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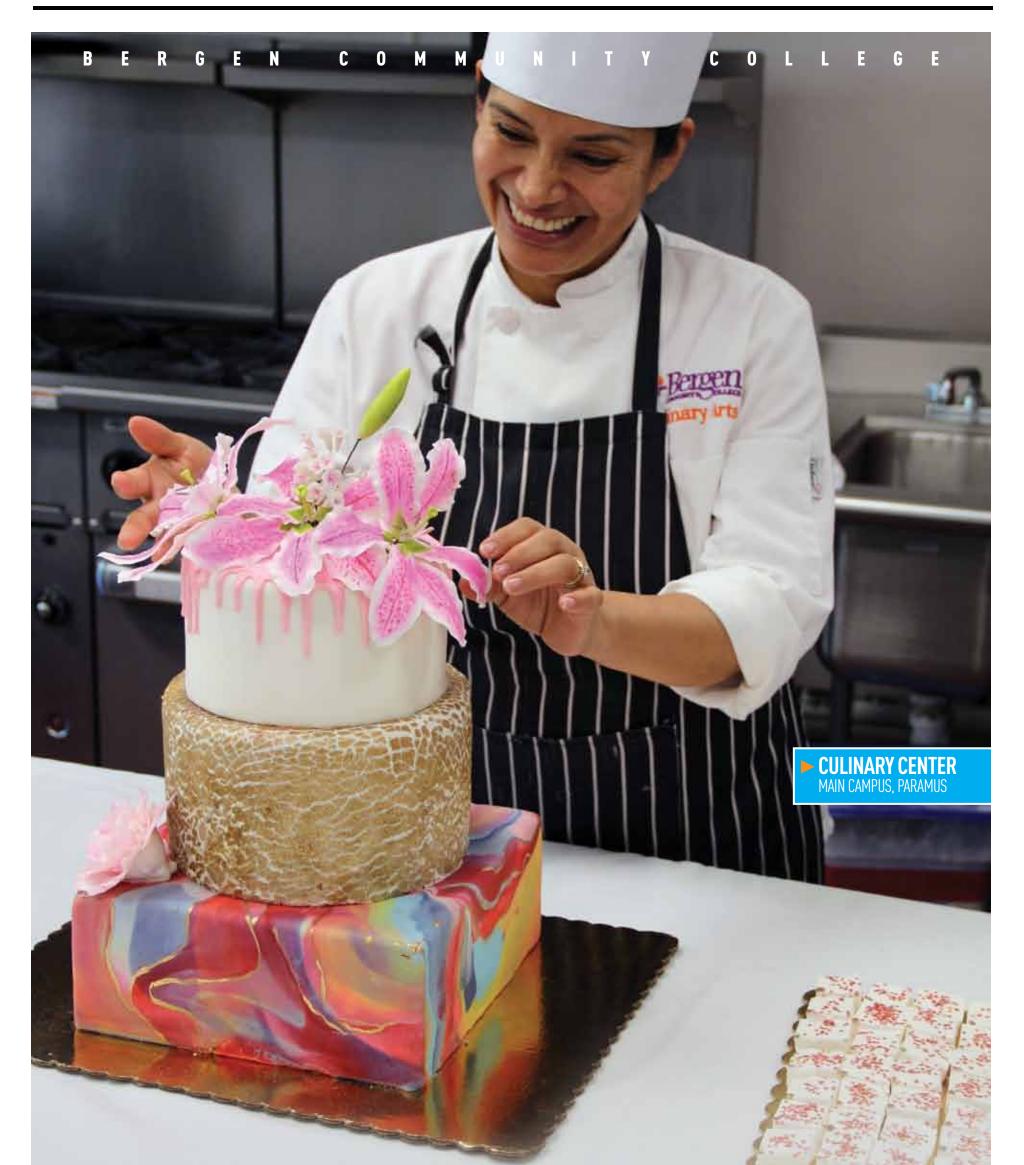
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Moonachie Town-Wide Food Drive

First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie joyfully held its 14th Annual Town-wide Fall Food Drive, at the Church on Saturday, October 19, 2019. 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,

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. ###



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

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W-R Students Read Original Script

the Wood-Ridge Drama Production cast members read the original script entitled, "Bensanello!" written by longtime NBC employee and Wood-Ridge resident, Toni Palladino.

Her play has never been performed or read publicly.

The reading took place in the Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High

On November 15, 2019, School auditorium. Students, pictured from left to right, with Toni Palladino, are Kera McNaught, Erik Ramirez, Julia Dellapena, Emily Cupo, Brandon Greenaway, Nicole Kikkert, Andrew Berg, Adam Lucas and Anne Marie Brown. Provided by Ted Colarusso, W-R HS Drama Director. ###



From Equinox to Solstice

"The Seasons and how we Celebrate Them." The "Monday Afternoons at The Hasbrouck Heights Library" series of seminars presents Jim DelGiudice, photographer and educator, on Monday, December 16, 2019, from 3 to 4 p.m. His lecture will discuss the love of holidays and how the calendar seasons relate to them. A lifelong New Jersey resident, Jim has been honored several times with the NJ Historic Preservation Award. ###

Collectibles on Display

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will be hosting a traveling exhibit from the Meadowlands Museum for the months of December and January. This traveling exhibit will feature an array of antique toys in celebration of the upcoming holiday season. The Meadowlands Museum is a nonprofit charitable organization. To learn more about the Meadowlands Museum and its programs, please visit their website at https://www.meadowlandsmuseum.com/. ###

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. ###

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Queen Elizabeth's Christmas message to the nation was televised for the first time on December 25, 1957. For the next 40 years, the BBC aired the event. ###

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Heights Plane Crash: Four Perish

Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



The Double Whammy of 1999 Part 1 of 4 Parts

Twenty years ago, in two days, two catastrophic events occurred. Sadly, four lives would be lost, others were injured, and damages would be in the millions. This would be a plane crash and the next day, a fire in the Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Building.

The people of Hasbrouck Heights have grown accustomed to the many commercial aircraft that pass overhead, on their way to Newark Airport.

Yet, less than a mile away is Teterboro Airport. The airport is used by corporate and private aircraft. Because of the layout of the runways, rarely do the aircraft that use this field, fly over Hasbrouck Heights.

Thursday, December 9, 1999, was a typical week night. Commuters were returning home from work. Dinners were being prepared. Children were coming from sports practices and other after school activities and holiday decorations were being fussed over.

Around 5:30 p.m., all that would change. Teterboro Tower radioed the Hasbrouck Heights Police Desk that they lost contact with an aircraft in the area of Hasbrouck Heights. The Desk replied, "Yes, we know. It just crashed in town!" On board were pilot Paul Pedersen, Elaine Moses, Roland Brierre and his wife, Cary.

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department was dispatched via the pager system. Each member of the Heights FD is issued a pager. This is used to summon members for a fire or ambulance call. They are dispatched from the Heights Police Desk.

The location of the crash was where four backyards met. These yards were at 17 and 21 Washington Place and 18 and 22 Central Avenue.

The aircraft had clipped the family room and porch of one home at 18 Central Avenue. Luckily, that was the only house not inhabited at the time. The family was away on vacation.

Living on Washington Place, between Oak Grove and Woodside Avenues, at about 5:30 p.m., on that day, a mother was at home with her then toddler son and her twin nieces. Her husband was still at work. She was shaken by a sharp explosion. Looking out the rear of her house, she saw the bright orange glow of a wall of flames. The aircraft fuel tanks had exploded and spread burning gasoline in all directions. This set fire to an adjoining shed and her garage. Grabbing her son and nieces, she quickly left her home. In the street she asked someone if she could use their cellphone. She called her husband. She said that a plane had crashed ate fire scene.

Adding to the chaos, a shed was on fire and propane tanks and an oxygen tank inside were exploding.

Just at that moment, the airplane fuel tanks, containing 100 Octane aviation grade gasoline, exploded. The men were blown down. They got up and continued in their effort to remove the pilot.

The three rescuers sustained a number of injuries and burns in their valiant rescue. Keith was hit in the neck with a piece of the aircraft. They and the pilot were transported to the emergency room to be treated. Sadly, the pilot would succumb to his injuries later that day.

Both the Lodi Fire Department and EMS arrived. Shortly thereafter, Hasbrouck Heights Fire and EMS came on the scene. Hasbrouck Heights Fire Chief Vincent Monahan arrived to assume command of the incident.

Assistant Chief Arthur Knobloch and his son, Robert, then Lieutenant of Engine 616, were returning from a memorial for fallen firefighters, when they heard the radio call from Teterboro Tower. They joined the response to the crash site.

Chief Knobloch became Operations Chief. Ronald Phillips Sr., a member and Ex-Chief of the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, is also Chief Coordinator of the South Bergen Fire Chiefs Association. His position entails the coordination of mutual aid from other fire departments (see **The Gazette Newspaper**– August, 2009).

Chief Phillips, as a matter of routine, monitors the dispatch frequencies of local fire departments. Upon hearing that there was a plane crash, he responded to the scene.

He then met with Chief Monahan. Chief Phillips coordinated the arrival and staging of mutual aid fire companies at the accident site and those providing coverage for any other emergencies in Hasbrouck Heights.

Mike Ratkowski was at home when his neighbor rang the doorbell, pointing to a column of smoke; he told Mike it was a plane crash. Just at this time, the fire department pager went off to respond to the firehouse for a plane crash on Central Avenue.

At the firehouse, Mike became the driver of Rescue Truck 614 and drove it to the accident site.

Joe Taylor responded to the firehouse when the plane crash dispatch went out. Arriving at the scene, he observed the remains of an aircraft fully engulfed in fire.

Also summoned by the pager call was Mark Rista. He arrived to observe bodies on the ground and was detailed to help man a hose to put out the garage fire.

One of the final tasks that fell to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department was assisting the Bergen County Medical Examiner in recovering the deceased. It took a strong will and stomach to do this.

Hasbrouck Heights Police Chief Michael Colaneri was in his backyard. He saw an airplane in a steep turn. The plane then dove into the ground. He proceeded to the location.











and they were out of the house and then hung up, leaving her husband with a number of questions.

Three men were the first on the scene of the crash. Two of these were off-duty firefighters. Lodi Firefighter Keith Bruining, Hackensack Firefighter Frank Armeli and Al Kopec were met with a horrific sight of a fully involved burning aircraft and a man, on fire, that had been ejected from the plane.

The man was screaming "HELP ME! HELP ME!" This was the pilot, Paul Pedersen.

The other three passengers appeared to have died instantly on impact. Keith Bruining, now a 38-year member and Ex-Chief of the Lodi Fire Department, recalled that he was driving down Central Avenue toward Woodside, when he heard an airplane passing overhead with the engines at full power.

The plane then hit a house and some trees. Chief Bruining entered the backyard of the impact area to see Frank Armeli attempting to put out the fire on the pilot. They were joined by Al Kopec. The three men then started to drag the pilot away from the immediHis department, with the aid of the Lodi PD, set up roadblocks and diverted all motor vehicle traffic. The crash site had to be secured. The area was cordoned off. Only authorized personnel could enter.

Chief Colaneri established a command center. This would serve as the location where all federal, state and county agencies coordinated their efforts.

Mayor William Torre, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and members of the Borough Council soon arrived. They were briefed by both the fire and police officials.

Later that day they were joined by New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman and State Assemblywoman Rose Heck. The next day, US Senator Frank Lautenberg and Congressman Steve Rothman held a news conference at the crash site. No one expected that on Friday, December 10, 1999, the other shoe would drop. That was the day "The Roof Fell In." ###



This Holiday Season, Let's Share Food and Cheers!

By the Wine Guys Angel Martinez and Philip Miuccio

The Holiday Season is upon us once again and with it brings appreciation of good times with our friends and family.

Having a nice bottle of wine adds warmth and merriment to the season. The sound of a popping cork and the pouring of your favorite wine or bubbly are sure to bring a smile to everyone's face, just remember not to point the bottle towards anyone.

It's a great time to start all social events with a nice bottle of well chilled sparkling wine to set the mood just right and get your party or dinner started.

These should be well chilled at approximately 43° to 50°. Also, remember to keep your white wines cool as this helps bring out the brightness of white wines. If you like to save room within the refrigerator, place them in a bucket of ice 30 minutes prior to guests arriving. As for your red wines, some say keep them at room temperature. However, you'll do them justice if they are slightly cooled at around 50° to 65° before serving. This also brings out the berries and red fruit characteristics of the wine.

Hors d'oeuvres & Appetizers

A dry sparkling wine goes well with a majority of hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, and first courses regardless if you are serving meats, cheeses, or vegetables.

Here are a couple of recommended choices to assist you. Louis Bouillot Perle d'Aurore Rosé from Burgundy, France.

If you're having trouble buying a sparkling wine that isn't Champagne, Louis Bouilthe world to choose from. Keep in mind that only sparkling wine that comes from the region of Champagne, France can be called "Champagne," anything else are called sparkling wines.

Champagne is well-known, but there are other variations such as Crémant from France, Cava from Spain, Prosecco or Spumante from Italy and Sekt from Germany.

Having a glass ready for your guests from the following list once they arrive will put you on the top of the most gracious host list. These delightful wines will pair well with your appetizers, pasta (seriously you're going to try and not have a pasta course)? I didn't think so. A good cavatelli and broccoli is a nice touch. It will go with any of your main course dishes that you may prepare. Be it turkey, ham, pork loin or any seafood dish. Of course, dessert and sparkling wine just really finishes off the night.

You will not go wrong picking a couple of these.

Salad Course

Next, if you are going with a salad, perhaps a Pinot Gris or nice dry Reisinger goes well with a mixed green salad of mild lettuce, shaved endive and anise, thinly sliced pears, goat cheese croutons, lightly dressed with a fruity vinaigrette. If you want to get fancy, don't forget to serve your salad in a chilled plate.

Pasta Course

Yes, of course, there is pasta! But while a Bolognese would be a meal in itself and would recommend a hearty Italian Ruffino Chianti or Banfi Chianti Classico which pairs well with a wide variety of foods, including red-sauced pastas. This pasta course can be much lighter and a smaller portion. For example, a timeless cavatelli and broccoli in white wine sauce, or a simple serving of penne in a light, fresh tomato sauce with basil comes to mind.

your guests.

Main Course

While we know that many different wines will go with just as many main courses, we are going to give you our suggestions for the wine that will go with a main course that you may be having. Having more than one main course option, then you could serve a couple of wine options for each course. Your family and friends will not forget the effort.

Beef – With any beef dish we suggest the following wines. Did someone say Prime Rib? A California Sonoma or Napa Valley Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon will work nicely. Two that come to mind are: Francis Ford Coppola Merlot, "Just when I thought I was out, they pulled me back in," or the popular Josh Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon.

Pork – Porky pig never tasted so good! They are Cabernet Franc by Ink Block produced by Michael David Winery out of California. A super Tuscan works just as well with pork, the standout is from Banfi, a Centine Rosso, this Red blend with dark fruit, floral accents, hints of spice will pair well with your pork dish.

Poultry – a nice New Zealand Oyster Bay Chardonnay, a vibrant white with aromas of crisp citrus and peach or a white French Burgundy Jadot Pouilly Fuisse will do the trick. Chardonnay is said to be Americas favorite grape, in fact we drank about 60 million cases last year. That's a lot of wine!

Fish – For the light flaky fish try Sea Glass Sauvignon Blanc from Santa Barbara California, with its pronounced aromas of lemon, lime, grapefruit and lively flavors. Meaty fish types such as tuna, salmon, swordfish go for a Pinot Noir, if you're feeling adventurous. However, if you're a traditionalist, look for a varietal like Chenin Blanc from Pine Ridge from Napa, California. It's easy drinking, and a good balance of ripe pear and apple with a touch of citrus on the palate.

Selecting an Italy Lambrusco, a Tawny Port from Portugal or a late harvest Ice Wine from Canada or Germany, are a few to sure satisfy that sweet tooth and compliment just about any dessert your guests may bring; either from a local bakery or homemade by mom, sibling or your significant other, it will make for a nice ending.

Bonus Drinking

Just when you thought it was safe there is more. For those die-hards, who have no intention of going home, you can spend the night after having one or more of the following: A Glass Vintage Port from Taylor Fladgate, Woodford Bourbon or Four Roses single barrel bourbon, Single Malt Scotch Macallan, Glenmorangie whiskey.

Extra Wine Picks

Need a bit more help in making some wine selections? Here is a list of other wines that will help you with your Christmas dinner and parties.

• Kendall Jackson Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay 2013 (CA) - This Chardonnay is a delicious compilation of fruit and smoke, full-bodied and balanced.

Apple, melon and pear dominate the palate and are well supported by a rich, buttery texture.

• Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Riesling 2013 (WA) - As America's number one selling Riesling, Chateau Ste. Michelle makes a series of outstanding Rieslings at various price points. Those seeking a "nice, sweet" Riesling are looking for - plenty of peach, good dose of acidity and nice • King Estate Acrobat Pinot Noir 2012 (OR) - A supervalue Pinot Noir from one of Oregon's largest producers. This Pinot Noir has remarkable fruit on the nose with ripe raspberry and cherry vying for attention. The palate flavors center on cranberry and cherry fruit with a soft tannin structure and engaging finish. Perfect for picnics!

• Rex Goliath Pinot Noir (CA) - Named after a 47 pound Texas rooster from the early 1900s, this Pinot Noir offers an undistracted aroma of ripe berries and a hint of spice.

The flavor profile consists largely of strawberries and raspberries, with very subtle tannins and light weight acidity. A pleasant, supple Pinot Noir with enough versatility to go with everything.

• Yellow Tail Shiraz (Aus) - The Yellow Tail Shiraz has good berry fruit-forward flavor, with raspberries rising to the top of the palate and a decent finish.

• Korbel Champagne Brut - Whether you're celebrating something specific or just need to have a bottle of bubbly on hand. This is a Champagne standby that is perfect for party goers, the price is right, the taste is good and many guests just elect to have a sip or two anyway.

Wine Serving Tips

• Red wines into fridge for 10 minutes before serving

• White wine into fridge 30 minutes before serving

• Sparkling wines into fridge 45 minutes before serving

• Port or Ice wines into fridge 1 hour, then take out for

lot Perle d'Aurore is a nice choice. A sophisticated dry Rosé made using the traditional Champagne method with a bouquet and palate that features lively cherry and strawberry notes.

Prosecco is very popular here in the states, the La Marca Prosecco or Cupcake Prosecco both are from the Veneto region of Italy. It sparkles with fine effervescence of green apple, white peach and honeysuckle flavors which are sure to please everyone. While we just mentioned few you certainly can pick any of your current favorite sparkling wines and you can't go wrong.

There are many types of sparkling wines from around

A lighter red like a Pinot Noir will also work with these dishes, this sexy glass of wine will compliment the pasta course. We can think of nothing better than our favorite Willamette Valley vineyards from Oregon, this light bodied, dry, with the taste of red berries and hibiscus, will compliment your pasta dish and impress

Dessert

Now we are talking about our favorite portion of any holiday meal. The sweetness which brings everyone's memories back to their childhood. Only now we get to enjoy them with some awesome wines.

overall off-dry style.

• St. Supery Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2013 (CA) - Citrus fruits burst to the forefront with orange, lemon and lime defining the palate. This Sauvignon Blanc also boasts a refreshing spirit with lots of spunk - earth, slate and balanced acidity all move within the wine providing ample elegance, familiarity and vibrancy for a festive holiday gathering.

• Seven Hills Pinot Gris 2012 (OR) - A terrific Pinot Gris for the price and the flavor! This one will catch your attention with the honeyed pears and crisp apple flavor, followed by a refreshing finish. Pair this one with your favorite hors d' oeuvres. 10 minutes before serving.

Remember, it matters not if the wine glass is half empty or half full; clearly there is room for more!

On behalf of all of us, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Joyfully Happy Holiday Season. May you and your family and friends enjoy and be safe. Until the next time, *Enjoy*, *Drink*, *Cheers and Salute*!

President and Wine Judge Angel Martinez, Vice President Philip Miuccio and Treasurer Denise Griner. All around wine guys and gal, American Wine Society, Meadowlands Chapter. Wineclub201@gmail. com ###

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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 7, 2019, 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). ###

About Windchill Temperature

The windchill temperature is how cold people and animals feel when outside.

Windchill is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by wind and cold.

As the wind increases, it draws heat from the body, driving down skin temperature and eventually the internal body temperature.

Therefore, the wind makes it FEEL much colder. If the temperature is 0 degrees Fahrenheit and the wind is blowing at 15 mph, the windchill is -19 degrees Fahrenheit.

At this windchill temperature, exposed skin can freeze in 30 minutes.

Be even more cautious with children, seniors and persons with compromised health.

The results of NOAA tests showed that relative humidity was an insignificant weather parameter, less than one degree at worst.

The only effect windchill has on inanimate objects, such as car radiators and water pipes, is to shorten the amount of time for the object to cool.

W-R Holiday Pasta Dinner

Wood-Ridge Mayor Paul Sarlo invites all Wood-Ridge senior citizens and Senior Club members to the Borough's 20th Annual Holiday Pasta Dinner. The event will take place on Friday, December 6, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. It will be held at the Senior Center 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 and Brownie troops, entertainment, holiday gift raffles and more!

Call the Recreation Office at 201-939-7507 to make a reservation. Leave your name, telephone number and the number of people that will be attending with you. ###

Roast Beef Dinner Dec. 14

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, from 4 to 7 p.m., the American Legion Post 69 will host a Roast Beef Dinner. Dine in or take out.

The menu includes dinner, dessert, coffee/tea/water/and soft drinks. Drink specials of wine and bottled beer for \$2. Tickets are \$12 pp and available at the Post and at the door.

The Post is located at 412 Third Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey. ###

Squadron 310 Valentine's Party

On February 8, 2020, American Legion Post 310, 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. No refunds.

Lodi KC Pancake Breakfast Dec. 8

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffetstyle Family Breakfast on Sunday, December 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi.

Menu includes: all-youcan-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. ###

AWS Annual Holiday Party

On Saturday, December 7, 2019, the American Wine Society will hold its Annual Holiday Party at The Graycliff, at 29 Moonachie Avenue, Moonachie, from 7 to 11 p.m. Full buffet dinner/cash bar available. Members \$25/ Guests \$55. Door prizes, gift basket raffles. DJ music all night, special appearance by ??

Checks payable to AWS Meadowlands Chapter, 476 Windsor Road, Wood-Ridge NJ 07075. ###

Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 28

The First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford, Karen Kaiser Parish House, at 32 Ridge Road, Rutherford, will hold its free Thanksgiving Dinner on November 28, 2019, from 1 to 3 p.m. All are welcome! A complete turkey dinner will be served with all the fixings, including dessert and beverages. Reservations requested. Call the Church Office at 201-438-3569 ###

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The modern Christmas custom of displaying a wreath on the front door of one's house, is borrowed from ancient Rome's New Year's celebrations. Romans wished each other "good health" by exchanging branches of evergreens. They called these gifts strenae after Strenia, the goddess of health. It became the custom to bend these branches into a ring and display them on doorways. ### Post 136 will hold a chili-cook off on Monday, December 9, at 6 p.m., at the Post. The event is open to the public to enter, and contestant entries are \$10 each. There will be three judges.

The public is welcome to have a delicious, affordable dinner, reasonably priced at \$5 per person.

Contestants MUST preregister by December 1. Cash prizes: First Place - \$75, Second Place - \$50, Third Place - \$25. For more info, please call either Sharon at 201-906-0213 or Margaret at 201-264-4622. ###

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The Woman's Club of Rutherford

On Sunday, December 8, 2019, from 2-5 p.m., the Woman's Club of Rutherford invites you to our perennially popular Holiday in Rutherford Afternoon Tea, at 201 Fairview Avenue.

Enjoy the company of friends at an old-fashioned Tea Party, and get into the spirit by wearing your best Tea Party attire. Along with a variety of tea flavors, we will be serving scones with clotted cream, tea sandwiches, cookies and pastries. Take the 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. ###

Carlstadt **Mixed Chorus**

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We will be celebrating our 88th Anniversary and are seeking new members to keep the tradition vibrant.

Our repertoire includes songs with German and English lyrics and ranges from Mozart, Beethoven, Strauss

Mothers of **Pre-schoolers**

Why come to MOPS you ask? Because Mommin' ain't easy, but being part of a MOPS group makes it easier! Moms of kids ages 0-6 from any town are welcome to attend. Next event on Thursday, December 19, 2019, 7-9 p.m. RSVP by December 17, so we have enough yummy snacks for you.

Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Free MOPS Kids childcare provided by RSVP only. Monthly Friday morning get together and outings too. For more info: hasbrouckhtsmops@gmail. com; 862-239-MOPS; Fb -Hasbrouck Heights Mothers of Preschoolers. Moms from any NJ town can come. ###

Cold Moon

The full moon appears on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 12:12 a.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

ans of the northern and eastern the seasons by giving a name to each recurring full moon. custom. ###

Art Association of Rutherford

The Art Association of Rutherford will be having its meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2019, starting at 7:30 p.m. We have a free model and still life for our Holiday meeting so everyone can practice their skills. Skilled members are available for help and advice! Some materials provided, or bring your own. All are welcome! We ask a \$3 non-mandatory donation from non-members to defray costs.

Tamblyn Civic Center, 30 Woodland Avenue, Rutherford, NJ. Contact Lissanne at lissanneart@gmail.com for more information. ###

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• 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. ###



Based on the Netflix animated series, "Beat Bugs: A Musical Adventure" is a musical adaptation that centers around five pals who explore the world and learn life lessons while trying to save the Strawberry Fields ... forever.

"Beat Bugs" features numerous Beatles songs, clever costumes and zany choreography.

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Catherine E. Doyle School Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2020/2021 Kindergarten classes will be held at the Catherine E. Doyle School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19, 2020, by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Children must accompany parents for registration. Children are eligible if they turn five [5] years old on or before October 1, 2020. Contact Mrs. Tiesi at 201-933-6777 for registration details and medical forms.

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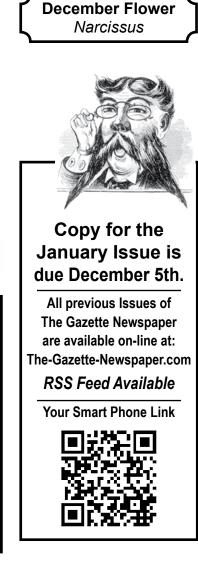
Becton Class Reunion Nov. 29

The Becton Class of '74 is holding their 45 year Reunion. If you haven't received an announcement by email or regular mail, we do not have updated contact information for you. Contact Joanne at 201-939-5297 if you're interested or to update your information. The reunion will be November 29, 2019, at San Carlo in Lyndhurst. The cost is \$74. Hoping to see you all there! ###

Casino Bus Trips

The VFW Post 4591, Hasbrouck Heights, sponsors bus trips on the last Wednesday of the month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. and returns at about M. Cook - Fine Arts Instruc-9-9:30 p.m.

Proceeds are used to help defray building expenses. Call the Post for more information at 201-288-1112 ###



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On Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 7 p.m., create Angel Watercolor Paintings.

The instructor is Debra tor, Sacred Artist, Botanical Illustrator, Iconographer and Photographer.

The group will meet in the Parish Hall of Christ Church, 251 State Street, Hackensack. NJ 07601. Call 201-342-2365 to register. Fee is \$35 and includes all materials.

This event is sponsored by the Episcopal Churches of St. Cyprian's, Hackensack, St. John's, Hasbrouck Heights, St. Martin's, Maywood, Christ Church, Hackensack. ###

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 2, and Monday, December 16 and 30, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. ###



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Sheriff Anthony Cureton would like to remind all residents that "the Bergen County Sheriff's Office, IRS, Social Security, or any other legitimate business or government agency will never demand payment with the threat of arrest via telephone. If you receive a call of this nature, hang-up immediately."

Anyone who believes they may have been exposed to this or a similar type fraud is asked to contact either the Bergen County Sheriff's Office at 201-646-2222, text your tip to 274637 (CRIMES), or to contact your local police department. ###

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 vou clothed me.' We are called to see Christ in those who are in need. Please be generous."

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Artful Thinking By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Part three of a three part story called "The Kids From Westervelt Place, A Christmas Adventure."

Thanksgiving Day in my Arnot Street home was celebrated in the usual holiday fashion. The morning hours found me nestled in front of our T.V. with my brother "Soupy" and Dusty the dog watching that Laurel and Hardy classic, "Babes in Toyland."

By 2 p.m., I was sitting at a card table with my cousins Philip, Richie and Anthony in a far off corner of my Grandma and Grandpa Maglionico's family filled kitchen.

My cousin Johnny (Anthony's older brother) and my brother Eugene (alias Soupy) had since graduated to the main table where the Maglionico Hierarchy gathered to break bread.

When the turkey made its appearance, my cousin Anthony turned to me and whispered "You think that bird came from the chicken market?"

I never gave it a second thought. After all in my perfect world those turkeys lived happily ever after. Still I made sure that I filled up on the lasagna just in case.

The Friday after Thanksgiving, me and the kids from Westervelt Place (as well as every kid in the USA) had our feet planted firmly on the road to Christmas. By the first week of December that same road had become alive with all of the sights, colors and sounds of the season.

Everywhere along our merry way were sentimental reminders that our favorite time of the year was fast approaching. The homes, the yards, Sal's Barber Shop, Benny the Shoemaker's shop and of course the corner store were all aglitter with the magic of Christmas.

On the corner of Arnot Street and Westminster Place, directly across from my house, was the Baldino home. Over the vears their vard had become the mecca of Christmas displays.

to manifest into a peace that was not to be found during any other time of the year.

The kids from the hill felt it but we couldn't describe it. We knew something was different since the light of the season shined in every eye like the star that rested high atop the family Christmas tree.

Then the spell was broken by an endless barrage of toy commercials. We went from being somber little Angels to toy crazed cherubs in a New York minute.

We'd gather at the corner store and argue over what the better toy was and who was sure to find one under the Christmas tree.

There was some intense gift getting competition going on and the closer we got to the holiday the more heated it became. We were trying to outdo one another when in reality we were all caught up in nothing more than wishful thinking.

I recall running home to my parents, Vito and Lena, expressing in my own tearful way the urgency of my dilemma.

My mother wouldn't fall for my antics and told me in her own inimitable way that if I didn't stop complaining I'd be the only kid on the block without a Christmas gift. Did she mean it? I turned to my Father who was always a soft touch but he backed away into the shadow of Christmas past and vanished. But wait! I had an ace in the hole who just happened to be a gift giver extraordinaire ... My Big Brother.

Seven years my senior with a weekend job delivering milk with my Uncle Gene, my brother had, over recent years, developed into quite a gift giver. Having him in the house could be a real pay day. Indeed a Christmas bonus.

In retrospect when it came to gift giving my brother made it difficult for the other kids to outdo me. I decided to let the gift getting unfold without any outside interference from me.

before we were yelling at one another to the point where Lou's wife, Josephine, stormed in and told us to vacate the premises. "Go outside and fight!" she said "you're bothering the customers!" By that time it was staring to get dark so we formed a temporary truce and went our separate ways.

One of the many stops along the road to Christmas was the town's annual children's Christmas Spectacular. It was held at Lodi High School (now the Middle School) auditorium better known to LHS students as "study hall." Thinking back to my high school days study hall was more fun than that Christmas show.

The free gifts came in the form of lasting friendships and remain sacred even as you read this. Any way...I'm getting sentimental again.

Where was I? Oh yea, the children's Christmas show. Thank you Donna for getting me back on track.

The show was quite a production. The joviality that was being laced through the atmosphere sprung the kids from their seats in jumping jack fashion. The stage was alive with the spirit of Christmas.

The LHS Choir sang all of our holiday favorites as kids in the background hung stockings on a makeshift fireplace next to which was a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

At the end of the show none other than Santa Claus himself came hop skipping up and down the aisles handing out various toys and candy canes.

I recall walking home with the kids from Westervelt Place. We were excited to the max over the gifts that we had acquired over the course of the Saturday afternoon.

Hand puppets, rubber band propelled air planes made out of balsa wood, those red mesh stockings filled with candy and other "stuff," and a card that read "Merry Christmas from the Lodi Recreation Department."

By the time we reached the corner store the plane tell apart never having left the ground, the mesh stockings were ragged

and empty the contents of which found a home in our pockets or lost somewhere in the folds of our woolen scarfs.

We walked into the store empty handed and a bit disillusioned as if Christmas had lost its meaning. "You kids are missing the true meaning of Christmas" said Lou, as he stood next to us looking out of the Westervelt Place window.

"And what might that be?" We asked in unison.

"It's time you kids found out for yourselves." He replied.

With that he ushered us out of the store, closed the door behind us, and hung up the sign read in bold letters ...Closed.

The next day was Christmas Eve. It was about 5 p.m., already dark. I was standing in the store with the kids from the hill. We were still arguing over who was getting what and who would wind up with the best, most expensive gift.

Just then Lou came over and asked us if we found the true meaning of Christmas yet. We all looked at one another and shrugged in dismay.

"Well there it is fellows" he replied pointing to the Baldino home a block up the street.

We looked in that direction and noticed a bright shining star being raised on a flag pole. So bright was that star that it lit up the entire neighborhood. We were immediately awe struck and joined other people in the area as they followed that star up Arnot Street.

There beneath that star was the Nativity scene in all of its glory. Mary, Joseph, the animals. The Three Wise Men and yes, me and the kids from Westervelt Place, all of us gathered around the infant Jesus as he lie snuggled in his manger.

Suddenly, as if from heaven, was heard the Christmas Carol, Silent Night. It was a moment that I shall never forget.

When I arrived home that evening the sight of my parents, my brother Eugene, and my dog Dusty beside them of course putting the finishing touches on the Christmas tree was enough to make me float like a balloon into their awaiting arms. It was upon that holy night that I and the kids from Westervelt Place discovered the true meaning of Christmas. ###





This year was no different. With a flick of a switch the entire yard was transformed into a Christmas wonderland.

The landscape became so spectacular that it backed up traffic on the surrounding roads. If that wasn't enough, our cozy little neighborhood was home to a restaurant called, of all things, The North Pole Café.

There was no doubt about it folks. Christmas had arrived on the Lodi Hill. Before long the joy of our surroundings began

Meanwhile I returned to the corner store ready to challenge them as to who would wind up with the best, most sought after gifts. I even went as far as telling them that not only would I out gift them I also wouldn't let them play with any of them.

Of course, they said the same to me and it wasn't long

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Wallington FD Breakfast With Santa

Wallington Fire Department, Park Row Hose Co. 3, will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 8, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Wallington Civic Center, 24 Union Boulevard, Wallington. There will be pictures with Santa. Donations, \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 4 to 12. Tickets are available at the door. ###

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Christmas Luncheon December 25

The First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford will hold a Christmas luncheon at 12 p.m., December 25, 2019.

Come share a FREE holiday dinner and fellowship if you are alone, away from your family, would enjoy a meal with neighbors and friends.

Please call the Church Office at 201-438-3569, no later than Thursday, December 19, so that we may know to expect you! The luncheon will be held at the Karen Kaiser Parish House at 32 Ridge Road across from the Church. ###

St. Mary Craft Fair Nov. 30

St. Mary High School will hold their Christmas Craft Fair on November 30, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the School Auditorium. ###

Rosary Altar Society Installation Brunch December 8

St. Joseph's Rosary Altar Society's Christmas Installation Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019, at the Hasbrouck Heights Holiday Inn, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Price is \$27 pp.

Contact Angela 201-532-7163 or Norma 201-933-0641, to make reservations. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the festivities. ###

Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale

Moonachie First Aid and Rescue Squad will hold their beautifully decorated wreaths sale beginning on November 30, 2019, and run until sold out. Wreaths 22" - 24": \$15. Grave Blankets 2 1/2' - 3': \$25.

Pre-orders are encouraged and can be made by contacting Joanne at 201-927-9224/ JFYTROS76@gmail.com ###



Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

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.

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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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Pet Photos with Mrs. Claus

County Animal Shelter, Inc.) will be hosting holiday pet pictures with Mrs. Claus and a Special Holiday Gift Fair on Sunday, December 8, 2019, at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, from 12:30 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 ap-

FOCAS (Friends of the propriately restrained. There will be refreshments, fabulous holiday gifts on sale for pets and people. Drawings for FREE surpise gifts (must be present to receive).

> Let FOCAS put some "cheer" in your holiday!

Annual event proceeds benefit the FOCAS Angel Fund that provides veterinary medical care for sick, homeless and abandoned animals. ###

W-R Holiday School Concert

Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Holiday Concert is Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 7 p.m., at The Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium, 258 Hackensack Street. All are welcome. Admission is free. It features Grades 7-12 in Concert Band, Glee Club and Concert Choir. Snow date is December 18, 2019, same time and same place. ###

Winter Christmas Show Model Railroad Exhibits

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The excitement and "Ro- 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 November 30, December 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 28 and 29, 2019, 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 ###

Christmas **Concert In** Rutherford

On Sunday, December 8, 2019, from 3 to 5 p.m., the public is invited to join the Community of God's Love for "A Community Christmas: A Festival of Song." The concert will take place at Visitation House, 70 West Passaic Avenue, Rutherford, and will feature members of the Community's Music Ministry. Santa is expected! If you are bringing children under 14, call the secretary at 201-935-0344 to give their names and ages, so Santa can provide an appropriate gift. Admission is free. Questions? Email lampstand@ thecgl.org. ###

Becton Regional December 19

The Henry P. Becton Regional High School cordially invites all to the Holiday Concert on December 19, 2019, at 7 p.m. The concert will be held at the James Williams Performing Arts Center, which is inside the high school, with various holiday performances from the Concert Band, the Concert Choir, and the Show Choir. Admission is free. ###

Felician Sisters Epiphany Concert

The Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Convent of Lodi, will have an Epiphany Prayer Service with Sacred Music on Sunday, January 5, 2020, at Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, 260 South Main Street, Lodi, at 3 p.m. 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. Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel is now handicap accessible. For further information, contact: Sister Mary Virginia Tomasiak, Local Communicator. e-mail, sistervirginia@ feliciansisters.org fax 973-473-7126, voice mail 862-238-7493. ###

HH School Holiday Concert

The Hasbrouck Heights Jr./ Sr. High School Holiday Concert is Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium. Open to the public with free admission and open seating! All are welcome to hear the joyous sounds of the Holidays. ###

Kip Holiday **Open House**

55 Kip Center in Rutherford will host its Annual Open House, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, November 30, 2019, with a craft fair, holiday boutique, bake shop, raffle sales for their Festival of Trees and

Festival of Lessons and Carols Dec. 8

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish in Little Ferry will host their Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 8, 2019, 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. The event will spotlight other choral selections. The Church is located at the corner of Liberty Street and Chamberlain Avenue, Little Ferry. Handicap accessible.

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

Christmas Concert **December 8**

The Chopin Singing Society (Men's Chorus) presents its 15th Annual Christmas Concert at 2 p.m., on Sunday, December 8, 2019, at the Polish People's Home, 1-3 Monroe Street, Passaic. The Chorus is under the direction of Anthony Tabish. Cost is \$40 included in the ticket price is a hot buffet and guest artists. The Chopin Chorus has been singing for 109 years. For tickets, call President Arthur Sroka at 973-777-2345. ###

Corpus Christi Advent Concert December 6

Mark your calendar for the 8th Annual Advent Concert at Corpus Christi Parish in Hasbrouck Heights by the Adult Choir and guest musicians.

The concert will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019, 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

Holidays at Skylands Manor

Fantasy!

Enjoy a Magical Holiday at the Annual Holiday Open House event sponsored by the NJBG/Skylands Association, at Skylands Manor in the NJ Botanical Gardens, Ringwood, on December 5 through December 8, 2019.

The Manor will be decorated floor to ceiling for "Fantasy!" to celebrate the sparkle and spirit of the magical season. It's a warm and welcoming

start to the holiday season with a totally different look every year! Gift Shop and Holiday Café, too.

• December 5-December 8 (Thursday-Sunday), 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Daytime Tours. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the splendid decorations at your own pace. No baby strollers allowed in the Manor. Last ticket sold at 4 p.m. \$10/adults; \$8/seniors; \$5/children 6-12; under 6 free.

• December 5 & December 6 (Thursday & Friday),

HS Concert

Toys for Tots

American Legion Lodi Post 136, 41 Union Street, Lodi, is a collection point for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program as well as accepting food donations for the food pantry. from 9:30 a.m. till noon, For more information, call Frank at 201-906-1592. ###

 About 40 Police Departments are also participating in the "Toys for Tots" program with a collection date of December 18. Contact your Police Department about participation. ###

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Group Tours. Bring your group to enjoy this holiday delight together. Please call 973-962-9534 for details. • December 7 (Saturday), 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Holiday Open House - Evening Reception. The Manor will be yours for a leisurely stroll with champagne, light refreshments and valet parking. Reservations required. \$45/members; \$50/ guests and non-members. Individual, senior and student members may buy 1 ticket for any evening at the special member price. Family and other member categories may buy 2 tickets at the special member price. Tickets will be available at 973-962-9534 and online at www.njbg.org. ###

Holiday Time on WSBP-LP (94.3 FM)

It's Thanksgiving time on WSBP-LP (94.3 FM) on Thursday, November 28, 2019, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., playing the Old-time Thanksgiving radio shows from way back when. They are also planning to rebroadcast the Old-time Christmas radio shows on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2019, 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 ###

Wreaths, and raffle sales for a handmade quilt. Refreshments available. For more information, call 201-460-1600. ###

> Good manners are always in style

"hustle and bustle" to reflect, pray and sing during this special season of hope.

Advent. Reflection prayer and song Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. ###

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Community Tree Lightings Bre

Carlstadt will hold their Tree Lighting at Borough Hall on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. ###

East Rutherford will hold their Tree Lighting at Borough Hall 7 p.m., Friday, November 29, 2019. Bring your camera for photos with Santa. Refreshments will be served. ###

The **Hasbrouck Heights** Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle will be held immediately after the Annual Holiday Parade (which starts at 7 p.m.) on November 29, 2019. There will be plenty of hot cocoa and snacks. Santa will be available in the TD Bank lobby. Bring your camera.###

Little Ferry's Tree Lighting & Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 6, 2019, at 6 p.m. The "Raritan Valley Hi Railers" Model Railroad Club will set up a huge, world class "O" scale model railroad layout that will occupy the majority of the area of the council chambers. There is scenery, lighting, sound effects and numerous operating steam and diesel locomotives, all in exciting detail! ###

Lodi will host its Annual Tree Lighting on Friday, December 6, 2019, starting at 7 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 7, 2019, at 7 p.m., at the Civic Center. Refreshments and photos with Santa will follow. ###

> Don't Block Intersections

Ridgefield Park Board of Recreation Annual Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 1, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., at the Municipal Building. This year will include some special guests! ###

Rutherford will hold their Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 30, 2019, at 5 p.m., at The Library, following the Holiday Parade up Park Avenue. Holiday Village in Lincoln Park.

Wallington will hold their Annual Tree Lighting on December 6, 2019, at 6 p.m., at the Civic Center.

Wood-Ridge Annual Tree Lighting is on November 29, 2019, at Veterans Park, Valley Boulevard and Highland Avenue, 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. Please bring a new unwrapped toy. Refreshments will be served. ###

55 Kip Center Holiday Trip December 9

On December 9, 2019, join us for a matinee performance of the ever-popular Radio City Christmas Spectacular, starring the world-famous Radio City Rockettes. At the end of the show we will reboard our motor coach to Tony's Di Napoli: Family Style Resaurant, at 43rd Street for a family style luncheon. Cost is \$140 pp and includes transportation, reserved Orchestra Seats. Deposit of \$50 required. For information, call the Center at 201-460-1600. ###

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 in the Fr. Patrick Morris Hall in the basement of the Assumption Church on Sunday, December 15, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Santa will be their 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 by **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 the Valley Boulevard. All money 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. The magnets can be purchased at \$5 each or 5 for \$20. ###

Ridgefield Park Holiday Wish Tree

As in the past, the Holiday Wish Tree will be located at Oritani Bank, at 233 Main Street.

The wish tree gives residents the opportunity to purchase a holiday gift for a less fortunate Village child. If you would like to participate, please stop by and select an ornament and return your gift by December 16, 2019. Your gift will then be delivered to a very appreciative child. Thanks again for your assistance! ###

ks again for lished in December.



Santa Comes To Town

The spirit of kids from 1 to 92 are bright as the traditional Holiday Parade travels along The Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights on Friday evening, November 29, 2019.

Floats, bands, community groups, antique cars, fire trucks, plus Santa, will meet at Williams Avenue at 7 p.m. and march along The Boulevard to Henry Street.

At press time, the parade line-up is as follows:

The Hasbrouck Heights Police Department Honor Guard will lead the parade, along with Honor Guards from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department and the Boy Scouts.

The Bergen County Fire Fighters Pipe Band will lead Local Officials, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and various sport teams on small floats.

Community organizations are invited to create floats for

the parade.

The excitement continues with the Park Ridge High School Marching Band.

The Hasbrouck Heights High School Marching Band will lead Santa's personal float *(sponsored by Otterstedt Insurance Agency)* down The Boulevard.

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department will then follow.

At The Circle, a brief Annual Tree Lighting ceremony will take place. Santa will meet with children at TD Bank at The Circle for photos and treats.

The event is sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce. Would you like to be part of the excitement? The Chamber welcomes volunteers to help with the parade. Call Ray at 201-288-5464 for more information. ###

Holiday Float Contest:

Hasbrouck Heights organizations and families are invited to build a Holiday float and participate in the November 29 Holiday Parade. Prizes will be awarded. For details, call 201-288-0195.

Holiday Display Contest

Hasbrouck Heights Commercial and house preliminary round of judging: December 13, 14, and 15, 2019. Final round of judging is December 16, 2019.

The Ridgefield Park annual Holiday Display Contest will be held on Friday, December 20, 2019. All Village homes and businesses will be judged and prizes awarded. Additional details regarding all three holiday events will be listed in the winter newsletter to be published in December. ###

Santa Visits the AHOF November 30

Santa is scheduled to depart the North Pole at Midnight and is expected to arrive at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2019 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 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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, \$7 seniors and children under 12 are 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. ###



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Annual Christmas Delaware River Crossing Reenactment

On Christmas Day every year, re-enactors assemble at Washington Crossing State Park, Pennsylvania, and make their way across the Delaware River to New Jersey.

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 8, 2019 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/ ### Father Christmas' reindeers are called Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner/Donder, Blitzen, and Rudolph. Eight of these names are taken from Clement C. Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas," and the ninth from the song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" (NB. Donder is also known as Donner.) ###

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. ###

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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 loosing 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.
- If using an artificial tree, be sure its label reads "Fire Resistant." While this doesn't mean it can't catch fire, it does mean it should resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

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HH Fire Dept. To Take Santa Around Heights

On December 22, 2019, 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 by 4 p.m., December 20, 2019. ###



Carlstadt FD Santa Around Town

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, Santa will be at Fire Headquarters, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Starting at 12:21 p.m., Santa will be traveling around town. Be patient, Santa has lots of boys and girls to visit. ###

Lodi FD Santa Around Town

On Sunday, December 22, 2019, starting at 8 a.m., Lodi residents can meet Santa as he travels around. Be sure to listen for the Fire Department sirens. ###

Moonachie FD Santa Around Town

On Sunday, December 22, 2019, starting at 1 p.m., Santa will be stopping at intersections at the end of streets throughout the community.

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

WRFD

Santa Around Town

On Saturday, December 22, 2019, 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 escort Santa up and down every street in the Borough. Just listen for the sirens. Firefighters will hand out candy at the intersections. ###

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HHMA Christmas Tree Sale

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association will be selling Christmas Trees this Holiday Season beginning Saturday, November 30, 2019, 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. They wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. ###

The Nutcracker

• The Nutcracker: Garden State Ballet will return to The Rutherford Public Library with its performance on Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 1 p.m. Join us and The Friends of The Library of Rutherford for this wonderful holiday tradition. ###

Christmas Excursion December 6

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Rosary Confraternity Christmas Excursion to the Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre is Friday, December 6, 2019.

This Christmas season, treat yourself or your loved ones to dinner and a very special holiday show, "It Happened One Christmas Eve." Enjoy a heart-warming musical about an infant left on a Brooklyn doorstep one Christmas Eve and the magic she brings to the lives of those who find her.

The price of \$120 includes bus transportation, dinner and show package, including entrée of your choice, salad, vegetable, potato or pasta, fresh rolls and corn muffins, Chef's Choice dessert, coffee, decaffeinated coffee or regular tea prior to the performance.

The bus will leave from in front of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Wallington, promptly at 4:45 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m., with show time at 8 p.m.

Limited tickets available! For information, contact Ginny Topolski @ 201-715-2087. ###

Hasbrouck Heights Ameri-

can Legion Auxiliary Unit 106

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to Santa. Letters need to be put

in the special mailboxes at the

Post Office, and The Library

from November 29, to Decem-

ber 17, 2019. A stamped, self-

addressed envelope will get a

form letter back from Santa's

helper, Elf. Instructions will be

at both locations. ###

Letters

to Santa

Holiday Card Making

• Lodi: Holiday Card Making: Saturday, December 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. Come to The Lodi Library and make a card for Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa. This program is for all ages. No registration required. ###

• The Rutherford Public Library will be holding a Christmas and Hanukkah cardmaking workshop on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 4 p.m. This program is for ages 4-11. All supplies will be provided. Make a holiday greeting card

Rutherford Holiday Parade

The Rutherford 69th Annual Holiday Parade, begins at 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2019.

Parade participants will assemble at 3 p.m. at the intersection of Union Avenue and Springfield Avenue. The actual parade will begin at 4 p.m., rain or shine, and travel along Union Avenue to the reviewing stand in front of Borough Hall and exit on Donaldson Avenue.

To confirm that you will march, call 201-424-8341 no later than November 23. ###

Christmas **Decorations**

Originally, Christmas decorations were home-made paper flowers, or apples, biscuits, and sweets. The earliest decorations to be bought came from Nuremburg in Germany, a city famous for the manufacture of toys. Lauscha, in Germany, is famous for its glass ornaments. In 1880, America discovered Lauscha. F.W. Woolworth went there and bought a few glass Christmas tree ornaments. Within a day he had sold out, so the next year, he bought more and within a week they, too, had sold.

The year after that, he bought 200,000 Lauscha ornaments. During the First World War, supplies of ornaments from Lauscha ceased, so American manufacturers began to make their own ornaments, developing new techniques that allowed them to turn out as many ornaments in a minute as could be made in a whole day at Lauscha. ###

Frustrated at the lack of interest in his new toy invention, Charles Pajeau hired several shorter people, dressed them in elf costumes, and had them play with "Tinker Toys" in a display window at a Chicago department store during the Christmas season in 1914. This publicity stunt made the construction toy an instant hit. A year later, over a million sets of *Tinker Toys had been sold.* ###

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Yield to Pedestrians

Eve Dinner

New Year's

On Tuesday, December 31, 2019, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Hasbrouck Elks Lodge #1962 will host a New Year's Eve Buffet Dinner and dessert. Cost is \$85 pp. Payment due by December 1. Beer wine and soda will be served. Cash bar for mixed drinks. Champagne toast at midnight.

Music by Dave Beasely. For information, call Cathy at 1-386-852-4881. ###

In America, the weeks leading up to Christmas are the biggest shopping weeks of the year. Many retailers make up to 70% of their annual revenue in the month preceding Christmas. ###

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. ###

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Come join in this interactive program with all participants singing the most popular Christmas carols with sheet music provided.

This is a cooperative program sponsored by Wood-Ridge's three Churches.

Participating will be the vocal and instrumental musicians of the Transformation Life Church, the Church of St. Paul's and Resurrection Episcopal Church, and the Church to know your neighbors and

of the Assumption.

What a great way to celebrate the season and greet your Wood-Ridge neighbors!

All are welcomed regardless of religion. Bring the entire family and have a great time.

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welcome in the Christmas Spirit! Light refreshments will follow the program.

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Brownies Earn Fair Play Badge

Wood-Ridge Brownie Troop 97130 recently completed the Fair Play badge. They learned the importance of following the rules and including everyone. The girls discovered the changes made to girls' sports programs after the passage of Title IX in 1972, insuring girls' equality with boys' sports.

The girls wrote questions for a semi-pro bowler, Toni Lunceford, about her career and about competing with men. Our final badge activity was a fun-filled obstacle/challenge course.

Our troop has 19 girls, all in Third Grade at Doyle School. ###



Boulevard Window Painting Winners

On Wednesday, October 16, 2019, almost 400 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students painted a Halloween-themed illustration on a space provided by Boulevard businesses. Graphics were judged upon originality and artistic expression.

Winners from each Grade received 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place

On Wednesday, October Ribbons. All the window paint-2019, almost 400 3rd, 4th ing participants received rib-5th Grade students painted bons.

> On the afternoon of October 23, 2019, the 26th Annual Boulevard Window Painting winners assembled for a group photo with program sponsor, John Kosakowski, of

Bill O'Shea's Florist, in conjunction with Lincoln School Chairperson: Jillian Ferdinand, Corpus Christi School Chairperson: Naty Metcalf and Euclid School Chairperson: Daniel Chartock. Special thanks to the participating merchants. ###



Operation Christmas Stockings

The Woman's Club of Rutherford recently filled Christmas Stockings for our troops overseas as part of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) annual "Operation Christmas Stockings."

Christmas stockings were filled with necessities and

niceties to show our troops we are thinking of them this holiday season. Toiletries, socks, snacks and a handwritten note went into each stocking.

The Woman's Club of Rutherford is proud to support our troops and Veterans with various projects throughout the year. *Photo by Ida Borroto.* ###



HH Seniors Halloween Luncheon

On October 24, 2019, over one-hundred Hasbrouck Heights seniors enjoyed a luncheon provided by the Recreation Department.

The event was the Annual Halloween Luncheon. To make the day special, many seniors attended in costume.

The meal was catered by Mucci's Italian Market located in Saddle Brook. There was baked ziti, meatballs, chicken marsala, sausage and peppers and eggplant rollatini. More than enough for everyone.

All Hasbrouck Heights seniors are invited annually to a free Summer Picnic, a Halloween Luncheon, and a Wellness Luncheon. It should be noted that many seniors join the local Leisure Club and partake in a number of other events sponsored by the Club. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. Photo provided by Gladys Gamble.* ###



Wood-Ridge Student Wins State Competition

Fourteen-year-old Victoria Drotos, of Wood-Ridge, was the winner of this year's



On October 17, 2019, Realty 3 Group partners Rob Faussette, Kevin Trotter and Jack DeLorenzo, held a **ribbon cutting ceremony** officially opening their location at 252 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights. For more information, call 201-417-0118 or go to: www.realty3group.com ###



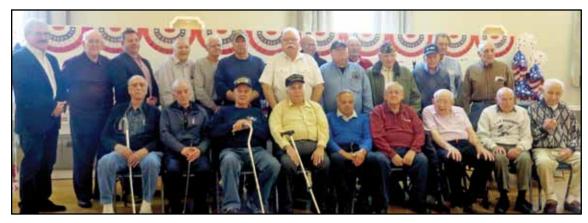
All You Can Eat Breakfast

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department hosted an "All You Can Eat" Breakfast on Sunday, October 27, 2019, from 8 a.m. to noon. Menu includes eggs *(your choice)* sausage, juice, coffee, tea, milk, roll and butter. There was a big screen TV raffle and 50/50s. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###

Knights of Columbus State Soccer Challenge. The competition was designed for players 9 through 14 to demonstrate the most basic of soccer skills, the penalty kick. Each player was allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal). The goal was divided into a series of five zones.

Victoria started her journey by winning the local contest sponsored by the St. Anthony Council #11585. She then went on to win the girls' age fourteen District Challenge, the Archdiocese Challenge and winning the State Challenge.

Victoria is a sophomore at Wood-Ridge High School and a member of the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team. In her freshmen year she scored the winning goal for Wood-Ridge over Elmwood Park. ###



VFW Post 4591 Holds Veterans Day Luncheon

On November 11, 2019, Veterans were honored with a Luncheon to honor the servicemen and women who served and fought to protect our country. The Care-One at Wellington in Hackensack invited Veterans, their spouses and widows of Veterans to a

free Veteran's Day Luncheon. Some of the Veterans present received a Purple Heart. Over 120 people attended the affair. All who attended had a great time.

The menu consisted of cheese, pepperoni and crackers as the appetizers, followed by

Caesar salad, spaghetti with shrimp, Chicken Francese, and vegetables. The dessert was yogurt with fresh fruit.

The entertainer was Randy Accardi, who sang and danced for the group. Photo by Marie Gallo. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###



The Nightmare **Before Christmas**

On Saturday October 12, 2019, the Ridgefield Park Police Department's Community Policing Unit, along with the local RP MOM's group, hosted a "Movie Night Under the Stars." The night consisted of officers throwing a football around with Village residents, playing volleyball, face painters, and frisbee. The night was topped with the showing of Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas." Provided by Lt. Brian Hippe. ###

Having an **Affair?**

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



Veterans Luncheon Appreciated

On November 6, 2018 the Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club held a luncheon at the Carlstadt Civic Center for the Veterans. Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



The Week of Respect



First Reformed Church **Annual Roast Beef Dinner**

On November 2, 2019, The Women's Guild of the First Reformed Church in Hasbrouck Heights welcomed the public to their Annual Roast Beef Dinner. The menu consisted of roast beef, two types of mashed potatoes and glazed carrots.

The Guild's Annual Dinner is one of the many fundraisers they hold for their Church and other local and national charities. It served not only as a fundraiser, but also as a way to bring people together to enjoy a home cooked meal.

More than 100 people enjoyed the roast beef dinner complete with an excellent cake dessert with whipped cream. Of course, there was plenty of food for seconds and even thirds.

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 by Gladys Gamble. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###



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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. ###

For the first week of October, the East Rutherford School District Counseling Department organized "The Week of Respect," in accordance with the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act. It was a fun-filled week dedicated to fostering respect, acceptance and advocacy in order to stomp out bullying altogether! Monday kicked off the week with the school's community wearing blue for World Day of Bullying Prevention. Students signed a "Anti-Bullying Pledge" in their

The week ended on Friday

homerooms.



with everyone wearing their Wildcat gear to show unity against bullying and donating over \$450 to the anti-bullying organization called Stomp Out Bullying. ###

owner Ronald Darby, will benefit the William Carlos Williams Center of Rutherford.

The gift, a collection of \$800 in donations from Justin associates, was dedicated for the support of Rutherford's Williams Center and was presented to Ron at the celebration of his 80th birthday.

Coordinated by Justin realtor, Jessica Davidson, the gift honors Mr. Darby's half century of support for Rutherford activities but also to memorialize Mr. Darby's earliest and most heartfelt jobs in the town.

Ron and Gloria Darby, along with most of the Justin Realty office, have participated in many activities in the Williams Center. Ron and Gloria have a shared history of their time at the Rivoli and personally understand the value of having a vibrant Performing Arts Center in Rutherford.

They hope that their gift will benefit the preservation of the original theater and the future redevelopment of the entire William Carlos Williams Center For The Performing Arts. Photo by William Neumann. ###

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Kids Delighted at Pumpkin Pick

On October 19, 2019, Little Ferry children up to Grade 4 picked a pumpkin, guessed the weight of a pumpkin, took a hayride and navigated a corn maze at the Willow Lake Park on Main Street. Event was free for Little Ferry residents. Sponsored by the Little Ferry Mayor and Council. ###

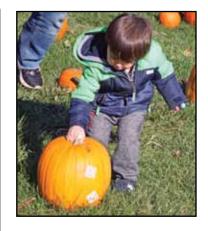


















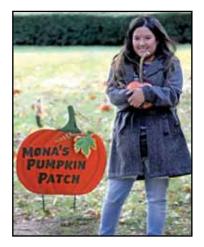
















Celebrating an Autumn Festival On October 18, 2019, The Felician School for Exceptional

Children held a Fall Festival.

Events ran at half hour intervals. Events included outdoor activities, apple tasting, dancing in the "barnyard," picture taking and pumpkin picking.

Farm animals (petting zoo) are scheduled for another day. After the festivities, cookies were served in the school. Program coordinated by Mary Anne Protzo. ###

Pumpkin People in the Park

The Woman's Club of Rutherford held its 5th Annual Pumpkin People in the Park fundraiser, on November 2, 2019. This family-friendly event was a great way to show off creativity and add some autumn flair to Lincoln Park, while supporting the many worthwhile endeavors of the

Woman's Club.

The cost of entry was \$50 for an 8 ft. x 10 ft. pumpkin patch spot, a bale of hay and a pumpkin sign. Entrants supplied the pumpkin and imagination to create their theme.

For more information, contact Laura at 201-893-1172. ###



























Girl Scouts Build Scarecrow





On Saturday, October 19, 2019, families and friends were invited to build a scarecrow on the Meadowlands Museum lawn!

All supplies were provided (scarecrow stand, old clothes, and hay) but guests were free to bring special items that would make their scarecrow unique!

Displays were up four to six weeks.

Peg Acres, Amy Acres, Jenna Walker, Rachel Schlett and Donna Schlett, 8th Grade Girl Scout Troop 5391, from Fair Lawn, participated in the Meadowlands Museum fundraiser event.

This year, they also had a People's Choice award for the public's favorite scarecrow.

The prize was awarded on Saturday, November 16, at 3 p.m., based on the ballots (\$1 each) that were cast in person and on the Museum's website.

For more information, call 201-935-1175 or go to www. meadowlandsmuseum.com. The Museum is located at 91 Crane Avenue. ###

RP Trunk or Treat

On Saturday, October 26, 2019, Ridgefield Park Police Officers Karl Martin and David Marco participated in the Roosevelt School PTO Trunk or Treat. They spent the day decorating police cars and spending time with kids from the community. The day was a great success. Provided by Lt. Brian Hippe. ###

Carlstadt Public School Pumpkin Carving: Donuts, Cider, Hot Dogs & Gifts

Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr.



South Hackensack First Annual Pumpkin Glow

Township of South Hackensack had their 1st Annual Pumpkin Glow on October 30, 2019, at Veterans' Park.

Committee, from left to right: Frank Cagas, Deputy Mayor James Anzevino, Mayor Yris Encarnacion, Luis Perdomo, Gary Brugger. *Photos provided by Scott Team Consulting*, *LLC. ###*







Ridgefield Park Rag-A-Muffin Parade

Parade photos provided by Barbara DeLuca. ###





















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The full cost of the affair was paid for by the Costa Family/Costa Memorial Home. This was the ninth year the Costas have hosted this dinner. This pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon was prepared and served by Giresi's Caterers of Lodi.

The meal was as close as one can get to a home cooked meal. The turkey was moist and tender; the mashed potatoes were light and fluffy; the sautéed green beans with mushrooms were outstanding and the yams were cooked to perfection.

There was also stuffing, cranberry sauce with pineapples, gravy, fresh rolls and salad. Of course, the meal could not have been complete without water, soda, coffee and delicious sheet cake.

President June Raymond expressed her thanks to Vicki Costa and her family for the great luncheon.

The affair was a great time for local seniors to get together, enjoy a meal and have time to socialize with their friends and neighbors. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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Stitch One, Share One

The Stitch One, Share One group will be taking its holiday break in December. Its next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2020, from 2 to 5 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Stitch One, Share One extends an invitation to members of the community to join us. Meetings are held on the last Sunday of every month. Come to learn to knit or crochet; come to advance your skills, come to help with our projects or to work on your own. The group has recently completed 50 hats for the "Hat Not Hate" anti-bullying project and over 20 scarves for PERC, the Palisades Emergency Residence Corporation. Meet wonderful women who enjoy sharing their talents and who will become friends. Look for our sign; we are barrier-free! ###

Joyful Noise Family Worship

On the second Sunday of every month between October and June, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Advent worship services are as follows: December 1, 8, 15 and 22, at 10:30 a.m. Joyful Noise Family Worship service December 8, 2019, at 9:15 a.m.

Joyful Noise Worship is for everyone, but is especially designed for children with Autism, PDD-NOS, ADHD, Down Syndrome and any other developmental/physical challenges.

This 30-minute Christian service combines music, movement, prayer, Bible stories, and Holy Communion. For more information,call 201-288-6889. ###

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Led by: Marion R. Spranger BSN, RN BC-FCN January 11, 2020, from 2-4 p.m., United Lyndhurst Church, 511 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, NJ.

Third Workshop: "Training for Spiritual Volunteers," led by: Rev. Dr. Peter H. Carey, Jr. on March 14, 2020: from 2 to 4 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Maywood, 401 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, NJ.

Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Call 201-939-7920. ###

Advent Concert December 8

The Annual Free Advent Concert, featuring the Adult and Children's Choirs of the Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge, will be held on December 8, 2019 at the Assumption Church at 3 p.m. They will be accompanied by strings, brass and percussion.

The two groups are under the direction of award-winning music director, Gabriel Valle. Also appearing will be the Gabrieli Brass Quintet.

The concert is a celebration of Advent and Christmas and will include many favorite carols and songs. It will also feature an original composition by local composer, Ty Agosta. ###

A Journey to **Bethlehem**

On December 8, 2019, 6 to 6:30; 7 to 7:30 p.m., the United Presbyterian Church of Lyndhurst, 511 Ridge Road, presents "A Journey to Bethlehem." A Living Nativity. Including live animals. Refreshments available. Free will offering. Page Avenue entrance. ###

Communal Penance

Advent Communal Penance Service will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., in the Corpus Christi Chapel, 215 Kipp Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Join us for a Communal Penance Service in conjunction with Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge. ###

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, 2019, at 7 p.m.

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

From the Porch

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's From the Porch ministry will be working to assist the residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, Straight and Narrow, located in Paterson and managed by Catholic Charities. Late in August, the center experienced a devastating fire, displacing more than 200 residents and destroying all their personal property as well as the center's stored supplies and furnishings. We are hoping to help by collecting men's or unisex T-shirts, sweat shirts or sweat pants in sizes M-3XL. Any color will be fine, but we ask that there be no designs or messages. Join us in sharing the spirit of the Christmas holidays with those who must work so hard to turn their lives around while recovering from addiction. We will be accepting donations throughout December. Items may be left in the box on the porch at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Ave, Hasbrouck Heights. If you have any questions or would like additional information, go to our website at www.holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com or call 201-288-6889 or look for Holy Trinity, Hasbrouck Heights on Facebook. ###

Corpus Christi Church Christmas Mass Schedule Corpus Christi Church: 260 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights

Corpus Christi Chapel: 215 Kipp Avenue (entrance through school) Parish Center: 201-288-4844 • http://corpuschristihh.org

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 p.m. – Chapel 4:15 p.m. – Church 10:00 p.m. – Chapel **Christmas Day, December 25** 8:00 a.m. – Church 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. – Chapel New Year's Eve, December 31 5:00 p.m. – Chapel New Year's Day, January 1 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. - Church

Heights Friendly Neighbors Kick **Off Their Annual Fund Drive**

The members of the Friendly Neighbors will officially begin their annual campaign on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019. It will continue

a group of 10 women from the Churches in Hasbrouck time and effort toward raisfunds go toward helping town residents.

This year they are helping 10 families with 18 children. These families are struggling through New Year's Day. to meet their financial obligations. Understandably, it is They have been in existence since 1939 as a local nearly impossible for them to celebrate the holidays with food organization and consists of and gifts for their children. We suggest that if you want to help Heights. They donate their these families, make a small donation. Your donations ing money, food, and supplies can be mailed to Mrs. Jackie Mazza, 126 Harrison Avenue, for needy local families. No expenses are taken and all Hasbrouck Heights. ###

Donate to Rutherford Community Chest

The Community Chest of Rutherford is now celebrating the 74th year of raising funds for Rutherford's non-profit organizations.

If you haven't been a supporter before, now is the time. Last year, with the help of generous individuals, families and businesses, your Community Chest was able to assist thousands of Rutherford residents. We did this through the financial support offered to eight important Rutherford community organizations.

All this was, and continues to be, operated and managed by unpaid volunteers. This year the demand on our services remains. Families will need food assistance and greater support for programs for our youngsters. The Community Chest is a "one-stop shopping" charity of worthy organizations.

Tax deductible contributions may be sent to: Community Chest of Rutherford, Inc., PO Box 263, Rutherford, NJ 07070. ###

Mt. Ararat **Babtist Church**

On November 24, 2019, Mt. Ararat Baptist Church at 29 Elm Street, Rutherford, is celebrating the Annual Men and Women's Day including the dedication of the Fellowship Hall to Deaconess Ernestine T. Mangum, at the 11 a.m. service. She was a Librarian of the Rutherford School System for many years prior to her retirement. For information, call Sadie at 201-939-8692, or Marlene at 201-939-7143. ###

Women's Faith Sharing Group

Any interested Christian woman is invited to attend a monthly Women's Faith Sharing Group at the Community of God's Love, Rutherford's Catholic Charismatic Community. Participants will reflect on a passage from Scripture or from a Christian writer and share on its meaning in their lives. The program will take place at Visitation House, 70 West Passaic Avenue, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., on December 4, 2019 and January 8, 2020, and subsequent first Wednesdays of the month, adjusting for holidays. No obligation to come to every session. For more information or to register, email rroller81@hotmail.com or call 201-935-0344. ###

Christmas Services at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church **Hasbrouck Heights**

• 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. Music prelude to begin at 9:15; music includes special music for organ and instrumentalists.

• Sunday, December 29, at 10:30 a.m. as the season continues and the light of Christ's birth gives us hope as we walk with those of all generations who have suffered unjustly.

• Feast of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 5, 2020, as we celebrate the revelation of Christ to all nations and reflect on the cosmic significance of Jesus' birth.

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Vertigo in the Elderly

The Borough of Wood-Ridge presented a program "Vertigo in the Elderly" at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center. Despite the small attendance, those who attended received a great deal of information.

Ms. Jackie Goldklang, introduced the speaker, Dr. Aylin Malmut, PT, business owner of "Get Well Physical Therapy" located in Wood-Ridge. Dr. Malmut discussed the definition of vertigo, the causes, symptoms and its treatment.

Vertigo or dizziness affects 70% of seniors age 65 or older. It gives the sensation of spinning and can affect vision. It is one of the reasons for losing your balance. Diagnosing and treatment is difficult. One of the major causes is inner ear disorders (crystals and noises).

Dr. Malmut presented an interesting and informative program which discusses many aspects of Vertigo. She has been in the field of physical therapy for over 12 years and specializes in sports injuries and post-surgical rehabilitation, she also treats vertigo. ###

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. Bin-

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, Obal Hall, Lodi campus, 262 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ.

Members and their guests attend an informational program at 1 p.m. followed by coffee and conversation. There is a \$3 fee to attend each program or ask about our annual membership dues. For more information, contact Michael or Danny at 201-559-6072.

2019 Events

• • December 6, "The Writings, Speeches, and Rhetoric of John F. Kennedy: A Literary Perspective" Dr. Robert McParland.

• December 14, Christmas lunch at Iviswold Castle. ###

AARP Chapter #2015 Events

The AARP Chapter #2015 of Lodi meets at noon the third Tuesday of every month at the Lodi Senior Center, 22 Walnut Pl. Each meeting has either a speaker or entertainment as well as light refreshments. New members welcome. 2019 dues are \$10 for the year. For information, contact Marie at 201-566-4431.

• December 17, 2019: Regular monthly meeting. Luncheon.

Contact Etta at 201-845-8521. ###

Carlstadt Seniors/ Vic's Hoofers

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 1 p.m. at the Civic Center, at 423-433 4th Street, Carlstadt. Refreshments are served. It is a great place to meet your neighbors and other seniors of the Boro. Bingo and Jackpot Bingo is played after is going to the Hunterdon every meeting. There is no cost to the members.

Lodi Senior 2019 Club News

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club begins its 51st year. The Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Every Thursday is "Fun Day." They have a pool table, and shuffle board. Do what your doctor says, "Keep Moving" with exercise or Bingo, card playing or pool and enjoy a day with friends.

Plus, they usually have entertainment at most of the meetings. For information, call 973-472-6994 and leave a message.

2019 Trips and Events

• December 6, Christmas Party at the Venetian.

• December 10, Pizza in the Club, entertainment by DJ, George Tuzzio. ###

Kip Center Monthly Casino Trip

The Kip Center hosts a Sands Casino Trip the second Monday of every month. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford. The cost is \$35. You will get \$25 back when you arrive. 55 Kip Members first priority, but spaces are generally available for your friends. Reserve early. New to the Kip Center? Give it a try, there is always something going on. Call 201-460-1600 for information. ###

Bingo!

Little Ferry Seniors: Bingo is played every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Senior Center starting at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments served. For more information, call 201-440-4815. ###

Moonachie Seniors

2019 Trips • December 5 - The Club Hills Playhouse to see their all new Christmas musical. There are seven lunch selections to choose from and of course, their famous unlimited dessert buffet. Cost is \$72 pp. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m.







go follows each meeting. New members are always welcome. For additional information, contact Josephine at 201-460-1989.

• Caesar's Casino, every 3rd Monday of the month. Cost is \$35 with \$30 in slot play. Bus leaves from the CVS parking lot on Paterson Avenue at 9:30 a.m. All payments must be made in advance.

• Free blood-pressure screenings on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m.

2019 Upcoming Trips

• December - Trip has been cancelled. For information and reservations, contact Josephine at 201-460-1989. ###

All Carlstadt Seniors 60+ are invited to join the Friendship Club.

2019 Upcoming Trips

• December 12, Doolan's "Radio City Tribute."

The Vic's Hoofers, a ladies social group, meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Carlstadt Civic Center on 4th Street. Women from surrounding towns are invited to join. Dues are \$15 per year. Fun activities are planned for each meeting, with refreshments served. ###

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Drug or Alcohol Issues?

The Englewood chapter of Families Anonymous meets Friday evenings, at 7:45 p.m., in Room 5503 of Englewood Hospital, 35 Engle Street, Englewood, NJ 07631. Families Anonymous is a 12 step fellowship for the family and friends of those individuals with drug, alchohol, or related behavioral issues. We are here to help. 201-747-1153. ###

Thyroid Cancer Support Group

Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. will meet on Thursday, December 5, 2019, from 6 to 8 p.m., at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. All are welcome. No registration required.

Lodi Rabies Clinic

The Borough of Lodi is offering a Free Rabies Clinic on January 28, 2020, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the Firehouse, 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, 2020. 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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Filling You In By Jeffrey E. Mason, D.M.D.

Taking care of your teeth as you age

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What are some problems I should watch for?

Gingivitis. Most people don't realize how important it is to take care of their gums. Gingivitis is caused by the bacteria found in plaque that attack the gums. Symptoms of gingivitis include red, swollen gums and possible bleeding when you brush.

If you have any of these symptoms, see a dentist at once. Gingivitis can lead to periodontal (gum) disease if problems persist. Most adults show signs of gum disease. Severe gum disease affects about 25 percent of 65 to 74-yearolds. In gum disease, your gums begin to recede, pulling back from the teeth. In the worst cases, bacteria form pockets between the teeth and gums, weakening the bone.

All this can lead to tooth loss if untreated, especially in patients with osteoporosis. If regular oral care is too difficult, your dentist can provide alternatives to aid in flossing and prescribe medication to keep the infection from getting worse.

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care and prevention of disease. Ask your dentist for ways to overcome this problem. Certain dental products are designed to make dental care less painful for arthritis sufferers. You may want to try strapping the toothbrush to a larger object, such as a ball, to make the brush more comfortable to handle, or electric toothbrushes can help by doing some of the work for you.

What are the signs of oral cancer?

Oral cancer most often occurs in people over 40 years of age. See a dentist immediately if you notice any red or white patches on your gums or tongue, and watch for sores that fail to heal within two weeks. Unfortunately, oral cancer is often difficult to detect in its early stages, when it can be cured easily. Your dentist can perform a head and neck exam to screen for signs of cancer.

Should I be concerned about dry mouth?

Dry mouth (xerostomia) happens when salivary glands fail to work due to disease, certain medications or cancer treatment. This can make it hard to eat, swallow, taste and speak. In certain cases, such as radiation therapy, dry mouth can lead to severe complications, which is why it is important you see a dentist immediately before beginning any form of cancer treatment. Drinking lots of water and avoiding sweets, tobacco, alcohol and caffeine are some ways to fight dry mouth. Your dentist also can prescribe medications to fight severe dry mouth.

Maintaining your overall health

Studies have shown that maintaining a healthy mouth may keep your body healthier and help you avoid diabetes, heart disease and stroke. The best way to achieve good oral health is to visit your dentist at least twice a year.



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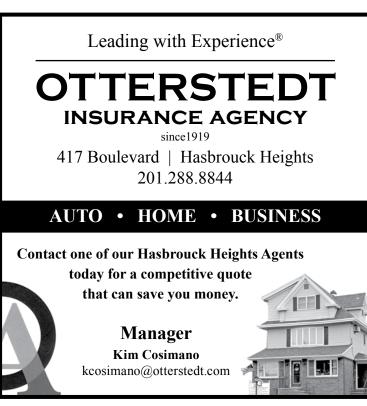
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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney

A Home for the Holidays

While holiday shoppers are obsessing over finding the ultimate gift ideas, tenacious house hunters who buy a home in December, compared with other times of the year, will save the most money, according to a new study.

In fact, buying a home on precisely December 26 can save you as much as 5% on the sales price, according to an analysis done by ATTOM Data Solutions. December held seven of the top 10 days where buyers across the country snagged the best price discounts on a home purchase, making it the best month to buy a home, ATTOM found. Said David Bloom of the data firm: "It's the housing market's version of a Black Friday sale."

Negotiating a lower price, of course, isn't the only good reason to buy a home during the holidays. December is a month before the Federal Reserve's traditional interest rate hikes resume, say leading economists. Mortgage rate spikes can add to your borrowing costs and put you beyond affordability.

Moreover, while everyone else is out celebrating and shopping – thus reducing home buyer traffic – those who shop for real estate are usually met with sellers more willing to make a deal. There's generally more motivation on the part of sellers, especially if it involves issues of job relocation, divorce or simply fatigue and a need for a sale before the year is out. There's always some

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Expert Repair & Service Heights Boulevard Service Boulevard & Madison • HH 201-288-5959 compelling reason for putting a home on the market during the holidays (*let's face it: it's no holiday party for them to have strangers wandering through their house at that time*). Combining seller motivation with decreased competition and you have great leverage to get a better deal.

Home prices have been rising rapidly in our marketplace, mostly because of an overall shortage of home inventory. December, however, has historically had the lowest home prices of any month due in part to the reasons noted above. There's no guarantee that this year will continue the trend but it's worth checking local prices.

Check the interest rates, too! They're still at near historical lows. And as of this writing, interest rates are slowly sinking as we enter the season to levels of under 4%. Even a slight decrease in rates will make a huge difference in savings over the life of the mortgage.

Concurrent with your December home purchase you're no doubt going to need furniture and other stuff for your new digs. Plenty of seasonal clearance sales will be available this winter to help you apply a personal touch.

And besides the financial considerations, there are other factors to look at, for instance,

a truly realistic picture of the house. I mean, what house doesn't look amazing in the typical spring buying season, with newly planted flowers and plenty of sunlight streaming through the windows? Checking it out during the miserable winter season might give you, however, a more accurate idea of what you might be living with the rest of the year.

In addition to seeing the house, warts and all, you can check for issues that you'd notice only during cold weather. Likewise, the same is true for when the home inspection is done. Maybe a portion of the living space does not get sufficient heat or the doors don't open and shut properly in icy conditions. Home inspectors are less likely to pick up on these flaws when they examine in a fairer season.

Lastly, there's the advantage of having greater accessibility to the professionals that you're going to need for your home purchase. December is usually a slower month all around and you'll have easier access to movers, inspectors and mortgage brokers. What's more, I can assure you that we realtors - with more time available and fewer client demands - will bend over backwards to provide you the best possible service; as well as Mutual Holiday Cheer!

Mary Ellen Courtney is owner of Real Living Gateway Realtors, 201-288-0004. www. GatewayToHomes.com ###

Cancelled Stamps Wanted

Fifteen 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.

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. ###

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HH Library Dec. 2019

Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. 201-288-0488, http:// hasbrouckheightslibrary.org. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted

For Children

• Lego Club – Join the Hasbrouck Heights Lego Club! Show off your architectural talents and come create with us on Tuesday, December 3 and 17 starting at 3:30 p.m. for ages 5-12. Legos will be provided.

• Santa Story Times –Join us for a jolly visit from Santa! We will read stories, have time to give Santa your lists and take pictures. We will be having two visits this year, so be sure to register for only ONE visit: Wednesday, December 11, at 11 a.m. or 7 p.m.

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

• Movies at The Library -School's out for Winter Break, so join us for some afternoon movies! Show starts at 1:30 p.m. on December 23, 26 and 27 for everyone. Refreshments will be served.

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

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

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

• Winter Storytime: Registration - Start your winter mornings with stories! Registration starts on January 2, 2020. Classes begin Tuesday, January 21, and will run for six weeks. Registration is required.

• Tiny Tots: Ages: Birth to 2 1/2 and their caregiver. Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Preschool: Ages: 3 ¹/₂ to 5 Tuesdays, 1:15 to 2 p.m. • Movie and Ugly Gingerbread Sweater Decorating: Come and make the ugliest, yummiest of gingerbread men with us and watch a seasonal movie! Wearing ugly holiday sweaters is encouraged. For those in 7th Grade and up. This event will be on Monday, December 23, at 6:30 p.m.

• Teen Readers' Club: We meet on the first Monday of the 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, January 6, 2020, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., we will discuss "Let It Snow" by John Green, Maureen Johnson, Lauren Myracle.

• Cross-Generation Holiday Craft for Teens and Adults: Just in time for the holidays! The Library will sponsor a fun-filled afternoon for teens and adults to create their very own winter-themed ornaments of snowmen and candy cane decorations to add to the festivities of the season. This craft project will be held on Wednesday, December 18, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in The Library's conference room.

For Adults

• Showcase Artist: The artwork of Julia Guzzio will be on display in the Adult Services/Reference section of The Library through December 2019. Julia is a multi-talented artist, who creates art through many media, including drawings, paintings, photographs, video performance art and poetry. Her work has been exhibited at Ringwood and **Englewood Public Libraries** as well as spaces in Brooklyn, Cutchogue, Easthampton and Sensei, New York.

Have a favorite hobby or special collection you'd like to share? Sign up by calling the Reference Department at 201-288-6653 to have your collection displayed for one month at The Library.

W-R Dec. 2019 Library Events

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

• Stories with Santa: The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library invites children to Stories with Santa at the beautifully restored Bianchi House, at 111 First Street in Wood-Ridge. The programs will be held on Wednesday, December 4, at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday, December 5, at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Advance registration is required.

• Music with Miss Nita: The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host free musicand-movement classes with Miss Nita on Wednesdays. December 4 and 18, at 9:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. Come share the joys of making music! 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.

• PAWS To Read: Young readers wanted! On Monday, December 2, from 6 p.m. 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.

 Chess Club: On Wednesdays, December 4 and 11, The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host a free Chess Club for learners of all ages. Children meet from 3 to 4 p.m. and adult beginning players meet from 4 to 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, RSVP 201-438-2455. • Wood-Ridge Memorial Library Book Club: On Tuesday, December 17, at 7:15 p.m., join your neighbors and friends to discuss "Wishin' and Hopin" by Wally Lamb. The meeting will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. ###

Ridgefield Park Library Dec. 2019 Events

Ridgefield Park Public Library, 107 Cedar Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660. 201-641-0689 https://www. ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary. org/ Programs are provided in partnership with The Friends of Ridgefield Public Library.

• Reading and Writing ESL Class: December 3, 10, 17, from 10-11 a.m.

Practice listening, speaking, reading and writing English for everyday needs with a certified teacher. For adults 16 years old or older.

• **Basic ESL Class:** December 4, 11, 18, from 7 - 8 p.m.

Practice listening, speaking, reading and writing English for everyday needs with a certified teacher. For adults 16 years old or older.

• ESL Conversation Class December 2, 9, 16, 23, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Talk with native speakers and other language learners about current events, travel, money, family, holidays and much more. For adults 16 years old or older.

• Monster Chronicles December 4, 18, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. As seen on the popular Youtube channel, "Critical Role!" Create a character and form a team to battle monsters in this RPG inspired by the likes of "Supernatural" and "Stranger Things." For 7th Grade and up. Registration is required.

• Coder Dojo: December 19, 7 to 9 p.m. Learn one of the most beneficial skills in today's high-tech world: coding! Ridgefield Park's very own Forte Family teaches youngsters, age 9 to 17, how to navigate and create using various computer coding languages. Registration required. ###

• Adult Video/Board Game: December 13, 6-8 p.m. Need a night out? Do you like to play video games or board games? We will be playing video games and some board

Carlstadt Library Dec. 2019 Events

Carlstadt Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072. 201-438-8866 carlstadt.bccls.org

• **Crafternoons**: Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. Join Miss Nina for a fun make and take craft. Crafts are appropriate for First Grade and up, but all are welcome to attend. No crafts December 25.

• Story Time: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Babies to age five are welcome to wiggle, jiggle, sing and learn with their caregivers. No Story Time December 26.

Gift Wrapping:

December 9 at 6 p.m: It's a Wrap- Beginner Gift Wrapping. All ages, adults and children, are welcome to attend this beginner's gift-wrapping class. Bring a gift to wrap, or help us wrap books for under the Children's tree. Wrapping paper, tape, and ribbon will be provided. All ages, adults and children, are welcome to attend this beginner's gift-wrapping class.

• Young Adult Crafts: December 10 at 7 p.m: Fifth Graders and up, join Miss Nina to make your own Dragon's Egg! We'll be using craft supplies to create something truly unique.

• Young Adult Cooking: December 17, at 7 p.m,. Fifth Graders and up. We'll teach the basics of making Mediterranean pork and orzo from start to finish.

• Winter Slime: December 19 at 3:30 p.m: We're making slime with Borax and clear glue, with winter accents. Kids will be able to bring their slime creations home. First come, first served, Carlstadt residents are given preference.

Keep Curbs Free From Leaves

Rake leaves off the top of the curb and fully into the street.

It is advised that providing a drainage space between the leaf pile and the curb will allow a better flow of rain water to storm drains. Keep raked leaves at least 10 feet from storm drains. ###

• Book Buddies - Ages: 2 1/2 to 3 1/2. Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

For Teens • Teen Advisory Board:

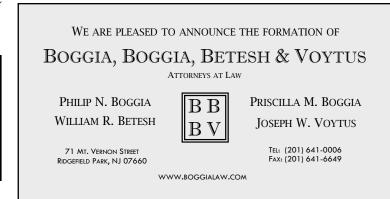
Make your voice heard, join the Teen Advisory Board! We meet on the second Thursday of each month. Teens can participate in community service projects, learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities, have a say in teen programming at The Library, and make suggestions for books to add to The Library's YA collection. Our next meeting is Thursday, December 12, from 4-5 p.m.

• Adult Book Group: The Adult Book Group will take a break for the busy holiday season. Join us in the New Year! We will meet for a fun and friendly talk and refreshments on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The next meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, will focus on "Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud and the Last Trial of Harper Lee" by Casey Cep, the story of an Alabama serial killer and the true-crime book that Harper Lee worked on in the years after "To Kill a Mockingbird." Copies of the novel will be available at the front desk. ###

Reduce Reuse Recycle games setup. Refreshments. Registration is required. Call 201-641-0689.

Adult Book Club: Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join us the last Monday of the month for a fun and lively discussion. • December 30: "Seven Days of Us" by Francesca

Hornak. ##



Lodi Library Adult Events

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

• Adult Paint Night: Thursday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. Make a holiday card using watercolors. All skill levels welcome, all materials provided. Space is limited; call 973-365-4044 to reserve a spot.

On-going:

• Adult Computer Classes: Lodi Memorial Library offers one-on-one classes computer classes. For information, visit our website at lodi.bccls. org Sessions last one hour. Appointments must be made at least one week in advance. Appointments are available on either a Tuesday or a Thursday at either 1:30 or 6:30 p.m. Call 973-365-4044.

Adult Coloring

Last Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

• Adult Book Club: Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Check our website for book titles.

• Wednesday Afternoon Movies: Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. See website for movie titles listing at lodi.bccls.org ###

Little Ferry Dec. 2019 Library Events

Little Ferry Public Library, 239 Liberty Street, NJ 07643, phone 201-641-3721. littleferrybccls.org

• Knit Two Purl Two, does that sound good? Come Wednesday evenings to knit up a sweater!Yarn Barn meets Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Club often donates handmade items to local charities.

• Computer Instruction One on One computer instruction every Tuesday night from 6-7 p.m. Reference Room.

• Friday Movie Program Noon. Movie participants welcome to suggest movies for future viewings.

Looking to take your child out of the house to a program? • Mommy and Me (0-2 year olds) meet every Monday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Rutherford Library December 2019

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

Adult and Reference Department

• Monday Evening Book Group: On Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk of the Rutherford Public Library.

• Knit One, Read Two: On Wednesday, December 4, at 6 p.m., the Knit One, Read Two Wednesday Night Reading Club will meet to discuss "The Christmas Town" by Donna VanLiene. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk.

• Adult Cook-A-Book Club: On Tuesday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m., the Adult Cook-a-Book Club will meet. This month, the Club will bring in recipes from "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Dinnertime" by Ree Drummond. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk. Let us know which recipe you choose ahead of the meeting time.

• Yoga: Strengthen and Stretch: The Bendy Bookworm, Danielle Fisher, will again be teaching yoga classes at The Rutherford Public Library. This class, Adult Yoga: Strengthen and Stretch is for all levels. It will be held on the following Mondays at 6:30 p.m: December 2, and 9. To register, call 201-939-8600.

• Searching For Your Ancestors: The Rutherford Public Library will hold its genealogy program in December. Part One: Using Ancestry to Find Your Family will be held on Wednesday, December 4, at 6 p.m.

Part Two: Other Resources (or Ok, I've looked at Ancestry. *What else is out there?*) will be held Wednesday, December. 11, at 6 p.m. The following week, we will hold a third genealogyrelated program, "Meet HeritageOuest!" on Wednesday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. Get to know our newest genealogy database! Registration is recommended. To register, call 201-939-8600 or send an email to reference@rutherford.bccls. org. Light refreshments follow. • Film Screening: On Tuesday, December 17, at 6 p.m., the Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free film screening of "Aladdin" at The Rutherford Public Library. Adult Afternoon Craft: The Rutherford Public Library will host an adult craft on Friday, December 13, at 1 p.m. We will be making winter holiday greeting cards. All supplies will be provided. To register, visit the Main Desk of The Library. Preference will be given to Rutherford residents.

• English Conversation Group: English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group at The Rutherford Public Library. The group meets on Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Thursday from 1 p.m. 2:30 p.m. The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting. This class will end for the year the week of December 9. This is a free program and all are welcome.

• Origami Club: The Rutherford Public Library will be hosting its next origami Club meeting on Monday, December 30, at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to make origami with resident and origami enthusiast, Kira Wallisch. All adults are welcome to join. Future meetings will typically be held the last Monday of the month.

• Wired Wednesdays at The Library: The Rutherford Public Library will hold a dropin program for those who need help with their smartphones, tablets, or computers. We will meet on Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab, where our Technology Librarian will be available to answer your questions.

• Tech Tutor: The Rutherford Public Library offers Tech Tutor appointments, in which adults who need help with their computer, tablet, or smartphone are welcome to meet with a librarian for one hour at a time to ask questions and get assistance. These are by appointment only.

Children's Department

• Drop-In Storytime: Drop-in Storytime will take place in The Rutherford Public Library on Wednesdays and one Thursday in December on the following dates: December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19, from 10:30 to 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. After-School Storytime: The Rutherford Public Library will hold an after-school storytime on Thursday, December 19, at 4:45 p.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.

Public Library on Friday, December 6, and 13, at 11:15 a.m. to play guitar for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Join us for singing and dancing!

• Family Cook-A-Book Club: Family Cook-A-Book Club will be held at The Rutherford Public Library on Tuesday, December 3, 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. 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.

• Paws to Read: The Rutherford Public Library welcomes back Yogi and Rodney for our Paws to Read program. Registered therapy dog Yogi and his owner will visit Tuesday, December 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. Rodney, also a registered Bright and Beautiful therapy dog, will visit our Library with his owner on Monday, December 16, from 4 to 5 p.m. 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 their 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.

• Game On!! Board Game Group: Our Game On!! Board Game Club for Fifth and Sixth Graders is continuing at The Rutherford Public Library on Monday, December 2, 9, and 16, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Registration is required.

• The Spoonman: On Friday, December 6, at 4 p.m., The Rutherford Public Library will present the "Spoonman," who will present a hilarious, interactive comedy show for ages 4 and up. The Spoonman, who will visit us all the way from Michigan, has played the spoons all over the world. He has performed for world leaders and celebrities and can't wait to amaze you. • Yoga Storytime Music Extravaganza: The Bendy Bookworm, Miss Danielle, and Mr. Chris are joining to hold a special holiday "Yoga Storytime Music Extavaganza" at The Rutherford Public Library! This program will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at 1 p.m. It is for ages 24 months to 5 years. Registration is required. ###

Lodi Library Dec. Events

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

Special Programs

• Coding with Robots: Friday, December 6, 13, at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Learn to code with Finch robots and the Scratch programming language. No prior knowledge of Scratch necessary. This program is for Grades 4 and up. Registration required.

• Life Size Candyland: Monday, December 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The beloved board game Candyland will be brought to life in this magical program! Participate to move across the board and win candy. This program is for all ages. Registration required.

• Tween DIY: Thursday, December 12, from 4 to 5 p.m. This month we're making beaded snowflakes. This program is open to kids in Grades 3-6. Registration required.

• Family Movie: Monday, December 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This month's family movie is "Frozen," rated PG. This program is for all ages. No registration. Seats are on a first-come basis.

• **Teen DIY:** Thursday, December 19, from 4 to 5 p.m.

This month we're making mason jar hot cocoa mixes! Give as a gift or save this tasty treat for later. This program is open to teens in Grades 7-12. Registration required.

On-going:

• **LEGO Build:** The Library provides all the LEGOS and will display your creations every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

• Pajama Storytime: Join Miss Libby for our new pajama storytime full of books, songs, and movement. This program is open to everyone, Every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7 p.m. no registration required.

Crafty Wednesday This program is open to children ages 2-4. Every Wednesday from 11 to 12 p.m. No registration required.
Storytime and Play Group: Join Miss Libby for a storytime full of books, songs, and movement. Play time will follow immediately after storytime. Every Friday from 11 to 12 p.m. no registration required.

• Story Hour with Crafts 2 to 4 year olds meet Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please register for Story Hour. ###

It's Flu Season

Cover Your Cough

Wash Your Hands

• Musical Mornings: Miss Fran will visit The Rutherford • Anime Club: Meets the first Thursday of every month, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., for anime movies, discussions, crafts, and snacks.

• Board and Card Games: Play UNO, Battleship, Connect Four, Monopoly and many other favorites every Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. ###





Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident between a bus and a car on Valley Boulevard and North Avenue on October 21, 2019. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Moonachie Fire Department Halts Ceiling Fire

On October 24, 2019, Moonachie Fire Department responded to a house fire. A 5" line connected hydrant to fire engine and an attack line was used in the home. The fire was in the ceiling. Extensions were checked and the home was vented. Moonachie EMS attended a victim. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

Wallington Fire Department Cancels Holiday Parade

The Wallington Fire Department announces the cancellation of the 2019 Holiday Parade.

This would have been the 18th year of this small community's "placement-on-the-map" event.

When the parade was envisioned, the primary focus was the children, the families and the community. All of those objectives were met over many times and essentially served a generation that has memories they will never forget. Memories that started at Thanksgiving and ushered in the holiday season. by three large sponsors that were generous enough to provide enough funding to run the event.

Additionally, this year, there were several significant community events taking place that seemed to have smaller sponsors holding off on providing donations.

One of the major factors is that the Fire Department, while strong in numbers, has trouble recruiting enough members to make a full commitment to work aspects leading up to and after the parade and the parade day itself.

The planning stages start



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The parade has relied primarily on independent sponsors to pay for the associated costs which run in upwards of \$10,000, which increases every year.

Those costs do not include the services graciously provided by the Borough of Wallington, the Mayor & Council, the Police Chief and surrounding municipalities who provided many favors over the years including police and public works services, among others.

They almost faced this situation last year as the 2018 parade was primarily funded

mid-summer, with many committee and general meetings lasting well until the week following the parade.

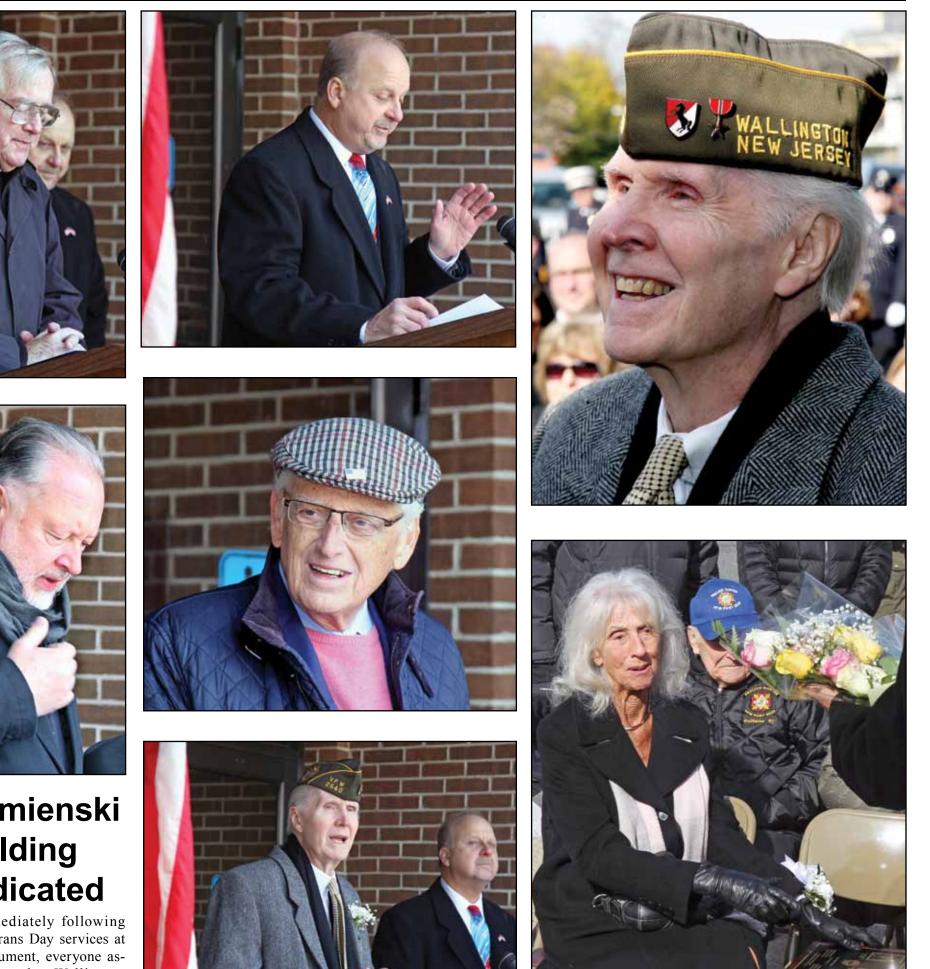
For all of the past parades, the dedication by our members to forgo a holiday weekend with their friends and families, planning and setting up the event, illustrates how much heart and soul that was shown for the Borough of Wallington and most importantly, the children.

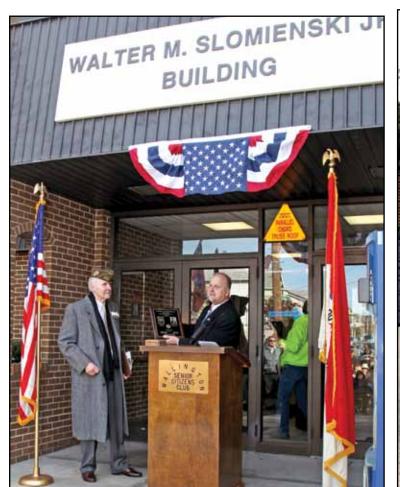
It was reported that Totowa and West Paterson Fire Departments have expressed interest in continuing this holiday tratition. ###

Volunteer... Join Your Fire Department!

You will be part of the "Army of Protection" of the South Bergen Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Associations which includes: Carlstadt, East Newark, East Rutherford, Elmwood Park, Garfield, Hasbrouck Heights, Little Ferry, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Maywood, Moonachie, North Arlington, Nutley, Rochelle Park, Rutherford, Saddle Brook, Secaucus, South Hackensack, Wallington and Wood-Ridge

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Slomienski Building **Dedicated**

Immediately following the Veterans Day services at the monument, everyone assembled at the Wallington Civic Center where the Borough honored and recognized the dedicated service of Mayor Emeritus and Army Captain, Walter M. Slomienski Jr., who served gallantly in the Vietnam War and served the Borough as Mayor for 16 years, by re-

dedicating the Civic Center in his name.

This coincides with the 35th Anniversary of the opening of the Civic Center which was accomplished during Mayor Slomienski's tenure.

Master of Ceremonies was Mayor Mark W. Tomko. Following the Invocation, there was a review of the Civic Center history. Congressman Bill Pascrell spoke. A biography of Mayor Emeritus Slomienski was given, followed by the unveiling of the signage. There was a Blessing of the Slomienski Building. Mayor Emeritus Slomienski provided a historical review. After the Benediction, light refreshments were served. ###













Veterans Monument Rededicated

The Borough of Wallington observed Veterans Day on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Veterans Monument on Hartmann-Tursick Veterans Boulevard (*Paterson and Union*).

At that time, the town honored Veterans for their service in ceremonies, as well as marking the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of its War Memorial Monument in 1919. Master of Ceremonies was Mayor Emeritus and Army Captain Walter Slomienski Jr. The Wallington High School Band played the National Anthem followed by an Invocation by Rev. Dr. Peter Carey Jr. Wreaths were placed at the monument. Mayor Emeritus Walter Wargacki read the Honor Roll as members of the Fire Department placed carnations at the Monument base. Rev. Gregory Mludzik provided a memorial prayer. Mayor Mark W. Tomko gave the keynote address. Congressman Bill Pascrell made comments. War flags were placed around the monument. Pavlick Koster Post 2640 Veterans performed a memorial ritual. Taps was played. The program concluded with a Benediction by Rev. Canon Felix Marciniak. ##

Hasbrouck Heights











Veterans Day remembrance ceremony was held Monday, November 11, 2019, 11 a.m. at Veterans Park. The ceremony was led by Patrick McCarthy. Mayor Jack DeLorenzo spoke.

VFW Chaplain John De-Lorenzo gave the Opening Prayer and Benediction. Sal Altomare led in the singing of "God Bless America."

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Monument and Veterans Park, VFW Post 4591 member Fritz Rethage provided it's history. ###

Carlstadt



Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr.







Pearl Harbor Remembrance

On Saturday, December 7, 2019, at 11 a.m., at The Monument, Euclid Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street, Ridgefield Park, American Legion Post 40 and VFW Post 277 will observe the 78th Anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, marking the entry of the United States into World War II. The public is welcome to attend. As time goes by, the following generations don't seem to know about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. Children cannot learn history or know about the past unless you teach them. ###

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Richard Robitaille Joins Gateway Realtors

Service. It's in this man's DNA. Seventeen and under-aged, Rich Robitaille was only able to enlist in the Army with the reluctant permission of his father, himself a Veteran of the Vietnam War. A high ranking NCO and decorated Desert Storm combatant, he served a total of 30 years, earning along the way a string of commendations and university degrees, including a PhD in Education. Observed Mary Ellen Courtney, Broker for Gateway: "Rich embodies a rare degree of serious accomplishment; a soldier-scholar. But he's also a very humble individual. We are immensely honored to have him aboard with us."



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We are an official Toys for Tots drop off location. Please consider donating new unwrapped toys before December 13th.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas, Hanukkah and the Happiest of New Years!





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