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# Jersey Devil – Fact or Fiction?

Myths, legends, fables and folktales are stories passed from generation to generation. These stories of fantastic creatures or events, keep popping up despite the persistent absence of physical evidence. Here, in New Jersey, we have our official state demon by default, the Jersey Devil also known as the Leeds Devil.

The presentation was made by Rutgers American Studies professor Angus Kress Gillespie, on October 28, 2018, at the Arnault-Bianchi House in Wood-Ridge. Via a visual presentation, he discussed the Pine Barrens, also known as the Pinelands or, simply the Pines. It is a heavily forested area of coastal plain stretching across more than seven counties of New Jersey. In this area, the people are known as Pines. They live off the land; that is, they fish, hunt and cultivate



their food.

In this area, legend has it that in 1735, a woman known as Mother Leeds, was pregnant with her 13th child. Her husband was a good provider, however, he did not help her with their children. When she became pregnant with an unwanted 13th child she cursed the baby and wished it were a devil.

When she did give birth, the child was born healthy and normal, but quickly turned into a monster that killed the midwife and her attendants, then flew up the chimney into the forests of the Pine Barrens. There, he has lurked and terrorized the people ever since. It is said that many residents in that area know of one or more persons who have seen the demon.

Professor Gillespie has been given first-hand accounts by people who have said they've seen the demon, or, know someone who has. As a folklorist, he is unsure and unconvinced of the existence of the Jersey Devil.

I wonder what he thinks about the existence of Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, or the Abominable Snowman? *Photo by Marie Gallo. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



## Woman's College Club of Rutherford Awards

The Rutherford Woman's College Club held its Annual Scholarship Banquet on May 15, 2018.

The following scholarship winners were announced. The Ella B. Mounce Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Hritik (Ricky) Mehta, who will attend Rutgers University New Brunswick to major in Business Data Analysis and Finance. Two special scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$750 each. Brookelynn Sullivan will attend Loyola University, Maryland, to major in Communications and Digital Media. Jack Vogel will attend Montclair State

University to major in Biology. A special scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was given to Sarah Chung, who will attend the University of Michigan to pursue the Pre-Med Track, minoring in French and Fine Art. The Marianne Coston Memorial Scholarship is in honor of our beloved treasurer who passed away in January. She served as treasurer for decades, is greatly missed, but will not be forgotten.

For over 100 years, the funding for the scholarships has been provided by the Club's membership dues and private donations.

The Rutherford Woman's College Club Scholarships are open to all Rutherford seniors regardless of the high school they attend. For information, call Valerie at 201-438-1207.

Photography Caption (L-R) Hritik (Ricky) Mehta, Sarah Chung, Bernadette Farina, Secretary, Brookelynn Sullivan, Jack Vogel, Valerie Schroder, WCCR President.

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**Mentors Wanted**

The Bergen Volunteer Center's Successful Families Programs, Mentoring Moms and Mentoring Youth, are looking for volunteers just like you!

- Mentoring Youth is a program designed to recruit, train and supervise adult volunteers who provide mentoring support for at-risk youth with social, emotional and/or behavioral problems.

- Mentoring Moms is a trusted, informal and healthy support network to help mothers make progress toward providing a safe and stable family environment.

- The Successful Families team is looking for mentors to help transform the lives of at-risk children, mothers, and their families.

For more information, contact Yamilet Torres at ytorres@bergenvolunteers.org or 201-489-9454 x 212 for Mentoring Youth or Phillicia DaCosta at pdacosta@bergenvolunteers.org or 201-489-9454 x 207 for Mentoring Moms. ###

**SAT and ACT Practice Exams**

The Hasbrouck Heights Library is pleased to host SAT and ACT practice exams. The ACT Practice Exam is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2018, from 10:30 to 2:30 p.m. The test is free of charge. Revolution Prep, a company which provides tutoring programs, designed to help students get better grades and higher test scores, will conduct the testing. Registration is required. Please go to [www.revolutionprep.com/partners/137968/](http://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/137968/) ###

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# Moonachie 13th Annual Town-Wide Food Drive

The First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie joyfully held its 13th Annual Town-wide Food Drive, on October 19 and 20, 2018, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

In a time when so many people are in need, it is good to find ways to help out, and even a single can or boxed item can make a difference in fighting hunger.

According to the workers at the Center for Food Action, the need is greater than ever this year. They are having a hard time keeping enough food on the shelves.



Most needed items include: canned meat, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned beef stew, Parmalat, 100% fruit juice, macaroni and cheese, canned pasta, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, pancake mix, and syrup, canned

soup, rice, baked beans, cleaning supplies, paper goods and large-size disposable diapers.

The “Little White Church” on Moonachie Road has been ministering in the community for over one hundred years. Additional donations are welcome. The Church collects food for the CFA year round. Go to [cfanj.org](http://cfanj.org)

The Moonachie EMS Squad delivered announcements throughout Moonachie at the end of September. Any questions call Linda at 201-641-1272. ###



# Couple Celebrates 65th Wedding Anniversary

Joan and John Nesbitt marked their 65th Anniversary on November 14, 2018. They celebrated with a small party at the Fiesta in Wood-Ridge. Councilman Russell Lipari presented them with a Proclamation from the Mayor and Council congratulating them. Father Richard Mucowski, Pastor of the Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge, presented them with an anniversary blessing from the parish family at Assumption Church.

Their story of how they met in the early 1950s is a humorous one. John Nesbitt was the son of the building superintendent of the building in which the Carpenter Family lived. Joan Carpenter and John Nesbitt attended the same Church every Sunday. John would attend the 8 a.m. Mass and Joan the 9 a.m. Mass. Their path crossed every Sunday. John must have noticed Joan and she must have noticed him.

One Sunday John decided to attend the 9 a.m. Mass, however as he was entering the Church, he was surprised to find Joan was leaving the 8

a.m. Mass. She had decided to attend the 8 a.m. Mass that Sunday. John did not give up and they finally did attend Mass the same Sunday, but Joan would always sit on one side of the Church and John on the other.

John was determined to meet Joan. One Sunday he decided to sit on the same side of the Church that Joan usually sat. But, that Sunday Joan was sitting on the side of the Church that John usually sat. That is when John took the initiative and decided to talk to Joan when they left the Church. Thus began a friendship, which ended in their marriage at the Saint Anthony Catholic Church in Union City on November 14, 1953.

The couple lived in various communities before they settled in Hasbrouck Heights in 1968. There they raised their son, John Jr. and had four grandchildren.

The secret to their 65-years of a happy marriage comes down to “love, trust, honesty, self respect and good luck.” Photo by Marie Gallo. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###



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## Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony

VFW Post 809 will host a Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony on December 7, 2018, at 7 p.m. The Post is located at 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ.

As time goes on, no one, especially younger folks, don't seem to know what happened or wish not to remember the Japanese attack on the Harbor in 1941.

The children cannot learn the information or know about the past unless you teach them. Bring them out and take a few moments to remember those that were killed in the attack.



## Free Lunch Saturday

Everyone is invited to the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the “Free Lunch Saturday” program, which will be held on December 1, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. This hot lunch features “Ham.” There will be Christmas Caroling.

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

We will also collect food and non-perishable items for the Center for Food Action (CFA). ###

## Squadron 310 Valentine’s Party

On February 9, 2019, American Legion Post 310, located at 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, will host a Valentine’s Fundraiser Party starting at 7 p.m. All proceeds go to Veterans and children’s programs.

Food, beer, wine and soda will be served. Tickets are \$20. Advance sales only, no tickets will be sold at the door or on the day of the event. Music by DJ Jack Jam. Every lady gets a rose! Any questions, call 201-807-0470. ###

## Finding Your Audience on Social Media

This free computer class at The Rutherford Library is for those who have a (very) small business or a charity they’d like to promote online.

Learn how to reach people through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This class will be held Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 6 p.m. Registration required. To register, call 201-939-8600 or send an email to reference@rutherford.bccls.org ###

## American Legion Pancake Breakfast December 16

Lodi Post 136 and Rochelle Park Post 170 will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 16, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. till noon, at 33 W. Passaic Street, Rochelle Park.

There will be pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, juice, fruit cocktail and homemade crumb cake (*while it lasts*), all for a \$5 donation with children under 6 free.

They will also be collecting for the food pantry and Toys for Tots until December 16.

Any questions contact Bob Salvini at bobsalvini@att.net or Francis Carrasco at mrfajc@hotmail.com ###

## Park Avenue Toastmasters

Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. The Park Avenue Toastmasters will meet at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library on Monday, December 3, and Monday, December 17, 2018, from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. ###

## Basketball Free Throw January 13

The Knights of Columbus Michael’s Council 2861 in Lodi is sponsoring a Basketball Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 13, 2019, from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Francis, 125 Union Street, Lodi at the Bingo Hall/Gym.

Children ages 9 through 14 are welcome to participate. Light refreshments and certificates will be given out with prizes given to the winners of each group. For more information call Brad at 201-376-3071 or email bjv321@icloud.com ###

## Lodi KC Pancake Breakfast Dec. 9

The St. Michael’s Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, December 9, 2018, 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*), sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea.

Adults: \$6; children over 6: \$4; children 6 and under: free. Profits to benefit local charities. ###

## W-R Holiday Pasta Dinner

Wood-Ridge Mayor Paul Sarlo, invites all Wood-Ridge senior citizens and Senior Club members to the Borough’s 19th Annual Holiday Pasta Dinner. The event will take place on Friday, December 7, 2018, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. It will be held at the Senior Center located on the corner of Highland Avenue and Hackensack Street.

Come join your neighbors for a night filled with fun, singing provided by local Girl Scout troops, entertainment by Frank Mottola, holiday gift raffles and more!

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This program will focus on Ancestry.com, to which Lhe library has in-house access. Part Two: Genealogy: Other Resources will be held the following week on Monday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. This program will focus on free databases and genealogy libraries that can be used. Registration is suggested for these programs, and attendees may sign up for one or both. To register, call 201-939-8600. ###

*The Christmas turkey first appeared on English tables in the 16th century, but didn't immediately replace the traditional fare of goose, beef or boar's head in the rich households. ###*

## DNA Basics

The Rutherford Public Library will host “DNA Basics” on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. This program will be presented by Fred Voss, a professional genealogist, researcher and educator and a Trustee and Education Chair for the Genealogical Society of Bergen County.

In this program, Voss will discuss DNA testing and how it can be used to determine your genetic code. The program is free but seating is limited. Registration is required. To register, call 201-939-8600 or send an email including your name and phone number to reference@rutherford.bccls.org ###

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Historians have traced some of the current traditions surrounding Father Christmas, or Santa Claus, back to ancient Celtic roots. Father Christmas' elves are the modernization of the "Nature Folk" of the Pagan religions; his reindeer are associated with the "Horned God," which was one of the Pagan deities. ###

Christmas trees are known to have been popular in Germany as far back as the sixteenth century. In England, they became popular after Queen Victoria's husband, Albert, who came from Germany, made a tree part of the celebrations at Windsor Castle. In the United States, the earliest known mention of a Christmas tree is in the diary of a German who settled in Pennsylvania. ###

In 1647, the English Parliament passed a law that made Christmas illegal. Festivities were banned by Puritan leader, Oliver Cromwell, who considered feasting and revelry, on what was supposed to be a holy day, to be immoral. The ban was lifted only when the Puritans lost power in 1660. ###

During the ancient 12-day Christmas celebration, the log burned was called the "Yule Log." Sometimes a piece of the Yule Log would be kept to kindle the fire the following winter, to ensure that the good luck carried on from year to year. The Yule Log custom was handed down from the Druids. ###

Animal Crackers are not really crackers, but cookies that were imported to the United States from England in the late 1800s. Barnum's circus-like boxes were designed with a string handle so that they could be hung on a Christmas tree. ###

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Virginia,

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis P. Church, Published in The New York Sun, September 21, 1897

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Won't You Be My Neighbor?

On Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 6 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free film screening of "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" at The Rutherford Public Library. This film is an exploration of the life, lessons, and legacy of iconic children's television host, Fred Rogers. The movie stars Joanne Rogers, Betty Aberlin, and David Bianculli. It will be shown in The Library's Glass Room. For more information, call 201-939-8600. ###

Christmas Decorations

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December Flower  
Narcissus

Tea Party

On Sunday, December 2, 2018, from 2 to 5 p.m., The Woman's Club of Rutherford will hold the perennially popular, "Holiday in Rutherford Afternoon Tea," at 201 Fairview Avenue, Rutherford. Enjoy the company of friends at an old-fashioned tea party, and get into the spirit by wearing your best attire. Along with a variety of tea flavors, we will be serving scones with clotted cream, tea sandwiches, cookies and pastries. Take this opportunity to purchase lovely holiday gifts when you visit our Woman's Club Treasures Table. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased (in advance only) by calling Sue at 201-893-6866. Proceeds will benefit local charities and the restoration of our Nationally Registered historic Carriage House. ###

Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights Introduces CASA Nov. 26

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program will be explained by the Bergen County Executive Director of CASA and Chip Giamo, a Hasbrouck Heights resident and a CASA advocate, at an informative meeting to be held at The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 2018. This meeting is sponsored by the Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights as their way of helping people learn about this program and what it achieves. This is not a fund raiser. There are no commitments to be made at this event. It is strictly to get people to understand the program and to help others know about it. Residents 18 years and older from Hasbrouck Heights and surrounding communities are invited to attend. For information, call 201-288-2143 just so we know how to set up the room. ###

Woman's Club of Rutherford 2018/2019 Events

Sunday, December 2, 2018, Annual Holiday Tea.  
Friday, February 1, 2019, Pocketbook Bingo.  
Saturday, March 16, 2019, Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner.  
Friday, April 26, 2019, Spring Dance Party.  
For information on any of these events, call Sue at 201-893-6866. All events are open to the community, and we look forward to seeing you! ###

Cold Moon

The December full moon appears on Saturday, December 22, 2018, at 12:48 p.m. and is called the "Full Cold Moon." According to "The Farmer's Almanac," this month the winter cold fastens its grip, and nights are at their longest and darkest. It is also called the "Moon Before Yule." The term, "Long Night Moon" is a double appropriate name because the midwinter night is indeed long, and because the moon is above the horizon for a long time. The midwinter full moon has a high trajectory across the sky because it is opposite a low sun. Other names for this moon include "Full Long Night Moon." The Native American Indians of the northern and eastern United States kept track of the seasons by giving a name to each recurring full moon. European settlers followed the custom. ###

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The Star Dec. 2

On December 2, 2018, at the Carlstadt Presbyterian Church Community Hall, will show a movie, "The Star," starting at 5 p.m. The cost will be \$5 per family and will include pizza, popcorn, water and juice. Following the movie, there will be a visit by Santa, with hot chocolate and cookies. All are invited. For information, call 201-428-5526. ###

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# Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Joyful state of being. If you happen to be an avid reader of mine (*why wouldn't you be?*) then you are most likely a member of Merry Christmas to all!

I hope that this column finds you in a the "Baby Boom" generation or there about. That is not to say that a younger person won't check it out on occasion however, the subject matter is more conducive to attracting the experienced reader, those of the distant past. Hey, why not? After all you lived it. Alright, already, we lived it!

A philosopher once said, I think it was my high school gym teacher, Mr. Satkowski, that a person who dwells on the past is doomed to repeat it. That may very well be true, however, when it comes to Christmas and those wonderful days of yore, the past becomes sacred and we aren't doomed to repeat it, rather blessed.

At least that's my take on it folks. How do you feel about it? Okay I'll give you a moment to think about it. I'll meet you in the next paragraph.

Welcome back. Anyway no sooner do I begin to reminisce about the holiday season when I hear the atmospheric harmony of angels singing Silent Night. You have to admit that listening to that beautiful carol brings a tear to your eye and joy to your heart. Silent Night is the very embodiment of Christmas

*The first commercial Christmas card sold was designed by London artist John Calcott Horsley. He was hired by a wealthy British man to design a card that showed people feeding and clothing the poor with another picture of a Christmas party. The first Christmas card said, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." Of the original one thousand cards he printed for Henry Cole, only twelve exist today. ###*

and hearing it sends me back to what are among the most treasured moments of my life.

It was a time when everyone was alive and the spirit of Christmas was present in every smile and was felt in each warm embrace. It was love, in its most sacred form and from it was born pure joy.

My earliest recollection of Christmas dates back, believe it or not, to when I was hanging onto my mother's apron strings as if she were a helium balloon that would float skyward if I loosened my grip.

No folks, I wasn't forty years old, very funny! In fact I was no more than a toddler. If you don't believe me, ask my cousin, Anthony. Good luck with that! since we hardly knew one another at the time.

Anyway it was the afternoon on Christmas Eve. I was sitting at the kitchen table with my older brother, Eugene, (aka Soupie) while my mother hovered over me doing, you know, "Christmas stuff."

Suddenly from out in the wintry air came the clangorous sound of sleigh bells, followed by a low pitched hollow sounding Ho, Ho, Ho. It has a sinister ring to it, more like the howling of a wolf rather than the gleeful sound of good cheer.

In walked the bearded one himself adorned in his Christmas best with a semi stuffed pillow case draped over his shoulder. The sight of him caused me to swallow hard and blink fast.

My mother scooped me up pointed to the doorway and made the announcement. "Look who's here," she said in an enthusiastic tone. "Santa Claus." I gave my mom a Laurel and Hardy double take, hyper-ventilated and burst into cry baby tears.

Each Ho, Ho, Ho was met with an agonizing No, No, No followed by a brief but penetrating outburst. I stopped cry-

ing long enough to inspect the festively wrapped package he handed me only to resort back to my semi hysterical posture.

Finally, the person behind the white, coffee stained beard had no recourse but to reveal to me his true identity. "Look silly" said Lena as she peeled me off of her neck. "It's Daddy!"

I turned around, gave one of those staggered breaths, the ones that come after a crying episode, and let out with a sigh of relief. My tears vaporized like droplets of water skipping furiously across the top of a wood burning stove. The Santa Claus Myth, at least in our home, was over before it began, much to the joy of Vito, who's portrayal of the jolly old elf ruined it for all Santa "wanna be's" for decades to come.

I didn't mind since as far as I was concerned my father was the one and only Santa Claus. I didn't have to wait for Christmas to roll around either. With him it was Christmas all year along.

I didn't have to worry about the good or bad list, however, my mother had a list of her own upon which my dad's name often appeared as well as mine on more than one occasion.

Anyway folks, the memory of that day remains framed on the living room wall of my mind. It hangs there like a Currier and Ives Christmas scene, I never get tired of looking at it. It never gets old.

Now, this holiday season I strongly recommend that you retreat to a warm and cozy space in your home, near a fireplace if you have one, definitely within eye shot of the Christmas tree.

There you can sink into your favorite chair, Artful Thinking column in hand, sipping your favorite beverage while in the background is heard a choir of angels singing Silent Night. You then quietly remember the people, places and things that were and will remain forever the true spirit of this glorious season.

Merry Christmas and "God bless us everyone." ###

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Evening Reception on Saturday, December 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.: champagne, light refreshments, valet parking, reservations required. Prices: \$45 members, \$50 non-members and guests. For tickets call 973-962-9534 or purchase on line at [www.njbg.org](http://www.njbg.org) ###

# AWS Annual Holiday Christmas Party December 1

Attention: The social event of the year is Coming! The AWS Annual Holiday/Christmas Party is Saturday, December 1, 2018, at the Fiesta. Full Buffet Dinner/soda and wine included. There will be door prizes, gift basket raffles, photo booth, DJ music and special appearance by Phil Miuccio.

Members \$25/Guests \$55 (*gratuity and tax included*). This year we are anticipating that we will be sold out, get your tickets early. Deadline is November 27, 2018. Send check to AWS Meadowland Chapter, 476 Windsor Road, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. For further information email [wineclub201@gmail.com](mailto:wineclub201@gmail.com) or check our blog for news and updates regarding our club at <http://wineclub201.blogspot.com>.

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The annual event commemorates the Christmas Day crossing made by Gen. George Washington and his troops in 1776. It was an historic undertaking that resulted in defeat of the Hessian troops in the Battle of Trenton.

You can attend this year's event in Washington Crossing State Park, Pennsylvania. The event/village activities will occur from noon to 3 p.m., with the crossing time occurring around 1 p.m. (*weather permitting*), beginning at the Pennsylvania side at Washington Crossing State Park. This is a free event.

Those who cannot attend on Christmas can watch a full

dress rehearsal on December 9, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (*actual crossing at 1 p.m.*).

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 5 to 11, and free for those under five (*proceeds support future park programs*).

During the first crossing event, hundreds of troops row across the river in uniform just as they do on Christmas Day. In addition, special Colonial-era activities and demonstrations throughout the historic village provide your family with a full day of fun and learning. A great way to see the reenactment if you can't make it on December 25!

The Christmas Day Crossing is noon to 3 p.m. with the actual crossing at 1 p.m. Cost is free.

For more information go to: [www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing/](http://www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing/) ###



## HH Fire Dept. To Take Santa Around Heights

On December 23, 2018, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Santa schedule is as follows...

- Central & Boulevard (Boro Hall) 3:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.
- Collins & Baldwin 4 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.
- Hasbrouck & Ottawa 4:30 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.
- Paterson & Burton 5:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.
- Oak Grove & La Salle 5:30 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.
- Oak Grove & Jefferson 6:05 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.
- Oldfield & VFW 6:35 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.
- Cleveland & Summit 7:05 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.
- Cleveland & Woodland 7:45 p.m.

Any parent who cannot get a child to a Santa stop due to illness or handicap can make special arrangements by calling the Fire Chief at 201-288-0082. ###

## East Rutherford FD Santa Around Town

On December 16, 2017, starting at about 9:30 a.m., East Rutherford residents can meet Santa on their street. Be sure to listen for the Fire Department sirens. ###

## Little Ferry FD Santa Around Town

On Sunday, December 23, 2018, starting at 11 a.m. Please wait on the street corners. Be patient, Santa has lots of boys and girls to visit. ###

## Lodi FD Santa Around Town

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## Moonachie FD Santa Around Town

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## Rutherford FD Santa Around Town

On Saturday, December 15, 2018, starting at 2 p.m., Santa will be going throughout the community.

All families are encouraged to meet with Santa. Be patient, Santa has lots of boys and girls to visit. ###

*The poem commonly referred to as "The Night Before Christmas" was originally titled "A Visit From Saint Nicholas." This poem was written by Clement Moore for his children and some guests, one of whom anonymously sent the poem to a New York newspaper for publication. ###*

## WRFD Santa Around Town

On Saturday, December 22, 2018, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department will have pictures with Santa at the firehouse from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Starting at about 3 p.m., they will randomly escort Santa up and down every street in the Borough. Just listen for the sirens. Firefighters will hand out candy at the intersections. ###

*Silent Night was written in 1818, by an Austrian priest Joseph Mohr. He was told the day before Christmas that the church organ was broken and would not be prepared in time for Christmas Eve. He was saddened by this and could not think of Christmas without music, so he wanted to write a carol that could be sung by choir to guitar music. He sat down and wrote three stanzas. Later that night the people in the little Austrian Church sang "Stille Nacht" for the first time. ###*

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They have been in existence since 1939 as a local organization and consists of a group of 10 women from the Churches in Hasbrouck Heights. They donate their time and effort toward raising money, food, and supplies for needy local families. No expenses are taken and all funds go toward helping town residents.

This year they are helping 10 families with 18 children. These families are struggling to meet their financial obligations. Understandably, it is nearly impossible for them to celebrate the holidays with food and gifts for their children. We suggest that if you want to help these families, make a small donation.

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Placement along Valley Boulevard in Wood-Ridge and Hackensack Street in Carlstadt, is done by the Knights of Columbus St. Anthony's Council 11585. Forms are available at Heights Flower Shoppe. ###

Shoe Drive

RCDN, a non-profit preschool in Rutherford, is collecting new or gently worn unwanted footwear. All footwear will be collected and donated to less fortunate countries. Footwear donations can be left on the porch of 109 Ridge Road, Rutherford through May 2019. ###

"The Nutcracker" is the name for the ballet performed around Christmas time each year. "The Nutcracker Suite" is the title of the music Tchaikovsky wrote. ###

Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



Desperate December

The year 1776 was not a good year for George Washington and the Continental Army. While the year started off on a good note with the British evacuation of Boston, in March, and the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, events soon became one disaster after another. Defeats at Long Island, Kips Bay, White Plains, in New York State, and the long retreat from Fort Lee in New Jersey to Valley Forge, was affecting the Army's morale. It was in a low state.

Ninety percent of the Army had departed or deserted during the march between New York and Valley Forge. Conditions at Valley Forge were horrendous. Most of the rest would soon be leaving the Army with the end of their enlistments on December 31, 1776. Even Washington felt that the war was over. He wrote "I think the game is pretty near up" to his cousin in Virginia.

Washington felt that they must try one last time to gain a victory before the men's enlistments ended. He gambled on a plan to defeat and capture the Hessian garrison at Trenton, New Jersey.

The Hessians were feared German mercenaries employed in the service of the British Army. The garrison consisted of about 1,500 Hessians divided into three regiments. They had six artillery pieces. In overall command was Colonel Johann Rall. Hessian engineers presented plans to fortify Trenton. Rall, who had a low opinion of the Rebels, did not see a need to build any defenses. He was alleged to have said, "If they come, we will meet them with bayonets."

Washington's initial plan was to have 5,500 men cross the Delaware River at three places, on Christmas night, and launch a coordinated pre-dawn attack on Trenton. The weather would play havoc with his plans.

As Washington's men arrived at the river, it started to rain. The temperature began to drop. The rain turned to sleet and then to snow. Colonel John Glover's regiment of Gloucester fishermen handled the boats during the crossing. It was after three a.m. before Washington got his 2,400 men, horses and guns across the river. His other two forces could not affect a crossing of the river because of the weather. The password the troops would use was "Victory or Death."

The nine-mile march south, to Trenton, began around four

a.m. The weather would be a great hardship on Washington's troops. His ill clad troops suffered greatly. The only fatalities that the Americans had during the entire battle were two soldiers that died from hypothermia during the march.

The weather also worked to the advantage of the Americans. Colonel Rall had been warned that the Rebels may try an attack on his command. He felt that they would not attempt it in weather like this. His outposts were sheltered indoors by the fire.

Washington's troops arrived at eight a.m., about one mile from Trenton. The Americans hit two of the Hessian outposts. The Hessians fell back toward Trenton. The Americans pushed into the town. They arrived at the apex of King and Queen Streets, now Warren and Broad Streets. Here General Knox set up his artillery. The Hessian regiments were trying to form at the other end of King and Queen Streets.

Knox's artillery played havoc on the Hessians. American artillery was also fired from across the Delaware River into the Hessian positions. American riflemen took out the men attempting to man the Hessian artillery. They were hit on three sides and their retreat route to Princeton was cut by Washington's forces. The artillery was firing Grapeshot. A number of iron balls were expelled with each discharge, like a shotgun.

The Hessians fell back to a field outside of the town. Here they regrouped. Colonel Rall led a counterattack. Washington seeing the Hessians advancing, deployed his men to meet this. They were hit with a devastating crossfire. The attack stalled. Hessians broke ranks and began to scatter. Colonel Rall was mortally wounded. With the Americans closing in on them, the Hessians quickly surrendered.

American losses, aside from the two who died from hypothermia, were five wounded. Hessian losses were twenty-two dead and a total of eight hundred ninety-six captured. This included eighty-three wounded.

Washington's desperate December gamble saved the American Revolution. ###

"White Christmas" (1954), starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye, was the first movie to be made in Vista Vision, a deep-focus process. ###



Pet Photos with Mrs. Claus

FOCAS (*Friends of the County Animal Shelter, Inc.*) will be hosting holiday pet pictures with Mrs. Claus and a Special Holiday Gift Fair on Sunday, December 2, 2018, at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The cost per photo is \$10. All pets are welcome. Pets should be up-to-date on all shots and appropriately restrained. There will be refreshments, fabulous holiday gifts on sale for pets and people and a drawing each hour. Let FOCAS put some “cheer” in your holiday!

Annual event proceeds benefit the FOCAS Angel Fund that provides veterinary medi-

Santa Visits the AHOF Dec. 1

Santa is scheduled to depart the North Pole at Midnight and is expected to arrive at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the Aviation Hall of Fame, Teterboro.

He and his elf will circle the museum several times in a helicopter, and then ride into the parking lot in an airport fire truck. Santa will have candy and gifts for the kids.

Bring your camera for this photo opportunity! Children under 12 years of age will be able to meet and greet Santa Claus inside the museum free of charge, when accompanied by an adult. Adult admission is \$9, \$6 seniors and children free.

The museum will open at 10 a.m. to accommodate expected interest in this special event. The visit of Santa Claus is presented annually by the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum, located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive, Teterboro, NJ. For more info call 201-288-6344. ###

Victorian Holiday Celebration

On December 16, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., in the Arnault/Bianchi House on First Street. Wood-Ridge Historical Society will host a Victorian Holiday Celebration in a Victorian setting. Enjoy the "Spiced Punch" entertainers. A light lunch will follow the presentation. There is no admission fee. Donations will be accepted. ###

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For more information call the FOCAS Help Line at 201-943-4019 or send an email to info@focasnews.org.###

Christmas Eve at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes all to its Christmas Eve services. At 5 p.m., we will celebrate a Candlelight Story and Song Family Service, complete with shepherds, angels, stars, sheep, Christmas bells and special music, including a vocal soloist. At 9:30 p.m., we will welcome Christmas with a Lessons and Carols Christmas Candle Eucharist Service.

On Sunday, December 30, at 10:30 a.m., as the season continues we thank God for the gift of our Savior and ask for blessings in the New Year. Join us for the Feast of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 6, 2019, as we celebrate the revelation of Christ to all nations and reflect on the cosmic significance of Jesus’ birth. Throughout the Christmas season, we invite you to donate non-perishable food items for local food pantries in the designated box on the Church porch or at the crèche in the rear of the sanctuary. Holy Trinity is located at 92 Burton Avenue. For information, call the Church office at 201-288-6889 or visit our website at www.holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com. ###

New Year's Eve Party

The Carlstadt Mixed Chorus is sponsoring a Gala New Year's Eve Party on Monday, December 31, 2018, starting at 7 p.m. at the Carlstadt Turn Hall, 500 Broad Street.

This lavish cocktail party features drinks, Viennese table, coffee, tea, etc. Champagne at Midnight. Music by "Madel Jager."

Donation of \$100 pp. Evening attire requested. For reservations call 973-773-9347. Reservation deadline is December 18, 2018. ###

The poem commonly referred to as "The Night Before Christmas" was originally titled "A Visit From Saint Nicholas." This poem was written by Clement Moore for his children and some guests, one of whom anonymously sent the poem to a New York newspaper for publication. ###

Toys for Kids

American Legion Post 136 of Lodi, is supporting Toys for Kids. The Post, along with Bergen County Sheriffs Department, will be conducting a toy drive from November 1 to December 22, 2018. We are asking for your support to make a youngster's holiday more eventful.

Please drop a new toy (no used toys) or donation at 41 Union Avenue, Lodi, NJ, 973-614-0100. ###

2018 P.B.A. Toy Drive

Little Ferry Police Department, along with Little Ferry Starbucks, 300 Rt 46 West, announced Toys for Tots. New unwrapped toys can be dropped off at participating businesses or your local Police Department. This program benefits children and their families. ###

Care on the Corner Holiday Boutique

On December 1, 2018, Christmas Shopping, at Care on the Corner, located at 333 Franklin Avenue, NJ. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Get in the spirit at the cozy Holiday Boutique! Unique, holiday-themed hand-crafted gifts. Light refreshments served. For information, call Carol at 973-865-5133 or 201-288-9460. ###

RE/MAX Winter Clothing Drive

RE/MAX Trading Places is collecting gently used blankets, men’s clothing, winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves (these items only) for the benefit of The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal of Our Lady Queen of Angels in East Harlem. Items will go to men who are living life without a roof over their heads.

John Tamborini; Broker/Owner of RE/MAX Trading Places said, “This is what the Lord calls us to do in (Matthew Chapter 25) ‘I was naked and you clothed me.’ We are called to see Christ in those who are in need. Please be generous.”

Donations may be dropped off at the RE/MAX Trading Places office at 345 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday during December 2018. ###

In North America, children put stockings out at Christmas time. Their Dutch counterparts, however, use shoes. Dutch children set out shoes to receive gifts any time between mid-November and December 5, St. Nicholas' birthday. ###

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## HH School Holiday Concert

The Hasbrouck Heights Jr./Sr. High School Holiday Concert is Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium. Open to the public, free admission and open seating! All are welcome to hear the joyous sounds of the Holidays. ###

## Chamber Music Holiday Concert December 3

The Leonia Public Library presents The Leonia Chamber Musicians Society for a second annual Holiday Concert on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7 p.m. This special concert is free and open to the community. The Library is located at 227 Fort Lee Road, Leonia, New Jersey. For more information about the Leonia Chamber Musicians Society, Inc., visit <https://www.facebook.com/leoniachambermusic>. ###

## Becton Regional HS Concert December 11

The Henry P. Becton Regional High School cordially invites all to the Winter Concert on December 11, 2018, at 7 p.m. The concert will be held at the James Williams Performing Arts Center, which is inside the high school. This year's theme is "A Winter Wonderland," with various holiday performances from the Concert Band, the Concert Choir, and the Show Choir. Admission is free. ###

## Holiday Luncheon Dec. 9

The First Presbyterian Church in Carlstadt is hosting their Luncheon on December 9, 2018, after the service. at the Church Hall located at 500 3rd Street. No charge. Includes great food, Open to the public. For advance tickets call 201-438-5526. ###

## Handel's Messiah Explored Dec. 9

Metropolitan Opera Conductor, Joseph Colaneri, will lecture on Handel's Messiah: A Beloved Christmas Tradition, Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 5 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hasbrouck Heights. The lecture is open to the public free of charge.

He will provide an insightful and informative talk exploring the history of Handel's abidingly popular "Christmas Portion" and its deep abiding relationship to the biblical texts as adapted by Charles Jennens.

George Frederic Handel's glorious oratorio, Messiah, has been a mainstay of the holiday music season since its composition in 1741.

Part One, known traditionally as the Christmas portion, contains some of Handel's most beloved music, deeply rooted in scripture and the baroque musical tradition. Maestro Colaneri's talk will be illustrated by examples taken from classic recordings of Messiah.

For further information, call 201-288-6889. ###

## Wood-Ridge Jr./ Sr. High School Holiday Concert

Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Holiday Concert is Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 7 p.m., in The Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium. All are welcome and admission is free.

The 7th and 8th Graders are featured from 7-7:30 and the 9th to 12th Graders Concert Band, Glee Club and Concert Choir from 8 to 9 p.m.

Hope you can all make it! Snow date is December 19, 2018, same time and same place. ###

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## Chopin Singing Society, Inc.

On Sunday, December 2, 2018, at 3 p.m., The Chopin Singing Society (*Men's Chorus*) presents its 14th Annual Christmas Concert at the Polish Peoples Home, located at 1-3 Monroe Street, Passaic. The chorus is under the direction of Anthony Tabash. Tickets are \$40 pp, and includes a hot Polish Buffet. The Chopin Chorus has been singing for 108 years! For tickets and information, call Arthur Sroka, at 973-641-9174, ticket deadline is November 28, 2018. ###

## Holiday Concert December 8

On Saturday, December 8, 2018, join us for a holiday concert by Gerard and Diane Barros, at 2 p.m., at the East Rutherford Community Center, 37 Vreeland Avenue, East Rutherford.

A mix of holiday classics in the versions made popular by 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s artists, such as: Brenda Lee, Bruce Springsteen, Darlene Love, Eurythmics, Bing Crosby, Doris Day and others. Also, well-known pop tunes from those decades with a flavoring of the holiday spirit, including songs by the Beach Boys, Chicago and many more!

Registration is required. Participants can register online at, [eastrutherford.bccls.org](http://eastrutherford.bccls.org). For information, call The East Rutherford Memorial Library at 201-939-3930. ###

## JingleFest December 1

Jinglefest, a holiday shopping and fun event, will be held Saturday, December 1, 2018, from 10 – 3 p.m. at Rutherford United Methodist Church, 56 West Passaic Avenue, in Rutherford.

Find affordable and unique gifts for everyone on your list, from vendors selling gourmet chocolates, all-natural body care, Mary Kay cosmetics, handmade clothing, home décor, yoga services, toys, and more! Prizes, face-painting for kids and a few special surprises.

Enjoy a snack at the Church's Café Cheer. Free admission. Street parking. Get updated vendor list and info at [www.rutherfordumc.org](http://www.rutherfordumc.org) or, call 201-438-4486. ###

*In Medieval England, Nicholas was just another saint - he had not yet been referred to as Santa Claus and he had nothing to do with Christmas. ###*

## Assumption Church Advent Concert December 16

The Adult and Children's Choir of the Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge will hold its Annual Advent Concert on Sunday, December 16, 2018. The concert will be held in the Church at 3 p.m.

All who enjoy good traditional Advent Music are encouraged to attend. It is hoped that the program will bring back memories of joyful experiences with your families and friends. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

## Festival of Lessons and Carols Dec. 9

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish in Little Ferry will host their Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 3 p.m.

With anticipation of the Christ Child during the season of Advent, the Parish Choirs will present songs of the season, along with audience participation of traditional Christmas Carols. The event will spotlight other choral selections.

The Church is located at the corner of Liberty Street and Chamberlain Avenue in Little Ferry. Handicap accessible.

For more information, call Eileen at 201-843-1097. ###

## Singing Makes the World Go Round

Love Music and Singing and socializing with like-minded individuals ?

The Carlstadt Mixed Chorus may be the place for you.

They celebrated their 87th anniversary this year and are seeking new members to keep the tradition vibrant.

Their repertoire includes songs with German and English lyrics and ranges from Mozart, Beethoven, Strauss to evergreens and Broadway tunes. They meet once a week, Tuesday from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., to rehearse and socialize afterwards.

If interested, please email Ingrid at: [ingridwehrhahn11@gmail.com](mailto:ingridwehrhahn11@gmail.com) or call: 201-391-8765, evening preferred. They would love to hear from you. Check them out! ###

## The Nutcracker

Garden State Ballet will hold its annual performance of "The Nutcracker" at The Rutherford Public Library on Saturday, December 15, 2018, at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend. ###

## HH Library Holiday Concerts

### Music Concerts for the Whole Family & More

• **Piano Concert** featuring distinguished pianist, Veronica O'Brien, will take place on Saturday, December 1 from 2 to 3:15 pm.

It will feature music selections by Franz Joseph Haydn, Franz Liszt and Alexander Scriabin. Veronica completed her Master's degree in Piano Performance/ Pedagogy Emphasis and Graduate Professional Diploma in Piano Performance. Veronica has taught extensively in both NJ and CT, as well as through music studios.

• **Christmas Carols** performed by the renowned Chanteurs of the New Jersey Choral Society.

The concert will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 2 p.m. It will include traditional carols and popular holiday songs.

The Chanteurs is one of the most prestigious choral groups in the state, well known for presenting outstanding and unique programs.

They have performed at the White House and Carnegie Hall and have given performances around the world including Germany, Sydney, Vienna, Beijing and Shanghai, London and more.

All events will be held in the Senior Center located on the first floor of Borough Hall. Entrance is located at the corner of Central Ave and Boulevard. Admission is free of charge. ###

## Carol Singing December 24

Join with us on December 24, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., at Christ Church United Methodist Church, located at 57 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, for carol singing, rain, snow or shine. Hot Chocolate will be served after the service. All are welcome. For information, call 201-288-4636. ###

## Winter Wonderland

Marcia, the Musical Moose, will present "Winter Wonderland" at The Rutherford Public Library on Friday, December 14, at 4 p.m. This show will feature furry animal puppets in their winter habitat and the social lessons they learn. Those who attend will meet Fanella the Fox, Frosty the Snowman, and Benny the Beaver. This program is recommended for ages 1-7. No registration is required and all are welcome. ###



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## Community Tree Lightings

**Carlstadt** will hold their Tree Lighting at Borough Hall on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. ###

**East Rutherford** will hold their Tree Lighting at Borough Hall 7 p.m., Friday, November 30, 2018, bring your camera for photos with Santa. Refreshments will be served. ###

**Little Ferry** will hold their Tree Lighting on Friday, December 7, 2018, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the Borough Hall parking lot. The Memorial

School Choir is scheduled to sing. Santa will be available in the Municipal Building lobby. Bring your camera.

**Lodi** will host its Annual Tree Lighting on Friday, November 30, 2018, starting at 6:30 p.m., at Borough Hall. Holiday music will be provided by the Lodi HS Band and Choir.

**Moonachie** will hold their Annual Tree Lighting event (*rain or shine*) on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 7 p.m., at Civic Center. Refreshments and photos with Santa will follow. ###

**Wood-Ridge** Annual Tree Lighting is on November 24, 2018, at Veterans Park, starting at 7 p.m. Christmas Carols will be sung by Middle and High School Chorale. Santa will be at The Gazebo to hear special secret wishes. Refreshments will be served. ###

**Hasbrouck Heights** Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle will be held immediately after the Annual Holiday Parade on November 23, 2018. There will be plenty of hot cocoa and snacks. Santa will be available in the TD Bank lobby. Bring your camera. ###

### Keep Fire Hydrants Cleared of Snow

Area Fire Departments ask that when it snows, residents and businesses should make an effort to keep fire hydrants clear and accessible. ###

## Winter Christmas Show Model Railroad Exhibits

The excitement and “Romance of Railroads,” and the enjoyment of building and displaying model trains has kept the Society of Model Engineers going since 1926, making it the oldest model train group in the United States.

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installed by the members to depict Northern New Jersey.

Many of the models are one of a kind and were handmade by Society members. Trains of all types, passenger, freight, and circus trains, will be operating continuously.

Also on display will be the Society’s collection of historic railroad memorabilia signage, railroad lanterns, steam locomotive bells and whistles, railroad photos, etc.

The Society’s Annual Winter Christmas Show will be December 1, 2, 8, 9, 29 and 30, 2018, from 1 to 6 p.m., at 341 Hoboken Road, Carlstadt. Donation is \$7 for adults, \$1 for children and four and under free.

For more information, call 201-939-9212 or go to: [www.ModelEngineers.org](http://www.ModelEngineers.org) ###

## Holiday Card Making

The Rutherford Public Library will host a holiday card-making workshop, on Friday, December 14, 2018, at 1 p.m. Attendees will make greeting cards for the upcoming holidays. Registration is required. Preference is given to Rutherford residents. To register, call 201-939-8600. ###

## Christmas Party Dec. 8

The Elks Lodge 1962, located at 128 Baldwin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, is hosting a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 8, 2018, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 pp. Music by “Tommy Dee.” For information, call Cathy at 1-386-852-4881. ###

## HH Men’s Association Christmas Tree Sale

The Hasbrouck Heights Men’s Association will be selling Christmas Trees this Holiday Season beginning Saturday, November 24, 2018, at St. John the Divine, at the corner of Franklin and Terrace.

They will be carrying an array of trees of various sizes and prices. This sale has been a Hasbrouck Heights holiday tradition for over twenty years.

The money raised goes to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors from Hasbrouck Heights who want to attend college. The Hasbrouck Heights Men’s Association wants to thank area residents for their on-going support of their sale and they wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. ###

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- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and make sure any lit candles in the room are placed away from tree branches.
- If using a live tree, be sure it is fresh (it isn't already losing needles) and has a new, clean cut on the bottom of the trunk before putting up.
- Keep live trees away from heat sources. Hydrate your tree. Check the water level daily. Cut one inch off the trunk to help absorb water. Leave the tree outside until ready to decorate.
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Corpus Christi Advent Concert December 7

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The concert will be held on Friday, December 7, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the Corpus Christi School Chapel, 215 Kipp Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights.

It promises once again to be a wonderful evening of song and prayer during the Advent preparation awaiting the birth of Jesus! Take time from the "hustle and bustle" to reflect, pray and sing during this special season of hope.

**Advent.** Reflection prayer and song "Prepare the Way," Monday December 3, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. ###

Meadowlands Museum Dutch Christmas

A special holiday visit to the museum, decorated for Christmas as it would have been in the mid 1800s.

• Friday, November 30, 2018, from 7-9 p.m - Preview and Wine Tasting, advance ticket purchase required.

• Saturday, December 1, 2018, from 10-4 p.m. - Special Dutch Christmas Family Day at the museum.

A Dutch Christmas will be on display through December 29. For information, call 201-935-1175, or visit <https://www.meadowlandsmuseum.com>. ###

Don't Block Intersections

Felician Sisters Little Christmas Concert Jan. 6

The Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Convent of Lodi, New Jersey, will have an Epiphany Prayer Service with Sacred Music at Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, 260 South Main Street, Lodi at 3 p.m., Jan. 6.

It is the hope of the Sisters that the gift of prayer and music will deepen the spirit of Christmas for all who attend as we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, known as "Little Christmas" in many countries.

There is no admission charge for this concert but good will offerings will be accepted and proceeds will be given to the poor. This year the donations will be sent to the Felician Mission in Haiti, care of Sister Marilyn Marie Minter. Please plan to join us. Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel is now handicap accessible.

For further information, please call Sister Mary Virginia at 973-473-7447 ext 114. ###

Christmas Time on WSBP-LP (94.3 FM)

It's Christmas time on WSBP-LP (94.3 FM) on Thursday, December 20, 2018, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., playing the Old-time Christmas radio shows from way back when. They are also planning to rebroadcast the Old-time Christmas radio shows on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2018, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Due to their location in Wood-Ridge, it would be best to review their coverage area online at <http://www.wsbp943.org> ###

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The Hasbrouck Heights Mayor's Committee on Community Celebrations will be holding its annual judging of Christmas House and Commercial Decorations Friday through Sunday, December 14, 15 and 16 with the finals on Monday, December 17, 2018.

Multiple categories will be judged. The Committee asks that all Hasbrouck Heights residents keep their decorations lit and aptly shown from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. on those evenings so that all displays may be properly evaluated. It is also requested that your address be made clearly visible to the judging members.

Winners will be posted at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library. Any new inductees into the Hall of Fame will also be announced at that time. ###

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W-R Holiday House  
Decorating Contest

Wood-Ridge Public education Foundation Presents Holiday House Decorating Contest. Entry fee is \$20, there are 2 categories:

"Individual House Winner" and "Best Block," (*most participating houses on the street*).

Community Judges will be looking at registered houses between December 17 and 20, 2018, from 6-8 p.m. Make sure the lights are on during these dates and times. The winners will receive a plaque for their yard and a \$50 ShopRite gift card. Register @<https://goo.gl/forms/DJcvuPpVxTqzOKbz1> ###

**Rutherford Christmas Decoration Contest**

For over 60 years, the Rutherford Lions Club has sponsored a Christmas decoration contest in Rutherford. Every year, Club members view every decorated house in Rutherford and do the preliminary judging. The Junior Woman's Club does the final judging and the Lions Club awards "Shop Rutherford" Gift Certificates to the winners at a Borough Council Meeting. ###

Breakfast  
With Santa

The St. Anthony Council of the Knights of Columbus, invites all children and the young at heart to their Annual Pancake Breakfast at Father Patrick Morris Hall (*in Church basement*) on Sunday, December 23, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Santa will be the guest of honor.

The menu will be "all you can eat" pancakes, sausages, orange juice and coffee for the adults. The cost is \$5 per person; children 5 and under will be admitted free.

The Council will also continue its project of decorating Valley Boulevard in Wood-Ridge, with beautiful red ribbons provided **Heights Flower Shoppe**.

Residents who make a donation of \$10 will have their names put on a ribbon. Their ribbon will be placed on either a tree or telephone pole along Valley Boulevard. All moneys collected from this project will be used to purchase food for the local food pantry.

The Council will again be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets in the shape of the Nativity Scene at \$5 each or 5 for \$20. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr.* ###

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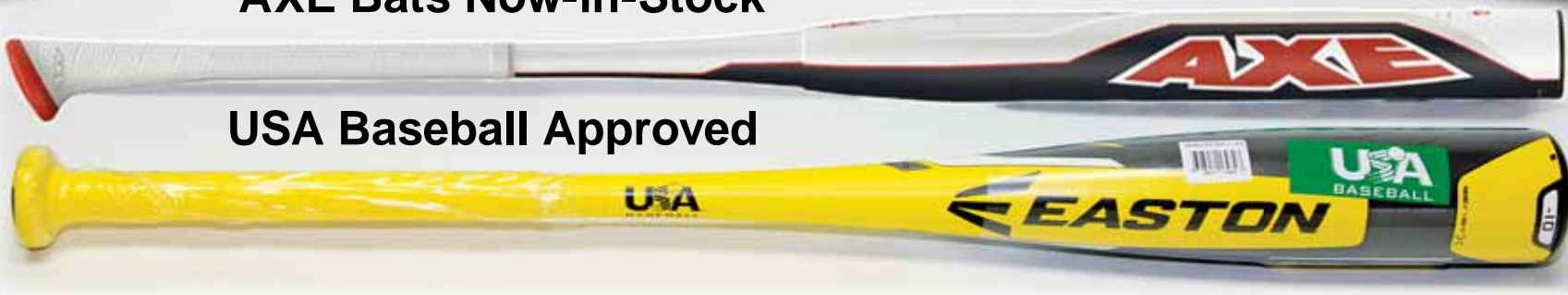
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Christmas trees are known to have been popular in Germany as far back as the sixteenth century. In England, they became popular after Queen Victoria's husband, Albert, who came from Germany, made a tree part of the celebrations at Windsor Castle. In the United States, the earliest known mention of a Christmas tree is in the diary of a German who settled in Pennsylvania. ###

"But you were always a good man of business, Jacob," faltered Scrooge, who now began to apply this to himself.

"Business!" cried the Ghost, wringing its hands again. "Mankind was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all, my business. The deals of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

Charles Dickens.

## How "December" Got its Name

December was the tenth month in the old calendar. The first part of its name, decem, means ten in Latin. December once had 29 days, but Julius Caesar added two more making it one of the longer months.

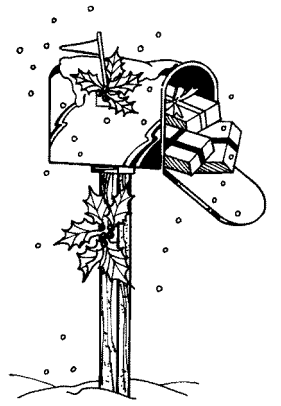
December -- the month of Christmas -- was once called "Wintermonath" and "Heligmonath" which means Holy Month. In this month in the Roman time, there were many festivals held to show people's respect to all the gods who brought new life and hope to this world. ###

*The four ghosts in Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" were the ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Yet to Come, and the ghost of Jacob Marley.*

## Rosary Confraternity Calendar Raffle

The 2018 Calendar Raffle, sponsored by the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Rosary Confraternity, will take place between December 23, 2018, and March 5, 2019. All tickets are sold for a \$10 donation.

Tickets are on sale now, just in time for Christmas gift-giving! An entry to the Calendar Raffle is a great "stocking stuffer," and a wonderful way to show family members, friends and employees your appreciation during this special time of year. Each purchased ticket is eligible for all 73 drawings. There is no limit to the number of times any ticket can win! All proceeds of this raffle support the activities of the MSH Rosary Confraternity and MSH Parish. Call Eileen at 201-835-2516 or Ginny at 201-715-2087 for more information. ###



## Cancelled Stamps Wanted

Fourteen years ago, in 2004, the Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights started a project collecting cancelled stamps. They came upon a letter from a Sister Ann Mary, a retired Carmelite Sister who was collecting stamps and selling them to dealers.

The money helped children at St. Benedict's Day Nursery and Infant Hospital of Georgetown, St. Vincent of the West Indies. She collected stamps until 2008. In 2008, the AARP Chapter 418 took this project as one of their own. Kiwanis Club has since disbanded.

In August of 2008, the AARP Chapter 418 found another organization that was collecting stamps. After a phone call to them (Ulseth Lodge Sons of Norway NLC) in Calumet, MI, they decided to send the cancelled stamps to them.

The Lodge collects and sends the stamps to a facility where they are sorted and packaged to sell to collectors and dealers. The proceeds are donated to the Norwegian Health System to aid physically and mentally challenged children and youth.

In June 2015, the AARP Chapter 418 disbanded. The Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights then took over the project. If you would like to help the Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights in collecting cancelled stamps, please trim the stamps to 1/4 inch around the stamps.

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.

The stamps can be dropped off or sent to: **The Gazette Newspaper**, 345 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Or bring them to a Leisure Club meeting. ###

### Cold Weather Tip

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# Holiday ‘Road Trip’ Tips

## Suggestions for Safe Holiday Travel

- Before leaving, be sure to secure your house. Lock all doors and windows, and don’t forget to set the alarm.
- Also, give your home that lived-in look to repel potential burglars by having a friend collect your mail, setting lights on timers and not leaving details of your trip on the answering machine.
- Don’t leave valuables in your car. Pack all items, especially brightly wrapped packages, in the trunk. If afraid of squashed bows, wait until you arrive to wrap the gifts.
- One tip for packing lighter is to ship your gifts to your destination ahead of time. Allow at least two to three weeks for your package to arrive, for the holidays are hectic times for courier services like UPS and Federal Express.

## Plan Ahead

- Holiday travelers are at a higher risk for accidents. Avoid peak travel days.
- People leave on long trips on the last workday before the holiday to visit family and friends in what can be a stressful time – increasing the potential for fatigue.
- Plan enough travel time for your trip to include breaks.
  - Plan your route before you leave and take along a map or GPS so you are prepared if you need to take a detour

- or alternate route due to road conditions or accidents.
- Travel information Websites and 5-1-1 telephone services provide estimated travel times, road and weather conditions, accident reports and other helpful information.
  - Don’t leave on a long trip after eating a large meal. Never drink and drive.

## Drive Safely

- Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- Once on the road, drive carefully, patiently and stifle road rage. Indicate lane changes and give everyone plenty of room. Be forgiving when someone drives recklessly.
- Don’t text or use your cell phone when driving.
- Obey speed limits.
- Don’t tailgate. Be patient.
- Stay alert and minimize distractions.
- Avoid sudden stops and starts. Slow down when driving on snowy or icy roads where stopping distances are much longer. Leave more distance between your vehicle and the one ahead.
- Overall, try to make driving fun, and view it as part of the holiday, not as a chore. If traveling with children, get everyone involved by singing or reminiscing about favorite past holidays. The ride will be over before you know it, and you’ll actually look forward to the drive back home. ###

## Breakfast With Santa

The South Hackensack Fire Department will host Breakfast with Santa on December 2, 2018, at the Firehouse, Calico-neck Road, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. ###

## Stories With Santa

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library invites children to Stories with Santa at the beautifully restored Bianchi House, located at 111 First Street in Wood-Ridge. The programs will be held on Monday, December 17, 2018, at 5 and 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, December 18, at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Advance registration is required. To register, call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###



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# About the Flu

## How Flu Spreads

People with flu can spread it to others up to about 6 feet away. Most experts think that flu viruses are spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth or nose.

To avoid this, people should wash their hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Linens, eating utensils, and dishes belonging to those who are sick should not be shared without washing thoroughly first. Eating utensils can be washed either in a dishwasher or by hand with water and soap and do not need to be cleaned separately.

## The Flu Is Contagious

Most healthy adults may

be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick.

Children may pass the virus for longer than 7 days. Symptoms start 1 to 4 days after the virus enters the body.

That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Some persons can be infected with the flu virus but have no symptoms. During this time, those persons may still spread the virus to others.

## What Should I Do If I Get Sick?

If you get sick with flu-like symptoms, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care. Most people with the flu have mild illness and do not need medical care or antiviral drugs. However, some people are more likely to get flu complications and they should talk to a health care provider about whether they need to be examined if they get flu symptoms. Source: www.cdc.gov ###



In the Thomas Nast cartoon that first depicted Santa Claus with a sleigh and reindeer, he was delivering Christmas gifts to soldiers fighting in the U.S. Civil War. The cartoon, entitled "Santa Claus in Camp," appeared in Harper's Weekly on January 3, 1863. ###

In North America, children put stockings out at Christmas time. Their Dutch counterparts, however, use shoes. Dutch children set out shoes to receive gifts any time between mid-November and December 5, St. Nicholas' birthday. ###

George Washington spent Christmas night 1776 crossing the Delaware River in dreadful conditions. Christmas 1777 fared little better - at Valley Forge, Washington and his men had a miserable Christmas dinner of Fowl cooked in a broth of turnips, cabbage and potatoes. ###

Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year. ###

America's official National Christmas Tree is located in King's Canyon National Park in California. The tree, a giant sequoia called the "General Grant Tree," is over 300 feet (90 meters) high. It was made the official Christmas tree in 1925. ###

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Veterans Luncheon Appreciated

On November 7, 2018 the Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club held a luncheon at the Carlstadt Civic Center for the Veterans. Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



Veterans Today

By Thomas Marshall

Army Staff Sgt. Karl R. Loesche, of Monroeville, New Jersey was stationed in the Philippines before World War II.

He was assigned to the 3rd Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group when the Japanese attacked the Philippine islands. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of Bataan on April 9, 1942.

Thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were taken prisoner and many had to endure the horrors of the Bataan Death March as they marched to the POW camp in Cabanatuan on the Island of Luzon. Loesche was among these prisoners. More than 2,500 men would perish in this camp during the war. Based on the records kept in the camp, Staff Sgt. Loesche died on November 16, 1942. He was buried with the others that died at the camp Cemetery.

After the war, the remains at the camp cemetery were exhumed and the Graves Reg-

istration Service began the difficult task of trying to identify all the remains. There was no DNA data bank at the time and most uniform markings and dog tags were missing. Analyzing the skeletons and taking notes was about all that could be done to help identify the dead. With no other course to take, many of them were given numbers and buried as unknown in the American Cemetery in Manila. One set of remains was given the number X-882.

Years later, in 2016 based on the historical and scientific analysis, X-882 was disinterred from the Manila American Cemetery and sent to the lab in Hawaii. On September 13, 2018, using anthropological analysis and mitochondrial DNA, they were able to determine that X-882 was Staff Sgt. Karl R. Loesche. Loesche was only 22 years old at the time of his death. He will be buried in Elmer, New Jersey. ###



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Boots Up hosted a luncheon for the female Veterans who live at the Veterans Home, Paramus, NJ. All the ladies were given a rose as they arrived, and they were thanked for their service. They were served lunch and dessert with show tunes performed by the Rotary Choir. All the ladies also received hair cuts from our generous donor! Thank you Signature Flight Support TEB - Teterboro Airport BBA Aviation for making this day possible with the Boots Up Wings Program! Thank you Forrest Elliott, Rotary Club of Mid-Bergen, and American Legion Post 310 Little Ferry, NJ for putting this all together - and Bergen County American Legion "The Big Bee" for donating new TVs too! What a way to kick off Veterans Day Weekend! *Provided by Robin Wilkins.*



**Rutherford  
Community  
Chest Honors  
Virginia Marass**

The Community Chest of Rutherford's "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," which this year honors Virginia Marass, is off to a fine start. Early returns have enabled us to continue funding the needy organizations.

At its monthly meeting, checks were issued to the Rutherford Food Pantry and Rutherford Social Services, at a time of the year when these organizations are met with the heaviest burden. This enables them to provide services to the needy at this Thanksgiving time.

The Community Chest also funds the Rutherford Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownie Scouts, Daisy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Meadowlands Museum, Starfish of Rutherford and the William Carlos Williams Center.

Pictured above is Community Chest President, Vern Ackerman, presenting a check to Chitra Mehta for the Rutherford Social Services.

For information contact Wayne Weil, Secretary, 246 Ridge Road, Rutherford, NJ 07070, or, call 201-933-4102. wayne@dartmouthgraphics.com ###

RECYCLE



**Hasbrouck Heights Veterans Honored**

On November 1, 2018, more than 30 Hasbrouck Heights Veterans, their spouses and the widows of Veterans, were guests of honor at a luncheon hosted by CareOne at Wellington. The affair took place at the VFW Post 4591 hall.

Each table was served a

tray of assorted cheeses, crackers, pepperoni and grapes. The rest of the meal included chicken, ziti, crabmeat roll, string beans, rice, coffee and dessert. The staff at CareOne prepared, served and transported all the food to the VFW Hall.

All women were presented with a single rose bouquet and the men received a patriotic lapel pin. A female vocalist sang many songs from the thirties and forties as well as current standards. Before the dessert was served, the Veterans got

together to pose for a group photo. At that point they jointly sang "God Bless America." Their rendition gave goosebumps to all who were present. *Photo by Marie Gallo. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



**BD Seniors Boys State  
Recognized by Post 67**

East Rutherford's American Legion Post 67 recently presented certificates to three Becton Regional HS seniors for their participation in the NJ Boys State Program.

The three boys, sponsored by the Post, were among 950 boys at Rider University who took part in a week long program that teaches youth about taking an active role in the democratic form of government of our state and nation, and in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship.

Pictured left to right, are William Armstrong, Post 67 Commander, Paul Weiss, Post Adjutant and Boys State Chairman, Max Spirenkov, Joshua Novello and Gene Lee. *Picture provided by Ed O'Bara. ###*



**W-R Lions Donate Turkeys**

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club donated 125 turkeys and two skids of fixings to the Bergen County Food Center in Hackensack the Friday before Thanksgiving. Club member Joe Solda (center back) has chaired this important club function for the past 15 years. The staff of the Center expressed their sincere appreciation to Joe and the club for their annual donations. *provided by Jack Nagel. ###*





## The Assumption Church Parish Fest

On October 21, 2018, The Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge, held its Annual Assumption Parish Fest, in the Father Patrick Morris Hall following the 11 a.m. Mass. The annual get together was held at the end of the parish's raffle. The parishioners were

treated to a picnic lunch, which consisted of ziti, chicken nuggets, Chicken Francese and pizza. The parish Knights of Columbus hosted the event. They served the food, set up the hall and cleaned up after the affair. Brother Knight John Milne was in charge of the suc-

cessful raffle. Fifty percent of the money raised was awarded as prizes.

The parishioners donated the desserts. *Photo by Marie Gallo. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



## HH Seniors Halloween Party

Everyone loved Halloween when they were children. Costumes and candy and all things related to trick-or-treating. What's not to love? Halloween revolves around the world of fantasy and make believe. It gives you a chance to pretend to be someone or something else. Seniors are too old to go out and trick-or-treat but, they are not too old to get dressed up and enjoy a good old-fashioned Halloween Party.

The party was given by the Borough's Recreation Department on October 24, 2018. It wasn't just a party, it was a great time to get together, have fun and even dress for the occasion. *Photos by Marie Gallo. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



## First Reformed Church Roast Beef Dinner

The Women's Guild of the First Reformed Church in Hasbrouck Heights welcomed the public to their Annual Roast Beef Dinner on November 3, 2018. The home cooked meal was well prepared; the beef was delicious and was served with two types of mashed potatoes and carrots. Two kinds of gravy were available as well as fresh rolls. To complete the dinner all enjoyed an excellent cake served with strawberries and blueberries and whipped cream on top. The Women's Guild of the First Reformed Church is an asset to their Church. They are a dedicated group of women of faith, who work cooperatively together for long hours and seek no rewards but the satisfaction of helping their Church. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



## W-R Brownies Work on Dance Badge

On November 3, 2018, W-R Brownie Troop 97130 participated in a class at Backstage PAC in Rutherford. The girls worked on activities for the Dancer badge. We thank Miss Kim for a fun afternoon. All 17 Brownies are Second Graders at C.E. Doyle School in Wood-Ridge. ###



Following Halloween safety rules is important for children. McKenzie School of East Rutherford prepared for Halloween with some safety tips! Officer "Captain" Lucas is pictured with Fourth Graders. Officer "Captain" Lucas facilitated Halloween Safety sessions within every class at McKenzie School during the month of October. The children were well prepared for trick-or-treating. *Provided by Cory Scelsa. ###*

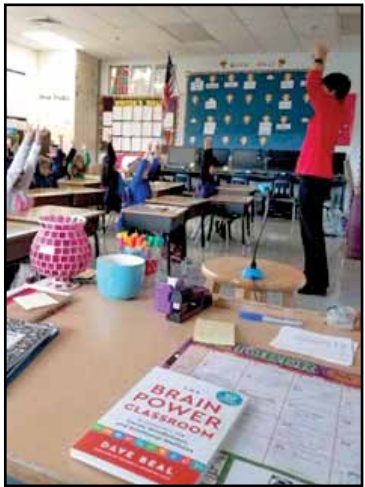
## GS Troop 5999 Earned Sewing Patch

Troop 5999 earned their sewing patch. In addition, each girl donated three items to add to a shoe box to support Operation Christmas Child, an annual event sponsored by Samaritan's Purse that sends shoe boxes filled with personal hygiene items and school supplies to children in need around the world. The troop packed 9 boxes that included a personal note from each girl.

Troop 5291 worked on their Private Detective skills at an escape room in Montclair, NJ. It was a great team building exercise for the 7th Graders. ###



## Creating Brain Power Classrooms



East Rutherford welcomed Brain Power, by Dave Beal, to the district. The purpose is to assist students in focusing, mindfulness, and emotional wellness.

Creating a Brain Power classroom can be beneficial in many ways. Activities from the program tap into the three different layers of the brain. It enhances the students' cognitive health, emotional and physical health.

The students enjoy visits from the Brain Power coaches who come to each class and assist in creating a Brain Power Classroom. *Provided by Cory Scelsa. ###*



A Blue Christmas Service Dec. 20

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member, the anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation, all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending.

Join with us on December 20, 2018, at Christ Episcopal Church, 251 State Street, Hackensack, in a service of reflection and hope for the longest night of the year.

The service seeks to comfort people by reminding them of the real reason for the season. Everyone, regardless of Church background is welcome. This service is sponsored by: the Episcopal Churches of Christ Church, Hackensack, St. Cyprian's, Hackensack, St. John the Divine, Hasbrouck Heights, St. Martin's, Maywood. ###

The Longest Night Service

Pastor Debbie Rundecker, of First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights, offers "The Longest Night" service, which is a special time of gathering for those who find the season of Advent and Christmas a difficult time.

It is a somber and quiet time of worship, a time to acknowledge our pain and draw comfort and strength from the One who calls us from our darkest nights into the dawn.

First Reformed Church is at the corner of Burton Avenue and Washington Place All are welcome. Bring a family member or friend who may be in need of God's comfort even while trying to celebrate the holidays, December 21, 2018, at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the office at 201-288-1122 or Pastor Debbie at 973-600-5848. ###

Advent Prayer Services

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes all to special Advent mid-week services every Wednesday morning during Advent at 9:30 a.m., beginning Wednesday, December 5, 2018, and continuing Wednesday, December 12 and 19. Take time from the hectic holiday season and discover the true meaning of Christmas in this spoken service of prayer and renewed hope. Holy Trinity is located at 92 Burton Avenue. For further information, call the Church office at 201-288-6889. ###

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Flu seasons are unpredictable and can be severe. Over a 30 year period of time, estimates of annual flu associated deaths in the United States range from a low of 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people

Those interested in receiving the vaccine and further information, can contact the public health nurses weekdays between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 201-460-3020. ###

**Thyroid Cancer  
Support**

Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. will meet on Thursday, December 6, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. All are welcome. No registration required. ###

**Health Tip  
Eat Breakfast**

How are you supposed to have energy and a functioning mind if you are not feeding your body?

Eating breakfast is one of the most important steps to losing weight and being healthy.

Skipping breakfast causes hunger pains, binge eating and irritability. Even if all you eat is a piece of toast with peanut butter on it as you run out the door, the fuel you give your body in the morning will help you function better all day long. ###



**Filling You In**

By Jeffrey E. Mason, D.M.D.

Test your dental knowledge. The following quiz has questions frequently asked by patients regarding oral health topics. Answer the questions and find the answers with explanations below.

• (1) People with diabetes have the same rates of cavities and gum disease as those who do not have diabetes.  
(A) True (B) False

• (2) Periodontal (gum) disease will not affect blood glucose levels.  
(A) True (B) False

• (3) Morning is the best time for a diabetic to schedule dental procedures.

(A) True (B) False  
• (4) People with diabetes will always have oral conditions which are difficult to manage in the dental office.  
(A) True (B) False

• (5) It is recommended that diabetics see their dentist for examinations and preventive care exactly twice a year.  
(A) True (B) False

*See next page for Answers and Critiques for Diabetes and Oral Health quiz.*

*Dr. Jeffrey Mason is a cosmetic and general dentist at 232 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. 201-288-4447, [www.DrJeffreyMason.com](http://www.DrJeffreyMason.com)*

**2019 Moonachie  
Dog Licenses**

2018 Dog Licenses expire on January 31, 2019, and can be purchased starting January 2, 2019. You will not be given a license if rabies expires before November 1.

Fees are \$10, spayed/neutered, \$13 not spayed/neutered. Late Fee starts February 1, 2019, and is an additional \$10 per dog. Accepted payments are check and money order payable to Borough of Moonachie.

If you are renewing or applying by mail, include copies of rabies and neutering paperwork, and a current telephone number and email. Mailing Address: 70 Moonachie Road, Attention: Board of Health. In person: Borough Hall, 90 Moonachie Avenue.

If you no longer have a dog that was licensed in 2018, or have any questions, contact the Board of Health at 201-641-1813 ext. 6. ###

**W-R Cat and Dog  
2019 Licensing**

Rabies inoculation must be valid for the licensing year according to the New Jersey State Guidelines. Rabies expiration date must be valid until October 31, of the licensing year. Licensing fees are \$18 for a neutered pet and \$21 for a non-neutered pet.

Licenses renewed after January 31, 2019, will incur a late fee of \$7.50.

Check or money order made payable to the Borough of Wood-Ridge. Kindly mail your request to the Wood-Ridge Health Department, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey 07075. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope, proof of rabies vaccination and neutering are required. All paperwork will be returned to you. Dog and cat licenses may be obtained in-person during normal business hours from 8 to 4:00 p.m.

If you no longer have a pet, or have any questions, call the Wood-Ridge Health Department at 201-939-0202, ext. 110. ###

**Lodi Rabies Clinic**

The Borough of Lodi is offering a Free Rabies Clinic on January 14, 2019, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Fire House located at 1 Graham Lane, Lodi. All dogs and cats above the age of 7 months are required to be licensed and have a current rabies vaccination. License renewal begins on January 2, 2019. No licenses will be issued prior to that date. License fees: \$8 spayed/neutered dog or cat, \$11 un-spayed/un-neutered dog or cat. For information, call 973-859-7415 or 973-859-7417. ###

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# Senior Snow Shoveling Safety

Harvard University suggests that seniors (*over the age of 50*) should take special precautions to avoid snow shoveling hazards.

Snow shoveling is one of the most dangerous activities senior citizens can attempt. With back injuries, shoulder dislocation and heart attacks -- on average 1,200 people a year die as a result of shoveling snow.

Shoveling snow is physical activity and comparable to lifting weights fast and with many repetitions.

As with any exercise, begin with a 5-10 minute warm-up. Try walking or marching in place as a way of using slow, gentle exercise to increase blood flow and flexibility to the muscles and joints that will be used.

It will increase the heart rate slowly and avoid the equivalent strain of going from standing still to a full out run.

Add arm movements and stretches for back, chest and shoulder muscles to help warm up the upper body and avoid muscle tears or dislocation.

- Dress right. Wear layers. Cover your head, face and hands when outside for prolonged periods of time.
- If you become overheated, take a break from shoveling.
- Use waterproof boots to protect your feet from the cold as well as keep them dry. Wear non-skid boots to guard against falls on slick snow or hidden ice.
- Depending on how wet the snow is, a shovel full of snow can weigh up to 15 pounds! A smaller shovel means lighter

loads -- help prevent injury to the body by creating less strain.

- Stay hydrated. Keep a water bottle handy and take a few sips after every 15 minutes.
- Shovel every time the snow fall is about 2 inches. This makes shoveling more manageable.
- Go inside after 20-30 minutes and start again. This will be the same as a 30 minute vigorous workout.
- Lift with the legs, not the back. Be sure knees are bending and straightening to lift the shovel instead of leaning forward and straightening back up with the back.
- Push the snow. It's easier than lifting and throwing the snow.
- Keep space between your hands to increase your leverage on the shovel.
- Avoid caffeine and nicotine. Caffeine and nicotine act as stimulants by increasing the heart rate and constricting blood vessels, which puts more strain on the heart.
- Never shovel alone. Let someone know that you will be shoveling. If you get into trouble, someone can call for help.
- A snowblower can create a false sense of safety. It's easy to be seduced into working too hard and too long. Know when to quit.
- Know your limits. A fall or injury would be very dangerous to your overall health and well-being. Hire someone or call a snow-service instead of 911. ###

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It may be common for a diabetic recommended examination frequency to be every 3 to 4 months. ###

current oral status and health visits to accommodate for their den- visits be tailored by their den- frequency of regular dental The American Dental As- (5) Answer: False nary preparations of measures. its should not require extraordi- maintenance and treatment vis- oral conditions as well. Dental age and control many of the expectation that you can man- controlled, then there is an If your diabetes is well (4) Answer: False ing blood glucose levels. at normal times, and monitor- breakfast, taking medications dations usually include: eating treatment visits. Recommen- Morning appointments usually are better for dental (3) Answer: True cemia. may contribute to hypergly- affects glycaemic control and periodontal disease negatively Inflammatory mediators of way relationship." odontal disease have a "two shown that diabetes and peri- Research studies have (2) Answer: False surgery, and injuries. healing from infections, oral also may have slow or impaired disease (gum disease). They increased risk of periodontal risk of caries (tooth decay), and stomia (dry mouth), increased have an increased risk of xero- Type 1 and type 2 diabetes (1) Answer: False

## Answers and Critiques for Diabetes and Oral Health Quiz



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- **December 18, 2018:** Regular monthly meeting. Performance by Lodi High School Madrigal Choir. Pizza luncheon donated by Santangelo Funeral Home.
- **January 15, 2019:** Regular monthly meeting. Refreshments.
- **February 19, 2019:** Regular monthly meeting. Refreshments.

2019 Trips and Events

- **January 18, 2019:** “Winter Wonderland.” Luncheon Dance at the Venetian, Garfield, NJ. Entertainment by Shooting Star Productions, Nick DelGiodice. 12-4 p.m. One hour open bar. Buffet cocktail hour. Choice of entrée. Tickets are \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members. For info, contact Etta 201-845-8521 or Kathy 973-779-8544.
- **March 27, 2019:** Bus trip to Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA.
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2018 Trips and Events

- **December 7,** Christmas Party at the Venetian, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- **December 11,** Pizza in the Club, at 1 p.m.

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ER Seniors

East Rutherford Senior 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 and Bingo follows each meeting. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Josephine at 201-460-1989.

- **Bus Trip to Caesar's Casino Atlantic City** every 3rd Monday of the month. Cost is \$30 with a return of \$30 in slot-play. Bus leaves the CVS parking lot on Paterson Ave. at 9:30 a.m. All payments must be made in advance. For information and reservations contact Josephine at 201-460-1989.

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Moonachie Senior Trips

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For information call Joanne, at 201-641-6472 or Roxana, at 201-807-1085. ###

Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club Activities

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Civic Center at 1:30 p.m. Scheduled activities are:

- **December 11, 2018,** Christmas Party for members at the Fiesta, 6:30 to 11 p.m.
- **December 14, 2018,** Radio City Music Hall.

Payment for trips is collected in the month prior to the event. For information, call Helene at 201-463-3000. ###

Older is Better

Older is Better is an open membership program designed for men and women 55 and older. The program meets Friday afternoons at Felician University. Members and their guests attend an informational program at 1 p.m. followed by coffee and conversation in the Goya Dining Hall. There is a \$3 fee to attend each program or ask about our annual membership dues.

Programs are held in Obal Hall on the Lodi campus 262 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ.

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2018 Events

- **December 7,** “Artificial Intelligence in the Era of Learned Intelligence” Dr. Benjamin Evans, Professor of Nursing.
- **December 14,** Christmas Lunch. ###

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## Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



### What's the Outlook for Real Estate in 2019?

We're now into the final weeks of 2018, which means a lot of home buyers are starting to look ahead to next year. And many of them share the same questions: What will the real estate market be like in 2019? Will home prices keep rising, level off, or drop next year? Will it be a buyers' market or continue as a sellers' market in 2019?

Tight supply and strong demand have boosted home prices here in Bergen County and in housing markets across the country. Mortgage rates rose steadily during the first part of 2018 and then leveled off during the early summer.

We're now in the waning days of 2018. What's over the horizon? While no one can predict future housing conditions with complete accuracy, we can make a few educated guesses based on local and national data. Here's a couple for you to mull over.

• **Home Prices Will Continue to Rise.**

Given the current supply-and-demand situation, it appears likely that home prices in most US cities will continue to rise throughout 2019. This is not news to us realtors; it's

more the continuation of an ongoing trend than a new development. The economists at Zillow say that the median home value for the state of New Jersey rose to around \$313,000 as of June, 2018. That marked an increase of 9.2% from the same month a year earlier.

Looking forward, Zillow's economists forecast that New Jersey's median home value will rise to around 7.6% over the next 12 months. Their prediction was actually offered in June 2018, so it extends into early summer of 2019. Their outlook for our state is slightly higher than the national forecast, suggesting that New Jersey can expect some healthy home-price gains over the coming months.

• **The Market Will Still Favor Sellers Over Buyers.**

Inventory shortages affected many housing markets in New Jersey and across the country during 2017 and 2018. And this will likely continue, to some extent, in 2019 as well. Limited supply is the key reason for the last mentioned prediction: an imbalanced supply-and-demand picture will continue to put pressure on home prices in 2019.

As of Spring 2018, housing markets across New Jersey varied quite a bit in terms of supply-and-demand situations. Some cities and towns were fairly balanced, with enough inventory to satisfy demand. Other markets – particularly those we've experienced in our Bergen County towns – were

much more constrained.

• **Mortgage Rates Could Surpass 5% for a 30-year Loan.**

Simply put, mortgage rates are higher than they were at the start of this year and experts are predicting they'll climb even higher by the end of 2018.

Retrospectively, the average rate for a 30-year fixed mortgage hovered below 4% for much of 2017. Then, at the start of 2018, it began a steady upward climb that lasted for 3 months. By July, 2018 the average 30-year mortgage rate was 4.52%. That was an increase of 57 basis points (0.57%) from the first week of January.

In June 2018, the Mortgage Brokers Association (MBA) updated its long-range forecast. They predicted that average 30-year mortgage rates would rise to 4.9% by the fourth quarter of 2018. Well, as of this date in mid-November, it's already fluctuating around 4.85%. MBA and other forecasters predict it will continue to inch upward in 2019 as well.

What might the real estate market do in 2019? Well, assuming that rate hikes actually happen, we could see a decline in home purchases in the months ahead. But we don't expect it to have a major impact on home sales.

Let's look on the bright side: the economy is strong, employment is high and there's still steady demand for homes here in our local towns as well as in most housing markets across the country. Any modest rise in mortgage rates – when/if it comes – isn't likely to do much to dampen it.

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## Lodi Library Dec. 2018

Lodi Memorial Library offers events for children from toddlers to teens. For more information call 973-365-4044, ext. 2, or visit <http://lodi.bccls.org/>

• **Crafty Wednesdays** for ages 2-4, from 11 a.m. to noon, with a different craft each week. Registration Required.

December 5: Paper Plate Penguin

December 19: Snowman  
• **Teen Anime Club**

Grades 6-12, Thursday, December 6: 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Registration Required

• **Board and Card Games**, Wednesdays, at 3:30 p.m. Play UNO, Monopoly, checkers, Candyland and other favorites.

• **Story Time & Toddler Play Group**, Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon. Lots of toys and space to play with friends your own age.

• **LEGO Build**, Tuesdays at 4 p.m. The Library provides all the LEGOS and will display your creations.

• **Minecraft** Interactive game play. Build and battle in a world you create. Grades K–5, Mondays at 4 p.m.

• **Tween & Teen Program** Acrylic Ornament Painting Grades 3-7, Thursday, December 13, 4-5 p.m. Registration Required.

• **Monthly Book** Grades 7-12, Thursday, December 13: 5-6 p.m. Call for book title. ###

## Family Cook-A-Book Club

Family Cook-A-Book Club will be held at The Rutherford Public Library on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. We choose the cookbook, you pick the recipe to make and bring it to the Club meeting at The Library on December 4. You will need to visit The Library so you can borrow a copy of the cookbook. The club is open to one child age 8-11 and one adult guardian. To register, stop by The Library or call us at 201-939-8600. ###

## Origami Club

The Rutherford Public Library will be hosting its next Origami Club meeting on Monday, December 10, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to make origami with resident and origami enthusiast Kira Wallisch. All adults are welcome to join. For more information, call 201-939-8600. ###

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## HH Library December Events

December is a frenzy month, of sweets, food and crowds and decorations and a whirligig of energy and exhaustion, yet The Library is here as a place of refuge and comfort, of escape and warmth, and most of all, a celebration of family quality time together creating lasting relationships and memories.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

• **For Movie Lovers**  
Binge Watch Is Back! Patrons who take out any combination of 10 Hasbrouck Heights owned DVDs will receive a full-size box of candy and microwave popcorn. Any patron, regardless of residence, can participate.

### Children

• **Winter Story Time** - Registration. Start your winter mornings with stories! Registration starts Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Classes begin Tuesday, January 22 and will run for six weeks. Call or stop by the Children's Desk.

• **Tiny Tots** is for ages birth to 2 ½ and their caregiver. Tuesdays 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. or Thursdays 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

• **Preschool** is for children ages 3 ½ to 5. Tuesdays, 1:15 to 2 p.m.

• **Book Buddies** - is for children ages: 2 ½ to 3 ½. Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

• **Santa Story Time** - Join for a jolly visit from Santa! Read stories, give Santa Christmas lists and take pictures. There will be two visits this year, so make sure to register for only one: Monday, December 3, at 11 a.m. or at 7 p.m. This is an all ages event.

• **Lego Club** – Join the Hasbrouck Heights Lego Club! Show off your architectural talents and come create with us. Legos will be provided. Tuesday, December 4 and 18, starting at 3:30 p.m. for ages 5-12.

• **Winter Craft and Story Time** – Join us, along with the Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights, in getting jolly. Tuesday, December 11, at 3:30 p.m. for children in Grades K-3. We will be reading some great books and making a craft to take home.

• **Holiday Bingo** – Join us for a game of Holiday Bingo and win prizes! We will be meeting on Thursday, December 13, starting at 3:30 p.m. for ages 5-12.

• **Book Clubs for Kids** – Join one of our two book clubs for kids. Books for both groups, along with more information are available at the Children's Desk.

• **Best Books** - is for students in Grades 2-3, and meets on the first Friday of each month.

• **Critics' Choice** - is for students in Grades 4-6, and meets on the third Friday of each month.

• **Winter Break Movies** – School's out fun. Join for some afternoon movies. Shows start at 1 p.m. on December 26 and 27, for everyone. Refreshments will be served.

### Teens

• **Recycled DIY Club** – Get crafty with us! Learn how to create crafts using every day recycled material. The Recycled DIY club will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on December 5, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. No registration necessary.

• **Teen Readers' Club** – We meet on the second Monday of each month to discuss a book, eat snacks and play games. Copies of each month's book will be available for checkout at the front desk. On Monday, December 10, from 7 to 8 p.m., we will discuss "Trapped" by Michael Northrop.

• **Ugly Gingerbread Sweater Decorating Contest** – Come and make the ugliest, yummiest of gingerbread men with us. Top three will get gift cards! Wearing ugly holiday sweaters is encouraged. This event will take place on Wednesday, December 12 at 3:30 p.m.

• **Teen Advisory Board** – Make your voice heard! We meet on the third Thursday of each month. Teens can participate in community service projects, learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities, have a say in teen programming at The Library, and make suggestions for books to add to The Library's YA collection. Our next meeting is Thursday, December 13, from 4 to 5 p.m.

• **Cross Generational Holiday Craft Event for Teens & Adults** – Join us for a fun-filled afternoon creating your own holiday ornaments to be used to brighten your decorations. Use your own imagination and some sample ideas; we will create handmade ornaments with Christmas balls and metallic sharpies. The results are amazing! The event will be held on Wednesday afternoon, December 19 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Judges will be selected from the participants. Registration required.

For more information or to register, contact Kate Senedzuk at 201-288-0485.

### Adult

• **Crafts-to-Share Club** – Participants knit and make homemade items that they donate to local community organizations like Hackensack University Medical Center and Tomorrows Children's Fund.

The Library is happy to accept donations of yarn on behalf of the club. They meet on the first Tuesday evening of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and on the third Wednesday afternoon of every month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The next meeting dates are December 4 and 19. Registration is not required.

• **NYC Holiday Sites and Lights** – As part of our Monday Afternoons at the Library series of lectures, join us on December 17 at 3 p.m. for a photo slide lecture as seen throughout the streets of NYC.

Our presenter is Mario Medici, a retired information technology executive and amateur photographer. Beginning at 59th street, sites will include, among others, the UNICEF Snowflake, Radio City Music Hall, the Channel Gardens at Rockefeller Center, and a host of gayly decorated storefronts and hotels, including Saks, Trump Tower, St. Patrick's, The Peninsula, and St. Regis Hotels.

The lecture will include many historical facts of the key sights, and their artists, making the experience much more enjoyable and entertaining. This lecture is the next best thing to being in New York City.

• **Writers & Authors Group** – Writers discuss their work and publishing strategies on the third Tuesday of every month. December 18 at 7 p.m. Registration is not required.

• **Special Library Dedication & Recognition** – The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library cordially invites the public to a special dedication of our Centennial plaque and recognition of all its donors on Saturday, December 15 at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

## Wood-Ridge Library Chess Club

On Wednesdays, December 5, 12 and 19, 2018, The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host a free Chess Club for learners of all ages. Children meet from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m., and adult beginning players meet from 4-4:30 p.m. Designed for all ability levels, the Chess Club is led by a coach who can teach new chess players the basics, and help experienced players sharpen their skills. Adult beginners, call The Library in advance to RSVP 201-438-2455. ###

## Wallington Library December Events

### Children's Weekly Events:

• **Afternoon Crafts:** Kids age 5 and up are invited to stop by for a fun make-and-take craft every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

• **Morning Storytime:** Join us every Tuesday at 11 a.m. for stories and songs at Tiny Tots Storytime!

• **Tween Book Club:** For kids who love reading. Grades 4-8 are invited to join the book discussion group once a month. Stop by The Library to pick up this month's book club selection.

• **Puppy Dog Tales:** Read To a Dog: Our favorite therapy dogs Rodney and Baby Ruth will be at Wallington Library for a special Puppy Dog Tales storytime on Friday, December 21, at 3:30 p.m.

### Adult Programming:

• **Coloring for Adults:** Sit back, relax, and color at The Library on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.

• **Crochet For Beginners:** Learn the basics of crochet, with simple stitches and pattern. Registration is required unless you bring your own materials. Please call for more information.

• **Computer Coach:** Need help with the computer? Make an appointment for basic skills computer coaching every Friday in December. Please call ahead to reserve a session; coaching is by appointment only.

We hope to see you at The Library! All programs are free of charge. For more information on Library programs, event schedules, and a full list of what we offer, call 973-471-1692 or, visit our website at [wallington.bccls.org](http://wallington.bccls.org). ###

## The Greatest Showman

On Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 6 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free film screening of "The Greatest Showman" at The Rutherford Public Library.

This film celebrates the birth of show business, and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

It stars Hugh Jackman, Michele Williams, and Zac Efron. It will be shown in The Library's Glass Room. For more information, call 201-939-8600. ###

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# Carlstadt Library Events

The Carlstadt Library Adult Department is located at 420 Hackensack St., Carlstadt, NJ. For more information, call 201-438-8866 ext. 204.

• **Unwind and Color-** Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 7 p.m. Sip some tea, munch on some cookies, relax and enjoy an evening of adult coloring. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils, gel pens and markers will be provided. Programs on our website, [www.carlstadtlibrary.org](http://www.carlstadtlibrary.org) call Rebecca for further information, 201-438-8866 ext. 204

• **Clutter Clearing Tips-** *The 5 Easiest "Get It Together" Ideas to Get you Organized for 2019* Monday, December 10, 2018, at 2 p.m. Is your to-do list stressing you out? Join in the afternoon for some laughs, light refreshments, and 5 helpful hints with Organizing Humorist and author, Jamie Novak. Her five ideas will help you get it together just in time for the New Year! Call Rebecca for further information 201-438-8866 ext. 204.

• **Evening Book Club --** On Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 7 p.m. Discuss, socialize and grab a goody or two at our monthly book club. Our book club members select the books chosen each month, and all books are provided by The Library. We always encourage new members. Come join us for this month's selection. "Magpie Murders," by Anthony Horowitz. Light refreshments will be served. Call Rebecca for further information at 201-438-8866 ext. 204. ###

• **Movie Tuesday-** The second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. for a feature film!

• **December 11, 2018,** "Crazy Rich Asians."

Note: we will be closed December 25.

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## Monday Evening Book Group

On Monday, December 17, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "The Boys in the Boat," by Daniel Brown. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk of The Rutherford Public Library. ###

## Knit One, Read Two

On Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 6 p.m., the Knit One, Read Two Wednesday Night Reading Club will meet to discuss "A Man Called Ove," by Frederik Backman. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk of The Rutherford Public Library. ###

## Paws to Read

Young readers wanted! On Monday, November 26, 2018, from 6 to 7 p.m., children are invited to The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library to read to Rodney, an award-winning certified therapy dog. Children ages 5 and older may register for a 15-minute session. Therapy dogs provide a safe, nurturing experience for emergent readers to practice their literacy skills. To register, call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

## Paws to Read

The Rutherford Public Library welcomes back Rodney and Yogi for our Paws to Read program. Rodney is a registered Bright and Beautiful therapy dog and he will be at The Library with his owner on Monday, December 17, 4–5 p.m. Yogi, also a Bright and Beautiful registered therapy dog, will be visiting The Library on Tuesday, December 4, from 4–5 pm. Children who are able to read at least a little bit and would like to be able to practice their reading skills are invited to sign up for a 15-minute time slot with Rodney or Yogi. Parents may of course accompany their child during time with the dog. Registration is required and can be done by contacting Mrs. Tarantino at The Library at 201-939-8600 or by email at [Jane.Tarantino@Rutherford.BCCLS.org](mailto:Jane.Tarantino@Rutherford.BCCLS.org). Registration is now in progress. ###

## Circle Time with Sukey Molloy

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host Circle Time! with Sukey Molloy on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 10 and 11 a.m. Join Sukey Molloy for her award winning series of musical play activities, designed to encourage movement, play and song in the developing years. Children ages 6 months to 5 years of age and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend and may register for one session. Classes will be held at The Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required; registration opens three weeks prior to the program. To register, call The Library at 201-438 2455. ###

## Music with Miss Nita

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host free music-and-movement classes with Miss Nita on Wednesday, December 5, and 19, at 9:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. Come share the joys of making music together! Children ages 5 and under and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend and may register for one session on each date. Classes will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required; registration opens three weeks prior to the program. To register, call The library at 201-438-2455. ###

## Story Time and Craft with Miss Sharon

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host a Story Time and Craft on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 11 a.m. Children ages 3-7 and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend. Registration is required; registration opens three weeks prior to the program. To register, call The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library at 201-438-2455. ###

## Little Ants After-School

The Rutherford Public Library will welcome local author Ilene Dudek, for After-School Storytime on Thursday, November 29, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. Dudek is the author of the Little Ant series. This program is for children ages 3-5. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call 201-939-8600. For more information on the author, visit [www.LittleAntStories.com](http://www.LittleAntStories.com). ###

Read to Your Child

## Drop-In Story Time

Drop-in story time will be held at The Rutherford Public Library Children's Department on Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19, and Thursdays, December 6, 13, and 20, from 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. All children from infants to 5-year-olds and their caregivers are warmly invited to stop by for stories and fun. Make some new friends and get ready for reading! No registration is required. ###

## Musical Mornings

The Rutherford Public Library will host Guitar Bob on Friday, December 7, from 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Miss Fran will visit on Friday, December 21, from 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. This program is for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. No registration is required. ###

## Yoga Storytime with Miss Danielle

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host free Yoga Storytime classes for toddlers on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 10 a.m and 11 a.m. Join Miss Danielle for stories, stretching and simple yoga poses. Children ages 2-5 and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend, and may register for one session on each date. Classes with be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required; registration opens three weeks prior to the program. To register, please call The Library at 201 438-2455. ###

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Patrons can also master computer skills in popular software applications with tutorials from basic to advanced levels. These resources are available free of charge to card holders through The Library's website at <https://woodridgememorial-library.org/> ###

## English Conversation Group

English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group at The Rutherford Public Library. The group will meet on Monday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 1 p.m. The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting. This is a free program and all are welcome. No registration is required. For information, call 201-939-8600. ###

## W-R ESL

On Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 7:15 p.m. join your neighbors and friends to discuss, "Last Christmas in Paris," by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Mariah Webb. Meetings will be held at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center to accommodate those who cannot use stairs. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. All are welcome. ###

## Advanced ESL

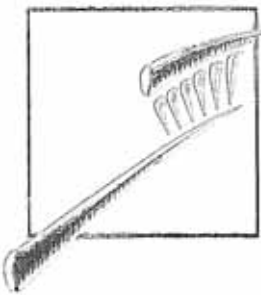
The Rutherford Public Library will host Advanced ESL classes weekly on Saturdays from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. This class is for students who speak, understand, read, and write English at a high intermediate level but are looking to do one or more of the following: get a better job; improve pronunciation and master sounds not in their native language; express complex ideas; prepare for the TOEFL exam; help their children with their writing homework, perfect their grammar syntax; learn to use business language; and learn more about American culture. Registration is required for this free class. Registration forms are available at the Main Desk of The Library.

## Basic ESL Classes

The Rutherford Public Library will host Basic English as a Second Language classes taught by a certified ESL instructor. The classes are intended for beginner to intermediate level students and will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Students are asked to register in person at the Main Desk, even if they have registered before. For more information call, 201-939-8600. ###

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## Gazette Newspaper Recognized

At their statewide convention in Wildwood, NJ, The American Legion Department of New Jersey recognized **The Gazette Newspaper** for their many years of support and exceptional journalistic coverage of The American Legion and its programs. The presentation was made following the 100th Anniversary of the WWI Armistice service in Little Ferry, NJ at American Legion Post 310 on November 11, 2018. Making the presentation is Bergen County American Legion Sr. Vice Commander and Adjutant Sophia Dmoch. Accepting the award is The Gazette Newspaper Publisher/Editor Fritz Rethage. ###



Little Ferry



**Bells of Peace**  
On November 11, 2018, at 11 a.m., citizens and organizations across the nation were asked to toll bells 21 times, with five second intervals between tolls. The moment marks the exact moment one hundred years ago that the Armistice went into effect ending "The War to End All Wars." ###





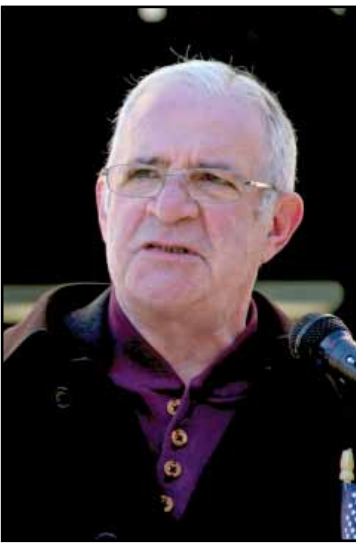
# Salute to Veterans

In recognition of Veterans Day, the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum hosted its 9th Annual Regional Veterans Ceremony honoring all Veterans and those on active duty. The event was held Sunday, November 4, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. This brief program recognized and thanked all Veterans for their service and dedication to our country.

Under a 12' x 18' American Flag suspended from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Ladder Truck, the program featured several Honor Guards to include the Bergen County Sheriffs Department, HHFD, Civil Air Patrol, presented the colors with a Drum Line from the Hasbrouck Heights High School Band.

Speaking on behalf of Governor Phil Murphy was LTC Erik Rautenberg, NJNG.

Patriotic songs were sung by Anthony Finke, Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School. His repertoire included: "Star Spangled Banner," "Amazing Grace," "God Bless America," "Over There." Wood-Ridge Assistant Fire Chief Elizabeth Ferry played "Taps." Carlstadt VFW provided the rifle squad. The Civil Air Patrol Cadets supported the ceremony. Several Scouting organizations took part in the ceremony as well. Retired West Milford Fire Department Firefighter/Fire Department Chaplain Ralph Villecca provided the Invocation and Benediction. Additionally, FF Villecca provided a 9-11 Memorial Remembrance and was joined by HH Fire Chief Angelo Roccamo and WR Assistant Fire Chief Elizabeth Ferry to present a floral tribute at the 9-11 Memorial Stone. ###





# CFD Responds to AC Fire



On November 1, 2018 the Carlstadt Fire Department responded to a Central Avenue home for a fire in the air conditioner. The fire spread into a room in the home. Firefighters dropped a 5" supply line from a hydrant to Engine 702 that fed two attack lines into the home. There was some damage to the wall and ceiling. There was a fast knock-down. Mutual Aid assistance from East Rutherford, Wallington and Wood-Ridge Fire Departments. No injuries reported. ###



## HHFD Host Open House Oct. 21

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 21, 2018, The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department held an Open House at Fire Headquarters for the community. Families met with firefighters and inspected the fire fighting, rescue and EMS equipment. A short safety film was presented. Kids were taught fire safety in the special instructional trailer and inflatable fire safety house. The highlight of the event was Sparky. ###

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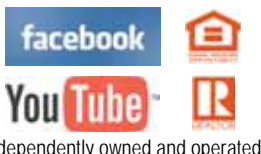


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HASBROUCK HEIGHTS  
\$699,000

'Over The Top'. Newly constructed 10 room Super Colonial. Features LR w/ fpl, FDR, MEIK, FR, 4 BRS, 3 ½ baths, laundry and full, finished basement. Sensational interiors! 2 car garage, deep lot. Perfect location. Instant love!



OAKLAND  
\$489,000

Bank Owned Bona Fide Bargain! Young and massive (almost 4,000 sq. ft.), somewhat worn but – get this! - assessed for almost \$700,000. 8 rooms with total 4 BRs and 4 full baths. Bank says 'Sell!' Yours for a song!



WOOD-RIDGE  
\$329,000

Best Deal in Town! On one of the Boro's nicest streets, full-sized Classic Colonial! 7 rooms: LR, DR, EIK, 3 BRs, 1 ½ baths, full unfinished bsmt., detached 1 car garage. In need of a little sprucing up but... at this price!?



WOOD-RIDGE  
\$499,000

Super Chic Bi-Level! Features EF, LR, MEIK, 3 BRs, 2 ½ baths, FR, Summer Kit., Laundry. Professionally landscaped side & rear yards finished with pavers, permanent BBQ. 2 car garage. Immaculately maintained. Real pizzazz!



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