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## Angelic

The magnificent, heavenly sounds of earthly angels enveloped us. The sweetness and clarity of melodic singing enriched us. The richness of the pipe organ. The simplicity of a lone chime filled our soul.

While spirits danced lightly, we were *blessed within* at the Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel.

On Sunday, January 5, 2020, the Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province of Lodi, presented The Glory of Christmas Concert -- Feast of the Epiphany. *See story and photos on pages 16-17.*

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## Making Christmas Merry

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## 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 16, 2020.

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 14, 2020. For further information, call the Church at 201-288-1122. ###

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*189 million stems of roses are sold in the U.S. on Valentine's Day.*

*California produces 60 percent of American roses, but the greater number sold on Valentine's Day in the U.S. are imported, mostly from South America.*

*Approximately 110 million roses, mostly red, will be sold and delivered within the three-day Valentine's Day time period.*

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### Captivating Maywood Seniors

Rhonda Denet, soul/jazz vocalist, songwriter and bandleader, performed at the January 15, 2020 meeting of the Maywood Seniors.

She captivated her audience with her rendition of such songs as "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," "My Baby Just Cares for Me," "Dancing in the Street," "Sunny Side of the Street," "It Had to be You," "My Girl," "Chapel of Love," and "What a Wonderful World." In all, she sang more than 20 songs, selections that were popular during the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Miss Denet has her own style of performing. She has an excellent voice. Her performance was phenomenal. She expresses each of her songs with great emotion.

The Maywood Seniors meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month from September to June. They



meet at the Maywood Senior/Recreation Center. Photo by Marie Gallo. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###

### 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.

Groundhog Day, already a widely recognized and popular tradition, received widespread attention as a result of the 1993 film "Groundhog Day." ###

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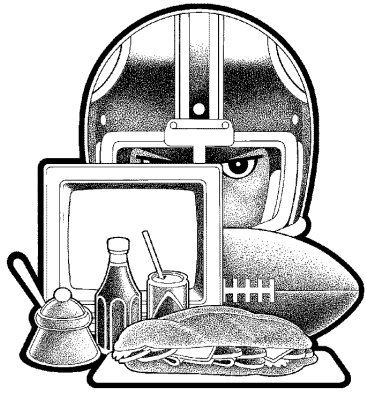
# Football Party Tips

No matter which teams are playing, you should get the gang together, stock your fridge with all the food and drink that matter, and set up the television just right in order to appreciate America's most watched sports event.

- Without proper decorations, your Bowl bash will be incomplete.

Put up banners of the competing teams on your wall or hang streamers bearing the team colors. Get Super Bowl paper plates, tablecloths and other decorative things.

- Next to the excitement of the game itself, your party



will be most remembered for the food provided. Your decorations may be great, but if the snacks and main dishes aren't hits, no one will be pleased.

The main meal should be tasty, simple and filling.

- Make it easy and cater your party. Check out the menus at **Hasbrouck Heights Pizzeria**. Order in advance since Super Bowl Sunday is one of the busiest nights for delivery-based restaurants.

- Set up the food in an assembly line so that everyone can customize their own dinner.

Stick to a buffet set-up in order to ease serving and eating. That way, everyone can enjoy the food while watching the game, and most importantly, you can too.

- If you want to impress, have a Super Bowl cake.

- To make clean up easier,

use plastic cups, plates and utensils. Of course, napkins should be readily available so that, in the event of a spill, help is close by.

- Keep the beer in a cooler close by so you don't have to run to the fridge. Aside from the suds, have plenty of soft drinks and water on hand for the designated drivers.

- Avoid offering hard liquor on Super Bowl Sunday. Football is a sport that begs for beer, nothing else.

- Keep radios and even small televisions set up around the house so that wanderers and those serving food don't miss a single down. You can even put one in the john if your guests are real football fanatics.

- It's always fun to mix in a little video game action on Super Bowl Sunday. If the halftime show is dull, set up your Playstation 2 or Xbox, and play football. Select the teams that are actually playing in the the Super Bowl and square off for some extra fun.

- Some people like to add to the entertainment by organizing betting pools. Ideally, these games are done in a way that even the guests who don't know a thing about football can join in.

For instance, you can bet on who will score the next touchdown, what the score at the end of each quarter will be or even who'll win the coin

toss.

Make charts or grids so that the wagers are clear and keep the pot low so that no one blows their wallet.

- Invest in a few foam "bad-call bricks" to throw at the TV so your guests can express their feelings about the refs without doing damage to your house.

- Keep a football around and throw some NFL magazines on the coffee table as good finishing touches.

- If it's a real manly, poker-night type night, pass cigars around. Make sure there are enough chairs for everyone to sit on. Provide a side room for those who came for the food and atmosphere, and not the actual game.

- Spray some air freshener around as soon as everyone leaves, so the smell of cigars does not linger.

- Think ahead and place garbage cans around your place so that wherever your guests are, they can find a place for their trash. At the end of the night, all you have to do is collect the garbage bags, instead of checking under the couch for crumpled napkins.

- Organizing and hosting a Super Bowl party doesn't have to be time-consuming or stressful. Do it right, and you'll be able to watch the whole game, enjoy some great food and relax with your friends. ###

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## Stitch One, Share One

The Stitch One, Share One group will next meet on Sunday, February 23, 2020, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Stitch One, Share One extends an invitation to members of the community to join us. Meetings are held on the last Sunday of every month unless otherwise noted. Come to learn to knit or crochet; come to advance your skills – come to help with our projects or to work on your own.

Stitch One, Share One is continuing to work on projects for those in need, and its members are always seeking new ways to share their talents. Come and meet wonderful women who will become friends. Look for our sign; we are barrier-free! ###

## Park Avenue Toastmasters

Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. The Park Avenue Toastmasters will meet at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library on Monday, February 3, 2020, from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. ###

## W-R Library Announces eLibrary

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library now offers eLibrary®, a user-friendly general reference tool that simplifies the research process, empowering novice researchers to more easily and efficiently choose their research topic and find authoritative information to support their research claim.

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## Mothers of Pre-schoolers

We hope one of your 2020 resolutions is to take better care of yourself by coming to MOPS! Moms of kids ages 0-6 from any town are welcome to attend.

Next event, February 27, 2020, 7 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP by February 25, so we have enough yummy snacks for you.

Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Free MOPS Kids childcare provided by RSVP only.

Monthly Friday morning get together and outings too. For more info: [hasbrouckhtsmops@gmail.com](mailto:hasbrouckhtsmops@gmail.com); 862-239-MOPS; Fb – Hasbrouck Heights Mothers of Preschoolers MOPS ###

## Collecting Ensure

At all the Masses, the Assumption AIDS Ministry, will be collecting the diet supplement, Ensure, during the week-end of February 8 and 9, 2020. It 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 observe AIDS Compassion Weekend at all the Sunday and anticipated Masses of February 22 and 23, 2020. ###

## From the Porch

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's From the Porch Ministry reminds all that any donations of non-perishable food items for the local food bank may be left in the box on the porch at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. If you have any questions or would like additional information, go to our website at [www.holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com](http://www.holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com) or call 201-288-6889 or look for Holy Trinity, Hasbrouck Heights on Facebook. ###



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## Art Association of Rutherford

The Art Association of Rutherford will be having its meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., at Tamlyn Civic Center, 30 Woodland Avenue, Rutherford. Robert will be modeling for free. We will also have a still life available so everyone can practice their skills. Skilled members are available for help and advice! Some materials provided, or bring your own. We ask a \$3 non-mandatory donation from non-members to defray cost.

Contact Lissanne at [lissanneart@gmail.com](mailto:lissanneart@gmail.com) for more information.

All are welcome! Hope to see you there! ###

## College Choir Celebration March 22

Mt. Ararat Baptist Church will host a College Choir Worship Celebration featuring the Choirs of Felician College, Rutherford Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick Campus, and Kean University of Union County on Sunday, March 22, 2020, at the 11 a.m. service.

All are welcome to attend Mt. Ararat Baptist Church at 29 Elm Street, Rutherford. For more information, call 201-460-1820 or contact [miss-sadie1933@hotmail.com](mailto:miss-sadie1933@hotmail.com) ###

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The guest speaker on Monday, February 24, 2020, is Linda Cross. She will present a lecture which will cover information pertaining to the Education and Outreach Committee's Mandala Project.

In addition to this informative lecture, she will provide instruction to the group on how to create one's own unique mandala. This lecture is a combination of cultural information as well as hands on creativity.

Linda Cross is the Education and Outreach Unit Coordinator of the Bergen County Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection. She has made many community visits describing and leading participants on the Mandala Project to Bergen County Senior Activity Centers, Public Libraries, Caregiver and Post-Stroke Support Groups and hospitals.

To register, call 201-288-0488 or log on to <http://hasbrouckheightslibrary.org> and go to calendar. ###

**Mr. Rogers February 22**

On February 22, 2020, at 6 p.m., Wallington Presbyterian Church, 9 Bond Street, Wallington, will host a showing of the movie "Mr. Rogers."

Come share a free movie, refreshments and fellowship with us. Call the Church office at 973-779-2640 no later than February 7, 2020, so that we may know to expect you. ###

When not in use, turn off the juice.

**Fly Fishing on Display**

For the month of February, an exhibition of photographs, books, equipment, and other items related to fly fishing has been provided by Doug Penna, educational director of the organization, East Jersey Trout Unlimited.

This collection reflects the values of the organization. Trout Unlimited is dedicated to the preservation of America's cold water fisheries. The local chapter, East Jersey Chapter, focuses on improving rivers in Northern New Jersey. It places emphasis on conservation and education. Results of the organization's activities are captured in pictures on display and include the Ramapo River Restoration Project, educational partnerships with school children, stream clean-ups, tree plantings, trout stocking, and much more. The East Jersey Trout Unlimited Chapter is also an educational organization. If you are interested in learning fly tying, please check with the organization's website, [www.nnjtu.org](http://www.nnjtu.org) to find classes and locations nearby. A free demonstration and seminar at the Library is planned for Spring 2020. ###

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Contributions will be accepted starting Monday, April 20, 21, 22 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call the Church office for further information at 201-288-1122. ###

**Wednesday Night Art**

The next session of Wednesday Night Art will be held at the Rutherford Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford. There will be two, two-week sessions: February 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. Each week covers a different medium. Registration is required. Preference will be given to Rutherford residents. To register, call 201-939-8600. ###

**AL Post 453 Hosts Black History Program**

On February 23, 2020, Murray-Hodge American Legion Post 453 is having a Black History Program, starting at 3 p.m., at the Post Home, 58 Meadow Road, Rutherford, NJ. The doors will open at 2:30 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be a lifetime resident, Mr. William (Bill) Galloway. Bill takes pride in his father; his mother; his Church; his community and Veterans; and his longtime role with the Sports Hall of Fame.

There will be a few certificates given out to recognize Post men and women.

A free will donation is accepted. In the last three years they have made donations to the following, thanks to your free will donations: Rutherford Kip Center; Rutherford First Aid-Ambulance Corps; Rutherford P. B. A. Local 300; Rutherford Little League Inc.; Rutherford Food Pantry; Eagle Scout, and Rutherford Meadowlands Museum. For information, call 201-939-2346, or 201-456-3561. ###

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## 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 14, 2020, 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. ###

## RP Annual Casino Night

The Ridgefield Park All Schools Special Needs organization is holding its 8th Annual Casino Night on March 13, 2020, at the K of C Hall, Bergen and Park Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ. Tickets are available on our website at *Casino Night Tickets* or by contacting Bob Lee at 201-206-6010 or Mary Kane at 551-265-3247.

All of the funds from this fundraiser go directly to our special needs classrooms in Ridgefield Park Public Schools. ###

## A Mid-Winter Dinner Dance February 9

Carlstadt Turnverein will host "A Mid-Winter Dinner Dance" on Sunday, February 9, 2020, 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 201-909-0808. ###

## HH Music Parents Food Drive

Hasbrouck Heights Music Parents Association will be holding a Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive, February 1, through February 28, 2020. This drive is to benefit Meals with a Mission in Garfield. If anyone would like to make a donation there will be collection boxes located in the Municipal Building and in Corpus Christi Chapel lobby. ###

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

## Fish & Chips March 7

Saint Margaret of Corona's Parish Social Life Committee is sponsoring their 14th Annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

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 \$15 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. ###

## Fish Fry April 10

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting the Annual Good Friday Fish Fry, Friday, April 10, 2020, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Menu includes 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. Dine-in only, No take out. ###

## St. Patrick's Dinner Dance March 14

Time has a way of passing before you know it. St. Patrick's Day is March 14, 2020, the day to mark on your calendar for the Annual Knights of Columbus St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance.

It will be held at St. Joe's auditorium, 120 Hoboken Rd. East Rutherford NJ, at 6 p.m. We have the best home corned beef and cabbage in the area. Dance to the music of a DJ Bobby G. Beer and soda are included in your ticket price and you can bring your own bottle. We will supply the mixers.

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

For tickets or more information, contact John Donnelly 201-920-2807, Joe Egan 201-842-9262. ###

## Squadron 310 Valentine's Party

On February 8, 2020, American Legion Post 310, at 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, will host a Valentine's Fund-raiser Party starting at 7 p.m. All proceeds go to Veterans and children's programs.

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

## Sweetheart Tricky Tray

On Friday, February 7, 2020, St. Frances de Sales Church, at 125 Union Street, Lodi, will host the Annual Sweetheart Tricky Tray. Cost is \$10 pp. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Coffee and dessert provided. For tickets and information, call 973-779-4430. ###

## Beefsteak March 18

Polish Peoples Home T/A Polish American Cultural Center, 1-3 Monroe Street, Passaic, NJ, will hold their Annual Spring Beefsteak, March 18, 2020. Catered by Nightingale's.

Entertainment by Anthony Tabish, 7 pm to ? Doors open at 6. Special surprise to all Patricks, Patricias, Josephs and Josephines. Beef, beer, wine, soda and surprises. Tickets are \$45 pp and can be obtained by calling Polish Peoples Home at 973-473-6619 or Barbara Ann at 973-916-1957. ###

## Pasta Dinner March 7

On Saturday, March 7, 2020, 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. ###

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## MSH Beefsteak February 21

The Rosary Confraternity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church is sponsoring a "Beefsteak" dinner catered by "Hap Nightingale," February 21, 2020, in the Great Hall. Reservations required. Tickets are \$40 pp and include dinner, coffee/tea and dessert. BYOB. No one under the age of 18 will be admitted. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the rectory, or from members of the Rosary Confraternity after weekend Masses. Tickets may also be purchased by mailing your name, address, phone number, number of tickets requested, and mailed to MSH Church, 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057, and labeled "Attention: Rosary Confraternity Beefsteak." If you wish a table of eight (8) or ten (10), please submit full payment with a printed list of all names of persons to be seated, otherwise group seating cannot be guaranteed. Checks are to be made payable to Most Sacred Heart Rosary Confraternity. Respond no later than Wednesday, February 12, 2020. For additional information, call Carol at 201-925-0273 or Pat at 201-438-0636. Seating by reservation only. Handicapped accessible. ###

## Afternoon Tea May 3

Saint Margaret of Cortona's Parish Social Life Committee is sponsoring an Afternoon Tea, from 1 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, May 3, 2020.

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

## Lodi KC Pancake Breakfast Feb. 9

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, February 9, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi. Menu includes: all-you-can-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast (*to order*), sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea. Adults: \$7; children over 6: \$4; children 6 and under: free. Profits to benefit local charities. ###

## Fish & Chips February 28

The Annual Fish & Chips Dinner, sponsored by the Holy Rosary Society of St. Joseph Church, in Lodi will be held on Friday, February 28, 2020, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the School Auditorium on Spring Street. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased by calling Gloria at 201-776-8288 or Sharon at 201-920-9071. Tickets will not be sold at the door. ###

## Elks Breakfast Sunday Feb. 2

Elmwood Park/Paterson Elks Lodge 60, 192 Market Street, Elmwood Park will host a Breakfast, Sunday, February 2, 2020, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. \$8 pp. Children 6-10, \$4. Free for children under 6. Open to the public.

Breakfast includes: juice, eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, hot and cold cereal, muffins and bagels, hot chocolate, coffee or tea. Reservations preferred. Call Dennis at 201-791-6149. ###

## Free Lunch Saturday

Everyone is invited to the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Saturday" program, which will be held on February 1, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. This hot lunch features "Penne Pasta and Meatballs" This program is an expansion of the Church's ministry of feeding hungry bodies and hungry hearts. If the economy's got you down, or you want to share a meal with others, come for the food and fellowship. There are no strings attached. A free-will offering is taken.

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

## Woman's Club of Rutherford St. Patrick's Day Dinner Mar. 14

The Woman's Club of Rutherford invites you to a St. Patrick's Day Dinner celebration on Saturday, March 14, 2020. The dinner will be held at the Woman's Club of Rutherford's Historic Carriage House Clubhouse, at 201 Fairview Avenue, from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person.

Enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner provided by Giresi's. Bring your own wine or beer (*no hard liquor allowed*). Soft drinks, etc., will be provided. 50/50 raffle.

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

## Full Snow Moon

The February full moon will appear on Sunday, February 9, 2020, at 2:34 a.m. It is called the "Full Snow Moon."

The heaviest snow usually falls during February, according to the Farmer's Almanac. Some tribes also referred to this Moon as the "Full Hunger Moon," since harsh weather conditions made hunting difficult.

The Native American Indians of the northern and eastern United States kept track of the seasons by giving a name to each recurring full moon. European settlers followed the custom. ###

## Wallington Fashion Show/Tricky Tray

On Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 6 p.m., Wallington High School Home and School Organization, will host a fashion Show/Dinner/Tricky Tray at The Fiesta at 255 Route 17 South, Wood-Ridge. Admission is \$55 pp. For ticket information, call TJ Calabrese at 201-893-6748 wallington.hso@gmail.com, Joe Brunacki 973-632-3845. No one under 10 permitted. ###

## W-R KofC Pasta and Awards Night

On Saturday, February 8, 2020, The Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council #11585 at The Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge, has planned a Pasta Night where awards will be presented to local citizens.

The dinner is 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Father Patrick Morris Hall (*located in the basement of the Church*). Tickets are \$30 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. Tickets may be purchased from any member. ###

## W-R Knights Irish Night March 14

The Knights of Columbus of Saint Anthony Council 11585 in Wood-Ridge will host their 11th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

The dinner will be served from 7 to 10 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. Catered by Annabella's.

The cost is \$25 per person. Members of the Knights are selling the tickets. ###

## Rutherford Valentine Craft

The Rutherford Public Library will hold its February adult craft on Friday, February 14, 2020, at 1 p.m. We will be making valentines. Registration is required for this program. Preference will go to Rutherford residents. To register, call 201-939-8600. ###

## Dinner Dance March 1

On March 1, 2020, from 1 to 5 p.m., The Bergen County American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary will host a Dinner Dance at the Graycliff.

Menu includes Caesar Salad, Penne w/Vodka Sauce, choice of Prime Rib/Chicken San Marco/Tilapia Francese, dessert, coffee, tea, soda, water and assorted bottled beer.

Cost is \$45 pp. Deadline is February 20, 2020. Reservations only. Ad journal opportunities available. For more information, call Linda and Mike Carroll at 201-933-1814. ###

## KC Fish Fry March 28

The Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Council 2861 Lodi will be hosting a Fish Fry on Saturday March 28, 2020, at Council Hall, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi, NJ, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Menu will be Fish and Chips or Chicken Tenders, whichever you prefer, along with coleslaw and dessert.

Take out is also available. Soda and water included with the price of admission. There will be a cash bar. Proceeds will go to various charities. Tickets are \$20 in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call Brad Vaughn at 201-376-3071. ###

## Kip Center Monthly Casino Trip

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

## Casino Bus Trips

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

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# Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Hello readers near and far. I trust that 2020 is off to a great start for all of you. I hope so! I'm going to start things off by giving a well-deserved salute to the Lodi Police Department. They, along with our Volunteer Fire Department and our EMT'S, are on the job around the clock, in all kinds of weather, making sure that we are being kept safe. I'm sure that readers everywhere feel the same way about their protectors. Be sure to let them know that they are much appreciated. Here's an idea. Let's all give them a heartfelt thank you right now. Ready? Thank you!

February was and still is one of my favorite months. The daylight hours are getting longer, the winter chill begins to weaken somewhat while pitchers and catchers report for spring training. True... the month of February has been known for inundating us with some pretty hefty snow storms. Even with that the storms are easier to take since the ever increasing strength of the sun melts the snow away in a day or two. Yea and sometimes it doesn't!

Of course Valentine's Day gets top billing on the February marquee. It's the day when Cupid points his arrow at an unsuspecting individual who suddenly realizes that love comes when the mind is left unattended and the heart thinks for itself. Love in its purist sense is one of the most powerful forces in the universe. Sometimes its impact reaches into the realm of the supernatural. Such was the case with my recently deceased Aunt Josephine and her husband, my Uncle Art "Pete" Maglionico, who passed away in October of '07. The couple celebrated 66 years of marital bliss and, as far as my Aunt Josephine was concerned, the celebration wasn't over.

My Aunt Jo, who was nearing her 99th birthday, had been experiencing her share of physical maladies of late and was admitted to a rehab facility where she would receive the proper care for someone at her

delicate stage of life.

This one particular evening the nurse walked into her room to check up on my aunt Jo and to chat with her for a while. "I'm feeling restless tonight" said Aunt Jo. "I can't seem to get comfortable."

The nurse held my Aunt's hand and told her that she'd be back in a few minutes. "I have to check on another patient," said the nurse. "When I get back we'll see about getting you more comfortable." With that the nurse left the room leaving my Aunt to gaze out of the window and into the star filled Arizona sky. As promised the nurse returned a few minutes later only to find my Aunt resting comfortably and with a gentle smile on her face that lit up her eyes and sent a peaceful calm across the room.

"Are you feeling better?" asked the nurse. "Oh yes" replied my Aunt Jo, "My husband is here." The nurse looked around in bewilderment and put my Aunt's hand in hers never breaking eye contact. "Your husband?" whispered the nurse. "Yes" Replied my Aunt Josephine. "My husband is here and everything is just fine."

The nurse noticed that the water pitcher was running low. "I'll be right back," said the nurse. "I'll freshen this up for you." My aunt smiled and whispered "Okay."

Moments later the nurse returned only to find that life had gone from my Aunt Jo.

In the calmness of the night the spirit of her husband appeared. They embraced and walked hand in hand out of the room and into Heaven. There the loving couple will spend eternity together in the divine light of almighty God.

That touching story was told to me by the couple's son... my cousin Anthony. I know that this is a short column folks but anything further would be paled by comparison. What could possibly outshine a story such as that.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day. ###

# 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.

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### Drug or Alcohol Issues?

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

### Yoga & Health

The Rutherford Public Library will host a Yoga and Health series presented by local resident, Jill Rodriguez. The series will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Each session will include 45 minutes of yoga and 15 minutes of an "off the mat" talk covering the following topics: clean eating for every day; scheduling your days and nights during the winter months; self-care; and setting goals for the New Year. Registration is required and preference will be given to Rutherford residents. To register, call 201-939-8600. ###



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

#### Oral Rinses

Mouth rinse or mouthwash is a product used for oral hygiene. Antiseptic and anti-plaque mouth rinse claims to kill the germs that cause plaque, gingivitis, and bad breath. Anti-cavity mouth rinse uses fluoride to protect against tooth decay.

Mouth rinses are generally classified either as cosmetic, therapeutic, or a combination of the two. Cosmetic rinses are commercial, over-the-counter (OTC) products that help remove oral debris before or after brushing, temporarily suppress bad breath, diminish bacteria in the mouth, and refresh the mouth with a pleasant taste.

Therapeutic rinses have all of the benefits of cosmetic rinses but also contain an added active ingredient that helps protect against some oral diseases. Therapeutic rinses also can be categorized according to use: anti-plaque/anti-gingivitis rinses or anti-cavity fluoride rinses, for example.

Dentists will prescribe special rinses for patients with more severe oral problems, such as cavities, periodontal disease, gum inflammation, and xerostomia (dry mouth). Therapeutic rinses also are strongly recommended for those who can't brush due to physical impairments or medical reasons.

#### Should I use a mouth rinse?

Whether or not you should use a mouth rinse depends upon your needs. Many dentists consider the use of fluoride toothpaste alone to be more than adequate protection against cavities. Although, anti-cavity rinses with fluoride have been clinically proven to fight up to 50 percent more of the bacte-

ria that cause cavities. Most rinses are effective at curbing bad breath and freshening the mouth for up to three hours.

#### How should I use a mouth rinse?

Before using mouth rinses, dentists suggest that you brush and floss your teeth well. Then, measure the proper amount of rinse as specified on the container or as instructed by your dentist. With your lips closed and the teeth kept slightly apart, swish the liquid around with as much force as possible. Many rinses suggest swishing for 30 seconds or more.

Finally, thoroughly spit the liquid from your mouth. Teeth should be as clean as possible before applying an anti-cavity rinse to reap the full preventive benefits. Consumers should not rinse, eat, or smoke for 30 minutes after using rinses, as these practices will dilute the fluoride and rinse it away.

#### Are there any side effects?

Yes, and they can vary depending on the type of rinse. Habitual use of antiseptic mouthwashes that contain high levels of alcohol (18 to 26 percent) may produce a burning sensation in the cheeks, teeth, and gums. Many rinses with more concentrated formulas can lead to mouth ulcers, sodium retention, root sensitivity, stains, soreness, numbness, changes in taste sensation, and painful mucosal erosions.

Most anti-cavity rinses contain sodium fluoride, which can lead to fluoride toxicity if taken excessively or swallowed. Because children tend to accidentally swallow mouthwash, they should only use rinses under adult supervision. If you experience any irritating or adverse reactions to a mouth rinse, discontinue its use immediately and talk to your dentist. ###

Reference: Academy of General Dentistry, January 2012.

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# Bee-ing The Best

On Friday, January 10, 2020, the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights held its 28th Annual Spelling Bee at Kiefer Auditorium in the Hasbrouck Heights Middle/High School. 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 are: 1st Place- Ethan Espinas, 5th Grade Lincoln, 2nd Place, Bhumika Manghwani, 4th Grade Lin-

coln, 3rd Place, Enric Soni, 5th Grade Euclid. Awards were given to these spellers.

Judges were Mimi Hui, Director, HH Public Library, Joseph Mastropietro, Principal, HH Middle School, Patricia Caruso, HH Board of Educa-

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 Marija Forenbaher, Vice President, JWC.

The top three spellers from

this event will move on to the district Spelling Bee, February 8, 2020, at 10 a.m., at the Kiefer Auditorium.

Winners from the District Spelling Bee compete in the State Spelling Bee on March 7, 2020, at NJSFWC Headquarters in New Brunswick. ###



## Wood-Ridge Becton Regional Kick-off Season Opener in Canton OH

The Boroughs of Wood-Ridge, East Rutherford, and Carlstadt, along with the School Districts of Wood-Ridge Board of Education and Becton Regional, announced that their high school football teams will be playing their 2020 Home Opener on Friday, September 4, 2020, at 11:30 a.m., at Tom Benson Stadium at the Johnson Controls NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, OH.

The game will be the home opener for both teams and a regularly scheduled game between the NJIC Conference teams. Becton and Wood-Ridge reside in different Divi-

sions in the NJIC Conference Game, so this will be identified as an independent game on their 9 game schedule.

The trip is intended to highlight that small public-school football teams with proud traditions and multi-sport athletes can also travel out of state on the big stage. Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village is pleased to promote the success and safety of North Jersey high school football, not just the large parochial powers, but the smaller public schools.

There will be approximately 70 student athletes combined from the two teams who will

make the trip to Canton along with their coaches, trainers, and support staff.

Although the student athletes will line up against each other in a competitive hard-hitting game, they will have the opportunity to spend time with each other before and after the game.

The teams will share a pre-game pasta meal on Thursday, September 3, 2020, where they will be addressed by an NFL Hall of Famer. Both teams will also tour the NFL Hall of Fame Museum together after the game.

The cost of the trip is being

covered by monies raised by the WRHS Parents Touchdown Club and the Becton Regional High School Sideline Club.

There will be no public monies expended to cover the costs of the teams' travel, hotel, and meals. Corporate sponsors will be utilized to cover the host fee of \$5,000 to cover the cost of the Stadium, including officials, communications equipment, maintenance, security, and medical.

Teams are scheduled to leave the morning of September 3, 2020, and arrive late afternoon for their pre-game walk thru. That evening they

will share a team dinner.

The game is scheduled to be played on Friday, September 4, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. and their visit to the Museum will be 4 p.m. that afternoon. Both teams will depart Canton on Saturday morning to return home for the Labor Day Weekend and to get ready for their first day of school on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

The Touchdown and Sideline Club are hopeful that between both communities over 400 student-athletes, coaches, parents, family members, and supporters will take the trip to Canton. ###





## Robert L. Craig STEAM Team

After months of hard work, the Robert L. Craig STEAM Team earned 4th place in the middle school division of the New Jersey School Boards Association's STEAM Tank Challenge. The STEAM Tank Challenge is a state-wide competition created and sponsored by NJSBA and the U.S. Army. The goal of STEAM Tank is to encourage New Jersey's public school students in the areas of STEAM – science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math. The competition asks student teams to invent something new, modify an existing product, or identify a situation or

real-world problem that needs resolution, and present their idea to a panel of judges.

The RLC STEAM Team's project, called Thermavolt, disinfects towels and other linens, killing bacteria, viruses, and fungi with UV lights. The students researched the effectiveness of UV lights, before testing their project. They also consulted with subject matter experts from universities and

companies to gain specific information about their idea and design, and put out a survey to hotels, gyms, hospitals, and spas to determine the marketability of their project. The team presented their project on October 22nd at the NJSBA Workshop in Atlantic City, and were the only group from Bergen County in their division. *Provided by Alyssa Spitaleri. ####*

## Kids on the Corner Performing Arts Program

Care on the Corner announces the Winter 2020 program for Kids on the Corner, a Performing Arts Program for children in Grades 2 to 7.

This session marks the 39th production of Kids on the Corner. The goal of Kids on the Corner is to educate and enlighten children about different art forms and cultural experiences. The children are offered opportunities to learn about history, culture, visual arts, theater production, set design, costume design, music and acting.

The Performing Arts group meets on Fridays from 3:30 to 6 p.m., February 7, March 20, 2020 (no class on Feb. 21).

Under the direction of Cindy Summers, participants will tell the story of "Shrek."

Then, on Friday, March 20, 2020, at 7 p.m., the group will showcase their hard work with a performance which is open to the public!

Cindy Summers is a 2006 graduate of the New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts acting program. She has been working with children for more than ten years and has been teaching for six years. Six of those years were spent working in a preschool for children with special needs, and for the last four years, Cindy has taught the Ready, Set, Act! program at New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts. In 2010, she introduced the Young Actors Workshop to help further the effectiveness of the children's program. The group will meet at the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine, 229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register, or download an application form from [www.careonthecorner.org](http://www.careonthecorner.org). Scholarships available. There is a \$35 registration fee. ####



## National Geographic Geography Bee Held at RLC

On Thursday, December 12, 2019, twelve students from the Robert L. Craig School in Moonachie participated in the Geography Bee. Participants included four representatives

from Grades Six through Eight each. Contestants were selected from preliminary contests held in their Social Studies classes. Participants included: 6th Graders Jayleen Flores, Shawn Lawton, Jaden Obiaya and Nicole Youhana; 7th Graders Robert Aguilar, Kristina Kaldas, Anthony Smith and Peter Yang; 8th Graders Anissa Lena, Pedro Olivares, Santiago Robayo and David Sarmiento-Arias.

## HH American Legion Essay Contest

The Annual Essay Contest sponsored by the American Legion Post 106, in Hasbrouck Heights, is open to all students in Grades 9 to 12, who reside in Hasbrouck Heights and are attending a high school.

This year's topic is: "Do we still need the Electoral College to pick our President?"

All essays must have a cover page containing the following information: Essay topic/title; name, address and telephone number of the contestant; parent or guardian's name; student must certify that the essay is his/her own work; and all essays must be no less than 300 words and no more than 500 words.

Typewritten essays are preferred but not required. Essay will be judged on proper English structure, accuracy; extent of information; and originality. Any material not original must be cited in a bibliography stating publication, volume, page, publisher and author.

All essays to be judged must be submitted by Friday, March 6, 2020.

The awards are as follows: First Place, \$250, Second Place, \$150 and Third Place, \$100.

Contact person: Peter J. Gallo Jr. 201-288-0276. ####

Students had to answer questions relating to U.S. world, and cultural geography, and were eliminated after getting three wrong questions. The last two remaining contestants competed in a final round, where they both received the same questions.

The runner-up in the school wide competition was Eighth Grader, Santiago Robayo, and the 2019 - 2020 Robert L. Craig School National Geographic Geography Bee Champion was Eighth Grader, Anissa Lena. Congratulations, Anissa! Anissa will now take a qualifying examination for the state geography bee which will be held at Rowan University in April.

A special thanks goes out to Mr. Greg P. Keelen for coordinating the Bee.

## Questions/Answers

Close to 100 species of butterflies have been identified in the Great Dismal Swamp, a region dominated by forests and marshes on the border between Virginia and which other Atlantic state? *North Carolina.*

Government designated preserves have helped protect giant tortoises in the Seychelles, a country made up of over one hundred islands located north of Madagascar in what ocean? *Indian Ocean.*

Kabuki is a popular form of theater that includes elaborate costumes and makeup in which Asian island country? *Japan.*

If you found the questions interesting and challenging then studying geography might be for you. These questions were part of the Annual National Geographic Geography Bee. ####

## VFW Post 3149 Honors Students

On February 27, 2020, at 7 p.m., Schmidt Hoeger Post 3149, Carlstadt, will present "Voice of Democracy Awards" to three Becton Regional High School students at a ceremony at the Civic Center, Fourth Street, Carlstadt. First Place: Jenny Marcinkowski, Second Place: Christina Tripodi, Third Place: Alessandro Benameur, all of Carlstadt.

Family and friends of the winners along with Post members are welcome. *Provided by Commander Robert Nerbetski. ####*

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On January 8, 2020, The South Bergen Fire Chief's Association presented "50 Years of Service" Awards.

Top photo l-r: SBFCA President Anthony Chiodo, Joseph "Ike" Ivanicki Sr., Neil O'Hara, Ron Phillips, Tony Gatto, SBFCA 1st VP Scott Muttel, SBFCA VP Bryan Hennig.

Additionally, the SBFCA made Fritz Rethage of **The Gazette Newspaper** (right photo) and Ron Jeffers of First Responder Newspaper, Honorary Members in appreciation for their service and dedication to the Association. ###



Upon his retirement, on December 16, 2019, Frank Schwarz was recognized by the Carlstadt Mayor and Council for "25 years of service" with the Carlstadt Fire Department. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###



Congratulations to Chief Jerry D'Amico on completing his 5th and final year as Chief of the South Hackensack Fire Department. Chief D'Amico served proudly from 2015 to 2019. He joined the Department in September 1991. ###



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# Meadowlands YMCA Winter Open House

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, visit the **Meadowlands YMCA** for a fun-filled day of activities for the whole family. The annual Winter Open House is the perfect chance to experience all that the Meadowlands YMCA has to offer.

As the former practice facility of the NBA Nets, this modern community center is equipped with plenty of state-of-the-art amenities that offer a full experience, such as the professional-grade basketball courts in the Gatorade Gym, modern Wellness Center with certified personal trainers, heated indoor pool, massage suites with professional therapists, and locker room equipped with steam rooms and saunas.

Beyond its healthy living components, the Meadowlands YMCA also offers a full-time preschool and daycare, dedicated child watch service for members, senior lounge, Y Rec Room for children and teens, several classrooms for programs, and a variety of social

lounges.

The Winter Open House will include an array of activities to provide visitors with an immersive experience into a "day in the life at the Y."

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The event's free classes will showcase the Spring 1 Programs that will start on February 24, making it the perfect time to register for the upcoming session, which is open to both members and non-members.

Parents will also have an opportunity to learn about the Y's iconic Summer Camp program. Camp leadership staff will be onsite to answer any questions about the variety of travel and stay programs for children ages 3-17. It will be the last day for families to lock in last year's camp rates with the Returning Camper Special.

Whether it is your first time at the Meadowlands YMCA, or you are already a member, there is a full slate of activities to delight all ages – young and old. ###



## WRFD Santa Around Town

On Saturday, December 22, 2019, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department hosted pictures with Santa at the firehouse, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., while the Ladies' Auxiliary prepared some goodies. Starting about 3 p.m., they escorted Santa up and down every street in the Borough. Children listened for the sirens. Firefighters handed out candy at the intersections. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



## Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Santa Around Town

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department took "Santa Around Town" on December 22, 2019, An over 30 year tradition, delighting all who came out for the event. *Provided by Justin Watrel. ###*

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## Carlstadt FD Santa Around Town

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, Santa was at Fire Headquarters, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Starting at 12:21 p.m., Santa traveled around town. Santa had lots of boys and girls to visit. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

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# Celestial Voices Sing T



On Sunday, January 5, 2020, the Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province of Lodi, NJ, presented a sacred concert entitled "The Glory of Christmas -- Feast of the Epiphany," in the Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel.

The Sisters hope that their gift of music deepens the spirit of Christmas for all who attended to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, known as "Little Christmas" in many countries.

Joining the Felician Sisters' Choir, under the direction of Sister Mary Virginia Tomasiak CSSF, on the organ/piano, and Sister Maria Magdalena Vallellanes, vocalist, were several guest artists.

They included: vocalists Miriam Irene, Brittany Vander Groef, Paulina Biason, Dorothy Laverty and Lisa Cupeles. Instrumentalists Violinist Nicole DiMaria Picciallo and trumpeter David DeRienzo, Sacred

Dancers Linda Telesco, Director, "Spirit Dance Troupe," an inter-faith dance ministry, Mary Kasakove and Danielle Hartman performed at the altar during several chorales.

Sister Elizabeth Marie Morley, Felician University made welcoming remarks. Rev. Sam Frapaul, OFM CAP, Chaplain to the Felician Sisters, proclaimed the Gospel of Luke. For the Grand Finale, all participants assembled at the altar and con-

cluded with "Joy to the World."

Goodwill offerings were accepted to benefit the Felician Sisters' Mission in Haiti.

The Felician Sisters' Choir has presented "The Glory of Christmas Concert" annually since 2000. CDs of the Felician Sisters' Choir are available by calling 973-473-7447.

The Immaculate Conception Province of the Felician Sisters was established in Lodi in 1913. For more information, go to [www.felicianslodi.org](http://www.felicianslodi.org) ##



# The Glory of Christmas







## LHS Honors Choir Entertains Lodi AARP

The members of the Lodi AARP Chapter #2015 enjoyed their last meeting of the year on December 17, 2019. The afternoon included a luncheon prepared by Giresi's Caterers. They also had the opportunity to hear from one of last year's

scholarship winners, Joseph Spatuzza, a Lodi High School 2018 graduate, who now attends the University of Southern Florida. He has completed his first semester there. He thanked the members for giving him a scholarship and dis-

cussed his plans for the future.

The Lodi High School Honors Choir, under the direction of Mr. Ryan McCann, entertained the members with five songs, all sung a cappella. The songs were "I'll be Home for Christmas," "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and a fast version of "Jingle Bells."

This is Mr. McCann's third year at Lodi High School.

The members received a Lodi Coffee Cup and a holiday package containing candy and a cookie. *Photo by Marie Gallo. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



## ER Rosary Altar Society Installation

At the recent Annual Installation and Christmas Brunch, the following 2020 officers were installed: Lorraine Joewono, President; Janet Drogo, Vice President; Carol D'Alessandro, Recording Secretary; Norma Gray, Corresponding Secretary; Mary

Flynn, Financial Secretary, and Angela Cantatore, Treasurer. Pictured are former presidents Anne Dunne and Delores McGuire administering the Oath of Office to President Joewono. *Photo provided by Charlotte Vocaturo. ###*



## 128 Pairs of Socks for Vets

The Woman's Club of Carlstadt presenting 128 pairs of non-slip socks and slipper socks to the Veterans Memorial Home in Paramus. Pictured from left: President, Vicki O'Brien, Public Issues Chair Carol Ann Dalessandro, Anthony Eli and Co-President Janet Drogo. *Provided by Cheryl James. ###*

## Felician Hosts Older is Better Club

Older is Better is an open membership program designed for men and women 55 and older. The program meets Friday afternoons at Felician University, Obal Hall, Lodi campus, 262 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ.

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

## Moonachie Seniors

### 2020 Events

• **March 11**, the Club will go to Li Greci's Staten Island for the "St. Patrick's Festival from Ireland to America," with Mike Byrne. There will be three menus and a one hour open bar. Cost is \$56 pp. The bus leaves at 9:45 a.m.

• **April 30**, the Club is going to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Sherlock Holmes Returns." An all new immersive musical mystery comedy. There are seven lunch selections to choose from, also the famous unlimited dessert buffet. Cost is \$69 pp. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. The Club is behind the Moonachie First Aid Squad. For information, call 201-641-6472. ###

## ER Seniors

East Rutherford Senior Meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Senior Civic Center, 37 Vreeland Avenue. Refreshments are served. Bingo follows each meeting. New members are always welcome.

Free Blood-Pressure Screenings take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. For additional information, contact Josephine at 201-460-1989.

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

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## Carlstadt Seniors/ Vic's Hoofers

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11 to 3 p.m., at the Civic Center, at 423-433 4th Street, Carlstadt. Refreshments are served. It is a great place to meet your neighbors and other Borough seniors of the Boro. Bingo and Jackpot Bingo is played after every meeting. There is no cost to the members. There are free shows at Bergen PAC or NJ PAC and casino trips. Anniversary, Christmas Luncheons and dinners are delicious and fun filled events.

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

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

## Lodi Senior 2020 Club News

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

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

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

## AARP Chapter #2015 Events

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

## Redefining Retirement 2020

Redefining Retirement is specifically aimed at older adults who want to volunteer their skills and experience in nonprofit organizations, contribute to their communities, and learn something new at the same time. The Bergen Volunteer Center is actively seeking retirees who are interested in being Redefining Retirement Volunteers to help strengthen the community.

Based on professional experience, work, and interests, retirees seeking purposeful engagement will be connected with nonprofits that depend on volunteers with specific skill sets needed to help them achieve their strategic goals and best serve their communities.

Informal "drop in office" hours are scheduled at Bergen County locations this winter. Individuals looking to get involved in skills-based volunteering can meet with trained Redefining Retirement Matchmakers to find out about getting involved in new opportunities to serve. Sites, dates and times are:

- Englewood Public Library - Tuesday, Feb. 11, Mar. 10 - 1-3 p.m.
- Hillsdale Public Library - Wednesday, February 26, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Ridgewood Village Hall - Wednesday, February 5, 10 to noon.
- Teaneck Public Library - Tuesday, February 4, March 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Westwood Community Center - Thursday, February 6, March 5, 9 to 11 a.m.

Bergen Volunteers, Hackensack - Wednesday, February 12, March 11, 10 a.m. to noon. For more information or to apply to be a Redefining Retirement Volunteer, contact Melissa LaRobardier at [retirement@bergenvolunteers.org](mailto:retirement@bergenvolunteers.org) or call 201.489.9454, extension 206. ###

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# Adults Learn About Social Media Pitfalls

Most teens use some form of social media. These platforms can be great but they can also be of concern for parents. As parents, you want to make sure your children are using the various platforms in the best and safest way. Care on the Corner will offer a 2 hour class on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., that will show parents and caregivers ways to look out for some of the pitfalls on the more common sites.

Learn how apps can show where someone is, which apps are really only for adults, and what some of those emojis and

text abbreviations mean. Understand how your teen can be bullied or even abused through social media, and what you can do to protect them.

Did you ever want to know all the applications available for communicating on your phone, for example, WhatsApp, Google voice, Facetime, Tango, Viber or Skype? What about how to find your phone when it is lost or stolen? Or how to use Facebook?

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You will learn the basics of how to communicate on these apps, some pitfalls and concerns and which apps will work best for your needs. Learn how to use social media to stay in touch with friends and family.

Care on the Corner is excited that our classes will be taught by Laura A. Russell, Esq. and Jennifer Ashline. Laura is currently the Director of the Family Law/Domestic Violence Unit of The Legal Aid Society in New York City.

As the Director, she supervises staff in family law,

domestic violence and immigration matters, works on domestic violence policy issues and coordinates family law matters for the offices. In her work, she has trained on social media safety and how perpetrators continue to stalk clients through social media. Ms. Russell is admitted in both New York and New Jersey. Jennifer Ashline is currently a Reporting Analyst for a car manufacturer call center and uses various programs and Microsoft Excel daily in her position.

She also has assisted with social media aspect of the de-

partment with diffusing high-tension situations that have appeared on social media for the car manufacturer. Jennifer also has a master's degree in the Liberal Arts field with a high concentration in Popular Culture. She has used her expertise to teach through film and other entertainment venues. She is proficient in the Android system for cellular phones.

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## Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



**The Double Whammy of 1999  
Part 3 of 5 Parts,  
30 Hours Later, The Roof Fell In**

On December 10, 1999, then Chief of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, Vincent Monahan, called a special department meeting in the exempt members' fire room to critique the department's operations during the plane crash from the day before. This a common practice of many departments after a major incident. The room was located on the east end, second floor, of the Hasbrouck Heights Borough Hall, then located at 248 Hamilton Avenue. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. Many points were discussed. The meeting ended after 10.

Most attendees left, however, some remained to talk among themselves. After a while, Harry Maisch, then a member of Hook and Ladder 617 and an Ex-Fire Chief, was leaving the building when he smelled smoke. Looking up, he saw flames coming from the windows over the front doors where the courtroom was.

Harry, fearing that those remaining in the room could be trapped, ran and got Ladder Truck 617 out of one of the apparatus bays where the fire engines were parked. With help of another firefighter, he set up the ladder. However, the occupants of the room, now aware of the fire, had exited.

Just before exiting the building, Chief Monahan called the Hasbrouck Heights Police Desk, requesting that a fire alarm be sent out over the pager system used by the fire department.

Then living four houses west of Borough Hall was James Halloran III. He was the Lieutenant of Rescue Truck 614. Jim had left the meeting and went home. The pager went off. The Police Desk reported a heavy smoke condition in Borough Hall. Jim quickly started to walk up to the firehouse. He saw an orange glow reflecting off the senior citizens building (245 Hamilton). At first, he thought it was the holiday decorations adorning the front of Borough Hall. However, upon reaching the end of the

building, he saw flames rolling out the courtroom windows.

Jim ran to the east bay, under the exempt fire room, where both Engine 616 and Rescue Truck 614 were kept. Engine 616 was already positioned at the fire hydrant. Because there was as yet no smoke in the bay, he put on his turnout gear. As a lucky afterthought, he took his shoes with him when he drove the Rescue out of the bay.

Chief Monahan, exiting the building, seeing the extent of the fire and that they were facing very windy conditions, called the Police Desk for Mutual Aid to respond. He also told Officer James Krisinski at the Desk to "GET OUT!" Just before he vacated the Police Desk, Officer Krisinski called his wife and asked her to alert the rest of the police department via a phone list at their home.

Hasbrouck Heights Police Chief Michael Colaneri, after a long night and day working the airplane crash, was looking forward to a good night's sleep. His phone rang. It was Lieutenant Robert Kroncke, night supervisor, alerting him to the situation at police headquarters. Lieutenant Kroncke would briefly return to the Police Desk to retrieve some portable radios and the keys to all police cars parked near the building.

Assistant Fire Chief Arthur Knobloch, also exiting the building, assumed the duties of Operations Chief. With the evacuation of the Police Desk, all radio communications were now handled by Wood-Ridge and all 911 calls were automatically transferred to the Carlstadt Police Desk. Chief Knobloch called Wood-Ridge to strike a fourth alarm. It would ultimately go to six alarms.

Arriving on scene, Chief Colaneri, seeing that all of his personnel were out of the building and accounted for, ordered them to remove all police vehicles that had been parked in the east lot and across the way from headquarters. He then directed his officers to establish crowd



control, direct auto traffic away from the fire and patrol the rest of the Borough.

Jeff Rubino saw the huge glare of the fire as he responded to the firehouse. He proceeded in retrieving his turnout gear and assisting with setting up the ladder truck.

Joe Taylor was Captain of Rescue Truck 614. Joe had left the meeting and was enroute to a social event, when his pager went off reporting the fire. He turned around and drove back to the firehouse. Joe, upon arriving on the scene, was surprised in how fast the fire had advanced. He ran into the bay and put on his turnout gear.

The initial plan was to conduct an interior attack on the body of fire. To that end, a hose team advanced up the east staircase. Manning a 1 3/4 inch hose, was Joe Taylor and another firefighter. They had just reached the second-floor landing when the courtroom doors blew open. The force of the blast of heat and fire blew them back down the staircase. Luckily, no one was injured.

Joe Taylor then joined a team advancing a 2 1/2 inch hose with firefighters Pat Hayes, Chris Hayes and Jim Halloran. All these men were seasoned firefighters. This was not their first "Dance with the Devil." Upon reaching the second floor, they were met with heavy black smoke and a red fire glow. They expected to go in and attack the fire.







However, Chief Monahan, having an overview of the entire fire scene, decided to evacuate all crews in the building and conduct an exterior attack. At this point the cupola and roof had already fallen in. An evacuation message was transmitted over the radio and the fire engine horns were sounded as an additional signal. Chief Monahan then ordered a manpower head count to make sure everyone was safe.

A water supply was established to the Heights ladder truck. The nozzle atop the ladder was directed to deliver a stream of water into the building and other hose teams sent water into the windows.

Summoned by the pager call, Robert Knobloch arrived and took his turnout gear out of the bay and dressed by the chief's car. He assisted with a hose team putting water into a second-floor window from ground level. Robert recalled that because of the amount of water put on the fire, a small river now ran out of the bays carrying the cast-off shoes of the firefighters down Hamilton Avenue.

The first Mutual Aid unit to arrive on the scene was an engine from Wood-Ridge. These men were first used to remove fire department equipment from the fire engine bays.

South Bergen Mutual Aid Chief Coordinator, Ronald Phillips Sr., arrived to assist Chief Monahan. Chief Phillips

determined what Mutual Aid fire engines were needed at the scene and who would stage on the Boulevard to provide coverage of any additional emergencies in town.

Because of the physical demands of fighting a major fire, fatigue is an issue. A full set of turnout gear with a Scott pack and facemask weighs over seventy pounds. It also takes a lot of effort to control a fire hose and nozzle. To combat this, Chief Phillips oversaw the rotation of fresh Mutual Aid firefighters to relieve those on the hose teams to go to Rehab.

Rehab was handled by the Hasbrouck Heights and Mutual Aid EMS. On that night they were aided by Teaneck's BOX 54 Volunteer Rehabilitation Unit. They supplied drinking water, hot coffee and other refreshments.

Under the South Bergen Fire Chiefs Association Mutual Aid system, the following fire departments sent units to assist at the scene and provide protection to the rest of the Borough. They were Wood-Ridge, Carlstadt, Wallington, Moonachie, Little Ferry, Lodi, South Hackensack, East Rutherford, Rutherford, North Arlington, Lyndhurst, Secaucus, Nutley, Garfield, Saddle Brook, Rochelle Park, Elmwood Park, Ridgfield Park and Hackensack.

There is firematic terminology to designate the various sides of a structure. Facing the building, the front is the A side or exposure. The left side is the B exposure. The rear is the C exposure and the right side is the D exposure.

A Wallington ladder truck was positioned in the east parking lot on the B side. They used their nozzle to put water on that exposure. A Hackensack ladder truck arrived on Hamilton Avenue, to cover the D exposure. Another issue that was developing was on the C exposure. Radiant heat was starting to melt the siding on some of the houses on Walter Avenue. Mutual Aid companies were sent to put water on these houses and in the rear windows of Borough Hall.

One of the major concerns was the strong wind that was blowing. It was feared that flying embers would set additional fires in various parts of town. Thankfully, this did not occur.

Another concern was the water supply. A relay system, made up of Mutual Aid to pumpers, to pump water up Franklin Avenue, from a hydrant on Route 17, was discussed with fire department operations, but was not used.

Because the fire had not reached the west end of the building, some firefighters reentered the building and entered the offices to spread tarps

to protect from water damage.

Due to the loss of the building, Mutual Aid was set up to respond until the HHFD could regroup at their new location in a few days.

Mayor William Torre and his wife were attending a social event when he received a call about the fire. The information was limited and he assumed that it was a minor fire. He told his wife that he would be right back. He would not see her until well after six in the morning. Mayor Torre was shocked to see the extent of the fire. His major concern was that everybody was safely out of the building.

Michael Kronyak, Borough Administrator, was at home when he was called by a friend that was a firefighter in another town. The caller said that they were paged out for a fire at Borough Hall. As he was driving on the Boulevard, he saw an orange glow in the sky. After parking, Michael went up to the fire scene. His first concern was the safety of all who had been in the building and the firefighters. He also worried about the Borough records and files, some dating back to 1894.

Rose Marie Sees, then Borough Clerk, was visiting a friend when her son came over and told her that her building was on fire. At first, she thought that he was joking. He said it was true. She went to see for herself. Rose Marie was met with the horrific scene of the building fully involved with fire.

Living on Franklin Avenue, Shawn Mullins, then an Officer in the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department, received a call from Mrs. Krinski alerting him to the fire. Officer Mullins put on his uniform and went to the scene. He was given the duty of directing auto traffic away from the area. Other arriving officers would be given similar duties.

The fire was placed under control at about four in the morning. However, hot spots would be dealt with for most of that Saturday. The Bergen County Arson Squad would, with Borough fire officials, sift through the ashes for the cause of the fire. It would be determined that the fire was electrical in origin and it started near the judge's bench, in the courtroom. It was deemed to be accidental.

Over the years the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department has fought many fires, both large and small, always in a professional manner. But this was different. It was "PERSONAL!" It was their HOME! *Selected photos provided by Michael Kronyak. Part One: December 2019, Part Two January 2020 @ www.the-gazette-newspaper.com###*

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According to **Heights Flower Shoppe**, the first step is to consider your Sweetheart’s preferences. What colors does he or she like?

A dozen red roses remains the classic Valentine’s Day favorite. However, many women report that they adore roses in other colors just as much. There are hundreds of colors to choose from. The choices are endless and it’s easier than ever to select a rose that is as unique

as your Sweetheart.

Your florist can create arrangements that revolve around your Sweetheart’s favorite hobby, sport or pastime.

Add a burst of spring to your Valentine’s winter with floral varieties such as lilies, alstroemeria, iris, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, tuberose or freesias.

A spring arrangement in a casual basket or clear glass vase makes a perfect accent for a romantic dinner.

With all of the sensational flowers available to choose from, even just one or two elegant blossoms can make a big impression. Also, green and blooming plants make romantic Valentine’s Day gifts.

Ask yourself what message

you want to convey. Consult with your florist, who can explain the assortment of possibilities available.

**Bill O’Shea’s Florist** reminds you that to get the best selection and ensure prompt delivery, call the week before Valentine’s Day.

When you call, have the necessary information handy: the recipient’s name, address, phone number, what you want to send and how you want to be billed.

Are you having trouble putting your feelings into words? **Secret Garden NJ, in Wallington**, suggests these creative messages for your floral enclosure cards:

• (For flowers delivered on February 13th): Couldn’t wait

another day to say I Love You!

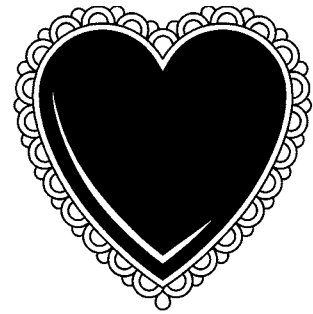
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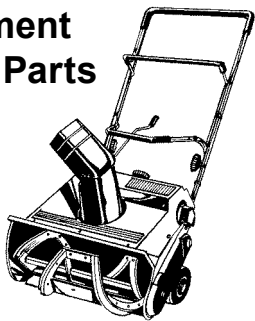
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## Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



### Avoiding A Rude Education

This is addressed mostly to those first-time home buyers who, frequently - let me be blunt here - Don't Know What They Don't Know. It's sad. Many of those searching for a first-purchase house are literally stumbling around innocently ignorant with, too often (unfortunately!), little or no guidance. It shouldn't be that way. And it wouldn't be that way if they were under the care and responsibility of an experienced real estate professional. A good buyer's agent can be worth his/her weight in gold.

Let's look here at a few mistaken notions that can lead novice buyers astray...

Saving money by going directly to the listing agent. This kind of thinking is great for the listing agent who - not having to split with a buyer's agent - ends up being rewarded with a bonus payday. It does not, however, take into consideration the legal client relationship with the realtor. The listing agent works for the seller, has a fiduciary responsibility to the seller and cannot counsel the buyer in any way that might disadvantage the seller. The buyer is, therefore, often left fundamentally unrepresented and at a greater liability...

Buyer unawareness of current market conditions. It's generally known that most home buyers' perception of current real estate conditions is, in fact, 6 months to a year behind actual current conditions. In a turning, fast-evolving market such as we're seeing now, 6 months to a year can be hugely archaic.

Understanding current market conditions should dictate how a serious buyer searches for and negotiates his purchase. I mean, try pitching low ball offers at most home sellers in today's market and you'll be pretty quickly laughed off the stage...

Failure to do due diligence. Some naïve home buyers are

just willing to take the word of a listing agent or seller about certain conditions of a home they're sometimes too eager to buy. A friend of mine once bought a 'for sale by owner' with an in-law apartment that was purported to be legal; turned out otherwise. The more important the issue, the greater the need for due diligence! I am not even saying that sellers lie, I am just saying that sometimes sellers think they know something when they do not. If you're relying on a piece of information that is important to your buying decision, verify the info yourself.

Ignorant of the fair market value of a home. Buyers need to be unbiased and impartial as regards this important subject. A home is worth what it is worth regardless of a potential buyer's personal situation. A house listed fairly at \$350,000 isn't worth \$300,000 just because the mortgage qualifications of a particular buyer are limited to that. Or because the tax assessment might indicate that. Or because you need a garage and the property doesn't have one. Knowledge of fair market value determines not only how you settle on a particular house but also how you negotiate for its purchase.

Not knowing how to negotiate. There are many elements that go into successfully negotiating a real estate deal. Almost everywhere in today's real estate market the tables are turned and sellers are in control. Many of the homes listed in our south central Bergen County area end up now getting multiple offers, some even above listed price. Buyers need to know true fair market value and also they should be aware of what is trending in market conditions, local factors that enhance desirability, etc. Throwing out offers blindly can lead to a lot of heartache, wasted time and effort. Only a carefully crafted negotiating plan will increase the odds of the buyer's offer being accepted.

These are just a few of the shortcomings that novice home buyers can suffer from; there are many others. Thankfully, help is available - lots of it - through the efforts of a seasoned buyer's agent. Inadequately viewed as just a sales person, a buyer's agent should be seen more a counselor, an advocate, a home buying consultant...

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### For Children

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

• **Valentine Craft & Story Time:** Join us for a heart-warming craft and story time! Wednesday, February 12 at 3:30 p.m. We will be reading some great books and making a craft to take home.

• **Pajama Story Time:** Join us for evening story times. Wearing pajamas is encouraged. Wednesday, February 12, and Monday, February 24, starting at 7:30 p.m. for all ages.

• **Movie at The Library:** School's out. Join us for an afternoon movie starting at 1:30 p.m. February 21, for children in Grades K-6. Refreshments will be served.

• **Book Buddies:** Ages: 2 ½ - 3½, Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

• **Book Clubs for Kids:** Join one of 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.

### For Teens

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

• **Anti-Valentine's Day Party:** Hey Teens: Do you hate hearts and flowers? Do you think Cupid is stupid? If you don't fall for this overrated holiday, then you're in luck. Join us on Friday, February 14, at 3:30 p.m. We will be making anti-valentines while we watch funny Valentine television episodes of "Friends" who

show that laughter is the best medicine. Upcoming meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m.

• **Teen Craft:** - Come make bath bombs on Thursday, February 20, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration is required.

### For Adults

• **Showcase Artist:** The Library is pleased to announce the artwork of Jane Sklar and Max Cartagena will be on display in the Adult Services/Reference Wing through the month of February. Jane Sklar and her teacher/mentor, Max Cartagena, create digitally generated artwork from their original photographs. Both artists have won Bergen County awards for digital photography.

• **Crafts to Share Club:** Join us on the first Tuesday of the month, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the third Wednesday of every month, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Here's an opportunity to learn how to crochet or knit and meet others with similar talents.

The next evening meeting will be February 4, and the next afternoon meeting will be February 19. Members of the Crafts-to-Share Club have donated handmade items such as afghans and caps to patients of Hackensack University Medical Center, and Tomorrow's Children's Fund. The Library is pleased to accept donations of yarn on behalf of the Club. Newcomers are always welcome.

• **Writers Wanted at The Library:** Writers from all walks of life are invited to join the Authors and Writers Group. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the large meeting room. Participants can bring their work for review and critique, or come to listen and give advice to others. As time permits, discussions will be held on topics such as publishing trends and marketing.

• **Adult Book Group:** Join in the conversation as the Adult Book Group meets for a fun and friendly talk and refreshments on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

The next meeting is February 25, at 7 p.m. to discuss "Baker's Secret" by Stephen Kiernan. A story of a baker's apprentice enduring shame and anger as her kind mentor is targeted and arrested for his Jewish heritage which compels her to engage in discreet resistance activities. Copies of the novel are available at the front desk. ###

## Lodi Library February 2020

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

### Childrens

#### Special Programs

• **African Clay Mask Workshop:** Thursday, February 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. Children will learn about African culture with singing and dancing followed by designing and sculpting their very own clay mask. Open to kids in Grades K-5. Registration is required.

• **STEAM:** Monday, February 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. Learn about light and reflections by making a kaleidoscope! Open to kids in Grades Pre-K-3. Registration is required.

• **Tween DIY:** Thursday, February 13, from 4 to 5 p.m. We're making winter slime! Open to kids in Grades 3-6. Registration required.

• **Family Movie:** Monday, February 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This month's family movie is "The Princess and the Frog," rated G. Open for all ages. No registration required. Seats are on a first-come basis.

• **Teen DIY:** Thursday, February 20, from 4 to 5 p.m.

## Wallington 2020 Library Events

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Library, 92 Hathaway Street, Wallington, 07057, 973-471-1692. [wallington.bccls.org](http://wallington.bccls.org) offers free programs and events for children, teens, and adults!

### Children's

#### Weekly Events:

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

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

• **Puppy Dog Tales:** Read to a Dog: Our favorite therapy dogs, Rodney and Baby Ruth, will be at The Wallington Library for a special Puppy Dog Tales storytime! Young readers (*and almost-readers*) are welcome to stop by and share a story with these great dogs.

#### Adult Programming:

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

• **Computer Coach:** Need help with the computer? Make an appointment for basic skills computer coaching. Call ahead to reserve a session; coaching is by appointment only. ###

We're making a winter watercolor painting! Open to teens in Grades 7-12. Registration required.

### On-going:

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

• **Pajama Storytime:** Join Miss Libby for our new pajama storytime full of books, songs, and movement. Open to everyone, perfect for parents who are not able to bring their little ones to The Library during the day. Every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

• **Crafty Wednesdays:** Bring your little ones to The Library for a new craft every week. Open to children ages 2-4. Every Wednesday from 11 to 12 p.m.

• **Storytime and Play Group:** Join Miss Libby for a storytime full of books, songs, and movement. Play time will follow immediately after storytime. Every Friday from 11 to 12 p.m.

• **Anime Club:** Meets the first Thursday of every month from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for anime movies, discussions, crafts, and snacks.

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

• **Kids Crafternoon:** Kids in Grades Pre-K to 2nd will have a new arts and crafts project to do every week, Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration required. Call 973-365-4044 x2. ###

## Little Ferry 2020 Library Events

Little Ferry Public Library, 239 Liberty Street, NJ 07643, phone 201-641-3721. [littleferrybccls.org](http://littleferrybccls.org)

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

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

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

*Looking to take your child out of the house to a program?*

• **Mommy and Me** (0-2 year olds) meet every Monday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. ###

### Adult Special Programs

• **Local History Program – United Piece Dye Works Strike of 1926: A Black History Month Program:** Saturday, February 8 – 2 to 4 p.m. A hundred years ago, Lodi workers organized a multi-racial front and changed international labor history. Learn about the Lodi United Piece Dye Works employees' contribution to this pivotal moment during the Pascaic Strike of 1926. Presented by historian, Kamika Bennet. Please call 973-365-4044 to register.

• **Adult Paint Night** (Adults) Monday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m.: Make a winter scene using watercolors. All skill levels welcome, all materials provided. Space is limited; call 973-365-4044 to reserve a spot.

### • A Concert in Blue

A Black History Month Program Saturday, February 29 – 1 p.m. Live music in The Library with The Blues Project, featuring Artie Maglionico, Joey Bart, and Jack Sepede with special guest star blues saxophonist, Lonnie Youngblood.

### On-going:

• **Adult Computer Classes** Lodi Memorial Library offers one-on-one classes computer classes. For information on the types of classes offered, please visit our website at <http://lodi.bccls.org>. Sessions last approximately one hour. Appointments must be made at least one week in advance. Appointments are available Tuesdays at either 1:30 or 6:30 pm or Thursdays at 1:30 pm (Please note change in times – only one class on Thursdays) Please call 973-365-4044.

• **Adult Coloring** Last Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

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

• **Wednesday Afternoon Movies** Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. See website for movie title listing . ###



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## Adult and Reference Department

**Monday Evening Book Group:** On Monday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "Warlight" by Michael Ondaatje. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk.

**Knit One, Read Two:** On Wednesday, February 5, at 6 p.m., the Knit One, Read Two Wednesday Night Reading Club will meet to discuss "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk.

**Kip Daytime Reading Group:** On Friday, February 28, at 1:30 p.m., the Daytime Reading Group will meet at 55 Kip Center, in Rutherford, to discuss "Another Brooklyn" by Jacqueline Woodson. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk.

**Adult Cook-A-Book Club:** On Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m., the Adult Cook-a-Book Club will meet.

This month, the Club will bring in recipes from "Mickey's Gourmet Cookbook" by David Zinczenko. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk of The Library. Let us know which recipe you choose ahead of the meeting time.

For more information, call 201-939-8600. The Club will bring in recipes from "Cook This, Not That: Skinny Comfort Foods" by David Zinczenko. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk. Let us know which recipe you choose ahead of the meeting time.

**Film Screening:** On Tuesday, February 25, at 6 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free film screening at The Rutherford Public Library.

**Basic ESL:** The Rutherford Public Library Basic ESL Class winter session will be held Monday and Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. There will also be a morning class on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is a basic English instruction class for beginner adult students taught by a certified ESL teacher. Stop by the Main Desk to check availability, register, or join a waiting list.

**Intermediate ESL:** The Rutherford Public Library will hold its Intermediate ESL class on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Students who take this class should be able to do the following in English: describe themselves, their experiences at school/work, their personal and family information, their routine, and express their feelings. To check availability, stop by the Main Desk.

**Advanced ESL:** The Rutherford Public Library Advanced ESL classes will return Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class will be held weekly.

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

**English Conversation Group:** English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group at The Rutherford Public Library, The group meets on Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Thursday from 1 to 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.

**Origami Club:** The Rutherford Public Library will be hosting its next Origami Club meeting on Monday, February 24, at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to make origami with resident and origami enthusiast, Kira Wallisch. All adults are welcome to join. Future meetings will typically be held the last Monday of the month.

**Wired Wednesdays at The Library:** The Rutherford Public Library will hold a drop-in program for those who need help with their smartphones, tablets, or computers. We will meet on Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab, where our Technology Librarian will be available to answer your questions. There is no registration required for Wired Wednesdays.

**Tech Tutor:** The Rutherford Public Library offers

Tech Tutor appointments, in which adults who need help with their computer, tablet, or smartphone are welcome to meet with a librarian for one hour at a time to ask questions and get assistance. These are by appointment only and sign-up sheets will be available at the Main Desk.

## Children's Department

**Drop-In Storytime:** Drop-in storytime will take place in Rutherford Public Library on Wednesdays and one Thursday in February on the following dates: February 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. All children, from infants to 5-year-olds and their caregivers, are warmly invited to stop by for stories and fun. Make some new friends and get ready for reading. No registration is required.

**After-School Storytime:** The Rutherford Public Library will hold an After-School Storytime on Tuesday, February 18, at 4:15 p.m. All children, from infants to 5-year-olds and their caregivers, are warmly invited to stop by for stories and fun. Make some new friends and get ready for reading. No registration required.

**Family Cook-A-Book Club:** Family Cook-A-Book Club will be held at The Rutherford Public Library on Tuesday, February 4, at 6:30 p.m. We choose the cookbook, you pick the recipe to make and bring it to the Club meeting at The Library.

The February cookbook will be the "Complete Children's Cookbook." You will need to visit The Library so you can borrow a copy of the cookbook. The Club is open to one child age 8-11 and one adult guardian. To register, stop by The Library.

**Paws to Read:** The Rutherford Public Library welcomes back Rodney for our Paws to Read program. Rodney, a registered Bright and Beautiful therapy dog, will visit our Library with his owner on Monday, February 24, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Children who are able to read at least a little bit and would like to be able to practice their reading skills are invited to sign up for a 15-minute time slot with Rodney. Parents may accompany their child during their time with the dog.

Registration is required and can be done by contacting Mrs. Tarantino at The Library or by email at [Jane.Tarantino@Rutherford.BCCLS.org](mailto:Jane.Tarantino@Rutherford.BCCLS.org) ###

## W-R Feb. 2020 Library Events

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

**Music with Miss Nita:** The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host free music-and-movement classes with Miss Nita on Wednesdays, February 5 and 19, at 9:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. Come share the joys of making music! Children, ages 5 and under and their caregivers, are warmly invited to attend and may register for one session on each date. Classes will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required.

**PAWS To Read:** Young readers wanted! On Mondays, February 10 and 24, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., children are invited to The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library to read to Rodney, an award-winning certified therapy dog. Children ages 5 and older may register for a 15-minute session. Therapy dogs provide a safe, nurturing experience for emergent readers to practice their literacy skills.

**Chess Club:** On Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host a free Chess Club for learners of all ages. Children meet from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. and adult beginning players meet from 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Designed for all ability levels, the Chess Club is led by a coach who can teach new chess players the basics, and help experienced players sharpen their skills. Adult beginners, call The Library in advance.

**Wood-Ridge Memorial Library Book Club:** On Tuesday, February 18, at 7:15 p.m., join your neighbors and friends to discuss "Ellie and the Harpmaker" by Hazel Prior. The meeting will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. ###

**ESL Classes:** 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 am. No registration required. ###

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## East Rutherford Schools Could Get a \$20 Million Slice of Mall's PILOT Funding, Drastically Cutting the Tax Impact of an Improvement Plan on the January 28 Ballot

The Borough Council and Board of Education have reached an agreement to share up to \$20 million in payments from the American Dream mega-mall that opened in East Rutherford in October. This deal drastically changes the outlook for the school improvement plan on the January 28 ballot – slashing the tax impact from the previous estimate.

The Borough of East Rutherford Council approved the pact at its reorganization meeting on Wednesday, and the Board of Education did so on Thursday. If voters approve a bond referendum for school improvements on January 28, the Borough will contribute toward loan payments – reducing the cost on property tax bills.

The Borough has pledged to share at least \$13,725,000, and up to \$20,000,000 over 20 years; its annual contribution may vary through the 20 years of the agreement. Even at the low end of the range, that contribution would equate to about 39% of the school improvement plan's total cost.

Prior to this agreement, the plan's tax impact was estimated to average \$269 per year. The new estimate with the Borough's contribution ranges from \$107 to \$161 per year. The estimate is based on several factors including a home assessed at \$388,640, the average in East Rutherford.

"This agreement is a continuation of the Council's insistence on getting and sharing some of the financial benefit that will come from the American Dream development," said Mayor Jeffrey Lahullier. "The Borough previously negotiated funding for the new police and court facility. This agreement will benefit our schools."

Funding will come from a mechanism known as PILOT: payment in lieu of taxes. Developers are attracted to set dollar amounts rather than the fluctuations of property taxes, but PILOT payments are typically made to a municipality rather than to all of the entities that would have received property tax revenue. With this agreement, the Borough of East Rutherford is sharing the benefit with the school district.

The agreement hinges on the January 28 voter ap-

proval of a bond referendum to improve and expand East Rutherford Public Schools. The Board of Education proposed \$35.5 million in projects to address the space needs of higher enrollment and the systems and security needs of aging buildings. State aid is already committed to reducing the local cost by about \$5.2 million. PILOT funding would cut another \$13.7 million to \$20 million.

"If voters approve the referendum, East Rutherford would get \$35.5 million worth of improvements, but pay a fraction of that cost locally," said Superintendent Giovanni Giancaspro. "It is a generous and beneficial deal that only requires approval from voters on January 28 to happen." *Renee Janowicz. ###*

## About Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday

This year, Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras is celebrated on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. 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 26, 2020. ###

# Franciscan Friars to Leave Assumption Church, W-R

On the weekend of January 4th and 5th 2020, a letter written by Provincial Minister Rev. Kevin Mullen, O.F.M., was read at all Masses. It announced, with sadness, that the Franciscans must withdraw from the Church of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady parish. In his letter, he described the reasons for the withdrawal.

Fr. Mullen stated that the number of friars actively working in the ministry in the province has dwindled down from 708 in 1985 to 280 in 2020. They no longer have sufficient friars to staff all the ministries where they have served in the past. Also, the Franciscan charism calls for them to live and minister as brothers in a community; that is several friars living at the same location.

For 94 years, the Franciscan friars of the Holy Name Province have served the Church of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady in Wood-Ridge. They have baptized babies, married couples, listened to confessions, ministered to the sick, celebrated Mass and presided over funerals and

burials. They have given marriage counseling, provided pre-nuptial counseling, given spiritual direction, anointed and visited shut-ins and those in hospitals and nursing homes. The Franciscans have also been actively involved in the activities in Wood-Ridge. But in June 2020, the religious order will withdraw from its role as pastors of the Wood-Ridge parish.

The Franciscan Friars of the Holy Name Province are withdrawing from nine Churches in the northeast and southeast regions of the United States. The operations of each of the nine Churches will be turned over to their respective dioceses.

Father Mullen has spoken with Cardinal Tobin and has been assured that the Archdiocese of Newark will provide for the continued pastoral care of the faithful of Wood-Ridge.

In the past 94 years, the Assumption Church has had 15 pastors. Edwin Garrity, O.F.M., was the first pastor. He celebrated the first Mass in Wood-Ridge on November 28, 1926. He was followed by Alban Sanbrook, O.F.M., Placid Hennessey, O.F.M., Edgar Barrett, O.F.M., Arnold Walters, O.F.M., Valerian De Rome, O.F.M., William Hayes, O.F.M., Donald Hoag, O.F.M., Ronald Friel, O.F.M., Theodore Mc Nally, O.F.M., Neil Padden, O.F.M., Patrick Morris, O.F.M., James Czerwinski, O.F.M., Brian Cullinane, O.F.M., and present pastor Richard Mucowski, O.F.M. Currently Father Mucowski, O.F.M., Father Paul Keenan O.F.M., Father Robert Norton, O.F.M., and Brother James McIntosh, O.F.M., Guardian, live at the Assumption Friary. *Provided by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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### Ash Wednesday

On February 26, 2020, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, at 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, will observe Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, at a spoken liturgy with Holy Communion at noon and a sung liturgy with Holy Communion at 7 p.m. For information, call the office at 201-288-6889. ###

### Taizé Evening Prayer Service

Our upcoming evening Taizé prayer services will be February 4, 2020, at 7 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. The Taizé service includes 30 minutes of prayer, simple chant and silence; a peaceful respite to the busy demands of everyday life. Prayers for healing and renewal, with laying on of hands, conclude each service. Our Taizé prayer service takes place on the first Tuesday of every month between October and June. ###

## Ash Wednesday Feb. 26

Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days (40 fasting days, if the six Sundays, which are not days of fast, are excluded) before Easter and can fall as early as February 4 or as late as March 10. Ash Wednesday is observed by many Western Christians.

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. ###

### Joyful Noise Worship Service

On Sunday, February 9, 2020, at its new time, 12:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is holding its monthly Joyful Noise Family Worship Service. Joyful Noise Worship is for everyone, but is especially designed for children with Autism, PDD-NOS, ADHD, Down Syndrome and any other developmental/physical challenges.

This 30-minute joy-filled service will bring together children with and without disabilities, giving them the opportunity to learn from one another about God's love for them; all in an atmosphere of

understanding and acceptance. Join us at this beautiful worship service and help us to share God's love with all His children as we Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord (Psalm 100:1).

The Joyful Noise Family Worship Service takes place on the second Sunday of every month at 12:30 p.m. Fellowship time will immediately follow worship. Holy Trinity is located at 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. For further information, please go to our website at [www.holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com](http://www.holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com) or contact our Sunday School Director, Lisa Janeiro at [l.janeiro@yahoo.com](mailto:l.janeiro@yahoo.com). ###

## 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." ###

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## Business Destroyed

On January 3, 2020, the Lodi Fire Department responded to a report of a kitchen fire on South Main Street.

Upon arrival, firefighters found a well advanced working fire at a South Main Street business.

Engines dropped supply lines. The Chief requested a 2nd alarm. Responding companies went to work with hand lines and connected to another water supply to feed the Lodi Aerial.

As the fire progressed and vented through the roof, a second engine relay was established using a large main 1,400

feet away for a second aerial truck from Wallington to be placed in operation that allowed crews to be placed on the roof to protect the fire wall and keep the fire from spreading to the rest of the building.

The process advanced to overhaul and final extinguishment. The fire was brought under control in about an hour. The fire is under investigation. Mutual Aid Fire Departments assisting were Carlstadt, Maywood, Rochelle Park, Saddle Brook, Wallington and Wood-Ridge. Lodi EMS and Box 54 also assisted. *Photos by Damien Danis. ###*



On December 30, 2019, the Carlstadt Fire Department responded to a house fire on 3rd Street. A 5" supply was connected to Engine 702. One attack line through the back basement was used. The fire was knocked down and house was overhauled and vented. Assisting included Moonachie and Wood-Ridge Fire Departments and the Carlstadt Volunteer Ambulance Corps. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



On December 21, 2019, The Carlstadt Fire Department responded to Commerce Boulevard for a roof rescue of a worker with a medical issue. The victim was secured in a "Stokes" rescue basket and lowered down the aerial ladder to the ambulance below. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*





### **Little Ferry Fire Department 2020 Officers Take Oath**

The Little Ferry Fire Department held their installation on December 20, 2019, from left to right: Year 2019 Ex- Chief – Anthony (Tony) DiBlasio, Year 2020: Fire Chief – Marty A. Loesner, Deputy Chief – Robert Cordasco, Battalion Chief – Steven P. Iurato, Captain of Hose Co. No. 1 – Leo Morolla, Captain of Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 – John D’Amico. Missing from Photo: Lieutenant of Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 – Edward Karran, Lieutenant of Hose Co. No. 1 – Ryan Romero.

The Little Ferry Fire Department elected Marty A. Loesner as Year 2020 Fire Chief. Marty is the first member of the Department to hold this lead role for a historic 3rd time. His knowledge of the fire service, prior leadership experiences and personal passion to keeping all members safe will greatly support the LFFD in the year ahead. *Brian Busico. ###*



### **Lodi Fire Department 2020 Officers Take Oath**

The Lodi Fire Department held their 2020 instllation on Saturday, January 8, 2020 at the Kennedy Avenue Firehouse. Left to right: Lt. Ronald A. Cannici, Lt. Michael Barkley, Lt. Sam Minnella, 3rd Asst. Chief Michael Lortz, 1st Asst. Chief Moses Owen Jr., Chief Steven Cassiello, Ex-Chief Ronald Cannici, Capt. Jordan Padovano, Capt. Louis Ruffel, Jr., Capt. Justin Swank.###



### **Carlstadt Fire Department Officers Installed**

On January 4, 2020, the Carlstadt Fire Department installed their officers for 2020. They are: Chief of Department Tony D’Amico, Assistant Chief Dennis "Bo" Kronyak Jr., Battalion Chief John Harr and Deputy Chief Matt Moran. The out-going Chief is Brian Cervasio. The President of the Board of Fire Officers is Robert Brown. The Department was organized in 1872. ###



### **2020 Rutherford Fire Department Officers Installed**

The Rutherford Fire Department held their 2020 installation on January 4, at the Elks Lodge. From left to right: Assistant Chief Thomas Twist III, Chief Rob Van Winkle, Ex-Chief Scott Koen, Assistant Chief Thomas Riser, Absent: Deputy Chief Dennis Gentile and Assistant Chief Moshe Stareshefsky. ###





## Wood-Ridge Fire Department 2020 Installation Dinner

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department held their Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at the Fiesta.

The Masters of Ceremonies were Wood-Ridge Ex-Chief Ronald Phillips and Firefighter Philip Miuccio, who made welcoming remarks.

The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

The invocation was given by WRFD Chaplain, Deacon FF Nick Valdez. There was the introduction of Officers. The Oath of Office was administered by NJ Senator and Wood-Ridge Mayor Paul Sarlo.

The 2020 Officers are: Chief of Department Michael Cribben, First Assistant Chief Kenneth Schulz, Second Assistant Chief Kevin Cribben, Cap-

tain Justin Berta, Lieutenant Daniel O'Beirne, Lieutenant Nicholas Meglio, Lieutenant Ronald Phillips Jr., Corresponding Secretary Gregory Gorab, Recording Secretary Thomas Bischoff Jr., Treasurer Ronald Phillips Sr.

The Emergency Squad Officers were sworn in by Mayor Paul Sarlo. The 2020 WRFD

Emergency Squad Officers are: Captain Dennis Kronyak III, Lieutenant Nicholas Riccio, Lieutenant Adam Mahdy, Corresponding Secretary Vincent Giordano, Recording Secretary Nicholas Riccio and Treasurer Steve Sarracino.

Ex-Chief Elizabeth Ferry made departing comments and provided gifts to her officers.

Chief Cribben presented Ferry with her Ex-Chief's badge.

Commissioner Philip Romero, Mayor Paul Sarlo, and 2020 Fire Chief Cribben spoke.

Presentations were made to Ex-Chief Ferry by Mutual Aid Departments. The traditional toast was made by Ex-Chief Ronald Phillips Sr. The program concluded with Benediction. ###





## ***Moonachie Fire Department 2020 Installation Dinner***

On Friday, January 10, 2020, the Moonachie Fire Department held its Annual Dinner at the Graycliff honoring Fire Chief Justin Derevyanik.

Second Assistant Chief Fred Dressel IV led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Former member, Rev. Kenneth Reihl, provided the Invocation. Borough Officials, dignitaries and Mutual Aid Departments were recognized.

Mayor Dennis Vaccaro administered the Oath of Office to the 2020 Moonachie Fire Department Officers: Justin Derevyanik, Fire Chief, William G. Hunt- 1st Assistant

Chief, Frederick Dressel, IV- 2nd Assistant Chief, William D. Hunt- Lieutenant, Christopher Halloran- Lieutenant, David Kaneshige- Captain, and Steven Rozansky- Captain,

Presentations were made to Rev. Kenneth Reihl, Caroline Sansevere and James Telsmanic. Mayor Dennis Vaccaro made remarks. Chief Justin Derevyanik recognized attending Mutual Aid Departments, express gratitude for the continued support of the Moonachie Mayor and Council, thanked the efforts of Moonachie Fire Department members and Ladies' Auxiliary. ###



### About Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is observed on Monday, February 17, 2020. (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 George 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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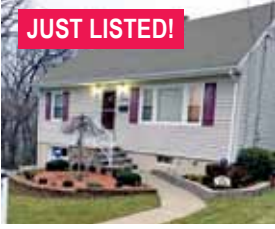





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