



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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John V. Lane
Mayor

Newsletter from Mayor

2-13-2026

Dear Resident,

This morning Congresswoman Nellie Pou presented the Borough of Hawthorne with a check for \$1.092 million to upgrade the Borough's aging sewer pump system to maximize the performance of the main pumping station and guard against failures in the Borough's wastewater treatment system. Last summer I received a call from our Congresswoman inquiring whether we had any significant capital projects planned in the near future, as potential federal funding opportunities were becoming available. After consulting with our administrator, we determined repairs to the Lincoln Avenue sewer line and improvements to the sewer pump station on Wagaraw Road would be necessary. I requested \$2 million and Congresswoman Pou submitted our projects for consideration. The Congressional Appropriations Committee approved \$1.092 million in funding for Hawthorne to address our infrastructure needs. Hawthorne has not previously received any federal funding of this magnitude, and I want to thank Congresswoman Pou for advocating for us in Washington.

Just a reminder that the deadline for the second round of applications for the Hometown Heroes banner program is Friday, March 6. I have attached a copy of the submission form, as well as additional information.

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities has announced the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition for high school juniors and seniors planning to continue their education after high school. Additional information is attached; essays are due to me by March 9.

Neighborhood Preservation Program Signage & Façade Initiative Closing Soon. The Signage and Façade portion of the NPP Grant will sunset on March 6. Business and property owners within the Gateway District who are interested in participating are encouraged to complete the application process no later than March 6. Limited funds remain, and applications will be reviewed and approved on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications may be accessed through the NPP website <https://www.hawthornenj.org/540/Neighborhood-Preservatonin-Program-NPP>

The water bills were mailed for water routes 21-26. If you don't receive your bills, you can check your account on line through the Borough website www.hawthornenj.org

There are a lot of great things happening in our public schools – more news and information, the HHS Newsletter can be found at <https://app.smore.com/n/ameku>

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).

Hawthorne Senior Residents: On April 23 you are invited to *Dinner & a Show* at Hawthorne High School for the dress rehearsal of *Anything Goes!*; On April 30 Lincoln Middle School will hold their dress rehearsal of *Beauty and the Beast* in the high school auditorium at 6pm; details for both can be found on the attached flyers.

Many of you have asked about classes on digital cyber security. Please see the attached flyer for more information on digital literacy classes being held at the library. For more information, please visiting the library's website at www.louisbay2ndlibrary.org

More Save the Dates:

This Tuesday, February 17, the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Connect and Grow in 2026 Networking Event" at CR Bakery & Café, 300 Lincoln Avenue; flyer is attached.

On February 28 the Hawthorne High School Marching Band is holding a Fish & Chips Dinner; information is on the attached flyer.

The Hawthorne Rotary Club presents *Taste of Hawthorne* at Macaluso's on Tuesday, March 24 from 6:30pm to 9pm; details can be found on the attached flyer.

The Hawthorne NJSE PAC announces their *8th Annual 5K Color Run/Walk* which will take place on May 3. Details can be found on the attached flyer.

The Caballeros have announced the *13th Annual Hawthorne Caballeros Golf Outing*, May 18, at the Black Bear Golf Course. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

The Hawthorne Caballeros present the *60th Annual Drum Corps Grand Prix* on July 11 at Clifton School Stadium, Clifton. More details can be found on their website www.hawthornecaballeros.org

The Borough offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observance of Presidents Day. Have a great weekend, and stay safe. Happy Valentine's Day!

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane



From right to left: Congresswoman Nellie Pou, Mayor John V. Lane, Councilman Bruce Bennett, and Councilwoman Rayna Laiosa



[Congresswoman Pou Wins Over \\$9.7 Million for North Jersey Community Projects](https://www.pou.house.gov)
[pou.house.gov](https://www.pou.house.gov)



Hometown Heroes

Banner Submission Form



INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out this form, attach a photo of your military hero, and provide a copy of their DD-214 (REQUIRED). If emailing your submission, please SCAN PHOTO AT 600dpi for best results.

PLEASE ALSO ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR \$220 made out to: Borough of Hawthorne

If emailing, please send to MilitaryBanners@HawthorneNJ.org. If physical copies, drop off at or mail to: Borough of Hawthorne, ATTN: Military Banners, 445 Lafayette Ave, Hawthorne, NJ 07506.

*** See second page for additional info**

DEADLINE: Friday, March 6, 2026

Veteran Information

Full Name: (First, M.I., Last; or as you would like it printed)

War(s) / Era(s) Served: (WWII, Korea, Active Duty, etc.)

* "Era" means Hero served during conflict period, but was not in war

Rank: (if known)

Branch: (Army, Navy, etc.)

Dates of Service: (i.e. May 1969 - May 1973, 1942 - 1945, etc.)

Prestigious Medals & Other Information: (optional)



Sponsor Information

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

The following will be printed on your banner as written (space limited)

Sponsored by: _____

(i.e. His Loving Family; The Smith Family; John & Jane Miller; The Children of James "Jimmy" Jones)



For assistance or questions in completing this form, please contact Kirsten Manzo at MilitaryBanners@HawthorneNJ.org



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Additional Information

Criteria:

- If your hero is currently serving, you must provide copy of their military ID.
- If your hero was honorably discharged as a veteran, you must provide a copy of their DD-214 (discharge papers).
- If your hero was killed in action, declared missing, or otherwise died while in service, please provide a copy of their DD-1300 (report of casualty).
- Your hero is only eligible for a banner if:
 - They served while a Hawthorne resident and are still a current resident,
 - They lived elsewhere while serving but have been a Hawthorne resident for a minimum of five (5) years, or
 - The family/sponsor of a deceased hero currently resides in Hawthorne.

Details:

- Banners will be displayed on our utility poles from Memorial Day through Veterans Day.
- Banners will be displayed for 3 years. After 3 years, the family will have the option to keep the banner, or re-apply for continued display.
- Banner locations are based on when your application is submitted. The first application will have their banner displayed starting near Borough Hall.
- A map of the banner locations will be provided on the borough website after banners are hung.

Photos:

- If mailing or dropping off a hard copy submission, please include a high-resolution PHOTO PAPER PRINT of your picture (do NOT submit originals!). Hard copies can be sent to:
 - Borough of Hawthorne, ATTN: Military Banners, 445 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506
- If emailing your submission, please scan your original photo(s) at 600dpi. Email photo and form to MilitaryBanners@HawthorneNJ.org
- Photo(s) of your hero must be of them in their service uniform, or wearing a veteran cap.
- If no photo is supplied, a generic saluting service member silhouette will be used.

Payment:

- Payment (by check only) is due in full when you submit the submission form.
- Checks should be made payable to: "Borough of Hawthorne"
- Please send submission form, picture(s), copies of supporting documentation, and check to Borough of Hawthorne, ATTN: Military Banners, 445 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506
 - Can be sent by US Postal Service or dropped off at drop box.

Other Important Information:

- Submission forms are available on the borough website, by email, or in-person at Borough Hall.
- We cannot accept late or incomplete submissions past the deadline stated on first page.
- If you wish to contribute additional funds to support the Hometown Heroes program, please make out an additional check payable to "Borough of Hawthorne" and mail/drop them off at Borough Hall

NEWS RELEASE

445 Lafayette Ave
Hawthorne , NJ 07506

973-427-1168
RELEASE: Immediate

NJSLOM ANNOUNCES STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities has announced the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition for high school juniors and seniors planning to continue their education after high school.

The purpose of the scholarship is to advance the virtues of elected and volunteer positions in municipal government while raising awareness of municipal government in general. The theme of the essay will be *What I Like About My Hometown*.

The scholarship competition is named in honor of the late Louis Bay 2nd, Mayor Emeritus of the Borough of Hawthorne. Mayor Bay was an active League Board Member and Past President for sixty years and served as Hawthorne's mayor for more than 40 years.

On the local level, one semi-finalist will be selected by a designated committee. All state semi-finalists will then be judged by the Scholarship Committee of the NJSLOM. Fifteen finalists and three winners will be selected in the statewide competition. The three winners will be awarded \$1,000 each. Winners' essays will be featured in the New Jersey Municipalities Magazine. Scholarship applications and instructions are available at www.hawthornenj.org or www.njslom.org or through Hawthorne High School and Hawthorne Christian Academy. Essays are due to Mayor Lane, if you are a Hawthorne resident, or your hometown mayor if attending a private high school, by Monday, March 9.

The Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition
Application and Selection Process
(Please keep these instructions with the application)

Open to all high school juniors and seniors who are residents of New Jersey and plan to continue their education after high school.

1. Complete the application and essay.
2. **Return them to your Hometown Mayor's Office** (or the location designated by your Mayor).

Regional Or Private High School Students: Please note that the application and essay must be returned to your **hometown** mayor, not the mayor of the municipality where your high school is located (unless that is your hometown).

3. The mayor or a designated committee will select one semi-finalist from your municipality.
4. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation from the Mayor's office.
5. The winner from each municipality will be designated as a state semi-finalist. They will have their essay and application reviewed by the Scholarship Committee of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.
6. All state semi-finalists will receive a certificate attesting to their status as state semi-finalists.
7. The Scholarship Committee will select 15 finalists and 3 winners.
8. The 15 finalists will each be awarded finalist certificates. The three winners will each be awarded \$1,000.00 by their mayor at a hometown ceremony.
9. Winners' essays will be featured in *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine.

2026 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Municipality In Which You Reside _____

Current School _____

Grade Attending _____

Colleges or Schools To Which You May Apply

Area of Municipal Govt/Administration That Interests You _____

Write an essay on the theme "What I Like About My Hometown." Your essay should be based on your perceptions and experiences with your municipality's local government. The essay should consider the public contributions of your municipal government.

Length: Approximately 500 words. Recommended Times New Roman, Double space, 12 pt font. Please use paper clips, not staples.

Deadline: Essays must be submitted to your hometown mayor by **March 9, 2026**

Judging Criteria:

- Judging is based solely on the essay. Please do not include any other information such as transcripts and references.
- Appropriateness of theme.
- Effective articulation of theme.
- Originality.
- Technical composition, spelling, and syntax.

Return completed application and essay to your **hometown** mayor's office.

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*

973-427-1800 ~ 6267@hawthornepdnj.org

Contact Us

Zachary

Grochowski

Patrol Officer

Phone: 973-427-1800

MAYOR LANE PRESENTS

“Dinner & a Play” for Hawthorne Senior Residents

THURSDAY, April 23rd, 5 PM – 9PM
Hawthorne High School Cafeteria

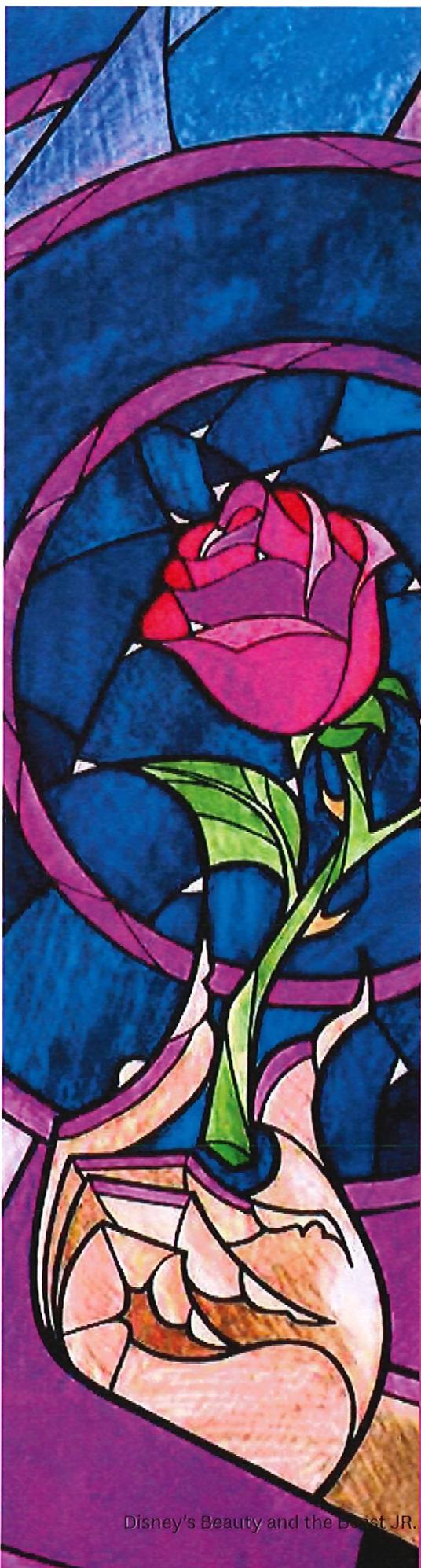
160 Parmelee Ave, Room 123
(Warburton or Bamford Ave Entrances)

Please RSVP NO LATER than April 15th
973-427-4493 or lfernandez@hawthornenj.org



COMPLIMENTS OF THE
MAYORS WELLNESS PROGRAM

and the Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee



BE OUR GUEST
FOR THE DRESS REHEARSAL OF

Lincoln Middle School's

DISNEY
**BEAUTY
AND THE
BEAST** © Disney



Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman and Tim Rice

Book by
Linda Woolverton

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH

6 pm

HAWTHORNE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Digital Literacy Classes



**All Classes are scheduled for Thursdays
at 2:00pm for the following Subjects:**

- Keyboard & Mouse ~ January 8, 2026
- Computer Basics - January 15, 2026
- File Management - January 22, 2026
- Internet Basics - January 29, 2026
- Email Basics - February 5, 2026
- Microsoft Word - February 12, 2026
- Microsoft Excel - February 19, 2026
- Google Tools - February 26, 2026
- Smart Devices - March 5, 2026
- Social Media - March 12, 2026
- Canva Basics - March 19, 2026
- Cyber Security - March 26, 2026

Registration is required.

Classes meet in the Young Adult Computer Lab. Space is limited. Register for one class at a time.

Register on our website:

www.louisbay2ndlibrary.org

Or contact:

(973) 427-5745 x28

elaine.lincoln@hawthorne.bccls.org

Louis Bay 2nd Library and Community Center
345 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506



Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce

Connect and grow in 2026 Networking Event

An exclusive opportunity to discover new partnerships and business opportunities.

**Come grab a cup of coffee and network!
This is a pay-your-own-way morning meet-up.**

Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday, February 17th 8am – 9am

CR Bakery & Cafe

300 Lincoln Ave, Hawthorne NJ 07506

Scan QR code to sign up



RL #1565

RL #1566

**50/50
Raffle**

**Tricky
Tray!**

FISH & CHIPS



DINNER

Chicken Tenders Option Available

February 28, 2026 • 5-7pm
HHS Cafeteria • 160 Parmelee Avenue

Tickets: \$22 Adults

\$18 Students & Seniors

Beverage & Dessert Included

Dine-In or Take-Out Available

Limited Walk-In's - None after 6:30pm



*For Tickets Please Contact Any Marching Band Member
or Call: 201-522-4173 (Leah) / Email: hawthornebandparents@gmail.com*

Prepared by **Tastefully British** of Bloomingdale

HAWTHORNE ROTARY
CLUB PRESENTS:

TASTE OF HAWTHORNE

AT MACALUSO'S ON TUESDAY,
MARCH 24TH 6:30-9:00PM



\$55.20 ONLINE, \$60 IN PERSON. SENIOR
DISCOUNT IN PERSON WITH ID: \$45 (ONE
PER CUSTOMER)

TICKETS SOLD ONLINE & IN
PERSON AT DIAMOND WINE
AND LIQUORS & GOFFLE ROAD
WINE.

21 AND OVER.

PROCEEDS SUPPORT ROTARY
SCHOLARSHIPS AND
COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

HAWTHORNE NJ SEPAC

8TH ANNUAL 5K COLOR RUN/WALK

SAVE THE DATE

May 3, 2026

**Goffle Brook Park
Corner of Goffle Rd. & Rea Ave.
Hawthorne, NJ
RAIN OR SHINE**

**T-shirts created by students from
The Bear Cave Transition Program**

Early online registration ends 4/18
Online registration price increases 4/19
Walk in registration on 5/3 (cash only)

Extra color packets available for purchase the day of the
run (cash only)

Bring nonperishable food items to donate to a local
food pantry

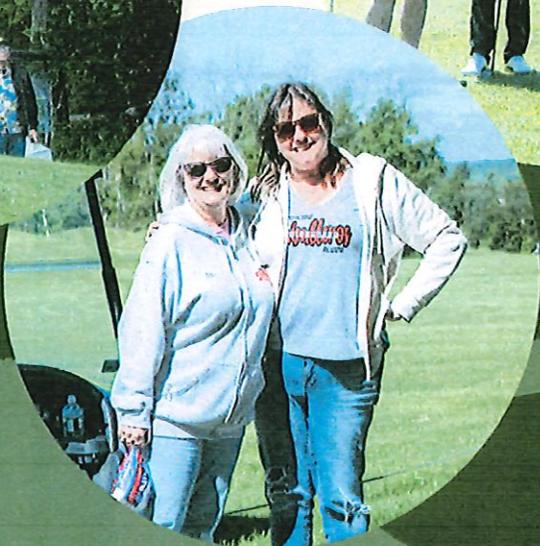
CONTACT:
HAWTHORNE.NJ.SEPAC@GMAIL.COM
FOR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

\$200 will be
awarded to the
Hawthorne district
school with the most
registered staff



THE 13TH ANNUAL
**HAWTHORNE
CABALLEROS
GOLF OUTING**

**MAY 18TH, 2026
BLACK BEAR GOLF COURSE**



**GOLF OUTING
INFORMATION**



**SPONSOR THE
CABALLEROS**

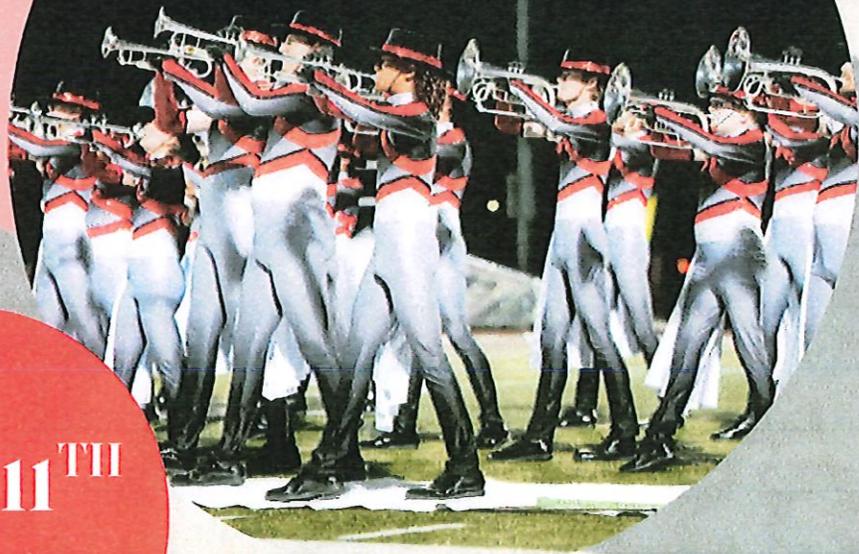


The 60th Annual

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

DRUM CORPS GRAND PRIX

Presented by the Hawthorne Caballeros



**JULY 11TH
2026**

**Clifton School Stadium
Clifton, NJ**

www.hawthornecaballeros.org

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!!!!

