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Lodi Fall Fest Oct. 12

Lodi will host "Fall Fest" on October 12, 2024, on Memorial Drive. Starts at 1 p.m.

Free event includes food trucks, beer garden, arts, crafts, local shops, fireworks and more!

Check website for more details.www.loi_nj.org ###

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Moonachie Family Fun Day August 3

Come celebrate on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 1-4 p.m. Moonachie Family Fun Day is sponsored by the Mayor and Council, at the Moonachie Civic Center Park.

Free hamburgers, hot dogs, refreshments, water inflatables and entertainment. Bring your bathing suit, a towel, chairs and blanket! Rain date August 4.

For more information, call 201-206-8774 ###

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LF Family Fun Day

Together, We're Better. Come celebrate the many cultures that make us a community. The Mayor and Council invite Little Ferry residents to Family Fun Day, Saturday, September 21, 2024 (rd Sept. 22), from 1 to 9 p.m., at Willow Lake Park (Main and Pickens Street).

There will be amusements, food trucks, music, vendors Biergarten, free giveaways, and more. Fireworks display is scheduled for 8:15 p.m. ###

Oldest School Picnic in the Country



The Carlstadt Public School held its 158th Annual School Picnic on June 15, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event began with a parade of officials, CPS students and alumni, emergency vehicles starting at the Village Green and ending at Lindbergh Field. Everyone enjoyed cookies, donuts, lemonade, hot dogs, etc. There were gifts and rides for the kids. Great time. Kitchen crew posed for a nice shot. Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



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HHMA Golf Sept. 25

The HHMA will have their Annual Bizik-Hughes Memorial Golf Outing on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the Meadows Golf Club, at 79 Two Bridges Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035.

The Golf Outing will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Breakfast and registration will take place at 7:30 a.m. The format will be Best Ball, 50/50 raffle and prizes. All money raised will be awarded as scholarships to qualified graduating seniors of Hasbrouck Heights.

Cost is \$150 pp (after September 15, \$160 pp) and includes the following:

- Hot and cold breakfast that includes scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, bagels, coffee, tea and juice.
- Dinner buffet that includes baked ziti, Penne Vodka, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, Chicken Francese, chicken with garlic cream sauce, garden salad, dinner rolls, coffee, tea, and fountain soda.

• Cash Contests-Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, On-the-Green/Off-the-Green and \$10,000 Hole in One. 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes and Tricky Tray.

Golf registration and donation forms can be found at: www.hhma.info. For more details, contact Louis Verdi at louis.verdi@ey.com or call 201-978-9586 or Steven Palladino at: spalladino326@gmail.com or call 201-725-2917. ###

Carlstadt Women's Club Meets Sept. 10

The Woman's Club of Carlstadt will meet on September 10 for their first meeting of the 2024-2025 Club year at the First Presbyterian Church Community Hall on Division Ave and Fourth Street, Carlstadt, at 7:30 p.m. The program is "Let's Have a Pajama Party."

Members are requested to wear their PJs. Prizes will be awarded.

Members are being asked to bring feminine hygiene products for the Carlstadt and East Rutherford Schools. Dues of \$40 will be collected.

Come out and have some fun! *Provided by Janet Drogo.* ###

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WRPD Golf September 11

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rutherford Day September 21

Rutherford Day will be held at Lincoln Park on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 12 to 5 p.m.

This event is designed specifically to allow Rutherford community organizations, service groups, clubs, or businesses in Rutherford to promote themselves, their services, accomplishments, and goals to the residents of Rutherford.

Due to anticipated construction at Memorial Park, this year's Rutherford Day will be held in and around Lincoln Park. This event is open to Rutherford-based businesses and organizations only.

For more information, contact Kim Bogosian at communications@rutherfordboronj.com ###

Book & Jewelry Sale Sept. 21, 22

Hasbrouck Heights Friends of the Library is hosting a Book & Jewelry Sale on Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., located outside at the Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Building parking lot, and inside of the Hasbrouck Heights Senior Center. All are welcome. ###

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Wind Creek Casino Aug. 28

On Wednesday, August 28, 2024, the Hasbrouck Heights VFW Post 4591 will sponsor a trip to the Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA. The cost is \$40 (payable in advance).

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

For information and reservations, call Diane at 201-475-8898 or Gladys at 201-288-9074. If there is no answer, leave your name and phone number, someone will return your call. ###

Resorts AC October 6

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

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

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

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

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

Caesars Casino October 12

The Wood Ridge Lions Club will sponsor a bus trip to Caesars Casino in Atlantic City, NJ on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Cost is \$50 per person (paid in advance, first come first serve). Upon arrival, a \$10 slot voucher will be given.

A 50/50 and three prize raffles will be held during travel time. All attendees must be 21 or over and have valid government issued ID. Bus will leave in front of Wood-Ridge High School promptly at 8:45 a.m. Light Snack will be served on bus. Call Angelo for further details and to reserve your seat at 201-779-7681. ###

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Items include: household items, electronics, glassware, furniture, books, toys, clothes and a room full of vintage costume jewelry and much more.

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A Veterans Car Show is scheduled for October 6, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at VFW Post 4591, Hasbrouck Heights.

Custom, stock, military, motorcycles, electric vehicles along with vendor tables, trophies and more. Pre-register \$15. On-site \$20. For more information: VetCarShow2024@gmail.com or call Pat 201-704-7168. ###



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Eric Loucka, will be mixing it up with dance music after the show.

You will be served wine, sweet & savory snacks. You are welcome to bring other food and drinks as well.

Cost is \$30 pp. Come early. Show starts promptly at 8 and runs to 11 p.m. at Make Wine With Us, 21 Curie Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057. Email: wineclub201@gmail.com Res-

ervations recommended.

Proceeds to benefit the American Wine Society Education Foundation. The AWSEF's mission is to provide academic scholarships and research grants to students interested in academic excellence with pursuing careers in the wine industry. ###

BBQ Aug. 3

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

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

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

AL Picnic Sept. 14

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

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

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

Cost is \$35 per person at the door. Advance tickets are \$30. Last day to purchase advance tickets is September 10. All proceeds go to support Veterans and children's programs. For additional information, call 201-807-0470. ###

Farmers' Market Rutherford

The Rutherford Farmers' Market is returning for its 27th season at a new location: Lincoln Park, on Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning Saturday, July 6 through Wednesday, October 30. There will be new vendors. The market is sponsored by the Borough of Rutherford. ###

Free Lunch Saturday

The First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Saturday" program, will be held August 10, 2024, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. August menu is Turkey-Pasta Caesar Salad (while supplies last).

July, August and September are "Summer Lunch To-Go Programs. No eat in.

This program is an expansion of the Church's ministry of feeding hungry bodies and hungry hearts. There are no strings attached. A free-will offering is taken. ###

Lodi KC Pancake Breakfast Aug. 11

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, August 11, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi. Menu includes: all-you-can-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, French Toast (to order), bacon, sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea.

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

Beefsteak Sept. 20

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

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

Beefsteak October 18

The Rosary Confraternity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington, is sponsoring a "Beefsteak" catered by "Hap Nightingale," with a mini tricky tray, on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Tickets are \$45 per person and include dinner, coffee/tea and dessert. BYOB. Doors open at 6 p.m. No tickets will be sold at the door. Seating is by reservation only.

You may purchase tickets by mailing your name, address, phone number, number of tickets requested, to MSH Church, 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057, and labeled "Attention: Rosary Confraternity Beefsteak". If you wish a table of eight (8) or ten (10), please submit full payment together with a printed list of all names of persons to be seated, otherwise group seating cannot be guaranteed. Checks are to be made payable to Most Sacred Heart Rosary Confraternity. The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, October 4.

For additional information, please call Diane Janisheski at 908- 496-4328 or Carol Puzio at 201-935-0273. The Great Hall is handicapped accessible. ###

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Fish & Chips October 3

The GFWC Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights will sponsor a take-out/drive through Fish and Chips Dinner on Thursday, October 3, 2024, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Parking Lot located at the corner of Central Avenue and the Boulevard.

Tastefully British Caterers will prepare the best Fish and Chips you ever tasted!

Dinners will be placed in your trunk/back seat as you drive through the parking lot. Please do not enter Central Avenue from the Boulevard!

Tickets are \$20 and can be ordered from Marge at 201-288-8933 or from Pat at 201-665-9272 before September 30.

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

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

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

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

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

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BC Free Movies & Concerts

Bergen County free Movies and Music in the Park Summer Series.

All concerts and movies are free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for viewing.

All events are weather permitting. To keep up with the latest updates, visit www.co.bergen.nj.us or follow the Bergen County Parks System on social media. ###

Movie Schedule

(All movies start at sunset, approximately 8:30 p.m.)

Van Saun County Park

- Wednesday, July 31 – Barbie (Rated PG-13)
- Friday, August 2 – Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG)
- Wednesday, August 7 – Blackberry (Rated R)
- Friday, August 9 – Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (Rated PG)

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- Wednesday, August 14 – Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (Rated PG-13)
- Friday, August 16 – Elemental (Rated PG)
- Wednesday, August 21 – Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (Rated PG-13)
- Friday, August 23 – Wreck-It Ralph (Rated PG)

Concert Schedule

(All concerts start at 7 p.m.)

The Amphitheater at Overpeck County Park – 199 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park

- Thursday, August 1 – Stone Flower (Rock n' Roll Tribute Band)
- Thursday, August 8 – Xtreme Queen (Queen Tribute Band)

The Stage at Riverside County Park–South – 453 River Road, North Arlington

- Tuesday, August 6 – Step by Step (Johnny Maestro Tribute Band)
- Tuesday, August 13 – Suit & Mai Tai (Yacht and Corporate Rock). ###

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Carlstadt

Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Village Green, 4th and Broad Streets. Bring your lawn chairs.

- August 6, Mushmouth, rd 8/13
- August 20, Gold Dust Women, rd 8/27
- September 17, The Nerds, rd 9/24

Lodi

7 to 9 p.m. at the Memorial Park. Bring your lawn chairs.

- August 6, Eternally Elvis
- August 17, Fillet of Soul
- August 24, The Individuals
- October 12, Altered State 1 to 3 p.m., The Glimmer Twins, 3 p.m.

Rutherford

Thursdays, 8 to 10 p.m., at the Hutzel Bandshell, Lincoln Park. Bring your lawn chairs. Rain dates are the following Mondays.

- August 1, Elton John Tribute Band
- August 8, School of Rock
- August 15, Big House



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Griff Rocks On Sept. 13

On September 13, 2024, Super Trans Am Band will be playing at St. Mary's High School, Rutherford, NJ. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$45 pp. Make checks made out to The John Griffin 9-11 Foundation. Mail to Dennis Van Dyk, 158 Daniel Avenue, Rutherford, NJ, 07070. Venmo and PayPal available. www.GriffRocksOn.org

Any questions, contact Dennis at 201-446-7625 or go to: www.GriffRocksOn.org

On September 11, 2011, the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, Saint Mary High School Class of '81 chose to establish the John Griffin 9/11 Foundation to honor the memory of their fallen classmate, "Griff."

The mission was to award tuition assistance to a currently enrolled Saint Mary High School student whose family is unable to meet tuition costs due to extenuating circumstances.

Criteria for eligibility is set by the Foundation Committee in conjunction with the SMHS Principal. The amount distributed is contingent upon the success of their benchmark fundraiser, "Griff Rocks On." We invite you to join us, be a sponsor or make a donation. To date, the foundation has awarded \$55,052.78 to over 20 families. ###

Jimmy Sturr September 8

America's Polka King, Jimmy Sturr, 8-time Grammy winner, and his Orchestra, will be appearing on Sunday, September 8, 2024, on the bandstand at the St. John Kanty Church picnic, located on the parish grounds at 49 Speer Avenue, Clifton. Sturr's performance begins at 3:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

For more information contact Greg Komeshok at 973-473-5111. ###

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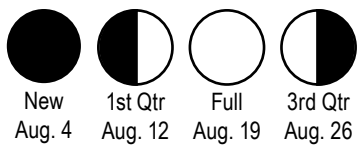
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Sturgeon Moon

The full Sturgeon Moon reaches its peak on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 2:26 p.m. This first supermoon will be the biggest and the closest full Moon we see all year!

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 Lake Champlain 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 various 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. ###

August Birthstone
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Let's Go Traveling!

By Rick Ardis

Off-Season Travel

The end of Covid restrictions has unleashed pent-up demand for international travel.

Depending on your destination, there are many benefits to traveling during the off-season. The most prominent advantage is that costs are usually significantly less than a peak season trip.

The allure of savings of up to 50% entices many tourists to consider this option. This attraction is most noticeable for itineraries to Europe from November through April. The traditional high season of July and August has expanded to include May, June, September, and October as record numbers of Americans and other visitors descend upon the European continent, Great Britain, and Ireland.

The lack of searing heat provides another benefit to off-season travel. Climate change has also caused summer temperatures to soar in the Mediterranean region. Italy is famous for many citizens taking a two-week vacation during August. Many notable restaurants may be closed as Italians head to the beaches.

Cultural opportunities may also be superior during off-season travel. Opera companies may take time off during the hot, humid times of the summer.

Travelers visiting Europe from fall through spring will encounter shorter lines and easier access to museums, churches, palaces, and other sights. Visitors will even notice that airports are less hectic with 30% to 40% less passengers transiting the terminals compared to peak months.

Travel to Scandinavian nations in the north of Europe during the off-season provides the unique experience of chasing the Aurora Borealis, also known as the Northern Lights. While chilly or cold, this is a popular ambition of many adventurers.

Other positives of traveling

away from the summer hordes may be the unhurried atmosphere, better service, reduced flight delays, and more opportunities to interact with locals.

The river cruise lines are now recognizing the advantages of the off-season with some lines starting their cruises as early as February.

However, there are a few drawbacks while traveling during the off-season. The chilliness and possibility of rain or snow is one of drawbacks to be prepared for when visiting in winter. Dining at a sidewalk café may be curtailed during the off-season along with other outdoor activities.

Aside from Europe, other destinations have low seasons that vary depending on weather and other factors.

For Mexico and Caribbean destinations, the summer had traditionally been the off-season. Now visitor numbers are virtually the same from December through Labor Day. September, October, and November see a drop-off in tourist arrivals. Rates during this period can offer savings to those seeking less crowded resorts.

Destinations around the globe have seasonal differences often associated with weather affecting the region. Travelers need to keep in mind the reverse seasons in the southern hemisphere, as well as hurricane, typhoon, and general rainy seasons in the chosen locale. This is a factor of which you must be aware when planning your travel.

Whether you choose an urban or beach destination, the off-season can provide savings and other benefits to the smart traveler.

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Dog Days of Summer

Everyone talks about “the Dog Days of Summer,” but few know what the expression means. Some say it signifies the hottest, most sultry days “not fit for a dog.”

The Old Farmer’s Almanac lists the traditional timing of the “Dog Days” as the 40 days beginning July 3 and ending August 11, coinciding with the ancient heliacal (at sunrise) rising of the Dog Star, Sirius.

They named this period of time, from 20 days before the conjunction to 20 days after, “Dog Days” after the dog star.

The term “Dog Days” was used by the Greeks, as well as the ancient Romans after Sirius, the brightest star in the heavens besides the Sun.

The ancients believed that Sirius was so bright that it actually produced enough heat to help warm the earth. During the summer months, Sirius rises and sets in conjunction with the sun and the ancients believed that Sirius added to the heat produced by the summer sun. And that’s how the phrase “The Dog Days of Summer” originated.

A casual survey will usually find that many people believe the phrase is in reference to the conspicuous laziness of domesticated dogs (who are in danger of overheating with too much exercise) during the hottest days of the summer.

When speaking of “Dog Days” there seems to be a

connotation of lying or “dogging” around, or being “dog tired” on these hot and humid days. Although these meanings have nothing to do with the original source of the phrase, they may have been attached to the phrase in recent years due to common usage or misunderstanding of the origin of the phrase.

In recent years, the phrase “Dog Days” or “Dog Days of Summer” have also found new meanings. The term has frequently been used in reference to the American stock market(s). Typically, summer is a very slow time for the stock market, and additionally, poorly performing stocks with little future potential are frequently known as “dogs.”

Today, “Dog Days” occur during the period between July 3 and August 11. Although it is certainly the warmest period of the summer, the heat is not due to the added radiation from a far-away star, regardless of its brightness. The heat of summer is a direct result of the earth’s tilt. ###

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LF Seniors

Meetings are held the 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. All meetings and games are held at Little Ferry Senior Center at 250 Mehrhof Road. New members are welcome. Dues are \$15 per year. For further information, call Mary at 201-686-8424. ###

S. Hackensack Seniors

The South Hackensack Seniors Club meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the senior center. Refreshments are served. Bingo is every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information contact rodriguezc2002@hotmail.com ###

Bergen County LGBTQ Seniors Meet Aug. 13, 16, 19

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

The next meetings are on Tuesday, August 13, Monday, August 19, and Friday, August 16. 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. ###

AARP Chapter #2015 Lodi

The AARP Chapter #2015 of Lodi meets at noon the third Tuesday of every month at the Lodi Senior Citizens Building, 22 Walnut Place. Each meeting will have either a speaker or entertainment as well as light refreshments. New members are welcome. 2024 dues are \$10 for the calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). National AARP membership is required. For membership information contact Stan at 973-779-8544 or email aarp.2015.lodi.nj@gmail.com.

- August 20: Regular monthly meeting. Ice cream/ Frozen treat.

- September 11: Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA. Tickets are \$35. For information, contact Kathy at 973-779-8544.

- September 17: Regular monthly meeting

Provided by Kathleen Zalenski. ###

ER Seniors

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

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

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

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

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.

Trips

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

- August 14. Bucks County. Grease. Alfresco's. Choice of entrees. \$84. Bus departs 10 a.m. Returns 4:30 p.m. ###

BC Senior Picnic September 12

Bergen County will host their Annual Senior Citizen Picnic on Thursday, September 12, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Van Saun County Park, Paramus. Rain date is September 17, 2024.

Residents 60+ years are invited for lunch, music and entertainment, craft fair, informational tables, etc.

Limited handicap accessible parking is available. For special needs, call 201-336-7416 at least two weeks prior to request special accommodations.

Event is sponsored by Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services ADRC. ###

The Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club **GARDEN OF THE SEASONS CONTEST** is open for the Summer 2024 season. The Summer Contest is for front and side yards only and runs thru August 31.

If you wish to enter the Summer Contest, please leave a message for Audrey Gall at 201-288-8943 for an application.

In addition, the Garden Club members will ride through town searching for contest candidates during the contest dates. We will carry Garden Club ID. Our members will leave an application at your home if you have a qualifying garden.

The Garden Club is always open to all and meets on the third Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) at 6 p.m., with refreshments served at 5:30 p.m. Please join us in the Library meeting room at 320 Boulevard and bring a friend. ###

Summer Dangers for Dogs

- Dogs are attracted to the sweet taste of coolant. Be alert for drips from cars.
- Some insecticides could be dangerous for your dog. Stay away from areas that have been recently sprayed.
- Herbicides can hurt your dog. Avoid letting your dog play on lawns where the treatment hasn't dried.
- Some fertilizers can cause vomiting and diarrhea while others are downright lethal. Keep your dog away from freshly fertilized soil.
- Just one mosquito bite could infect your dog with deadly heartworm. Check with your vet about the right medicine for your dog.
- Deworming your puppy could save their life. Dogs can ingest the worms from contaminated soil or even absorb the worms through their skin. Remove dog feces promptly.



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On June 20, 2024, the Wood-Ridge Senior 60+ Club held their Installation Luncheon at Nonna Rosa in Carlstadt. They meet at 1 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center on the corner of Hackensack Street and Highland Avenue and welcome new members. *Provided by Nancy Zuccarelli. ###*



The Wood-Ridge Senior Contemporary Club Takes to the Water!

A wonderful time had by all! Pontoon Boat Tours run June through September. The New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority's (NJSEA's) highly popular guided pontoon boat tours of Hackensack River provide a unique, up-close perspective of the region's natural beauty, along the water. NJSEA staff lead the leisurely, two-hour tours and discuss the region's human and environmental history while pointing out birds and other wildlife along the way. Tours launch from River Barge Park, 260 Outwater Lane, Carlstadt. For more information go to: <https://www.njsea.com/pontoon-cruises/> *Provided by Nancy Zuccarelli. ###*



The Carlstadt Mixed Chorus delighted the audience with a medley of songs in German and English from composers like Mozart and Verdi, German Lieder and including the spiritual Down by the Riverside. Soprano Peri Sussman sang a melody by Schumann and William Teubner thrilled the audience with a trumpet rendition of "Ave Maria" under the guidance of Music Director and Concert Pianist Johanna Teubner Prussak. A good time was had by all.

The chorus is on summer break until September. New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Ingrid at 201-391-8765 or email ingridwehrhahn11@gmail.com, also see facebook.com/CarlstadtChorus *Provided by Ingrid Wehrhahn. ###*



The Senior Citizens Club of Maywood held an installation dinner at The Twin Doors Maywood Inn on June 19, 2024. Councilman Sam Conoscenti installed the new officers: (l-r) Cathy Blume: President, Diana Bollerman: Vice-President, Nancy Davis: Recording Secretary, Lori Lowry: Corresponding Secretary, Kathi Nebile: Treasurer, Anne Lalumia (*not pictured*): Assistant Treasurer. *Provided by Cathy Blume. ###*



During the Moonachie Senior Citizens Father's Day meeting, former Mayor Fred Dressel was honored. They also had a presentation from Miss Victoria Priore from Sunrise Senior Living. *Provided by Maria DeTullio. ###*



The Borough of Little Ferry float won two trophies in the Ridgefield Park July 4th Parade featuring Little Ferry's unique "Christmas in July" float.

The trophies were for "Most Attractive" and "Most Original" float and featured Santa, (*Frank J. Vopasek 4th*), Mrs. Claus, (*Helen Vopasek*), their "Elf" and their grandchildren. Little Ferry Mayor Mauro Raguseo and his family, Council members and other Little Ferry residents also rode on the float.

At the Little Ferry Council meeting on July 9, 2024, Mayor Raguseo presented the two trophies to Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The Ridgefield Park parade is over 130 years old and the oldest continuous July 4th Parade in the country. *Provided by Helen Vopasek. ###*



Back row: Max Scarpa, Ethan Salazar, Joe Scarpa, James Amerio, and Doc Dawson. Front row: Tommy Schmatz, Chris Sickels, AJ Hall, Jakob Thomasey, Noah Veliky, and Steven Schmatz.

Heights Specialty Pharmacy is CO-CHAMP in the 2024 District 4 Babe Ruth 14U Baseball League

Heights Specialty Pharmacy finished with the best record in the 2024 Babe Ruth 14U Baseball League with an overall dominating record of 11 - 1.

The pitching staff consisted of strong starters like Matt Doc Dawson, aces Steven Schmatz and Noah Veliky and relievers AJ Hall and James Amerio.

Their infield was led by power hitting 1st baseman Ethan Salazar, super utility man Doc Dawson, strong middle infielders Tommy Schmatz, Steven Schmatz, James Amerio, AJ Hall, Jakob Thomasey and Noah Veliky at the hot corner.

Hard hitters, Joe and Max Scarpa, led the outfield making big play after big play. Jakob Thomasey and Chris Sickels also made big plays in right field. Chris also led the league in "hit by pitch" with 12.

The catching crew dominated throughout the season. Rookie AJ Hall and Silver Slugger James Amerio handled the bulk of the catching duties, throwing out runners trying to advance or steal. Joe, Max and Steve filled in as catchers, when it was needed.

Heights Pharmacy's offense scored an average of 8.5 runs per game while allowing just 2.9 runs per game.

The team was managed by Greg Pepe as assisted by George Veliky, Sean Hall and Matt Dawson. *Provided by Gary Shenloogian. ###*



Cadettes of Wood-Ridge Girl Scout Troop 97130 joined others from GSNNJ for a day in Manhattan. We attended a theater workshop with Samantha Pauly ("Six", "Gatsby"), Sidney Nicole Wilson ("Lion King"), and Adam Cole Klepper ("Spamalot").

Samantha and Sidney sang, accompanied by Adam on piano. They each told how they became interested in musical theater and how they attained success in the New York theater world. There was a Q&A session afterwards. After lunch at Bubba Gump's Shrimp Co., we enjoyed seeing Sidney perform as Sarabi in "The Lion King." We are looking forward to next year's theater trip. *Provided by Jane Koegel. ###*



Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club hosted their 36th annual fireworks program on the rain date, June 27, 2024 at Depken Field. Carla Culkin sang the "National Anthem." Bible Baptist Pastor Eric Dammann gave the invocation. Mayor Ron Kistner made comments. Dr. Jeffrey E. Mason was the MC. The program was held in memory of Lion Tom Mason, who passed away in 2022. He was the event coordinator for many years. Gate admission was \$5. *Photos provided by HH Lions Club. ###*

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On the weekend of July 6 and 7, 2024, the parish family of Most Sacred Heart Church, Wal-
lington, welcomed our new Pastor, Fr. Jerzy R. Zaslonka (Fr. Jurek) with a "Meet and Greet" after
each Sunday Mass. Fr. Jurek becomes only the 5th Pastor in the 82 year history of Most Sacred
Heart. Fr. Jurek has served as Parochial Vicar in Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Bayonne, Corpus
Christi in Hasbrouck Heights and Pastor in Holy Rosary Church in Jersey City. Our parish family
looks forward to Fr. Jerzy becoming a member of our family. Welcome Fr. Jurek! *Story by Mary
Jane Kowalczyk. Photo by Carol Kosior. ###*



On May 15, 2024, The Carlstadt Fire Department was presented with a \$11,000 donation from
Robert "Bobby O" Orr, on behalf of the Robert E. & Marie Orr Smith Foundation. This generous
donation will help the Department purchase Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units. AED
is a portable device used to treat a person whose heart has suddenly stopped working, become
unconscious and collapse. This condition is called sudden cardiac arrest. The Carlstadt Fire Depart-
ment thanked Bobby O and the Foundation for their generosity. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Bible Baptist Church presented a free Vacation Bible School Kids Camp, for kids entering
K through 6th Grade, July 15 to 19, 2024, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., at 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck
Heights. This year's theme was titled "Great Jungle Journey," an epic cruise from Genesis to Rev-
elation. They learned to reconnect the Bible to everyday life using memory verses, drama, games,
music, arts and crafts. For more information go to www.biblebaptist.net or call 201-288-4139 x3.
Provided by Priti Das. ###

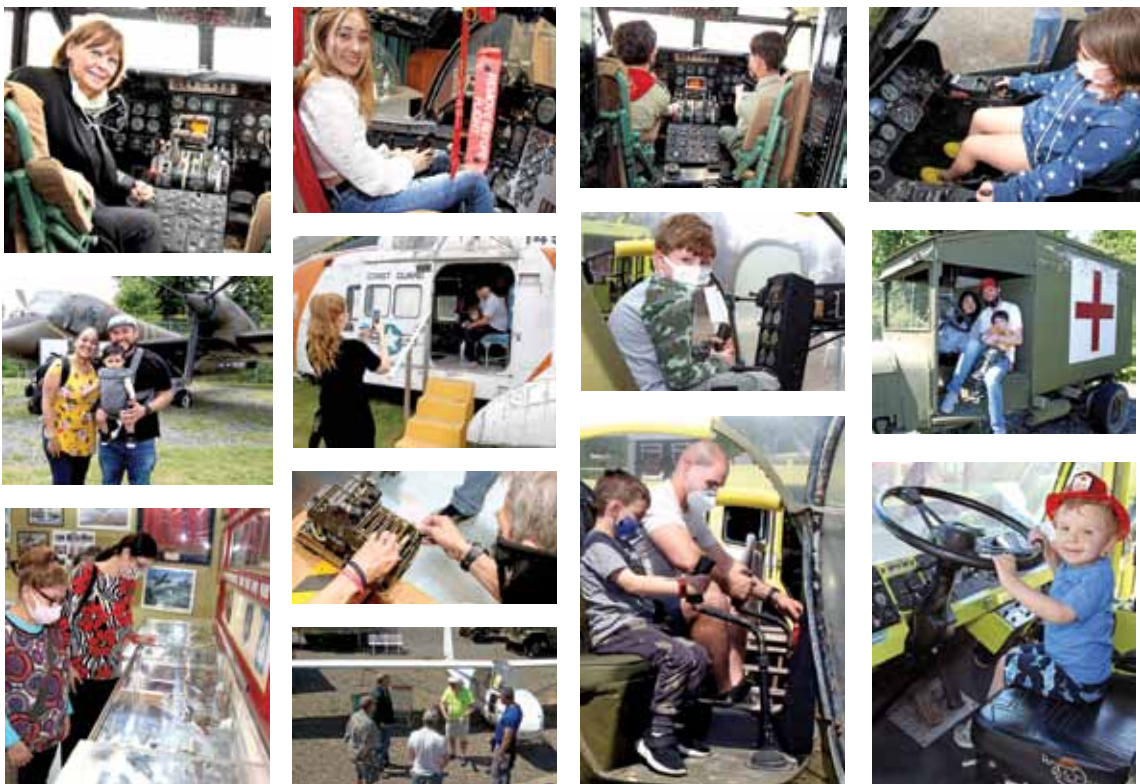


Christ First United Methodist Church Welcomes New Pastor

Christ First United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the appointment of Rutendo F. Mahachi as the new pastor of our congregation. Rutendo F. Mahachi was born and raised in Zim-
babwe. She is coming to us from Green Village UMC, where she served as Fire Chaplain for the Green Village Fire Department and a Contingent Chaplain at the Overlook Medical Center.
She recently graduated from Drew Theological School with a Master of Divinity in Social Justice Advocacy. In 2016, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Peace and Governance from a University in Zimbabwe.
She is passionate about community outreach ministry and social justice. She has served as a Global Mission Fellow under the General Board of Global Ministries in Fiji where she worked as a Gender Justice Advocate assigned to an Anglican Church organization known as the House of Sarah. She was born into Methodism and is a lifelong Methodist. *Provided by Elsie Sternbach. ###*



The Felician School for Exceptional Children held a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2023 and the Class of 2024 on June 18, 2024 in the auditorium of the former Immaculate Conception High School.
The Class of 2023 had lost many learning services during the pandemic with remote learning in place.
The New Jersey Senate passed an important bill 3434 granting an additional year of services to make up for what the students did not experience. There were 10 FSEC students who benefited from this legislation; hence they are the Class of 2023 graduating in 2024. The "real class" of 2024 had 8 members.
Sister Rose Marie Smiglewski, Executive Director of the Felician School for Exceptional Children, said this particular ceremony was one of the most heartwarming in the history of the school. The theme on the program cover was a quote from E.E. Cummings: "It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are." That thought was enhanced by the musical presentation of "This is Me" by graduates and faculty. This song is a song empowering those who are ostracized for being different. It is a fight song for the underdog and is part of the musical "The Greatest Showman." Part of the refrain proclaims "we are glorious."
Other traditional parts of the graduation ceremony were the procession of the graduates at the beginning and the end of the ceremony, a video tribute to the graduates; presentation of diplomas and a family's perspective where one family represents all families in thanking the FSEC for bringing the students to this day.
A reception followed the graduation ceremony. It was so good to see the loving pride of so many families for the Grades of '23 and '24. Surely, Sister Mary Ramona Borkowski, FSEC founder, was smiling down from Heaven on this glorious day. *Provided by Virginia Tomasiak, SM. ###*



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nauts, 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.

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Bergen County Celebrates Juneteenth

The County's Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs (DCHA) under the County's Department of Parks opened County-owned historic site Gethsemane Cemetery in Little Ferry on Saturday, June 15, Wednesday, June 19, and Friday, June 21, from 12 to 4 p.m., to the public for self-guided tours.

The cemetery, which dates back to 1860, is a historic one-acre burial ground that served as the eternal resting place for African Americans who lived in Hackensack from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. Among those buried, former slaves, wealthy landowners,

and two Civil War Veterans.

The County also sponsored two Juneteenth events which were open to the general public:

- Saturday, June 15 at 12 p.m. – Juneteenth Celebration hosted by the Bergen County NAACP in partnership with the County of Bergen – 199 Challenger Road, Overpeck County Park, Leonia
- Wednesday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m. – Juneteenth Celebration hosted by the County's African American Advisory Committee – One Bergen County Plaza Administration Building, Hackensack, NJ 07073

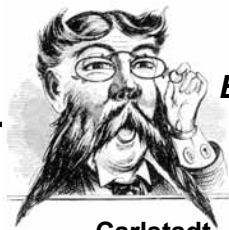
On Saturday, June 15, from 12 to 3:30 p.m., Bergen County provided continuous shuttle transportation from Overpeck County Park to Gethsemane Cemetery to allow attendees to visit both events.

Having an Affair?

If your organization is having an event that is open to the public, we can help you tell "everybody" about it. Simply provide the following event details: name, date, times, cost, brief explanation of program features, etc., along with contact information. Send these details at least 45 days prior to the event to: fritz@hasbrouck-heights.com or drop them off at: **The Gazette Newspaper**, 345 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

The public can also access a recorded tour of Gethsemane Cemetery on the Bergen County website featuring historian, Dr. Arnold Brown, of Englewood, who was instrumental in saving this location.

The Cemetery is owned by Bergen County, and available for private tours through the Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs. For more information, contact the Division at 201-336-7272. *Provided by Bergen County.* ###



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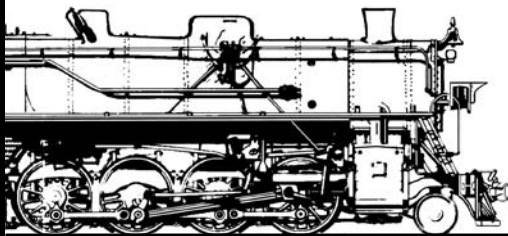
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Wallington Welcomes Their New Library

The Borough of Wallington, Mayor Melissa Dabal and the Library Board of Trustees sponsored a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Wallington Veterans Memorial Library, 125 Main Avenue, on Friday, June 21, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The program included tours, kids' crafts, food, entertainment and a children's program featuring Joe Fischer.

Speakers included: Councilwoman Susanne Preinfalk, Ex-officio/President of the Veterans Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Mayor Melissa Dabal and Walter M. Slomienski, Jr., former Mayor and member of Post 2640. The ribbon cutting was performed officially opening the Library. Refreshments were served.

Remarks made by Walter M. Slomienski, Jr., Esq.:

On behalf of all the members of Pavlick Koster VFW Post 2640 and our past members looking down at us this evening, we would like to express our gratitude to Mayor Dabal and members of the governing body for their tribute to the sacrifices that were made by Wallington Veterans for our glorious republic.

The Veterans of Wallington provided this building to the Borough with the expectation that it would house a future Library facility. As time passed we all realized that the Post Home could not be modified to accommodate a Library.

The foresight of the Library Board and the Governing Body conceived a plan that permitted the facility to be developed in the general footprint of our old post building, and retain a room where the past history of the second largest VFW Post in New Jersey could be admired by continuing generations as Wallingtonians.

Not only has the memory of the old post building been preserved, but the monument of the front lawn has been retained. For since the late 1940s to the turn of the century, after the Memorial Day Service, we returned to the monument to render a Salute and remember the name of the Post members who died in the past year while reciting "Post Veteran Accounted for."

As we look at the Wallington Veterans Library, its silent elegance actually speaks to us of the uncommon valor that was a common virtue of the service to our Nation of our Wallington Service Men.

Former Mayor Slomienski also recognized the contribution of Joan Madey:

I would also like to ac-

knowledge the contribution to the construction of the new Library made by Joan Madey.

Joan was an educated nurse. She originally grew up in the Halstead Avenue/Mercer Street area. She was single, cared for her elderly mother and had no brothers or sisters.

She generously provided a substantial sum that became the seed money for the town to acquire Library funding from the state.

When I recall her, I think of the quote from AESOP, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Why do I recall this: In her illness, members of the Library staff visited her at her home on Miller Street and always delivered books which the Library aide felt she would be interested in reading. As you can see, she never forgot that gesture.

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Library was temporarily located in tight facilities above the DPW, 92 Hathaway Street, since 1964. For 60 years it provided basic services to 1,200 to 1,500 patrons annually.

A decade after a \$30,000 feasibility study and \$10,000 in architectural renderings were completed to relocate to the VFW, the town bought the property in 2006 for \$235,000, a fraction of what the Veterans were offered. Due to storms Irene and Sandy, the study and drawings had to be redone to adjust for the flood plain.

On November 11, 2021, the official ground breaking ceremony was held. (See *The Gazette Newspaper*, December 2021, page 27).

The Wallington Fire Department used the building for drills and training prior to being demolished on April 27, 2022. (See *The Gazette Newspaper*, June 2022, page 15).

The original fireplace was salvaged and integrated into the new building, with a painting of the old Post home placed above it. A separate room was set aside for the Post memorabilia, but has yet to be outfitted.

Contractors moved the Library contents between June 7 to June 15, 2024.

Arcari + Iovino Architects designed the 6,000 square foot Library as a light-filled open space that can be easily reconfigured for a variety of uses. Dedicated spaces for children, young adults, quiet reading, and computer areas will allow The Library to expand its array of services to the community.

This project was supported by funds from the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, administered by the New Jersey State Library. ###



Rutherford Children Celebrate Patriotism



The Rutherford Recreation Department's 92nd Annual Baby Parade was held on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 10 a.m. It began at the High School and proceeded to Lincoln Park where contestants passed in review before the panel of judges. 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 community event that showcases the artistic talent of parents and the incredible cuteness factor of Rutherford children. Winners received trophies. Event was sponsored by the Recreation Office. For additional information, call 201-460-3015. ###





Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, DMD, FAGD.

Dental Injuries

Preventing dental injuries by practicing commonsense strategies may go a long way to avoiding many situations.

Most tooth injuries are a lifelong injury. Thus, a broken tooth is unable to mend itself and requires dental procedures to restore the mouth to the pre-injury form and function.

Common recreational injuries in the summer occur during swimming, diving, trampolines, bicycling, skate boarding, basketball, etc.

For instance, the trampoline injury is common when there are more than one person jumping. As one person comes down they can hit their head / mouth upon the other person often rising which accentuates the force of the impact. Ouch!

During the recreational activities, supervision, adhering to recommended safety protocols, using protective equipment, and good old common sense will create a more pleasurable and safe experience.

As the summer progresses, organized sports begin their training practices. Soccer, football, baseball (*fall ball*), softball, cheering, basketball.

Of course, football is the ultimate contact sport. However, in my experience, there is one sport which has sent more patients to my office due to a dental injury. Many of **The Gazette** readers may unfortunately remember those instances. That sport is baseball and softball.

It is rarely thought of by the

athletes, parents, and coaches to consider using protective mouth guards during play for these sports. It is seen more now than ever in professional baseball where the batters helmets are equipped with faceguards.

Well fitted mouth guards will provide excellent protection while being cost effective. There are some good store bought mouth guards available.

However, not all mouth guards are appropriate for every person. For instance, those who wear orthodontic appliances, will require a special type of mouth guard. I advise anyone who is active either recreationally or in organized sports to consult with their dentist and determine what type of mouth guard is most appropriate for their activity.

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Take a break from the heat if you start to feel sick
If you're outside, and start to feel dizzy or sick, go indoors into a cool area and drink water.

Be sure to rest for at least 2 hours before going back outside. Symptoms such as dizziness, headaches, or stomach

aches can be early signs of heat illness, which can be serious. Symptoms like profuse sweating, mumbling or incoherent speech, convulsions and chills, and vomiting are more serious. Contact emergency medical services immediately if you see someone experiencing these symptoms. ###



Footnotes

By Dr. Kenya Lazovik, DPM

Going Barefoot? Beware!

• **Tips for a safer barefoot summer.**

Parents and families can prevent cuts, puncture wounds and other injuries from going barefoot by following some simple recommendations.

Shoes are the best way to protect your family's feet from injuries. But if your summer just wouldn't be the same without kicking off your shoes or sandals, you can still make it a safe season.

North Jersey Foot and Ankle Center offers these tips for a safer barefoot summer:

• **See a podiatrist within 24 hours for a puncture wound.** Why: These injuries can embed unsterile foreign objects and bacteria deep inside the foot. A puncture wound must be cleaned properly and monitored throughout the healing process. This will help to avoid complications, such as tissue and bone infections or damage to tendons and muscles in the foot. Podiatrists are trained to properly care for these injuries.

• **Make sure you've been vaccinated against tetanus. Experts recommend teens and adults get a booster shot every 10 years.** Why: Cuts and puncture wounds from sharp objects can lead to infections and illnesses such as tetanus.

• **Apply sunscreen to the tops and bottoms of your feet.** Why: Feet get sunburns too and rare but deadly skin cancers can develop on the feet.

• **Inspect your feet and your children's feet on a routine basis for skin problems such as warts, calluses, ingrown toenails and suspicious moles, spots or freckles.** Why: The earlier a skin condition is detected, the easier it is for your podiatrist to treat it.

• **Wear flip-flops or sandals around swimming pools, locker rooms and beaches.** Why: To avoid cuts and abrasions from rough anti-slip surfaces and sharp objects hidden beneath sandy beaches, and to prevent contact with bacteria and viruses that can cause athlete's foot, plantar warts, and

other problems.

• **Use common sense.** Why: Every year, people lose toes while mowing the lawn barefoot. Others suffer serious burns from accidentally stepping on stray campfire coals, fireworks and even hot pavement. Murky rivers, lakes and ponds can conceal sharp objects underwater.

• **People with diabetes** should never go barefoot, even indoors, because their nervous system may not "feel" an injury and their circulatory system will struggle to heal breaks in the skin.

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



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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney

Why Are My Taxes So High?

If you live in New Jersey... as many of us do...this is a question that we have increasingly asked ourselves over the past few years.

Indeed, New Jersey's average real-estate tax bill is 43 percent higher than the second-leading state, according to WalletHub. The statewide average property tax bill increased to a record high \$9,490 in 2022, a \$206 jump over the previous year, and increased another 2% in 2023 according to the State Treasury Department.

It isn't just homeowners struggling under the weight of sky-high property taxes. Renters also shoulder the burden, and property taxes are a major issue for businesses across the Garden State. Why? There are several factors at play:

- **Density:** New Jersey is the second most dense state in the nation. With so many people per square mile, it costs more for the necessary services such as public works. To add to this, our northern NJ area is even more dense than southern NJ and our population tends to be older, driving the infrastructure costs even higher.

- **Cost of Living:** New Jersey was identified as the 13th most expensive state to live in according to unbiased.com. In order to attract employees, local governments have to pay more.

- **Property Taxes Cover Everything:** In many other states, county and local governments can impose local income taxes and sales taxes

to help cover expenses. In New Jersey, this is not allowed. For budgeting, this makes much more sense because property taxes are reliable.

- **We Go For Local:** We have a total of 565 municipalities and 600 school districts. Keeping things local increases payroll.

Consolidating services has been discussed in our communities for decades. Indeed, Princeton Borough and Townships merged in 2011 and to date, that merger has saved more than \$2.3 million.

- **Pensions:** The pension fund for state workers is very underfunded. While municipal employees pay nearly all of its share into the pension system, the state has not been able to keep up with its share.

- **Education:** Education costs are the largest part of property taxes. Our excellent school systems which draw people to our communities command a price tag.

- **Property Values:** Your tax bill is based on multiplying the tax rate times your home's assessed value. It only makes sense that more valuable homes pay more taxes.

With all this, it's important to be sure your property is accurately assessed. Be sure to check your bill to see that your home's amenities, particularly the number of bedrooms and baths is reflected accurately. Compare your taxes to the taxes of similar properties in your community. If they seem high, ask your municipality for the process to contest your tax bill. It may take a bit of effort but it's worth it.

Are you thinking of buying or selling? For expert guidance, contact Mary Ellen Courtney, Broker-Manager at Terrie O'Connor Realtors' Gateway Group, 201-288-0004. She and her professional team work hard to insure maximum results with minimum stress! ###



Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

August 2024

Benny the Shoe maker By Artie Maglionico

Benny was a shoemaker And somewhere it was said He was a man of miracles Bringing shoes back from the dead. The last stop before the coffin the next heel for him to glue. There with soles escaping They were given life anew. His mission never ending Folks would come from other towns To walk another holy mile in their favorite Buster Browns. *Fini*

Yes, we had, in our quaint little neighborhood, a barber shop, a corner store owned and operated by the Albano Family, a man who sold produce off of a converted school bus (*store at your door*) and our own Benny The shoemaker. He reminded me of the character Geppetto from the cartoon classic "Pinocchio." Can you picture this? Many were the times when we'd enter his shop and stand there mesmerized as this little old man in a leather apron and spectacles that clung to the tip of his nose make worn out shoes like new again.

The shop itself was cluttered with shoes waiting to be risen from the dead and the smell of shoe polish found its way into our nostrils and lingered there for the rest of the morning.

When our own shoes needed a healing he'd finish the task by nailing metal taps on the heels to put off the inevitable wear and tear. My mother was not a fan of those metal taps since the living room rug was prone to a trail of pulls from a loose tap or a protruding nail.

"Hey Fred Astaire!" she'd yell from the kitchen "Do your tap dancing on the sidewalk. You're ruining the rug."

On my way to Columbus School I sounded like a freshly shoed horse plodding my way down Westervelt Place. I loved the sound of those magical pieces of metal bouncing off the sidewalk into the autumn air and into my ears. I loved hearing myself walk especially on those wooden classroom

floors. I felt as cool as the morning breeze as I strutted my stuff down the road until they fell off then it was back to being just another kid on the block without taps on his shoes. A difficult transition indeed!

Are there any "shoemakers" around today? Back when I was a kid, they were a necessity since the average family had to make a dollar stretch as far as possible.

A pair of shoes had to last for almost an entire school year and so they were destined to see the inside of a shoemaker shop on numerous occasions along the way. Thanks to Benny I was able to walk a few more "holy miles" in my born again shoes.

Our safe, cozy little neighborhood was actually a microcosm of Lodi's big picture.

Every street told its own story yet there was a common bond that sort of glued us all together. Regardless of what part of town we were from, our family's financial status or political affiliation, we were always there for one another when the chips were down.

That's what I remember most about my town. It was one big neighborhood with some of the nicest people I have ever known. What more can I say? You had to live here during that time to experience the true essence of how closely knit we were.

Even today if one of us is in peril, the cavalry, sporting the colors of orange and blue, will come to the rescue. Like I said, to know Lodi you had to "live Lodi." Really, folks, Lodi was a way of life that stayed with you no matter how far away you roamed. It became part of your DNA; it was in your blood.

Just when you thought you were the first Lodi resident on Mars there are at least 20 who got there before you. Next thing you know you're having breakfast together at the local diner. It's not Mars anymore, it's Lodi! Wherever we traveled we brought Lodi with us.

If any of this sounds familiar to you it's probably because you have the same memories about your own town. Am I right?

Meanwhile, back on Earth the kids from Westervelt Place were enjoying life to the fullest. Everything was in our reach including one another.

Come the dead of summer, when the grass was brown and the dust stuck to your face

like powdered sugar on a hot cruller, we'd head for the Farnham Avenue Hills carrying an empty refrigerator box that was used to roll down the hill in.

I'm getting a little ahead of myself folks. In the mid to late Fifties many of the open lots and fields were giving way to the building of new homes. Into these new homes kitchen appliances were being delivered. Among those appliances were refrigerators, ergo, empty refrigerator boxes. These large cardboard boxes added yet another dimension to our creative prowess.

At first we'd tear them apart and slide down the slick hill which was scorched and slippery from the intense summer sun. Yes folks, sliding down that hill on a piece of cardboard in late July was actually better than sleigh riding down Arnot Street in January since you didn't have to wear two layers of clothes and boots that took 20 minutes to buckle and your feet got cold anyway. Those darn boots were as difficult getting off as they were getting on.

Except for an occasional brush fire the Farnham Avenue hill was the mid-summer place to be. Anyway, when we got tired of the cardboard sleds we'd find another box, carry it to the top of the hill and roll down in it four or five of us at a time.

We were a human avalanche tossed around like a salad in a cardboard bowl. We enjoyed every out of control minute of it. Little did we suspect that those refrigerator boxes were harbingers of change. The beginning of the end of the life we had come to know and love.

The Farnham Avenue Hill

By Artie Maglionico

In God's illumination shined our experience. We walked a dirt road to the north toward the hills of innocence. We ascended, each one slipping, on the scorched grass at our feet. Carrying a cardboard box we found, empty, on the street. Our very own creation That we formed quite magically. A big box to roll down in for July's intensity. *Fini*

Well folks that does it for the Artful Thinking Summer of '24. Thank you for taking a few moments out of your hectic schedule to read my column over the past few months. You did read it didn't you Isabel? Thank you very much. ###

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Old envelopes and postcards are also being collected. If envelopes, postcards, etc., are more than 40 years old, please do not cut off the stamps, but save the whole envelope/postcard.

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Light refreshments will be served in the Great Hall immediately after the service. The Church and Great Hall are handicapped accessible.

For additional information, please call MaryJane at 201-939-8576. ###

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(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 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. **P.M. ###**

Note: My family and I were blessed with this prayer. Believe. aso

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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. ###

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- **Adult Summer Reading Program:** Weekly raffles. Program runs through Friday, August 2.
- **Creative Aging Initiative - Memoir Writing.** Adults ages 55 and older to a series of classes on Fridays, August 2, 16, 23 and 30 and September 6 at 10:30 a.m. No prior writing experience is necessary.
- **Movie Madness.** Tuesday, August 6 at 1 p.m., "The Long Game," starring Dennis Quaid.
- **Chinese Brush Painting.** Wednesday, August 7 & Monday, August 12 at 7 p.m. Learn to paint in the Chinese style using a bamboo brush, ink and rice paper. All materials will be supplied.
- **Ceramics Painting.** Wednesday, August 14 at 7 p.m., a ceramic painting class.
- **Cook the Books! - Cookbook Club.** Wednesday, August 21 at 7 p.m. "Dinner Tonight" by Alex Snodgrass.
- **Cheese-Making Class.** Thursday, August 29 at 7 p.m. During this hands-on class participants will learn how to

make ricotta and stretch mozzarella. Bring an apron. All materials will be supplied.

- **As the Page Turns - Adult Book Club.** "Looking for Jane" by Heather Marshall on Wednesday, August 28 at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome!
- **Storytime at the Library with Miss Tammy.** Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21 at 28 at 11 a.m. For ages 6 months to 5 years.
- **Music with Miss Nita at the Library.** Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10:15 & 11 a.m. Babies, toddlers and preschool children. Register for each session.
- **Yoga Storytime with Miss Toni.** Toddlers and preschool children, ages 18 months to 5 years old, on Tuesday, August 6 and August 20 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Mandala Painting Class.** Children/tweens, ages 8-12, learn the art of mandala painting with local resident, Ajita, on Monday, August 5 at 6:30 p.m. All materials will be supplied.
- **Katie's Krafts at the Community Garden.** Children, ages 8 to 13 years old, to a fun and creative "Krafternoon" led by Kraftmaster Katie at the Carlstadt Community Garden on Wednesdays, August 7, 21 & 28 at 4 p.m. Projects will include a rock garden, sun catcher

and a solar-powered S'mores cooker. In case of inclement weather, this event will be moved indoors to the Program Room at the Library.

- **Cookie Decorating Workshop - Summer Themed.** Tweens and teens ages 10-14 years old, decorate cookies on Thursday, August 8 at 3:30 p.m. Participants will decorate three cookies with step-by-step instructions from Stephanie from Steph's Baking Boutique. All materials will be supplied.
- **Summer Afternoon Movie.** Children, ages 6 to 14 years old, enjoy a movie and a snack on Thursday, August 22 at 3:30 p.m. "Kung Fu Panda 4."
- **Summer Book Club.** Tweens and teens, ages 9-14 years old! Discuss "When You Trap a Tiger" by Tae Keller on Monday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. Pizza and soda.
- **Endangered Species Program with the Bergen County Zoo.** Ages 7 to 14 years old! Tuesday, August 20 at 3:30 p.m.
- **Lego Club.** Children/tweens/teens, ages 5-14 years old, build, create, explore and discuss all things Lego on Tuesday, August 27 at 3:30 p.m. Legos supplied.
- **Paper Quilling Workshop.** Children/tweens, ages 8 to 12, at 6:30 p.m. All materials will be supplied. ###

Lodi Memorial Library

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

- **History of the Jersey Shore.** Thursday, August 8, 6 p.m. Join author and photographer, Kevin Woyce, for a colorful tour of New Jersey's coastal history, from the long-ago days of lighthouses and shipwrecks to the founding of today's most popular summer resorts.
- **Tuesday Night Book Club.** Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. "Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin – 401 pages.
- **Semi-Monthly Movie.** Only one movie will be shown this month. "The Fall Guy" on August 14 at 1 p.m.
- **Adult Crafts.** August's craft will be cloud wall hangings. Craft will be held in-person on Wednesday, August 21 at 1:30 p.m.
- **Creative Writing Club.** Thursday, August 22, 1 p.m. Attendees are also wel-

come to share works in progress.

- **English Conversation Group.** Mondays at 4 p.m. for Intermediate English Language Learners.
- **Lodi Garden Club.** The Green Thumbs of Lodi Memorial Library and DPW is an intergenerational garden club meant to foster enrichment for all ages – from child to senior. All are welcome to join. Call 973-365-4044 ext. 3 for more information or to be notified of future planting dates and other ways you can help.
- **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. ###
- **LODI POP CON.** All Ages. Saturday, August 17, from 12 to 6 p.m. Celebrate the end of our summer reading program with a fun-filled day of activities, performances, vendors, and food trucks. Come meet some of your favorite characters, and enjoy yourself

both inside and outside the Library.

- **Unique Creatures.** Grades K-5, Wednesday, August 7, 3 to 3:45 p.m. Meet some interesting animals from all over the world.
- **Anime Club.** Grades 6 to 12. In-person, Wednesday, August 7, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Watch a movie, get some snacks, and make a craft.
- **Lodi Game Club.** All ages (12 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Join us for all kinds of games every Wednesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. No registration necessary.
- **High School Hang-out.** Grades 9-12. Every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the conference room for games, movies, and other fun activities.
- **Grab & Go Craft.** Grades Pre K - 2. A new Grab & Go project will be available each Monday! While supplies last.
- **Legos.** – All ages. Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.
- **Storytime.** Every Tuesday and Friday at 11 a.m. No registration necessary. ###

Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library

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

The Library's summer hours are: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays closed in August.

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

- **Summer Reading program.** Children, tweens, and teens can read for prizes by registering and logging into <https://hhlibrary.readsquared.com> In addition, we'll have special adventure activities and programs all summer long, so make sure to stop in!
- **Wreath-Making Group Meetings.** For the Friends' popular Wreath Raffle Fund-raiser. Call 201-288-5371.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Come explore the Library of Lost Treasures! Follow the map, solve riddles, find the clues and uncover hidden treasures. Will you accept the challenge? Come pick up a map at the children's circulation desk, a reward awaits

- **Read-to-a-Dog.** Thursday, August 1, 6 to 7 p.m. Book lover, Oscar, is ready to listen! Emerging readers are encouraged to come and get some reading practice. Bring one of your favorite books or choose from ours.
- **Lego Club.** Wednesdays, August 7 and 2, 4 to 5 p.m. Mondays, August 12 and 26, 4 to 5 p.m.
- **All-Ages Fresh-Air Storytime** in the Central Avenue Playground. Thursday, August 8, Wednesday, August 14, Monday, August 19 all at 11 a.m. Stories, songs, bubbles, and more! Bring a blanket, mat, or chair for your child to sit on. Program subject to location change in case of inclement weather. Registration is required so we have a way to contact participants for updates.
- **Game Lounge Tournaments:**
 - Super Smash Bros., Tuesday, August 13, 2 to 5 p.m. (best for ages 8 and up).
 - Mario Kart, Thursday, August 22, 2 to 5 p.m. (best for ages 6 and up). Registration is limited.
 - **Craft for Kids** with the HH Junior Women's Club, Thursday, August 15, 4:30 p.m.

Best for children ages 5 and up. Registration is limited.

- **Family Adventure Movie Series.** Friday, August 16, 3 p.m.: "Jumanji" (1995; rated PG). Popcorn provided.
- **Storytime** with the HH Junior Women's Club, Wednesday, August 21, 11 a.m. All families are welcome. Registration is limited.
- **End of Summer Evening Storytime.** Tuesday, August 27, 6 p.m. The whole family is invited to wind down the day with an all-ages storytime.

TWEENS & TEENS

- **Teen Book Club.** Monday, August 5, 2 p.m., Monday, August 26, 2 p.m. Join us for book chat, activities, snacks, and more. This month we're reading two novels: "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky (8/5) and "Twilight" by Stephenie Meyer (8/26).
- **Teen Book Club Movie Series.** Thursday, August 8, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 28, 4 p.m. You've read the books, now come watch the movies! Enjoy snacks and discuss "is the book better than the movie?" This month we're watching "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" (2012; rated PG-13) on August 8 and "Twilight" (2008; rated PG-13) on August 28.

ADULTS SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Puzzle Tournament.** Friday, August 2, 5 to 8 p.m. Compete in groups for the title of HH Puzzle Champion. Groups must have at least one adult each.
- **Art & Mindfulness Series.** Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Starting mid-August. Learn simple techniques to fortify your mental health, while creating art.
- **Chronic Health Lecture Series.** Once a month starting in August. Dates TBA. Learn more about how you can improve your physical health.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

- **Friday Movie Matinee:** "Barbie" (2023) Rated: PG-13 Runtime: 1h 54m, August 9, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Light refreshments provided.
- **Crafts-to-Share Club.** Tuesday, August 13, 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, August 28, 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Adult Book Club.** August Book: "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. At the Library: Tuesday, August 27 at 7 p.m. At the HH Swim Club: Wednesday, August 21 at 7 p.m.



Read to Your Child

Rutherford Public Library

150 Park Avenue, Rutherford NJ. 201-939-8600. rutherfordlibrary.org, facebook.com/rutherfordpubliclibrary and twitter@Rutherford_pl.

Summer hours: Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Saturdays through September 2. The following programs require registration. Visit rutherfordlibrary.org/events

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

• **Mediumship & Angel Messages.** Monday, August 5 at 6 p.m. Medium RoseMarie Rubinetti Cappiello will discuss what mediumship is, how it works, how to interpret messages from departed loved ones, and how to understand the grieving process. She will provide messages from departed loved ones as time allows.
• **Empower & Excel: Successful College Transition for High School Students with 504 Plans & IEPs.** Virtual, Thursday, August 15 at 7 p.m. Families learn to navigate college applications and disability disclosure, transition from high

school IEPs/504 plans, learn to self-advocate for accommodations, utilize campus resources and supports, develop essential academic strategies and self-care, and build confidence, leadership, and responsibility.
• **Ceramic Vase Painting.** Monday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. Join us as we paint ceramic vases with The Spotted Canvas. No experience necessary. This workshop is for adults only.

Children’s Department:
• **Housel Fun and Fitness presents “The Daring Adventure Show.”** Wednesday, August 7 at 4 p.m. Ages 4 to 11. This interactive read-aloud program will have children up and moving while being entertained with great books!
• **Paws to Read.** Tuesday, August 13 at 11 a.m. Beginning readers can register for a 15 minute time slot to read to Bright & Beautiful certified therapy dog, Minnie, a Basset Hound.

• **Myron the Magnificent.** Wednesday, August 14 at 4 p.m. Ages 4 to 11. With secrets passed down to him from his grandfather and father, Myron the Magnificent will present a magic show that will entertain and amaze the entire family. No registration required.

• **Book Bingo.** August 6 & 13 at 4 p.m. Ages 5-12. Children play bingo and win prizes using book titles instead of numbers. Must be able to read. Registration required.
Virtual Author Talks:
• Your All Access Pass Behind the Scenes at the Space Station with Smithsonian Cu-

rator Dr. Jennifer Levasseur. Wednesday, August 7 at 2 p.m.
• The Golden Ticket to College Is Not What You Think: Redefining Success for Parents of Teens with Irena Smith, PhD. Thursday, August 15 at 2 p.m.
• An Exploration of Friendship, Reckoning, and Hope with novelist Shelby VanPelt, Remarkably Bright Creatures, Wednesday, August 21 at 7 p.m. Register: <https://library.org/rutherfordlibrary/upcoming>

• **Friends of the Library “Friend”liest Pet Photo Contest.**
The Friends will award prizes to the top three pets as voted on by a panel of Friends judges. All Rutherford pets are welcome! There are three ways to enter:
1) Tag @rutherfordlibrary-friends in your pet photo on Facebook or Instagram
2) Email your pet photo to FOL.Rutherford@gmail.com
3) Drop off a photo at the Rutherford Library

**Make sure you include your pet's name/age/breed and your e-mail address and phone number with each pet entry. Must be a Rutherford resident to enter. Contest ends on August 31.

Regular Features
• **Monday Night Book Group** will discuss "Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War", by Karen Abbott, Monday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m.
• **Cook-a-Book Club** meets Tuesday, August 13 at

6:30 p.m.
• **Spice Club** meets Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.
• **Read ‘Em & Eat Book Club** will discuss "One Italian Summer" by Rebecca Serle over snacks on Wednesday, August 14 at 5:30 p.m.
• **Story Time with Miss Jane** at 10:30 a.m. runs most Wednesdays. We also have adult and children’s crafts, music, and activities. Every month, we offer Teen Book Talk, crafts, Fantasy Map Makers, and Anime Club for teens.
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• **ESL In-Person and Virtual Classes.** Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Advanced ESL classes meet on Saturdays. Virtual ESL classes are held Mondays through Thursdays. Registration for in-person classes is required and must be done in person at the circulation desk.
• **Movie Night** The Friends of the Library will be showing "Bob Marley: One Love" (Rated PG-13) on Tuesday, August 27 at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.
• **Tech Tutor.** Available by appointment for tech help or lessons. Email marion.johnson@rutherford.bccls.org
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Wallington Veterans Memorial Library

125 Main Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057. 973-471-1692. www.wallingtonpubliclibrary.org Registration required for all programs unless stated.

• **The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time.** Monday, August 5 at 5 p.m. Join us for an engaging event hosted by award-winning author and pop culture historian, Martin Gitlin, as he shares funny snippets from these iconic shows, challenges attendees with sitcom trivia and discusses the evolution of sitcoms over the past 70 years.

• **Bright and Early Storytime.** Tuesday, August 6, at 11 a.m.
• **Children's Yoga Class.** Tuesday, August 6, at 4 p.m. Bring a yoga mat or towel and a water bottle to stay hydrated!
• **American Mah Jongg Practice Sessions.** Wednesday, August 7, 14, and 28 at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 21 at 2:30 p.m. These are not lessons. Participants must have basic knowledge of game play.
• **Dog Man Trivia Party.** Wednesday, August 7 at 3:30 p.m.
• **Board Game Night.** Thursday, August 8, at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 27 at 4

p.m.
• **Monday Afternoon Book Club.** August 12, at 2 p.m. "The Guest Cottage" by Nancy Thayer.
• **Adult Craft: Pressed Flower Lanterns.** Wednesday, August 14 at 7 p.m. All materials will be provided.
• **Scrabble Club.** Monday, August 19, at 2 p.m.
• **Music and Movement.** Wednesday, August 21, at 1 p.m. for babies and toddlers, ages 0 - 5, accompanied by an adult.
• **"Beyond the Bookshelf" Book Club.** Wednesday, August 21, at 6 p.m. "The Magic of Lemon Drop Pie" by Rachel Linden.
• **Crafternoon.** Thursday, August 29, at 4 p.m. Program is for children ages 5+ .
• Children's Take Home Craft Kits will be available the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month! Grab one while supplies last!

Little Ferry Free Public Library

239 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643. 201-641-3721. lifycirc@bccls.org Hours: Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday closed for the summer.
* **Registration required.**

Adult Programs
• **Friday Afternoon at the Movies!** Noon. August 2, "Singing in the Rain" (1952), August 9, "Forever Young" (1992), August 16, "Mission Impossible Dead Reckoning" (2023), August 23, "On the Waterfront" (1996), August 30, "Blues Brothers" (1990)
• **Adult Book Club.** Share your thoughts, opinions, and ideas with other book lovers regarding the latest thrilling read. August 12 at 2 p.m. (*book title to be announced*).
Children’s Programs
• **Switch at the Library.***

Show off your Switch skills or learn new ones and make friends by playing various exciting and fun Switch games! August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 2 p.m.
• **Krafternoons with Olivia.*** Give your creativity a spin with a fun afternoon of imaginative play by creating your very own craft. August 1 and 8 at 2 p.m. Ages 3-8 yrs old.
• **Summer Reading Wrap Up!*** Join us for arts and crafts as we end our exciting summer reading program! Please join us for prizes and fun! August 13, 4 p.m.
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NJSACOP President John Russo is sworn in by Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella. Russo's wife, Cindy, looks on.

Rutherford Police Chief is Sworn in as President of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police

RUTHERFORD – July 3, 2024 – The gavel has been passed to the next president of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police during a ceremony at the police chief's 112th annual Training Conference & Police/Security Expo in Atlantic City.

John R. Russo, Chief of the Rutherford Police Department, was sworn-in as the association's 109th president for a one-year term.

In accepting the role as a statewide leader in law enforcement, Russo said, a prime objective will be to give the police chiefs a greater voice in legislative affairs and ensuring their position is considered when proposed laws are discussed.

"We need to vastly broaden our relationship with decision makers in Trenton to make sure that laws regarding public safety are fair, equitable and help law enforcement perform our duties at the highest levels," said Russo, 49, a Rutherford native who lives in Hasbrouck Heights. "Legislators and law enforcement need to be close partners in this endeavor, as we are all focused on the same objectives: protecting and serving the public."

To further amplify the NJSACOP voice, Russo appeared on March 7 before the Senate Judiciary Committee to address crime, such as car theft. He said the state has an "over-tolerance" toward these quality-of-life repeat offenses.

"For the past several years, we have done all we can to educate our residents to stop leaving vehicles unlocked and to stop leaving keys and fobs in their vehicles," Russo told the committee. "I believe we have made progress with that request. However, the market for stolen motor vehicles remains high and with securely locked vehicles in driveways, the criminal element is resorting to home invasions to accomplish their goals."

On June 13, Russo was back before the Senate Judiciary Committee, on behalf of about 500 law enforcement

executives in the NJSACOP, regarding juvenile crime. He called for enhancements to the state's Juvenile Justice System, expressing concerns that policymakers are often tying officers' hands when dealing with youth, affecting public safety.

As incoming president, Russo said, he looks forward to working closely with law enforcement partners on the county, state and federal level. "Together, we are a much stronger voice and have a greater impact in advocating for the public," he said.

The chief also expressed his appreciation to Rutherford Mayor Frank Nunziato and the Borough Council for their support, as well as the 42 other sworn officers of his police department.

Russo was hired by the Rutherford Police Department in 1999 and rose through the ranks, being promoted to Chief of Police in 2013. He is a Past President of the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association. He is also the former Chief Liaison to the Bergen County Rapid Deployment Force - a force of 180 members from all Bergen County jurisdictions trained and dispatched to handle large scale events and civil unrest.

Russo is a graduate of the 268th Session of the FBI National Academy, selected as the Session Spokesperson. In 2005, he completed the NJSACOP West Point Command and Leadership Program and is now an NJSACOP Accredited Chief Executive. He is also Co-Chair of the NJSACOP Chiefs Wellness Committee.

Russo has a Bachelor's Degree in Individualized Studies and a Master's Degree in Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

"I look forward to the challenges ahead and working diligently for all New Jersey Police Chiefs with their mission to keep New Jersey law enforcement as a model for the profession," Russo said.

Learn more at NJSACOP.org Provided by Kim Bogosian. ###

Lodi Man Charged in Little Ferry Hit-and-Run Crash

Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella announced the arrest of 33-year-old Miguel A. Delacruz Romero of Lodi, NJ on charges of leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury.

The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office under the direction of Chief Matthew Finck and the Little Ferry Police Department under the direction of Chief James Walters.

As previously reported, on Sunday, July 14, 2024, the Little Ferry Police Department responded to a serious two-car motor vehicle accident on Route 46 and notified the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Fatal Accident Investigation Unit, which also responded to the scene.

A joint investigation revealed that a 2019 Dodge pick-

up truck, later revealed to have been operated by Miguel A. Delacruz Romero, was traveling east on Route 46 when it struck the rear of a 2022 Toyota sedan. As a result of the collision, two passengers in the Toyota sedan suffered serious injuries.

On Monday, July 15, 2024, detectives traced the vehicle involved based on evidence left at the scene of the crash, locating the pickup truck and identifying Delacruz Romero as the driver in question.

As a result of the investigation, on Monday, July 15, 2024, Delacruz Romero was arrested in Little Ferry, NJ and charged with third-degree leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury, N.J.S.A 2C:12-1.1, and issued summonses for related motor vehicle offenses. Delacruz Romero was transported to the

Bergen County Jail in Hackensack, NJ pending a detention hearing.

Prosecutor Musella states that the charges are merely accusations, and that the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. He would like to thank the Bergen County Sheriff's Office for its assistance in this investigation, along with the Rutherford and Tenafly Police Departments, which both participate in the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Fatal Accident Investigation Unit Task Force. *Provided by BCPO. ###*

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