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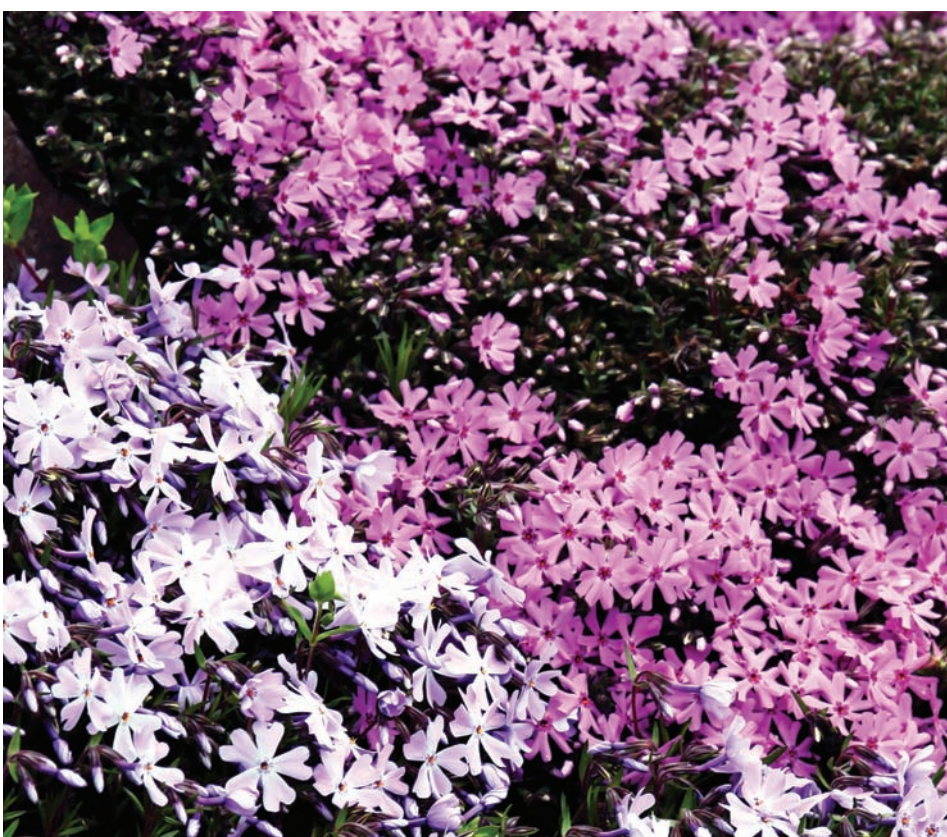
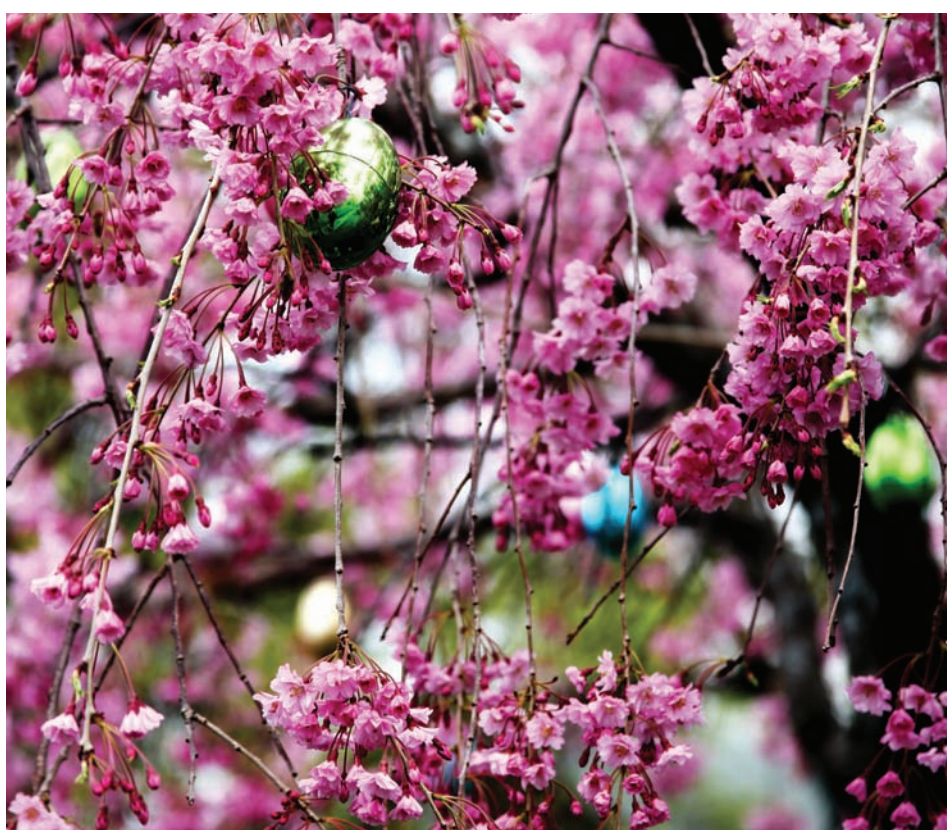
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Spring's Promise

Pandemic March 2020. Lock down. Entertainment venues lost. Shuttered businesses and classrooms. Shortages. Postal and DMV debacles. Life changed from the fast lane to the Zoom lane. We hunkered down into a cataclysmic dark year of isolation, disruptions.

Loneliness. Anxiety. Misery. Fear. Sickness. Death.

Despite the pandemic, and as with eons before, dogwood, cherry, and magnolia trees will spring to their glory. Tulips, forsythia, daffodils will pierce the dreary winter landscape.

We await the new normal. Common sense, mask wearing, vaccinations offer hope.

Reset. Let's exercise optimism. *Spring 2021 offers the promise of a new start!*

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IRS Extends Deadline to May 17

Guild Assembles Health Kits

The Guild of Reformed Church Women at 300 Washington Place, will collect and assemble Health Kits as a Lenten project for Church World Service, until April 14, 2021. These kits consist of washcloth, hand towel, bath-size soap, toothbrush (in original packaging), nail clipper, wide-tooth comb and 10 band-aids.

Donations of any of these products in any quantity would be appreciated. These items are assembled in zippered plastic bags and distributed by Church World Service.

Cash donations to assist in the shipping and handling of these kits should be mailed to First Reformed Church, PO Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, 07604

All items/kits may be placed in a "tub" at the Church entrance Monday through Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 9 to 11 a.m. Call 201-288-1122 for more info. ###

HH Cleanup April 17

The Hasbrouck Heights Green Team will be hosting a Borough-wide Earth Week Community Cleanup to help beautify our parks, business district and other public spaces by picking up litter and debris left behind after the snow has melted.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 17, 2021, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Rain date is April 18. Cleanup materials will be provided. Email hhgreenteam@gmail.com for registration link. ###

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MomLife Event April 22

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Masks are required and social distancing guidelines followed. Limited KidLife childcare available by RSVP only and medical form required. Next event on Thursday, April 22, 2021, 7 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP by April 20. Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. For more info: hasbrouckhtsmomlife@gmail.com; 862-239-6677; Fb - Hasbrouck Heights MomLife ###

Fish Fry April 2

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting the Annual Good Friday Fish Fry, Friday, April 2, 2021, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Take-out only.

Menu includes fried flounder, potato salad, coleslaw, and dinner rolls. Cost \$15 per order. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and Children's programs. For more information, call 201-807-0470. ###

FOCAS Holds Flea Market

FOCAS Flea Market Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

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.

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 soiled.)*

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 ###

Heights Shred-It April 3

Hasbrouck Heights Recycling Program will hold a paper shredding event on Saturday, April 3, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Central Avenue parking lot. Rain or shine. This event is co-sponsored by the Bergen County Utilities Authority.

The Satellite Recycling drop-off will also be available. This disposal site collects the following items for recycling: bottles, cans, plastic bottles, newspapers, cardboard, magazines, junk mail, and E-waste such as computer equipment and TVs. For more information, call 201-288-1072. ###

Pop-Up Thrift Shop April 24, 25

The Woman's Club of Rutherford, together with the Lions Club of Rutherford, will be holding a "Pop-Up" Thrift Shop on April 24 and 25, 2021, at the Woman's Club of Rutherford Clubhouse, 201 Fairview Avenue, Rutherford, NJ, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We will be offering new and gently used clothing, handbags, belts, shoes and accessories. Help support two worthy charitable organizations while enjoying a unique shopping experience! For more information, go to: www.rutherford-womansclub.org Provided by Leslie Beck. ###

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St. John's Annual Plant Sale

Mark your calendars! Spring is just around the corner and it is time to start planning your gardens.

For the 42nd Annual Plant Sale, nursery grown plants and flowers and hanging pots will be available for pick-up just in

time for Mother's Day, May 9, at St. John's Parish Hall, Hasbrouck Heights, on Friday, May 7, 2021 by appointment. There will not be any plants available on Saturday.

Only pre-orders for the 42nd Annual St. John's Plant Sale are being accepted and due by Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Flats, which contain one kind/one color, are \$12.50.

Pre-order forms are available by calling 201-288-9460 and leaving a message.

All plants are of the highest quality. As in previous years, all plants are hand picked at the nursery by experienced gardeners. There will be other plants available along with pots of plants when pre-orders are picked up. ###



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A member of Lodi Post 136, American Legion, Christopher Illescas (201-526-6758, e-mail: illescas.c.c@gmail.com) is also a member of the New Jersey National Guard who, along with about 60 other National Guard members, is on duty at the Meadowlands COVID19 Mega Immunization Site.

Chris, along with Post 136, is spearheading a drive to stock the National Guard break-room at the Mega-Site with snacks (potato chips, pretzels, corn chips, pop-corn, candy, and etc., all in individual servings), water, soft drinks and juice.

If you wish to donate goods to this cause, please purchase the items and make arrangements with Chris for delivery of the items to the Mega-Site.

If you wish Post 136 to purchase and deliver the items on your behalf, please make a check payable to "American Legion Post 136" and send to 41 Union Street, PO Box 36, Lodi, NJ 07644. We will purchase and deliver the items on your Post's behalf. We will mark each box of goods with the name and address of the donating Post or person.

Thank you for considering this request. Francis Carrasco, Commander, Post 136, Vincent C. Martorano, Adjutant/Finance Officer, Post 136. ###

YMCA Golf
Outing May 24

On Monday, May 24, 2021, the Meadowlands YMCA will hold its 20th Anniversary Charity Golf Outing at The Forest Hill Field Club, 9 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ.

Shotgun start at noon and scramble format. There will be a "Hole-in-One" Challenge to win a car from Bellavia.

All funds raised during the event will support the Meadowlands YMCA Coronavirus response services. This year they are focusing on Neighbors Serving Neighbors.

The price is \$450 per person and \$1,800 per foursome. Sponsorships are available for the golf outing, such as presenting sponsor, individual holes, dinner, lunch, and others.

For information, call Amanda Scully, ascully@meadowlandsymca.org or call 201-955-5300. To register or sponsor go to: MeadowlandsYMCA.org/golf ###

April Flower
Sweet Pea

Administrative
Professionals Week
April 18-24, 2021

Administrative Professionals Day is April 21, 2021

During World War II, there was an increased need for skilled administrative personnel, particularly in the United States.

The National Secretaries Association was formed to recognize the contributions of secretaries and other administrative personnel to the economy, to support their personal development and to help attract people to administrative careers in the field.

The association's name was changed to Professional Secretaries International in 1981 and, finally, the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) in 1998.

These changes reflected the evolving nature, qualifications and responsibilities of the members of the organization.

IAAP now has an international orientation and continues to provide education and training and set standards of excellence recognized by the business community on a global perspective.

The organization's vision is "to inspire and equip all administrative professionals to attain excellence."

The first National Secretaries Week was organized in 1952, in conjunction with the United States Department of Commerce and various office supply and equipment manufacturers.

The Wednesday of that week became known as National Secretaries Day. As the organization gained international recognition, the events became known as Professional Secretaries Week and Professional Secretaries Day.

In 2000, IAAP announced that names of the week and the day were changed to Administrative Professionals Week and Administrative Professionals Day, to keep pace with changing job titles and expanding responsibilities of the modern administrative workforce.

The most common ways of recognizing your Administrative Professional(s) today are: Flowers, Gift Cards, Lunch, Candy, Gift Baskets, etc.

Many work environments across the world observe this event. Administrative Professionals Day is an observance, but it is not a public holiday in the United States. ###

Handbag
Bingo May 15

The Immaculate Conception High School will be hosting its annual Handbag Bingo Night on May 15, 2021 at 258 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ, with doors opening at 6 p.m. and the first game starting at 7 p.m.

A \$40 ticket includes 10 games of bingo. Extra boards and daubers may be purchased.

There will be Tricky Tray raffles and a 50/50.

No one under 18 years of age is permitted. No refunds. Due to COVID regulations tickets are limited to the first 100 guests, 2 per table, keeping social distancing in mind. For more information call 973-773-2400. ###

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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.

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

You can also 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 International 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: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and children age 3 to 12.

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."

All of our visitors must adhere to all New Jersey COVID-19 Restrictions: Face

Masks, Social Distancing. For more information on our COVID-19 Restrictions and Procedures, please visit our Web Site: www.NJAHOF.org All Veterans are welcomed and can honor us by signing our Wall of Honor. ###

W-R Knights
Announce Two
Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council #11585 will be awarding two scholarships.

The Anthony Giuseffi Sr. Annual Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000; a dedicated member who lived life to its fullest and was a role model to all.

The Peter J. Gallo, Jr. Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000 for this year; he served our Order and Council with distinction as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator and Financial Secretary.

The scholarships are awarded to a graduating Eighth Grader who will be attending a Catholic High School in September 2021. The candidate must be a registered member of the Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady in Wood-Ridge. Applications are available in the Church Friary. The deadline for submission of the application is April 16, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. ###

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Mother’s Day:
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Once again, the Guild of Reformed Church Women of First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights, invite you to participate in their annual Blanket of Honor Sunday project. These \$10 donations per blanket, in honor of or in memory of any or all the significant women in your life, will be accepted through May 4, 2021, for inclusion in the Mother’s Day bulletin, May 9.

The proceeds will be used by Church World Service to provide new blankets to be distributed to families wherever and whenever a disaster occurs, whether natural or man-made.

These blankets are used in a multitude of ways, not just for warmth. They provide a measure of dignity, a refuge, a source of protection, a means of carrying all one’s belongings, a message that someone cares for them, wherever they may be in the world.

Please mail your check (\$10 per blanket) and send to First Reformed Church of Hasbrouck Heights, PO Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Please include the name(s) of the women you wish to honor or remember.

The Guild women appreciate your assistance, as do the recipients, whether locally, nationally or world-wide. For further information, call 201-288-1122. ###

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HH Contemporary Club
Remains Active

The members of the Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights are not going to let a little thing like a pandemic or a bunch of snow storms stop them from doing service projects. We telephone meet about once a month to discuss what to do. Someone always hears about a need and the membership jumps into action. To join these calls all you need is a phone. No computers are necessary and you can dress in your PJs if you like.

During the month of November, we packed a car full of groceries for the poor. In December we dressed 18 needy children for the Holidays as everyone should have new clothes in the winter. The women who run the food pantry at Our Lady of Guadeloupe called us to say they were worried about the people waiting in the line in the freezing cold weather. As soon as we heard about it, the members asked how to help. We were advised that they needed hats, scarves, gloves and socks. We were able to contribute over 900 of those items to help them out. Knowing we were keeping them warm gave us a great feeling of accomplishment.

From the 20th of February until the 19th of March the Contemporary Club will be collecting diapers, wipes and ointment for the Lighthouse Family Resource Center and BirthRite. We have asked the Knights of Columbus and the Rosary Society at Corpus Christi to join with us as the need is great and we are but

a few.

Anyone who is interested in joining us with the diaper drive or joining us on our next call, please call 201-288-6685 for information. We welcome everyone and would be happy to hear from you. All phone calls will be returned.

We have some fun projects in the planning stages. We are planning a virtual visit to the New Jersey Shakespeare Theater; in the spring a new book discussion group will be forming. COVID-19 will play a part in the timing of the in-person events.

Please look for us at the Street Fair as the proceeds from our table will be used to support Operation Chillout. Operation Chillout provides a lifeline for homeless Veterans who somehow lost their way after they left military life. We will have raffles along with Heights wear for sale. We would be happy to give you more information about this program at that time.

The Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs and the General Federation of Women’s Clubs and all are 5013c organizations. *Provided by Dorothy Bernice. ###*

Rutherford
Rabies Clinic
April 24

The Rutherford Health Department will be conducting its Annual Free Rabies Clinic for Rutherford cats and dogs on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Mortimer Avenue Firehouse at the corner of Mortimer Avenue and West Pierrepont Avenue.

Registration forms can be picked up in advance at the Health Department located at 184 Park Avenue between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays or at Police Headquarters after normal working hours. All cats and dogs must be accompanied by an adult and restrained on a leash or in a carrier.

If an animal has been previously vaccinated, proof of the prior immunization will be required in order to receive a 3-year vaccination certificate.

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Full Pink Moon

The April full moon will appear on Monday April 26, 2021, at 11:31 p.m. It is called the “Full Pink Moon.”

According to the “Farmer’s Almanac,” this name came from the herb, moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the earliest widespread flowers of the spring.

Other names include the “Full Sprouting Grass Moon,” the “Egg Moon,” and, among Coastal tribes, the “Full Fish Moon,” because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn.

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. ###

Supermoons

Supermoons occur when a full Moon is at its closest point to Earth.

The best time to enjoy a Super Full Moon, or any other Full Moon, is just after moonrise, when the Moon is close to the horizon. Just before moonset is also a good time.

When the Full Moon is low, it looks bigger and brighter than when it's higher up in the sky. This is called the Moon illusion, and actually makes more of a difference to what it looks like than the real boost you get from it being a bit closer to Earth. This means they look very big and bright in the sky and it can be a great time for photographers to capture amazing lunar images.

The first Supermoon of 2021 is set to happen on March 28. It will be called a Super Worm Moon because March's full Moon is always known as a Worm Moon.

Supermoons can create amazing photos

The next will be on April 26 and is called a Super Pink Moon, again due to the time of year and not so much the colour of the Moon itself.

Then on May 26 we can expect a Super Flower Moon.

The last Supermoon of 2021 will occur on June 24 and will be a Super Strawberry Moon.

Full Moons can have lots of different nicknames and they're often associated with what farmers would refer to the Moon as at a particular time of year.

Beautiful flowering planters have adorned The Boulevard for over 10 years.

The Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce, in co-operation with the Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club, invites businesses and residents to sponsor a flowering planter by making a \$50 donation.

The planting will be done by the Garden Club at the DPW after the May 15 frost date.

Once the plantings have been completed, the DPW will then move the flower pots to their Boulevard location, and has agreed to water the plants during the season. After the summer, the DPW will collect the flower pots and store them for the winter.

In the spirit of community, each year they reach out to a local student group willing to lend a hand overseeing and pruning the planters throughout the summer.

A donation of \$50 will replenish an existing planter with lovely flowers and greens. Your donation of any amount is welcome.

The HHGC sends a sincere thank you, to those businesses and residents who continue to support their efforts each year.

You can send donations to: Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce BIB, PO Box 1, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604. Call Ray at 201-288-5464 or Ann at 201-288-3956 for more information. ###

Earth Day April 22

Earth Day is April 22, 2021 and marks the 51st anniversary of this holiday. It's followed closely by Arbor Day, which falls on the last Friday in April.

Typically, Earth Day is assigned a different theme or area of focus each year; this year's theme is “Restore Our Earth.”

Most years, Earth Day

events range from river clean-ups to invasive removals. With social distancing still in place, Earth Day has gone digital. Virtual events, like environmental lectures and films, will take place on Earth Day (Thursday, April 22) instead. To see a catalogue of official events, visit earthday.org.

Rutherford Blood Screening May 1

The Rutherford Health Department will sponsor a Multi-Phasic Blood Screening Program for Rutherford residents, 18 years or older at the Health Center, 184 Park Avenue on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

The screening is to detect

any abnormalities in the blood and check for approximately thirty different items. Fee is \$22. Additional tests available for an additional fees.

Appointments required. Call 201-460-3020 for more information. ###



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Call 201-288-9460 for order forms. Orders due Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Pre-paid advance orders are available for pick-up by appointment in the Parish Hall on Friday, May 7, 2021.

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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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About Easter

Easter, Pascha, or Resurrection Day, is the most important religious feast in the Christian liturgical year. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, which Christians believe occurred on the third day after his crucifixion some time in the period A.D. 27 to 33.

Many pagan elements have become part of the celebration, and those aspects are often celebrated by many Christians and non-Christians alike.

Easter also refers to the season of the Church year called Eastertide or the Easter Season. Traditionally, the Easter Season lasted for the forty days from Easter Day until Ascension Day, but now officially lasts for the fifty days until Pentecost. The first week of the Easter Season is known as Easter Week or the Octave of Easter.

Easter is termed a movable Christian holy day because it is not fixed in relation to the civil calendar. Easter falls at some point between late March and

late April each year (*early April to early May in Eastern Christianity*), following the cycle of the moon.

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover, not only for much of its symbolism, but also for its position in the calendar. The Last Supper shared by Jesus and his disciples before his crucifixion is generally thought of as a Passover meal, based on the chronology in the Gospels.

Some, however, interpret "Passover" in John 18:28 as a single meal and not a seven-day festival. Interpretation of the Gospel of John differs from the Synoptic Gospels by placing Christ's death at the time of the slaughter of the Passover lambs, which would put the Last Supper slightly before Passover, on 14 Nisan of the Bible's Hebrew calendar.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "In fact, the Jewish feast was taken over into the Christian Easter celebration." *Source: Wikipedia.org ###*

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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Artful April



Congrats are in order for the Borough of Lodi's first African American Fire Chief Moses Timothy Owen Jr. Moses, who was sworn in on February 16, 2021, came up through the ranks as the Department's first African American fire fighter. The new chief is a June 2000 graduate of Lodi High School and has been an active participant in community service since the age of thirteen.

Moses lives with his mother, Louise Freeman Owen, and has a sister, Keisha Owen Ferguson, also a Lodi High School graduate.

His father, Moses T. Owen Sr., passed away on February 8, 2020. Moses' accomplishment is worthy of much praise.

Well folks, welcome to Spring 21. We thought that it would never get here. One thing about Mother Nature, moody though she may be, she always keeps her promise. Life shall be renewed. You can count on it.

We deserve the softness of spring do we not? Look back, if you have the stomach for it, at what we have endured through no fault of our own. Not for the faint of heart.

We lost a year or more of our lives. Valuable time that we'll never regain. Well, sorry to bring you down folks, we're better off not dwelling on the past. Instead, let's focus on the eternal now. Now is all we have so we might as well fill it wall to wall with as much joy as possible. Let the joy of God overflow so that is spreads like morning dew across the landscape.

We can do it folks. Tired

and weather worn though we may be, we can reach the sacred garden and together, like the flowers of spring, enjoy re-birth and celebrate, once again, the joy of being a person.

Let's lighten things up a bit shall we?

How many of you have been on the receiving end of an April Fools' prank?

I've been on both ends of the April Fools' spectrum, but I must admit the prank to end all pranks came by way of my cousin, Marie and her cat, Gilda. Yes folks, I was on the receiving end.

The result caused me to retire from April Fools' mischief forever. Marie was the true champion of pranks. It was a knock out punch from which I'd never recovered. Here's the story:

My cousin, Marie and myself, even during our childhood days on Arnot Street, were forever trying to outsmart one another. Marie had what it took to become a champion prankster; she was cunning, patient, creative and as smart as a whip. Many were the times I'd sit on the front porch steps wondering how I let myself fall victim to another one of Marie's pranks, which were always very well orchestrated.

Kathy, Marie's kid sister, would sometimes sit next to me, pat me on the back and with a compassionate smile say "she did it to you again, huh?" No reply.

It was March 31, 1988 I believe. By then cousin Marie had become a keeper of cats. I'm not sure of the exact number. Suffice it to say more than two. I used to enjoy visiting Marie so as to share in some wicked laughter and great food. (Marie and Kathy are marvelous cooks.)

I used to enjoy watching those cats frolicking about the living room knocking over expensive lamps and tearing the furniture to shreds. Gilda was my favorite cat. She'd jump onto my lap, balance herself on my shoulders and take play-

ful swipes at my head. Such was the case on the evening of March 31st.

The next afternoon, April 1st, I got an urgent call from Marie. There was desperation in her voice. She seemed to be out of breath as if she had just run a fast, uphill mile. It was a dreadful tone that did not bode well for the prospect of good news.

"Hey Art listen," she said. "I had to take Gilda to the vet this morning."

"What happened?" I asked trying to act concerned.

"Gilda lost a lot of her hair overnight," she replied. "I had to rush her to the vet who said she has a disease called alopecia. The vet had to give her a shot of antibiotics."

"Sorry to hear that," I replied trying to hold back a yawn.

"The vet says it's highly contagious," she warned.

"To other cats?" I asked.

"No" she said, "to humans!"

Suddenly a cold sweat was cascading down my forehead and my heart felt like it was climbing into my throat.

"Gilda was all over you last night," she said, "You're in danger of losing your hair."

Images of myself with a patch work hairdo shot across my mind like rockets of doom.

"What should I do?" I asked.

"The vet said you have to get to his clinic ASAP. You have to get the same needle he gave Gilda," she replied.

I was one hard gulp away from hysteria.

"What should I do?" I repeated.

"Call my sister," Marie insisted, "tell her what happened. She'll take you to the vet."

Kathy, it turned out, wasn't in on the prank, but enjoyed listening to me babble uncontrollably.

"You have to take me to the vet," I said, "Gilda has alopecia and I think I caught it from her. Marie said I have to get to the vet to get the same needle he gave to Gilda!"

Kathy broke into laughter. "What's so funny?" I inquired. "She did it to you again, huh?" she asked. No reply! True story. ###

Joseph Licata Selected for Harvard Business School Executive Program

Like many organizations, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County has had to adapt and evolve throughout this pandemic, in order to continue to impact the children who need them most.

Joseph Licata is one of 70 CEOs nationwide, and the only CEO from New Jersey, who was selected to participate in "Changing the Game in Moments that Matter: Strategic Agility and Inclusive Leadership," a virtual Executive Program through Harvard Business School Executive Education, in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

This program connects CEOs from across the country and enables them to share ideas and successes.

For over 71 years the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County has enabled young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by providing a safe place for children and teens to go after school and throughout the summer, as well as on remote learning school days as part of their new full day Remote Learning School Day program. Each day, members participate in life enhancing programs, receive academic support, learn life skills, have a healthy meal, and so much more.

If you wish to learn more about programs or ways you can make an impact, contact Melissa McKinney at Melissa.mckinney@bgcoflodi.org ###

Falletti Inspired at Virtual Space Exploration Educators Conference

James Falletti, a Fifth and Sixth Grade science teacher at Corpus Christi School in Hasbrouck Heights, joined educators from the United States and around the world for authentic science learning experiences with rocket scientists, astronauts and renowned instructors at Space Center Houston's 27th Space Exploration Educators Conference (SEEC), February 4-6, 2021. James Falletti was honored with the distinguished Cherri Brinley Outstanding Educator Award at this conference.

A global educator, Falletti leads a virtual classroom in Brazil and school programs educating youth on sustainability with Eco-Schools USA, a National Wildlife Federation program. He is a Google Certified Educator and a Space Foundation's Dr. Rochelle Abrams Space Across the Curriculum Teacher.

"Attending this conference has been the highlight for me each and every year as it brings together my space peeps and likeminded science and STEM enthusiasts all under one intergalactic roof," said Falletti,

a teacher at Corpus Christi School. "The conference provided me with an opportunity to learn and collaborate with educators from all over the world with hopes of inspiring the next generation of space and science explorers."

Falletti participates year-round in an additional Space Center Houston teacher leadership program called the Space Exploration Educator Crew.

He is among thirty-six K-12 teachers from across the country who were accepted into this exceptional program to collaborate in six regions to develop teacher leadership skills and STEM based learning experiences.

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



More Money, More Better

Buying a house this year? Wondering how much money you'll need to come up with for your down payment? Many people may think it's 20% of the loan to secure a mortgage.

And while there are plenty of lower down payment options available for qualified buyers who can't or don't want to put down 20%, it's important to understand how a larger down payment can have great benefits too.

The truth is, there are many programs available that allow you to put down as little as 3%, which can be a huge benefit to those who want to purchase a home sooner rather than later.

Those who served in the armed forces may qualify for a VA loan and not need any down payment at all. These programs

really cut down the savings time for many potential home buyers, enabling them to start building family wealth sooner.

But – if you can afford it – putting 20% down has advantages that might not otherwise be available to you. Here are a few...

• **Your Interest Rate Should be Lower.** A 20% down payment vs. a 3.5% down payment shows your lender that you're more financially stable and not a large credit risk. The more confident your lender is in your credit score and your ability to pay your loan, the lower the mortgage interest rate they're likely to give you.

• **You'll End Up Paying Less for Your Home.** The larger your down payment, the smaller your loan amount will be for your mortgage.

If you're able to pay 20% of the cost of your new home at the start of the transaction, you'll only pay interest on the remaining 80%.

If you put down 5%, the additional 15% will be added to your loan and will accrue interest over time. This will

end up costing you more over the lifetime of your home loan. • **Your Offer Will Stand Out in a Competitive Market.** In a market, like the one we're experiencing today, where many buyers are competing for the same home, sellers like to see offers come in with 20% or larger down payments.

The seller gains the same confidence as the lender in this scenario. You are seen as a stronger buyer with financing that's more likely to be approved. The deal therefore will be more likely to go through.

• **You Won't Have to Pay Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI).** What's PMI? It's an insurance policy that protects the lender if you are unable to pay your mortgage. It's a monthly fee, rolled into your mortgage payment that is required for all conforming, conventional loans that have down payments less than 20%.

Once you've built equity of 20% in your home, you can cancel your PMI and remove that expense from your mortgage payment.

As mentioned earlier, when you put down less than 20% in buying a home, your lender will see your loan as having more risk. PMI helps them recover their investment in you if you're unable to pay your loan. The insurance isn't required if you're able to put down 20% or more.

Many times, home sellers looking to move up to a larger or more expensive home are able to take the equity they earn from the sale of their house to put down 20% on their next home.

With the equity homeowners have today, it creates a great opportunity to put those savings toward a 20% or greater down payment on a new home.

Finally - on a cautionary note for these uncertain times - the bigger the down payment you're able to make, the more of a buffer you'll have in the future. In the last recession, the people who lost their homes were those people who did 5% (or less) loans. Better to do things the good old American way: save a bunch of money, make a substantial down payment and live in your new home, safe and with peace of mind.

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Heights/W-R Scouts Hit the Slopes

After what has felt to be a very long winter, members of Boy Scout Troop 17 in Hasbrouck Heights took advantage of the conditions and spent a Sunday afternoon in February establishing their own “Scout Ski Day.”

They were joined by family, friends and several members of the neighboring Troop 181 in Wood-Ridge on the slopes of Shawnee Mountain Ski Area.

Several attendees took to the slopes for the first time, while others worked on their Snow Sports merit badge requirements.

Twenty-two attendees in total. The weather was perfect and the mountain allowed for more than enough “social distancing.” The trip was topped off with a tailgate lunch, Scout style, cooked on camping grills in the parking lot.

The Troop’s activity calendar continues with a historic hike through the streets of Philadelphia next month and several tent camping trips in the spring. If you are interested in joining Troop 17, contact Mr. Mario at troop17scoutmastermr.mario@gmail.com *Provided by Adam Tegge. ###*



ig Snow Bigger Fun



Klondike Derby

On Sunday, February 21, 2021, with snow deep on the ground, Scouts BSA Troop 166G showed their Scout spirit by holding a Klondike Derby.

This outdoor adventure, modeled on the Iditarod of the Klondike, challenges Scouts with team building activities and practicing skills such as; lashing, knot tying, fire building, cooking, orienteering and first aid.

Normally held with hundreds of Scouts, the original event had to be canceled this winter due to Covid. But the Scouts of Troop 166G didn't give up! They organized and planned their own Klondike in a Scout's Wood-Ridge backyard, keeping within Covid-19 precautions and guidelines.

From selecting the skill stations to writing the "rule book," these young ladies practiced leadership skills and worked on team building long before the actual event!

Cora, the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader observed, "Even though it seemed daunting at times, I'm glad we were presented with the opportunity to hold our own Klondike because it ended up being a lot of fun to plan and run."

The Troop, made up of young ladies 11-15 years old from Rutherford, Wood-Ridge, Englewood, and Jersey City, invited younger Cub Scouts in Pack 168 Rutherford to participate in the snowy fun. Attendance was limited, each "pod"

traveled with their sled, wore masks, and spread out across the generous yard.

"I really liked working together again with my den," Calder, an Arrow of Light Scout, commented. "We were doing team building all the time, not just at the station! Like when we went fast and the sled tipped over or when we made a stretcher at first aid, without any help! It was really fun." Lauren, the Scout who shared her yard said, "We had so much fun hosting Klondike this year! Can't wait until next year!"

Everyone received a Klondike patch, and award ribbons were presented to Best in First Aid, Best in Fire Building/Cooking and Honor Patrol. Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Ambur said, "Planning the Klondike represented one of the most important parts of being a Scout: Being Prepared. Scouting isn't just about doing fun activities, it's about helping you be prepared for anything."

Interested in Scouting? Check out BeAScout.org to find a Troop near you.

To find out more about our Troop of female Scouts go to <https://troop166grutherford.wordpress.com>.

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Provided by Scoutmaster Ginny Bowers Coleman. ###





Tragic Start & Happy Ending

On November 23, 2020, Rosie Stolarz went into Hackensack Hospital under suspicion of Covid-19.

After many ups and downs, and a couple of very close calls, and a lot of fighting, Rosie finally pulled through. She returned home to her family on March 4, 2021.

Roe fought for her life, for 101 days in the hospital, alone, without her family being able to visit.

It was a true living nightmare, but Rosie did what 2.5 million people in the world couldn't do - she beat Covid-19, and now gets to spend many more years with her family and friends.

While our heart goes out to the families of those who weren't as lucky as Rosie, it's time for us to celebrate! Welcome home Roe Stolarz!!!! Let's get back to living! Rosie returned home after being in the hospital and rehab. Rosie's family and friends, did a Drive-By-Honk-A-Thon, they passed her house, at 5:30 p.m., on March 4, 2021.

Her husband, Stu Stolarz, is with the Wallington Fire Department. They also did a drive by, sounding their sirens. Welcome Home Roe Stolarz, we all love and missed you.

Photos and story by Patti Bonczkowski. ###



Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, DMD, FAGD.

• What is Infection Control? Infection control is a set of recommended safety precautions that dentists implement to protect their patients and staff in the office. Strict infection control is required to prevent the spread of disease, since many dental procedures involve direct contact with blood and saliva. Improved infection-control procedures with heightened awareness of the dangers of infection mean that the instruments and supplies your dentist uses in your mouth are either heat-sterilized or they are disposable items intended for one-time use.

• Do all dentists practice infection control? In 1986, less than 30 percent of dentists wore gloves, masks or gowns. Today, these infection-control tools are required in all dental practices. To fight the spread of diseases, such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B, syphilis and herpes viruses, your dentist has strict procedures and may use a variety of measures to ensure that instruments used during dental procedures are sterile.

As an extra precaution, many dentists and their staff are vaccinated for hepatitis B, to prevent them from potentially passing it on to patients. Sterilizing dental instruments, a process that destroys all forms of microbial life, is also an important part of infection control in a dental office.

• How else does my dentist protect me? Your dentist may use a variety of protective items that are used once and then thrown away, including gloves, masks, paper drapes, suction/water tube tips and needles. Dentists and their assistants can use different kinds

of protective gloves. Latex or vinyl gloves are used for patient examinations and procedures and are worn whenever skin could be in contact with body fluids. Between patients, the gloves are thrown away, the hands washed and a new set of gloves is used to treat the next patient.

For cleaning and sterilizing instruments, heavy rubber utility gloves are used. If you are allergic to rubber or latex, your dentist can wear nitrile gloves, which do not contain any latex rubber proteins.

• What are universal precautions? Universal precautions, used for every patient, are safety procedures established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Dental Association (ADA). These precautions require all dental staff involved in patient care to use appropriate protective wear, such as gloves, masks and eyewear.

• Do dentists sterilize the handpiece (drill) and other instruments after each patient? Dentists sterilize handpieces and other instruments between patients to prevent the transmission of diseases. Dental offices follow and monitor specific heat-sterilization procedures, which are outlined by the CDC and the ADA.

Most dental instruments are sterilized in special machines; it takes much more than just soap and water to make sure instruments are free of bacteria. Recommended sterilization methods include placing these tools into an autoclave (steam under pressure), a dry-heat oven or chemical vapor (commonly called a chemiclave). Typically, this equipment is kept in the office, away from a patient's view. Ask your dentist to show you how and where instruments are sterilized.

• How are other objects sterilized? Before you enter the examination room, all surfaces, such as the dental chair, drawer handles and countertops are disinfected. To sterilize equipment that can't be moved, such as X-ray units and countertops, disinfectant is applied after each patient to ensure a germ-free environment. Some offices may drape this equipment with protective covers, which are replaced after each patient. Disposable sharp items, such as needles, that cannot be sterilized are disposed of in puncture-resistant biohazard containers. Anything contaminated with blood or saliva is disposed of in special containers with safety lids.

Do not hesitate to ask your dentist how you are protected in that office.

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Let's Go Traveling!

By Rick Ardis

India's first Prime Minister Jawaharal Nehru said it best, "We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if we only seek them with our eyes open."

Traveling and vacations mean different things to different people. Some people are satisfied with spending their vacation time at the shore while others enjoy exploring the United States or other countries.

Statistics show that more than 11% of Americans have never left their home state, and only 42% have valid passports.

There are many options for travelers, from affordable road trips to luxury-level grand tours. Over the last 20 years, all-inclusive resort beach vacations have exploded in popularity.

Club Med pioneered the concept 70 years ago. Today

you can experience an all-inclusive vacation at a beach destination or a European ski resort.

There are generational differences in travel styles. Millennial travelers enjoy experiential travel with times they can post on social media.

Other generations are also exploring new ways to travel apart from the beach vacation or traditional motorcoach tour. Food and Wine travel is quickly growing in popularity. The new CNN series, "Stanley Tucci Searching for Italy" is a prime example of how you can expand your horizons while traveling.

Tour packages built around movies and television abound. Game of Thrones fans have flocked to its filming locations in Northern Ireland, Malta and Croatia.

Harry Potter tours to England are promoted by Britain's tourism board and local companies. Travel interest to many resorts and destinations increases after being featured on television shows such as The Bachelor and Real Housewives series.

Travel is ever evolving. Twenty-five years ago, overnight river cruising barely existed. Today, there are several

lines plying American rivers and dozens of lines on European, Asian and African waterways. You can even combine a river cruise with a safari or a theme such as wine, beer, golf, or World War II history.

Ancestry.com and other sites have encouraged many travelers to search for their heritage. There has been a large increase in travelers who not only visit the sites of a country, but they will also travel to the cities, towns and villages from where their ancestors emigrated. There are government visitor bureaus and travel companies that can help travelers trace their roots.

In the past, travel often was only for the very wealthy. Travel has become more accessible to most Americans.

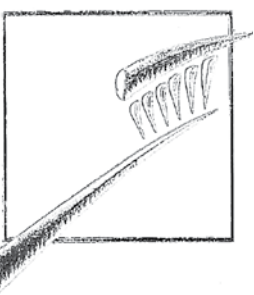
The Americans With Disabilities Act assures that transportation, hotel accommodations and facilities eliminate or minimize barriers to travelers with challenges of many kinds.

The ADA has furthered the growth of multi-generational travel. It is now not uncommon for three or even four generations of a family to travel together.

As the world and our ability to travel freely begin to return to normal, we will explore the many places and ways to travel.

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- **Virtual Cooking Class - Family Friendly Recipes** on Wednesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. No cooking experience needed. A list of ingredients will be sent out prior to the class. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed after registering.
- **Virtual Trivia Night with Johnny Goodtimes** the King of Quizzo via Zoom on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. Register as an individual, or form a team (maximum of 6) and play for prizes and bragging rights. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed after registering.
- **“Behind the Scenes” - Virtual Movie Discussion Group** on Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Watch the movie prior to the program, and then join for a lively discussion on Zoom. This month’s selection is "Miss Representation." For adults 18 & older. Available to stream on Kanopy and can be accessed via computer, smartphone, tablet or TV. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed after registering.
- **Crafts for Crafters** on Zoom, Wednesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. making Springtime banners. For adults, or make it a family affair! All supplies will be provided. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed after registering.

- **Carlstadt Library - Virtual Book Club** on Wednesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. Selection is "The Whisper Network" by Chandler Baker. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Call 201-438-8866 for pick-up time. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed.
- **Kids Crafts - Grab “n” Go** New crafts will be available every Monday. All materials are provided. Call 201-438-8866 to reserve your child’s craft and make an appointment for pick-up.
- **Music with Miss Nita** A virtual music-and-movement class for children of all ages via Facebook Live. Classes held at 10:30 p.m. on Thursdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.
- **Virtual Storytime** via Carlstadt Library Facebook page every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. to hear a story. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.
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The Hasbrouck Heights Library continues to offer virtual activities via Zoom for the whole family and for the life-long learner. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Visit the Library's website for details and click on "Calendar."

The Library's hours of operation:

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Call to schedule a visit or to arrange for doorside pick-up. For the most up-to-date information and guidelines, visit <https://www.hasbrouckheightslibrary.org/>

For the WHOLE FAMILY

- The Library has partnered up with the Hasbrouck Heights Green Team for an Earth-friendly take home project! Pick up a repurposed water bottle Seed Starter Kit during National Library Week: Monday, April 5 to Friday, April 9. This take home project is open to all ages. Registration is required.

- Let us help with your spring reading list! Bundle Up is a specially curated book recommendation service available for all ages. Fill out a form according to your age-range, and we will give you your next favorite read! Each bundle will come with three options.

- Movie Night (*at Home*) promotion continues throughout the month. Borrow any 5 Hasbrouck Heights-owned DVDs from our Adult or Juvenile collection using doorside or in-person browsing and we'll provide a bag of microwave popcorn!

For CHILDREN

- **Book Buddies Online** Mondays, April 12-May 24. for ages 2-4. Each Monday, a complete story time packet including songs, finger play and game ideas will be emailed. Participants may come to the Library's doorside pickup area between 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and get a complete craft-in-a-bag to tie into that week's story time.

- **SPRINGO (Spring Bingo!) Online** Thursday, April 8 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. Best for Grades 1-5.

- **Little Artists Grab & Go @ Doorside** Fridays, April 16 and 30

A complete craft-in-a-bag available for pickup. Best for Grades 1-5. April 16 features spring tulips. We'll celebrate Artist of the Month, Joan Miro, on the 26th.

- **Preschool Storytime LIVE via Facebook** Wednesday, April 14 at 11 a.m. Stories and songs. Registration not required, just come and join in.

- **LEGO Build-A-Tower Game via Zoom** Thursday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m. Challenge other kids to see who can build their LEGO tower and be first to the finish line! Best for Grades 1-5. Zoom link will be emailed.

For TEENS

- **Jackbox for Teens - Drawful** Monday, April 12 at 4 p.m. How many people can you fool with your crazy drawing and its made-up title? Bring your imagination and a device to draw on (*phone/tablet, etc.*) to play via Zoom.

- **Teen Craft-to-Go - DIY Decorated Tote Bag** Tuesday, April 20 from 2-4 p.m. / 5-7 p.m. Teens in Grades 6-12 participate in an Earth Day craft and decorate a reusable tote bag. Supplies available for pickup during afternoon and evening doorside hours. A tutorial will be posted on YouTube.

- ***Virtual* Teen Readers Club** Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m. Meet via Zoom - discuss and chat "With the Fire on High" by Elizabeth Acevedo. Ebook is available from Hoopla. A hard copy available for pickup. Zoom link will be sent via email.

For ADULTS

- **National Library Week: Hasbrouck Heights Trivia!** Wednesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. How much do you know about Hasbrouck Heights? Trivia will include fun and historical facts from before Hasbrouck Heights' incorporation to present day. Trivia will be played on Kahoot and participants will be able to interact over Zoom.

- **Virtual Crafts-to-Share Club** Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday - April 13 and April 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Work on a crafty project! Meet crafters while you knit, crochet, embroider or craft anything! Virtual drop-ins will be held on Zoom.

- **7 Ways to Sell Your Antiques** Friday, April 9 at 7 p.m. Antiques expert John Thompson looks at today's antiques market and explains how to value your treasured items and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the seven ways that you can sell your antiques as well as how to get the best value for them.

- **Adult Book Club** 4th Tuesday of each month - April 27 at 7 p.m. A literary discussion, "The Bell in the Lake" by Lars Mytting. Pick it up doorside (*available in large print*), or use the Hoopla app to enjoy the ebook or eAudiobook on your smartphone or tablet.

- **Medicare 101** Saturday, May 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn about eligibility, how and when to enroll, when you can make changes, and the insurance options available to you. This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make more well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means for you!

Rutherford Public Library

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The Rutherford Public Library is open with limited services. The hours are: Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Face masks that cover the nose and mouth are required. We currently are allowing 25 patrons inside at a time, with a time limit of 45 minutes inside. For more information on our safety guidelines, please visit our website or call before planning your visit.

Grab & Go doorside pickup services for those who may not want to enter the building or cannot reach us during our open hours. Patrons are invited to order books from the BCCLS catalog (*by visiting www.bccls.org*) or fill out a Grab & Go form for either the adult or children's collection, and our team will choose items for you based on what you like! These forms are available on our website, RutherfordLibrary.org. If you don't have access to a computer, we encourage you to call the Library at 201-939-8600 and have our team order items for you! You tell us what you want and when you'd like to pick your items up and we'll have them ready for you. Please note, if you order items from another Library, items may take longer than usual because we are observing a three-day quarantine on items. This service is for Rutherford residents only.

- **ESL Classes on Zoom**

All English language learners with an Internet connection are encouraged to join one or more of our ESL on Zoom offerings (*by visiting Zoom.us*). Brush Up Your English is held on Mondays at 3 p.m. and can be joined with Meeting ID: 842 1496 7774 and Password: 114997. This class is for students who are already familiar with English. We also offer a Tuesday and Thursday class at 3 p.m. for all levels, which can be joined with Meeting ID: 867 3172 2729 and Password: 392447. Another all levels class is held on Wednesdays at 2pm, and can be joined with Meeting ID: 836 7199 4483 and Password: 706776. These classes are for anyone who would like to learn English. All are welcome.

- **Music and Movement on Facebook Live** Mr. Chris of Magical Melodies on Friday, April 9, 16, and 23, at 11:15 a.m. No registration required, simply tune in to www.facebook.com/RutherfordPublicLibrary.

- **Magical Melodies and Bendy Bookworm Mash-Up** Mr. Chris of Magical Melodies and Miss Danielle of Bendy Bookworm will host a mash-up on Facebook Live! for a story with yoga and music! This program is best for infants up to age 7. No registration required, simply tune in to www.facebook.com/RutherfordPublicLibrary.

- **More Virtual Programming** for children and adults. Check website to learn what's coming up. You can also call 201-939-8600 for more information.

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Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, 231 Hackensack Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. 201-438-2455. <https://woodridgememoriallibrary.org>

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- **Music with Miss Nita** free music-and-movement classes on our Facebook page. Prerecorded sessions are posted every Wednesday at 10 a.m., and are available to view at any time.

- **Story Time with Mr. Paul** Who doesn't love being read to? Join Mr. Paul for story time, posted to the Library's Facebook and Youtube pages every Monday and Friday at 4 p.m.

- **Crafts-To-Go** Ready to get crafty? Every Tuesday will feature a new craft kit complete with all necessary materials. Video instructions will be posted to our Youtube and Facebook pages. To reserve your kit for porch pickup call the Library or email Mr. Paul at paul.brennan@woodridge.bccls.org

- **English as a Second Language** Online ESL Classes will begin on Tuesday, April 6. Classes will held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for this six week course. Join Donna Keith, ESL Instructor, for her class "Learning English Through Exploring the Histories & Mysteries of NYC." This course is free and registration is required. Sign up on our website woodridgememoriallibrary.org and click "Calendar". This class will use the WebEx platform, so a phone, tablet or computer is required.

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April Fools' Day

April Fools' Day (*sometimes called All Fools' Day*) is celebrated every year on April 1 by playing practical jokes and spreading hoaxes.

The jokes and their victims are called April Fools. People playing April Fool jokes expose their prank by shouting April Fool.

Some newspapers, magazines, and other published media report fake stories, which are usually explained the next day or below the news section in small letters.

As well as people playing pranks on one another on April Fools' Day, elaborate practical jokes have appeared on radio and TV stations, newspapers, web sites, and have been performed by large corporations.

To give you a sense of how seriously some people take April Fools' Day, here are three

of the greatest April Fools' Day hoaxes of all time:

• **Swiss Spaghetti Trees** — In 1957, the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) news program Panorama announced that Swiss farmers were harvesting a record spaghetti crop thanks to the elimination of the spaghetti weevil.

News footage showed Swiss peasants pulling spaghetti from trees. Thousands of viewers were fooled. The BBC reported receiving many calls inquiring how to grow spaghetti trees!

• **"Taco" Liberty Bell** — In 1996, Taco Bell announced that it had bought the Liberty Bell to help ease the national deficit. When the company claimed it would be renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell, thousands of citizens were fooled and called to complain.

The company revealed it was a practical joke a few hours later, but not before reporters asked White House press secretary Mike McCurry about the sale. Creating a joke of his own, he responded that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold and would now be known as the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial!

• **"Left-Handed" Whopper** — In 1998, Burger King ran an advertisement in USA Today announcing its new "Left-Handed Whopper," which was specifically designed for left-handed Americans by rotating all condiments exactly 180 degrees. Burger King revealed the hoax the next day but claimed that thousands of customers had requested the new sandwich at their restaurants!

Although popular since the 19th century, the day is not a public holiday in any country. *Source: Wikipedia and wonderopolis.org ###*

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Historically Speaking

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HASBROUCK HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT 125 Years of Service Pride – Dedication – Service PART 3

In his 1950 inaugural address, Mayor Gerald Moersdorf expressed the desire to replace the outdated firehouse with a modern municipal building. The work on this project began in 1952.

This was done in several stages. Land had to be acquired to accommodate the proposed building footprint. The two wings were first constructed to house all the fire equipment. Then the old firehouse was demolished, and the new section was built to join the two wings. This was completed in 1953.

The bell that was removed from the old firehouse was placed at the Hasbrouck

Heights Firefighters Memorial, located at the southwest corner of the traffic circle, at the Boulevard and Passaic Avenue.

Fire Chief Nicholas Van Dam would direct the Department during the transition from the old building to the new Borough Hall.

On June 3, 1950, there was a fire in two adjacent houses, under construction, on Bell and Terrace Avenues. Both buildings were severely damaged. This was deemed to be a case of arson.

It was agreed upon to upgrade the fire equipment. The first new engine acquired was a 1956 Seagrave Pumper for

Engine Company 2. This was quickly followed by a 1956 Ford Rescue Truck. Engine Company 1 would receive a 1962 Mack Pumper. The ladder truck would be replaced with a 1967, 100-foot, Seagrave Ladder Truck. During the 1960s, the Department used an Oldsmobile non box type ambulance.

In the early 1960s, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department received a version of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). This consisted of a mask that was attached by a hose, to a small tank of compressed air. This tank was slung over one shoulder. The tank only gave the firefighter less than 15 minutes time to work in a firematic environment.

Another arson fire occurred at the First Reformed Church in November of 1962. A full response of the Department, in which 42 firefighters responded, kept the damage to the Church to a minimum.

At this time, one of the members of the Department, Byron deRussy, would also serve the community as a Borough Council member and hold the position of Fire Commissioner. Byron was the artist who drew the current shoulder patch worn by Department members and which adorns all the fire vehicles. *Selected photos provided by Rob Knobloch, RK Fire Photography. ###*

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Bell is located at Firemens' Memorial Park located at The Circle on The Boulevard



Circa 1952



Circa 1953



HHFD 1956 GMC Light Truck



HHFD 1958 B-Mack



HHFD Engine 2 1955 Seagrave



HHFD Engine 2



Hook and Ladder 617



Robert Cribben's Walk-out

On Friday, February 26, 2021, Wood-Ridge Police Department Dispatcher Robert Cribben worked his final shift before retirement. Bob walked out of Police Headquarters for the final time, just after 2 p.m., to a standing ovation from police officers, firefighters, members of the Borough Council, and his family and friends.

Dispatcher Cribben worked for the WRPD for 17 years, spending most of those years on the midnight shift. Police Chief John Korin presented Bob with a plaque commemorating his years of service.

Bob will continue to serve the Borough as a volunteer

firefighter, as he has for the past 40 years. He also looks forward to playing some golf and spending more time with his grandchildren. *Provided by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



On January 11, 2021, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to an MVA on Hackensack Street and Moonachie Avenue. The LUCAS machine was used on the victim. *(The LUCAS device is a chest compression device that helps lifesaving teams deliver guidelines-consistent chest compressions to sudden cardiac arrest patients) Provided by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



On February 26, 2021, the Carlsdtadt Fire Department responded to an electrical fire on Hackensack Street. No injuries were reported. *Provided by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



On February 23, 2021, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to an oven gas leak at Jersey Pizza that leaked into Sparta Grill on Hackensack Street. No injuries were reported. *Provided by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Wood-Ridge Fire Department Honors Corey Sherman

Corey Sherman joined the Wood-Ridge Fire Department on December 7, 1981 and served for 34 years, retiring on October 3, 2016. He was awarded one Unit Citation for bravery during his career. Corey served as secretary of the Emergency Squad and treasurer of the Exempt Association for many years. He remained very active with the Exempt Association after his retirement. Corey was a good man and will be missed by many. *Provided by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



On January 24, 2021, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department participated in ladder training and inspection of the same. *Provided by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



PA Donates 37 SCBAs to HHFD

As part of an on-going partnership with our mutual aid partners, the Port Authority's Aircraft Rescue and Fire-fighting Unit team donated 37 surplus SCBAs (*self-contained breathing apparatus*) to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, which is in need of this type of equipment.

A brief ceremony with Port Authority officials and the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at Teterboro Airport.

"This donation will no doubt have a life saving impact not only for Teterboro Airport but also for the community

of Hasbrouck Heights. This donation is truly a reflection of mutual aid partners supporting each other when and where they can," said Tom Wicz-erzak, Deputy Fire Chief and Commanding Officer of New Jersey Airports Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting. *Provided by PANY/NJ ###*



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