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'Twas Grand

The Annual St. Patrick's Parade was held in Rutherford on Sunday, March 5, 2023. The Parade marched down Park Avenue. Many spectators were festooned with Irish regalia. The parade lasted approximately 1.5 hours and included 16 Bands, 70 plus civic groups and organizations with about 1,000 marchers. Bands included Police Pipes and Drums of Bergen County, Bergen Irish Pipe Band, Essex County Police & Fire Emerald Society Pipes & Drums, Police Pipes and Drums of Morris County, NJSP Pipe Band, St. Collumcille United Gaelic Pipeband, Essex Shillelagh Pipe Band, Tri-County Irish War Pipes, Rory O'Moore School of Piping, Iona University Pipe Band, Newark Fire Pipe Band, Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band, Rutherford HS Marching Band, Passaic HS Marching Band, Fusion Core Marching Band and Centro Orensano. The New York Red Bulls were on exhibition and marched with Rutherford Top Dawgs and the Arc of Bergen County. The event was sponsored by the Rutherford Irish American Association.

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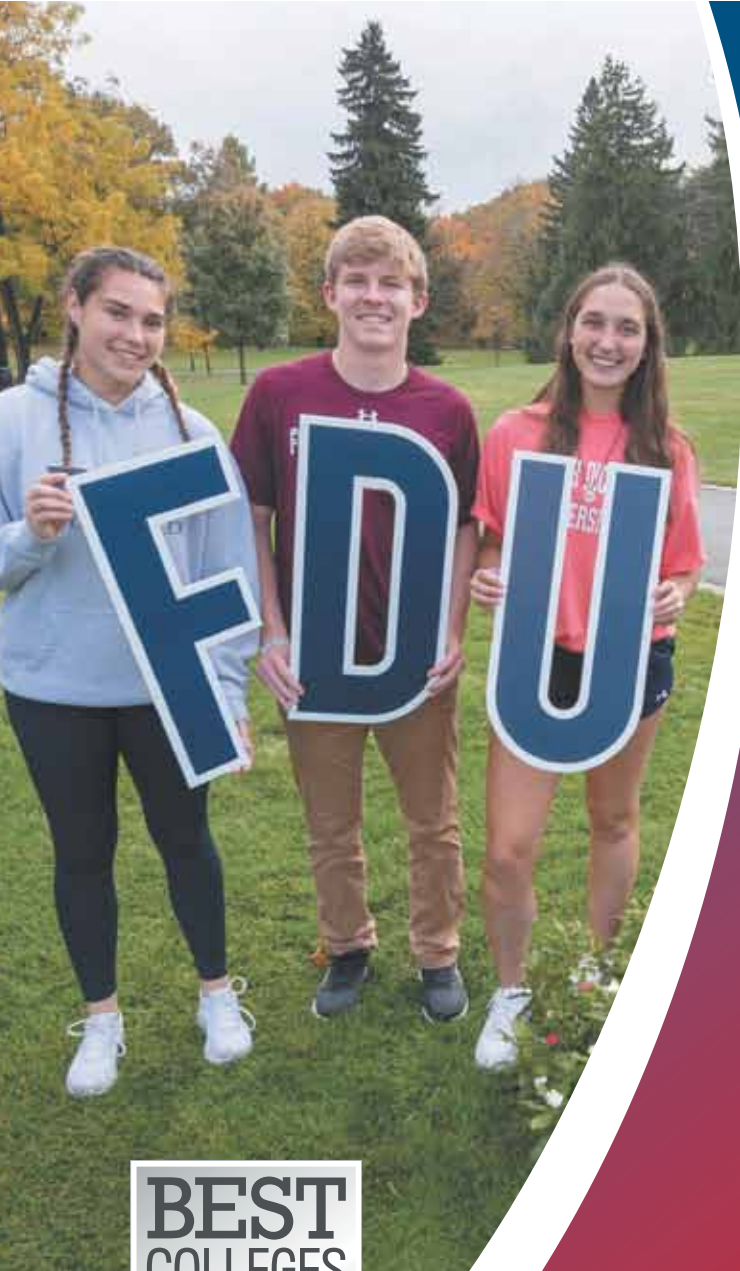
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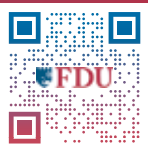
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Fashion Show April 4

Immaculate Conception High School is hosting their "Spread Your Wings Fashion Show" on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, starting at 6 p.m., at Valley Regency in Clifton.

Cost is \$100 pp. and includes dinner, dessert and one sheet of 1st level tickets.

No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information go to: <https://ichsevents.square.site/> or call 973-773-2400. ###

Handbag Bingo May 12

The Immaculate Conception High School will be hosting its annual Handbag Bingo Night on May 12, 2023, at 258 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ, with doors opening at 6 p.m. and the first game starting at 7 p.m.

A \$50 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. For more information call 973-773-2400. ###

Fashion Show Tricky Tray May 10

On Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6 p.m., Wallington High School Home and School Organization, will host a Fashion Show/Dinner/Tricky Tray on the High School front lawn, 234 Main Avenue, Wallington.

Tables and chairs will be set up. Bring your favorite snacks. Admission is \$10 pp.

- Fashion Show begins at 6:30 p.m. (rain location WHS Gymnasium).

- Tricky Tray drop-in begins at 4 p.m. Calling begins approximately 6 p.m.

Combo packs in advance or at the door: Gold is \$50. Various ticket levels available. Name/phone number must be written on back of tickets.

- Super raffle \$10 per tickets. Purse Spin \$10 per ticket.

For tickets, call TJ Calabrese at 201-893-6748, Joe Brunacki 973-632-3845 or wallington.hso@gmail.com ###

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FOCAS Holds Flea Market

FOCAS Flea Market will be held Saturday, April 22., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. Note that 2023 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. ###

Open Cockpit Experience April 15

The Aviation Hall of Fame will host Open Cockpit Day on Saturday, April 15, 2023, 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 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: \$20 for adults, \$12 for seniors and children under 12. 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 ###

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Brunch April 30

The Children's Dyslexia Center of NJ/Hasbrouck Heights Learning Center will host their 6th Annual Brunch and Tricky Tray on Sunday, April 30, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Seasons Catering, 644 Pascack Road, Washington Township.

Menu includes Brunch, Dessert, Mimosas, Bloody Mary and more!! Plus one sheet of Tier 1 raffle tickets. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event only. Value bundles available at \$50 and \$100.

Reservations only. Adults \$80. Children \$40. Under 3 free. Purchase by April 20. No tickets sold at the door. Tables of 10 may be reserved.

Make checks payable to: Children's Dyslexia Centers of NJ (memo Hasbrouck Heights). Mail to Barbara & Kyle Nurge, 36 Paulison Avenue, Ridgely Park, NJ 07660. For more information call 201-288-1183. ###

Emergencies: Call 9-11

Lodi KC Pancake Breakfast April 9

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, April 9, 2023, 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: \$10; children over 6: \$5; children 6 and under: free. Profits to benefit local charities. For more information, call Joe at 201-805-4576. ###

Pasta & Comedy Night April 28

Come join us for some great food and laughs!

VFW Post 809 and Auxiliary, 100 Main Street Little Ferry is hosting a Pasta and Comedy Night on April 28, 2023 starting at 6 p.m.

Donation is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Includes dinner and show. Cash bar.

For tickets, call 201-641-9759 or 201-600-6541. ###

W-R Lions Pancake Breakfast

On Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, the Wood-Ridge Lions Club will be holding their annual pancake breakfast. This is the longest continuous fund-raising activity in the Borough.

Come on out and meet your neighbors and kick off the start of spring! You will enjoy a breakfast of orange juice, hot buttered pancakes with syrup and fruit toppings, sausage, coffee and tea. While waiting for your breakfast to be served, you can enjoy a nice piece of Mills crumb cake.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance from any Club member. They will also be available at the door. Children under five are free.

All of the proceeds will be used to help the blind, sight impaired and others in need. We thank you for your continued support!

For additional information call Jack Nagel 201-641-2803 or email janpro911@aol.com or any Club member. ###

Elks Breakfast 1st Sunday

Elmwood Park/Paterson Elks Lodge 60, 192 Market Street, Elmwood Park, will host a breakfast, the first Sunday of every month, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. \$10 pp. Children 6-10, \$5. Free for children under 6. Open to the public.

Breakfast includes: juice, eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, hot and cold cereal, muffins and bagels, hot chocolate, coffee or tea. Reservations preferred. Call Dennis at 201-791-6149. ###

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Roast Beef Dinner Apr. 28

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will be sponsoring a Roast Beef Dinner on Friday, April 28, 2023, at the Community Hall on Third Street in Carlstadt.

Roast Beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, homemade coleslaw, desserts, soft drinks, coffee and tea will be served from 5:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and \$6 for children under 10. 50/50 tickets will be for sale.

Please call the Church office at 201-438 5526 from 9:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. weekdays for further info. Also, call Church office in case of inclement weather conditions. ###

Wallington Little League Italian Dinner June 9

On Friday, June 9, 2023, 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.

Tickets are \$15 pp and include salad, pasta, slice of pizza, bread, soda/water and dessert. Cash bar. Raffles.

All of the monies that are raised will be given back in special baseball and softball outings, programs, and clinics.

Please donate an item or service to be raffled off. Gifts can be mailed to: Wallington Little League, c/o Joe/Adele Mulvaney, 2 Elizabeth Place, Wallington, NJ 07057.

For more info contact Necole at 201-696-5592 or email: wallingtonlittleleague1951@gmail.com ###

Scholarship Breakfast May 20

The Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights is hosting a scholarship breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Fisher's Cafe, 245 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights.

Cost is \$15 pp. Choice of eggs, pancakes or French toast with sausage, coffee, tea.

For tickets call 201-288-0495 or 201-665-9272 by May 15. Proceeds to benefit local high school scholarships. ###

April Flower
Sweet Pea

AL Fish Fry April 7

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting the Annual Good Friday Fish Fry, April 7, 2023, at 4 p.m.

Menu includes fried flounder, potato salad and coleslaw, dinner rolls, coffee and dessert. Cost \$15 pp. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and Children's programs. For more information, call 201-807-0470. Dine-in and take out available ###

Free Lunch Saturday

The First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Saturday" program, will be held April 1, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

Food service inside resumes. To-Go bags are available while supplies last.

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. ###

Spring Tea Party Apr. 23

The Woman's Club of Rutherford will hold its Annual Spring Tea Party on Sunday, April 23, 2023, from 2 to 5 p.m. at their historic Clubhouse at 201 Fairview Avenue, Rutherford. Members and guests are invited to enjoy an old-fashioned, afternoon tea including scones, tea sandwiches, pastries, a variety of teas and more!

There will be various raffles and the opportunity to purchase gifts at our Treasures Table.

Tickets are \$35 pp and must be purchased in advance. For tickets and more information contact Sue at 201-838-5116. ###

Rock & Rockin Country May 5

On Friday, May 5, 2023, starting at 8 p.m., enjoy the High Strung Band, playing classic rock and rockin country music at the American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. No cover. No outside drinks. The Post is a non-profit organization. For additional information, please call 201-807-0470. ###

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MomLife Event
April 27

We are building a community around motherhood and invite you to join us. Moms of kids ages 0-11 from any town can join us! Next event on Thursday, April 27, 2023, 7 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP by April 25. Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Limited KidLife childcare available by RSVP only. Monthly get together and outings too. For more info: hasbrouckhtsmomlife@gmail.com; 862-239-6677; Fb – Hasbrouck Heights MomLife ###

Bergen County
LGBTQ Seniors
Meet Apr. 11, 17, 14

Bergen County LGBTQ+ Alliance (BCLA), a new 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, April 11, Monday, April 17 and Friday, April 14. The Tuesday meeting will be held at The Rutherford Pancake House, 40 Park Avenue, Rutherford and the Monday meeting will be held at CoZie Café, 14-25 Plaza Road N (Radburn Plaza Bldg.), Fair Lawn. Light lunch will be served at the in person meetings. Contact us at Nick@bergencountyLGBTQ.org or 201-470-8946 for info and/or the link. ###

Texas Hold'em
June 3

American Legion Post 310 will host Texas Hold'em tournament on Saturday, June 3, 2023, starting at 7 p.m., at their Post, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. Must be 21+. \$100 entry. Food and soft drinks included. For additional information call 201-807-0470. ###

Friday Night
Dancing

The Hasbrouck Heights Elks Lodge 1962, 128 Baldwin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, will host dancing every Friday night from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. with DJ Gerri. Cost is \$12 at the door. Coffee included. Cash bar. For more information, call Cathy at 1-386-852-4881. ###

Wynn Creek
April 26

On April 26, 2023, the Hasbrouck Heights VFW Post 4591 will sponsor a bus trip to Wynn Creek Casino Bethlehem, PA. The cost is \$40 (paid in advance). Continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Upon arrival, a slot voucher will be given. To help the travel time pass, there will be a 50/50, Bingo and a movie. For further details, call Diane at 201-475-8898 or Gladys at 201-288-9074. ###

Socks &
Underwear
Drive For Vets

Lodi American Legion Auxiliary Unit 136 is collecting socks and underwear to benefit Paramus Veterans Home residents. Items needed: new men's and women's white socks, diabetic socks, men's undershirts, sizes Large, XL and XXL, body wash and deodorant. Bring donations to the Post: 41 Union Street, Lodi any day between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This drive ends June 1, 2023. ###

2nd Annual
Great Duck
Derby May 6

The Lions Club of Rutherford presents the 2nd Annual Great Duck Derby on Saturday, May 6, 2022 (Rain date: May 7), from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. and consist of three races at 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Individually numbered plastic ducks will be released into a waterway along W Pierrepont Avenue, near Carmita Avenue, racing to the finish line. Those interested will "adopt" a Duck for \$5 or a Quack Pack (6 ducks) for \$25. Over \$3,000 in prizes. Prizes will be awarded to the "adoptive parents" of 10 lucky ducks in each of the three races. Winners do not need to be present to win. No cash equivalent prizes will be provided in lieu of the designated prizes. The day will include fun activities, crafts and games, refreshments and the duck races. Free to attend the event. Fun for the entire family! Questions: Contact Laura 201-893-1172. Check out the Facebook page @RutherfordLionsClub for Duck Adoption locations. ###

Pocketbook
Bingo April 23

55 Kip Center in Rutherford presents Designer Bag Bingo on Sunday, April 23, 2023. Join us for a fun afternoon of Bingo and a chance to win beautiful, authentic designer handbags. Doors open at 1 p.m. Bingo begins promptly at 2 p.m. Cost is \$40 pp and includes complimentary coffee/tea & desserts. All are welcome. For more info call Cathy 201-460-1600. ###

Tricky Tray
April 14

VFW Post 809 Auxiliary, 100 Main Street Little Ferry, is hosting a Tricky Tray on April 14, 2023. Doors open at 6 p.m. Prizes will begin calling at 7:30 p.m. Donation is \$15 and includes entry and one sheet of 1st tier tickets. Cash bar. For tickets call Diane at 201-440-6678. Come join this event for some great prizes and fun. ###

AL Open
House April 30

American Legion Post #142, 135 East Passaic Street, Maywood is hosting an Open House for new members on April 30, 2023 from 1 to 4 p.m. Regular members will also be attending. Veterans, auxiliary and SAL membership gives you the right to all activities sponsored by the Legion. They have shuffle board, horseshoes, trips to AC, Veteran's breakfast, etc. The purpose of this organization is to help other Veterans, pantries, families in need, raise money for scholarships and the community. Call 201-845-8226. ###

The Motown
Years & Casino
Trip June 28

On June 28, 2023, Kip Center is sponsoring a trip to Resorts World in the Catskills. Cost is \$110 pp and includes round trip transportation, show "The Motown Years," and buffet lunch. In addition you will receive \$25 casino bonus and a \$15 food voucher. Bus will leave at 10 a.m. and return by 8 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call Cathy 201-460-1600. ###

Art Association of Rutherford

The Art Association of Rutherford will hold its April meeting on April 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. We will be having a demo by the watercolor artist, Dorrie Rifkin, who will be giving instructions on how to paint in watercolors. The meeting will be at the KIP Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, NJ. A non-mandatory \$3 donation is suggested for non-members, but all are welcome! For more information or questions, contact Lissanne at lissanneart@gmail.com ###

Karaoke Night
April 15

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry presents Karaoke Night, Saturday, April 15, 2023 starting at 8 p.m. Free entry. Music by Anthony & Tiff. For more information call 201-807-0470. ###

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Carlstadt Mixed Chorus 90th Music Festival

The Carlstadt Mixed Chorus will host their 90th Music Festival at the Carlstadt Turn Hall, 500 Broad Street, Carlstadt, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

The program will feature the mixed chorus and professional soloists. Johanna Teubner-Prussack, Music Director. Dance music by "Bud and Linda." The kitchen and bar will be open. Donation is \$25. For reservations, call 973-777-6677 or 973-204-9933. ###

Get Connected

Spring Fling Crafts and Bake Sale April 29

The United Presbyterian Church of Lyndhurst, 511 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, will be holding the 19th Annual Spring Fling Craft and Bake sale on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A BBQ lunch will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. There will be many handmade crafts, in addition to a bake table and white elephant table. If you have a handcrafted item and would like a table, call Linda at 973-454-8847. The thrift shop will be open all day for great clothes at low prices. ###

Spring Market Vendor/Craft Fair April 22

Hasbrouck Heights Lincoln School's Student Council and PTA are hosting a Spring Market Vendor/Craft Fair, April 22, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the MS/HS Cafeteria, 365 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights.

Shop a variety of items from local crafters and vendors. Free admission. Proceeds will help create an outdoor classroom at Lincoln Elementary School. Questions: lincoln-schoolptanj@gmail.com ###

Aviators Track Meet April 14

The Hasbrouck Heights Track and Field Team will host 20 boy and 20 girl teams from high schools in the Invitational on Friday, April 14, 2023, starting at 4 p.m., at Depken Field. Bleachers are not available. The public is welcome. Admission is \$5. No rain date. ###

Carole King Tribute May 6

On Saturday, May 6, 1 to 2 p.m., at the Hasbrouck Heights Senior Center, join Gerard and Diane Barros of Barros Music as they salute the legendary singer/songwriter Carole King and cover several of her great solo hits and classics she wrote for other artists, such as the Drifters, Shirelles, Chiffons, Everly Brothers, James Taylor, Beatles, Monkees and more!

Refreshments will be served. Free admission. Registration is encouraged. Call 201-288-0488. ###

Teddy Roosevelt April 23

At 3 p.m., Sunday, April 23, 2023, a reenactor from The American Historical Theatre portraying Rough Rider and President Teddy Roosevelt will perform at the Bianchi House, 111 First Street, Wood-Ridge. Dessert and coffee will be served. Donations accepted. New members welcome. ###

Totally 80s Tricky Tray April 27

On Thursday, April 27, 2023, The Church of the Transfiguration is hosting a "Totally 80s" Tricky Tray at the Fiesta, Wood-Ridge. Admission is \$55 and includes a three course dinner, dessert, plus one sheet of regular chances.

Advance ticket sales only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets available from March 1 to April 23, 2023. Doors open at 6 p.m. Auction begins at 7 p.m.

Express Packs of gift chances: \$30 is purchased by April 20; \$35 if purchased at the door. For further information, call Dawn at 201-463-1512. ###

Trivia Night April 21

Tease your brain and win the cash prize on Friday, April 21, 2023 at American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, starting at 7 p.m.

\$5 per person and \$10 per team for each game; four rounds a game. For more information, call 201-807-0470. ###



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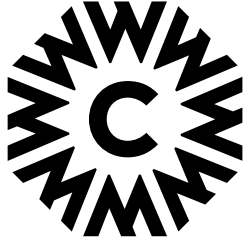
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New Jersey has more cherry trees than Washington, DC. Every spring, residents and visitors alike can see the largest cherry blossom collection in the United States: Branch Brook Park, which runs through Belleville and Newark.

Essex County Branch Brook Park is home to over 5,200 flowering cherry blossom trees in 18 varieties. Japanese Flowering Cherry Blossom Trees are located throughout the park with the most densely populated area near the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center.

• **Cherry Blossom Challenge Bike Race.** Saturday, April 1, 2023, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location: Essex County Branch Brook Park, Northern Division Oval, Heller Parkway, Newark. Cost: \$35 - \$45, varies by race category.

Race through the Park in the Cherry Blossom Challenge, an official NJBA event! Various races occur throughout the morning. Cash prizes! Registration fees apply to racers. Come cheer on the cyclists while enjoying a day in the park. Free to enter the Park and watch! Link to register: <https://www.bikereg.com/cherry-blossom-challenge>

• **Cherry Blossom 10K Run.** Sunday, April 2, 2023, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All run finishers will receive a Cherry Blossom Run medal and T-shirt. Registration Fee: \$40 Pre-Registrants; \$35 USATF-NJ Member Pre-Registrants; \$50 General Race Day Registrants. *\$3 of each registration fee is donated to Special Olympics of New Jersey.*

Packet pick up from 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center Parking Lot - Essex County Branch Brook Park, Newark. Link below to register: <https://runsSignup.com/Race/NJ/Newark/EssexCountyCherryBlossom10KRun>

• **Cherry Blossom 1 Mile Run.** Saturday, April 15th for the 2023 One-Mile Fun Run, part of our 45th annual Cherry Blossom Festival. In 2022, over 1,000 children aged 6 through 14 ran through Branch Brook Park to celebrate the blooming of the historic cherry tree groves. Many then stayed into the afternoon to enjoy activities, crafts, and performances at our Family Day event held directly after in the Prudential

Concert Grove section of the park. No fee to participate.

• **Bloomfest.** Sunday, April 16, 2023, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Location: Essex County Branch Brook Park, Oval, Northern Division, Newark+ Prudential Concert Grove, Clifton Avenue Entrance, Newark. No fee.

Enjoy a family day in New Jersey's pinkest park! A packed schedule of events includes Japanese cultural demonstrations, children's activities, live music, a crafter's marketplace, food and more!

Each year, thousands of visitors are awed by the beautiful colors of pink and white. The park first adopted a pink and white hue in 1927, when Caroline Bamburger Fuld donated 2,000 cherry blossom trees to the Essex County Parks system in memory of her late husband.

Branch Brook Park also holds the distinction of being the first county park in the United States opened to the public. It was designed by the famed landscape architectural firm of Olmsted Brothers, a successor to Frederick Law Olmsted, the designer of Central Park in New York City.

At 360 acres, it is the largest developed park in the County. It is featured by a combination of open meadowland and small patches of woodland on gently rolling terrain.

Named for a branch brook that flowed through the valley into the Passaic River, the stream that remains, and much of the surrounding landscape, still retain a natural appearance.

More than 4,000 cherry trees that blossom during April are greater both in variety and number than the famed Washington, DC display—the result of a 1927 gift from the Mrs. Felix Fuld Family. At its height the Cherry Blossom Festival attracts over 10,000 people a day.

Branch Brook Park has been placed on both the New Jersey (1980) and National (1981) Registers of Historic Places. www.essexcountyparks.org ###

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Flag Garden May 20

The First Reformed Church will hold a Memory Flag Garden Service 11 a.m. on May 20, 2023 (*Armed Forces Day*) on the Church lawn, 300 Washington Place, Hasbrouck Heights.

Each flag has a Veteran's name attached. Flag request should be submitted by May 16, 2023, to firstrefhh@optonline.net

The public is invited to visit this garden. The flags will remain until mid-July.

The ceremony is to remember those who served and have passed into the nearer presence of God. For more information, call the Church office at 201-288-1122. ###

Arbor Day in Woodland Park

Meet at Woodland Park Pavilion, April 29, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to celebrate Arbor Day and learn how to identify the trees of Bergen County!

This free event is co-hosted by the Hasbrouck Heights Green Team and the Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library. .

The event is open to all and families are welcome! There will be a presentation by Laura Jean Checki, an Environmental Specialist from the Bergen County Department of Health.

Participants will engage in hands-on activities and evaluate the trees that they observe and how to correctly identify coniferous and deciduous tree species they encounter.

There will also be fun activities such as Story Time with Ms. Maureen and a Scavenger Hunt.

Register at hhgreenteam.org. Any questions email hhgreenteam@gmail.com ###

Rutherford TreeFest '23

The Rutherford TreeFest' 23 celebrating the Borough of Trees, will be held at Lincoln Park, Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 12 to 5 p.m. Rain date April 23.

Hosted by Rutherford Shade Tree Commission, this event features food trucks, beer garden, live music, entertainment, educational booths, toy & craft vendors and more friendly-family fun! ###

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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 44th 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 14, at St. John’s Parish Hall, Hasbrouck Heights, on Friday, May 5, 2023 by appointment. There will not be any plants available on Saturday.

Only pre-orders for the

44th Annual St. John’s Plant Sale are being accepted and due by Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Flats, which contain one kind/one color, are \$15.

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. ###

Project Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful Needs Volunteers

The “Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful” Committee will hold its 23rd Annual Downtown Cleanup Day, Sunday, June 4, 2023, between the hours of Noon and 3 p.m.

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! ###

Lodi Shred-It June 10

Lodi will hold a paper shredding event on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the parking lot behind Borough Hall, at One Memorial Drive. Rain or shine. ###

Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club

The HH Garden Club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard. We will be gathering in the Library Meeting Room located on the second floor.

The meeting will begin at 6 pm with refreshments served at 5:30 pm.

Our speaker for the evening is Marc Gusson! The topic for the evening will be “Suburban Wildlife.” Marc is a graduate of Rutgers University and is presently the Director of the Closter Nature Center. He will speak about exploring the amazing wildlife in our back yards: from rabbits to butterflies and white tailed deer to songbirds.

The Hasbrouck Heights “GARDEN OF THE SEASON” contest is starting for the Spring The contest is for the front and side yards only. It runs from March thru May 27th.

If you wish to enter the SPRING contest please leave a message with Audrey at 201-288-8943 for an application. Additionally, Garden Club members will search for Contest Candidates and leave an application if you qualify. They will carry HH Club ID.

“All are welcome to join us.” *Provided by Judy Mascis.* ###

Pinwheel Garden

The Hasbrouck Heights Contemporary Club will be planting a pinwheel garden at the Circle on April 1, 2023 at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

In April, we observe Child Abuse Prevention Month and launch the “Pinwheels for Prevention” campaign. The pinwheel logo was chosen as a national symbol of prevention because it is whimsical and evokes childlike notions, exemplifying the “Great Childhoods” we desire for all children. ###

Boulevard in Bloom

Beautiful flowering planters have adorned The Boulevard for almost 2 decades!

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

The planting is done by members of 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.

In the fall the DPW will collect the flower pots and store them at the DPW till the spring. At this time they will be planted once again and brought

to our Boulevard and we will enjoy the “BOULEVARD IN BLOOM.”

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 Saturday, April 22, 2022 and marks the 53rd 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 “Invest in our planet.”

This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate.

Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... together, we must Invest In Our Planet.

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Heights Satellite Recycling Drop-off

The Hasbrouck Heights Recycling Program coordinator reminds residents of the Satellite Recycling drop-off located at the The Boulevard and Central Avenue parking lot.

It is available the first Saturday of every month from 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

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. ###

We need to act (boldly), innovate (broadly), and implement (equitably). It’s going to take all of us. All in. Businesses, governments, and citizens — everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. A partnership for the planet.

And while there is still time to solve the climate crisis, time to choose BOTH a prosperous and sustainable future, and time to restore nature and build a healthy planet for our children and their children, time is short.

For Earth Day 2023, together, for everyone, everything, every day...

For more information go to: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2022/> ###

Earth Day Clean-up

The Hasbrouck Heights Green Team will be hosting a Borough-wide Earth Day Community Clean Up to help beautify our parks, business district, and other public spaces by picking up litter and debris left behind after the winter months.

The clean up will take place on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2023, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., rain or shine. Clean up materials will be supplied. Individuals, groups, and organizations are welcome to participate. Community service hours will be provided.

Visit hhgreenteam.org to register. Parents or guardians must register minors under the age 18. If you have any questions email us at hhgreenteam@gmail.com ###

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May 7 Car and Motorcycle Show

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On Sunday, May 7, 2023, the Nam Knights of America will host their 29th Annual Car and Motorcycle Show at their Clubhouse, 197 Washington Avenue, Carlstadt. Rain date is May 21, 2023. Gates open 9 a.m. for entries. Entries must be parked by 12 noon to be judged. Show starts at 11 a.m.

There will be music, food, vendors and raffles. No alcoholic beverages or pets. Admission for show participants is \$20. Spectators \$5. Children under 12 free. Free admission for disabled Veterans and disabled Police Officers. Entries and spectators must enter Show via Paterson Plank Road to Michele Place, Nam Knights Way will be closed.

Event benefits Veterans and Law Enforcement Officers.

For more information, call 201-538-4387 or go to www.namknights.org email car-show@namknights.org ###

Wood-Ridge Lions Beefsteak; New Venue, New Game

The 38th Edition of the Wood-Ridge Lions Sports Night/Beefsteak dinner was held on Friday, February 10, 2023 at the Fiesta, a change of venue after many years as an out of town catered event in Garfield.

The hungry 400 plus attendees continued to enjoy delicious beefsteak along with French fries, salad, pasta, and ice cream prepared and served by a very efficient and friendly Fiesta staff.

In addition to the accompanying games and contests that make this evening a special fun night, a new golf putting game replaced the longtime-favored football throw in an effort to protect the facility's chandeliers. That did not deter competitors from trying their skills to make a long winning putt. In the end, only three made the cut. This new game was an "Ace" and plans to be a popular addition.

For his second stint as MC, Dinner Co-Chairman Ken Turtoro manned the mic and kept the evening moving with all of the games done in good spirit and often rewarding,



except when a participant won an "I Have Been Hosed" T-shirt and a booby prize instead. Co-chairman Mike Roman assisted in arranging the evening's activities and helped in the many hours of preparation for the main event.

The Wood-Ridge Lions wish to thank all of the many local restaurants and other vendors that generously donated gift certificates for prizes.

Since its inception, this event has earned over \$650,000 and continues to strongly aid the Club in supporting the efforts of blind and visually-impaired serving organizations, as well as the local commitment of service to the community.

The Wood-Ridge Lions thank the many attendees to

this dinner over the many years for their generous and enthusiastic support, making it our largest and successful fundraiser. Submitted by: Dennis Brubaker, Club Secretary ###

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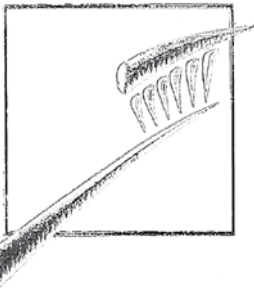
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• April 18, 2023: Regular monthly meeting. Election and Installation of Officers and Board of Directors.

• May 16, 2023: Regular monthly meeting. Musical Program by Felician School for Exceptional Children. Mother's Day Luncheon. *Provided by Kathleen Zalenski. ###*

LF Seniors

Meetings are second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. Refreshments are served. Bingo is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m., Pokeno is every Friday at 12:30 p.m. All meetings and games are held at Little Ferry Senior Center, 95 Main Street. New members always welcome. Dues are \$10 per year. Call Mary for further information at 201-686-8424. ###

Moonachie Seniors

Moonachie seniors can enjoy Chair Yoga every Thursday, from 10 to 11 a.m., in the Civic Center. For more information, call JoAnn at 201-641-6472. ###

Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

Senior Friendship Club, Inc. meets at the Civic Center Building, every first and third Wednesday of each month. Every Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., card games and Mexican Train/dominos.

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Older is Better

Older is Better is an open membership program designed for men and women 55 and older. It was founded in 1982 by Sr. M. Hiltrude Koba, who served as Felician University president from 1977-1984.

The program features keynote speakers, activities, programs and light refreshments every Friday during the academic year and at the end of every semester, we commence with a luncheon. Meetings take place on Friday afternoons at 1pm in Obal Hall on the Lodi Campus. ###

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• April 12: The Million Dollar Quartet. Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ. Show and luncheon. Bus leaves CVS parking lot promptly 9:30 a.m. \$81 pp.

• April 17: Caesars Atlantic City Bus Trip. Bus leaves 9:30 a.m. sharp from CVS Parking Lot - East Rutherford \$35 pp / \$30 back slot play.

• May 2: Tribute to Simon and Garfunkel and The Everly Brothers. Villa Roma Resort, Callicoon, NY. Luncheon and entertainment. Bus leaves CVS parking lot promptly 8:30 a.m. \$65 pp.

• May 15: Caesars Atlantic City Bus Trip. Bus leaves 9:30 a.m. sharp from CVS Parking Lot - East Rutherford \$35 pp / \$30 back slot play.

• June 8: High Tide Homicide (mystery/comedy) Black Forest Inn, Stanhope, NJ. Lunch and entertainment. Bus leaves CVS parking lot at 10:30 a.m. \$70 pp. ###

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“Batter’s Up” After the pandemic delay of several years, the HH Little League held its 27th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 19, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the VFW Post 4591 Hall on Veterans Place. The menu included pancakes, sausage, crumb cake, donuts, bagels, juice, milk and coffee. This event usually serves about 1,500 breakfasts. The Tricky Tray style auction followed from noon to 1 p.m. Photo above is the "Breakfast Crew" who made the event successful. ###



The Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation Dinner, held Friday, March 10, 2023, was attended by an enthusiastic crowd of over 200. This yearly event, which began in 2002, honoring individuals that have shown an "Excellence in Education and Community Service," is an event that brings the community together in celebration. Wood-Ridge Mayor and New Jersey State Senator Paul Sarlo pointed out in his remarks that the Foundation is supported by not only the school administration and faculty but also the Fire Department, Wood-Ridge PBA, and many of the local businesses and the officials of the Borough. He stated how proud the was to be Mayor of a community that shows such great support to an organization that last June awarded \$60,000 in scholarships to Wood-Ridge Students graduating high school seniors going on to continue their education. Foundation President Linda Finke, in her remarks, acknowledged the members of the Lions Club who initiated the forming of the Memorial Foundation in 1962. The initial awards of \$250 each totaling \$500 has certainly come a long way. It was through the foresight of the original trustees, the passion of the late former Mayor and Trustee John Borsen and by-laws that are still followed to this day that has enabled the Foundation to reach such great heights. The Trustees are grateful to the overwhelming support of the Wood-Ridge Community. Photo: left to right: Ken Schulz, Jacqueline Sanzari, Sue Gibney, Jaime Oppido, Albie Nieves (not pictured Tracey Jupinka). Provided by Jack Nagel. ###



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The 12th Annual 5K Michael Cassidy Shamrock ‘N’ Run/Walk was held despite rain, sleet and snow, at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Monona Avenue, Memorial Park in Rutherford.

Event sanctioned and course certified by USATF-NJ. Timing and scoring by Elite Racing Systems. Piper was Patrick Sweeney. The "National Anthem" was sung by Lyndhurst HS Chorale. 260 finished the race.

Top male runners were: First, Alvarado Damian, 27, Newark, NJ, 16:29.6, Second, Luis Absalon, 49, Belleville, NJ, 18:23.8 and Third, Jared Silsby, 37, Rutherford, NJ,

18:44.2.

Top female runners were: First, Stephanie Dibrita, 33, Jersey City, NJ, 19:50.8, Second, Jasmin Mauro, 48, Rutherford, NJ at 23:54.0 and Third, Julie Alexander, 39, Rutherford, NJ, 24:25.3.

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On February 11, 2023, the Carlstadt Fire Department held a Testimonial Dinner at The Graycliff in honor of Ex-Chief Matthew Moran.

The program began with welcoming remarks by Master of Ceremonies Christopher Oehlmann, an Invocation by Carlstadt Fire Department Chaplain Reverend Donald Pitches and a toast by Chief John J. Harr to Ex-Chief Matthew Moran.

There were introductions of the 2023 Chiefs, Mayor and Council, Borough Family, guests, retired and new Department members, honorary

members, Mutual Aid Chiefs and Officers. Remarks were made by Mayor Robert Zimmerman, Fire Commissioner David A. Stoltz.

Following the presentations of gifts to Matthew Moran, the honoree spoke.

Special presentations were made to Rev. Donald Pitches by the Mayor and Council and the Carlstadt Fire Department in recognition of his retirement after 25 years of service.

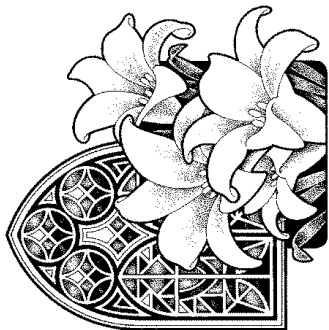
The program concluded with an eight minute video. The Carlstadt Fire Department was organized in 1872. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Carlstadt Firefighter Robert Moore, 66, passed away March 11, 2023. The Funeral departed Kimak with a Mass in Assumption R.C. Church on March 16. A member of the Department since 1980, he served as Chief in 2021.

He greatly enjoyed helping people as well as cooking, camping, old cars, Nascar and Guinness. Bob will be remembered and greatly missed by many, for the countless things he did to help others. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.*

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Holy Week Schedule 2023



Saturday, April 1

5 pm English Vigil Mass (Procession in the Church) • 7 pm Misa de Vigilia Español (Procesión dentro de la iglesia)

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday

7:30 am English Mass (Procession in the Church)
9 am Misa em Português • Church (Procissão começa na grotto as 8:50 am)
10:30 am English Mass • Lennon Hall (Procession starts at the grotto at 10:15 am)
12:30 pm Misa en Español • Lennon Hall I (Procesión comienza en la gruta a las 12:15 pm)

Monday, April 3

8 pm Chrism Mass/Misa Crismal (Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart-Newark)

Thursday, April 6 – Holy Thursday

7:30 am Morning Prayer • 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Trilingual) • Church
(Adoration in Repository until 12 am – Adoración en el Repositorio hasta la Medianoche)
12 am Night Prayer and Reposition

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday

7:30 am Morning Prayer • 3 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Followed by Stations of the Cross)
5:30 pm Commemoración de la Pasión del Señor (Seguido por el Via Crucis, afuera)
8 pm Comemoração da Paixão do Senhor
(Veneration of the Cross until Midnight) • 12 am Night Prayer

Saturday, April 8 – Holy Saturday

7:30 am Morning Prayer • 11 am Confessions • 12 pm Blessing of the Easter Food (Convent Chapel)
11 pm Easter Vigil (Trilingual) • Lennon Hall

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday

7:30 am English Mass • 9 am Misa em Português • Church
10:30 am English Mass with Bishop Saporito • Church
12:30 pm Misa en Español • Lennon Hall

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Good Friday Service, April 7 at 1 pm

Easter Service, Easter Sunday, April 9 at 9:30 am

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April 5, 7 pm Stations of the Cross

April 6, HOLY THURSDAY

7 pm Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper • Procession to Side Altar of Repose.
Reading of Vespers, Stripping of Altars

April 7, GOOD FRIDAY - All Day Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament

All Societies are REQUIRED to partake in one hour adoration during the day.
10 am Reading of Lessons and Passion of Our Lord • Chanting of Summonses
Adoration of the Cross • Mass of the Pre-Sanctified • Vespers
Opening of Our Lord's Grave • Children Easter Confession
7 pm Stations of the Cross • Adult's Easter Confession

April 8, HOLY SATURDAY - All Day Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament

10 am Blessing of New Fire, Incense and Paschal Candle • Reading of the Prophecies
Blessing of Water and Baptismal Water • Litany of the Saints
Poswiecenie Wielkanocnych Pokarmow
1:30 pm Blessing of Easter Food

April 9, EASTER SUNDAY - Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

9:30 am Procession and Mass of Resurrection
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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 ###

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 7, 2023, for inclusion in the Mother's Day bulletin.

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Easter Sunday, April 9

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10 am Worship Service

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Holy Thursday, April 6th

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm/Chapel
Adoration, 9:30 pm - Midnight/Church

Good Friday, April 7th

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3 pm/Chapel

Holy Saturday, April 8th

Blessing of the Food, Noon/Church
Easter Vigil, 8 pm/Chapel • No 5 pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 9th

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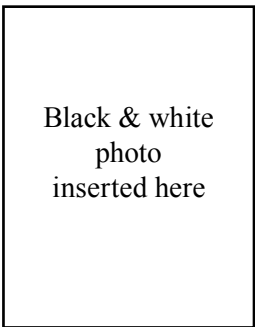
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Michael A. Schwarz Memorial Scholarship

Michael A. Schwarz, a 20-year-old Marine killed in action November 2006 in Iraq. Michael was a member of the Carlstadt Fire Department and a 2004 graduate of Becton Regional High School.
The scholarship is open to all Carlstadt residents graduating from High School this spring. The scholarship will be awarded to students who show dedication and service to their school and community.
Applications will be available starting April 1, 2023, at the Carlstadt Borough Hall. Scholarship applications must be completed and returned no later than May 5, 2023.
For more information about the scholarship, contact the Carlstadt Fire Department at 201-460-3942. ###

Audrey Nagel Scholarship

Applications are now available for the annual Audrey L. Nagel Scholarship. Parochial School Eighth Graders who are residents of Wood-Ridge or parishioners of Assumption Parish in Wood-Ridge and will be attending a Catholic High School this coming fall are eligible. The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student that has shown a commitment to their education, their school and their parish.
Applications are available at the Assumption Rectory, Corpus Christi Grammar School and by e-mail request janpro911@aol.com The deadline for applications is May 12, 2023. ###

W-R Lions Scholarships

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club will be awarding a total of \$6,500 in scholarship awards this coming June.
Students graduating from Wood-Ridge High School, Parochial High School, the Bergen County Academies or any accredited High School who are residents of Wood-Ridge or Moonachie and attending college next September may apply.
Applications are available at the Wood-Ridge High School, Kearny Bank, Assumption Church Rectory and JAN PROMOTIONS, 50 Moonachie Road in Moonachie. Applications must be returned by April 20. ###

W-R Memorial Foundation Scholarships

Applications are now available for the Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation Scholarships. The Foundation is expected to award 18 to 20 scholarships totaling in excess of \$50,000 this coming June.
Applicants must be residents of Wood-Ridge, graduating this year from Wood-Ridge High School, a Parochial or Private High School or the Bergen County Academies and attending college, a technical school, secretarial school, etc., (not limited to just colleges/universities) this coming fall. Deadline is Friday, April 14, 2023.
Applications are available at the Wood-Ridge High School Guidance Department and Kearny Bank. Also, by email request at janpro911@aol.com ###



Full Pink Moon

The April full moon will appear on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 12:37 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.
This year, April's full Moon is the first full Moon of the spring season, which began with the spring equinox on March 20, 2023. This means that April's full Moon is the Paschal Full Moon—an important Moon to those who celebrate Easter, since Easter's date depends on the date of the Paschal Full Moon.
Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon (i.e., the first full Moon of spring), which means that it will be celebrated this year on Sunday, April 9 (following the full Moon on April 5-6).
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. ###

2023 Easter Egg Hunts

- **Carlstadt:** Check Borough website.
- **East Rutherford:** Check Borough website.
- **Hasbrouck Heights:** Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Depken Field. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. Event Starts 10 a.m. Rain Date April 8. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos. Tickets distributed through the schools. Tickets available at the Borough Clerk's Office.
- **Little Ferry:** VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 1 p.m. Easter bags provided but you may bring your own basket. All community members are welcome. There is no cost for adults or children.
- **Lodi:** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., April 2, 2023 at One Memorial Drive.
- **Moonachie:** 10:30, April 8, 2023 at the RL Craig School.
- **Rutherford:** Saturday, April 1 (rd 4/2), Tryon Field. Rutherford children 1st through 3rd Grade, 12:30 p.m.; 1 year through Kindergarten, 1:15 p.m.
- **So. Hackensack:** Check Borough website.
- **Wallington:** April 1, 2023, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Gavlak School Gymnasium. Bring your own basket. Easter games, bounce houses, face painting, selfies with the Easter Bunny.
- **Wood-Ridge:** Saturday, April 8, 2023 at the Assumption Church at the 12 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets. Pick-up tickets at the rectory. For children up to 3rd Grade. ###



Enjoy Meeting People? Become a Volunteer!

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Visit www.njahof.org and check out the self guided tour of our Museum. For additional information, call Ralph at 201-288-6344 or email: ralph.villecca@njahof.org ###

W-R Lions Phil Rottini Memorial Golf Outing

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club will be hosting its 14th annual Phil Rottini Memorial Golf outing on Monday, May 8, 2023 at the Meadows Golf Club in Lincoln Park.

Golfers' fees are \$130 which includes green fees, golf cart, breakfast, lunch, beer, and giveaways - plus the chance to win a New Car!

Singles, doubles, or four-somes are all welcome. Sponsorships are still available for tee signs. Please contact Lion Jeff at jeffheldman@gmail.com or Lion Jack Nagel at janpro911@aol.com for more information.

Phil was a World War II Veteran, a member of the Wood-Ridge Lions Club for 43 years, and the Club's first Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient, which is a prestigious award given by the Lions Club International Foundation in recognition of service. Phil generously served the Wood-Ridge community through the Lions Club and impressed his desire to serve others upon his children who, like Phil, continue to serve the community through the Lions Club. ###

Bike Safety Rodeo May 20

The Hasbrouck Heights Green Team will be hosting a Bike Safety Rodeo sponsored by EZ Ride on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Central Avenue parking lot adjacent to the Municipal Building, 320 Boulevard. There is no charge to attend this event.

The Bike Safety Rodeo is an EZ Ride safety initiative that emphasizes the use of helmets while teaching kids how to stay safe on their bikes.

The suggested age to participate is 7+years. Participants must be able to ride independently without training wheels and be able to control and stop their bikes. Participants are required to wear a helmet and have their own bike. A limited number of youth size helmets will be available for those who do not have one.

Register at hhgreenteam.org. Space is limited. If you have any questions email hhgreenteam@gmail.com ###

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Lenape New Year at New Bridge Landing April 16

Bergen County Historical Society celebrates Chwame Gischuch: Under the Shad Moon, The Lenape New Year on Sunday, April 16, 2023, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Historic New Bridge Landing, 1201 Main Street, River Edge.

Primitive Technologist Steve Adams will be speaking throughout the day on The Material Culture of Prehistory, demonstrating the use of stone tools, flint knapping and the working of plant fibers.

On display will be Revolutionary War artifacts as well as Native American artifacts.

See a broom making demonstration and visit the blacksmith to see what he is making.

Visit the society's authentic Jersey Dutch out-kitchen to see shad and corn being prepared by BCHS interpreters.

Activities include corn husk doll making, seed planting, and a scavenger hunt.

Refreshments, including donuts, cornbread, and lemonade will be available. Free parking.

Ticket reservations are encouraged: \$12 adults, \$7 students, BCHS members free.

For more information visit: www.bergencountyhistory.org, email: bergencountyhistory@gmail.com or call 201-343-9492 and leave a message. ###

Performing Arts Program

Care on the Corner announces the Spring 2023 program for Kids on the Corner, a Performing Arts Program for children in Grades 2 to 7. This session marks the 44th production of Kids on the Corner.

The goal of Kids on the Corner is to educate and enlighten children in different art forms and cultural experiences. The children are offered opportunities to learn about history, culture, visual arts, theater production, set design, costume design, music and acting.

The Performing Arts group meets Fridays, April 21 – May 19 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Under the direction of Jennifer Ashline, Terry Pate and Cathie Studwell, participants will present "The Not Ready for Anytime Players: Comedy Though the Years." All are welcome to come out and see the production on Friday, May

19, 2023 at 7 p.m.
This project is being directed by Jennifer Ashline. Jen has a Master of Arts degree with a high concentration in Popular Culture. She has used her expertise to teach through film and other entertainment venues. She is also the creative director for Care on the Corner's Satellite Program Arts Today in NJ.
Terry, the program's co-director, teaches dance and visual arts to young people. Cathie, director's assistant, is a graduate of the NJ School of Performing Arts.
The group meets at the Care Center, 333 Franklin Ave, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register. There is a \$50 registration fee. Space is limited. Please register early. Scholarships are available. ###

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Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, DMD, FAGD.

What is a Dental Emergency?

Injuries to the mouth may include teeth that are knocked out (*avulsed*), forced out of position and loosened (*extruded*) or fractured. In addition, lips, gums or cheeks are often cut. Oral injuries are often painful and should be treated by a dentist as soon as possible.

How soon should I see a dentist?

Immediately. Getting to a dentist within 30 minutes can make the difference between saving or losing a tooth.

What should I do when a tooth is knocked out?

Immediately call your dentist for an emergency appointment. Handle the tooth by the crown, not the root. Touching the root (*the part of the tooth below the gum*) can damage cells necessary for bone reattachment.

Gently rinse the tooth in water to remove dirt. Do not scrub.

If possible, gently place the

clean tooth in the socket to keep it moist. It is important not to let the tooth dry out.

If it is not possible to store the tooth in the mouth of the injured person, wrap the tooth in a clean cloth or gauze and immerse in milk or saliva.

What should I do when a tooth is pushed out of position?

Attempt to reposition the tooth to its normal alignment using very light finger pressure, but do not force the tooth.

Bite down to keep the tooth from moving.

What should I do when a tooth is fractured?

Rinse mouth with warm water.

Use an ice pack or cold compress to reduce swelling.

Use ibuprofen, not aspirin, for pain.

Immediately get to your dentist, who will determine treatment based on how badly the tooth is broken. Only a dentist can tell how bad the break is.

- Minor fracture: Minor fractures can be smoothed by your dentist or simply left alone. Another option is to restore the tooth with a composite restoration. In either case, treat the tooth with care for several days.

- Moderate fracture: Moderate fractures include damage to the enamel, dentin and/or pulp (*nerve and other live tissues*). If the pulp is not permanently damaged, the tooth

may be restored with a full permanent crown. If damage to the pulp does occur, further dental treatment will be required.

- Severe fracture: Severe fractures often mean a traumatized tooth with slim chance of recovery.

What should I do when tissue is injured?

Injuries to the inside of the mouth include tears, puncture wounds and lacerations to the cheek, lips or tongue. The wound should be cleaned right away with warm water, and see your dentist as soon as possible or the injured person may be taken to a hospital emergency room for the necessary care.

Bleeding from a tongue laceration can be reduced by pulling the tongue forward and using gauze to place pressure on the wound.

How do I know if a piece of tooth is natural tooth structure or a dental restorative material?

It may be difficult to determine if the broken tooth is a natural tooth fracture or filling material. Many restorative dental materials are highly esthetic and may be indistinguishable from a natural tooth to the layperson. See your dentist as soon as possible for evaluation.

What can I do to be prepared?

- Pack an emergency dental-care kit, including:
- Dentist's phone numbers (*home and office*)
- Handkerchief
- Gauze
- Small container with lid
- Ibuprofen (*Not aspirin*).

Aspirin is an anticoagulant, which may cause excessive bleeding in a dental emergency.)

Reference: Academy of General Dentistry 2012

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Footnotes

By Dr. Kenya Lazovik, DPM

Runners: Fit feet finish faster

Both long-distance runners and casual joggers can improve their performance by keeping their feet in top condition and taking steps to control foot problems common in runners.

The human foot is a biological masterpiece that amazingly endures the stresses of daily activity. For runners, the feet are more vulnerable to injury than any other part of the body, and these athletes should be on the alert for signs of foot problems that can slow them down if not treated promptly.

The most common complaint from runners is heel pain. This condition, also called plantar fasciitis, is frequently caused by inflammation of the ligament that holds up the arch.

In athletes, heel pain can result from faulty mechanics and over pronation in which pressure is unequally applied to the inside of the foot. It also can be caused by wearing running shoes that are worn out or too soft.

At the first sign of heel pain, I recommend runners do stretching exercises, wear sturdier shoes and use arch supports. In some cases, icing and anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen, are helpful. Should heel pain continue, custom orthotics, injections and physical therapy might be required. Surgery normally isn't considered unless heel pain persists for more than a year and conservative treatment has failed to bring relief.

Neuromas and tendonitis are other common foot problems that affect runners. A neuroma is a pinched nerve between the toes that can cause pain, numbness and a burning sensation in the ball of the foot.

Narrow or overly flexible

shoes often are the cause and padding, orthotics or injections usually are effective. Sometimes surgery is the answer if pain between the toes continues for more than six months.

There are several forms of tendonitis that affect the Achilles and other areas, and all are treated with rest, icing, stretching and anti-inflammatory medications, and sometimes with orthotics and physical therapy. Over-zealous training usually causes tendonitis, especially among beginners who try to do too much too soon.

A common myth among athletes is that it's not possible to walk or run if a bone in the foot is fractured. I often hear surprised patients say 'It can't be broken, I can walk on it,

That's dead wrong, especially with stress fractures when pain and swelling might not occur for a few days. If pain and swelling continues after following the RICE procedure for three or four days, you should see a foot and ankle surgeon for an x-ray and proper diagnosis.

Blisters, corns and calluses: Never pop blisters unless they are larger than a quarter or are painful or swollen. Use a sterile instrument to lance the corner, leave the top as a biological dressing, wash, apply antibiotic ointment, and cover with a Band-Aid. Corns and calluses are caused by repeated friction, and should be treated by aseptically trimming the dead skin and eliminating the underlying cause.

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

April is Autism Awareness Month

The first National Autism Awareness Month was declared by the Autism Society in April 1970. Autism is a complex mental condition and developmental disability, characterized by difficulties in the way a person communicates and interacts with other people.

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability with no single known cause.

In the United States, autism affects 1 in every 110 children.

For more information on National Autism Awareness Month visit <https://autismsociety.org/> ###



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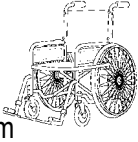
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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

April 2023

Hello folks and welcome to springtime 23. Truly my favorite time of the year -- How about you?

I'm beginning this month's column by sending a quick hello to Beth and Bob from Hasbrouck Heights and Bill DeMarco and family of Lodi, USA. Thank you for your readership. Thank you even more for enjoying Artful Thinking. Folks, as you well know, I've been writing this column for ten years plus and have been telling you about people and places that once were. Recently, thanks to my cousin Anthony (*remember him?*).

I was reminded of a place that I somehow overlooked. An establishment that not only echoes voices from the past, but leads us into the present.

The name of this historical sanctuary for time travelers is Cardy's Sugar Bowl, located on Union Street in Lodi, NJ.

Since 1922, Cardy's has been serving children of all ages and is continuing to do so. Everything from chocolate egg creams to "T" shirts that tell you, jokingly, to Have a bad day."

Over 100 years of making a child's candy coated dreams come true.

The Cardy's legacy has been handed down over the years, to it's current proprietor, Vincent "Benson" Cardazone. Coming from the high plains of Lodi, Cardy's was more or less out of reach for me and my friends from Westervelt Place. We were content to hang out at the corner store and bounce rubber balls off Rocco's garage.

But for those kids from the Wilson School area who were worldlier than us, Cardy's was their favorite haunt. Benson remembers most of them by name, including my cousins Philip and Richard. Other frequent patrons include Eddie Brigati of the Rascals, Joey Dee of the Starlighters, Jerry only of the Misfits and, of course, me and my cousin Anthony of late. By the way, check out this photo with this column. That's me, Benson and two customers. Where is Anthony you ask? He



took the photo.

Cardy's, to my knowledge, is among the few places left that continues to offer ice cream sodas and a seat at the counter to enjoy them.

It might be difficult to find an empty bar stool since most of them are occupied by boxes of candy bars and chewing gum, much to a kid's delight.

"We don't get as many children lately" said Benson. "Most of them stay home on their computers. We do however, get kids from nearby Hasbrouck Heights and surrounding towns."

For us "older kids" (*you might be one of them*), Cardy's is one of the few establishments left that take us back to the Lodi we grew up in. Places like Humphries Pizza, Tony's Pool Room, Carvel, the "lot," Panama's as well as the whole of Lodi's glorious Main Street have vanished into the fog of history.

Cardy's, like Curioni's Piz-za on Liberty Street, remains a monument of the past, a living monument that gives me comfort in knowing that they still exist.

Yes folks that's how I felt on my recent trip to Cardy's Sugar Bowl.

I guess the past is the future in disguise after all. If you don't believe me, then by all means ask my cousin Anthony. He walked in with me!

Have a Blessed Easter
God Bless our Troops
near and far
God bless America.

Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



The Fighting Pforte

The Carlstadt Fire Department was founded in 1872. They predate many of the local departments that were formed around 1896. At that time, they were called the Fire District of Lodi Township. Their area of responsibility included the north end of Rutherford to the southern part of Hasbrouck Heights and all of the land in between.

The Pastor of the Evangelische Kirche, now the Presbyterian Church, offered the use of the Church bell as a fire alarm. The fire chief was given a key to the church so that he could raise the alarm.

The Carlstadt Firehouse, then located on Madison Street, was destroyed with much of the equipment, in a fire, in April, 1881. A replacement pumper was purchased with the insurance money.

The pumper was acquired from the Hudson, NY Fire Department, in 1881. It was built in 1865, by the James P. Smith Company of New York. This was a handpumper and had to be pulled by the members of the Department.

To put the pumper into operation, it took a crew of forty men. These firefighters had to pull the pumper, by hand, to the scene of the fire. They then had to man the foldout pump handles. There are two

2 ½ inch hose connections. The pumper was refilled by a bucket brigade. Men who worked the pump handles, had to be relieved after ten or fifteen minutes. These were the major reasons for the forty-man crew. The pumper was in service until 1920.

After its retirement, the pumper was stored in Firefighter Bill Pforte's garage. Bill kept good care of the unit. In 1978, a committee was formed to restore the pumper. The unit was completely disassembled in 1980 and over the next twelve years, every part was restored, repaired or replaced. No detail was overlooked. The wooden wheels were sent to Amish craftsmen to be repaired.

The unit was ready in 1992. It was felt that it should be given a fitting name. In honor of Bill Pforte and the fact that

it needed a forty-man crew, it was named "THE FIGHTING PFORTE."

On July 11, 1992, it was invited to take part in a parade in Hudson, NY. Members of the Carlstadt Fire Department pulled "THE FIGHTING PFORTE" through the town that the pumper originally protected. At the conclusion of the parade, it was placed in its original bay at the Hudson Fire Department firehouse. This signified a return from an alarm.

The pumper was then returned to Carlstadt. It now resides in the Carlstadt Fire Department Museum.

This museum is in one of the bays in the main firehouse. There is a large collection of fire department memorabilia on display. For additional information, contact the Carlstadt Volunteer Fire Department.

I wish to thank Firefighter Larry Lang, a thirty-year veteran of the Department and president of the Relief Association. Firefighter Lang was kind enough to allow me access to the unit and explained the history of the pumper.

"THE FIGHTING PFORTE" is a symbol of the pride and dedication of the members of the Carlstadt Volunteer Fire Department to the community of Carlstadt. ###

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Let's Go Traveling!

By Rick Ardis

Guided Vacations April 2023

Guided Vacations, formerly known as Escorted Tours, are seeing a resurgence in popularity. The travel style is often derisively referred to as Bus Tours.

Over the last few decades, these journeys have become more refined. However, the Panorama trips quickly visiting numerous countries in an 18 day whirlwind was hilariously parodied in the 1969 film, *"It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium."*

The travel genre dates back centuries to the days of educational tours of Europe from the mid-1600's through mid-1800's.

During this time, male students from wealthy English families would tour the great cities of Europe. The advent of widespread rail and steamship travel beginning in the late 1800's ushered in the era mass tourism which began with companies such as Thomas Cook & Son.

The advent of the Grand Tour saw travelers of both sexes visit the Classical Cities of Europe in style for weeks or months at a time. This was the beginning of the modern tourism industry.

Following World War II, the motorcoach tour business expanded to allow more middle-class travelers to experience the sights of the Old World.

Originally, most of the tours visited many countries on a hurried pace. Over the years tour companies began to create itineraries focusing on

smaller regions, one country, or limited areas of one nation. This development allowed for more in-depth exploration rather than just the highlights.

There are many advantages of the Guided Vacation. The foremost benefit of a tour is cost effectiveness. Travelers are sharing transportation, hotel accommodations, guides, and activities with economies of scale.

A tour manager accompanies vacationers overseeing all arrangements for worry-free travel. When visiting important sights, the tour company purchases all tickets in advance eliminating the need to stand in long lines.

As a result of Covid, it has become routine for places of interest to require tickets with timed entry making planning essential. Travelers often find the camaraderie of a Guided Vacation a beneficial feature of the trip.

Tours are immensely popular with solo travelers who will encounter an instant group of companions to enhance their travel experience.

Singles can find a fraternity on trips with special themes such as, art history, gastronomy, wine or beer, battlefields, and more.

In the 2009 comedic movie, *"My Life in Ruins,"* the participants on a tour of Greece eventually come together as a pseudo family.

As the industry grew in Europe, there were also tour companies developing similar options in North America. Most notable is Tauck, which began nearly 100 years ago when a young traveling sales-

man, Arthur Tauck, Sr., of Newark, began escorting 6 paying guests throughout New England while on his sales calls.

Tauck, now headquartered in Connecticut, the company offers vacations around the world. There are several other travel companies with similar offerings connected to our area.

These include Italy specialists Central Holidays of Moonachie and Perillo Tours of Woodcliff Lake, along with Ireland-focused CIE Tours of Morristown. International firms, Globus and Trafalgar, have offerings to worldwide destinations.

There are options for globetrotters with different budgets and travel styles. Budget tour companies may fill every seat on a motorcoach and have hotels with locations outside the city center.

First class options will usually find lodgings in central locations, fewer passengers on the coach, and include some meals. Premium choices are similar to first class, but will include more features with few optional extras. Deluxe vacations will frequently include in the base price nearly all tour choices and most meals.

There are several enticing options that have also been developed. Small group tour itineraries with 18 to 25 people that allow travelers to get off the beaten path are a growing trend. There are also journeys that are done by bicycle or walking, others are adventure-focused, for young adults, or for families.

While a Guided Vacation may not be a traveler's initial choice, it can often be the best option especially for the first-time visitor to an unfamiliar destination.

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney

Being a Mom Being a Realtor

There comes a time in the lives of many moms when they begin to regain their free time and think about spreading their wings. Meaning: they start to think about a career - maybe a career in real estate (!) That's how I got started.

Like many moms, I was looking for a business or some form of employment that offered flexibility and a good balance between family and work.

And, 3+ decades later, I can confirm: real estate does provide that flexibility & balance as well as good earnings and a whole lot of rewarding experiences. Let's examine...

First of all, as a real estate agent, you're treated as an independent contractor, which means you call the shots. You decide when you will work and how much work you will do.

This allows moms of all stages to find that perfect balance between career and family. Moms who have kids in school can work during the school day and after the kids go to bed. Moms with little babies at home can work during nap times. Even the best part-time job won't offer the flexibility you find as a real estate agent.

Part-time jobs typically still have specific hours you have to work. Plus, calling to say you're not coming in because a child is sick is an awkward thing to do at a part-time or full-time job. With real estate, you can stay home with that sick child and, truth be told, probably still do some work because a lot of real estate tasks - with the exception of showings and appointments - are pretty location independent. And a real estate mom has the flexibility to work from home or the office - whatever environment suits her best.

In addition, real estate has one of the lowest barriers of entry when comparing it to similar paying jobs.

Here in New Jersey, to become a licensed real estate agent you need only take a pre-license course and an exam.

It doesn't require going back to college full-time for years before you can start earning, generally speaking, an average salary of around \$50,000 per year.

The average mom who becomes a real estate agent is further along in their life and they don't have the time or money to invest into a full-time college education, nor the desire to find themselves stuck in what may be a full-time, soul-sucking job once they graduate. It's possible to get licensed in a matter of weeks and start earning an income a few months later.

There's the advantage of good lead sources. Being successful at real estate requires you to be good at marketing to generate leads or have a built-in sphere of influence. Many moms have a large sphere of influence. These are people at various levels that like, know, and trust these moms.

It's your friends, family and the other parents you see at your child's sports events and PTO meetings. Opportunities abound where people share common interests and this also creates a better balance between family and career.

Imagine getting clients and growing your real estate career doing everyday activities you would do regardless of your career. To me, that's one of the coolest benefits that you can't find in many other careers.

That's not to say, however, that it's all honey and roses. Like any career, real estate has its pros and cons. But why not get more information? Real Estate could be your answer to having a satisfying career while still being there for your family!

Are you thinking about a career in real estate? For guidance, contact Mary Ellen Courtney, Broker-Manager at Terrie O'Connor Realtors' Gateway Group, 201-288-0004. She and the whole TOCR network can offer a collaborative family-oriented culture that is the perfect home for career-minded moms! ###



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Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Library will close on Friday, April 7 for Good Friday.

- **Women ROCK! 15 Iconic Women Who Shaped Music.** Saturday, April 1, 2 to 3 p.m. Join us for a fun and informative live music program highlighting 15 prolific women who left their indelible mark on the music world. Presented by musicians Kirsten Thien and Erik Boyd, this part concert, part history, with a dose of behind-the-scenes stories and little-known facts is a must for any music fan. Registration is required.
- **Virtual Author Visits.** Kate Beaton, the New York Times bestselling author and cartoonist of "Hark! A Vagrant!" and "Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands," will discuss her memoir among oil rigs in Canada on Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m.
- **New York Times bestselling author of "This Tender Land and Lightning Strike," William Kent Krueger** will captivate the crowd discussing his latest book in the "Cork O'Connor" series, "Fox Creek", and his other works! Thursday, April 27 at 8 p.m.
- **Mindfulness for Memory & Focus.** This virtual class is for anyone interested in learning how to be more content and less stressed using the tools of mindfulness. Each class starts with an introduction to theory and brain science, followed by a short gentle movement practice and a mindfulness meditation. Time for questions and discussion will be provided. Classes are held Fridays at 9:15 via Zoom beginning April 7. Registration required.
- **Preparing for Retirement.** Financial planner Jerry Maddaluna from Luna Financial Group will discuss key considerations in preparing for retirement, such as: the right amount of retirement savings required, planning for health-care/Medicare, Social Security, retirement income, and some basics around estate planning. Registration is required. Wednesday, April 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

- **College Workshop: I Got Into College – Now What?** On April 27 at 7 p.m., this workshop, presented by Dynamic Heart Counseling, is geared towards high school students preparing to go to college in the next year or two. Topics of discussion include: how to choose a college, how to choose a major, time management, how to make friends. Q&A time provided. Teens may attend with or without their parents. Registration is required.
- **Friends of the Library Used Book Sale.** Our semi-annual booklover's event will be held Friday, April 21, Saturday, April 22 and Monday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Proceeds go toward children's programs, Museum Passes, and other events at the Library. We will be accepting donations starting April 1.
- **Grab & Go Doorside Pickup.** 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. Our team will choose items for you based on what you like! Forms are available on our website. If you don't have access to a computer, call and we will order items for you!
- **Bold Yoga.** Free, on-demand access to virtual yoga classes from Bold Yoga by Bendy Bookworm. This video database offers several class offerings levels. Patrons can enjoy yoga 24/7. If interested, send an email to reference@rutherford.bccls.org with your name and Library card number.
- **ESL In-Person and Virtual Classes.** In-person ESL classes meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Advanced ESL classes begin October 15. Virtual ESL classes are available Mondays. Registration is required and must be done in person at the circulation desk.
- **Monthly Movie.** Screenings on the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m., sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- **Teen Volunteers.** We are currently accepting teen volunteers in middle and high school can volunteer for various tasks, such as shelf reading and reviewing books in the young adult collection! For more information, email: marion.johnson@rutherford.bccls.org
- **Tech Tutor.** Our tech librarian will be available by appointment. Fill out our online form or email marion.johnson@rutherford.bccls.org ###

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Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library

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

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is open. For the most up-to-date information and guidelines, visit us online. Please call 201-288-0488 to speak with a staff member or email us at hashc@bccls.org.

Hours of operation: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays thru Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Return Library materials in our book box located in the rear of the Municipal Building.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Library Month

This year's National Library Week (April 24-29) theme is "There's More to the Story." Special programs and events.

- **Fine amnesty:** Hasbrouck Heights-owned items. Clear your card during National Library Week: April 24 to 29.
- Check out any item with "Library" in the title and enjoy a sweet treat, on us!
- Check out 5 or more DVDS/BLU RAYS and get a free popcorn packet!
- Kickoff National Library Week at Friday's Movie Matinee showing "The Public" on Friday, April 21 at 1 p.m. Light refreshments provided.
- With this year's theme being "There's More to the Story," kids and teens are invited to Create their own DIY Twig 'Zine on April 24 from 4 to 5 p.m. Registration required.
- **Celebrate Arbor Day** with us and the Hasbrouck Heights Green Team! *See story page 8.*
- **Senior Concert with Barros Music.** Saturday, May 6, 1 to 2 p.m. HH Senior Center Join Gerard and Diane Barros of Barros Music as they salute the legendary singer/songwriter, Carole King and cover several of her great solo hits and classics she wrote for other artists, such as the Drifters, Shirelles, Chiffons, Everly Brothers, James Taylor, Beatles, Monkees and more! Refreshments will be served. Registration is encouraged.
- **Display case "Vintage Church Hats."** View over 70 vintage hats from the 1950s and 1960s courtesy of Elaine Reininger. Hats on display are

made from straw, raffia, and velvet adorned with silk flowers, feathers, and more!

The Library is always in search of those who would like to display their collections!

For CHILDREN

- **In-person Storytimes.** Spring Session.
 - Tiny Tots (*ages 6 months - 2 ½ years*) Choose ONE session: Session 1: Tuesdays 11-11:30 a.m. April 18 to May 23 -or- Session 2: Thursdays 11 to 11:30 a.m. April 20-May 25Stories, songs, and socialization for our littlest patrons and their caregiver.
- Book Buddies (*ages 2 ½ - 3 ½ years*). Wednesdays, 11 to 11:30 a.m. April 19-May 24

Stories, fingerplay, activities, and a simple craft.- **After-School Game Lounge Open Play.** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Our Nintendo Switch game lounge will be open for after-school play with friends! Multi-player games are offered, including Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros (*or bring your own!*). Reservations requested.
- **Saturday Storytime.** Saturday, April 8, 11 to 11:30 a.m. The whole family is welcome. Registration is limited.
- **Lego Club.** Wednesdays, April 12 and 26, 4 to 5 p.m. All builders are invited to Lego Club! We'll free-build and have a chance to hang out & discuss all things Lego with fellow fans. We'll provide the bricks, you supply the ideas!
- **Spring Break Movie for Kids: "Lightyear" (rated PG)** Friday, April 14, 2 p.m. Come watch a kid-friendly movie on our big screen TV! Snacks will be provided.
- **Little Artists Earth Day Craft.** Friday, April 21, 3:30 p.m. for ages 7 and up. Celebrate Mother Earth with an environmentally-friendly craft.
- **Superhero Training Camp Escape Room.** Friday, April 28, 3:30 p.m. (*for 5th Grade and up*). Team up and use your wits to solve puzzles, find clues, and beat obstacles! Race against time to save the Library from supervillains - can you do it? 5th Grade and up. Costumes encouraged!

For TWEENS & TEENS

- **Smart Snacks with Julianne.** Wednesday, April 5, 5 to 6 p.m. Join Julianne, registered dietician at ShopRite of Lodi, as she shares ideas (*and samples!*) for smart and easy snacks you can make yourself. For 7th Grade and up.
- **Financial Literacy for Middle Schoolers.** (*3 sessions*) Saturdays, April 22, 29 and May 6, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. What's a budget? How do I open a bank account? Are credit cards bad? Is bitcoin really the future? Student volunteers

from Bergen Tech's School of Asset Management offer a 3-part workshop introducing middle schoolers to the world of financial literacy. Best for Grades 7-8.

For ADULTS

- **Cross Stitch Classes.** Tuesday, April 4, 6 to 7 p.m. and Wednesday, April 12, 6 to 7 p.m. Do you want to learn how to cross-stitch? Need some guidance as you start a project? Join Robin Lasky and learn how to cross-stitch for fun! Seating is limited.
- **Cross Gen Crafts: Up-cycled Book Art.** Saturday, April 15, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Open to teens and adults. Upcycle books to create beautiful and unique art. Join us as we use our minds to transform the mundane into something extraordinary!
- **Chocolate Dipped Delights.** Wednesday, April 26, 6 to 7 p.m. Join us as we elevate ordinary snacks into chocolate dipped delights! Using gourmet chocolate, learn tips and tricks to creating amazing mouth watering desserts. Seating is limited.
- **Computer Classes: "Basic Computer Skills"** Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. or Thursday, March 30, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Join Tech Guy Bill for a lesson on basic computer skills. Mouse skills; Identifying all of your USB cables; Searching more effectively on the Internet; just a few of the topics covered that will help you become a more confident and efficient computer/tech user.
- **Computer Classes: "Intermediate Gmail".** Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. or Thursday, April 20, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- **Movie Matinee.** "The Public" Friday, April 21, 1 to 3 p.m. Sit back and enjoy an afternoon movie at the Library. Light refreshments provided.
- **English Conversation Circle.** No Drop-Ins; MUST apply before attending. Feel more confident when speaking English by practicing in a relaxed and supportive environment. Conversation range from basic everyday communications, learn vocabulary, pronunciation help, and more. See Library calendar for details.
- **Crafts-to-Share Club.** Tuesday, April 11, 6 to 8 p.m. & Wednesday, April 26, 1 to 3 p.m. Get to know other crafters while you knit, crochet, embroider or craft anything! In-person and on Zoom by request.
- **Adult Book Club.** 4th Tuesday of every month, In-Person & via Zoom at 7 p.m. April 25. "The Things We Cannot Say" by Kelly Rimmers. Join us for an evening of fun, literary discussion! ###

Lodi
Memorial Library

Lodi Memorial Library. One Memorial Drive, Lodi, NJ 07644. 973-365-4044. <http://lodi.bccls.org/>

The Lodi Memorial Library is open to the public! Check out our outdoor and Grab & Go programs for children and teens. More programming information can be found online on our Facebook page and website.

- **Chair Yoga.** A six-week yoga class for people experiencing joint pain and stiffness. Students will use chairs rather than yoga mats. Classes will be on from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., April 7, 14, 21, 28. Registration is required. Please call 973-365-4044 ext. 2 to reserve your spot. You must reserve a spot for each session you wish to attend. Sponsored by The Friends of Lodi Memorial Library.
- **Adult Crafts.** Craft to be announced. Register by Friday, April 14. Craft will be held in-person on Wednesday, April 19, at 1:30 p.m. Call Library to register - 973-365-4044 ext 2.
- **Tuesday Night Book Club.** Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Book is "The Latecomer" by Jean Hanff Korelitz – 439 pages. Contact director@lodi.bccls.org for more information about our book club meetings.
- **Semi-Monthly Movie.** We are now showing movies at the Library twice a month – for April, the movies will be "I Wanna Dance with Somebody" on April 12 at 1 p.m. and "A Man Called Otto" on April 26 at 1 p.m.
- **Special Program - Comedy Show.** Humor columnist Bill Ervolino will present a comedy show on Saturday, April 29 at 2:30 p.m. For more details see website at lodi.bccls.org/events
- **Special Program - Genealogy.** Peggy Norris from the Genealogical Society of Bergen County will teach the basics

of genealogy research using Ancestry.com Library Edition. The program will be held on Thursday, April 20 at 1 p.m. For more details, see website at lodi.bccls.org/events Call Library to register – 973-365-4044 ext 2.

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

- Children Special Programs**
- **Anime Club.** – Grades 6-12, In-person, Wednesday, April 5, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Watch a movie, get some snacks, and make a craft. Registration required.
 - **Craft Program – Grades 3-12.** In-person only. Thursday, April 13 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Make a paper phoenix. Registration is required by April 10.
 - **Family Movie Night.** Monday, April 24, 6 p.m. in the Children's Room. We will watch "Farmageddon." No registration necessary.
 - **Lodi Game Club.** All ages (12 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Join us for all kinds of games every Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. No registration necessary.
 - **High School Hang-out.** Grades 9-12. Join us every Tuesday from 6:00 – 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. Registration is not required.
 - **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 Friday at 11 a.m. No registration necessary. ###

Carlstadt
Public Library

Carlstadt Library, 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072. 201-438-8866, Handicap accessible. carlstadt.bccls.org or www.carlstadtlibrary.org

- **National Library Week.** April 23 - 29. The Carlstadt Library will be featuring a week full of exciting events for all ages. For more information please visit carlstadtlibrary.org or call 201-438-8866.
- **Beginner Yoga with Onika.** Mondays, through June 2023 at 10:15 a.m. Bring a yoga mat. Space is limited Registration per class is required. Call 201-438-8866 for more information.
- **Dynamic Yoga with Onika.** Welcome, adults, to a six week Dynamic Yoga series, on Mondays, April 3, 17, 24 at 11:30 a.m. This is an intermediate level yoga class. Bring a yoga mat. Space is limited. Registration per class is required.
- **Movie Madness.** "A Man Called Otto" starring Tom Hanks on Tuesday, April 4 at 1 p.m. Seating is limited and registration is required.
- **Crafts for Crafters - Needle Felting.** Learn the popular craft of needle felting and create a springtime bunny. The workshop will be held in the Library on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited. Registration is required.
- **Special Education 101, "I Have a Diagnosis, Now What?" - Zoom.** A virtual special education presentation, led by attorney Andrew Meltzer, on Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. Andrew will discuss the structure of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, who is eligible, and how to go about securing an appropriate educational program for your newly diagnosed or changing child. A Zoom link will be sent upon registration.
- **Mah-Jongg for Beginners.** A 5-week Beginner Mah-Jongg series on Fridays, April 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 12 at 11:30 a.m. Learn to play the ancient Chinese tile game with the help of a certified instructor. Participants must be able to attend all five sessions. Space is limited and registration is required.
- **Cook the Books! - Cookbook Club.** Calling all amateur chefs! Join our inaugural Cookbook Club meeting on Wednesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. A different cookbook will be selected each month and participants will each prepare a dish at home to bring to club for members to sample. Our first club pick is "Cooking for Jeffrey" by Ina Garten. All participants who attend the first meeting will be entered

into a gift basket raffle. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. Space is limited and registration is required.

- **Author Visit - Zoom.** Calling fellow bookworms! Join acclaimed author Elinor Lipman to discuss her best-selling novel "Ms. Demeanor" on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. The Zoom link will be emailed after registration. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. Carlstadt residents can also access the e-book or audiobook on Hoopla and Libby!
- **As the Page Turns - Adult Book Club.** Discuss the novel "The One Hundred Years of Lenni" and "Margot" by Marianne Cronin on Wednesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome! Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. Please register.
- **Crafts for Crafters - Mandala Painting.** Adults, attend our latest crafting workshop with local resident, Ajita Shah. Learn the art of mandala painting and leave with a personal masterpiece on Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. All materials will be supplied. Space is limited and registration is required.
- **Comedy Show.** Comedian and Record columnist, Bill Ervolino, with his signature wit, will have the audience rolling in the aisles on Friday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the Carlstadt Civic Center, 425 4th Street in Carlstadt. Registration required.
- **Gemstone Energy Workshop.** Adults welcomed for a gem energy reading where participants will create a unique piece of jewelry in the Library, Saturday, April 29 at 10:30 a.m. All materials will be supplied. Space is limited and registration is required.

For Children

- **Abrakadoodle Art Class.** Children, ages 5 to 9, are invited to attend art class with Abrakadoodle. Learn how to draw and paint with watercolors. The class will be held on Monday, April 3 at 4 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required.
- **Saturday Story & Craft.** Children ages 3 years and up, are invited to the Carlstadt Library on Saturday, April 15 at 11 a.m. for a few stories and a craft. Space is limited. Registration is required.
- **Storytime At The Carlstadt Library.** Storytime with Miss Risa will be held at the Carlstadt Library on Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 11 a.m. Space is limited and registration is required.
- **Music with Miss Nita at the Library.** Music with Miss Nita will be held at the Village Green on Thursday, April 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10:30 a.m. Babies, toddlers and preschool chil-

dren will enjoy songs, rhymes, movement and instrument play. Space is limited. Programs are free of charge and open to residents of Carlstadt only. Registration is required.

- **National Library Week Raffle.** The Carlstadt Library invites children and teens to celebrate National Library Week. From April 24 -29, children and teens who check out at least one item with a Library card will receive a raffle ticket for a fun-filled basket, with drawing to be held on Monday, May 1. Call 201-438-8866 ext. 203 for more information.
- **Needle Felting Workshop.** Children ages 8 and up are invited to the Carlstadt Library on Monday, April 24 at 4 p.m. to create a Buzzing Bumble Bee with Woolly Pets. Space is limited and registration is required.
- **Wild Pets-Visit from the Bergen County Zoo.** Children ages 5 and up are invited to the Carlstadt Library on Tuesday, April 25 at 4 p.m. to enjoy a visit from the Bergen County Zoo. Learn the differences among wild, domestic and pet animals. Space is limited and registration is required.
- **Mosaic Sand Art Butterfly.** Children ages 4 and up are invited to the Carlstadt Library on Wednesday, April 26 at 4 p.m. to design a Sand Art Butterfly. Space is limited and registration is required.
- **Origami Class.** Children ages 5 and up are invited to the Carlstadt Library on Friday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m. to learn how to fold paper to create Origami designs. Space is limited and registration is required.
- **Take-It-and-Make-It-Crafts for Kids.** The Carlstadt Library invites children of all ages to pick up a monthly take-it-and-make-it craft. This month's craft is a Spring Umbrella. Craft kits will be available at the Library from April 1- 29, while supplies last. Please call 201-438-8866, ext. 203 for more information.
- **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.** The Carlstadt Library has launched an initiative to encourage families to read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Reading together creates lifelong memories and helps develop pre-literacy skills.

Children who are read to at an early age have larger vocabularies and are more successful in school. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a fun, free way to start your child on the path to success! Children from birth to 5 years old can participate.

Stop by the Children's Department of the Carlstadt Public Library to register, pick up the program packet, and check out some books. Happy reading! ###

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At approximately 2:30 p.m. on March 14, 2023, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to a house fire on 7th Street. The family was evacuated. Ground ladders and ladder trucks from Wood-Ridge and Hasbrouck Heights were deployed. Two attack lines were used. The fire was contained to the second floor. Carlstadt and Wallington Fire Departments and Moonachie EMS assisted. No injuries were reported. *Photo by Dennnis Kronyak Sr. ###*



On Wednesday morning, February 22, 2023, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department was dispatched to Madison Avenue for a smoke condition in the basement. Upon arrival, Chief of the Department Mike Greco issued an all hands signal and requested Mutual Aid from Wood-Ridge Fire Department. A fire involving the heating system was rectified and residents were checked out by Holy Name EMS. *Photo provided by Tony Greco. ###*



Fire call for the Lodi Fire Department came in at 11:50 hours on March 2, 2023. Nothing dramatic. Cause of fire under investigation. Second alarm brought assistance from Hasbrouck Heights, Garfield and Wallington Fire Departments to the scene. *Photo by Tony Greco. ###*



Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Passaic Avenue, Thursday, March 23, 2023. The female driver lost control and landed in this driveway sideways. Victim had minor injuries. A careless driving ticket was issued. There was a prolonged operation to remove the vehicle with a heavy duty wrecker. Lodi Fire Department sent an engine to cover HHFD Headquarters. *Photo provided by Tony Greco. ###*



Badge #10 Retired

On March 19, 2023, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department retired Badge Number 10 in honor of FF Timothy A. Sullivan.

He joined WRFD in 1973 and was assigned badge number 10. He served as Emergency Squad Captain from 1981-1983 and cited for bravery on 5 occasions.

On September 11, 2001, he responded with Ambulance 907 to Liberty State Park and later, Ellis Island, transporting survivors to hospitals. Tim worked Central Communications Room during emergencies. Tim's strong personality, sarcastic wit and signature cigar are sorely missed. Meeting nights and Sunday cleaning are not the same without him. His stories will long live in the hearts and minds of those that served with him. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Mutual Aid Response: Lodi house fire August 27, 2022. Photos by Damien Danis

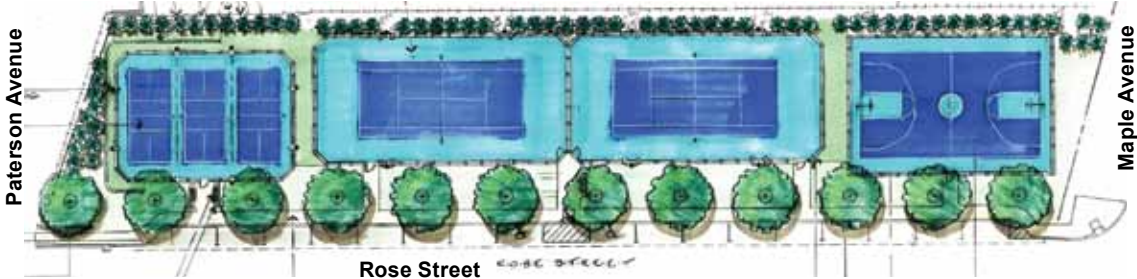
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On Wednesday, March 15, 2023, the Bergen County Commissioners voted to begin sport court improvements at three county parks, including Samuel Nelkin County Park in Wallington. Nelkin upgrades consist of three new pickleball courts, a new basketball court and two refurbished tennis courts. Work constitutes resurfacing of pavements, updated landscaping, improved lighting, enhanced safety features, quality fencing around the courts, new sidewalks and improved efficiency of open space. The other two parks are Saddle River County Park in Rochelle Park and Wood Dale County Park in Woodcliff Lake. These projects are expected to be completed before the end of the calendar year. *Graphic provided by Bergen County. ###*



The Woman's Club of Rutherford held their annual Pop-Up Thrift Shop Event from February 18 - 26, 2023. Funds were raised to support their many philanthropic efforts as well as restore their historic Clubhouse.

Leftover clothing was donated to various local charities including the Veterans' Association; Dress for Success; Grace Episcopal Church; Ukraine, Turkey and Syria relief efforts; and Soles for Souls.

Thank you for all who donated and shopped - we hope to see you next year.

Picture shown from left to right: Rosemary Kuruc; Geri Lewis; Camille Stillson; Renuka Pinto; Marta Ortez; Fran Sorrentino. *Provided by L. Beck. ###*



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Bill Rodriguez is licensed in New Jersey and New York. His mission is to provide top-notch service to his clients and help them define their real estate goals. Bill grew up in Bed-Stuy/ Bushwick section of Brooklyn, New York and currently resides with his family in Passaic. Previously, Bill was a Correction Officer for Rikers Island and is now an engineer. His appreciation for the diversity of northern New Jersey deepens as he looks to help home buyers find the perfect house in this area.



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