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## D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. (*Drug Abuse Resistance Education*) is a comprehensive life skills and drug education program for 9 to 11 year-olds. The course is an in-school curriculum consisting of 10 one-hour sessions providing children with knowledge, skills, and an opportunity to explore attitudes, help them to make informed decisions, and develop safe and healthy lifestyles. Topics covered include tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, volatile substances, bullying, anti-social behavior, internet safety, etc. The interactive sessions provide a range of learning opportunities through individual activities, teamwork, discussions, and appropriate role play. Students sign a pledge not to use drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Above is Hasbrouck Heights D.A.R.E. instructor D/Sgt. Alan Baker addressing parents, school officials and students during a culmination ceremony. *See page 17.*

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# Bee-ing The Best

On Friday, January 12, 2018, the Junior Women’s Club of Hasbrouck Heights held its 25th Annual Spelling Bee at Kiefer Auditorium in the Hasbrouck Heights Middle/High School. Thirty-three top spellers from the 4th and 5th Grade classes of Corpus Christi, Euclid and Lincoln Schools competed to be the best.

The students participating

were already winners in their classroom spelling bees.

The winners were: 1st Place, Nathalie DeGuzman, Euclid School; 2nd Place, Anishka Chauhun, Lincoln School and 3rd Place, Luis Ndocaj, Euclid School. Awards were given to these spellers.

Judges were Mimi Hui-Director, HH Public Library,

Joseph Mastropietro, Principal, HH Middle School, Patricia Caruso, President, HH Board of Education.

The Spelling Bee rules were read by Karen Felicetti, Reading Specialist, Lincoln School. The Pronouncer was Cindy Capozzi, Media Specialist, Lincoln School. The Moderator was Jennifer Tsigaras,

President JWC.

The top three spellers from this event will move onto the district Spelling Bee, February 3, 2018, at the Rutherford Women’s Club.

Winners from the District Spelling Bee compete in the State Spelling Bee on March 3, 2018, at NJSFWC Headquarters in New Brunswick. ###

# FREE EGG HUNT!

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# Roberta Henriquez Celebrated

Before a packed Little Ferry Council chamber, one of the longest serving Council members (10 terms) in Bergen County, Roberta Henriquez concluded decades of public office at the Sin Die meeting on Friday, January 5, 2018. Calling her the conscience of the Council, Mayor Mauro Raguseo provided a glimpse of her life and contribution to Little Ferry.

Roberta E. Henriquez grew up in the Borough of Little Ferry with her Mom, Dad and sisters, Jessica and Kandy and attended Wilson and Ridgefield Park High Schools.

At a time when girls' sports programs were not yet estab-

lished, Roberta achieved great success in inter-mural sports and was the recipient of the Girls' Athletic Award.

Roberta's innate intelligence, intuitive nature and magnetic personality led her to attain professional success working in New York City and later for the Borough of Little Ferry where she learned about municipal government and accounting.

In March of 1971, Roberta met Phil and they were married on February 21, 1972.

In 1982, Roberta was named Board Secretary and Assistant to the School Business Administrator for Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education.

Service to her community quickly became a source of energy and pride. Roberta presided over the Junior Women's Club, Women's Club and a member of the VFW, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Little Ferry Lions Club.

The desire to improve educational opportunities for the children of Little Ferry, Roberta, ran and was elected to the Little Ferry Board of Education in 1982, serving 6 years as a member and Board President.

Roberta was first elected as a proud member of the Democratic Party to the Little Ferry Borough Council in November of 1987 and was sworn in to office in January 1988 and she



was subsequently re-elected in 1990, 1993, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, and 2014.

During Roberta's 30 year distinguished tenure as an elected official, she served as Council President, Chairperson for the Departments of Finance, Personnel, Insurance, Building and Grounds, Shade Tree, DPW, Senior Citizens and Emergency Services. Roberta also served as Council representative to the Library Board, First Aid Corps, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Hackensack Meadowlands Municipal Committee.

According to her peers, never did Roberta give less than 110% to her community with her considerable accomplishments and achievements; made a positive impact on not only those she served, but also set

a high standard of conduct for all current and future elected officials to follow.

Roberta's guidance, wisdom and accomplishments will always be honored and remembered by her colleagues and the residents of her community. Following the Mayor's remarks, Council members expressed their admiration. Presentations were made to include Senator Paul Sarlo and Assemblywoman Marlene Caride, Bergen County officials, Fire Department Chiefs, Police Department, previous Mayors, appointed officials, etc.

The Borough of Little Ferry Mayor and Council, then dedicated the Conference Room adjacent to the Council Chambers as the Roberta E. Henriquez Conference Room. ###



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# Valentine's Day Romantic Libation

If there was ever a holiday made for drinking wine, it's Valentine's Day! Champagne is the classic choice, but the richness and depth of flavor in red wines capture the soul and spirit of true romance. What kind of couple are you and your honey? Here are some recommendations based on your romance style!

### For the Romantics: Amarone

Amarone is an Italian wine made in the Veneto region of Italy from Corvina and Rondinella grapes. What makes a beautiful Amarone so rich, luscious, and powerful is that after harvest, the grapes are dried all winter, which concentrates their sugars and flavors. Amarone is vinified dry, this is not a dessert wine, but there's no mistaking the depth of flavor, velvety texture, and juicy dark fruit flavors that are purely luxurious. Look for Amarone that has a little age on it, and open it about an hour before pouring. The best ones can be expensive, but your valentine is worth a splurge!

### For the Classic Couple: Bordeaux

What red wine is more classic than Bordeaux? These wines are various blends of the five "Bordeaux varietals": Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petite Verdot and Malbec. Bordeaux is so classic that it's become a brand name driven by notoriously high prices from the top chateaux, but there are still affordable discoveries to be made. Look out for the Merlot-based wines from Fronsac, Cotes de Blaye, and Cotes de Castillon.

### For the Desirous Duo: Look to Spain

Turn it up with a sexy, spicy red! There's just something about all Flamenco guitars and bullfighting that makes Spain a very sultry destination, and its wines are no exception to the rule. Look for wines made from grapes like Tempranillo, Garnacha, and Mencia. Ole!

### For the Adventurous Couple: Lambrusco

Lambrusco is the best of both worlds, all the fun and festivity of a sparkling wine with the lively dark fruits of a nice red. Plus, it's inexpensive, so stock up! Served chilled, it's fabulous with a great cheese board and really amazing with all things chocolate!

Whichever one you pick simply remember to enjoy the

time you spend together and enjoy the company and of course the wine.

Happy Valentine's Day from the Wine Guys. President Angel Martinez and Vice President Philip Miuccio, American Wine Society, hope to see you at the next meeting, Friday February 23, 2018, 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Make Wine with Us Winery located at 21 Currie Ave Wallington, NJ (about one mile from Giants Stadium) Meadowlands please RSVP to: Angel Martinez at wineclub201@gmail.com 201-406-7912 Members pay \$15! Non-Members pay \$20! ###

Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines. ###

# Share The Love

Would you like to remember a special someone this Valentine's Day?

The Guild of Reformed Church Women invites you to share your feelings and at the same time show your caring by signing their special Valentine and making a donation to the Friendly Neighbors.

This is a good time for sharing your love, as well as sending a message of love to others who need to feel that others care.

The card is posted in Hoffman Hall of First Reformed Church through February 12, 2018.

If you cannot make it to the Church, you may mail your

message (which will be added to the card) and donation payable to Friendly Neighbors, c/o Women's Guild of the First Reformed Church, P. O. Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, by February 10, 2018. For further information, call the Church at 201-288-1122 or Estella at 201-288-0378. ###

Approximately 145 million valentines are sent in the U.S. each year according to estimates by the U.S. Greeting Card Association. That's second only to Christmas with 1.6 billion units, and is followed by Mother's Day with 133 million units. ###

Necco Sweethearts — a.k.a. conversation hearts — were invented in 1866.

Each box has approximately 45 sayings — including "True Love," "Hug Me," and "You Rock," but you can personalize your own, too. And about 10 new sayings are added each year.

More than 8 billion conver-

sation hearts are manufactured each year. And Necco has to start making them just days after February 14 to have enough in time for the next Valentine's Day.

That's almost 100,000 pounds per day. But don't worry if you still have last year's box — they have a shelf life of five years. ###

## Valentine's Day Wednesday, February 14

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Squadron 310  
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On February 10, 2018, American Legion Post 310, located at 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, will host a Valentine's Fundraiser Party starting at 7 p.m. All proceed go to Veterans and Children's programs. Food, beer, wine and soda will be served. Tickets are \$20. Advance sales only, no tickets will be sold at the door or on the day of the event. Music by DJ Jack Jam. Every lady gets a rose! Any questions, call 201-807-0470. ###

*In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve." ###*

Selecting The Right Valentine Gift

Finding the right Valentine's Day gift is probably the most difficult shopping experience in any man's life. A Valentine's Day gift is instrumental in revitalizing the bond between a duo. The gift evokes the memories of the moments of love and affection which both have experienced. And it reminds the couple of the unconditional love which exists between them. This year, show your Sweetheart how much she means to you by giving her a gift from the heart. Remember that the Valentine's theme is all about love, romance and appreciation.

*Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets. ###*

The nature of the gift can reflect how much you care. The meaning of your gift also varies according to the seriousness and the type of relationship you're in. If you've gone out with her a few times, the level of commitment is low, and you're simply having a lot of fun. What do you buy her? Buying her a Valentine card, flowers or candy is acceptable for this early stage in a relationship. On the other hand, if the relationship is strong and its future seems bright, opt for a more original present. Think about what she appreciates the most and what she has mentioned over the past few weeks, or get her something that relates to her hobbies and interests. The key is to show that you put some thought into the gift. ###

All About Valentine's Day

The story of Valentine's Day begins in the third century with an oppressive Roman Emperor and a humble Christian martyr. The Emperor was Claudius II. The Christian was Valentinus Valentinus. Claudius had ordered all Romans to worship twelve Gods, and he made it a crime punishable by death to associate with Christians. But, Valentinus was dedicated to the ideals of Christ, and not even the threat of death could keep him from practicing his beliefs. He was arrested and imprisoned. During the last weeks of Valentinus' life a remarkable thing happened. Seeing that he was a man of learning, the jailer asked whether his daughter, Julia, might be brought to Valentinus for lessons. She had been blind since birth. Julia

was a pretty young girl with a quick mind. Valentinus read stories of Rome's history to her. He described the world of nature to her. He taught her arithmetic and told her about God. She saw the world through his eyes, trusted in his wisdom, and found comfort in his quiet strength. "Valentinus, does God really hear our prayers?" Julia said one day. "Yes, my child, He hears each one," he replied. "Do you know what I pray for every morning and every night? I pray that I might see. I want so much to see everything you've told me about!" "God does what is best for us if we will only believe in Him," Valentinus said. "Oh, Valentinus, I do believe," Julia said intensely. "I do." She knelt and grasped his hand. They sat quietly together, each praying, Suddenly there was a brilliant light in the cell. Radiant, Julia screamed, "Valentinus, I can see!" I can see!" "Praise be to God!" Valentinus exclaimed, and he knelt in prayer. On the eve of his death Valentinus wrote a last note to Julia, urging her to stay close to God, and he signed it "From Your Valentine." His sentence was carried out the next day, February 14, 270 A.D., near a gate that was later named Porta Valentini in his memory. He was buried at what is now the Church of Prexedes in Rome. It is said that Julia herself planted a pink-blossomed almond tree near his grave. Today, the almond tree remains a symbol of abiding love. On each February 14, St. Valentine's Day, messages of affection and devotion are exchanged around the world. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###

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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, February 5 and February 26, 2018, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. ###

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**Lasagna Dinner  
& Tricky Tray**

The Rosary Society of Corpus Christi Church, Hasbrouck Heights, is hosting a Lasagna Dinner on Friday, March 2, 2018, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Corpus Christi School cafeteria.

A delicious dinner of meatless lasagna (*to observe Friday abstinence during Lent*), salad, bread, tea/coffee, soft drinks, and dessert will be served.

To make the menu family friendly, ziti with sauce will be available. It is asked that you make this request when purchasing tickets. Take-out available. The evening will include a Tricky Tray and 50/50 drawing. The dinner donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under (*toddlers free*). To purchase tickets, please call Jackie at 201-288-2767. ###

**Rosary Confraternity  
Sands Trip Feb. 22**

On February 22, 2018, come and enjoy a day at the beautiful Sands Casino and Luxury Shopping Outlet Stores with the Rosary Confraternity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington,

It's your choice of how you spend your day, playing the many varieties of casino games, doing some shopping at luxury outlets such as Lenox, Chico's, Coach, Nine West, or a little bit of both! The bus will leave from the front of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church at 9 a.m. sharp, and from the Sands Casino at 4 p.m. The price is \$35 and includes bus transportation, a \$20 free slots play, and a \$5 food voucher.

Payment is due at the time of the reservation. Checks should be made payable to "MSH Rosary Confraternity," placed with your reservation information in an envelope marked "Sands Trip," and dropped off or mailed to the rectory at 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington 07057 no later than Wednesday, February 14.

Note: Guest must present valid state or federal issued photo ID in order to obtain their Sands Players Club Card or any motor coach bonus package.

For information, call Janet at 973-472-6296. ###

**Casino Bus Trip**

The HH VFW Post 4591 sponsors Casino Bus Trips on the last Wednesday of each month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. The cost is \$35 paid in advance; includes a continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Games, prizes and a movie make the travel time pass quickly. For details call Andy at 973-773-1812, or the Post at 201-288-1112. ###

**Afternoon Tea  
February 11**

Saint Margaret of Cor-tona's Parish Social Life Committee is sponsoring an afternoon Tea, from 1 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, February 11, 2018.

\$25 gift card Tricky Tray prizes. Cost is \$15. Tickets will be sold at the door. For information, call Ellie at 201-641-0883. ###

**Pasta Dinner  
March 10**

On Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 4 to 6 p.m., the PNCC of the Transfiguration, 135 Hathaway Street, Wallington, will hold a pasta dinner.

Menu includes salad, pasta and meatballs, Italian bread, cake, tea, coffee and soda. Donation is \$10 adults and \$5 children. Entertainment will be "Songs of the Heart."

For tickets call Barbara at 201-939-3533 or the Rectory 973-779-4329. ###

**Carlstadt/ER Lions  
Pancake Breakfast  
March 4**

The Carlstadt - East Rutherford Lions Club will hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast event on Sunday, March 4, 2018, from 8 a.m.-noon, at the East Rutherford Civic Center, located on Vreeland Avenue in East Rutherford. Price per ticket for an adult is \$5 and free for children under 5. For tickets, call 201-306-0987. Walk-ins are welcome. ###

**W-R Band  
Festival Mar. 2**

The Eighth Annual Wood-Ridge Schools Band Festival 2018 Concert will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. at the Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium, 258 Hackensack Street.

This free one-hour concert is open to the public. Under the direction of Mrs. Baumgartner: WR Jr/Sr HS, Ms. Fernandez: WR Intermediate School, Mr. Santoro: Robert L. Craig School, Mrs. Manolakakis: WR Jr/Sr HS.

Band students from Robert L.Craig School - Moonachie (Grades 4-8), Wood-Ridge Intermediate School (Grades 4-6) and Jr./Sr. HS Band (Grades 7-12) will perform. ###

They are really looking forward to presenting the instrumental program to the public. The band students will work together in sectionals in the morning, followed by a full band rehearsal and concert.

For more information please contact tbaumgartner@wood-ridgeschools.org ###

**We're Talking  
Baseball Mar. 18**

On March 18, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.. in the Arnault/Bianchi House, the Wood-Ridge Historical Society will sponsor a presentation by Prof. James Kane.

"We're Talking Baseball" is a fast-paced, one-hour slide, lecture, and audio program. In addition to discussing the upcoming seasons for the NY Yankees and the NY Mets, they will also celebrate the Golden Age of Baseball - including the 61 Yankees, Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris (*Mantle was so admired by teammates that fifteen of them later named a son Mickey in his honor*).

Hear again the voice of Red Barber. Go back in time as well to the old Brooklyn Dodgers, the incomparable Boys of Summer. Hear their story too. It's special, but then hear the sometimes poignant stories of what happened to all of them when at last, the cheering stopped, the ballpark lights went out, and it was over for them.

A light lunch (*St. Patrick's Day specials on the menu*) and dessert will be served. A donation of \$3 per person is requested in support of future programs and events. *Provided by Dorothy Dobeck.* ###

**Fish and Chips  
Dinner March 2**

The Holy Rosary Society of St. Joseph Church, Lodi is sponsoring their Annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Friday, March 2, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the school auditorium on Spring Street. Menu includes fish, fries, coleslaw, mac and cheese (drink and dessert included for dine in). Tickets \$16 pp.

For tickets, please contact Sharon at 201-920-9071 or Carole at 551-265-8750. ###




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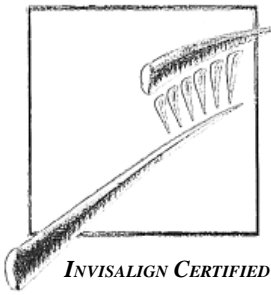
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## Black History Program Feb. 28

On Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 3 p.m., The Murray-Hodge Post 453, at 58 Meadow Rd., Rutherford, NJ is planning to have a Black History Program at the Post home. Doors will open at 2 p.m. for those who would like to view the Post history display, and some artifacts made by Black Americans.

RSVP to Post 201-531-0656 or Adjutant Carter 201-321-5705 or Commander Gunn 201-939-2346.

Thanks to all past, present, and future persons who have donated to Post 453. ###

## Black History Month

On February 10, 2018, (rain date February 24) at 1 p.m., in honor of Black History Month, The Rutherford Public Library and The Rutherford Civil Rights Commission will be hosting the movie "King: Man of Peace in a Time of War," at The Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070. ###

## Shamrock 5K Run

The 7th Annual 5K Michael Cassidy Shamrock 'N' Run/Walk will be held rain, shine or cold, 10 a.m., Saturday, March 17, 2018, at Monona Avenue, Memorial Park in Rutherford. Pre-registration ends March 9, 2018. Price is \$25/\$30 day of race. Check-in starts at 8 a.m.

First 400 registrants receive a race shirt. Post race refreshments and entertainment. Race packets, tech shirts and bib numbers may be picked up at Rutherford High School, Thursday, March 15, 2018, between 5 and 8 p.m.

Scenic Rutherford neighborhood event sanctioned and course certified by USATF-NJ.

Timing and scoring by Elite Racing Systems. Race results will be posted at [eliteracingsystems.com](http://eliteracingsystems.com) and [RunSignUp.com](http://RunSignUp.com) Proceeds to benefit National Brain Tumor Society. For details go to [www.shamrocknrun5K.org](http://www.shamrocknrun5K.org). ###

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## The Art Association of Rutherford

The Art Association of Rutherford will return from winter break on March 8, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the Tambllyn Civic Center with an interactive painting demonstration. All are welcome! Contact [lissanneart@gmail.com](mailto:lissanneart@gmail.com) for more information.

In the meantime, enjoy their ongoing members' art shows at the Kip Center and Boiling Springs Bank in Rutherford. New art every month, and free to enjoy! ###

## AWS Meets Friday February 23

On Friday, February 23, 2018, at 6:45 p.m., you are cordially invited to join us for a special wine tasting hosted by the Meadowlands Chapter "The House of Mondavi!"

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For any questions or comments, please contact: Danny Klein, RVP AWS: [bottleguru@hotmail.com](mailto:bottleguru@hotmail.com). ###

## Mothers of Pre-schoolers

Hey there, mom friend. Motherhood is an adventure, and we would love to share it with you! Hasbrouck Heights MOPS invites moms of kids ages 0-6 from any town to their next event on Thursday, February 22, 2018, from 7-9 p.m. RSVP by February 20, so that they have enough yummy snacks for you. Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Ave, Hasbrouck Heights. Free MOPS Kids childcare provided by RSVP only. Monthly Friday morning get together and outings too. For more info: [hasbrouckhtsmops@gmail.com](mailto:hasbrouckhtsmops@gmail.com); 862-239-MOPS; Fb – Hasbrouck Heights NJ MOPS

Moms from any NJ town are welcome. ###

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## A Passion for Music Feb. 4

The Leonia Chamber Musicians Society, Inc. will perform "A Passion for Music" on Sunday, February 4, 2018, at 4 p.m., at All Saints Episcopal Church, 150 Park Avenue in Leonia, New Jersey.

They will hold another concert at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 8, 2018, with "Timeless Romantics: Bridging the 19th and 20th Centuries."

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$30 adults, \$25 seniors, and students, under age 18 free.

Music for the programs is selected to educate the audience about different periods and styles of music. Throughout the concerts, presentations are given about the music being played, the composers, the musicians and related subjects.

Tax-deductible contributions are welcome. Send checks to: Leonia Chamber Musicians Society, Inc. P.O. Box 473, Leonia, New Jersey 07605.

For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/leoniachambermusic>. ###

## Wallington HS Presents Veni. Vidi. Vici.

On Thursday, March 15, 2018, Wallington High School Home and School Organization will host a Toga Show/Tricky Tray Feast at the Fiesta, 255 Route 17, Wood-Ridge. Doors open at 6 p.m. Ticket price \$50 pp. Value Packs \$20 in advance, \$25 at event.

Dinner choices: Roast Beef, Chicken Francese, Salmon. For ticket information, contact TJ Calabrese at 201-893-6748, wallington.hso@gmail.com Jen Kruk at 201-653-8240. kruk@wboe.org ###

## A Mid-Winter Dinner Dance February 11

Carlstadt Turnverein will host "A Mid-Winter Dinner Dance" on Sunday, February 11, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Carlstadt Turn Hall. Donation is \$45 per person and includes food, drink, coffee and cake with live music by Bud and Linda. For reservations, call 973-777-6677 or 201-652-0968. ###

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## St. Patrick's Day Dance March 10

On March 10, 2018, East Rutherford K of C at St. Joe's auditorium, 120 Hoboken Road, East Rutherford, NJ, will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dance starting at 6 p.m. The best home cooked corned beef and cabbage in the area. Dance to the music of DJ Dick Italiano. Beer and soda are included in your ticket price, bring your own bottle, They will supply the mixers.

Tickets are \$30 each and can accommodate any amount at a table setting. They recommend that you get tickets early. No tickets will be sold at the door. They look forward to seeing you on the night everyone is Irish.

For tickets or more information contact Dick Italiano at 201-693-1315 Brian Curreri, 201-804-8854 or Joe Egan 201-842-9262. ###

## Woman's Club of Rutherford St. Patrick's Day Dinner Mar. 17

The Woman's Club of Rutherford invites you to a St. Patrick's Day Dinner celebration on Saturday, March 17, 2018. The dinner will be held at the Woman's Club of Rutherford's Historic Carriage House Clubhouse located at 201 Fairview Avenue from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person.

Enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner provided by Giresi's, as well as live entertainment by the DeNogla-Ardmore Academy of Irish Dance and a 50/50 raffle.

Bring your own wine or beer (no hard liquor allowed). Soft drinks, etc., will be provided.

For tickets, contact Laura at 201-893-1172 in advance (no "day of" tickets), or mail your check payable to The Woman's Club of Rutherford to: 201 Fairview Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070. ###

*Every Valentine's Day, the Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet. ###*

## St. Patrick's Day Party

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry is hosting the Annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Donation is \$12 per person and includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, coffee and dessert. No take-out. DJ Jack will be spinning the tunes. For more information call 201-807-0470. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and Children's programs. ###

## HHJWC St. Pat's Party! March 17

Join the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights at their annual St. Patrick's Day party.

This year's event will take place at the Hasbrouck Heights VFW Post 4591 on Saturday, March 17, 2018, from 7:30-11:30 p.m. and will feature Irish and DJ entertainment and a Tricky Tray Raffle.

The ticket price is \$50 per person and includes traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner buffet (chicken & pasta as well) and beer (including Harp and Guinness), wine and soda. Tables of 10 may be reserved when paid in full (a special discounted rate of \$450 for a table of 10 is available when purchased in full by 2/17/18, no exceptions). Attendees must be 21 or older to attend. All proceeds will benefit Junior Women's Club charities and local scholarships. To purchase tickets, visit [www.hhjuniors.org](http://www.hhjuniors.org) or email [hhjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:hhjuniors@gmail.com) ###

## Paint The Night Away

On Friday, February 9, 2018, The Wallington Home and School Organization will hold a fundraiser at Firehouse #201, Union Boulevard, Wallington NJ, from 7 to 9 p.m. \$40 per person.

For information call TJ Calabrese at 201-893-6748, Jen Kruk at 201-653-8240.

Register online <http://bit.ly/2p39kcr> ###

## Fish & Chips March 3

Saint Margaret of Cor-tona's Parish Social Life Com-mittee is sponsoring their 14th Annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Cooking will be done by Tastefully British. Dinner will be served from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Margaret's Auditorium on Chamberlain Avenue, Little Ferry (wheel chair accessible).

Cost is \$20 per meal, and includes fish, chips, cake, coffee and tea. No tickets will be sold at the door. Take-out orders are available. For information, call Ellie at 201-641-0883. ###

## W-R Knights Corned Beef Dinner March 17

The Knights of Colum-bus of Saint Anthony Council 11585 in Wood-Ridge will host their 10th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

The dinner will be served from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will take place in the Father Patrick Morris Hall in the basement of the Assumption Church.

The menu will consist of mouth watering tender corned beef with flavored potatoes and cabbage. This will be served with both Irish soda bread and rye bread.

The cost is \$20 per person. Members of the Knights are selling the tickets. Contact Ken 201-741-1011 ###

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AL Post 136  
Flea Market  
February 25

On February 25, 2018, The American Legion Post 136, Lodi, NJ is having a sportsman indoor flea market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

They are seeking vendors that are fishing, hunting, tools and camping friendly. (*No guns, ammo, or knives.*) Round tables will be provided at a cost of \$20 each and \$15 dollars each additional table. Entrance fee is \$4, children under 12 Free. Contact Rob at post136lodinj@yahoo.com for additional information. ###

Tricky Tray  
February 25

The First Presbyterian Church, in Carlstadt, is hosting a Tricky Tray on Sunday, February 25, 2018, starting at 1 p.m. at The Graycliff.

Donation is \$50 per person. Ticket includes dinner, soda and a sheet of tickets for regular level prizes. Cash bar. Must be 18 and over. Reserved seating. For tickets, call Sue or Harold at 201-438-2273. ###

Turkey  
Luncheon

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the Community Hall, Third Street, Carlstadt.

Turkey dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children/students. For take out orders call 201-438-5526.

In case of inclement weather, call 201-438-5526. ###

Free Lunch  
Saturday

Everyone is invited to the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Saturday," which will be held on February 3, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. This hot lunch features "Southern Country Breakfast."

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. ###

Tricky Tray  
Pasta Dinner  
March 7

Team Bad Blood will host a Tricky Tray Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, from 6-10 p.m., at the Fiesta. Cost is \$50 per person, table of 10 for \$400.

Ticket includes salad station, pasta station, garlic bread, draught beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea and dessert.

Event to benefit Team Bad Blood fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team In Training program.

To purchase tickets, visit <http://pages.teamintraining.org/nj/nj18/badblood> or R.S.V.P. to Anthony Viola, AnthonyTNTLLS@gmail.com or call 201-651-3887. ###

Lodi KC Pancake  
Breakfast Feb. 11

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, February 11, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi.

Menu includes: all-you-can-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast (*to order*), sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea.

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The Woman's Club of Rutherford will host the 6th Annual "Fun Night w/comedian Bill Ervolino" on Saturday, February 10, 2018, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the historic Clubhouse, 201 Fairview Avenue, Rutherford.

Enjoy the company of friends while you taste food from more than 25 Southern Bergen County restaurants. Bring your own wine or beer (*no hard liquor allowed*).

Tickets are \$30 per person. All tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets sold at the door. Contact Sue at 201-893-6866. Proceeds will benefit local charities and scholarships.

The Woman's Club of Rutherford is actively seeking new members. All women over age 18 are welcome. For membership information please contact Donna at 201-939-8815 or email at [dkolich19@aol.com](mailto:dkolich19@aol.com).

The Club is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. ###

W-R K of C Pasta  
and Awards Night

On Saturday, February 10, 2018, The Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council #11585 located at the Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge, has planned a Pasta Night where awards will be presented to local citizens.

The dinner starts at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Father Patrick Morris Hall (*located in the basement of the Church*). Tickets are \$20 per person.

The dinner will be catered by Annabella's and will feature antipasto, rice balls, salad, pasta, meatballs and sausage. Rolls, beverages and dessert are also included. ###

Fish and Chips  
Dinner Feb. 14

On February 14, 2018. The Rosary Altar Society of St Joseph's Church, East Rutherford are having their annual Fish & Chips Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's School Cafeteria, 120 Hoboken Road, East Rutherford. Catered by Thistle Fish & Chips of Lyndhurst.

Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$9 for children under 12. No tickets will be sold at the door. Take Out Orders will be available. Checks preferred, cash accepted.

Tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses in the lobby of the Church or contact Janet 201-438-5892 or Lorraine 201-906-5297. ###

Fish Fry  
March 30

American Legion Post 310 located at 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting the annual Good Friday Fish Fry, Friday, March 30, 2018, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fried Flounder, potato salad and coleslaw salad, dinner rolls, coffee and dessert. Cost \$12 pp. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and Children's programs. For more information call 201-807-0470. Dining in only, No take out. ###

HH Music Parents  
Holds Food Drive

The HH Music Parents Association is holding a Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive from February 1 through February 28, 2018. This drive is to benefit Meals with a Mission in Garfield. Items such as peanut butter, jelly, brown paper lunch bags, individual wrapped snacks, and zip lock sandwich bags will be collected. If anyone in Hasbrouck Heights would like to make a donation, items can be dropped off at 250 Lawrence Avenue or email [hmusicparents@gmail.com](mailto:hmusicparents@gmail.com). Attn.: Food Drive to arrange a pickup. ###

Collection  
Continues  
at Concert

On Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 7 p.m., the Hasbrouck Heights Music Parents will be accepting donations at the concert for their Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive for Meals with a Mission. Items being collected: peanut butter, jelly, ziplock sandwich bags, paper lunch bags, and individually wrapped snacks. ###

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# Filling You In

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## Diabetes and Your Mouth

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, diabetes affects nearly 24 million people in the United States. The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) encourages those with diabetes to pay extra attention to their oral health.

Studies have shown that those with diabetes are more susceptible to the development of oral infections and periodontal (gum) disease than those who do not have diabetes.

In addition, oral infections tend to be more severe in people with diabetes than in those who do not have the condition.

Because diabetes reduces the body's resistance to infection, the gums are at risk for gingivitis, an inflammation usually caused by the presence of bacteria in plaque.

Plaque is the sticky film that accumulates on teeth both above and below the gum line. It is important to maintain regular dental examinations and preventive treatments to reduce the incidence of gingival (periodontal) infections.

The established connection between oral health and systemic health suggests that diet and exercise may be the most important changes that people with diabetes can make to improve their quality of life and oral health.

People with diabetes should be sure that their medical and dental care providers are aware of their medical history and periodontal status.

To keep teeth and gums strong, people with diabetes should be aware of their blood sugar levels and have their triglycerides and cholesterol levels checked on a regular basis, as these factors may have a direct correlation with their risk for gum disease.

It is recommended that

patients with diabetes schedule their dental appointments for the morning hours, because blood glucose levels tend to be under better control at that time of day. Patients should eat and take their medications as directed prior to a dental appointment. *Source: Academy of General Dentistry. ###*

*Dr. Jeffrey Mason is a cosmetic and general dentist at 232 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. 201-288-4447, www.DrJeffreyMason.com*

## Thyroid Cancer Support Group

Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. will meet on Thursday, February 1, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m., at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. All are welcome. No registration required. ###

## Moonachie Health Consultation

Consultations are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Moonachie Civic Center, 125 Moonachie Road, Moonachie from noon to 1 p.m. ###

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## Collecting Ensure

As part of the program leading up to the observance, Assumption AIDS Ministry at all the Masses during the weekend of January 27-28, 2018, will be collecting the diet supplement Ensure, which is much needed for maintaining a healthy condition by those living with the virus. The Ensure is to be donated to New Jersey Buddies in Hackensack.

Assumption Parish Community will be observing AIDS Compassion Weekend at all the Sunday and anticipated Masses of February 10-11, 2018. ###

## Health the Topic at Seniors' Meeting

Pharmacist and educator, Justin Di Pisa, was the guest at the Leisure Club meeting held on January 10, 2018. His topic was "Live better, live longer and add 5 years on your life."

The focus of his presentation was the use of Synapsin Methylcobalamin Nasal Spray, which is a purer form of vitamin B12. As we age, our body's ability to absorb B12 slows down. We need this vitamin. Memory impairment is a consequence of a decline of B12 in our bodies.

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# February 2018 Heights Senior Calendar

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**SENIOR ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, February 5, 12, 26**  
10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Senior Lounge Open to all  
10:00 a.m. Games, Cards and Mahjong  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Tai Chi

**Monday, February 19**  
Building Closed- Presidents' Day

**Tuesday, February 6, 13, 20, 27**  
10:00 a.m. Line dancing \$1.00  
12:45 p.m. Beginner's Line Dancing \$1.00  
2:00 p.m. Adv. Chair Yoga \$1.00  
6:00 p.m. Card Night

**Wednesday, February 7**  
10:30 Leisure Club Board Meeting

**Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday)**  
12:30 p.m. Leisure Club Meeting

**Wednesday, Wednesday 21, 28**  
10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Lounge Open to all  
10:00 a.m. Games, Cards and Coffee  
2:00 p.m. Senior Stretch & Flex \$1.00

**Thursday, February 1, 8, 15, 22**  
10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Lounge Open to all  
10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Games, Cards and Coffee  
10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mahjong  
2:00 p.m. Senior Yoga \$1.00

**Friday, February 2, 16**  
10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo  
12:00 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1.00  
1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. Games, Cards & Coffee

**Friday, February 9, 23**  
12:00 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1.00  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Games, Cards & Coffee

## Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

Members of the Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club had a fun, eventful year capped off at the last meeting of 2017 with a visit from the Art Teacher at Carlstadt Public School. Some 7th and 8th Grade helpers along with a few aides to “teach some old dogs, a new trick.” Some had been skeptical about doing an art project, but it turned out to be a lot of fun. Members were even overheard at the supermarket talking about their snowman paintings.

Some other activities included monthly bus trips, traveling as far away as Lancaster, PA, to see a "Sight and Sound" performance and closer to home for lunch and a show at both the Stony Hill Inn and the Brownstone. Also enjoyed a summer picnic at Krucker's in Pomona, NY, and a day at the Sands in PA.

Twice a month, thanks to the Arts Access Program at BergenPac, members attended concerts in Englewood enjoying shows that ran the gauntlet from Motown to classical music to Broadway stars and from magic to the circus, all at no cost and with a bus and driver provided by the Borough of Carlstadt.

At semi-monthly meetings, besides lively Bingo games, they had demonstrations on how to make the perfect meatball, visits from entertainers, and an art appraiser, Bergen County senior services, the Canine unit and our own police officers. they also had monthly blood pressure screening.

Let's not forget the special events such as the Veterans' Day luncheon, which was open to all Carlstadt Veterans. They also had a Valentine's Day breakfast, a social hour dedicated to their 90-year-old members along with the annual Anniversary and Christmas parties.

Thanks to Bruce Young, outgoing President, for his innovative leadership and welcome to Carole Grochowski, new President. ###

## Rocking Horse Ranch Trip

Little Ferry Seniors are planning a 5 day trip to Rocking Horse Ranch starting June 11, 2018, at a cost of \$759 pp. double occupancy and \$909 single occupancy. A deposit of \$100 is required by the beginning of March.

Price includes daytime activities, round trip transportation, hotel/meal gratuities and much more.

For further information and reservations call Colette Caminiti, 201-641-4973. ###

## Lodi AARP #2015 Program Schedule

The AARP Chapter #2015 of Lodi meets at noon the third Tuesday of every month at the Lodi Senior Center, 22 Walnut Place. Each meeting will have either a speaker or entertainment as well as light refreshments. New members are welcome. 2018 dues are \$10 for the year. National AARP membership is also required. For membership information contact Stan at 973-779-8544.

- Upcoming events:**
- February 20, 2018. Regular monthly meeting. Pizza luncheon. Entertainment by Artie & Jack.
  - March 14, 2018. Bus trip, St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Show. Doolan's Shore Club, Spring Lake, NJ. Tickets are \$50 for members, \$55 for non-members.
  - March 20, 2018. Regular monthly meeting. Spring cash food drive. Entertainment by Lonnie Youngblood.
  - April 17, 2018. Regular monthly meeting. Speaker from Hackensack Meridian Health.
  - May 18, 2018. Installation Luncheon Dance at the Venetian, 546 River Dr., Garfield.
  - July 18, 2018. Bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Performance of "NUNSENSE"
  - September 19, 2018. Bus trip to Resorts Casino AC
  - November 14, 2018. Bus trip to Sands Casino. Bethlehem, PA. ###

## ER Seniors

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Civic Center, 37 Vreeland Avenue, at 1 p.m. Refreshments are served and Bingo follows each meeting. Free blood-pressure screenings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. New members are welcome. Please contact Josephine at 201-460-1989.

**Caesar's Casino**  
The East Rutherford Seniors sponsor a bus trip to Caesar's Casino every 3rd Monday of the month. The cost is \$30 with a return of \$30 slot-play. Bus leaves the CVS parking lot, Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, at 9:30 a.m. All payments must be made in advance. For reservations and info, contact Josephine at 201-460-1989. ###

## 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 info call 201-440-4815. ###

## Lodi Senior Club News

The Lodi Senior Citizens 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 Movin” with exercise and line dancing or Bingo, card playing or come and enjoy the hot new adult coloring craze in the art corner or just come and enjoy a day with friends.

- Planned Trips & Events**
- **February 21, 2018**  
Trip to Empire Casino leaves at 9:30 a.m.
  - **April 6, 2018,** Installation dinner at the Venetian from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
  - **May 8, 2018,** Pizza in the Club, Mother's Day at 1 p.m.
  - **June 6, 2018,** Bus trip to The Waterfront at Silver Birches. Food, Dancing and Entertainment with "Jersey Chix." \$45 members \$50 non-members.
  - **June 12, 2018,** Pizza in the Club, Father's Day. at 1 p.m.
  - **August 8, 2018,** Casino trip to Resort International, Queens.
  - **August 28, 2018,** Hot dogs in the Club. at 1 p.m.
  - **September 11, 2018,** Luncheon in the Club by Santangelo's, noon.
  - **October 10, 2018,** Black Forest Inn, leaves at 9 a.m.
  - **December 7, 2018,** Christmas Party at the Venetian, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m,
  - **December 11, 2018,** Pizza in the Club, at 1 p.m.

PLUS they usually have entertainment at most of their Tuesday meetings. Come join if you are a Lodi resident, 55 years or older on Tuesdays. Non-members welcome on Thursdays. For more information, call 973-472-6994 and leave a message. ###

## Carlstadt Ladies Auxiliary Hoofers

Ladies Auxiliary of Vic's Hoofers meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Carlstadt Civic Center on 4th Street. Ladies from the surrounding communities are encouraged to join. This is not a dancing group, only a group of ladies having an evening of fun, games and refreshments. Come see for yourself what you are missing. The next meeting is February 1, 2018, at which time President Carolyn Daniele will provide a list of the year's activities. ###

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Lodi Library  
February Events

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

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

February 7, 2018, Groundhog Day Puppet.

February 14, 2018, Bee Mine Valentine.

February 21, 2018, Louis Armstrong's Trumpet.

February 28, 2018, National Children's Dental Health Month.

• **Teen Anime Club**  
Grades 6-12 Thursday, February 1, 2018, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Registration required.

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

• **Toddler Play Group** –  
Fridays at 11 a.m.– noon. Lots of toys and space to play with friends your own age.

• **Tween DIY, Homemade Drums** Thursday, February 8, 2018, 4-5 p.m. Registration required.

• **Teen Booksters**  
Grades 7-12 Thursday, February 22, 2018, 4-5 p.m.

Call for Monthly Book Title.

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

• **Minecraft**  
Interactive game play  
Build and battle in a world you create.

Grades K–5 Mondays at 4 p.m.

• **Urban Word NYC**  
Grades 6-12  
Saturday, February 17, 2018, noon-12:45 p.m.

Registration Required  
• **Battle of the Books**  
Grades 6-12, Thursday, February 15, 2018, 4-5 p.m. Registration Required.

• **Knitting Crochetting**  
Thursday, February 8, 2018, 4-5 p.m. Registration Required.

• **Harlem Renaissance Painting**  
Grades 3-7  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 4-5 p.m.

• **Healthy Comfort Food Demo**  
All ages  
Saturday, February 3, 2018, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Registration Required\*

• **Chinese New Year Craft and Cookies**  
All Ages  
Friday, February 16, 2018, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

W-R ESL

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library hosts English as a Second Language classes for adults at no charge. Classes meet every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning at 10:15 a.m. No registration is required. For more information, please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

Basic ESL

The Rutherford Public Library will host Basic English as a Second Language classes taught by a certified ESL instructor. The classes are intended for beginner to intermediate level students and will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Students may register in person at the Main Desk. For more information, please call 201-939-8600. ###

Conversation Group

English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group at The Rutherford Public Library. The group will meet on Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursdays from 1-2:30 p.m. The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting. This is a free program and all are welcome. No registration is required. For information, please call 201-939-8600. ###

Film Screening

On Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 6 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free film screening of "Victoria & Abdul" at The Rutherford Public Library. Queen Victoria strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim. Starring Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Tim Pigott-Smith. The film will be shown in The Library's Glass Room. For more information, call 201-939-8600. ###

W-R Library Chess Club

On Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2018, The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host a free Chess Club for learners of all ages. Children meet from 3-4 p.m., adult beginning players meet from 4-4:30 p.m. Designed for all ability levels, the Chess Club is led by a coach who can teach new chess players the basics, and help experienced players sharpen their skills. ###

Libraries Are Fun!

Monday Evening Book Group

On Monday, February 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "1776" by David McCullough. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk of The Rutherford Public Library. ###

W-R Library Book Club

On Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 7:15 p.m. join your neighbors and friends at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library to discuss "The Book that Matters Most" by Ann Hood. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. All are welcome. ###

Daytime Reading Group

On Friday, February 23, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., the Daytime Reading Group will meet at the 55 Kip Center to discuss "The Wives of Henry Oades" by Johanna Moran. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk of The Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford. ###

Drop-In Story Time

Drop-in story time will be held at The Rutherford Public Library on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30 -11 a.m. All children from infants to 5-year-olds and their caregivers are warmly invited to stop by for stories and fun. Make some new friends and get ready for reading! No registration is required. ###

Having an Affair?

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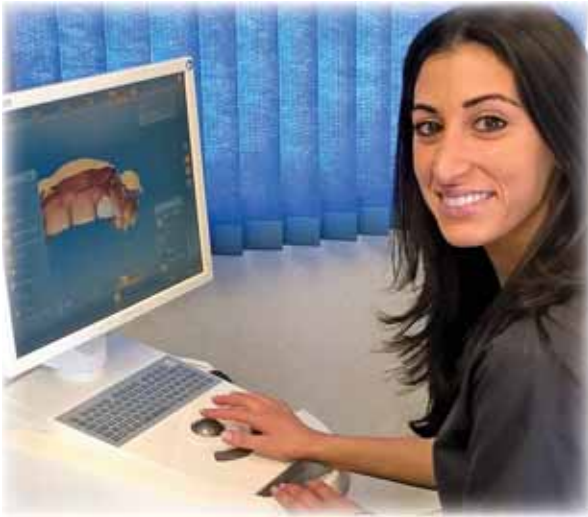
Circle Time with Sukey Molloy

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host Circle Time! with Sukey Molloy on Thursday, February 8 and Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Join Sukey Molloy for her award winning series of musical play activities, designed to encourage movement, play and song in the developing years. Children ages 6 months to 5 years of age and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend and may register for one session. Classes will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required; registration opens three weeks prior to the program. To register, please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

Paws to Read

Young readers wanted! On Monday, February 12 and Monday, February 26, 2018, 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. To register, please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

Read to Your Child



**Welcome Dr. Christina Paparella**

Dr. Christina Paparella attended the College of New Jersey where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering. She is a graduate of Rutgers School of Dental Medicine and is currently a resident of Hackensack University Medical Center. Dr. Paparella, whose hometown is North Caldwell, NJ, is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, and the American Dental Association. Her hobbies and interests include hiking, tennis, and architecture

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Music with Miss Nita

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host free music-and-movement classes with Miss Nita on Wednesday, February 7 and 21, 2018, at 9:15 a.m and 10 a.m. Come share the joys of making music together! Children ages 5 and under and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend and may register for one session on each date. Classes will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required. Registration opens three weeks prior to the program. To register please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

Yoga Storytime with Miss Danielle

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host free Yoga Storytime classes for toddlers on Wednesday, February 14 and 28, 2018, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join Miss Danielle for stories, stretching and simple yoga poses. Children ages 2-5 and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend, and may register for one session on each date. Classes will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required. Registration opens three weeks prior to the program. To register, please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###





The Board of Trustees of The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights held its reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Marlene Verrastro was elected Board President along with Patricia Link as Secretary and Joseph Samperi as Treasurer. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., to conduct Library business. Photo (l-r) Mayor Jack DeLorenzo, Marlene Verrastro, BOE Alternate Linda Mansfield, Lori Cintron, Mayor's Alternate Michael Sickels, Council Liaison Josephine Ciochia, Lizz Nuzzo, Patricia Link, Joseph Samperi, Rose Heck, and Library Director Mimi Hui. Not shown: BOE Supt. Matthew Helfant and John Baratta. ###

## Rutherford Adult and Reference Department

**Free Computer Classes**  
The Rutherford Public Library will offer free computer classes in February 2018, a four-session social media class on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The classes will be as follows, February 6 (*Facebook*), February 13 (*Twitter*), February 20 (*Instagram*), and February 27 (*Snapchat*). Participants can sign up for one, two, three, or all four classes. For more information or to register, please stop in The Library or call 201-939-8600. ###

## Tech Tutor

Looking to maximize free content for your tablet, Kindle, or smart phone? The Rutherford Public Library is offering an appointment-based Tech Tutor service to provide personalized instruction on downloading free e-books, e-magazines, audiobooks, music, and movies to personal devices. Librarians can also assist with research, setting up e-mail accounts, and basic computer instruction. For an appointment or for more information, please call 201-939-8600 and ask for Reference. ###

## Knit, Read and Discuss

The Knit One, Read Two knitting/book discussion group at The Rutherford Public Library will meet on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 6 p.m. to discuss "I'll Take You There" by Wally Lamb. All those who knit or crochet are warmly invited to bring their needlework and join the discussion. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk. For more information, please call 201-939-8600. ###

## Felician Reading Center Spring Program

The Felician Reading Center is offering a Spring Reading Improvement Program for students in Grades 2, 3 and 4. The program began on January 22, 2018 and will end on May 3, 2018. The classes are held twice a week - Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The program aims to increase Reading Speed with primary emphasis on the improvement of Phonics, Comprehension and Vocabulary Skills. There will be a weekly fee for services rendered. The Felician Reading Center is located at 260 South Main Street in Lodi, New Jersey. For further information, call Sister Mary Andrew at 973-473-7447, extension 123. ###

## The Hasbrouck Heights Library February Events

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. To register, call 201-288-0488 or visit our new website, [hasbrouckheightslibrary.org](http://hasbrouckheightslibrary.org).

### Children

- **Pajama Story Time** – Join an evening story time. Wearing pajamas is encouraged! Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018, starting at 7:30 p.m. for all ages.
- **Book Bingo** – Join a game of Book Bingo and win prizes! Meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018, starting at 3:30 p.m. for ages 5-12.
- **Chess Club** - It's back! For students ages 7-12, come test and improve your skills at our monthly chess club meetings. Members must have some knowledge of chess as there are a limited number of instructors. Next meeting is Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 3:30 p.m.
- **Little Artist** – For students in Grades 2-5, come learn about an artist or type of art and recreate a famous work or make your own masterpiece at The Hasbrouck Heights Library. No experience is necessary. There are no mistakes in art! Join Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. No registration necessary.
- **Lego Club** – Join the Hasbrouck Heights Lego Club! Show off your architectural talents and come create with us. Legos will be provided. Tuesday, February 6 and 20, 2018, starting at 3:30 p.m. for ages 5-12. No registration necessary.

### Teens

- **Book Clubs for Kids** – Join one of the two book clubs for kids. Books for both groups, along with more information, are available at the Children's Desk.
- **Best Books** is for students in Grades 2-3, and meets on the first Friday of each month.
- **Critics' Choice** is for students in Grades 4-6, and meets on the third Friday of each month.
- **Valentine Craft & Story Time** – Join us for a heartwarming craft and story time! Wednesday, February 14, at 3:30 p.m. for ages 5-12. We will be reading some great books and making a craft to take home.
- **Recycled DIY Club** – Get crafty with us! Learn how to create crafts using every day, recycled materials. The Recycled DIY Club will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. No registration necessary.
- **Teen Readers' Club** – Meets on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss a book, eat snacks and play games. Copies of each month's book will be available for checkout at the front desk. On Tuesday, February 13, 2018, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., will discuss "Spill Zone" by Alex Puvilland.
- **Teen Game Night** – We have a large selection of board games to choose from. Don't

worry about feeling left out, there's room for everyone. Teen Game Night will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, with the next game night on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the YA area of The Library. Feel free to bring your favorite games. No registration necessary.

• **Teen Advisory Board** – Make your voice heard—join the Teen Advisory Board! They meet on the third Thursday of each month. Teens can participate in community service projects, learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities, have a say in teen programming at The Library, and make suggestions for books to add to The Library's YA collection. The next Teen Advisory Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. No registration necessary.

• **Adult Book Club** – Join us on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 7 p.m. for a conversation and refreshments about "*The Rosie Project*" written by Graeme Simsion, a romance novel. Copies of this book are available at the Front Desk for pickup. ###

• **Raptors! By Tenafly Nature Center**—Monday, February 26, 2018, at 3 p.m. in the large meeting room, second floor of Borough Hall. Participants will observe several live raptors up close and learn about their behavior, physiology, adaptations, ecological importance and natural history. Hands-on artifacts and demonstrations will capture the imagination of everyone. ###

### Casino Bus Trips

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## W-R Girl Scouts NNJ Share the Holiday Spirit

December brings many opportunities to help our community. On December 1, 2017, Junior Girl Scout Troop 95524 entertained our Senior neighbors at the annual Mayor's Pasta Dinner and held a raffle of prizes which they prepared, along with lovely candle decorations. Santa chocolates created by Senior Troop 582 and

peppermint hearts made by Senior Troop 585, were also distributed to the guests.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 95825 sponsored this year's GS Tree Lighting. The tree commemorates Girl Scouts and Leaders past and present. Counting down from 10 the tree glowed in GS green. Carols were sung, the girls then re-

treated to the WR Civic Center with their pantry donations for neighbors and the Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady Parish. Crafts, activities and a surprise visit from Santa! Hot Cocoa and cupcakes provided by Kearny Bank added a warm and yummy touch.

Cadette GS Troops 94037  
and 94454 took on the task of

collecting coats in cooperation with the Producers Guild of America East and Film Good Do Good.

Much thanks to our friends and neighbors who were very generous.

The GSNNJ Cookie Sale began on January 13, 2018. Please support this campaign which helps Girls learn life

skills, such as goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics, while earning funds to help neighbors near and far.

The WRGS look forward to a productive future and a Happy, Healthy New Year. *Provided by Sandra O'Byrne.*  
###



# Masonic Recognition Sunday at the Carlstadt First Presbyterian Church

The history between the Carlstadt First Presbyterian Church and Eclipse Lodge No. 259 dates back over 91 years to May 1, 1926, the date that Eclipse Lodge was constituted.

One of our Charter Members and our first Chaplain was Reverend Brother Ferdinand Kohler, Pastor of the Carlstadt First Presbyterian Church. Following in Rev. Br. Kohler's Masonic footsteps were Rev. Br. E. William Geitner, Rev. Br. William G. Doxey, Jr. and currently Rev. Brother Donald M. Pitches, all of whom served as Chaplains of the Lodge.

On Sunday, November 5, 2017, Worshipful Brother Christopher N. White and members of Eclipse Lodge No. 259, F. & A.M., gathered at the Carlstadt First Presbyterian Church to celebrate Masonic Recognition Sunday Service.


This Church service has been an annual event between the Church and Eclipse Lodge for some 20 years and was started by WB Walter A. Siri, PM and Reverend Brother Donald Pitches.


What makes this Church service so special is that all

parts are performed by Masons,  
from the Call to Worship to the  
serving of Holy Communion.

This year's service was even more meaningful as the members of Eclipse Lodge dedicated a monument in the Church's courtyard in honor of the Pastors of the Church who were members of Eclipse Lodge and served as Chaplains of the Lodge. Many thanks to the Monument Committee: WB Walter Siri, PM, RW Walter Siri, Jr., PGC, WB Christopher White, Sitting Master, Br. Robert Flick and Br. Andrew Donaldson, job well done!

Pictured above from left to right are WB Henry Heber, PM, RW Wayne Heber, PGC, Br. Andrew Berry, RW Roy Herzfeld, PGC, DB Keith DeNunzio, WB James Aglione, PM, WB John Paul Aglione, PM, WB Christopher White, Sitting Master, Br. Andrew Donaldson, Br. Zoran Milrevski, Rev. Br. Donald Pitches, RW Walter Siri, Jr., PGC, RW J. Eugene Margroff, DDGM-2 and WB Walter Siri, PM. *Photographs by Bo Siri. Submitted by RW Walter A. Siri, Jr., PGC.* ###



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Lodi Water Tower

Photos by Tony Maglionico. ###



The picture above was taken at this year's Palisades District Art Festival at the Paramus Woman's Club recently. Two members from the GFWC-Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights and 2 members from the Lyndhurst Women's Club did a dance routine called: "The Palisades District Walkers" and won among eight other acts. They will now get a chance to do it at the NJSFWC convention at the Golden Nugget Casino in May.

The performers' names from left to right are Rosemary Woodruff, Rose McGuigan, Dorothy Bernice and Pat Link. Of course when doing it in May they will make a couple of changes more for the Spring! The person in charge of the event was another member of the GFWC-Contemporary Club, Marge Heeren and she and her committee did a terrific job! Congratulations, on a job well done!

It was a fabulous day and everyone had a great time! *Provided by Patricia Link.* ###



Currier's Magical Mania

The Jack Frost variety show featured various types of magic, snow ball and bowling pin juggling, icicle cane twirling, comedy and balancing a chair on his head! Lots of audience participation! Super funny! Tons of family fun in December at The Lodi Memorial Library! *Provided by Cindy Evans.* ###



Holiday Celebration at the YMCA 21st CCLC RLC Afterschool Program

Bistro Restaurant in Moonachie was gracious enough to donate the hot food for our party! They had a special visit from FLOMO also from Moonachie and they provided a very generous check to help provide healthy snacks to our children in 2018. The YMCA is so grateful to all our wonderful sponsors for making our program so successful. Thank you FLOMO and Bistro. *Provided by Phil Facendola.* ###

Cub Scout Bake-off



On Nov. 10, 2017, Cub Scout Pack 183 held their annual Bake-Off.

The rules were simple: Just as in past years, with adult supervision, the Cub Scouts baked a cake and decorated the cake at home.

The mothers of the Cub Scouts cleaned up the mess when the Scouts were finished baking.

Some fathers helped the Scouts bake. (*No fathers admitted to helping clean up, but we think that was just to keep expectations low.*)

This year's judges were from the VFW Post 3616 Auxiliary. They were Mary Donovan, Lois Hornig, Robin Mango, Tammy Eileen Martin, Madeline Spies, and Jan West.

The room was abuzz with Cub Scouts (*and brothers and sisters*) running around, excited about the contest. Each cake was numbered as it came in, and each Scout ran off after getting his cake number.

Fourteen cakes were baked, each decorated beautifully. The judges had a hard time deciding the winner in each category. And, to make it even harder for the judges, the final category was Best Tasting. ###



Each judge tasted each cake (*one of the adult leaders helped taste the cakes, but he didn't get to decide which tasted the best*).

And the winners were:  
Best Scout Spirit, Karsten  
Best Sport Theme, Will  
Best Town Spirit, Marco  
Best Holiday Theme, Tyler  
Most Patriotic, Lucien  
My Sister's Choice, Karsten

Judge's Choice, Henry  
And the winner for best tasting, Mateo!

Cub Scouts are open for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students.

If you have a son who would like to be a Cub Scout, please contact Barry Goldman at 201-507-1708. *Provided by Cub Scout Pack 183.* ###



On January 1, 2018, at the Borough of Wood-Ridge reorganization meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the attending Cub Scout Pack 183. ###



# Wallington Family Science Night



Thanks to Donald Nuckel, 100 students and their families recently took part in a Family Science Night at the Frank W. Gavlak School. Funded entirely by Donald Nuckel, through the Better Education Starts Today (BEST) initiative, the program is offered at no cost to parents and the Wallington School District.

The December 12, 2017 event, entitled “Astronomical Wonders,” was the first in a series of six Family Science Nights planned for the 2017-2018 school year for students in Grades K-5. Those in attendance had the opportunity to view the night sky in a blow-up Star Lab Planetarium and create a glitter galaxy and star chart to take home.

The goal of the program is to bring parents and children together to experience the wonders of science and the world around us. “This is a great opportunity for us to get more involved with our kids,” added Rebecca Sanchez, a parent who attended the event with her daughter Arianna. “Children don’t often show a lot of interest in science but this changes their perspective on the subject.”

Barbara Sondej, Wallington’s Supervisor of Curriculum, says Family Science Nights provide valuable hands-on experiences in an informal setting. All activities align with state and district goals for science and career awareness. “We are hoping this program will help open the student’s eyes to possible careers in science,” added Sondej.

The Family Science Nights are led by Angela Cristini, an Assistant Vice President at Ramapo College and Director of Educational Activities at the Meadowlands Environmental Center. “Wallington is a district in need. But, thanks to the ongoing support from Mr. Nuckel, the students here are receiving top-notch science education,” said Cristini.

Nuckel also provides funding for students in Grades K-6 to visit the Meadowlands Environmental Center several times throughout the year.

“We are truly grateful to Mr. Nuckel for providing these wonderful programs,” said Nancy Giambrone, principal of the Frank W. Gavlak School. “Without his generosity, these programs would not be possible for our district.” *Provided by Linda McCue. ###*

Yield to Pedestrians

# Cinderella Visits W-R

Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School will present Rodgers and Hammerstein’s timeless fairytale, “Cinderella” March 23 through March 25, 2018, at the Wood-Ridge High School Auditorium. Performance times will be at 7 p.m. on March 23 and 24, 2018 and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 25, 2018. Ticket prices will be \$10 and purchase information will be available closer to the show date. In addition, a dress rehearsal/performance of “Cinderella” for the senior citizens of Wood-Ridge and Moonachie will be performed on March 22, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Wood-Ridge High School auditorium, free of charge. The production is directed by Roberta Blender and Ted Colarusso, with choreography by Melissa Plaza. This production marks 30 consecutive years

of productions performed at Wood-Ridge High School. Students in Grades 7-12 will be involved and assisting in all aspects of the production, including performers, stage crew, costumes, make-up and choreography.

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella has charmed audiences everywhere and this adaptation brings new life to the story of a young woman forced into servitude who dreams of – and achieves – a better life. Cinderella features some of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s most beloved songs, including “In My Own Little Corner,” “Impossible,” and “Ten Minutes Ago.” Hope to see you at the show and thank you for supporting the Arts at Wood-Ridge Jr/ Sr High School. *Provided by Angelo Urato. ###*



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# Hasbrouck Heights 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Culmination



On January 11, 2018, 5th Grade students from Hasbrouck Heights Euclid and Lincoln Schools participated in the 29th D.A.R.E. Culmination Ceremony at the old gym at the Hasbrouck Heights High School.

Parents and family watched from the bleachers as the students marched into the gym, joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God

Bless America."

Co-Masters of Ceremony, Elina Gjeli, Euclid School, and Ethan Perez, Lincoln School, made welcoming remarks.

In unison, the 5th Graders spoke their rights. Comments were made by Mayor Jack DeLorenzo, HH Police Chief Michael Colaneri, and Superintendent Dr. Matt Helfant. The 5th Grade students provided a musical presentation.

Lily Brown, Ava Blum, Tyler Ike, Lea Lepenica, Isabella Guida, Drew Eckert and Kailen Peterson read their winning essays and were presented with gifts. Certificates were presented to the students.

DARE Instructor D/Sgt. Alan Baker provided concluding remarks.

Students were then treated to a party with refreshments and a DJ. ###

**Winter Driving Tips**

- Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.
- Always make sure your vehicle is in peak operating condition by having it inspected by an AAA Approved Auto Repair facility.
- Pack blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medication in your vehicle.
- If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle

for safety. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.

- Don't over exert yourself if you try to push or dig your vehicle out of the snow.
- Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.

- Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with snow, ice or mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running.
- Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers or paper maps.
- If possible run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and to conserve gasoline.

The American Trauma Society Pennsylvania Division (ATSPA) recommends pre-

paring an emergency kit that includes:

When preparing your emergency kit, make sure to include:

- Flashlight with batteries
- Battery operated radio
- Jumper cables
- Cell phone and charger
- Snow shovel
- First aid kit
- Extra warm clothing and blankets
- Bottled water and non-perishable food
- Any medications, baby supplies, or pet supplies you would need if stranded

Through South Central

Pennsylvania Highway Safety, ATSPA is offering tips for driving in the snow:

- Slow down
- Allow for extra following space
- Avoid sudden stops
- Always wear your seat belt
- Tell someone where you are going and your expected arrival time
- Take some extra time to plan your trip by checking your route, checking weather conditions and planning stops
- If you are concerned with the driving conditions, just stay home. ###





(l-r) Councilman Dominick Azzolini, Councilman Joseph DiMarco, Councilwoman Catherine Cassidy, Mayor Paul A. Sarlo, Councilman, Ezio I. Altamura, Councilman Edward Marino, and Councilman Philip Romero.

## Wood-Ridge 2018 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2018, at about 3 p.m., the Borough of Wood-Ridge held a reorganization meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the attending Cub Scout Pack 183, with an Invocation by Deacon Frank Materia. The results of the November 2017 election were announced.

The Oath of Office was

administered to Councilman Dominick Azzolini by John Bruno, Esq. and Councilman Philip Romero by Mayor Paul Sarlo. There was an adoption of the By-laws for 2018. Councilman Ezio I. Altamura was elected as Council President.

Appointments for Borough positions were made to include Borough Administrator

Christopher W. Eilert, Borough Attorney Paul S. Barbire, Borough Engineer Michael J. Neglia. Mayor and Council standing committees and liaison to Boards and Commissions were made.

The Mayor made his appointments to include: Board of Health, Library Board, Planning Board, Recreation Com-

mission, Shade Tree, Veterans, and Events Commissions.

A consent agenda was approved. Resolutions were adopted. Additional appointments were made to include Prosecutor Ronald Dario, Esq., Public Defender Mark Musella, Esq., TANAAC Gina Affuso, etc.

Council members made statements. The Mayor gave his

Annual Address.

There was a swearing in of newly appointed Members of Boards and Commissions. The meeting was open to the public.

A complete list of all appointments is available at the Borough Clerk's Office. Website: [www.njwoodridge.org/](http://www.njwoodridge.org/) ###



(l-r) Councilwoman-elect Jenifer A. Lange, Councilman George Muller, Councilwoman "Peggy" Steinhilber, Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez, Mayor Mauro D. Raguseo, Councilman Thomas Sarlo, Councilman Stephen Lanum, and Councilman Ronald Anzalone.

## Little Ferry 2018 Reorganization Meeting

Following a Sine Die meeting on January 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., the Borough of Little Ferry held a reorganization meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Invocation given by Rev. Paul Bruno of Evangel Christian Church.

The results of the November 2017 election were announced by County Clerk John Hogan.

The Oath of Office was

administered to Councilwoman Margaret "Peggy" Steinhilber and Councilwoman Jenifer A. Lange.

By-laws for 2018 were adopted. Councilwoman Steinhilber was elected as Council President.

Appointments for Borough positions were read with confirmation given where required. They included Treasurer Paula Cozzarelli, Borough Engineer

Job & Job, Borough Auditor Dieter Lerch, Bonding Attorney McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, Financial Advisor - Phoenix Advisors, Code Enforcement Officer Gino Tessaro, Fire Official William Holley, Prosecutor is Michael Purvin, Public Defender is Carl Losito, etc. A complete list is available at the Borough Clerk's Office.

The Mayor made Coun-

cil committee assignments. There was a presentation of the Badge to Police Commissioner Thomas Sarlo.

Consent Agenda resolutions were voted upon.

The State of the Borough Address was given by Mayor Raguseo, followed by comments from the Council.

The Mayor presented Alexander Severino a Certificate of Appreciation for his Eagle Scout Project in the Borough,

which involved the building of picnic tables at Lakeview Park.

There was the swearing in of First Aid Corps officers.

All those who were appointed to the Boards or other positions in the Borough were sworn in by the Borough Attorney.

The Benediction was given by Rev. Paul Bruno. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. Website: [www.littleferrynj.org/](http://www.littleferrynj.org/) ###

**A complete list of all municipal appointments for each community is available at their Borough Clerk's Office**





(l-r) Councilman Antonio Cirillo, Councilwoman Kathleen Kinsella, Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, Councilman Robert J. Bauer Sr., Assemblywoman Marlene Caride and Councilman Manuel Martinez. Not shown: Councilman Bruce Surak. and Councilwoman Lucille Millar.

# Moonachie 2018 Reorganization Meeting

On January 3, 2018, at noon, the Borough of Moonachie held a brief reorganization meeting at the Kathryn E. Flynn Civic Center.

The Oath of Office was given to Councilman Antonio Cirillo and Councilman Martinez. Bruce Surak was named as Council President.

The reorganization meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Mulvaney and Sean Mulligan were sworn in as police officers by Mayor Dennis Vaccaro. (See photo on page 30.)

Resolutions for appointments were made to include

Frank Migliorino as Borough Attorney, Kevin Boswell as Borough Engineer, Paul Lerch as Borough Auditor, Helene Herbert as Special Tax Counsel.

The Council adopted existing By-Laws of the Mayor and Council and set the schedule of 2018 meetings. DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole was appointed

for services in connection with the issuance of bonds and notes and Millennium Strategies for services as grant writer.

Mayor Vaccaro made appointments with confirmation by the Council to include: Borough Administrator Anthony Ciannamea, Prosecutor Linda H. Schwager, Public Defender Mark Musella, Property

Maintenance Official William G. Hunt Jr., Superintendent of Public Works Mary Ellen Lyons, etc. A complete list is available at the Borough Clerk's Office.

Consent resolutions and payment of bills were passed. Council Committees for 2018 were assigned. Website: [www.moonachie.us/](http://www.moonachie.us/) ###



l-r: Councilman Ronald Kistner, Councilwoman Josephine Ciocia , Mayor Jack DeLorenzo, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Russell A. Lipari and Councilman Christopher Hillman.

# Hasbrouck Heights 2018 Reorganization Meeting

On January 2, 2018, at about 6 p.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2017 business.

Upon conclusion, the Hasbrouck Heights reorganization meeting began with Mark A. DiPisa administering the Oath

of Office to Councilman Justin DiPisa and Assemblyman Tim Eustace administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Christopher Hillman.

There was a Salute to the Flag. Conchita Parker led the singing of "God Bless Amer-

ica," and an Invocation was given by Reverend Patrick M. Mulewski, Pastor of Corpus Christi R.C. Church.

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department officers were sworn in. There was an announcement of council assign-

ments, consent agenda.

Councilman Russell Lipari was appointed as Council President, Councilman Ronald Kistner as Planning Board representative. Mayor DeLorenzo made his appointments. Council members made their comments.

Reverend Mulewski provided the concluding Benediction. The meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served in the Senior Center. A complete list of all appointments is available at the Borough Clerk's Office. Website: [hasbrouck-heightsnj.org/](http://hasbrouck-heightsnj.org/) ###





*l-r: Councilman Mark Goldsack, Councilman Frank Nunziato, Council President Stephanie McGowan, Mayor Joseph DeSalvo Jr., Councilman Sean Walker, Councilman Thomas Mullahey and Councilman Edward Narucki.*

## Rutherford 2018 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2018, at 1 p.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2017, business. The year 2018 began with Mayor Joseph DeSalvo, Jr. calling the Reorganization

meeting to order. Honorable Governor-Elect Murphy administered the Oath to Stephanie McGowan. North Bergen Commissioner Allen Pascual administered the Oath to Eddie Na-

rucki. Upon seating, they gave their remarks. The Invocation and Benediction were given by Very Rev. Michael J. Kreder, Pastor, Saint Mary's Church, Rutherford, followed by the Salute to the

Flag. Stephanie McGowan was elected as Council President. Mayor DeSalvo appointed the Council committee liaison assignments. The Mayor made appointments with confirmation by the Council. Mayor

DeSalvo made his remarks. There were presentations. The consent agenda was approved. The Borough Clerk's Office has the complete list of all appointments and committees. Website: <https://www.rutherford-nj.com/> ###



*l-r: Councilman David Stoltz, Councilman Joseph Emerson, Councilman James Lenoy, Borough Clerk Claire Foy, Mayor Craig Lahullier, Councilman Richard Bartlett, Councilman Robert Zimmerman, Borough Attorney Joseph Donohue and Councilman William Roseman. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

## Carlstadt 2018 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2018, at 1 p.m., the Carlstadt Mayor and Council held a Sine Die Meeting to conclude 2017 business, followed by their 2018 Reorganization meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance

was made, followed by the Invocation shared by Rev. Donald Pitches, Pastor, Carlstadt First Presbyterian Church. The Oath of Office was administered to Councilmen James A. Lenoy and Joseph

T. Emerson. Badges were presented to elected officials. The Council President is Bob Zimmerman. The Mayor gave his Annual Message. Consent agenda was approved. The Mayor made appointments and

selection of standing committees. There was a resolution on 2018 salaries, followed by hearing of citizens. Presentations and comments were made, followed by Benediction. The meeting was ad-

joined. Refreshments followed. A complete list of all appointments is available at the Borough Clerk's Office. Website: [www.carlstadt-nj.us/](http://www.carlstadt-nj.us/) Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

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(l-r) Bryan Olkowski (newly elected), sworn in by Mayor Mark W. Tomko, Melissa Dabal, Eugeniusz Rachelski (Council President), Mayor Mark W. Tomko, WendySu Ivanicki (newly elected), sworn in by Assemblyman Kevin Rooney, Joseph Brunacki IV, Khaldoun Androwis.

# Wallington 2018 Reorganization Meeting

The Wallington reorganization was held Monday, January 2, 2018 at 7 p.m., in the Wallington Senior/Civic Center.

There was a Salute to the

Flag, roll call, and Invocation. The year began with administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Bryan Olkowski by Mayor Mark Tomko. Councilwoman WendySu Ivanicki

was sworn in by Assemblyman Kevin Rooney. Remarks and presentations were made. the meeting was open to the public. The Mayor gave his annual message. Eugeniusz Rachelski

was elected Council President. Committee appointments were made. Resolutions were approved. A temporary budget was established. The meeting was adjourned.

The Borough Clerk's Office has the complete list of all appointments and committees. Website: /www.wallingtonnj.org/ ###

# East Rutherford 2018 Reorganization Meeting

The Sine Die Meeting of the East Rutherford Mayor and Council was held Monday, January 1, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the Municipal Court Chambers to conclude 2017 business.

On January 1, 2018, at noon, the year began with administering the Oath of Office to Edward C. Ravettine and Saverio Stallone. There was a Salute to the Flag, roll call, and Invocation. Jeffrey Lahullier was selected as Council President. Crossing Guards were appointed for 2018. Resolutions were approved. Board members were reappointed. Council committees were assigned. The Mayor made his New Year's Address. Refreshments were served. The Borough Clerk's Office has the complete list of all appointments and committees. Website: eastrutherfordnj.net/ ###

Excerpts of the Mayor's Annual Message on page 22.



l-r: Councilman Saverio Stallone, Councilman Phil Sorbera, Councilman Edward C. Ravettine, Mayor James L. Cassella, Councilman George Cronk. Seated: Councilman George Perry Jr. and Councilman Jeffrey Lahullier.

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# Selected excerpts from East Rutherford Mayor James L. Cassella’s Annual Address

Before I begin my address please join me in a moment of silence for Joe Morris; lifelong resident of East Rutherford; graduate of East Rutherford High School who returned there to teach and coach; vice principal at Becton Regional High School; served on the East Rutherford Council; long time member of the Becton Regional Board of Education and longtime member of the East Rutherford Planning Board, where he was still serving. He will be missed. He always cared about East Rutherford. Thank you.

Welcome and thank you for being here on this 1st day of 2018, especially the families of Councilmen Stallone and Ravettine as they, once again, begin a new term on the East Rutherford Council. We wish them well.

As 2017 fades into our memory I want to acknowledge and thank Police Chief Larry Minda for his 40 years of service; Daryl Murray, our court administrator, who served East Rutherford for 30 plus years; our long time tax collector, Linda Ramsaier and our mechanic Mike Alberta. Their service to our community will not be forgotten.

Finally, in 2017, after what seemed like a lifetime, actually 14 years, of hearing and talking about the development first known as Xanadu and now known as American Dream, an agreement was finalized; trust me I had my doubts as did pretty much everyone else.

Construction is moving along at a rapid pace and we received the long talked about up-front payment of 24 million dollars without having to issue any redevelopment bonds. Most of that payment has been used to cut our debt by 21.5 million dollars.

American Dream is slated to open in March of 2019, which is when we are to begin receiving PILOT payments that begin at 2.5 million dollars and will continue to escalate from there.

For many of us this was not our preference to have this type of development; this was a project of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, so we did not have any input into it other than financial, but from a financial prospective, it will be very beneficial.

Another financial issue that was resolved in 2017 and that we had been dealing with for some time was the Federal Reserve Bank tax appeal.

What made this so much more difficult was that it was being heard in federal court

which is very unusual.

In March right before the trial was to begin, we reached a settlement for the years 2014, 15, 16 and 17. Fortunately we received an approval from the State's Local Finance Board to refund the Federal Reserve taxes through a bond so it would have less of an impact on our property owners.

Even though it was a substantial loss of ratables, we should regain a good portion of that loss through the re-evaluation that will take effect in 2018.

The re-evaluation process began in 2017 and is just about complete. Once it takes effect in 2018 we will initiate what is known as a rolling assessment which will allow us to keep our assessments at or close to 100% of true value which should, hopefully, reduce the number of tax appeals.

Decisions made or in some cases not made, in Trenton and in Washington, have put added pressures on municipalities in our efforts to stabilize property taxes; however, we on the local level also have an obligation to recognize how our decisions related to spending, hiring and salary increases affect our property taxes.

We need to find a balance between providing quality services while at the same time, stabilizing our property taxes; reduce spending; increase revenue.

Going into 2018, we need to look at ways of increasing our revenue. One of those ways is to continue to look at areas that we can redevelop.

Hopefully, we move forward during the coming months with a plan. I do believe and have for some time that our location with access to bus and train service into New York would make redevelopment very attractive to developers.

Although 2017 saw the retirements of a number of long time dedicated employees, I am confident that those who have moved into these positions will continue the fine jobs of their predecessors.

We wish our new police chief Dennis Rivelli; our new court administrator; Maggie Stuiso; our new tax collector, Linda Broncano; and our new mechanic Sean Stuiso the very best.

On a day to day basis it is Danielle Lorenc and the staff at Borough Hall, along with Chief Rivelli and our police department; Paul DeRosa and our DPW; the staff at the building department and The Library who provide the services for our community that we as

members of the East Rutherford Governing Body can be proud of. They are the ones who are always there for our residents and we thank them for that and the job they do.

Thank you to Chief Mike Falco for his service as Chief of the East Rutherford Fire Department in 2017 and congratulations to incoming Chief Junior Joseph and Assistant Chiefs; David Alberta; Kevin Felten and Rob Swiston.

I wish them well in 2018 and look forward to working with them and all the members of our fire department and EMS who volunteer their time to protect the people of East Rutherford. And thank you to their families who are so supportive of their efforts.

As with most municipalities the foundation of our community is strengthened by the work of our many volunteers; our fire fighters; EMS members; recreation volunteers; the coaches; the committee members; the parents. None of these programs would achieve the successes they have had without our volunteers. Also we cannot forget to acknowledge all of those who volunteer their time to serve on our boards and various committees. And, of course our VFW members; members of the American Legion and those who are currently serving in our military, we thank them for their service.

Also, I would like to thank Councilman Stallone for stepping up and organizing our summer concert series. Other than some weather glitches, the three concerts at Sesselman Park and the one on Park Avenue went off quite well as did the Columbus Day Weekend Festivities arranged by our Civic Pride Organization.

As 2017 ends I look forward to 2018. A new year brings new hope but also much uncertainty. There is a new administration in Trenton which for some brings hope but for others an uncertainty about how a new administration will affect us especially those of us involved on the municipal level. We live in a world that at times seems very chaotic unlike what we have ever seen before which creates a great deal of uncertainty but we hope it will get better in 2018. There is always hope and prayer.

On this New Year's Day 2018 I wish all of you; members of the governing body; all our residents, our youth, our seniors and all who are associated with East Rutherford a very happy, prosperous and most of all, healthy 2018. Thank you and God bless you. ###

# HH Garden Club News

The members will be meeting on February 21, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in The Library Meeting Room on the second floor of the Borough Hall located at 320 Boulevard.

Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short meeting. The meetings are concluded by 8:45 p.m. Parking is located on Central Avenue behind the Boro Hall and across the street. Everyone is always welcome to join for any of the meetings. An elevator is available for those who have difficulty with stairs.

Speaker for this meeting is Kathleen Sullivan. Kathleen has been a backyard gardener

since purchasing her first home in NJ in the 1980's. She retired from a career in journalism, and completed the Rutgers Master Gardener program and began volunteering at The Hermitage National Historic Landmark in Hohokus. Since 2010, she has been instrumental in creating historical gardens that span the 250 year history of the house where Vice President Aaron Burr lived and married Theodosia Provost in 1782.

Come and join for an informative evening and bring a friend! For further information contact Judy Mascis at 201-288-2615. ###

# Groundhog Day February 2

According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day, then spring will come early; if it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, and the winter weather will continue for six more weeks.

Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day in the United States in the 1800s.

The first official trek to Gobbler's Knob near, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, was

made on February 2, 1887.

Movies, advertisements, cartoons and other media have portrayed the legendary role of the groundhog in popular culture.

The term "Groundhog Day" is a phrase that is sometimes used to express if the same events or actions occur repetitively for a period of time.

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**Art/Poster  
Contest**

On February 16, 2018, voting for the American Legion Post 106 Second Annual Art/Poster Contest begins. \$600 prize money will be available to high school students who live in Hasbrouck Heights. Subject is the Post's 100th Anniversary. Any questions contact First Vice Commander, Patrick McCarthy, 201-704-7168. [pat.mccarthy10@gmail.com](mailto:pat.mccarthy10@gmail.com) ###

**VFW Post 809  
Monthly Meetings**

VFW Post 809 monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Post, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry. The kitchen is open to all members from 1 to 9 p.m.  
The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) hold their meetings at this Post the third Monday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m.  
The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) hold their meetings at this Post on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. ###

**DAV Meets**

The Disabled American Veterans, Bergen County Chapter 15 invites Veterans who have incurred disabilities as a result of their service in the Armed Forces to attend monthly meetings 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ.  
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**Veterans Today**  
By Thomas Marshall

How many times in life do we consider things done before they are? Like the score of a game that has gotten out of hand? A winner proclaimed before it's over. How many times has a kid gone to school and didn't bother to study and was hit with a surprise test? We get complacent when we think it is a done deal. We often get surprised and find ourselves in a bad spot because we thought the game was over. Hunters know this lesson well. Don't approach a wounded animal unless you know it's dead. If it is alive it could still be dangerous. Because it's down doesn't mean it's out.

Here is a quick lesson in complacency and the damage it can cause.

Francis Marion had won an election in the General Assembly in South Carolina in 1782. People knew him and Colonel Hezekiah Maham for their service in the Revolutionary War. It was common to elect military men to office at the time because they were trusted for their strong patriotism and they became well-known names.

It was late in the war by 1782 and victory seemed inevitable. Cornwallis and his Army had surrendered the October before so spirits were up. Colonel Peter Horry was also elevated to a new position. He took Marion's place as commander of Marion's force. The British still held Charleston, South Carolina at the moment and they too had heard about the election and the absence of Marion and Maham from their commands.

Colonel Benjamin Thomson, a British soldier, was put in charge of 500 men with the task of destroying the commands of Marion and Maham while they were absent. Horry moved his new command to the Santee River and the Wambaw Creek. The Americans didn't expect an attack but word soon reached the Legislature that the British indeed launched an attack out of Charleston.

It was February 24, 1782, and Marion and Maham wanted to be excused to fight the battle. As crazy as it might be the Legislature was reluctant to let them go because they feared the possibility of not having a quorum for their meeting. They were excused and they rushed

to the scene but they only got as far as Mepkin's Plantation before the fighting started. They were too late.

Colonel Horry lived nearby and he apparently was ill. He went to his home to rest so he too was not present at the battle. Horry's men were around the same number as the British but no one was ready for an attack so things went wrong immediately. The regimental commanders under Horry were eating dinner when news came that the British were approaching Wambaw Bridge, a bridge that spanned the creek of the same name. Major John James took some Americans over the bridge to meet the attack. Many of his men were new recruits and having no experience in battle didn't last long.

The British were ready and fighting quickly broke out. The volleys from the British troops were devastating. The new recruits began to break and fell back to the bridge. Major James was said to have had to jump across a gap in the bridge because his men were tearing up the planks to slow the British down. Major James and the survivors were now on the south side of the bridge. There were 40 dead Americans left on the north side.

The next day, on the 25th of February, Thomson, and his British force drove Americans out of camp at Tidyman's Plantation. General Francis Marion now on the field, ordered Captain John Smith to attack the British troops. This didn't go well for the Americans. Smith also had inexperienced men in his command and some got lost trying to circle a pond. Others that made the attack were soon scattered by the British musketry. It was said that some tried to swim the Santee to escape and this made them easy targets for British sharpshooters.

The British claimed they took 12 prisoners and killed 20 men. They also stole a herd of cattle and took the beef back to Charleston. The battle at Wambaw Bridge was over. We didn't do too well here. Most of America knew the war was going to end so they no longer prepared. It left us open to a whooping.

No matter what you are doing in life whether school, work or sports, it makes no difference. You don't know what's around the corner. Don't get caught napping, don't get surprised. If you can't do anything, and you don't know what else to do, you can at least be ready. ###

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About Ash Wednesday

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According to the canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus Christ spent 40 days fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by Satan. Lent originated as a mirroring of this, fasting 40 days as preparation for Easter. Every Sunday was seen as a commemoration of the Sunday of Christ's resurrection and so

as a feast day on which fasting was inappropriate. Accordingly, Christians fasted from Monday to Saturday (six days) during six weeks and from Wednesday to Saturday (four days) in the preceding week, thus making up the number of 40 days. Orthodox Christians do this 40 days in a row.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday, and placing them on the heads of participants to the accompaniment of the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Wikipedia.org. ###

Menorah Service Held December 21

Rabbi of Congregation Beth El of Rutherford, held a Menorah service on December 21, 2017.

They had a beautiful event last Sunday evening, with over a hundred people in attendance.

Dignitaries included Assemblyman Gary Schaer, Councilmen Mark Goldsack and Thomas Mullahey, Councilwoman Stephanie McGowen and Rutherford Chief of Police John Russo.

Synagogue President Larry Goldberg MC'd, with Rabbi Lerman, Assemblyman Gary Schaer, Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan and Rutherford Chief of Police John Russo sharing a few words about the holiday of Chanukah.

The Synagogue honored the women of the Jewish community with lighting the torches for the nine foot Menorah, and Rabbi Lerman led the ceremony.


Guests were then welcomed to the synagogue's spacious gym, where they enjoyed soup, donuts and latkes. They were entertained with live music, and a grand show by Casey Carle of Bubblemania.

The Rabbi of Congregation Beth El of Rutherford, NJ is located at 85 Montross Avenue, Rutherford, NJ, 07070, 201-438-4931, JewishRutherford.org. ###

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About Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday

This year, Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras is celebrated on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Shrove Tuesday is the last day before Lent, a period for fasting. Also known as Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

It is also known as Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras, and features large festivals and celebrations across the United States. The Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans, in Louisiana, is typical of the masquerades and dancing in the streets that take place in other parts of the United States before the long Lenten fast. Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14, 2018. ###

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## Rosary Society of Corpus Christi Church

The next General Meeting of the Rosary Society is Thursday, February 8, 2018, in the school cafeteria following 7:15 p.m. recitation of the Rosary in the Chapel. The evening will include a "Brown Bag Auction" for the benefit of Birthright and Meals with a Mission.

The new year began with our "Bakeless Cake Sale" fundraiser for the scholarship awards given to two Eighth-Grade girls going on to Catholic high schools. The appeal letter with a return envelope has been mailed to all members, and we thank those who have so promptly responded.

Next on the calendar is the Annual Lenten Lasagna Dinner scheduled for Friday, March 2, 2018, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Corpus Christi School cafeteria. The menu includes meatless lasagna,

salad, bread, tea/coffee, soft drinks and dessert. Ziti will be on the menu (*please make this request when purchasing tickets*). There will be a Gift Certificate and a 50/50 raffle. The dinner donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under (*toddlers free*). Take-out is available. Tickets may be purchased at the February meeting. For information or to reserve your place, please call 201-288-4095.

Our membership is growing, and we encourage the women of the parish to join us in prayer and service.

Members are required to say one decade of the Rosary daily, to attend the monthly liturgy and meeting, to pray the Rosary for deceased members, and to participate in various service projects. Call Maria at 201-727-0820. ###

## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Lenten Programs

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 92 Burton Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights offers these services. For more information call 201-288-6889.

• Sermon From the Cross: The Seven Last Words Ash Wednesday, Our Lenten Journey Begins: The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, washed in God's mercy and forgiveness.

They will hold two services of Holy Communion with the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 14. The first, at 12 noon, will be a spoken liturgy, and the second will be a sung liturgy beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Our Lenten journey continues with mid-week Lenten evening prayer on February 21 beginning at 7:30 p.m. and concludes on March 21. Each week, we will meditate in word and music on one or more of the seven last words of Jesus

as he died, his sermon from the cross.

• Special Services at Holy Trinity: Our First Tuesday Evening Prayer service including 40 minutes of prayer, simple chant and silence will take place on February 6, 7:30 p.m. Prayers for healing and renewal with laying on of hands conclude each service.

On February 11, we continue our 2nd Sunday Family Communion service beginning at 9:15 a.m. The service is filled with fun and family-friendly, informal worship.

• A Bible Study in Two Parts, Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.: The two-part Bible Study is held on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.: Part One began on January 11 and will end on February 8. In Part One, we will explore Chapters 1 to 10. Part Two will begin on April 12 and end on May 17. In Part Two, we will journey with Mark from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in Chapter 11 all the way to the empty tomb in Chapter 16. ###

# Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

### Artful 2018

Did you ever talk to someone who ends each sentence with an upward inflection even though it's not a question? Example... "Gee, I was in the drug store the other day looking for cough drops?" I really needed them because I was coughing my brains out? So then I figured that as long as I was coughing I might as well get a flu shot? But I got the flu anyway?" All you can do in response is shrug your shoulders which is what I do anyway when I don't know what the other person is talking about. It's a sure way to get out of a conversation that's going nowhere, don't you agree? That was a question folks, no really it was. I was actually asking you something? I mean, Darn it now they've got me doing it! Forget I ever mentioned it!

Yea folks, it's February and we all know what that means. Cupid is polishing his bow and is sharpening his arrow in preparation for the love fest called Valentine's Day. Be still my beating heart. Valentine's Day, at least for me, was always met with great anticipation followed by a devastating let down. I was always a love sick kid, forever day dreaming about the pretty girl in the third row who was casting admiring glances in my direction. Unfortunately those glances were aimed at the kid sitting behind me. I used to position my head so that when she turned around I'd be blocking her view and would have no choice but to make eye contact with me.

Meanwhile the kid behind me would lean in the opposite direction thus deflecting her gaze off of me and onto himself. All of this went on during class and by the time the lesson was over I was completely lost. It was a long flight from dream land to reality and it was usually a crash landing.

I'd wake up to the sound of my teacher's voice asking me to read the next paragraph. She knew that I was miles away fighting some war rescuing the girl of my dreams from the dreaded hands of the enemy. "Do you know what page we're on Arthur?" she'd ask with a mean look in her eyes. Not

only didn't I know what page we were on I didn't know what subject we were on as well. I spent many a lonely hours in the cloak room far removed from the pretty girl in the third row who didn't know that I was alive let alone not in my seat.

That scenario repeated itself all through grammar school. Different girl same result. The closer we got to Valentine's Day the closer my ego got to the edge of that familiar cliff. As I looked down I could see the scattered remains of my broken dreams along with an empty space set aside for the next one which was about to happen.

My problem, so it was said by the kids from Westervelt place, was that I was always falling in love with girls who were out of my league. Using baseball terminology to get their point across they said that I was at best a "Double A" player looking for major league results. I knew they were right of course since my record spoke for itself, a pile of goose eggs that cluttered the score board till it all but collapsed under the heft of failure.

Hey, I can dream can't I? There in the vastness of my imagination all things fall within the realm of possibility. The only problem with that was when I woke up I was the only one there. Everyone else was living life in the real world and I was far removed from all of that. Not only was I forever in love with the latest girl of my dreams, I was shy as well. Not exactly a winning combination if you're, as my friends put it, trying to make it in the big leagues."

When Valentine's Day arrived I used to dread looking through the make shift mailbox that the teacher made during recess. Yes, it's true, I received a card or two from a few of the girls in my class but since I never ran across them in my dreams they became unrecognizable in reality.

Ah reality! It can be your best friend or your worst enemy and as a young kid it's hard to distinguish one from the other. My mother told me that it's okay to dream but be

careful that when you wake up you don't find yourself alone. I wrote a poem many years ago about my mom's advice. The last line reads: "Along a precipice, despair, I seek the girl with golden hair." So when Valentine's Day arrived I was disappointed even heartbroken. I was a dreamer who woke up to nothing.

I was grieving over a lost love that never existed in a school yard that offered the kids who played there the dreams of a lifetime. As John Lennon says in the Beatles song In My Life "In My Life I Loved Them All."

We were all one of those kids in that school yard and have Valentine's Day memories as far as the eye can see. Sooner or later true love finds you. It can happen at any time and at any age. It is always on time. I learned this much since those days at Columbus school that you have to be open for the arrival of love. You must not close the entrance to your heart for if love cannot find a way in, it will surely die.

True love arrives when the mind is left unattended and the heart thinks for itself.

Now for all of you Valentine's Day fans out there in Artful Thinking land here's an original poem written some years ago in my never to be published book of Poetry for children of all ages.

**Please be My Valentine**  
By Artie Maglionico

I saw you pass by  
But I'm rather shy  
And didn't know what to do.  
I know what to say  
But the words melt away  
Each time I get close to you.  
I'd write you a letter  
But it isn't much better  
Can't think of a single line.  
So I might as well say it  
There's no time to delay it

**Please be my Valentine!**

**Enjoy...see you next month!**

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About Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is observed on Monday, February 19, 2018. (The third Monday in February.) Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called “Washington’s Birthday” by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington’s actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents’ Day after it was moved as part of 1971’s Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation’s workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents’ Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present. ###

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About Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is on Friday, February 16, 2018. According to the Chinese 12-year animal zodiac cycle, the Chinese year ushers out 2017 as the Year of the Rooster, and readying to welcome 2018 as the Year of the Dog. Chinese New Year usually falls anytime between late January and mid-February.

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, lasts for 15 days. People celebrate the Lunar New Year in America with a combination of regional traditions.

Within China, regional customs and traditions vary widely. Often, the evening preceding Chinese New Year's Day is an occasion for Chinese families to gather for the annual reunion dinner. It is also traditional to thoroughly clean the house, in order to sweep away any ill-fortune and to make way for incoming good luck. Windows and doors are decorated with red color paper-cuts with popular themes of "good fortune" or "happiness," "wealth," and "longevity."

The Spring Lantern Festival on March 2, 2018, marks the end of the traditional Chinese New Year celebrations. ###

About Black History Month

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history.

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland, founded an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

The group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week.

By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” ###

Food Bank

The Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry is open Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for residents. Donations are always welcome. Call Borough Clerk’s Office for more information at 201-288-0195. ###

Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



What Does It Takes to be a FSBO?

Before you head down the path of reading this article, you need to know that I think it’s great that people try and sell their own homes when they feel that they can. I am not an anti-FSBO kind of real estate broker.

I equate it with people who choose to do their own taxes versus hiring a CPA; some people want to do it on their own and some people want to hire it out. Bashing FSBOs is in poor taste. So if you are looking for a “pro real estate agent, you can’t live without me” type of article, please know this: you won’t find it in these paragraphs.

In fact, with today’s fast moving market here in Bergen County where inventory is snapped up as soon as it becomes available, many sellers will consider taking on the sale of their home themselves rather than hiring a realtor. And for those taking the plunge, here are a few useful tips on the just the first step: Finding a Buyer...

Determining how much a FSBO’s home is worth. Pricing a home is part intuition, part research and market timing. Price within the parameters of comparable sales and you should receive immediate offers.

Not pricing correctly can, however, put you at a big disadvantage because the first two to three weeks on the market are crucial; that’s when buyers’ interest levels are the highest.

Preparing the FSBO’s home for a sale. Examine your home from a stranger’s viewpoint. Ask friends to give their objective evaluation of the property and to be frank about its deficiencies.

Consider spending money on improvements making repairs that will enhance profit. But don’t spend too much! The single biggest downfall for sellers is in spending too money on repairs that will never be recouped.

Consider home staging – it could mean the difference between selling now for more money or not selling at all. At the very least, get rid of the

bulk of your furniture. Most sellers can do without 50% of their stuff. And if they can do without their pets, as well, so much the better; they can present a whole other set of challenges.

Marketing the FSBO’s home for sale. With all the money you’ll be saving over hiring an agent, spend a big chunk on advertising. That will entail figuring out your target audience and getting the message out to them by specific media.

Today, most home buyers are looking at the Internet for homes for sale but that doesn’t mean you’ll be selling your house online. The idea is to get buyers inside; all marketing should be geared toward making your phone ring and increasing traffic to your home.

That means doing photographs, virtual tours and select usage of print advertising, direct mail, flyers, hosting tours, etc. Open houses and time flexibility required for showings are necessary components as well.

For most FSBOs finding buyers is typically a pretty big challenge, but - truth be told -finding a buyer is only the first step in a rather long and tricky process. There’s a whole lot more to do before the FSBO can even imagine arriving at a successful closing.

And, largely, it’s on these later, more technical steps that FSBOs often trip up. They sometimes don’t have the skill and knowledge that goes with properly screening buyers; they frequently dispense with the demands of pre-approval and pre-qualification and lack access to third party mortgage counseling assistance.

FSBOs are generally untrained in negotiating with potential buyers regarding offers and contracts which can be loaded with clauses, timelines and contingencies such as those for deposits, mortgages and inspections. They have no relevant experience to know how to handle Home Inspection findings (*the single greatest threat to real estate transactions*) and, more often than not, react in ways that can kill any potential deal.

But this is not, I repeat, an effort to dissuade anyone from wanting to become a FSBO. It’s just my own opinion, objective and 100% unbiased...

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

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## Little Ferry Fire Department 2018 Officers Take Oath

On Friday, December 15, 2017, the Little Ferry Mayor and Council held a special meeting for the annual reorganization of the Fire Department.

Year 2017 Fire Chief John C. Schwedhelm presented the annual report of the Fire Department. Brian W. Busico, Secretary to the Board of Fire Officers,

advised the Mayor and Council of newly elected Officers for the year 2018, and upon motion was accepted. Year 2018 Fire Officers were installed upon taking an

Oath of Office as administered by Fire Commissioner Ronald Anzalone. The Commissioner presented outgoing Fire Chief Schwedhelm with an Ex-

Chief's badge and plaque of appreciation and congratulated 2018 Fire Chief William C. Riedel by presenting him with a new white Chief's helmet. ###



Moonachie Fire Department Santa Ride on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

## MFD Makes a Special Delivery

On Saturday December 16, 2017, members of the Moonachie Fire Department, along with help from Santa Claus, made a special delivery to Austin, a young and energetic eight year old boy from Moonachie. Moonachie Fire Department learned about Austin and his ongoing battle with Osteosarcoma from members of the Moonachie Police Department who were donating their "No-shave November" donations to Austin. Osteosarcoma is a cancerous tumor that develops from bone cells, osteoblasts, which start in the ends of long bones. This tumor has caused Austin to use a wheel chair and a walker to get around. MFD, with help from Santa, stopped by Austin's house and presented him with a \$500 check to assist Austin with his ongoing medical treatments. Additionally, Santa had a few gift bags full of NY Giants memorabilia for Austin. Austin was so moved by this gesture of kindness from MFD he stood with the help of his walker for a few pictures



and shook hands with Santa and all the firefighters who greeted him. "It was a very special moment for all" said MFD president Victor Migliorino seeing the smile on Austin and his

family's faces as we all stood together. The members of the Moonachie Fire Department wished all a happy and safe Holiday Season and New Year. Provided by Moonachie Fire Department. ###



Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Company No.1 continues the tradition in bringing joy to the community with a full day of escorting Santa about the Borough to confirm he knew the many places on his list for Christmas deliveries! Provided by Brian Busico. ###



Little Ferry Hose Co. #1 Santa making his way through town in December 2017! Provided by Gary Defilippis. ###

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### Lodi 2018 Fire Department Officers

On January 16, 2018, Mayor Emil Carafa Jr. gave the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Chief Richard (Archie) Dowson. Deputy Mayor Laura E. Cima gave the oath of office to: 1st Asst. Chief Ron Cannici, 2nd Asst. Chief Steven Cassiello and 3rd Asst. Chief Moses Owen Jr. Councilwoman Patricia Ann Licata sworn in the Fire Captains and Councilman Vincent Martin swore in the Lieutenants. ###



### Rutherford FD Officers Installed

Rutherford Fire Department Installation of 2018 Officers was held Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 3 p.m. at the Council Chambers. (l-r) 2nd Assistant Chief Dennis Gentile, 3rd Assistant Chief Tom Twist III, Chief Jason Frahm, Deputy Chief Scott Koen and 1st Assistant Chief Rob Van Winkle. ###



### Carlstadt Fire Department 2018 Officers

On the evening of January 5, 2018, the Carlstadt Fire Department installed its 2018 Officers in a ceremony held in the Borough Council Chambers. The program began with 2017 Chief Stephen Capuano-receiving his Ex-Chief's Badge

by Carlstadt Mayor Craig Lahullier, who congratulated the Chief on a job well done during his term. With Mayor Craig Lahullier presiding, the 2018 Officers took their Oaths of Office: Chief Brian Cervasio, Assistant

Chief Henry Riveros, Deputy Chief Tony D'Amico, Battalion Chief Dennis Kronyak Jr. and President of the Board of Fire Officers, Robert Brown. • Hook & Ladder Co. #1: Captain Steven Sass Jr., 1st Lt. Robert Ruff Jr. and 2nd Lt.

Bartlomiej Pachucki. • Bergen Engine Co. #1: Captain James Schmidt, 1st Lt. Larry Lang, 2nd Lt. Steve Capuano. • Working Company Engine Co. #2: Captain John Sanzari Jr., 1st Lt. Anthony Silletto and 2nd Lt. T. J. Ondrof.

• F-Troop Engine Co. #3: Captain Gary Colombo, 1st Lt. Joseph Taylor Jr. and 2nd Lt. Matt Moran. • Emergency Squad: Captain Joseph P. Biggy Jr., 1st Lt. Jarrett Milligan, and 2nd Lt. Thomas J. Sabia. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



# South Bergen Firefighters Recognized for Heroism and Length of Service



The South Bergen Fire Chiefs' Association held a meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Station on Main Street. At the meeting, volunteer firefighters from Lyndhurst and Maywood were recognized for life-saving achievements.

On March 13, 2017, Maywood Firefighter Roy DeYoung was shopping at ShopRite, approaching the checkout when a 69 year old man went into cardiac arrest and collapsed. DeYoung and an employee performed CPR, before another employee arrived with a defibrillator and a shock was

applied. Paramus police and medics assumed care of the patient, who began breathing on his own.

On March 17, 2017, Lyndhurst Firefighters Nicholas Haggerty, Paul F. Haggerty and Dominick Rotondo provided CPR to a 74 year old man who went into cardiac arrest, stopped breathing and had no pulse. They took turns with chest compression. The police arrived and gave him the defibrillator and he came back.

Additionally, at the SB Chief's meeting, several area firefighters were recognized for their length of service (*over 50 years*) and were presented service awards. ###



Borough of Little Ferry recognized three "50 Years of Service" members, presenting them with a new "50 Year" Member's Badge. They are as follows: From Hose Company No. 1 – Michael Nunziato, from Hook & Ladder Company No. 1: John P. Schwedhelm and Raymond G. Schwedhelm (*Vietnam Vet who lost his leg in service to our Country*). ###



(l-r) Moonachie Police Chief Richard Behrens, Mark Mulvaney, Sean Mulligan and Mayor Dennis Vaccaro.

## Mulvaney and Mulligan Join Moonachie PD

On January 3, 2018, Mark Mulvaney and Sean Mulligan were sworn in as police officers by Mayor Dennis Vaccaro. They are expected to graduate in mid-June from the Police Academy class #120. Both of the new officers have been employed by the Police Department as dispatchers. Mark Mulvaney is also a member of the Moonachie Volunteer Fire Department and is in the United States Marine Corps Reserves. ###



## Carlstadt Crossing Guard Recognized for 28 Years Service

On December 18, 2017, the Carlstadt Mayor and Council recognized Danica Petric for her hard work and dedication for 28 years of service as a Carlstadt Crossing Guard. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###





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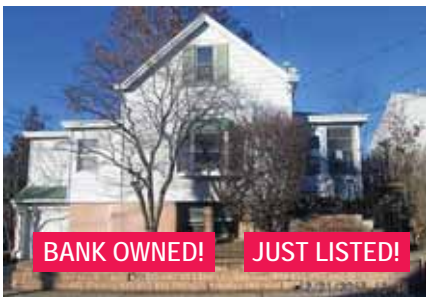


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