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Lodi Police Making It Safe


The Lodi Police Department hosted a "Rolling and Patrolling" bicycle registration and car seat installation inspection day on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Lodi Police headquarters.

Adults and teens were especially encouraged to attend.

In an effort to protect Lodi residents, the Lodi Police Department registered these items with a documented identifying etching. They gave away a free bicycle lock or a free helmet on a first come, first served basis. Proof of Lodi residency was required.

The Traffic Division was available to install new child car seats or perform safety checks on those installed. Proof of parental residency was required. For more information, call Sgt. Hernandez at 973-473-7600, Ext. 8126 or go to www.lodipd.org ###







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Out of This World

On April 8, 2024, the Hasbrouck Heights Public Library hosted over 450 people at their Celestial Eclipse Party behind Borough Hall. The event featured a moon bounce house, craft stations, free space-themed snacks like Sun Chips, Milky Ways, Starburst candies, and Cosmic Brownies, an area to watch live NASA coverage on a giant LCD screen truck, and most important of all, free eclipse glasses for viewing. *Provided by the Hasbrouck Heights Library.* ###

Resorts World June 25

On Tuesday, June 25, 2024, the VFW will sponsor a trip to Resorts World Casino, Monticello NY. The cost is \$40 (*payable in advance*).

Join us for a continental breakfast starting at 9 a.m. Play Bingo, 50/50 and a movie. The bus leaves at 10 a.m. sharp from the VFW parking lot.

For information and reservations, call Diane at 201-475-8898 or Gladys at 201-288-9074. ###

Resorts AC October 6

On Sunday, October 6, 2024, the American Legion Post 310 in Little Ferry is hosting a bus trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, NJ.

Breakfast sandwiches will be served at 8 a.m. On the bus, Bloody Mary's and Mimos.

The bus departs promptly at 9 a.m. at Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ.

The cost is \$40 per person paid in advance. The Casino will give you \$10 back at the slots.

Only 50 passengers. No refunds. Contact Elizabeth Pezzillo for advance payment at 201-410-9584. ###

DBE Meets June 1

A Northern New Jersey-based chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire (DBE) in the U.S., will host a meet and greet membership social on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at Faith Reformed Church, Prospect Street, Lodi.

This will be a fun afternoon of light refreshments, games. Open to the public.

Chartered in 2023, the Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Chapter hosts meetings in the evenings, and virtually.

Founded in 1920, the DBE is an American society of women who share British & Commonwealth of Nations heritage, care for seniors, and support local charities. Additionally, outings and celebrations are hosted throughout the year to foster friendships.

Please RSVP to the June 1 event by calling 201-264-4622 or emailing dbedecadbury@gmail.com. ###

RECYCLE

Nam Knights 35th Anniversary

On Saturday, July 27, 2024, the Nam Knights of America will host their 35th Anniversary at their Clubhouse at 197 Washington Avenue, Carlstadt. Rain or shine. Gates open 2 p.m. This event is open to the public.

There will be live bands, DJ, food, beer, raffles and vendors.

Event benefits Veterans and Law Enforcement Officers. For more information, call 201-538-4387 or go to www.namknights.org email carshow@namknights.org ###

Lodi Shred-It June 23

Lodi will hold a paper shredding event on Sunday, June 23, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the parking lot behind Borough Hall, at One Memorial Drive. Rain or shine. Residents only. ###

WRPD Golf September 11

The Wood-Ridge PBA Local #313 is hosting their 24th Annual Golf Outing on September 11, 2024, at the Wild Turkey at Crystal Springs Golf Course, 3621 Rt. 94, Hamburg, NJ.

Registration/Breakfast 7 to 8 a.m., with a 8:30 Shotgun start.

Event rates: individual \$175, Foursome \$700, Tee & Green sponsor \$200, One Vest Donation \$1,000 and Beverage Cart Sponsor \$1,500.

Fees include: green fees & cart, breakfast, lunch at the turn, banquet dinner, beer/wine, gifts and prizes.

Please RSVP by August 22. Make checks payable to W-R PBA #313. Send to 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075, Attn: Golf Committee.

Any questions call Fran at 201-939-9476 or email: fpoli-to@woodridgepolice.org ###

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FOCAS Holds Flea Market

FOCAS Flea Market will be held Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. Note that 2024 Flea Markets will be Saturday only events.

This market features specialty items that make unique gifts, a selection of household items, jewelry, collectibles, linens, games, toys, pet supplies, cds/videos, and more. Refreshments and baked goods are available.

Flea Market merchandise donations of clean, gently used or new items are gratefully accepted. (*Not accepted are TVs, PC monitors, golf bags and clubs, exercise and sports equipment, clothes or magazines or any items that are broken or not working.*)

They may be dropped off at the American Legion on Friday, from 3 to 6 p.m.

All proceeds benefit homeless animals. For additional information, call the FOCAS Help Line at 201-943-4019, email info@focasnews.org, or visit www.focasnews.org

FOCAS adheres to COVID compliance guidelines. ###

Rummage Sale July 18, 19, 20

The Annual Rummage Sale at the First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights, will be held Thursday, July 18, Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20, 2024. The hours will be: Thursday and Friday evenings, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday morning, 9:30 to noon.

Contributions will be accepted starting Monday, July 15, 16 and 17 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call the Church office for further information at 201-288-1122. ###

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Stitch One, Share One June 23

Stitch One, Share One group has returned to meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month, from 2 to 5 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

Our group extends an invitation to members of the community to join us anytime and meet women who enjoy sharing their talents and who will become friends. Come to learn to knit or crochet; come to advance your skills – come to help work on one of our charitable projects or you are welcome to come and work on your own project. Remember: the next meeting will be Sunday, June 23, 2024. Look for our sign; we are barrier-free! ###

Paint The Town June 11

The Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights will be hosting a painting event Tuesday, June 11, 2024, from 12 to 2 p.m., in the Community Room. All supplies provided. The cost will be \$40 pp and \$50 pp, if you would like a cold box lunch. This is open to all. So come on out for an afternoon of fun, laughs and a good time.

If interested, please contact Cindy Sonzogni at cynthiasonzogni@gmail.com or 201-288-1125. ###

Night with Music at the Post July 19

VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry is hosting a Night with Music with Annie Mash Duo, featuring Chris Palmerini and Annie Mash, on Friday, July 19, 2024 from 7 to 10 p.m. Refreshments provided. No cost. Just a nice night out. All are welcome. ###

Wallington LL Family Fun Day June 8

Wallington Little League is holding a Family Fun Day, Saturday, June 8, 2024, starting at noon at Wallington Little League Field, 255 Mt. Pleasant Avenue. RD June 9.

Craft fair, dunk tank, coaches game, awards, home run contest, food trucks, plus much more.

For more information email: wallingtonlitleleague1951@gmail.com ###

W-R Town Day June 9

The Mayor and Council are pleased to present the Annual Wood-Ridge Town Day on Sunday, June 9, 2024. This outdoor street festival will be held rain or shine on Valley Boulevard, between Wood-Ridge Avenue and Windsor Road, from 2 to 7 p.m. There will be live performances, many food vendors, a Tiki bar, rides and facepainting. Something for everyone!###

Gift Auction June 9

On Sunday, June 9, 2024, Church Of The Transfiguration, located at 135 Hathaway Street, Wallington, will host a gift auction. Doors open at 1 p.m., auction starts at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. Admission includes 1 sheet of tickets, coffee and cake. For information call Linda at 201-791-9272. Proceeds to benefit Church maintenance fund. ###

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Free Lunch Luncheon Saturday June 15

The First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Saturday" program, will be held June 1, 2024, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June menu is Meatloaf (*while supplies last*).

They average about 100 meals each month both inside and To-Go bags are available. About 20 bags of groceries are distributed. Guests also leave their prayer requests which are included during Sunday prayers.

A pantry table is also set up for common staple items for those with a need (*pasta, sauce, cereal, rice, beans, soup, tuna, proteins sources, etc*). All donations are gladly accepted (*but please avoid glass jars*).

This program is an expansion of the Church's ministry of feeding hungry bodies and hungry hearts. If the economy's got you down, or you want to share a meal with others, come for the food and fellowship. There are no strings attached. A free-will offering is taken. ###

Beefsteak Sept. 20

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting an "All You Can Eat Beefsteak" on Friday, September 20, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$55 pp and includes draft beer and soda. Lots of surprises. Prepared by JC Catering. For tickets call 201-807-0470. ###

A luncheon to support Carolyn Rovito through her Department of New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary campaign will be held June 15, 2024, from noon to 3 p.m. at VFW Post 6699, 6 Winslow Place, Paramus, NJ 07653

Enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, music, and camaraderie. We will be having a selection of chicken, pork, pasta, rice, salad, desserts, and other goodies served along with water and soda with admission. Cash bar. Donation: \$25.

For reservations, contact Carolyn at 201-233-7010 or by email crovito.2@gmail.com ###

Beefsteak October 19

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department is hosting its 2nd Annual Beefsteak Night on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at the Wood-Ridge Intermediate School, 151 First Street, Wood-Ridge.

Seating starts at 6 p.m. Cost is \$60 pp and includes full beefsteak dinner, beer, wine, soda, dessert, door prizes, tricky tray, 50/50 raffle and music.

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Email ticket request to: wrfire125@gmail.com ###

Read to Your Child

Knights Annual Father's Day Breakfast June 16

On Father's Day, June 16, 2024, the St. Anthony Council Knights of Columbus, from Wood-Ridge, will be holding their Annual Father's Day Communion Breakfast.

Members of the Knights of Columbus, their friends and families, will attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Assumption Church. The breakfast will take place at Gus' Last Word, 191 Valley Boulevard, following the Mass at about 10:45 a.m. Cost is \$25 pp. Please RSVP by June 10. For tickets, contact Richard Wall at 201-615-5163 or Phil Romero at 201-954-2355. ###

Strawberry Festival June 23

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will be sponsoring a Strawberry Festival at the Community Hall on Third Street in Carlstadt on Sunday June 23, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Fresh strawberries, with pound cake and whipped cream or ice cream, will be served with coffee, tea & juice (*for the children*). Adults \$10 pp. Children \$5 pp. 50/50 tickets will be sold at the door. For more information call 201-438-5526. ###



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Pig Roast July 20

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 310 will host the Art Jensen Jr. Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 3 to 7 p.m. at their Post, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

Cost is \$30 in advance. \$35 after July 15. Children under 12 eat free.

Menu includes hamburgers, hotdogs, BBQ chicken, two-100 lb. pigs, London Broil, fresh corn on the cob, mussels and salads, beer and soda.

Music by DJ Jack Jam. Permit #103362. For additional information, please call 201-807-0470. ###

Lodi KC Pancake Breakfast June 9

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, June 9, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi. Menu includes: all-you-can-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, French Toast (*to order*), bacon, sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea.

Adults: \$12; children over 6: \$6; children 6 and under: free. Profits to benefit local charities. For more information, call Joe at 201-805-4576. ###

BBQ Aug. 3

VFW Post 809 and Auxiliary, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry is hosting a BBQ on August 3, 2024, from 1 to 5 p.m. Donation: \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Includes food, tap beer, soda and water.

Wear your most patriotic clothes and jewelry to enter to win a prize for the most patriotic attire.

For tickets call 917-545-1472 or 201-233-7010 or 201-641-9759. ###

Support Local Journalism

Wallington LL Pasta Dinner June 7

On Friday, June 7, 2024, starting at 6 p.m., the Wallington Little League will be holding an Annual Italian Night Dinner and Tricky Tray event at Hillside S.A.C., 22 First Street, Wallington. Fun for the whole family. Food, prizes raffles and more.

Tickets are \$15 pp and include salad, pasta, slice of pizza, soda/water and dessert. Cash bar. Tricky tray donations welcome.

For more information, call Allison McGinn at 201-458-3880 or email: wallingtonlittleleague1951@gmail.com ###

Fish & Chips Drive-by June 1

Murray-Hodge American Legion Post 453 is holding a Fish & Chips drive-by (*chicken optional*) on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Felician University parking lot, Montross Avenue, Rutherford.

The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 10. The event is catered by Tastefully British.

Proceeds benefit the Post to service the community and fellow Veterans.

To purchase tickets, contact: Martin Kless at 973-248-7731, William (Billy) Galloway at 201-693-5813, Bryan Carter at 204-321-5705, Charles Gunn at 201-456-3561. ###

AL Picnic Sept. 14

American Legion Post 310 will hold its 42nd Annual Picnic on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 3 to 7 p.m., at American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. Rain or Shine.

All you can eat, BBQ chicken, Baby Back spareribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, clams on a half shell, corn on the cob, Manhattan Clam Chowder, salads, draft beer and soda included. Our bar will be closed for non-ticket holders.

Entertainment by DJ Jack Jam. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Please bring your lawn chair. Large pavilion on site and tents in case of inclement weather.

Cost is \$35 per person at the door or after September 7th. Advance tickets \$30.

All proceeds go to support Veterans and children's programs. For additional information, call 201-807-0470. ###



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HH Garden Club June 19

June 19, 2024 will be our last meeting for the summer months! The Garden Club will start up again on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

The "Boulevard in Bloom" Project will once again continue this year. The Garden Club is very grateful to the Chamber of Commerce for all their support for this project and those who contribute funding it. We are appreciative of those who help plant, deliver and water throughout the season. The plants will be potted on June 1st and delivered to the Boulevard on June 2nd by the DPW.

The Garden of the Spring Season was finished on May 31st. The winner will be announced at the June 19th meeting. The summer contest will run from June 1st to August 31st.

Also, at the April meeting it was announced that Maria Russo would remain as our President and Bill Postman as our Treasurer.

Wishing all of our gardeners' a wonderful summer! See you in September! All are welcome to join us! ####

Come Sing With Us, Leave Your Stress Behind

To all would-be singers, there is a choir waiting for you in nearby Carlstadt. The year is still young to do what you have always wanted to do. Join us.

The Carlstadt Mixed Chorus is celebrating their 91st Anniversary this year and are seeking new members to continue the tradition.

Our repertoire includes songs with German and English lyrics and ranges from the classics like Beethoven, Mozart, Strauss to evergreens, Broadway and popular tunes.

We meet once a week on Tuesdays, from 7 to 9 p.m., for rehearsal and socializing afterwards.

For more information please contact Ingrid at Ingridwehrhahn11@gmail.com or call 201-391-8765. ####

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Project Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful Needs Volunteers

The "Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful" Committee will hold its 24th annual downtown cleanup day on Sunday, June 2, 2024 between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The Borough will even provide Wendy's lunch at noon. Volunteers are once again needed to help clean our shopping districts and raise awareness of the effects of litter in our community.

During our last "Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful Day" over 200 volunteers participated!! Both adults and children are welcome.

The Bergen County Board of Health will provide cleaning utensils, gloves, brooms

and bags. Volunteers will be asked to meet at Veterans Park on Valley Boulevard. To sign up please call Borough Hall at 201-939-0202 (ext. 109) and leave your name, telephone number and how many adult or children's T-shirts should be ordered by size.

Shredding Event

Do you have stuff to shred? Bring it to Veterans Park at the corner of Highland Avenue and Valley Boulevard that day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (no hardcover books, photographs or X-rays). For further information, please contact Councilman Ezio Altamura 201-531-0259. Thank you! ####

Tools Of Hope

The Women's Guild, through Church World Service (CWS), is again sponsoring Tools of Hope Sunday on Father's Day, a day on which we honor and/or remember all the significant men in our lives.

CWS offers a program, Tools of Hope, to help people throughout the world to become self-sufficient in maintaining the lives of their families and communities.

Hunger makes headlines when millions face starvation through famines caused by drought or brought about by war. However, lives of quiet desperation are routinely lived out by one in eight people who do not have an adequate share of the food resources of the earth. Tools of Hope offers the opportunity to place the right tool in the right hands—those who are eager and willing to work! Not only are actual tools—saws, hammers, hoes—provided, but also tree seedlings, wells, small loans, beehives, sewing machines, and even renewed skills. Hope can be brought on our part to these willing hands with a suggested donation of \$10 for each

mention!

Please see a Guild member to submit your donations and completed forms starting today through Sunday, June 9, 2024.

You may also mail your check to the Church office. First Reformed Church of Hasbrouck Heights, P.O. Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Checks should be made payable to: Guild of Reformed Church Women. Mark in memo: Tools of Hope. ####

Grief Support

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly to offer help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.

They meet Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

For more information call 201-288-4139, ext. 2, email BBCGriefShare@gmail.com or go to: www.griefshare.org ####

Elvis & Patsy Cline August 7

The heavenly concert of Elvis and Patsy Cline at Doolan's, Spring Lake, on August 7, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tony Liguori as Elvis and Patti Graham as the inimitable Patsy Cline, plus the Blue Smoke Show Band and famous comedian. Feasting, dancing, drinking, singing and more.

Cost is \$110 pp. Includes bus transportation, show and lunch. Deposit \$60 due June 1 with balance due July 1.

Menu: Open bar, garden salad, soup, choice of Sirloin of Beef, Turkey w/stuffing, Herbal Salmon, dessert, coffee or tea. Wine and soda during lunch.

Bus leaves Center at 10 a.m. and returns 5 p.m.

For more information call Cathy at 201-460-1600, Kip Center or Geri at 201-247-0122, Rutherford Golden Agers. ####

HHHS 50th Class Reunion October 12

Hasbrouck Heights Class of 1974 50th Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the Elks Club.

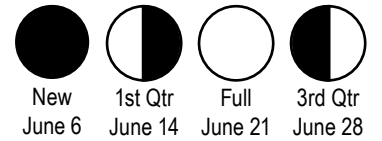
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You can also get more information on Facebook. Search for Hasbrouck Heights Class of 1974.

For those of you who do not have a Facebook account, email Gary Shenloogian at: GMSHEN@VERIZON.NET if you need more information.

There is a HS football game on Friday if anyone wants to get together the night before.

Please reach out to all class members and let's make this the best reunion yet! ####



Strawberry Moon

The June full moon appears on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 9:08 p.m. It is called the "Full Strawberry Moon."

June's full Moon—typically the last full Moon of spring or the first of summer—has traditionally been called the Strawberry Moon.

While strawberries certainly are a reddish-pink color and are roundish in shape, the origin of the name "Strawberry Moon" has nothing to do with the Moon's hue or appearance, despite the evocative imagery.

A Moon usually appears reddish when it's close to the horizon because the light rays must pass through the densest layers of atmosphere.

According to the Farmer's Almanac, this name was universal to every Algonquin tribe. The name reflects the relatively short season for harvesting strawberries that comes each year during June. Other names include the "Full Hot Moon," or in Europe, the "Full Rose Moon."

The Native American Indians of the northern and eastern United States kept track of the seasons by giving a name to each recurring full moon. European settlers followed the custom. ####

Favorite Sayings by Dads

- Go ask your mother!
- Don't make me turn this car around.
- When I was your age....
- Money doesn't grow on trees.
- My father used to tell me...
- I used to walk to school in the snow!
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Memorial Day 2024 Services

Carlstadt

On May 27, 2024, starting at 9 a.m., at the American Legion, Veterans will march along 3rd Street and end at Berrylawn Cemetery. Wreaths will be placed at Borough Hall and at Memorial Park on Hackensack Street.

Hasbrouck Heights

Veterans Service at 11 a.m. on May 27 at Veterans Park on Terrace Avenue. The annual service at the Firemen's Memorial at the Circle follows. Refreshments at VFW.

Lodi

May 27 service schedule: 8:30 a.m. Ambulance Corps, 9:15 a.m. Fire Department (*Kennedy Drive*), 10:15 a.m. VFW, 11 a.m. American Legion, 11:45 Police. Walkway for Peace Ceremony follows.

Little Ferry

On Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 9 a.m., there will be a placing of the wreath in the Hackensack River at the end of Washington Avenue.

At 10 a.m., both the VFW and American Legion will have ceremonies at their respective posts.

On Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 11 a.m., a combined community ceremony will be held at Memorial School hosted by American Legion. Refreshments follow.

Moonachie

On Saturday, May 25, 2024, Municipal Memorial Day services will be held at the Municipal Building at 10:30 a.m. Rain or shine.

Rutherford

The Grand Marshal for this year is Charles Gunn, Commander of Murray-Hodge Post 453. Commander Gunn is a Vietnam Veteran, serving Rutherford for over 40 years.

On May 27, 2024, there will be a wreath tossing, gun salute, and "Taps" at the Union Avenue Bridge at 8 a.m. for our Veterans lost at sea.

At about 8:30 a.m., we will be at Sunset Park (*Raymond and Union Avenue*) for a brief program.

The Rutherford Veterans Alliance will host the Memorial Day Parade that starts at 9 a.m. from Sunset Park, travel up Union Avenue, right onto Chestnut Street, left on Ames, right onto Park Avenue to Borough Hall.

If you do not get a notification and would like to march, or ride in the parade email gunngunn0345@aol.com or call 201-456-3561.

Hope to see you at Borough Hall for our program. This day is a national holiday to honor those Americans who made the ultimate Sacrifice when called to duty for their country. ###

South Hackensack

May 27, 2024, 11 a.m. at the Veterans Monument.

Wallington

Joseph C. Smith, Chairman of the Wallington Memorial Day Committee, has advised that on May 27, 2024, participants will assemble at the Church of the Transfiguration on Hathaway Street at 9 a.m. Members of the Pavlick Koster VFW Post 2640, led by Commander Allen Flejzor, will begin a march at 9:30 a.m. along Union Boulevard to the Veterans Memorial (*Hartmann/Tursik Veterans Plaza*) for a 10 a.m. service.

Mayor Melissa Dabal will provide the Mayor's annual Memorial Day remarks.

John Pinkus, a VFW member who served with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade and 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam, near the Cambodia border, will be honored as the Grand Marshal. He was an infantry man and received for his service the: Combat Infantry Men's Badge, the Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation.

All are asked to participate in the service to honor and remember all that sacrificed for the freedom of our beloved country (WS).

Wood-Ridge

The Fire Department will hold their Memorial Services on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 7 p.m., at Fire Headquarters.

A Veterans' Service will be held 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at the Memorial Walkway in front of the Senior Center at the corner of Hackensack Street and Highland Avenue. ###

Adopting a Platoon

Lodi American Legion Post 136 member Staff Sergeant Christopher Illescas has again been deployed to the Middle East a little over a month ago. Chris grew up across the street from the Post on Union Street and graduated from Lodi High School. His daughter, Viviana, is a Unit 136 Auxiliary member.

Auxiliary Unit 136 has adopted Sergeant Illescas' platoon, which is comprised of 13 men and 7 women. They are part of the NJ National Guard's 44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, headquartered at the Lawrenceville Armory, Lawrenceville, NJ.

Below is the platoon's "wish list." Items may be dropped off at the Post (*41 Union Street, Lodi*) any day. Items can be picked up by calling 201-264-4622.

Sergeant Illescas and his platoon mates are very grateful that we are supporting them during this time.

Wish List

- Personal and Practical Items, socks (*black, olive green, white*), tampons with plastic applicators, soap (*shampoo, body wash, face wash, etc.*), toothpaste, toothbrush and floss, deodorant (*travel size/non-aerosol*), lotion (*travel size*), lip balm, foot powder (*Gold Bond, Desenex, etc.*), baby wipes – travel size, hand sanitizer – travel size, Vicks VapoRub, sewing kits, lens cleaning cloths and glass cleaner for goggles, Kleenex packs, sunscreen (*SPF 30 and up*), Band Aids, Q-Tips.

Downtime Activities

- Some helpful items to consider include: games: Yahtzee, UNO, etc., decks of cards, Batteries (*AAs and AAAs*), pens, small notebooks, cigars.

Food and Snacks

Microwave popcorn, Life-Savers, mints, TicTacs, gum, hard candies, hot sauce, ketchup, mustard (*individual packets*), water flavoring packets (*Gatorade, Crystal Light, Kool Aid, etc.*), Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, tuna & chicken salad kits, protein bars, granola bars, breakfast bars (*no chocolate*), gum, sunflower & pumpkin seeds, Trail mix/Chex Mix (*without chocolate – it melts!*), nuts, instant coffee, tea.

Provided by Margret Frontera. ###

Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



John Stevens

John Stevens was a patriot, lawyer, engineer and inventor. He was born on June 26, 1749, in New York. He graduated from what is now Columbia University, in May, 1768. John went on to study law and was admitted to the Bar in New York City in 1771.

With the onset of the American Revolution, John was appointed Captain in the Continental Army. He was later promoted to Colonel and made Treasurer of New Jersey from 1776 to 1779.

The property of English Loyalists was confiscated by the State of New Jersey and sold at auction, after the war.

One piece of land was the farm of Loyalist William Bayard at Hoebuck (*Hoboken*). Colonel Stevens purchased it for \$90,000 from the State. He built a large home on Castle Point, overlooking the Hudson River.

In 1790, he petitioned Congress to pass a law to protect American inventors. Congress passed a law that would establish the Patent Law System.

In 1799, he was appointed to the board of directors of the Manhattan Company. He proposed that steam pumps be used to supply water to the City of New York.

John Stevens became enamored with steam engines. His first attempt to build a steam powered boat was not a success due to steam leaks. However, in 1804, he built the "Little Juliana." The first steam boat to incorporate twin screw

propulsion. The boat first sailed on the Hudson River in May, 1804.

He next built the "Phoenix." This was the first Steamship to sail the open ocean. The ship sailed from Hoboken to Philadelphia in 1809. Stevens began a steam powered ferry from Hoboken to New York City, in October, 1811.

Stevens was not just interested in boats and ships; he perceived that steam power was viable for land transportation. In 1815, John and his partners were granted the first railroad charter. This would become the Camden and Amboy Railroad. Stevens would design and build a steam locomotive to run on a half mile of circular track on his estate.

Colonel John Stevens would die at his estate on March 6, 1838. He and his wife, Rachel Cox, had thirteen children. A number of them would become famous in their own right:

John Cox Stevens – Commodore of the New York Yacht Club and co-owner of the Yacht, "AMERICA," the first winner of what would become the America's Cup Trophy.

Robert Livingston Stevens – President of the Camden and Amboy Railroad. He invented the "T" rail, now used by all railroads.

Edwin Augustus Stevens – Founder of Stevens Institute of Technology. This school is nationally famous for its education and research programs.

John Stevens created what is now the City of Hoboken. I wonder what he would think today? ###

Click It or Ticket May 20 - June 2

From May 20 to June 2, 2024, law enforcement agencies will conduct Click It or Ticket campaigns.

The campaign focuses on safety education, strong laws, and law enforcement support to save lives.

Seat belts have been proven to be one of the best ways to save your life in a crash. Yet, many still don't buckle up.

Worse still, not wearing a seat belt is a habit that will pass on to impressionable youth who, in turn, will think it is safe to not buckle up.

Most people buckle up for safety. But for some people, it is the threat of the ticket that spurs them to put on a safety belt. ###



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Street Fair HH June 2

On Sunday, June 2, 2024, the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce will once again host the Hasbrouck Heights Street Fair. The event will be held along the Boulevard, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

The Boulevard will be transformed into a giant block party. They are expecting to attract thousands of people from the community and other neighboring towns joining them for a fun-filled day.

• **A Special Kids Traveling Shindig** section will be brimming with all kinds of fun stuff to do. There will be kiddie rides, face painting, sand art, temporary tattoos, and much more.

• **Come Hungry.** Some of the local eateries will be participating, with outdoor dining, along with a variety of gourmet food trucks and food vendors serving gyro, shishkabobs, zeppoles, funnel cakes, fried Oreos, sausage/peppers, cheese steaks, empanadas, kettle corn, ice cream, lemon ice, candy and

nuts, sweet breads, jams, sticky buns, pizza, burgers, fried hot dogs, pulled pork, steak sandwiches, tacos, and more.

• **Shopping.** This fair will feature over 100 exhibitors and local merchants selling products, new items, crafts and collectibles. If you like shopping outdoors, then this is the place to be.

• **Live Entertainment.** Don't miss entertainment that is planned with music, dance and demonstrations from the local dancing schools, karate clubs and more. There will be chairs set up so you can relax, eat and enjoy the shows all day long.

• **Local shops and organizations** please contact the Chamber by email below or contact JC Promotions for more info on how you can participate. To book a booth space go to JCpromotions.Info or email JC at events@jcpromotions.

For sponsorship information contact: info@Hasbrouck-HeightsChamberOfCommerce.com ###

Open Cockpit Experience June 15

The Aviation Hall of Fame will host Open Cockpit Day on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visitors will have the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a very rare Lockheed Bushmaster plane, a M*A*S*H Bell 47 helicopter made famous during the Korean War.

Explore the cabin of the world's only surviving restored cockpit of the Martin 202 airliner.

You can visit inside the HH52A, U.S. Coast Guard rescue helicopter. Also, on display are the Bell AH-1 Cobra helicopter and the OV-1A Mohawk observation/attack aircraft, as well as other aviation cockpits including our newest exhibits: a General Aviation Trainer (G.A.T-1) and a Glider recently donated by Jersey Ridge Soaring.

Also popular with young people is our official Airport Rescue Firefighter Truck! For young astronauts, we have our working display of the Interna-

tional Space Station (ISS) along with uniforms and items used by the many Astronauts like Buzz Aldrin, Scott and Mark Kelly, to name just a few.

Admission: \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$12 for children. No discounts, Library Passes or Membership Passes can be used on Open Cockpit Days.

The Museum is located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive, adjacent to the Teterboro Control Tower. Come see why our Museum has been named as "One of the 10 Best Museums in the State of NJ." For more information call 201-288-6344 or go to: www.njahof.org ###

ER Yard Sale June 1

East Rutherford will hold a Town-wide Yard Sale on June 1, 2024, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Permits waived if registered. Register at: er.recreationevents@gmail.com

If you do not pre-register, you must obtain a permit at Borough Hall. ###

June Flower
Rose

KC Golf June 28

The Knights of Columbus #4524, St. Joseph's, East Rutherford, will host the 2024 Bob Slamiak Memorial Golf Outing on June 28, 2024 at Sunset Valley Golf Course in Pompton Plains.

Check-in at 12 p.m. Start at 1 p.m. Four person scramble format.

Cost is \$160 per person and includes 18 holes of golf w/ cart, long drive and closest to pin contests, breakfast, lunch, one drink at the golf course.

Awards dinner and open bar will be held at Redd's at approximately 6:30 p.m. Dinner only for non-golfers is \$40 pp.

Sponsorships and donations welcome.

Contact Joe Egan at (M) 201-842-9262 or John Donnelly (M) 201-920-2807 or email: jjjdonnelly@gmail.com ###

Rutherford Baby Parade June 29

The Independence Day Baby Parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 29, 2024 starting at 10 a.m.

The parade will start at the High School and march to Lincoln Park. Residents only. For more information go to: rutherfordboroughhall@gmail.com

See the 2023 event on page 13 at: <http://www.the-gazette-newspaper.com/images/gazette/aug23.pdf>

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed.-- General Dwight D. Eisenhower

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June is PTSD Awareness Month

There are currently about 12 million people in the United States with PTSD. Anyone can develop PTSD at any age. Even though PTSD treatments work, most people who have PTSD don't get the help they need. Everyone with PTSD—whether they are combat Veterans or civilian survivors of sexual assault, serious accidents, natural disasters, or other traumatic events—needs to know that treatments really do work and can lead to a better quality of life. **Are You in Crisis? You Have Options:**

- Call 911 for police, fire or emergency medical assistance.
 - For mental health-related distress, text 988 or chat online with the Suicide and Crisis LifelineLink. Call if you are concerned about someone else. • Veterans call 988, then press "1."
 - Go to an Emergency Room for immediate medical attention.
- For more information, go to ptsd.va.gov ###



Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, DMD, FAGD.

What is a crown?

A crown is a restoration that covers, or "caps," a tooth to restore it to its normal shape and size, strengthening and improving the appearance of a tooth. Crowns are necessary when a tooth is generally broken down and fillings won't solve the problem. If a tooth is cracked, a crown holds the tooth together to seal the cracks so the damage doesn't get worse. Crowns are also used to restore a tooth when there isn't enough of the tooth remaining to provide support for a large filling, attach a bridge, protect weak teeth from fracturing, restore fractured teeth or cover badly shaped or discolored teeth.

To prepare the tooth for a crown, it is reduced so the crown can fit over it. An impression or digital scan of the teeth and gums is made and sent to the lab for the crown fabrication. A temporary crown is fitted over the tooth until the permanent crown is made. On the next visit, the dentist removes the temporary crown and cements the permanent crown onto the tooth.

Why crowns and not veneers? Crowns require more tooth structure removal, hence they cover more of the tooth than veneers. Crowns are customarily indicated for teeth that have sustained significant loss of structure or to replace missing teeth. Crowns may be placed on natural teeth or dental implants.

What is the difference between a cap and a crown? There is no difference between a cap and a crown.

Do crowns look natural? Yes. The dentist's main goal is to create a crown that looks like a natural tooth. That is why your dentist takes an impression. To achieve a certain look, a number of factors are considered, such as the color, bite, shape and length of your natural teeth. Any one of these factors alone can affect your appearance.

If you have a certain cosmetic look in mind for your crown, discuss it with your dentist at your initial visit. When the procedure is com-

plete, your teeth will not only be stronger, but they may be more attractive.

How long do crowns last? Crowns should last approximately five to eight years. However, with good oral hygiene and supervision, most crowns will last for a much longer period of time. Some damaging habits like grinding your teeth, chewing ice or fingernail biting may cause this period of time to decrease significantly.

How should I take care of my crown? To prevent damaging or fracturing the crown, avoid chewing hard foods, ice or other hard objects. You also want to avoid teeth grinding. Besides visiting your dentist and brushing twice a day, cleaning between your teeth is vital with crowns. Floss or interdental cleaners (*especially shaped brushes and sticks*) are important tools to remove plaque from the crown area where the gum meets the tooth. Plaque in that area can cause dental decay and gum disease.

Reference: Academy of General Dentistry 2012.

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Footnotes

By Dr. Kenya Lazovik, DPM

Golfers: Don't be Handicapped with Foot Pain

As millions of avid golfers get ready for another season of pars and bogeys, they should be aware of potentially serious foot problems that can result from years of playing the game.

Although golf is not considered a rigorous sport, the physical act of repeatedly swinging a golf club in practice and on the links can lead to a condition known as hallux limitus, a jamming and deterioration of

the big toe joint.

The movement and weight transfer that occur during the swing's follow through can cause this problem and other chronic foot ailments.

When golfers follow through on their swing, they can overextend the big toe joint on the back foot. Those who have played the game avidly for several years eventually can wear out the cartilage or jam the big toe joint.

The likely outcome, if left untreated, is painful arthritis in the big toe, which would make it very difficult to continue playing golf.

Golfers who have pain and swelling around the big toe joint or have less mobility in this area than other parts of the foot should visit a foot and ankle surgeon for an examination and appropriate treatment.

A history of trauma to the big toe area and bone structure also can precipitate the condition. Individuals with a long first metatarsal bone (*big toe*), for example, are more susceptible to joint compression and hallux limitus.

If golfers experience pain in the big toe area when play-

ing, they should consider it a warning sign that intervention is necessary before the joint becomes arthritic. In most situations, orthotics can be prescribed to provide relief, but others with advanced cases may require surgery.

Another foot problem that is common in golfers is a neuroma or pinched nerve at the bottom of the foot. The weight transfer to the front foot that occurs in the follow through applies pressure that, over time, can cause a pinched nerve.

Golfers should not wear shoes that have a spike located directly beneath the ball of the foot. The pressure from that single spike, magnified by the several thousand steps taken during an average round, can cause intense pain and swelling in the ball of the foot.

Any pair of golf shoes can be made more foot friendly without sacrificing traction by removing the poorly located spikes. For more information on foot conditions that affect athletes, contact your local podiatrist's office.

For further information about ankle fractures and sprains or other foot and ankle problems, contact Dr. Lazovik, Dr. Dayana Sawh or Dr. Rana Moses at North Jersey Foot & Ankle Center at 862-233-8438. www.NJfootandankle.com ###

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ER Supt. Giancaspro Honored

East Rutherford, May 9, 2024: Mr. Giovanni A. Giancaspro, Superintendent of Schools for the East Rutherford School District, is the recipient of the Bergen County Association of School Administrators (BCASA) 2023-2024 Distinguished Service Award.

This award recognizes Mr. Giancaspro's strong leadership and dedication to educational excellence.

Throughout his tenure, he has exemplified exceptional leadership and vision, significantly impacting not only the East Rutherford School District, but also the broader educational landscape of Bergen County and beyond.

His strategic focus on data-driven decisions has led to notable improvements in ELA and Math scores, fostering academic excellence and ensuring the fulfillment of students' diverse needs.

Under his guidance, the East Rutherford School District has witnessed remarkable achievements, including the successful passage of a \$35 million bond referendum, resulting in state-of-the-art facilities and expanded programs, particularly in STEAM education.

His commitment to innovation is further evidenced by the development of specialized programs catering to diverse learning needs, including initiatives in special education.

An active member of the educational community, Superintendent Giancaspro's contributions extend beyond his role as Superintendent. He served as a board member on the Felician University School of Education Advisory Board and is actively involved in the BCASA, where he has previously chaired committees and demonstrated a commitment to recognizing excellence in teaching. Additionally, he has mentored aspiring superintendents and principals, advocating for inclusive and diverse leadership within Bergen County.

Furthermore, Superintendent Giancaspro's dedication to community engagement is evident through his involvement in local activities and organizations, showcasing his commitment to making a positive impact beyond the school environment.

The Bergen County Association of School Administrators Distinguished Service Award honors individuals whose contributions significantly enhance the educational landscape, embodying the



highest principles of leadership and service, which fits Superintendent Giancaspro's leadership style and vision.

About Mr. Giovanni A. Giancaspro:

- Current Superintendent of Schools for the East Rutherford School District.

- Board member at Felician University.

- Active member of the Bergen County Association of School Administrators (BCASA), serving as a legislative committee representative.

- Previous president of the South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education.

- Led successful initiatives, including the passage of a \$35 million bond referendum and expansion of STEAM education programs.

- Actively involved in mentoring aspiring educational leaders and promoting inclusive leadership within Bergen County.

Accomplishments:

- Guided the district through successful QSAC monitoring, achieving significant improvements in ELA and Math scores.

- Utilized data-driven decisions to target improvement areas, resulting in notable increases in district-wide test scores.

- Spearheaded the passage of a \$35 million bond referendum, transforming educational facilities.

- Developed specialized programs in special education to meet diverse learning needs.

- Actively engaged in community activities, demonstrating a commitment to making a difference beyond the school environment. *Provided by ER School District. ###*

A Summer of Arts

Care on the Corner announced a Summer of ARTS! For three weeks in August, we will be offering a week of each: NewARTS, a Dance Workshop and Kids on the Corner.

- **NewARTS**, under the direction of Debra M. Cook, will present three classes on Tuesday, August 6, Wednesday, August 7, and Thursday, August 8.

Five to eight-year-olds will meet from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Eight to eleven-year-olds will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Both groups will meet at the Care Center at 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

The classes feature painting magical creatures on T-shirts, learning to draw cartoon characters in their own sketch books which the kids will bring home, and painting with glow in the dark paints. There is an \$80 fee for these classes.

- **The Dance Workshop** will meet 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, August 12 through Thursday, August 15 at the Parish Hall of Christ Church, 251 State Street, Hackensack.

The workshop will be under the direction of Emily Beets. Emily comes to us from theatreMAMA, New York, NY. She has experience in teaching performing arts classes as well as dance. The kids, from 8-year-olds through 11-year-olds, will learn a different style of dance each day. The fee for this workshop is \$50.

- **Kids on the Corner Summer Theater Workshop**, a Performing Arts Program, is for kids in Grades 1 – 7. This session marks the 45th production of Kids on the Corner. The Performing Arts Workshop will meet Monday – Thursday, August 19 through August 22 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Jennifer Ashline, the group will present Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Ghostbusters. All are welcome to come out and see the production on Thursday, August 22 at 7 p.m. The group meets at the Care Center, 333 Franklin Ave. Hasbrouck Heights. There is a \$50 fee for this workshop.

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CCS Students Shine in Their First School Musical in Decades

On May 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2024, Corpus Christi School put on their first spring musical in over 30 years. They performed Disney’s Beauty and the Beast Jr. Led by a volunteer staff of parents and faculty, the cast amazed audiences with their musical talent and dancing abilities. The cast ranged from students in Kindergarten all the way through 7th Grade. After months of practice, hard work, and dedication, the entire drama club performed in front of three sold out crowds and made the school proud. It was an amazing weekend for these young men and women, and now everyone is looking forward to the next show and what the future holds for these talented students. *Provided by Corpus Christi School. ###*



The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Outdoor Classroom was held on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at Lincoln Elementary School, Hasbrouck Heights and led by Jennifer Martello and Joseph Colangelo.



It was followed by outdoor classroom activities: nature themed craft stations, scavenger hunt, coloring sheets, book buddy reading and chalk designs. Additional activities included cornhole toss, free throw, soccer kicks, etc.



Refreshments included donuts, Mister Softee, PTA Snack Stand. Raffles included 50/50, tricky tray, NY Yankees tickets. *###*



W-R Celebrates Blue Mass

Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady in Wood-Ridge held its Eighth Annual Blue Mass for all the men and women in law enforcement on Sunday, May 5, 2024, 11 a.m. It was well attended with over 315 people present.

A Blue Mass is a Mass celebrated in the Catholic Church for those employed in the "public safety field" (i.e., police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS Personnel).

The Mass recognized the sacrifice and dedication of all those who serve in law enforcement, Fire and EMS both in Wood-Ridge and throughout other Departments.

The Mass was celebrated by Father Joseph A. D'Amico, Pastor, Saint Anastasia Church, Teaneck, NJ and Co-Celebrant Father Ronnie Nombre, Pastor, Assumption Church. Father Joe D'Amico, who accepted our invitation for a fourth year, comes from a family of police and firefighters.

Father Joe, who grew up in Brooklyn, NY serves as the Director of Prison Ministry for the Archdiocese of Newark and is the current Chaplain of the Teaneck Fire Department.

Recognition was given for the sacrifice and dedication of all those who serve in law enforcement, Fire and EMS, both in Wood-Ridge and throughout other Departments.

Prayers were offered for all those individuals who serve both in Wood-Ridge and throughout our country. The names of all fallen police officers and firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2024 throughout the United States were listed in a separate prayer flyer that was given to all those in attendance.

Council President Ezio Altamura wishes to thank Father Joe D'Amico and Father Ronnie Nombre, Music Minister and Technical Coordinators Gabe Valle and Rose Lepore, Joe Maspeth and Nancy Joy from Assumption Church for all of their efforts to make this event a success.

Council President Altamura also thanked longtime friend, Retired Police Captain Bob Kneer (Fair Lawn PD) who serves as the New Jersey Honor Guard Commander for arranging the honor guard, Police Chief Michael O'Donnell, Fire Chief Kevin Cribben, Auxiliary President Nancy Zuccarelli and the Wood-Ridge

PBA Local 313, Detective Dave Marchitelli, President for their generous donation.

This annual event is coordinated by Council President & W-R Police Commissioner Ezio Altamura whose vision it is to honor our police, Fire, EMS and first responders on this day and every day.

"This Mass is an opportunity for our community to come together and show gratitude to our first responders and their families for all they do for us, this day and always."

Let us always keep in our prayers our local first responders and all of their men and women who selflessly serve the people of Wood-Ridge and our great country. Photo by Pete O'Brien. ###

St. John's Successful Plant Sale

Almost 300 flats of nursery grown plants, flowers and hanging plants were available at St. John's Parish Hall, Hasbrouck Heights, on Friday, May 3, 2024, by appointment only. Only pre-orders for the 45th Annual St. John's Plant Sale were accepted. As in previous years, all plants were of the highest quality and hand picked at the nursery by experienced gardeners. ###



On Wednesday, April 24, 2024, the 7th Taste of Hasbrouck Heights and Friends was held at The Fiesta. Over 350 attended. There were 34 gourmet tables offering their scrumptious signature dishes. The event was cosponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Library Friends of the Library and the HH Regional Chamber of Commerce. The major sponsors were Costa Memorial Home and Bogota Savings Bank Charitable Foundation. Photos provided by the HH Library. ##

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3rd Annual Great Duck Derby

The Lions Club of Rutherford 3rd Annual Great Duck Derby was held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, from noon to 3:30 p.m. There were three races at 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The event included free fun activities, crafts and games and photo opportunities. Refreshments were provided by the Rutherford Fire Department.

A waterway was constructed along West Pierrepont Avenue, near Carmita Avenue.

At the top was a duck pond. At the bottom was a collection basin with a trap to collect the winning ducks. The Rutherford Fire Department provided water.

With cheers, the dam opened, releasing about 2,000 individually numbered ducks into the waterway, meandering to the bottom collection basin. A trap collected the winning ducks. Winners were withdrawn, the remaining ducks

were scooped up and prepared for the next race.

The public "adopted" a Duck for \$5 or a Quack Pack (6 ducks) for \$25. Over \$3,000 in prizes. Prizes were awarded to the "adoptive parents" of 10 lucky ducks in each of the three races. Winners did not need to be present to win.

It was fun for the entire family! For more information, check out the Facebook page @ RutherfordLionsClub ###





Scouting for Food

On May 4, 2024, Hasbrouck Heights Troop 17 held its "Spring Scouting for Food Drive" that benefited the Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry. Five Scouts, friends and family members, along with four adult leaders, picked up over 200 bags of donations.

The troop acknowledged the efforts of Hasbrouck Heights Pack 17, who distributed the drive flyers the previous week. *Provided by Craig Birth. ###*



Confraternity Recognizing 80 Years

The Rosary Confraternity of Most Sacred Heart Church, Wallington, is a time-honored organization that has been an integral part of the parish community for 80 years.

In 1944, four industrious, devout women approached the pastor, Msgr. Alexander Fronczak, with the idea to form an English rosary society. Fr. Fronczak agreed that an English society dedicated to Our Blessed Mother should be formed.

Since the Polish organization was titled the Living Rosary Society, he proposed naming the organization Rosary Confraternity.

The Confraternity was organized at its first meeting on May 7, 1944. On May 7, 2024, the Rosary Confraternity celebrated 80 years as the longest, active organization in the Parish.

Throughout the years, the Rosary Confraternity has continued to grow from its initial ten members and to assume an ever-increasing role in parish

life. The Confraternity continues its mission to unite women of all ages in devotion to our Blessed Mother. *Provided by MaryJane Kowalczyk. ###*

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Jill Hediger, President and Janet Drogo, past president, of the Woman's Club of Carlstadt attended the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs 130th Annual Convention in Atlantic City on May 6-8, 2024.

Left: President Jill Hediger being presented at the opening processional

Above: Janet Drogo, third from left, being installed as Palisades District Vice President. *Provided by Janet Drogo. ###*



The Woman's Club of Carlstadt held their installation dinner on Tuesday, May 14 at Trattoria II Capone in Lyndhurst. The follow officers were installed: From left to right, Linda Fett, Vice President, Rose Ravennati, Recording Secretary, Rosalie Bespalko, President, Lori Nunziato, Treasurer and Jill Hediger, Federation Secretary. Missing from photo Karen DeSimone Germann, Corresponding Secretary. *Provided by Janet Drogo. ###*



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ER Seniors

Any East Rutherford senior resident, 50 years or older, is welcome to join the Club. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Senior Civic Center, 37 Vreeland Avenue. Refreshments are served. There are special events and parties for members.

Free blood-pressure screenings - on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. Membership is \$15 per year. Contact Debbie for membership at 201-803-4708 and Raynette for trips at 201-726-3604. Payment must be received 2 weeks prior to an event. All trips leave and return to CVS Parking Lot, Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford.

- June 17. LiGreci's Staten Island. "Let the Good Times Roll" Tribute to Billy Joel the Piano Man, Carol King and Roy Orbison. \$72 pp. One hour open bar, lunch meal choice. Bus departs 10 a.m. Returns 3:30 p.m.

- August 7. Resorts World Catskills. King in Concert Elvis Tribute. Buffet lunch. \$65 pp. Bus departs 9 a.m. Returns 4 p.m. Must sign up by July 18.

- September 26. Brownstone "San Gennaro Festival" Joe Zisa & Friends provide music and dancing. ###

S. Hackensack Seniors

The South Hackensack Seniors Club meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the senior center. Refreshments are served. Bingo is every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information contact rodriguez2002@hotmail.com ###

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Trips

All trips leave from the upper parking lot at Lester Stagg Way and Garden Street. Arrive 15 minutes before. Money for trips will be collected first meeting of the previous month. Call Helene at 201-463-3000 for details.

- June 13. Papermill; Beautiful; Carol King. Sofia's Fine Italian. \$97 pp. Bus departs 10 a.m. Returns 3:30 p.m.
- July 2. Surfflight Black Whale Restaurant. South Pacific. \$74 pp. Bus departs 9:30 a.m. Returns 4:30 p.m.
- August 14. Bucks County. Grease. Alfresco's. Choice of entrees. \$84. Bus departs 10 a.m. Returns 4:30 p.m. ###

Rutherford Golden Age Club June 24

Rutherford Golden Age Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month. However, on June 24, 2024 at noon, we will meet at KIP Center, 55 Kip Avenue for an ice cream social and welcome local author, Kris Houghten, as our speaker. All welcome! For more info call Gerry, 201-935-2937 or Micki, 201-997-5041. ###

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- June 18: Regular monthly meeting. Bergen County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit demonstration.
- July 16: Regular monthly meeting. Bill Wright, Community Outreach, New Bridge Medical Center. "Emergency Preparedness and File of Life."
- August 20: Regular monthly meeting. Ice cream/ Frozen treat.

Provided by Kathleen Zalenski. ###

Bergen County LGBTQ Seniors Meet June 11, 17, 21

Bergen County LGBTQ+ Alliance (BCLA), a non-profit organization, hosts a seniors (60+) group that meets on the second Tuesday and the third Monday of each month in person and the third Friday virtually. All meetings begin at 11:30 a.m.

The next meetings are on Tuesday, June 11, Monday, June 17 and Friday, June 21.

The Tuesday meeting will be held at The Rutherford Pancake House, 40 Park Avenue, Rutherford and the Monday meeting will be held at Co-Zie Café, 14-25 Plaza Road N (Radburn Plaza Building), Fair Lawn. Light lunch will be served at the in person meetings.

Contact us at Nick@bergen-countyLGBTQ.org or 201-470-8946 for info and/or the link. ###

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Duke Did Not Disappoint

On May 8, 2024, The Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights held its monthly meeting. 91 members were in attendance with three new members joining. We now have a total of 148 members. There is always room for more.

The entertainment for the afternoon was Anthony Duke, who did not disappoint. He had the group singing, dancing and laughing. Everyone remarked what a festive atmosphere it was. You can follow him on Facebook or anthonyduke-claus@gmail.com.

Next month's meeting will be our last before the summer break and will be on June 12th. The Bergen Senior Services will be the presenters with a pizza party to follow.

Remember the "Paint the Town" event on Tuesday, June 11th from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$40 pp and \$50 with a box lunch. All supplies are included. There are still spaces if interested. Please contact

Cynthiasonzogni@gmail.com.

On Wednesday, October 16th, the members will be attending a production of David at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. The cost for members is \$90 pp and non members \$105 pp. The trip will be about three hours leaving at 9 a.m. and returning after 5 p.m. Lunch will be on your own at a restaurant with arrangements to follow. You must be able to climb a few stairs, there is an elevator to the mezzanine. Do not miss out as there is only a numbered amount of tickets. Please send your check made out to The Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights, to Fran Visco, 42 Kipp Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604

Look for our upcoming event for the fall and come on out and join us, all Hasbrouck Heights 60 and over are welcome. Photo above: Anthony Duke with his super, super fan, member Florence Ray. Provided by Cynthia Sonzogni. ###

Senior Safety Scam Alert Tips

- Limit the amount of private information you give out. Scammers search Facebook, Instagram and other social networks for family information they can use to fool you.
- Ask questions of the caller to verify their identity.
- Hang up and call your grandchild or a family member to verify the story.
- Scammers often plead with you to keep the emergency a secret so you won't try to confirm it.
- If you speak to someone who claims to be a police officer, call the relevant law enforcement to verify the person's identity and any information they've given you.
- Verify the identity of any individual that shows up in person at your home before dealing with them.
- Slow down. Contemplate the situation. Trust your instincts. "If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't."

DON'T

- Don't drop your guard because the caller ID number

looks familiar. Scammers use technological tricks to make it appear they're calling from a trusted number.

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Shadows of time

By Artie Maglionico

Those mid-June mornings like a Saturday rush. Awakened by an angel from winter's hush. Celestial music, A childhood serenade Beating the drum of life as we played. There playing box ball Neath a Westervelt sky Chasing our runaway dreams on the fly. We were the poetry, each separate rhyme, recited forever in the shadows of time.

Waking up on the first morning of a long summer vacation held with it the exhilarating rush that came on a Saturday morning during the school term.

I all but levitated out of bed after realizing that life would only get better as the day progressed.

Where once it took just short of an earthquake to rattle me out of bed, I was now up and ready to start the day at the crack of dawn. I now possessed a "ready or not here I come" mentality that struck the landscape like a whirlwind and unearthed everything in its path.

Of course that was after I had my Wheaties and took my dog, Dusty, out for his brief but urgent meeting with Mother Nature. After that it was "anything goes" but anything was nothing without those wonderful kids from Westervelt Place.

The sound of a bouncing ball and the echoes of youthful exuberance was music to my ears, a childhood serenade, celestial music if you will that I can still hear, albeit faintly, whenever I venture onto that sacred ground. Perhaps those of you who are reading this have similar memories that continue to call out to you from within the shadows of time.

The walk from my Arnot Street home down to the corner store, a half a block away, was filled with joyful anticipation as to how this first day of summer was going to unfold.

But wait! It was only 7:30 in the morning, the store was closed, the street was void of activity save for a passing car or the milk man making the clangorous exchanges of milk bottles from empty to full.

Then there were the husbands and fathers backing out

of their driveways on their way to work. My dad worked for a company located in Paterson or Hawthorne called The Patri- cian Dye Works and was gone by daybreak so our morning paths seldom crossed unless of course it was a Saturday.

This, however, wasn't Saturday it was only Wednesday but it didn't matter anymore since, to me, every day was Saturday, every day was the best day of my life.

I'd sit on the store steps waiting impatiently for life to begin. Then behind me was the sound of Lou Albano, the owner of the store, unlocking the door and turning the sign around from closed to open.

The opening of the store was a symbolic one for it also meant the official opening of summer. Moments later I was playing box ball with my cousins Johnny and Anthony and the rest of the kids from Westervelt Place. "There playing box ball neath a Westervelt sky chasing our runaway dreams on the fly."

Summer was officially underway. Each day was a lifetime so filled with activity that by early afternoon the morning games were already

fading from memory.

Can any of you "Baby Boomers" relate to any of this? I'm certain that you can since we had so much in common regardless of what town you "lived" or what school you went to or even what your parents did for a living.

Our families were, for the most part, within the same financial bracket so no one really stood out. We were wearing hand me downs and were watching Howdy Doody on a black and white RCA TV and had to actually get up to change the channel.

Life as we knew it was free and easy and each changing season brought with it a separate happiness that was shared with our loved ones and held onto until it all slipped away into oblivion. The memories live on, however, and so we remember them and so I write about them.

Yes folks, it was the opening of the corner store on that first morning of summer that sent dreams into action and stayed with us till sundown and were still there the next day. And so were we!

That will do it for now folks. Let's meet here again next month and share a few more sacred memories. I'm looking forward to it. Hope you are as well.

God Bless America.

W-R Memorial Foundation Elects Officers & Trustees, Announces Record-Breaking Scholarship Awards

At the April 17, 2024 re-organization meeting of the Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation, the following were elected as officers: Linda Finke, President; Ezio Altamura, Vice President; Chris Garvin Esq., Treasurer; Mary Tomat, Secretary; Jeffrey Heldman Esq., Counsel; and Jack Nagel, Executive Director.

Also, at this meeting the following were elected as Trustees: Danielle Cata, Ray Crews, Ed Garrett, Omid S. Irani, Esq., Jack Maher Jr., Kim Manfredo, Anne Gilio Turtoro, and Dr. Fred Balbo. Trustees Emeritus are A. John Borresen Jr., Craig L. Montanaro, Mayor Paul Sarlo, and former Mayors Hon. Robert Guida and Peter Incardone, Jr.

The first order of business determined the number and total amount of awards to be granted to 2024's graduating high school seniors. The unanimous decision was made to award a total of 20 scholarships amounting to \$70,000. Individual awards will range from \$2,500 to \$7,500.

This is the highest dollar amount ever granted by the Foundation. The achievement was made possible in part by the support received from the

annual townwide fundraising drive, the annual dinner held in March, and donations made in honor of deceased loved ones throughout the year.

These contributions all go into the scholarship funds, and the Foundation is thankful for the continued community support.

During the month of May, WRHS National Honor Society members and other student volunteers delivered letters soliciting donations for the Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation to homes in the community.

If you have misplaced your envelope and wish to make a donation of any amount, please mail your check to the Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 282, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you would like information regarding the establishment of an annual award, or have any questions regarding the Foundation, please email Jack Nagel at janpro911@aol.com ###

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Armed Robbery Arrests Made

Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella announced the arrests of TYMEAR HASKINS, 23, of Wallington, NJ and DEVON DELGADO, 24, of Lodi, NJ on charges related to armed robberies in Wallington, NJ and Passaic, NJ.

The arrests are the result of an investigation conducted by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office under the direction of Chief Matthew Finck, the Wallington Police Department under the direction of Chief Shawn Kudlacik, and the Passaic Police Department under the direction of Chief Luis Guzman.

On Monday, April 8, 2024, at approximately 3:48 p.m., officers from the Wallington Police Department responded to a report of an armed robbery at the 7-11 convenience store located at 358 Main Avenue in Wallington, NJ.

Officers determined that one suspect, armed with a large knife, confronted an employee who was outside the store and had him convince his co-worker to open a locked side door.

Once inside the store, the suspect restrained one employee with a cord and ultimately confined the other employee to a back office.

The suspect threatened to kill the worker if he didn't comply and stole approximately \$2,300 prior to fleeing the store. The Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Special

Investigations Squad was notified, responded, and initiated a joint investigation into the incident.

As the investigation was ongoing, detectives learned of a similar incident that occurred on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at approximately 2:58 a.m., when officers from the Passaic Police Department responded to a report of an armed robbery at the 7-11 convenience store located at 11-13 Central Avenue in Passaic, NJ.

Officers determined that one suspect, armed with a large knife, approached the store worker and demanded money from the cash registers. The suspect proceeded to empty the cash register, prior to fleeing the store in a vehicle. The investigation revealed that the vehicle utilized in the commission of the robbery was previously reported stolen in Paterson, NJ.

The investigation, led by detectives from the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Special Investigations Squad and detectives from the Wallington Police Department, identified the suspect as TYMEAR HASKINS for both robberies.

As a result of the ensuing investigation, on the morning of April 18, 2024, detectives from the Wallington Police Department and Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Special Investigations Squad located the

stolen vehicle in an apartment complex in Wallington, NJ where HASKINS was residing.

With assistance from members of the Bergen County Regional SWAT Team, law enforcement apprehended HASKINS without incident as he approached the vehicle.

Additionally, detectives determined that DEVON DELGADO assisted HASKINS with removing and discarding the vehicle license plates, and was taken into custody.

On Thursday, April 18, 2024, TYMEAR HASKINS was charged with two counts of first-degree armed robbery, first-degree kidnapping, two counts of fourth-degree unlawful possession of a weapon, two counts of third-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, third-degree terroristic threats, third-degree hindering, third-degree receiving stolen property, and a disorderly persons offense of receiving stolen property. HASKINS was remanded to the Bergen County Jail pending a first appearance in Central Judicial Processing Court in Hackensack, NJ.

On Thursday, April 18, 2024, DEVON DELGADO was charged with third-degree hindering and released on his own recognizance.

Prosecutor Musella states that the charges are merely accusations, and that the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Prosecutor Musella thanked the Wallington Police Department, the Passaic Police Department, and the Bergen County Sheriff's Department for their assistance.

In addition, Prosecutor Musella thanked the Port Authority (NY/NJ) Police Department, the Tenafly Police Department, the Saddle River Police Department, and the Upper Saddle River Police Department, which all participate in the Special Investigations Squad's Crime Reduction Task Force. *Provided by BCPO. ###*

Lodi Passaic Avenue Bridge to be Replaced

Bergen County Board of Commissioners and County Executive Jim Tedesco proudly announced the replacement of Passaic Avenue Bridge No. 20031B over the Saddle River, a critical initiative for the Borough of Lodi, NJ.

The project, entrusted to Marbro, Inc., comprises an estimated budget exceeding \$3.5 million, with the county contributing just over \$300,000.

However, this financial commitment will be primarily reimbursed upon the project's completion, as it is entirely supported by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Bridge Fund Program. This partnership underscores a collective commitment to fortify community infrastructure, ensuring a prosperous future for all.

The existing bridge, a 62-foot long single span Through-Girder Bridge with an open steel grating deck, built in 1903, has been a source of concern for residents and officials due to its deficiencies.

Now it will be replaced with a modernized structure. The proposed bridge will feature a single span steel girder superstructure supporting a reinforced concrete deck, equipped with two 12' wide travel lanes, 6' wide sidewalks on each side, and varying width shoulders.

The superstructure will be founded on reinforced concrete

integral abutments supported by H-piles. Additionally, permanent steel sheeting will be installed in front of the existing abutments to aid in construction and protect against future scour.

"The improvements made at the Passaic Avenue Bridge represent a significant step in our ongoing efforts to enhance vital infrastructure and prioritize the safety of our residents," said Lodi Mayor Scott Luna. "We appreciate the collaborative efforts between the county and local authorities to address this important issue."

The project, with a duration of 365 days, is slated to commence construction following the Notice to Proceed, scheduled for May 2024.

A full road closure and detouring will be necessary to facilitate the demolition and construction of the new bridge. Existing utilities will be re-supported beneath the new bridge deck, along with the relocation of some aerial facilities.

This initiative underscores Bergen County's commitment to enhancing vital infrastructure and ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents. As construction progresses, the community can anticipate improved infrastructure that aligns with modern standards and addresses the evolving needs of the borough. *Provided by Bergen County. ###*

Tedesco's Comments on Mid-Town Congestion Pricing

Congestion Pricing Starts June 30

County Executive Jim Tedesco issues the following statement in response to MTA Chairman Janno Lieber claiming congestion pricing will reduce traffic and improve air quality:

In light of recent remarks by Chairman Lieber, I want to reaffirm my administration's unwavering stance against congestion pricing. Bergen County will not be bullied by the MTA; we will fight back, and I believe at the end of the day, we will win this fight in court and stop this blatant money grab.

Chairman Lieber is awfully cavalier when he speaks about congestion pricing reducing traffic and improving air quality. He knows all too well that congestion pricing isn't a solution, but a cleverly concocted scheme to redirect these environmental conditions a mere few miles away to New Jersey and the greater New

York metropolitan area.


His blatant disregard for New York City's neighboring communities has never been more apparent. Contrary to his claim that the federal government is endorsing this scheme, the reality is the MTA's skirted federal requirements and is moving quickly because they don't want to get caught.

I call on Chairman Lieber to IMMEDIATELY produce all findings in the MTA's environmental and financial assessments that justifies placing this significant burden on the residents of Bergen County for public scrutiny.

The reality is congestion pricing will cause serious harm to Bergen County's air quality and the health of those who live here. Shame on you Chairman Lieber. The MTA must delay implementation of congestion pricing until a final ruling is issued in the lawsuit brought by the State of New Jersey and the County of Bergen. *###*

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney

The New Best Time To Sell Your Property

It has long been known that spring, as the weather gets nicer, is the best time to catch those buyers coming out of winter hibernation.

Indeed, before the pandemic and the housing frenzy that followed, March, April and May were consistently thought to be the most active marketplace.

Conventional thinking was that buyers could go under contract during those months and still close in early summer to get their children acclimated before the start of the new school year.

However, new research is indicating June may be a more lucrative time for sellers.

According to Zillow, sellers made 2.3% more in June 2023, or about \$7,700 more for the typical home in the U.S. Locally, New Jersey MLS stats show June 2023 experienced 6% more pending sales than in May.

Why? Since late 2022, the market has experienced higher mortgage rates along with wild fluctuations. June 2023 saw a dip in mortgage rates, encouraging buyers to bid higher in order to get that dream home. While the Fed has not dropped rates as much as we hoped earlier this year, it is clear those rate drops are coming as our inflation rate drops.

ATTOM Data Solutions compared the median sale price sellers realized on a given day and found some trends that hold true...one being that late spring and early summer are the best times to sell.

According to the firm, sellers can net thousands of dollars more if they sell in the peak months of May, June and April. According to their research the highest earning months, in ranking order, are May and June, followed by April and March.

Yes, June edges out April for second place, with a 10.7 percent seller premium compared to May's 12.8 percent.

March and April usher in the prime homebuying season with premiums of 9.7 percent and 10.3 percent, respectively.

These stats underscore the conventional wisdom about selling a home: Spring and summer attract the most buyer attention.

FRED Economic Research has a slightly different take on when you can get your highest home prices. They say if you want to earn a higher profit, the best month to sell is in June. Based on FRED's housing market stats, in June 2023, homebuyer demand was high, with properties sold at a median sales price of \$410,000 nationwide.

The high demand and low inventory are some factors that drive housing prices up, allowing sellers to charge more for their properties. In June 2023, 39.6% of homes nationwide were sold above the list price, and 38.2% were sold in July 2023.

June and July of 2023 also experienced the lowest median days on market for the entire year at 29 days, significantly lower than January and February of that year when houses stayed on the market for an average of 52 days nationwide.

New Jersey MLS reported average days on market were down 4.5% in June of 2023 vs. May and the average list price up 8.2% over 2022.

Have you been sitting on the fence about selling your property? Now may be the ideal time!

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Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal.

You who gave me the gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me, I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine.

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What Is Shavuot (Shavuos)? And How Is Shavuot Celebrated?

The word Shavuot (*or Shavuos*) means “weeks.” It celebrates the completion of the seven-week Omer counting period between Passover and Shavuot. It begins on the sunset, Tuesday June 11 to Thursday, 13, 2024

The Torah was given by God to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai on Shavuot more than 3,300 years ago. Every year on the holiday of Shavuot we renew our acceptance of God's gift, and God “re-gives” the Torah.

The giving of the Torah was a far-reaching spiritual event—one that touched the essence of the Jewish soul for all times. Sages have compared it to a wedding between God and the Jewish people. Shavuot also means “oaths,” for on this day God swore eternal devotion to us, and we in turn pledged everlasting loyalty to Him.

In ancient times, two wheat loaves would be offered in the Holy Temple on Shavuot. It was also at this time that people would begin to bring bikkurim,

their first and choicest fruits, to thank God for Israel's bounty.

How Is It Celebrated?

- Women and girls light holiday candles to usher in the holiday, on both the first and second evenings of the holidays. It is customary to stay up all night learning Torah on the first night of Shavuot.

- All men, women and children should go to the synagogue on the first day of Shavuot to hear the reading of the Ten Commandments.

- As on other holidays, special meals are eaten, and no “work” may be performed.

- It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot. Menus range from traditional cheese blintzes to quiches, casseroles and more.

- On the second day of Shavuot, the Yizkor memorial service is recited.

- Some have the custom to decorate their homes (*and synagogues*) with flowers and sweet-smelling plants in advance of Shavuot. *Source: chabad.org*

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• **Adventure Begins at Your Library - Summer Reading Program:** Kids and teens are invited to join Carlstadt Library's Summer Reading Program. Registration starts Saturday, June 8. Read to earn new books (*ages birth - 5*), or earn beads for your keychain (*ages 6 -14*). Readers enter into a weekly summer raffle. The Summer Reading Program runs through Friday, August 30.

• **Adult Summer Reading Program:** Registration starts Saturday, June 8 for adults aged 18 and up. Program runs through Friday, August 2.

• **The Big Dig - Family Garden Time:** Sunday, June 2 at 1 p.m., join a hands-on family-friendly planting event. Plant flowers and learn about the native plants that attract butterflies, birds and other pollinators. Student can earn community service hours. Bring your gardening gloves and tools!

• **Mini Golf at the Library:** Saturday, June 8, mini golf takes over the Library. Stop by our booth from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., during the Carlstadt Street Fair, to reserve your tee time. This event will be held

rain or shine.

• **Beginner Yoga with Onika.** Mondays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 10:15 a.m. Bring a yoga mat. Register for each session.

• **Creative Aging Initiative - Floral Arts.** Adults, ages 55 and older, floral arts classes on Tuesdays, June 4 and 11 at 1 p.m. Led by a certified horticultural therapist. Includes floral arranging and horticultural crafts. No prior experience necessary. All materials supplied.

• **Author Visit - Zoom.** Acclaimed author, Carolyn Huynh, on Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. to discuss her Good Morning America book club pick, "The Fortunes of Jaded Women."

• **A Night at the Piano - Forgotten and Unknown Composers:** Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m. for night of music and history. Resident Elizabeth Bratko will play a selection of music from forgotten and obscure composers. Light refreshments.

• **What's it Worth? Antiques Appraisal:** Saturday, June 15 at 11 a.m., join Mike Ivankovich to learn what your antiques and personal treasures are worth. Each attendee may bring 1-2 items for appraisal.

• **Paint-Your-Own Beach Tote:** Thursday, June 20 at 7 p.m. All materials supplied. Space is limited.

• **As the Page Turns Book Club:** Discuss "The Fortunes of Jaded Women" by Carolyn Huynh on Wednesday, June 12

at 7 p.m.

• **Cook the Books! - Cookbook Club.** Tuesday, June 18 at 7 p.m. A different cookbook each month. Participants will prepare a dish for members to sample. Club pick is "Cooking in Real Life" by Lidey Heuck.

• **Movie Madness.** Tuesday, June 18 at 1 p.m. "Ordinary Angels," starring Hilary Swank.

• **Storytime at the Library with Miss Tammy.** Wednesdays, June 5, 12, and 26 at 11 a.m. For ages 6 months to 5 years.

• **Music with Miss Nita at the Library.** Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 10:15 and 11 a.m. Babies, toddlers and preschool children will enjoy songs, rhymes, movement and instrument play.

• **Yoga Storytime with Miss Toni.** Toddlers and preschool children ages 18 months to 5 years old. Tuesday, June 11 and Tuesday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m. Explore a world of stories along with child-centered yoga poses.

• **Canvas Painting with The Spotted Canvas.** Ages 11 to 14 years old, Monday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. Participants will paint a beautiful picture with an instructor from The Spotted Canvas of Maywood. Materials supplied.

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• **American Mah-Jongg Practive Sessions.** Thursdays, June 6, 13 and 20, at 2 p.m. Come and practice with us! These are not lessons. Participants must have basic knowledge of game play.

• **Mid-Monday Coloring for Adults:** Monday, June 24 at 2 p.m. Chill time. Coloring books ready for your mark along with some refreshments. Drop-in and out as you please within the two hour time frame. All supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own if you like. BYOM (*Bring Your Own Mug*) to make things extra cozy. No artistic ability needed, this is a judgment free, no-creative-expectation zone.

• **Bright and Early Story-**

time. Every Friday in June at 10:30 a.m. Start your day off on the right foot by listening to a fun story!

• **Monday Afternoon Book Club.** June 10 at 2 p.m. "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett.

• **"Beyond the Bookshelf" Book Club.** Wednesday, June 19, at 6 p.m., "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett.

• **Reading to Rosie:** Thursday, June 20, at 1 p.m., Rosie, a therapy dog who loves getting read to!

• **Children's Yoga Class.** Wednesday, June 26 at 4 p.m. Let's learn some moves together. Bring a yoga mat or towel to the event. Bring a water bottle too, to stay hydrated!

• **Children's Take Home Craft Kits** will be available the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month! Grab one while supplies last! ####

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Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. 201-288-0488, <http://hasbrouckheightslibrary.org>.

The Library's hours of operation are as follows: Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Return Library materials in the book box at the rear of the Municipal Building. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Any child under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The Library Board and Administration are asking for your support to help maintain the role of the Library for its traditional purpose (*to do homework, research, use of the computers, or reading*) after school.

• **Summer Reading program.** begins Monday, June 24. Children, tweens, and teens can read for prizes by registering and logging into <https://hhlibrary.readsquared.com>

In addition, we'll have special adventure activities and programs all summer long so make sure to stop in!

• **Wreath-Making Group Meetings.** Get ready crafters! Wreath making has begun for the Friends' popular Wreath Raffle Fundraiser. Call 201-288-5371 to join.

For CHILDREN

• **Summer Reading Kick-off Party: Hocus Pocus!** with Magician Joe Fischer, Tuesday, June 25, 6 p.m. Fun, laughs, and magic for all ages!

• **BubbleMania.** Wednesday, July 24, 6:30 p.m. High energy entertainment with artistic achievement, BubbleMania is loaded with visual comedy, quick wit, big band swing music and the untamed, often unbelievable qualities and beauty of spherical liquids. Creations grow from intricate and imaginative bubble artforms to "trapping" people inside bubbles! (*Recommended for ages 5 and up*).

• **Saturday Story & Craft with the HH Junior Women's Club.** Saturday, June 1, 11 a.m. All families are welcome. Registration is limited.

• **All-Ages Storytimes.** Various days at 11 a.m. Monday, June 3, Wednesday, June 12, Thursday, June 20. Little ones and caregivers are invited for stories, songs, and finger-play. All ages welcome.

• **Read-to-a-Dog.** Thursday, June 6, 6 to 7 p.m. Book lover, Oscar, is ready to listen! Emerging readers are encouraged to come and get some reading practice. Bring one of your favorite books or choose from ours.

• **Saturday Storytime.** June 29, 11 a.m. Spend family time together with Ms. Maureen!

• **Evening Storytime.** Tuesday, June 18, 6 p.m. The whole family is welcome to wind down the day with an all-ages storytime.

• **Game Lounge Tournaments:** Think you've got what it takes to be the best? Come play and battle for bragging rights!

- Super Smash Bros., Tuesday, June 11, 3:30 to 5 p.m. (*best for ages 8 and up*)

- Mario Kart, Thursday, June 20, 3:30 to 5 p.m. (*best for ages 6 and up*)

For TWEENS & TEENS

• **Let's Make...Retro Fruit Salad.** Monday, June 10, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. We're going back to the 70s with a simple fruit and marshmallow "salad." For Grades 5 and up.

• **Teen Book Club.** Monday, June 17, 5 p.m. Join us once-a-month for book chat, activities, snacks, and more. This month we're reading "Scythe" by Neal Shusterman.

For ADULTS

• **Online Learning Platform UDEMY.** Connects patrons to video-based courses taught by leading experts in business, technology, etc.

• **Microsoft Word (Computer Class).** PART 2 Thursday, June 6, 3 to 4 p.m. PART 3 Thursday, June 20, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Create letters, flyers, resumes and so much more with this powerful word processor.

• **Crafts-to-Share Club.** Tuesday, June 11, at 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, 1 to 3 p.m. In-person and on Zoom by request.

• **Adult Book Club.** 4th Tuesday of every month, In-Person & via Zoom at 7 p.m., June 25. "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger.

• **English Conversation Practice Group.** Intermediate Level or above. No Drop-Ins. Must apply. Tuesdays 10 a.m. Saturday is on break.

• **Friday Movie Matinee.** "Land" (2021)." Friday, June 7, 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments.



**Read to
Your Child**

Rutherford Public Library

Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford NJ. 201-939-8600. rutherfordlibrary.org, [facebook.com/rutherfordpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/rutherfordpubliclibrary) and [twitter@Rutherford_pl](https://twitter.com/Rutherford_pl).

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Library will close at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 14 and be closed on Wednesday, June 19. The Library will be closed on Saturdays in July and August. The following programs require registration. Visit rutherfordlibrary.org/events

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing! Children and teens receive prizes for the books they read; and adults fill out a bingo card for reading, attending events, or using Library resources. Sign up today! (*Ends September 28*)

• **Artist-Author Visit:** Renowned portraitist, painter, sculptor, author, and ordained minister Victor Victori book launch and signing of "God & I: Volume II" Saturday, June 8 at 1 p.m. No registration required.

• **Teddy Bear Sleepover** will be held Friday, June 14.

• **Small Space Gardening.** Bracco Farms provides tips and tricks for maximizing your garden space, highlight summer plantings, and Q&A. Monday,

June 17, at 6:30 p.m.

• **Author Talks.** Virtual. Three New York Times Best-Selling Authors:

- "For the Love of Mars: A Human History of the Red Planet" with Smithsonian Curator Matt Shindell, Monday, June 3 at 2 p.m.

- "Psychological Thrillers and the Queen of Twists," An Author Talk with Freida McFadden, Thursday, June 13 at 8 p.m.

- "Unpacking a History of Systemic Racism in the American Education System" with Tiffany Jewell, Thursday, June 20 at 2 p.m.

Each talk features the opportunity to participate in author Q&A or pre-submit questions during registration! <https://library.org/rutherfordlibrary/upcoming>. While these talks are best experienced live, past Author Talks can also be accessed.

Regular Features

• **Monday Night Book Group** will discuss "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

• **Cook-a-Book Club** will share recipes on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m.

• **Spice Club** will cook baked chicken with rosemary and thyme on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

• **Read 'Em & Eat Book Club** will discuss "The Summer of Songbirds" by Kristy Woodson Harvey, Wednesday, June 26 at 5:30 p.m.

• **Story Time with Miss Jane.** Most times, Wednesdays, at 10:30 a.m.

• **Teen Book Talk** June 26, teen crafts, Fantasy Map Makers, and the new Anime Club for teens.

• **Virtual Mindfulness & On-Demand Yoga** Miranda Lee of "Find That Pause" will lead virtual mindfulness sessions Fridays at 9:15 a.m. June's

theme is mindfulness of nature. Enjoy yoga, meditation, and even story time 24/7, anywhere with an internet connection, via Bold Yoga and the Bendy Bookworm. This video database has classes for all ages, time frames, and experience levels. If interested, email reference@rutherford.bccls.org with your name and Library card number

• **Creativebug Live Craft Classes and How-to Videos.** Patrons can now access thousands of how-to videos for all crafts, live classes, and more at creativebug. Visit our website to get started.

• **Grab & Go Doorside Pickup.** For those who may not want to enter the building. Order books from the BCCLS catalog at www.bccls.org or submit a Grab & Go form (*from our website*) for either the adult or children's collection! If you don't have computer access, call the Library and our team will order items for you!

• **ESL In-Person and Virtual Classes.** ESL classes will have a break from June 15 to July 15. In-person ESL meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Advanced ESL classes meet on Saturdays. Virtual ESL classes are held Mondays through Thursdays. Registration for in-person classes is required and must be done in person at the circulation desk.

• **Movie Night.** The Friends of the Library will show "Next Goal Wins" (PG-13). on Tuesday, June 25 at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

• **Tech Tutor.** Available by appointment for tech help or lessons. Fill out our online form or emailmarion.johnson@rutherford.bccls.org.

• Wireless printing, digital borrows, downloadable collections, museum passes, genealogy and financial research, and job and homework resources available. ###

Little Ferry Free Public Library

Little Ferry Free Public Library, 239 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643. 201-641-3721. lifycirc@bccls.org Hours: Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Adult Programs

• **Friday Afternoon at the Movies!** Noon. June 7, "Men In Black" with Will Smith; June 14, "Blue Hawaii" with Elvis; June 21, "Field of Dreams" with Kevin Costner; June 28, "Beach Blanket Bingo" with Annette Funicello.

• **Adult Book Club.** Join the Little Ferry Free Public Library Book Club which takes place every month. Share your thoughts, opinions, and ideas with other book lovers regarding the latest thrilling read. June 10 at 2 p.m. (*book title to be announced*).

Children's Programs

• **Summer Reading Program.** Kicks off June 25 at 3 p.m. with amazing animals from Zoophoria.

• **Storytime with Cynthia.** A lively 30-minute combination of books, movement activities and songs best enjoyed by families with their children. Activities include crafts, storytelling, poetry, riddles, and more. Registration required. June 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10:30 a.m. for ages birth and up.

• **Cool Crafts with Sue.** Get creative and join us for a fun crafty project that is made especially by you! Registration is required! June 15, 11 a.m. for Grades K and up.

• **Read to Blossom.** A sweet, friendly Golden Doodle doggy who would love to hear stories read to her. Registration is required. June 13 and 27 at 3:30 p.m. for Grades Pre-K and up.

• **Tiny Tots Art with Olivia.** Get creative with Ms. Olivia! Join her on an art filled adventure and express your inner Picasso. Registration is required! June 20 at 3:30 p.m. for Grades Pre-K and up.

** Free passes to The Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum

*** Check out our "Used Book Sale."

**** Seed Library! Patrons may take up to three packets per month at a time. ###

Lodi Memorial Library

Lodi Memorial Library, One Memorial Drive, Lodi, NJ 07644. 973-365-4044. <http://lodi.bccls.org/> Registration required for all programs unless stated.

• **Chair Yoga.** A six-week yoga class for people experiencing joint pain and stiffness. Students use chairs rather than yoga mats. Classes will be Tuesday June 4 and Friday, June 14, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. You must reserve a spot for each session.

• **Tuesday Night Book Club.** Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. May's book is "The Secret Life of Sunflowers" by Marta Molnar – 351 pages.

• **Semi-Monthly Movie.** June the movies will be "Anatomy of a Fall" on June 12 at 1 p.m. and "Arthur the King" on June 26 at 1 p.m.

• **Creative Writing Club.** Thursday, June 27, 1 p.m. Bring your creative juices. Each month will feature a new prompt for our writing session.

• **Tiny Art Show:** Join our Tiny Art Show exhibit this summer! Canvas pickup begins Tuesday, June 25 and ends Friday, June 28 (*while supplies last*). Bring a completed art piece back to the Library by July 8 to be displayed during our Summer Reading Program. Winner of the Tiny Art Show contest will receive a prize.

• **Adult Coloring Pages, Mazes and Community Puzzle.** Come to the Library to de-stress with our free coloring materials, fun mazes, and beautiful puzzles.

• **Anime Club.** Grades 6 to 12. In-person, Wednesday, June 5, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Watch a movie, get some snacks, and make a craft.

• **Lodi Game Club.** All ages (*12 and under must be accompanied by an adult*). Join us for all kinds of games every Wednesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. No registration necessary.

• **High School Hang-out.** Grades 9-12. Every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the conference room for games, movies, and other fun activities.

• **Grab & Go Craft.** Grades Pre K - 2. A new Grab & Go project will be available each Monday! While supplies last. No registration.

• **Legos.** – All ages. Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Children's Room. Make your own creations with Legos. No registration necessary.

• **Storytime.** Every Tuesday and Friday at 11 a.m. No registration necessary. ###

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WFD Memorial Service

Wallington Fire Department held its Annual Memorial Service and Inspection on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Union Avenue Firehouse.

Department Ex-Chief Stuart Stolarz called the assembly to order. WFD Honor Guard presented the Colors. East Rutherford FF Joshua Novello sang the "National Anthem," followed by the Invocation, and introductions. The Department once again remembered all the members who have answered their last alarm.

Placement of flags/vases/wreaths were made at the Monument. The bell tolled three times and "Taps" was played by Ret. Bergen County Sheriff Officer Cpl. Robert Krupinski. Department President Chris Sinisi gave a brief reflection. Mayor Melissa Dabal, Ex-Chief Robert Ventura and Chief David Kaczor spoke. Families and friends of the departed received flags and flowers to remember their loved ones. The equipment was presented for display. ###



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On May 2, 2024, at about 10 a.m., the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle crashing into a Boulevard apartment building.

Fire officials evacuated the first and second floors and began checking for crack extensions radiating along the wall.

The Building Inspector was called in to determine the extent of the structures damage. ###



Boot Drive April 20

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department held a Boot Drive fundraiser to benefit John Benkovic and his family as they fight Diffuse Anaplastic Wilms Tumor, a very aggressive form of childhood cancer. on April 20, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Fire Headquarters, 248 Hamilton Avenue. Cash, Venmo and Paypal donations were accepted.

Additionally, there was plenty of food, training demonstrations, music and children's activities. ###

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