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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to 2019. As the members of the city council and I look ahead to the new year, one of our top priorities is to develop the beginning phases of the River Road Park Project from Passaic Street to Monroe Street.

There are so many great things happening in our community, and I know I speak for both myself and my fellow council members in stating that we are looking forward to another year of working together with the community to move Garfield forward in every respect.

As we begin the new year, I would like to remind everyone that we live in a safe and family-friendly community, but unfortunately, Garfield has been the recipient of some negative press over the last month regarding crimes near the areas that are being considered for redevelopment. Let me assure you that we will continue our forward progress in 2019 and maintain our focus to making Garfield a community that others will become envious of. Indeed, much has changed over the years, and yet much remains the same. The City Council and I continue to focus, first and foremost, on the City's fiscal health. Every decision we make is done-so in the spirit of improving our city and strengthening our community to protect and enhance the quality of life for our residents.

Keeping the aforementioned in mind, I'm excited at the prospects of what's to come in the year ahead. The coming year has the makings of being very special for Garfield. Several noteworthy developments will be underway. The launching of a new city website will be a much-needed upgrade that will provide a more efficient and effective method of communication with residents. We also have plans in place for redevelopment projects on residentially owned properties that may help spark interest along Passaic Street.

The new services implemented by the Garfield Police Department's Parking Authority will be kicked off in April. Everything will now be transferred over to a fully electronic format, which will make it easier to alleviate overnight parking issues by non-residents of Garfield, as well as tackling the illegal apartment situations in Garfield. Please keep checking in to our new website for information regarding the many services, the upcoming app, and the official kick-off date.

We will be working on our budget soon and every year our expenses like pension payments and health insurance premiums rise significantly, rest assure that our council and city manager will focus on our municipal budget, by setting goals and objectives to improve our City. We will continue to advocate for ways to run our city government in a more cost-effective manner instead of continuing to put an undue burden on the Garfield taxpayers.

Lastly, The Garfield Events Committee is planning events and activities for our residents throughout the upcoming year, such as concerts in the park, street fairs, firework shows, parades, etc. Now I am sure you all have your own fond memories of events from the past, but as we navigate through this upcoming year, let's be sure to continue creating new and prosperous memories for you and your families.

Edit from Last Month's Newsletter

I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate Sgt. Marc Amos on his well-deserved promotion on becoming a Sargent in the Garfield Police Department. His name was accidentally left off the list of the other promoted Garfield Police Department members last month. Congratulations!

Garfield Mayor Richard "Riggs" Rigoglioso Page 4 Generations for Garfield Newsletter

			EBRUAR	Y EVE
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	W	Vedn
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Adult Flu shots are still available at the Garfield Health Dept. By Appt only. While supplies last. Call 973-340-3340 for an appt	Monday-Friday: Generations for Garfield Walking Club: Check- in at the Garfield Health Dept, 60 Elizabeth St, 9-3 pm 7:00pm Redevelopment Agency, Garfield City Hall	9:00-11:00 am Health Counseling/Blood Pressure Screening, Garfield Health Dept, 60 Elizabeth St.		
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	Monday-Friday: Generations for Garfield Walking Club: Check- in at the Garfield Health Dept, 60 Elizabeth St, 9-3 pm	9:00-11:00 am Health Counseling/Blood Pressure Screening, GHD, 60 Elizabeth St. 5:30pm Family Story Time, Garfield Library 6:00pm City Council Meeting, City Hall		
17	18	19	20	
	President's Day	9:00-11:00 am Health Counseling/ Blood Pressure Screening, GHD, 60 Elizabeth St 5:30pm Family Story Time, Garfield Library		
24	25	26	27	
	Monday-Friday: G4G, Walking Club: Check-in at the GHD, 60 Elizabeth St, 9-3 p.m 1:00 pm SNAP Ed Cooking Matters, Golden Tower, 225 Midland Ave 7:00pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, City Hall.	9:00-11:00 am Health Counseling/Blood Pressure Screening, Garfield Health Dept, 60 Elizabeth St 5:30pm Family Story Time, Garfield Library 6:00pm City Council Meeting		



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esday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
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	February 7th & 14th: FREE A1c & lipid screening at the Garfield Health Dept. By Appointment only. Call 973-340-3340 for more information.	We want to celebrate Go	. meone you know in 2019? rfield's Centenarians! Email Sgt Stew- police.org so we can include your spe- newsletter.			
	14	15	16			
	Valentine's Day 10:00 am Tiny Tots Story Time, Garfield Library 12:00-1:00 pm Garfield Prevention Coalition Mtg, Garfield YMCA, 33 Outwater Ln.		Include your community event on next month's calendar! Email the name, date, location & time of your event to Sgt. Jeff Stewart @ jstewart@garfieldpolice.org.			
	21	22	23			
	10:00 am Tiny Tots Story Time, Garfield Library					
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	10:00 am Tiny Tots Story Time, Garfield Library 8:00pm Garfield Planning Board, City Hall	February American Heart Month				
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HEALTH & COMMUNITY NEWS





Prevent Type 2 Diabetes Free Program

Free Screening and Information Session

Join us and prevent Type 2 Diabetes! This is a free, yearlong program designed for people with prediabetes and people who are at high risk for Type 2 diabetes and want to lower their risk. Program is a series of fun and educational workshops!

Location:

Garfield Health Department 60 Elizabeth Street, Garfield , New Jersey

Date: February 7 or 14, 2019 9:30am – 11:30 am Free screening includes blood chemistry screening for cholesterol levels, A1C, blood pressure and body composition.

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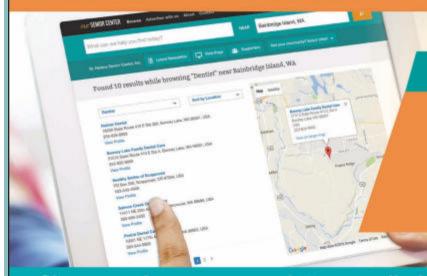
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NEWS & EVENTS





By Kathi Viola

February is the month that includes Valentine's Day, a day to celebrate love. Love comes in many forms to be shared with family, friends, pets and our community. This is a quote from a Garfield High School student who was asked what her participation in the EPIC youth group means to her. It turned into a small love letter for Garfield, her city.

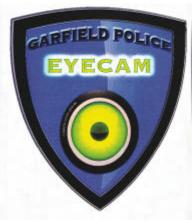
"EPIC is like another family to me. I have this amazing group of people who are part of my community in which I'm overjoyed to share my life with. EPIC affects my life just as much as it affects my community. We are here to spread awareness throughout our city through events that bring people together, including our own members. Without EPIC I wouldn't have been able to help my community as much. We are more than just a youth run organization that lives in Garfield, we are a youth group that encourages others to improve the city we live in one step at a time." Gabby I. age 16, EPIC Member

EPIC, which stands for "Empower Peers, Inspire Change" is a youth-led non-profit organization whose mission is to stop underage drinking and drug use in their community. They do this through educational events for peers, family and the community with teaching skills like "natural highs." They want to lower the norms of substance use among teens and increase positive youth engagement in their community. The impact created by 45 8th to 12th grade members who take a pledge to remain alcohol, tobacco/nicotine and drug free, and take this commitment seriously is enormous.

Thank you EPIC for sharing your love of Garfield and your passion for keeping your peers and community safe. You truly are EPIC, in every sense of the word.

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Please join us in helping to make Garfield a safer place.



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Thank you to Mayor Richard Rigoglioso, the entire City Council & City Manager Tom Duch for their support!