

## A Piece of Local History

In May of 1953, the West Long Branch Lions Club, after lengthy consideration, decided to initiate and sponsor a community center in West Long Branch.

After thorough investigation and study of all of the problems involved, the Lions Club in August, 1953, purchased the old Norwood Country Club on Locust Avenue with about three acres of ground. During August, September and October of that year the entire membership of the club worked long and arduous hours in rehabilitating the old building which had lain idle for some ten years.

The work feverishly progressed and on October 16th it was possible to hold the first public function - a barn dance - in the new Community Center. Your Community Center became an accomplished feat.

From the very outset, the Lions Club viewed the entire project as something belonging to the whole community. All efforts were directed to the end that it would actually be a community wide affair. After the barn dance, all haste was made to set up a permanent organization and turn over the project to it. On November 11, 1953, the Lions Club organized and formally chartered the West Long Branch Community Center, Inc., on a broad community bases with community-wide responsibility.

As soon as the new corporation was formally organized, the Lions Club conveyed to it the Community Center property and turned over the entire project on March 24, 1954.

The West Long Branch Community Center, Inc. is a non-profit corporation completely dedicated to the development and maintenance of a community center for the people of West Long Branch. It is governed by a Board of Trustees representative of the public at large. The Community Center property is restricted to community center use and if used for any other purpose will revert to the Borough of West Long Branch as public land.

The Center is a separate entity and is not financially supported by the borough.



# A SPECIAL DEDICATION IN MEMORY OF

### MR. GENE VAN BRUNT, former President



Gene was a resident of West Long Branch for 32 years and an active member of the West Long Branch Community Center, holding the position as President since 1992. He was also the owner of Flowers by Van Brunt in Long Branch.

Recognizing his hard work, commitment, and dedication to our community, we are very thankful for all Gene has done.

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Welcome to our 1st Annual Spring Soiree. Thanks to new found interest of our local residents and business supporters, the Center is on its way to being the center of our town again! With the energy of our new members, we have ambitious plans to raise enough funding for our wish list of repairs and upgrades for our center. We are a 501c(4) non-profit with no aid from the borough government. The recent support from the community has been overwhelming. Our Community Center has been a treasure for over 60 years. With your help, we plan on thriving for the next century with new community and family events, and scholarships for West Long Branch high school graduates. With your continued support, all of our goals are within reach. Thank you again for joining us. Please enjoy your evening.

Danielle

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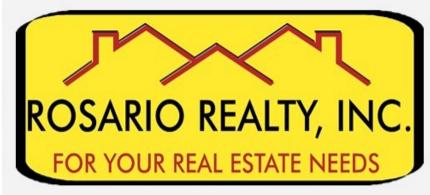
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Also, thank you to our Liaison from the
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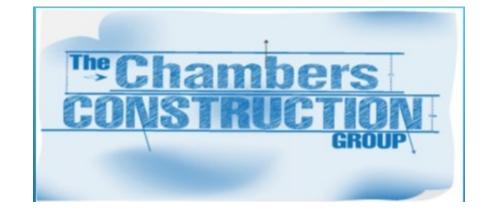
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