS QR CODE
OR GO TO:
LOUISBAY2NDLIBRARY.ORG





**Louis Bay 2nd Library
& Community Center**
345 Lafayette Ave,
Hawthorne, NJ 07506
973-427-5745



**Thursday
February 20, 2025
6:00pm**



ADULT CRAFT: Leprechans



**Registration
Required**

louisbay2ndlibrary.org

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reach the
library's event
calendar

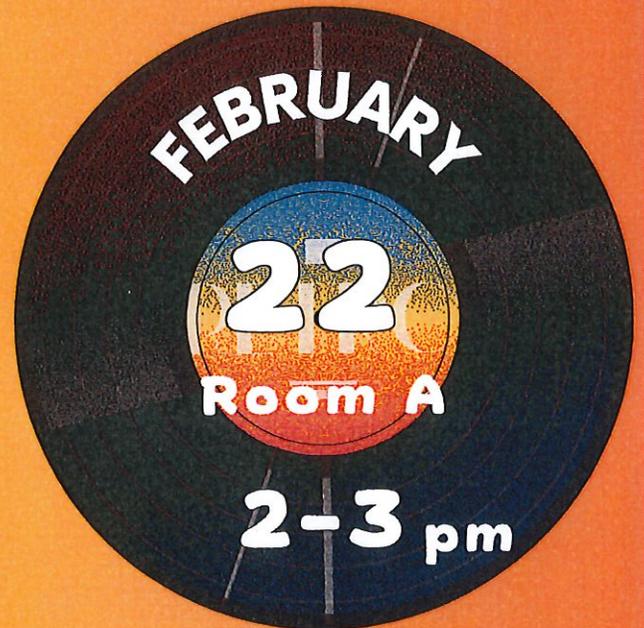


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Presenting
**RICK
FEINGOLD**

THE SOUNDS OF *Motown*



Diana Ross and the Supremes, Smokey Robinson, The Temptations, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, The Four Tops, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and The Jackson Five. This program includes classic video of the early years of Motown music.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
SCAN THIS QR CODE OR GO
TO OUR WEBSITE
LOUISBAY2NDLIBRARY.ORG





GRADES K-5TH

Valentine's Dance

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
7:00PM-9:00PM**

**@ BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
OF HAWTHORNE**

**\$5 ADMISSION
DRINK AND SNACK
INCLUDED**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
CAITLYN AT
CMAKELY@BGCHAWTHORNE.ORG**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF HAWTHORNE**