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The return of the Hasbrouck Heights Street Fair on June 27, 2021 signalled that things are starting to return to "normal". See photos on pages 12-13.

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All Aboard!

Are we taking a trip back to normal? Not really. Fifty years ago, when serving overseas, we used to say, "When I get back to the real world." Reality check. "You can't go home again." It will never be the same. America changed too much. The disillusionment of politics, bundled in conspiracies, propaganda and division wrapped inside a pandemic didn't paralyze us. We improvised. We adapted. We overcame. Let us incorporate some of the practical innovations we used to conquer recent adversities. With some forward thinking, we can create an exceptional "new normal." Divided we fail. United we flourish. Get on board. Let's work together and turn those nasty lemons that were thrown at us, into some sweet lemonade.

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Reading Garden Tribute

On Saturday, June 19, 2021, 8th Grader, Mario Gabriel Fanego, from Hasbrouck Heights Scout Troop 17, successfully completed his Eagle Scout Service Project with a ceremony at Little Ferry Memorial Middle School. A Reading Garden was unveiled to honor the life of Ms. Sharon Aguilar, an LFPS teacher for over 33 years who passed away in the fall of 2020. Ms. Aguilar inspired countless students, teachers and staff members.

While juggling school work and music ahead of his graduation, Mario raised over \$3,000 for the Memorial Garden and outdoor chess and checkerboard, which were constructed in May and June. Provided by Troop 17. ###

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Chief for a Day

On Friday, June 25, 2021, donning a crisp new uniform, Hasbrouck Heights student, Austin Zgoda, served as Hasbrouck Heights Police Chief for a Day. Chief Zgoda toured Police Headquarters with his parents, Magdalena and Grzegorz Zgoda and his sister, Nicole.

Zgoda went to Bergen County Justice Center in Hackensack to meet up with the 18 other Chiefs from around the county for a group photo. They met Bergen County Surrogate Judge Dressler, BCPO Prosecutor Musella, BCSO Chaplain Jackson, BCSO Sheriff Cureton, Detectives of BCPO Major Crimes, etc. The group then headed to Van Saun Park for a lunch ceremony with guest speakers and entertainment. This annual program is organized by the Bergen County Sheriff's Office. ###



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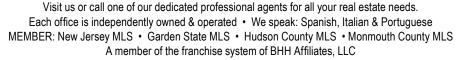
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Oldest School Picnic in the Country

The Carlstadt Public School held its 155th Annual School Picnic on Saturday, June 19, 2021. The event began with a parade of emergency vehicles, CPS students and alumni, starting at the Civic Center on 4th Street and ending at the Little League Field on 9th Street. Everyone enjoyed cookies, hot dogs, trademark pink lemonade and cotton candy. There were games, rides and entertainment. *Photos and story by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###





Ice Cream Under the Stars

On Thursday, July 15, 2021, from 7 to 9 p.m., the Lodi Police Department's PBA Local #26 sponsored a free family event, "Ice Cream Under the Stars." Over 100 residents enjoyed Mister Softee ice cream during a heat wave. The event was held at the Lodi Police parking lot on Memorial Drive. *Photos provided by* the Lodi Police Department. ###





Book/Jewelry Sale Sept. 18

The Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Library will host a Book/Jewelry Sale on Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19, 2021, at the back parking lot of the Municipal Building. Time and details to follow.

Donations of gently used books and costume jewelry can be left at the Library from July 1 to August 31, not before nor after, to enable volunteers to sort the materials.

Adult volunteers are always needed. If interested, please contact Micky at 201-288-5371, or the Library at 201-288-0484. ###

National Night Out

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August 3, 2021 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Borough Hall Parking Lot

Lodi

August 3, 2021 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Borough Hall Parking Lot

Carlstadt

August 3, 2021 6 - 9 p.m. Carlstadt Public School Rear Parking Lot

Dinner Dance Benefits Nurses' Scholarship September 10

Continuing a tradition of Legion Post 136 in Lodi. almost 70 years, the Bergen County American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary are hosting the annual George F. Axt Memorial Fund Dinner to benefit scholarships awarded to nursing school applicants, on Friday, September 10, 2021, at Joseph M. Lane American

Reservations are \$15 each and include dinner, coffee and dessert. Dance music will be provided by a DJ.

Checks may be made payable to "BCAL," with "George F. Axt Memorial Fund" referenced in the memo portion of the check. Mail to: Vincent Martorano, BCAL Finance Officer, 83 Hook Mountain Road, Montville, NJ 07045-9619. Additional info: 201-264-4622 or email alaunit136lodinj@ gmail.com.

A life member of The American Legion, George F. Axt belonged to American Legion Post 78 in Englewood and served as Bergen County Commander in 1952. While serving as County Commander, he originated the "Bergen County Legion & Auxiliary Fund" to raise money for nursing school scholarships. Upon his death, the name of the fund was changed to the "George F. Axt Memorial Fund" in his honor. ###



Open Cockpit August 14

The Aviation Hall of Fame will host an Open Cockpit Day on Saturday, August 14, 2021, 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.

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Also popular with young people is our official Airport Rescue Firefighter Truck! For young astronauts, we have our working display of the International Space Station (ISS) along with uniforms and items used by the many Astronauts like Buzz Aldrin, Scott and Mark Kelly, to name just a few.

Admission: \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors and children. Children under 2 are free.

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Rutherford **Concerts**

The 2021 Rutherford Summer Concert Series is on Thursday Nights: July 29, August 5 and August 12. Rain dates are the following Mondays.

Concert time: 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hutzel Band Shell in Lincoln Park, Park Avenue. Band schedules were not available at press time. This event is produced by Cliffhanger Productions. ###

Carlstadt **Concerts**

Carlstadt Summer Concert Series is on Tuesday nights: August 3: Parrottbeach, August 17: Local Talent Night, August 31: Jersey Sound and September 14: Mighty Spectrum Band.

Time: 7 to 9 p.m. at the Village Green Park located at the corner of 3rd and Broad Street.

This event is produced by Cliffhanger Productions.

Lodi Concerts in the Park

The Borough of Lodi Presents Concerts In The Park 2021 at Memorial Park, 1 Memorial Drive.

- August 11 at 7 p.m. Baby Blue, a vintage rock cover band
- August 18 at 7 p.m. The Individuals, classic rock &
- September 17 at 7 p.m. -The Second Contact, progressive, hard rock & metal cover
- September 22 at 7 p.m.-Treble & Bass, singing duo.
- October 17 at 3:45 p.m. - Fall Festival David Clark's Songs in the Attic, the music of Billy Joel ###



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Lodi Senior Citizens Club Set to Reopen

The Senior Citizens Club of Lodi is set to re-open on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. The meeting will start at 1 p.m.

The Club held its return social gathering Thursday, July 22, 2021. The Club is located on Walnut Street in Lodi. A.M.

Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

Good news for Club members, as of July 7, 2021, the Boro of Carlstadt has given permission to hold our Club meeting with full capacity.

Members were called to let them know of this development to attend meetings, which are held on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

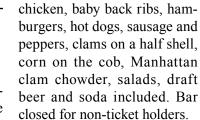
Boro seniors are encouraged to check out the Club's membership requirements.

Yearly membership dues will be collected in September, at \$10 per senior.

Pre-packed pastries are served with choice of coffee.

Bingo is played using disposable Bingo cards after meetings. There is no charge for members.

Stay tuned for future events that will be announced which could include casino visit, entertainment shows, musical program, multi-cultural program and much more and so forth, many with minimal payments. Provided by Yogi Shah. ###



eat free.

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

AL Picnic

American Legion Post

310 will hold its 39th Annual

picnic on Saturday, September

11, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.,

at the Post, 100 Liberty Street,

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is \$30 per person at the door or

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Sept. 11

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

Resorts Trip October 24

American Legion Post 142 is hosting a Bus Trip to Resorts on October 24, 2021. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. from AL Post located at 135 East Passaic Street, Maywood, NJ.

Cost is \$40 pp, with \$10 get back. There will be a \$300 lottery basket drawing when the bus returns to Maywood.

For tickets, call Debbie at 551-587-3699. ###

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Veterans Dance November 5

The Bergen County American Legion will host a Veterans Dance fundraiser on Friday, November 5, 2021 at American Legion Post 147, 1 Legion Place, Elmwood Park, NJ starting at 6 p.m.

Grab your dancing shoes and enjoy the music. Cost is \$25 pp and includes DJ, Hot Buffet and draft beer. Event open to the public. For more information contact Sophia Dmoch at 201-859-0921. ###

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Rutherford Hosts 44th Annual Labor Day Antique and Craft Fair September 6

The Borough of Rutherford has selected Cliffhanger Productions to produce its 44th Annual Labor Day Street Fair to be held September 6, 2021.

One of the most well attended street fairs in the state, visitors can expect to find over 200 vendors lining the streets, parks, and plazas featuring antiques, collectibles, and craft vendors from all over the East Coast.

Cliffhanger Productions will bring its signature brand of entertainment to the festival with many activities to entertain the kids while the parents shop. There will be many rides and amusements along with a variety of street performers.

Local restaurants will be out in force, along with some of the area's non-profit groups that are planning food-related fund raising - all doing their part to make sure that festival goers can keep up their energy throughout the day.

Other area non-profits will have booths to provide information, engage in fundraising, and recruit volunteers.

The Street Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Musical entertainment will be held at the Hutzel Memorial Band Shell in Rutherford's Lincoln Park starting at 11 a.m. Beer Garden selling a variety of beer on tap, wine and sangria as well. All

Tricky Tray November 5

The Felician School for Exceptional Children will host a Tricky Tray on November 5, 2021, starting at 6 p.m., at the Immaculate Conception High School. Organizers are seeking suitable prize donations. For more information call Joanne at 973-777-5355 x 11 or email: jpotenzone@fsec.org 973-777-

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proceeds will benefit Rutherford Junior Football Program.

There will be live music all day long, beginning with local artist and radio personality, Lise Avery. Followed by a surprise national act!

The Art Association of Rutherford members will be selling their paintings on the lawn of the Borough Hall.

Political candidates for local and state elections will be there to meet the public and answer questions. There will also be a Blood Mobile at the event, to serve anyone who wishes to donate blood that day.

Everyone is invited to join in this fun day, which attracts over 30,000 people annually.

To obtain a vendor application, sponsorship opportunities, or event information, contact Cliffhanger Productions at 201-460-8335 or email jimmy@chpevents.com ###

Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale Sept. 6

On Monday, September 6, 2021, the Grace Episcopal Church, 128 West Passaic Street, Rutherford, will host an Indoor & Yard Sale, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Event features jewelry, housewares, books, toys, games, clothing, home decor and much more.

If you plan to attend the Rutherford Street Fair, stop by, they are only a few blocks away. ###

Rutherford Farmers' **Market**

The Rutherford Farmer's Market is returning for its 24th

The market will be held in the Williams Plaza, Park Avenue, on Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Market will conclude on October 30.

Please note: On Wednesdays, Park Avenue will close to vehicles at 4:00 pm for "Dining Out Rutherford." Please plan your visit accordingly.

The market is sponsored by the Borough of Rutherford. The governing body welcomes the opportunity to support regional farmers by allowing them to market quality products in our downtown area. These markets provide the economic activity necessary to help preserve farmland, open space and a better quality of life in our region.

Rutherford benefits because market patrons have access to fresh, high quality produce and our local businesses enjoy increased business activity.

As restrictions ease, the Borough requests that both vendors and patrons observe remaining NJ Department of Health and CDC public health guidelines and employ hygienic practices around food and other people at all times. For more information, call 201-460-3000 ext. 3104. ###

Conserve Energy When not in use, turn off the juice.

Pocketbook Bingo Oct. 15

On Friday, October 15, 2021, at 7 p.m., the Woman's Club of Rutherford will host Pocketbook Bingo at their Carriage House, 201 Fairview Avenue, Rutherford, NJ. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Designer pocketbooks include Coach, Michael Kors and Tory Burch.

Tickets are \$30 and include 10 games of Bingo with four boards per game. Extra game sheets and daubers will be available for purchase.

Dessert and coffee/tea will be served. There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50.

There are a limited number of tickets and must be purchased in advance. Call Sue at 201-893-6866 or Kathy at 201-933-7597 for tickets and additional information.

No one under 21 will be admitted. Attendees must adhere to current NJ Covid-19 guidelines. ###

Fish & Chips September 10

VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry will host their 9th Annual Fish and Chips (or Chicken and Chips) on Friday, September 10, 2021 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Donation is \$15 and includes coleslaw, dessert, coffee and soda. Eat in or take-out. Prepared by Tastefully British.

Call John at 201-759-3820 or contact any member for tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door. ###

50th Anniversary Gala Oct. 21

The Felician School for Exceptional Children will host a 50th Anniversary Gala at the Venetian on Sunday, October 10, 2021, starting at noon. The event is open to the public. For tickets or more information call Lisa at 973-777-5355 or email: Imignano@fsec.org. ###



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Let's Go Traveling!

By Rick Ardis

Customized Travel

The travel industry and the way people travel are ever evolving. Early on, globetrotting was generally for wellheeled and wealthy individuals. These voyages were tailormade to the wants and desires of these gadabouts. In the early twentieth century, things began to change.

In 1925, a young traveling salesman from Newark, Arthur Tauck, Sr., began bringing sightseers around the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada while making sales calls on area banks.

In 1935, Tauck Tours was awarded federal tour broker's license number 1. Also, around that time, Antonio Mantegazza began a transportation company in Lugano, Switzerland that

would become today's Globus Family of Brands. Both these companies have grown to offer tours and cruises around the globe as leaders in the field of guided vacations.

In the 1950s, a company owned by Gil Haroche and Fred Kassner began offering package vacations to Miami Beach combining airfare with hotel accommodations. The company is now owned by Flight Centre of Australia with US headquarters in Montvale, New Jersey. Also in the 1950s, Club Med pioneered the concept of all-inclusive resorts.

This concept has exploded in popularity over the last 40 years with additional hotel chains such as Sandals, Couples, Riu and others. More recently, the major hotel chains of Hyatt, Hilton and Marriott have begun to greatly expand their options in the all-inclusive field. These types of vacations now are amongst the most popular trips for Americans.

While travel continues to change, an old standby is making a comeback. Many vacationers are seeking a more personalized tailor-made holi-

Customized travel, sometimes called an FIT (Foreign *Independent Tour)* by travel advisors, is on the rise. A travel agency will work with a network of suppliers in the United States and in the destinations to be visited for a unique journey.

The itinerary may be for two people, a family, or a small group. These adventures may have specific reasons for travel. Tailor-made travel may involve searching for family roots, visiting filming locations of blockbuster movies or television series, or exploring the culture and cuisine of a region.

A one-of-a-kind adventure can be as individual as you.

Local guides for a private city tour allowing a deep-delve into a locality without hordes of others may be chosen. Cooking classes to learn the preparations of cuisines around the globe are frequently requested options. Visits to vineyards, olive groves, breweries and distilleries for tastings and product knowledge are extremely popular inclusions. Small, unique lodgings may be chosen, where large groups are not usually accommodated. These include manor houses, former convents and other historic buildings that make for a relaxed unharried

The local Destination Management Companies (DMC) the travel advisor engages for the journey will provide local expertise not easily found by an internet search. Almost always, a local contact is available 24/7 in the destination to answer questions and provide assistance if needed. Experiential travel of this type is typically more expensive than touring

with a traditional motorcoach group (guided vacation in today's parlance). Due to the complexity and time involved in planning, a travel advisor may have a service fee for many tailor-made trips.

The ultimate customized travel is a private driver tour. These journeys may be done by a sedan for two travelers or a van for a small group. The driver is usually a licensed tour manager who engages local guides in each location visited. Itineraries can be adjusted easily for inclement weather or the discovery of an unexpected festival.

While customized travel may come with a larger pricetag, the memories created by your odyssey are priceless.

Rick Ardis is the owner of Ardis Travel -- established in 1981. 201-939-9135 • www. ardistravel.com • rick@ardistravel.com ###



Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Artful August "Beyond the Girl with Red Hair" Part Two of Two

The Corner of Yesterday

by Artie Maglionico Where did it all go? God, only you know. Why Must Time Be so unkind?

Bridges burning Pages turning and all those people On my mind.

Joy and Laughter From Thereafter Every time I look Their way.

Still untroubled Closely huddled Waving from the corner of yesterday.

-fini-

Hydrate

The winds of change had kicked up a lot of dust. My once fairy tale world was now being overrun with emotional cyclones. I had all to do to keep from being tossed around like a whiffle ball. Once it's in the air it's anyone's guess as to where it will land. When the wind died down and the dust had cleared, I was relieved to know that I was still on my front porch steps. I stood up, looked around and noticed that my surroundings were, somehow, not the same.

Perhaps I was looking at things differently.

All I knew was that something was not quite right. I walked down to the corner store hoping to meet up with the kids from Westervelt Place.

I caught a glimpse of my reflection in the store front window and hardly recognized myself.

Was it the window or was my body out of proportion? It was like looking into one of those carnival mirrors. The

kind that distorts your image into various shapes, lumps and sizes. Only this wasn't a mirror ... it was me!

The kids from Westervelt Place were facing the same dilemma. We all had our own stories to tell and were soon comparing notes.

Luckily, we didn't write any of them down.

Our school boy antics weren't cutting it any more. What was once considered by the neighbors to be "cute" was now being met with phrases like "I'll call the cops."

Our biggest concern had gone from getting a dime to by lemon ice to making sure our hair was kept in place. We went from butch wax to Wildroot cream oil seemingly overnight.

The street games like box ball or kick the can were becoming things of the past. Even frogging down the Saddle River had lost its allure. My older cousin Johnny "Mags" Maglionico (Anthony's older brother), who held it all together by his mere presence was on his way to life outside, the neighborhood.

His departure definitely signified the end of an era. Life on Westervelt Place would never be the same.

This, of course, was the natural progression of life. It

was all happening the way God had originally planned it. I wasn't buying it. I wanted things to stay the same. I wanted to sit on the corner store steps and chew bubble gum or drink liquid sugar out of a wax casing, which always wound up melting on the sidewalk. Can any of you relate to this? Does it bring back some semipleasant memories?

I wasn't ready for life beyond the girl with red hair, who by then forgot that I ever existed. All that time I thought that I left her behind. In truth, it was the other way around. That, my friends, was a rude awaking. I wondered for a moment or two how she wound up ahead of me. The answer was brief, but not without major

A voice from within the cavernous recesses of my mind spoke. "You were standing still!" Say no more.

Standing still was bad enough but I was going backwards and still making the same mistakes.

Luckily, a few of my Columbus School classmates had slowed down long enough for me to catch up. I walked with them into the future and never looked back. Oh I did look back on occasion until I realized that the kids from Westervelt Place

were gone. No one was there to replace them.

That tiny section of paradise remains empty till this day. It's all gone.

Now after the myriad words I have written, after the scores of beautiful souls I met along the way, the open roads, the dead ends, the new discoveries, the agonizing loss of loved ones and the unconditional love that surrounded me. After a magical childhood, I'm left to gaze out of my kitchen window and see the ghosts of my past waving back at me from that sacred corner of yesterday.

I remember them well for I once sailed with them to distant shores beyond our childhood dreams, beyond Westervelt Place and beyond the girl with red hair. ###

Shipmates

by Artie Maglionico

In the conscious now we lived then died.

We sailed the Saddle River,

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We passed ourselves along the

Reflections in the light of day. Shipmates on the open sea Our compass toward eternity.



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Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, DMD, FAGD.

What is Burning Mouth **Syndrome?**

Burning mouth syndrome (BMS) is a common, but complex problem that causes patients to experience a burning or scalding pain on the lips and tongue (and sometimes throughout the mouth).

There are often no visible signs of irritation, and the cause of the syndrome may be from various factors, ranging from the onset of menopause to psychological dysfunctions to vitamin deficiencies. BMS may affect up to 5 percent of Americans and usually occurs in people over age 60. Though members of both sexes are susceptible to BMS, it occurs more frequently in older women, between 18 and 33 percent of post-menopausal women are estimated to have BMS

There are a variety of symptoms associated with BMS. The main symptom is a burning sensation, ranging from moderate to severe, in your mouth, throat, lips and tongue. Many patients have described the feeling as "scald-

Other symptoms include dry mouth or a bitter or metallic taste. Patients with BMS often say that the pain is gradual and spontaneous, intensifying as the day moves along. It can affect a person's ability to fall asleep. The discomfort and restlessness associated with BMS may cause mood changes, irritability, anxiety and depres-

The exact cause of BMS is difficult to determine. In 30 percent of cases it is caused by a variety of existing conditions that affect the oral and systemic health. Some conditions include the onset of menopause, diabetes and deficiencies in such nutrients as iron, zinc, folate, thiamine, riboflavin vitamins B6 and B12, and complications of cancer therapy (radiation and chemotherapy). In the majority of cases, no specific diagnosis for the symptoms can be made. BMS symptoms may occur from xerostomia (dry mouth), tongue thrusting, bruxism (teeth grinding), ir-

ritating or ill-fitting dentures and thrush (a common fungal infection characterized by a white lesion).

BMS is difficult to diagnose because its cause can stem from any number of conditions, both physical and psychologi-

For this reason it's important to consult with your dentist and physician to develop an appropriate treatment plan. Your dentist will begin by reviewing your medical history and asking you to describe the symptoms. He or she may refer you to a general physician or specialist for other blood, allergy, liver or thyroid tests.

Treatment for BMS depends on the patient and the cause. If the cause is related to the oral cavity, your dentist has a variety of ways to provide relief. For dry mouth, your dentist may advise that you drink more fluids, or he or she may prescribe medicine that promotes the flow of saliva. Thrush may be treated with oral antifungal medications, such as nystatin or fluconazole. If dentures are the culprit, your dentist can make adjustments so they won't irritate the mouth or replace them with better-fitting dentures.

If your dentist determines that there are no oral conditions causing BMS, he or she may refer you to your family physician or a specialist. The physician will most likely start with a complete blood test to determine the best course of treatment. If menopause is to blame, then hormone replacement therapy may be recommended. They may also recommend other medicines or treatments to provide relief.

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3rd Annual Day of Joy

Comfort Keepers®, a market-leading provider of uplifting home care for seniors and adults who need assistance, celebrated its third annual National Day of Joy on June 30, 2021.

Comfort Keepers founded this national holiday to emphasize the importance of finding joy, no matter the age, to boost their overall physical, mental and emotional health.

Comfort Keepers celebrated with all their caregivers, clients and families with fun activities, food, gifts and much

"State of Joy" Survey* polled Americans on their perspectives about joy, including specific activities that bring them happiness and evolving attitudes about joy in light of current events.

The survey polled 2,000 Americans; 1,000 were 30+ years of age with children and at least one living parent, and 1,000 were people aged 65+.

Americans find Joy in people – not places, events or things. Some highlights from the survey:

- Seeing family members (42%) and spending time with them (38%) brings Americans more joy than traveling (37%), seeing close friends (32%) or not wearing a mask as often
- Seniors over the age of 65 prioritized seeing family the most (55%), compared to last year, when dining at a restaurant topped their postpandemic to-do list.
- People plan to see their loved ones as soon as they're vaccinated (45%), before attending a sporting event (20%) and frequenting the beach or pool (27%).
- One in three people over the age of 65 now prefer texting to phone calls.
- One in three seniors learn how to use social media and brush up on their pop culture as a way to bond with the younger members of their family.
- Those over 65 even have favorite emojis — the heart

(43%) and the happy face (43%) are getting the most use. Other popular emojis for those over 65 included the beer emoji and assorted animals.

The pandemic brought a new perspective on living joyfully with:

- Four in 10 say they learned to "stop and smell the roses" and "savor every moment."
- 43% will now try not to "sweat the small stuff."
- Two in five (42%) say the prospect of seeing family members again as the pandemic gradually recedes brings them the most joy.

To participate in the National Day of Joy Challenge,

share three pictures of something or someone that brings joy and nominate three people to take the challenge using #NationalDayofJoy

* The survey was conducted by OnePoll on behalf of Comfort Keepers from April 29 to May 1, 2021. ###

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Bergen County Honors Juneteenth

By James J. Halloran

On June 19, 2021, the Bergen County Division of Cultural & Historical Affairs hosted an event to honor Juneteenth at the African American Gethsemane Cemetery, in Little Ferry. (See The Gazette Newspaper, August, 2020, page 11.) This was a self-guided tour. On hand to answer questions was Dr. Arnold Brown, Bergen County Historian.

This is a day when we should reflect on the many struggles and hardships that our friends and neighbors in the African American community have yet to overcome.

What is Juneteenth and its significance to America? Juneteenth is the combination of June and nineteenth. June 19, 1865 is considered the day that slavery ended in the

United States. US Army Major General Gordon Granger, Commander of the District of Texas, issued General Order No. 3, dated June 19, 1865.

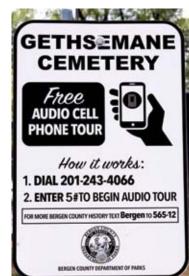
This order reads, in part, "The people of Texas are informed, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.

This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the

connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer.

The freemen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages." The original order is now at the National Archives in Washington, DC.

To commemorate Juneteenth, both the United States and the State of New Jersey have designated June 19th as a holiday. ###





Pictured are: Russell D. Petrocelli, NJ State Warden and Scholarship Chairman; St. Anthony Council Chaplain and Pastor Fr. Ronnie Nombre; Fr. MJ Zajac; Anthony Cala; Jillian D'Agnese; John Milne, Grand Knight; and Mrs. Marie Gallo. ###

W-R Knights Award Scholarships

proud to honor the following 8th Grade students who will be attending a Catholic High School in September, with a \$1,000 scholarship.

• The Anthony Giuseffi,

The Knights of Columbus, Sr. Scholarship is the annual this year in honor of Peter J. St. Anthony Council #11585 are scholarship presented by the Gallo, Jr., a Past Grand Knight Council and this year we are honoring:

> Anthony Cala - Paramus Catholic High School

• The Peter J. Gallo, Jr. Scholarship is a Memorial Scholarship being presented

and Past Faithful Navigator, who served the Council proudly for many years:

Jillian D'Agnese - Paramus Catholic High School.

Provided by Russell D. Petrocelli. ###

Audrey Nagel Scholarship Awarded

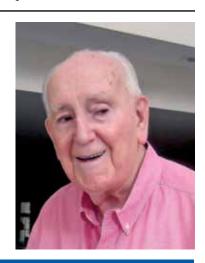
Jack Nagel presents the Audrey Nagel Scholarship Award to Marco Roig. The \$1,000 award is presented annually to an Eighth Grade student graduating from a Parochial Grammar School and will attend a Catholic High School in the fall. The recipient must be a Parishioner of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish or a Wood-Ridge resident registered in another parish. Marco graduated from Corpus Christi Grammar School and will be attending Paramus Catholic High School in September. The award was announced at



the school's award ceremony on Saturday, June 12, 2021. Jack was not able to attend the award ceremony, but presented the award to Marco at his home with his parents beaming with pride! ###

Happy 90th **Birthday John**

The Nesbitt Family surprised Hasbrouck Heights resident, "John Sr." by hosting a surprise party with family and friends. John turned 90 this past June. Congratulations John! Photo by Gladys *Gamble*. ###





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Great Adventure on Mystery Island



enjoyed a free Mystery Island Vacation Bible School Adventure, tracking down the One night such as memory verse True God, our Greatest treasure. It was hosted by Bible Baptist Church in Hasbrouck Heights from July 12 to 26, 2021, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

There was singing, dancing and theatrical skits. Islanders experienced Lighthouse les-

Kids from K to 6th Grade sons, rode the tide games, tropi- Hawaii and the beach). cal treats and deep sea crafts.

> There were contests each challenges. Teams earned points for each contest and received prizes on the last evening of Mystery Island.

They held a "Dress-up Challenge" where everyone came dressed in their favorite island themed clothing (think

There was a "God Wonders" Challenge. Other contests were team spirit and guessing jars.

Each night they collected optional offerings for Lighthouse Pregnancy Center, a ministry that helps women and men facing tough decisions for the future of their unborn children. ###





















Rutherford Children Celebrate Patriotism

The Rutherford Recreation Department's 89th Annual Baby Parade was held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 10 a.m., in Lincoln Park.

Rutherford residents, ages newborn through 5 years old, were welcomed to participate in this adorable Rutherford tradition. Residents were encouraged to decorate their child's stroller, bike, wagon, etc., with patriotic or other themes and to have their children dress for the role.

This is a wonderful com-

munity event that showcases the artistic talent of parents and the incredible cuteness factor of Rutherford children.

The Grand Prize winner received a \$100 savings bond and 6 runner-ups received a \$50 savings bond. Event was sponsored by the Recreation Office. For additional information, call 201-460-3015.

After the parade, The Junior Woman's Club Chalk Drawing contest was held on Highland Cross. See below. ###























Chalking It Up

Following the Rutherford Baby Parade, in Lincoln Park, on June 26, 2021, the Junior Woman's Club of Rutherford held their 13th Annual Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest. Prizes were awarded. ###











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Some current members of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department with an antique hose cart.

Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



HASBROUCK HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

125 Years of Service Pride – Dedication – Service PART 7

On January 21, 2015 at the Avalon Luxury Apartment Complex, in Edgewater, NJ, unlicensed workers were doing plumbing work with a torch. A small fire started. Rather than calling the fire department, they called their boss!

Finally, the Edgewater FD was called. This delay allowed the fire to spread to the upper floors and a common cockloft. This fire would go to multiple alarms. Over 300 firefighters would battle the conflagration. Departments from Bergen, Hudson and Union Counties were called. The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department sent an engine to assist. In addition. a NYFD fireboat was used to pump water from the Hudson River. Over 400 people were made homeless.

A truck rear-ended another truck on Route 17 South, at Williams Avenue, on January 23, 2015. The "Jaws of Life" were employed to free the driver of the truck. Both drivers were transported to HUMC.

The Taco Bell drive thru lane was the scene of a car fire on December 15, 2015. Upon arrival of the Department, it was found that the car was fully involved. The fire was quickly extinguished. The driver of the car suffered minor burns.

The Borough of Little Ferry had a multiple alarm fire on August 16, 2016. The Heights Fire Department responded to

assist. Sadly, two people would perish in the fire.

On the corner of the Boulevard and Williams Avenue was a three-car accident with rollover, on January 25, 2017. One driver had to be extricated and transported to HUMC.

The Marcal Paper Mill complex, in Elmwood Park, NJ, would be the scene of a major fire, on January 30, 2019. Fire departments were called in from all over Bergen and Passaic Counties. The HHFD assisted in looking out for any fires that were spreading from embers that were carried by the wind. Many fire hoses froze up from the extreme cold conditions.

On March 22, 2019, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department hosted a visit from Abel Martinez, Mayor of Santiago, The Dominican Republic. The Department donated seventeen sets of used turnout gear to the Santiago Fire Department. That department does not have enough turnout gear for all their members.

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department would go out of service for a Department social event on May 17, 2019. Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department would supply coverage for the period that they were out of service. At about 9:30 p.m., a fire was reported in an auto repair shop on Park Avenue, in Wood-Ridge, near the train



The 1896 Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department.

station.

Upon arrival, the Heights FD found a fully involved structure. Additional alarms were called in. Five additional fire departments responded to the scene. Due to the close proximity of the railroad tracks, NJ Transit Police responded also. The building and about twelve autos were a total loss.

Moonachie would have a three-alarm fire on May 18, 2020. The Heights FD would respond. One Heights fire-fighter was injured and transported to HUMC. The injury was minor.

The Heights FD was called to a fire on November 16, 2020, on Henry Street. The building was unoccupied and the owner had been doing unapproved and uninspected alterations. This included a hole in the floor of a second-floor room. One firefighter fell into the hole but did not fall through. He was transported to HUMC as a precaution.

Because of space limitations, I have only listed some of the events that transpired during this time period.

In one hundred and twenty-five plus years, the Department has come a long way from the original hand drawn carts to modern fire apparatus. They are Engine 615, a 2002 Pierce

Pumper, carrying 900 gallons of water and capable of pumping 2,000 gallons per minute. Engine 616, a 1997 KME Pumper with 1,000 gallons and capable of pumping 2,000 gallons per minute, Truck 617, a 2016 Smeal Aerial Ladder Truck with a 105-foot ladder, carrying 500 gallons and able to pump 2,000 gallons per minute.

Rescue 614 is a 1994 Marion Rescue Truck. This truck carries the "Jaws of Life." The "Jaws" is a hydraulic tool, to both cut through and/or spread apart, that is used to extricate trapped individuals. Rescue 614 is also equipped with an extendable light tower.

The Ambulance Squad is equipped with two ambulances. They are Ambulance 603, a 2010 Ford chassis with a Horton box and Ambulance 604, a 2019 Ford chassis with a Road Rescue box.

HHFD. ###

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There are currently 51 members in the Department. If you want to take an active part in giving back to the community or are craving a little excitement in your life, then come join an organization with over 125 years of service to the community in saving lives and property. Become part of a team steeped in history and tradition. Call 201-288-0082

for more information. If you are between the ages of 16 and 18, come join the HHFD Junior program.

I wish to thank Ms. Mimi Hui, Director of the Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library, for her invaluable assistance in researching this history and Mr. Fritz Rethage, Editor of **The Gazette Newspaper**, for allowing me to bring forth this history.

To all of the current and former members of the Department, "THANK YOU" for your assistance in writing this history and for your service to the community of Hasbrouck Heights. THIS IS YOUR STORY. Above photos provided by HHFD. ###

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VFW Post 809 Celebrates 100th Anniversary

VFW Post 809, located at that were in need. 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ, was chartered by World War I Veterans in 1921.

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World War II saw a large influx of new members and, in 1946, land was acquired to build a Post home on Main Street.

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Children's programs, like Light a Bike and Halloween Safety, as well as the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen

contests, would come not long after

Korea, Vietnam and now Iraq and war in Afghanistan increase eligibility to new levels and we have members that served in them all.

Each year we hold a Memorial Day service to honor the nation's war dead and Veterans Day to honor the living.

We decorate the graves of all Veterans so that their memory is not forgotten.

Our original mission did not change. We are to help the community and Veterans alike.

We are 100 years old and we still honor the dead by helping the living. Provided by Thomas Marshall. ###



The December 14, 2005 fire that destroyed the Lodi American Legion Post 139 home. File photo.



Martorano Sr., and 2nd Vice Commander Joseph Botta, Sr. burn the Post's mortgage. With the original Post home that had been dedicated in 1952 ravaged by a catastrophic fire in December 2005, the American Legion members raised money



to rebuild, and took out a mortgage to cover the difference.





American Legion Family members cut the cake. Left to right: Unit 136 Auxiliary President Sharon Salvacion, Post 136 Adjutant Vincent Martorano, Sr., Bergen County American Legion Vice Commander William Patterson, Bergen County Sons of the American Legion Commander Keith Barnes, Post 136 Senior Vice Commander Joseph Botta, Sr., and Bergen County American Auxiliary President Pamela Jengo. Not shown, Post 136 Commander Francis Carrasco ###



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AL Post 136 Installation; Burns Mortgage Celebrating 102 years of

service to the community, state and nation, Lodi's Joseph M. Lane American Legion Post 136 held their 102nd installation of officers on Friday, June 25, 2021.

During the course of the evening, Post, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion officers, members and friends took the opportunity to honor 60-year member John DeCristofaro, receive greetings from Mayor Scott Luna, present almost \$1,000 in donations of new socks and undershirts to Sons of the American Legion

Squadron 310 member, Forrest Elliott, to bring to the Paramus Veterans Home, and present a \$500 donation check to the Lodi Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

In addition, the highlight of the evening was the ceremonial burning of the Post's mortgage.

With the original Post home that had been dedicated in 1952 ravaged by a catastrophic fire in December 2005, the American Legion members raised money to rebuild, and took out a mortgage to cover the difference. Provided by Margaret Frontera. ###

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Children

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- A Summer of Crafts. June 28 to August 13. Kids and teens in Grades 3-12 can register for a new grab & go project each week including clay bowls, crystal sun catchers, and more! Registration is required.
- Outdoor Scavenger Hunt. Tuesday, August 3, 2 to 4 p.m. Rain date Tuesday, August 10, 2 to 4 p.m. We've hidden sea creatures around the outside of the Library! Grab your clue sheet and find them to win prizes. This program is open to all ages. No registration required.
- Teen Chefs Grab & Go Snack. Pickup starts Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Make a tasty dessert that's also a beach scene! Open to teens in Grades

6-12. Registration required.

- Grab & Go Animal Science. Pickup starts Monday, August 9. Follow along with Miss Libby from home as we do a science project about penguins! This grab & go program is open to kids in Grades Pre-K-2. Registration is required.
- Outdoor End of Summer Reading Party. Friday, August 13 from 3 to 4 p.m. Rain date Monday, August 16, 3 to 4 p.m. Celebrate the end of summer reading with us! There will be fun activities, a grab and go crafts, snacks, bubbles, storytime, and a prize pickup station for kids in the summer reading program!

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• Summer Reading. June 24 to August 13. Adults can all sign up for the Summer Reading Program this year, too. The more you read the more chances you have to win fantastic gift cards. For more information, go to our website or call 973-365-4044 x4.



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• "Tails and Tales" Summer Reading Club! Register for our "Tails and Tales" Summer Reading Club! Rutherford children, ages 3 to 11, are rewarded with small prizes for continued reading of any books they choose, all summer long. Register online (look for Summer Reading Club under the Children's Services tab) or visit the Library and pick up a Summer Reading Club bag. ###

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This movie is available to borrow on Blu-ray and DVD. For adults 18 & older.

Call or go online to register. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed after registering.

- Virtual Book Club on Wednesday, August 25 at 7 p.m. This month's selection is "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott. Copies available at the Circulation Desk, e-book or listen to the audiobook on Hoopla. Call or go online to register. A Zoom access code will be emailed after registering.
- Music with Miss Nita - Live! The Carlstadt Library welcomes Miss Nita at the Carlstadt Village Green on Thursday, August 5 and Thursday, August 12, at 10:30 a.m., for songs, rhymes, movement and instrument play. This program is for ages 6 months to 5 years. Please register for each session at carlstadtlibrary.org or call 201-438-8866. ###

Wood-Ridge Memorial Library

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

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is open to the public at 100% capacity. Computer time is limited to sixty minutes, no advance reservation is required. The Book Drop is open for item returns. Porch pick-up is available upon request. Please see our website for updated information.

- Music with Miss Nita Free music-and-movement classes with Miss Nita on our Facebook page. Prerecorded sessions are posted every Wednesday at 10 a.m., and are available to view at any time. Come share the joys of making music!
- Children's Summer **Program Registration** Tails and Tales! A summer reading club for children from birth through age 16. Participants are encouraged to read, or be read to, for 30 minutes per day and will earn points and win prizes. Reading logs will be handled online at the address below. The reading program will run from July 1- August 31. Register at woodridgenj. readsquared.com or call 201-438-2455.

Summer Programs for Children

All programs are held on Thursdays, July 1 to August 31. Registration required.

- August 5, 4 p.m., Library lawn. "Unique Creatures" from scales and tales to feathers and fur, learn about real animals up close and personal.
- August 12, 4 p.m., Library lawn. "Dinosaurs Rock!" Participants examine specimens and fossils from real prehistoric creatures! Each kid that participates will receive a genuine fossil to keep.

Databases:

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library has many entertaining and educational databases, including, but not limited to, Gale LegalForms, CultureGrams, Ancestry and Biography in Context.

We also offer a film streaming service through Kanopy and access to comprehensive news coverage at the local, state, regional and national levels through U.S. Major Dailies. ###

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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 in-person browsing and computer use. No appointments are required. In accordance with New Jersey state mandates, masks are optional for vaccinated individuals. Any minor, 13 years old and under, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be responsible for their supervision. It is highly encouraged for these individuals to wear masks if they are not vaccinated.

The Hasbrouck Heights Library continues to offer virtual and in-person activities for the whole family and for the life-long learner. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Visit the Library's website for details and click on "Calendar."

For the Whole Family

• Tails and Tales. Summer reading is here! Continues through Sunday, August 29. All logging for kids, teens and adults will be done online at http://hhlibrary.readsquared. com. Visit the site for registration and details.

Chameleons are loose in the Children's Department! Six colorful critters are buried in the shelves. Find one from now until August 27 and bring it to the Children's Desk for a prize!

Adults can look forward to a tricky "Tails & Tales Scavenger Hunt" throughout the Library (until supplies last), and 'Guess the Tail" and "Book Bingo" contests for chances to win some gift cards!

- Bundle Up. Need beach reads for a long weekend? Hot off the grill reads are waiting for you! Bundle Up is a specially curated book recommendation service available for all ages. Each bundle will come with three options. Visit our website to fill out a google
- Our Movie Night (at *Home*) promotion continues throughout the month. Borrow any five Hasbrouck Heightsowned DVDs from our Adult or Juvenile collection using doorside or in-person browsing and we'll provide a bag of microwave popcorn!

For Children

• Tails & Tales Craftto-Go for Kids. Mondays in August. Continuing last summer's successful program, each Monday kids can pick up a complete Tails & Tales craftin-a-bag during Library hours. Each craft bag will also contain reading suggestions and family literacy tips.

 Tails & Tales Bingo. Thursday, August 5 at 11 a.m. In-person on the Madison Avenue Courtyard. Come play some Tails & Tales Bingo, best for kids Grades K-4. Registration limited to 10 players due to social distancing restrictions.

For Teens and Adults

• Tails and Tales. Teen & Adult Craft-to-Go, Bookpage Door Hangers. Tuesday, Tuesday, August 24 from 2 to 8 p.m. This month, teens and adults can craft together to create bookpage door hangers. Supplies will be available for pickup in the Teen Area from 2-8 pm. Register on our website calendar for supplies.

For Adults

• Crafts-to-Share Club. Tuesday, August 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 25 from 11 to 3 p.m.

Drop in to chat and work on a crafty project! Enjoy getting to know other crafters in your community while you knit, crochet, embroider or craft anything! We have donated yarn for any crafters looking to create for a good cause. In person and on zoom.

• Once Upon a Trivia. Thursday, August 19 at 7 p.m.There are many tales and tails to behold in movies, books, and pop culture. From "Alice in Wonderland" to "Beowulf," test your knowledge on epic and animal tales! Trivia will be played on Kahoot and participants will interact over Zoom.

Adults

• Adult Book Club. 4th Tuesday of each month. August 24 at 7 p.m. Join an evening of fun, literary discussion! August's book is "Afterlife" by Julia Alvarez. Pick book up at the Library or use the Hoopla app to enjoy the eBook or eAudiobook on your smartphone or tablet. In-person and on Zoom

The Library's summer hours of operation are:

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Rutherford **Blood Drive** November 1

Carol Hsu has been elected interim chairperson of the Rutherford Community Blood Bank. The Rutherford resident succeeds Kathleen Mathieu.

"Carol brings a fresh energy to our efforts and tradition as we happily restart our work, which has been curtailed by the pandemic," said Kathleen.

Other officers include Karla Mazza, vice-chairperson; Frank Tidona, treasurer; and Peggy Lestche, corresponding secretary.

The all-volunteer group was started by area residents in 1957. "I am looking forward to our fall drive on Monday, November 1, 2021 at the Kip Center." said Carol. "If you can give blood, please do save the date." Provided by Kathleen Mathieu. ###

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



An Overheated Summer Season

Time again for some thoughts on today's really bizarre real estate craze. This isn't, of course, the first time our corner of the country has seen a strong sales market. But to see it this extraordinarily strong in every part of the U.S.?

The national average listing price hit a new high last month when it reached \$380,000 (*Realtor.com*). That's up 15.2% compared to last year!

What's driving this unprecedented Summer 2021 Housing Market? There's a long list of causes for it but here a few of the most paramount...

- Mortgage rates have been exceptionally low for a long time. And the Fed is still continuing to support low interest rates.
- COVID has turned homes into offices, classrooms and sanctuaries from the outside world.
- Construction workers have been laid off during the pandemic. Additionally, the cost of building (an increase of

\$80,000 for lumber in the average new home) has resulted in the construction of fewer newbuilt homes.

- Current inventory, estimated at a very low 2.3 month supply at today's sales pace nation-wide, is even worse in our area with only half as many homes listed for sale now as compared to the winter season which, traditionally, is much, much slower.
- The high cost to buy a replacement house makes many potential sellers decide not to sell their current home.
- Consumer costs are rising rapidly fueling fears of inflation. Fear of mounting inflation increases pressure to raise interest rates. An interest rate increase from 2.75% to 3.25% can decrease a homebuyer's purchasing power by an average \$23,250.
- The pandemic governmental stimulus boost is now behind us, a thing of the past, meaning there's less saving for down payments.

This sizzling hot 2021 home market may well have already reached an affordability peak and whether we want it or not, we may be on the cusp of a slowdown.

That doesn't mean it will instantly become a buyer's market a couple of months from now. However, every day more and more buyers are being priced out of the market. We, in the industry, are already seeing

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many giving up.

The home buying frenzy has priced millions of Americans out of the market. The National Association of Home Builders says that approximately 60% of households can no longer afford the median-priced home.

And because the brunt of the cost increases had happened at the low end of the market, the number of firsttime buyers is, unfortunately, ever-decreasing.

Sellers are keenly aware of the top of the market. Two-week-old data from realtor. com indicates that more sellers are bringing homes onto the market.

Most recently, new listings were up 7% after also rising in March and April, then again after briefly dropping the first part of June. If this rising trend in listings continues, it can be expected to moderate somewhat the insane price growth over the past year.

Also recently, the Federal Reserve has indicated that it will be closely scrutinizing interest rates. Currently there is no plan to increase rates, but a closer look reinforces a concern that the economy may be recovering faster than anticipated. A rate hike could come sooner than previously forecast to keep inflation under control.

A survey by Fannie Mae this spring indicated more Americans have lost confidence that this is a good time to buy, with buyer confidence dropping by 4%.

If this sentiment continues, it could mean fewer new buyers entering the market at the same time existing buyers are giving up. The expected result would then definitely be a slow-down in the market.

Which, in the view of many of us realtors on the front line, working with harried & shell-shocked, earnest buyers still doggedly seeking any sign of hope in their quest, this wouldn't be such a bad thing...

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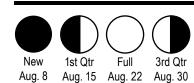
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This year, the Sturgeon Moon is also a seasonal Blue Moon, which is the third of four full moons appearing during the same season. In this case, it will be the third full moon of summer. (The others are June 24, July 23 and September 20.)

According to "The Farmer's Almanac," the fishing tribes are given credit for the naming of this moon, since sturgeon, a large fish of the Great Lakes and other major bodies of water, were most readily caught during August.

The lake sturgeon has a greenish-grey color and a pointed snout with two pairs of whisker-like tactile organs dangling near the mouth. It is sometimes called a "living fossil," as it belongs to a family of fish that has existed for more than 135 million years.

Lake sturgeons are extremely long-lived. The males can reach 55 years, while females can live up to 150 years! And they can grow to be enormous. They are the American continent's largest fish and can grow to over 2 meters long (6 feet) and weigh around 90 kilos (200 pounds).

Lake sturgeons do not only live in lakes; they also live in rivers, but not in the ocean.

This monster fish used to be a major part of the ecosystems in North America's Great Lakes, Hudson Bay, and in the Mississippi River, and they were once found all the way from Canada to Alabama.

Today, the lake sturgeon has become one of the rarest fish in North America because of intense overfishing in the 19th century, pollution, and damage to their habitat and breeding grounds due to agriculture and lumbering.

A few tribes knew it as the "Full Red Moon" because, as the Moon rises, it appears reddish through any sultry haze. It was also called the "Green Corn Moon," "Grain Moon,"Fruit Moon," and "Barley Moon," all inspired by vaious crops that can be harvested in August. 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. ###

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"It's as simple as registering your name or business name and your email address and you will be notified electronically if a document is recorded with your name or property," Clerk Hogan noted.

"Any tools, such as this early warning system, that can help protect Bergen County residents from fraud are useful and beneficial to our property owners. I'm pleased to offer them this free service as a way to protect one of their most important assets." ###

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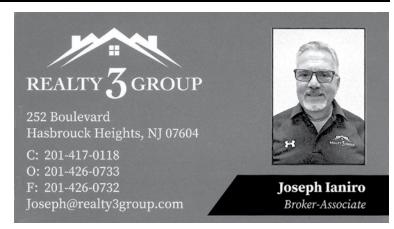
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The Mass is open to the public. For more information call Lisa at 973-777-5355 or email: Imignano@fsec.org. ###

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother, Oh, Holy Mary, Mother Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are some that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother.

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

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

The person must say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. **N.M.** ###

PRAYER TO SAINT ANTHONY

O Holy St. Anthony gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me my special request. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms. The gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. **N.M.**###

Feast of the Assumption

The Feast of the Assumption, August 15, commemorates the belief that when Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, died, her body was not subjected to the usual process of physical decay but was "assumed" into Heaven and reunited there with her soul. ... It is regarded as the principal feast day of the Virgin Mother.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms Mary did not suffer from original sin therefore she is pure in body and soul. Christ would not allow His Mother to suffer bodily decay at death. Only Mary could be and was the Mother of Jesus since her body was pure at His birth and in her death. Mary and Jesus did not suffer bodily corruption at death. Therefore, Mary was assumed into Heaven, body and soul by

her Son, Jesus.

Her feast is celebrated here in the US, parts of Europe and South America. Blue is the color most often associated with the Virgin Mary. It symbolizes truth and clarity, and it is the color of the sky, which symbolizes Heaven.

The dogma of the Assumption was officially recognized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, for Catholics it is a matter of faith. For Catholics and many Christians, Mary remains an important figure in our lives. The Assumption looks to eternity not Mary's death. It gives us the hope of our eternity in Heaven as we follow Mary's life. An ancient belief became Catholic Doctrine and The Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

Submitted by Maryann Pisani. ###

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Care on the Corner announces the Summer 2021 program for Kids on the Corner, a Performing Arts Program for children in Grades 2-7.

This session marks the 40th 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 Monday, August 9 and Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Cindy Summers, participants will tell the story of "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No welcome to come out and see the performance on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. Cindy Summers has en-

Good, Very Bad Day." All are

joyed more than 20 years working in the theater. She has performed internationally in London, Scotland, and Ireland, and has performed in NYC's legendary Duplex, The Metropolitan Room, Don't Tell Mama, and 54 Below. Cindy has been teaching and stage managing children's theater for over ten years in numerous companies. She is currently working with Kids on the Corner, The Women's Theater Company, and NiCori Studios & Productions.

The group meets at the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine at 229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register. There is a \$35 registration fee. Scholarships are available. ###

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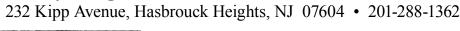
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New World Montessori School Trike-a-Thon Supports St. Jude's

On May 11, 2021, the weather was perfect for the **New World Montessori School** Trike-a-Thon. The children rode their bikes tirelessly and many parents were present to help the riders and offer encouragement. This event was a wonderful occasion for the children to learn the valuable lesson about giving of oneself to benefit those in need. Kudos to the families of New World Montessori School for raising \$3,120 to support the ongoing work of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. *Provided by NWMS*. ###

Welcome To The Neighborhood



Heights Pizza Moves Next Door. Now Offers Expanded Seating.

On Tuesday, July 6, 2021, **Heights Pizza** owner, Celestino Gencarelli, was joined by Mayor Jack DeLorenzo, members of the Hasbrouck Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce, friends, family, and employees for the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. See ad on page 15. ###



Custom Frame Shop and Wall Art Opens at 246 Boulevard Hasbrouck Heights

On June 25, 2021, **Modern Memory Design Frame Shop** owner Michael Kowalczyk, was joined by members of Hasbrouck Heights Mayor and Council, Hasbrouck Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce, and friends and family for its grand opening and ribbon cutting. See ad on page 6. *Photo provided by Michael Kowalczyk.* ###



How Sweet It is! Two Ladies Bakery Opens at 446 Boulevard Hasbrouck Heights

On July 17 2021, **Two Ladies Bakery** owners were joined by members of Hasbrouck Heights Mayor and Council, Hasbrouck Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce, and friends and family for its grand opening and ribbon cutting. See ad on page 5. ###



Jerry Lanzerotti, John Branda, Ezio Altamura, Commendatore Tom Gonnella, Phil Romero, Kenny Schulz, Dominick Azzolini. Seated: Phil Miuccio. Not shown: Angel Martinez, Robert Riccardella. ###

Hoboken Dinner Club Back at Last

The Hoboken Dinner Club of Wood-Ridge, started almost 5 years ago, by a group of friends who enjoy dinner, wine and going to Hoboken.

Their twice yearly get together in the spring and fall were always a welcomed night of good food, wine and Fellowship. The last time the group was out was in 2019 before the COVID pandemic.

Thankfully, this spring would bring a return to the group's dining adventures. Arrangements were made to stay local for the first night back out.

On Friday, May 14, 2021, the boys went to long time Wood-Ridge favorite establishment, **Justin's II Ristorante**, located at 269 Hackensack Street. Our host, William, who helped keep residents fed during COVID, put together a wonderful spread that kicked our teeth out!

To further honor this occa-

sion, the group paid tribute to one of its most respected colleagues, "Senior Charter Member Tom Gonnella," with the title "Commendatore Senior Charter Member" for his long outstanding service to not only the group, but to the Borough of Wood-Ridge as well.

His community service, as always, has been a source of pride to all who know him.

Tom was presented with a shirt of the group, and a certificate of appreciation. Charter member, Jerry Lanzerotti, of Lyndhurst Pastry Shop, made a special cake for the man of the hour. The group enjoyed many funny stories, singing of songs, good food & wine and above all, true fellowship. Congratulations to "Commendatore Gonnella," you are an inspiration to all. Next event will take place during the fall in Hoboken. Provided by Philip Miuccio, ###





It Was a Very Nice Gazebo

On June 15, 2021 the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and W-R EMS responded to a vehicle crashing into the gazebo at 4th and Fritsch. The driver was transported to HUMC. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###



(l-r) Councilman Emil Carafa Jr., Mayor Scott A. Luna, Deputy Mayor Vincent Martin, Councilman Joseph P. Leto IV. Not shown Councilman Albert J. DiChiara. File photo. ###

Lodi Reorganization Meeting

the Borough of Lodi conducted the Annual Reorganization Meeting virtually

Borough Clerk, Carole L. D'Amico, read the notice of meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Scott A. Luna and

On July 1, 2021, at noon, Deputy Mayor Vincent Martin were made to include Alan P. were re-elected for the current year. Oaths of Office were administered by Borough Attorney Alan P. Spiniello, followed by remarks by Mayor Luna and Deputy Mayor Martin.

> Via consent agenda, several professional appointments

Spiniello as Borough Attorney and special Tax Counsel, Frank R. DiMaria as Municipal Auditor, Michael J. Neglia as Borough Engineer, Gary Paparozzi as Borough Planner, etc. Appointments were made for one year.

Jacqueline Rosa, Esq., was re-appointed as Public Defender and Mark A. DiPisa, Esq., as Prosecutor.

Planning Board, Zoning Board and administrative positions were announced. Financial protocols were voted upon. (Contact the Lodi Borough

Clerk for the complete listing.)

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lodi resumed in-person meetings beginning July 20, 2021.

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