



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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John V. Lane
Mayor

Newsletter from Mayor

1-30-2026

Dear Resident,

Last weekend's snow event was significant, and I want to thank everyone who did their best to move their vehicles from the streets, and who utilized driveways and the school parking lots so that our plows could remove the snow efficiently. If you have a fire hydrant in front of your property, for your safety and that of your neighbors, please clean out the area around it. I want to thank our DPW Director Bill Haffler and our Department of Public Works for working tirelessly for over 48 hours clearing snow from our roadways and keeping up with the snowfall. Our DPW is the best of the best.

Just a reminder that taxes are due February 1; the grace period is extended to Monday, February 10 to avoid a late penalty.

Congratulations to HHS Wrestler Jack Lorper for capturing the 132 lbs. championship at the 2026 Passaic County Tournament! We are proud of you.

Congratulations to our 4th grade students in Hawthorne who were recognized in this year's Passaic County Clerk's 30th Annual Poster Calendar Contest. Sarah Durgaj of Roosevelt Elementary School is a first-place winter, and honorable mentions were awarded to Evelyn Vanderbeckk of Hawthorne Christian Academy, Mila Day of Jefferson Elementary School, Esmeralda Franceschi of Roosevelt Elementary School, Mateo Pomales of St. Anthony School, and Jon Tolentino, Jr. of Washington Elementary School.

Hawthorne Baseball Softball Association has opened registration for the 2026 spring season; **deadline to register is midnight tomorrow**, Saturday, January 31, 2026.

Hawthorne JD Baseball registration is open until February 24; flyer is attached with additional information.

Looking for local theatre? Tickets are still available tonight and this weekend for *Beetlejuice!* Offered by Hawthorne's own Willie Wilson and the Willie Wilson Theatre Arts Group this weekend at Felician Theatre, Lodi. For details, please go to www.WilsonTAG.com

Tomorrow, Saturday, January 31 from 8am to 1 pm at the John W. Rea House Passaic County Arts Center, 675 Goffle Road, the County will hold a 2026 After-Holiday Computer & Electronics Collection. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Applications are now being accepted until March 11 for the Hawthorne Police Department's Junior Police Academy. For more information, please see our website (and please see the attached).

On Monday, February 9 at 5:30, the public is encouraged to attend a public hearing, which will be held at the Dey Mansion Washington's Headquarters, 199 Totowa Road, in Wayne, to learn more about the proposal for park development by the Friends of Passaic County Parks at the Goffle Brook Park, nearest the intersection of Goffle Road and Lafayette Avenue. The County will be furnishing me a copy of the concept plan next week, and I will make that available for anyone who would like to see it.

Attached is the February calendar for Library events. Our library has many great programs for residents, senior residents, young adults, and children; please have a look at the numerous flyers attached to this letter for classes and programs that are happening in the next month or so.

This Wednesday, February 4, from 5:30pm to 7pm Abundant Life Wyckoff invites you to their monthly program on dementia; please see the attached flyer for more details.

Hawthorne JD Baseball has opened online registration for the 2026 Baseball Season! Please see the attached flyer for all the details. Registration ends February 24!

This Monday, February 2, is Groundhog Day. If Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, we are in for six more weeks of winter; if he doesn't, spring is around the corner!

Please stay safe this weekend.

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane



2026 SPRING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!

Register Today at <http://hawthornebaseballsoftball.org/registration/>

Divisions By School Grade

DIVISION	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL
Pee-Wees	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd
Juniors	3 rd & 4 th	3 rd , 4 th & 5 th
Seniors	5 th & 6 th	6 th , 7 th & 8 th

Register by the 1/31 deadline to ensure enrollment and avoid a \$50 late registration fee. Once the deadline has passed your child's name will be placed on a waiting list.

Practices Begin	March 2026
Opening Day	April 2026

Hawthorne Baseball and Softball Organization is a 100% volunteer organization and we could use your help!

Sign up to be a coach at <http://hawthornebaseballsoftball.org/registration/>

REGISTRATION DATES & FEES

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

11/1/2025 – 12/31/2025

\$150 (\$225 Family Maximum)

REGULAR REGISTRATION

1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026

\$175 (\$275 Family Maximum)

For any further details please email the HBSA at hbsanj@gmail.com

Hawthorne JD Baseball

Online Registration is open for
our 2026 Baseball Season!!



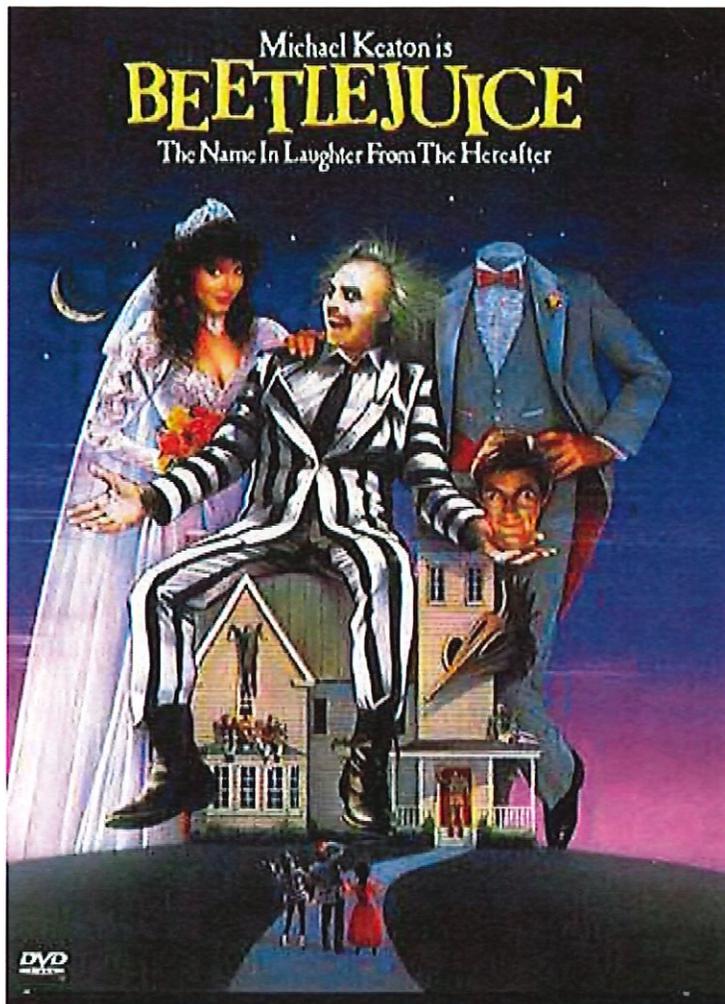
Hawthornejdbaseball.com

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

Open to 7th- 11th (born after May 1, 2009) Graders.

We want you to PLAY BALL!!!!





Come out of the cold to
see TONY-nominee
Willie Wilson's
BEETLEJUICE!

Jan. 29-31, 2026 Felician
Theatre 258 South
Main St. Lodi

Tickets at
WilsonTAG.com Click
on TIX!



2026 AFTER-HOLIDAY COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

The Passaic County Board of County Commissioners and the Passaic County Office of Solid Waste & Recycling Programs (division of Dept. of Health Services) are offering free on-site e-waste recycling for Passaic County residents (proof of residency required). Passaic County businesses & institutions must call for pre-registration.

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 31, 2026*

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

PASSAIC COUNTY ARTS CENTER
(JOHN W. REA HOUSE)

675 GOFFLE ROAD
HAWTHORNE, NJ

**Inclement Weather Date:
Saturday, February 7, 2026*

(check Passaic County's website the morning of the event for any weather alerts at www.passaiccountynj.org)

Acceptable Materials

Almost all types of computer
and electronic equipment:

Monitors Hard Drives Cell Phones
Copiers Printers Video Game
Systems Televisions CD & DVD
Players VCRs & DVRs Stereo Systems
Radios Ink Jet & Laser Cartridges
Telephones/Systems

Unacceptable Materials

Refrigerators
Freezers
Air Conditioners
Washers/Dryers
CDs
DVDs
Video Games
VCR Tapes



**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL THE RECYCLING
DIVISION: 973-305-5738**

Junior Police Academy

2026 Junior Police Academy March 16 – April 21

The **Junior Police Academy** is a fun and informative program geared toward 7th and 8th Graders. The program is designed to introduce the students to different elements of law enforcement, and to inspire good citizenship through criminal justice education. You will engage in classes that may include everything from defensive tactics, Passaic County Jail tours, K9 dogs, the Passaic County bomb squad, and the pistol range while meeting many of the officers.

All information and details are contained within
the

Application Packet

Application Due Date – March 11th



*For Questions, please contact:
Patrolman Zach Grochowski*

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FEBRUARY 12



THE ROLE OF
ANNUITIES
FEBRUARY 18



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FEBRUARY

2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 ESL [R] 9:30-3pm Senior Wellness Program 2-3:30pm Mahjong 6-8:45pm Friends Book Sale 6:30-8pm</p>	<p>3 Friends Book Sale 10-12pm Easy Yoga 10:30-11:30am Bridge 1-4pm Rummikub 1-4pm</p>	<p>4 Rotary Club 12-1:30pm</p>	<p>5 ESL [R] 9:30-3pm Golden Circle & Adult Senior Games 11-2pm Canasta 1-4pm Computer Class [R] 2-3pm</p>	<p>6 Needles & Hooks 1-3pm</p>	<p>7 Friends Book Sale 10-12pm</p>
<p>9 ESL [R] 9:30-3pm Senior Book Club 1-2:30pm Connections Book Club 1:30-3pm Mahjong 6-8:45pm Friends Book Sale 6:30-8pm</p>	<p>10 Friends Book Sale 10-12pm Friends Meeting 12:15-1:30pm Easy Yoga 10:30-11:30am Yoga Event 11:30-12:30pm Bridge 1-4pm Rummikub 1-4pm</p>	<p>11 Library Board Meeting 4:30-5:30pm</p>	<p>12 ESL [R] 9:30-3pm Canasta 1-4pm Computer Class [R] 2-3pm Cookie Decorating [R] 6:30-7:30pm</p>	<p>13 Needles & Hooks 1-3pm</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day</p>
<p>16 HAPPY Presidents Day WE'RE CLOSED</p>	<p>17 Friends Book Sale 10-12pm Easy Yoga 10:30-11:30am Stress Less 11:30-1pm Bridge 1-4pm Rummikub 1-4pm Artist Opening Reception 4-8pm</p>	<p>18 Rotary Club 12-1:30pm The Role of Annuities in Retirement By Fred Ciccone 6:30-7:30pm Adult Board Game Night [R] 7-8:30pm</p>	<p>19 ESL [R] 9:30-3pm Canasta 1-4pm Computer Class [R] 2-3pm</p>	<p>20 Needles & Hooks 1-3pm</p>	<p>21 Friends Book Sale 10-12pm</p>
<p>23 ESL [R] 9:30-3pm Mahjong 6-8:45pm Friends Book Sale 6:30-8pm</p>	<p>24 Friends Book Sale 10-12pm Easy Yoga 10:30-11:30am Bridge 1-4pm Rummikub 1-4pm Teen D&D [R] 5-7pm</p>	<p>25 Overdue Book Club [R] 7-8pm</p>	<p>26 ESL [R] 9:30-3pm Canasta 1-4pm Computer Class [R] 2-3pm Adult Craft [R] 6-8pm</p>	<p>27 Needles & Hooks 1-3pm</p>	<p>28</p>

A short month is the perfect time to read a long book





Located by the newspapers



FREE SENIOR WELLNESS PROGRAM



SERVICES INCLUDE

- Assessment of health history
- Blood pressure check
- Measurement of height and weight
- Personalized counseling and educational support
- Private consultation with a registered nurse



SERVICE DATES

The First Monday of each month in Room C

Sponsored By:



(201) 489-3399

February 2	July 6
March 2	August 3
April 6	Holiday
May 4	October 5
June 1	November 2



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VALENTINE COOKIE DECORATING



**JOIN US AS STEPH TEACHES US HOW TO DECORATE
COOKIES! ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED BY
STEPH'S BAKING BOUTIQUE**

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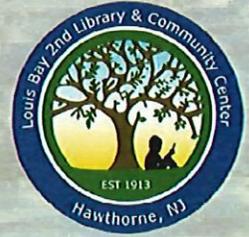
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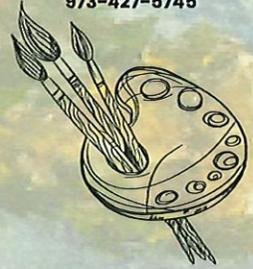


Paintings By Jim Alimena

Jim Alimena has been a Hawthorne resident for 35 years. He began painting while a student at the New Milford High School. Jim later majored in Art at Livingstone College & Rutgers. He studied under Leon Golub (1922-2004) who encouraged him to paint in large-scale. Jim was most influenced by the paintings of Georges Rouault (1871-1958). Both the style of a bold outline and the use of strong colors are the themes of Rouault's devout Catholic faith, as seen in Jim's paintings.



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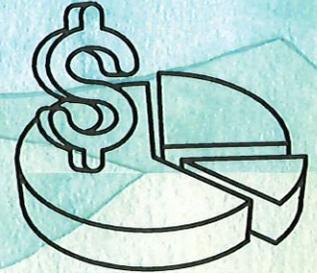


Opening Night

February 17
4-8pm

See the
paintings in
Room B

The Role of Annuities in Retirement



Come and learn more about the role of annuities in retirement planning from financial professional Fred Ciccone! Fred currently works at Creative Financial in Paramus, New Jersey and who is also a senior himself.

Fred states that he has noticed that converting the components of retirement savings (401ks, IRAs, etc.) to lifetime income in retirement is something people have trouble with. As you approach this juncture in life, you need to know what options you have.

We welcome back Fred Ciccone who has host many financial talks here. Be sure to join us!



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18
6:30-
7:30pm

Registration
Required:
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code or visit
our website



THE KALEIDOSCOPE:

FINDING BEAUTY TOGETHER IN DEMENTIA'S CHANGING LANDSCAPE

*A Monthly Speaker Series on Dementia,
Connection & Community*



Why Some Days Feel Harder Than Others Understanding Fluctuations in Dementia

Some days feel smoother.

Other days feel confusing, exhausting, or unexpectedly hard—even when nothing obvious has changed. This Kaleidoscope gathering will explore why abilities, behaviors, and emotions can shift day to day in dementia, and how understanding these changes can help respond with greater calm, compassion, and confidence.

About Our Event

◆ NEW FOR 2026:

*The Kaleidoscope will now meet on the
first Wednesday of each month*

📅 Wednesday, February 4, 2026

🕒 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

📍 Abundant Life Reformed Church
475 Lafayette Avenue
Wyckoff, NJ

🍽️ Light Supper: 5:30 – 6:00 PM

🗣️ Presentation/Q&A: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

📄 Free to attend

All are welcome, but please RSVP



February Topic:

Together, we will explore:

Why the same symptoms can show up with different intensity from one day to the next..

How brain changes, stress, health, and environment affect daily functioning.

Why behaviors that feel upsetting are often a form of communication.

How emotional reassurance and presence can reduce distress.

Simple ways to adjust expectations and responses on harder days.

Presented by:

Maureen Braen, CPXP, CDP, CMDCP, CDSGF, CADDCT
Founder, Rise Dementia Care



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