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# To My Best Friend

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Alfred Tennyson

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Rutherford St. Patrick's Celebration Parade 2022

# 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Rutherford St. Patrick's Day Parade down Park Avenue, is scheduled for March 5, 2023.

Participants will assemble at noon and step off the corner of East Gouverneur Avenue and Park Avenue at 1 p.m. sharp and continue down Park to Ames Avenue and the reviewing stand. Participants will assemble at noon.

Over 50 organizations marching, consisting of 13 bands, civic groups and organizations participating

Participants must register with the Rutherford Irish American Association. For more information email: rutherfordirishamericans@gmail.com

For photos of the 2022 parade, see pages 14/15 of this link: http://www.the-gazette-newspaper.com/images/gazette/apr22.pdf

If your group would like to March, contact Parade Chairman Pat O'Neill at puffpatty93@aol.com ###

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# **Shamrock 5K Run**

The 12th Annual 5K Michael Cassidy Shamrock 'N' Run/Walk will be held rain, shine or cold, at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Monona Avenue, Memorial Park in Rutherford. Pre-registration ends March 4, 2023. Cost is \$30 plus \$3.04 SignUp Fee. Mail In registration (no SignUp Fee) can be found at Shamrock 'N' Run 5K. Registration, day of race, \$35. Check-in starts at 8 a.m.

First 300 registrants receive a race shirt. Post race refreshments and entertainment. Race packets, shirts and bib numbers may be picked up at Rutherford High School, Thursday, March 9, 2023, between 5 and 8 p.m.

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

Timing and scoring by Elite Racing Systems. Race results will be posted at eliteracing systems. com and RunSignUp.com Proceeds to benefit National Brain Tumor Society. For details go to www. shamrocknrun5K.org

For more information, call Marilyn at 201-280-3748.

For photos of the 2022 Shamrock 5K run, see page 13 of this link: http://www. the-gazette-newspaper.com/ images/gazette/apr22.pdf ###

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The Rutherford Lions Club gave fresh oranges and grapefruit from their recent fruit sales to members of 55 Kip Center for Christmas. The Club also gave Christmas gifts and gift cards to a needy Rutherford family through the Borough Social Services Department. The Rutherford Club also sponsored a holiday decoration contest and gave gift cards to the best decorated houses in town. Provided by Glenn Elliot. ###



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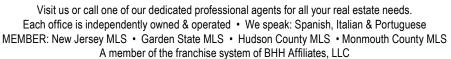
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The Woman's Club of Rutherford recently hosted Inessa Rome and Linda Stone from the Northern NJ office of the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation to educate members on the important services provided by ECF, which is the NJSFWC Special State Project for 2022-

ECF assists NJ families facing the crisis of pediatric cancer by providing a place to turn for financial assistance and emotional support.

ECF provides a uniquely tailored package of assistance for families facing the challenge of pediatric cancer, including professional counseling for the entire family, all free of Leslie Beck. ### charge.

Their offices are located in Midland Park and serve surrounding communities in Bergen, Essex, and Passaic counties.

The Woman's Club of Rutherford is proud to support the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation through our various fundraising efforts.

Shown from 1-r: Fran Sorrentino, Woman's Club of Rutherford State Project Chair; Linda Stone, ECF Staff; Inessa Rome, ECF Northern Regional Director; Rose Marie Woodruff. Palisades District State Project Chair; Leslie Beck, WCR First Vice President and Programs Chair. Provided by



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### MomLife Event Bergen County February 23

Motherhood is a journey. Let's travel it together! Moms of kids ages 0-11 from any town are welcome to attend. Next event on February 23, 2023, 7 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP by February 21.

Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Limited KidLife childcare available by RSVP only. Monthly get together and outings too.

For more info: hasbrouckhtsmomlife@gmail.com; 862-239-6677; Fb – Hasbrouck Heights MomLife ###

#### **Art Association** of Rutherford

The Art Association of Rutherford will hold its meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2023 at the Kip Center 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, NJ.

We are planning to have a model pose for the attendees to draw, and a still life for those who would rather draw that.

A non-mandatory \$3 donation is suggested for nonmembers, but all are welcome! Contact lissanneart@gmail. com for questions or more information. ###

# Nursing **Scholarships**

The Bergen County American Legion and Auxiliary are pleased to announce that the 2023 scholarship application process is now open for The George F. Axt Memorial Fund Nurses Scholarship. The 2023 four individual awards will be \$2,500 each.

Applications and rules are accessible at this link: https:// bcnjal.org/george-f-axt-memorial-fund-nurses-scholarship/

The application deadline is March 31, 2023. Affiliation with The American Legion or The American Legion Auxiliary is not a requirement for consideration.

Applicant must be a resident of Bergen County, and either a senior in high school, a high school graduate who has been accepted to an accredited nursing school, or a student currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate nursing program.

For more information. email alaunit136LodiNJ@ gmail.com ###

> February Birthstone Amethyst

# LGBTQ Seniors Meet Feb. 14, 15, 17

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

The next meetings are on Tuesday, February 14, Wednesday, February 15 and Friday, February 17. The Tuesday meeting will be held at The Rutherford Pancake House, 40 Park Avenue, Rutherford and the Wednesday meeting will be held at CoZie Café, 14-25 Plaza Road N (Radburn Plaza Building), Fair Lawn. Light lunch will be served. Contact us at Nick@bergencountyLGBTQ. org or 201-470-8946 for info and/or the link. ###

### Kip Center **Monthly** Casino Trip

The Kip Center hosts a Sands Casino Trip the second Monday of every month. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. from the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford. Reserve early. New to the Kip Center? Give it a try, there is always something going on. Call 201-460-1600 for information. ###

#### **Fly Tying Course** Starts Feb. 7

East Jersey Chapter Trout Unlimited is holding a FLY TYING course for beginners and advanced at Wayne Fire House PLO#2 (2 Alps Road) at the intersection of Alps Road and Route 23, Wayne.

For a fee of \$75, this is an 8 week course, held on Tuesday nights, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., beginning February 7, 2023. Materials and tools are supplied free to beginners.

Beginners will learn the techniques and materials needed to tie trout flies. Patterns will include a selection of nymphs, streamers, wet and dry flies. Students will gain the basic understanding that will catch fish. To register, call Doug Penna, 201-288-4409, or thru website www.eastjerseytu.org, activities, fly tying classes, or at class. Instruction is by experienced East Jersey Chapter Trout Unlimited fly tiers. ###

**Emergencies: Call 9-11** 

#### **Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club**

The Garden Club will be meeting on Wednesday, February 15 at 5:30pm in the Library Meeting Room located at 320 Boulevard on the second floor of the Borough Hall.

The speaker for the evening is Chris Raimondi! Chris has over forty years of Horticultural knowledge. He is an Adjunct Professor At Bergen Community College.

He has held numerous volunteer positions and is very involved with his community. He holds a position on the Green Plants for Green Buildings Board of Directors and a National Certified Trainer for Continuing Education to the Design Community. He is a Shade Tree Commissioner for the Boro of Ho-Ho-Kus.

Refreshments are served at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. followed by our speaker for the evening.

All are welcome to our meetings! Provided by Judy Mascis. ###

#### Spiritual/Medium/ Intuitive Feb. 11

American Legion Post Auxiliary Unit #142 is hosting and evening of spiritual/ medium/intuitive by Catherine McCall on February 11, 2023 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Donation is \$40 pp. Event held at 135 East Passaic Street, Maywood. Call Deb at 551-587-3699. ###

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## **Post 453 Hosts Black History** Month Program February 26

On February 26, 2023, at 2 p.m., Murray-Hodge American Legion Post 453, 58 Meadow Road, Rutherford, is hosting a program with speakers on Blacks' achievements, life style, growing up, etc.

They are looking for items and attire produced and made by Black ancestors.

If you would like to speak on a subject surrounding Blacks, or have household items to display that tell your ancestor's story, contact Commander Gunn. C: 201-456-3561 or 201-939-2346.

#### **Black History Month Background**

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.

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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# **Roast Pork** Luncheon February 14

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will be sponsoring a luncheon on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at their Community Hall on Third Street in Carlstadt.

Roast Pork dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. Donations will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

Roast pork, mashed potatoes, vegetable, applesauce, beverages, coffee, tea and desserts are included. Take out orders will be available.

Please call the Church office at 201-438-5526 for further info from 9:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. weekdays. In case of inclement weather, please call the Church office. ###



## Valentine's **Dinner Dance** February 12

Carlstadt Turnverein will host "A Valentine's Dinner Dance" on Sunday, February 12, 2023, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Carlstadt Turn Hall. Donation is \$50 per person and includes food, drink, coffee and cake, with live music by Bud and Linda. For reservations, call 973-777-6677. ###

#### **Bockbeer Fest** March 25

Carlstadt Turnverein will host "Bockbeer Fest" on Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Carlstadt Turn Hall. Donation is \$50 per person and includes food, drink, coffee and cake with live music by Bud and Linda. For reservations, call 973-777-6677. ###

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# W-R Lions 38th Annual **Beefsteak February 10**

New Location: The Fiesta

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club is proud to announce our 38th Beefsteak Dinner. This is our major event conducted over 37 years on the Friday before Super-Bowl featuring games, sports memorabilia and prize auctions, along with great camaraderie and Beef!

**NEW LOCATION: Fiesta** Banquets, 255 Route 17 South, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075

Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner service beginning at 7 p.m. Beer, wine, and soda included from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Cash bar is available 6 p.m. until event close.

\$70 per person. All seats are assigned and must be paid for in advance. Door prizes your ticket purchase) contain a variety of restaurant gift certificates and other valuable prizes. Additional chances are available at three for \$10.

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Contact: any Wood-Ridge Lions member or send an email with your name and phone number to be contacted. Email: wrlionsnj@gmail.com or call Mike at 917-952-1160.

Service to Others - Some of the charities and organizations the Wood-Ridge Lions support:

- NJ Camp for Blind Children - Camp Marcella
- · St. Joseph's School for the Blind
- Foundation for Fighting Blindness
- Eversight Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey
- Center for Food Action, Bergen County
  - Juvenile Diabetes JDRF
- The Lions Eve Research Foundation of NJ
- The ARC of Bergen-Passaic – Hoehne-Feinman Center
- Special Olympics NJ Adopt-a-Cop Torchrun
- Wood-Ridge Lions Scholarship Fund
- Lions District 16N Charitable Foundation
- Lions KidSight Eye Screenings for Children conducted at local schools+

For additional information go to: https://www.e-clubhouse. org/sites/WoodRidge/

or https://www.facebook. com/WRLions ###

### Fish & Chips February 17

The Holy Rosary Society of St. Joseph Church in Lodi is sponsoring their Annual Fish & Chips Dinner on Friday, February 17, 2023, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the School Auditorium on Spring Street, Lodi.

Menu includes batter dipped Cod, French-fries, coleslaw, Mac & Cheese and dessert. Tickets: \$20. (Extra piece of fish \$6 each.)

For tickets, please call Carole 551-265-8750 or Sharon 201-920-9071 before February 10. No tickets will be sold at the door.

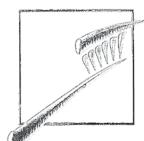
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# **AL Fish** Fry April 7

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting the Annual Good Friday Fish Fry, April 7, 2023, at 4 p.m.

Menu includes fried flounder, potato salad and coleslaw, dinner rolls, coffee and dessert. Cost \$15 pp. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and Children's programs. For more information, call 201-807-0470. Dinein and take out available ###

#### Valentines for Vets

The Woman Club of Carlstadt will meet on February 7, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., in the First Presbyterian Church Community Hall on Third and Division.

Our program is "Be My Valentine" where we will be making Valentine Cards for the Veterans at the Paramus Veterans Home.

We will also be collecting bakery cookies for the Vets. Guests are always welcome. Provided by Janet Drogo. ###

RLC Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Pre-school and Kindergarten registrations are currently

being held for children new to the Robert L. Craig School.

Call Mrs. Susan Lacey at 201-641-5833 ext. 109 for the

Pre-school registration process. Children who will be 3 or 4 years old on or before October 1, 2023 are eligible for Pre-school.

Children who will be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2023

are eligible for Kindergarten. Call Mrs. Susan Lacey for Kindergarten details at 201-641-5833 ext. 109.

# Elmwood Park/Paterson Elks Lodge 60, 192 Market

Elks Breakfast

Street, Elmwood Park, will host a breakfast, the first Sunday of every month, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. \$10 pp. Children 6-10, \$5. 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. ###

#### Lodi KC Pancake Breakfast Feb. 12

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffetstyle Family Breakfast on Sunday, February 12, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi. Menu includes: all-you-can-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, French Toast (to order), bacon, sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea.

Adults: \$10; children over 6: \$5; children 6 and under: free. Profits to benefit local charities. For more information, call Joe at 201-805-4576.

## Fish & Chips March 11

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #142, 135 East Passaic Street, Maywood, NJ 07607 will host a Fish & Chips Dinner (chicken available), on March 11, 2023 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Donation is \$20 pp. Call 551-587-3699. ###

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## Uncle Floyd Comedy Night February 25

The American Legion Riders 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting Comedy Night featuring a live performance by Uncle Floyd on Saturday, February 25, 2023.

Dinner starts at 6 p.m. featuring pasta, pork loin, potatoes, salad and dessert. Show starts at 8 p.m. A DJ will play during intermission. \$25 admission. Call 201-807-0470. ###

# Dinner Dance March 5

Bergen County American Legion Commander Sophia Dmoch, President Debe Free and SAL Comander Keith Slotwinski invite the public to a dinner dance, Sunday, March 5, 2023 from 1 to 5 p.m. at The Graycliff. Cost is \$55 pp.

Menu is Caesar Salad, Penne w/Vodka Sauce, choice of Prime Rib/Chicken San marco/Tilapia Franchise, dessert, coffee, tea, soda, water, assorted bottled beer. Music by DJ Jack Jam.

Reservations only. Deadline is February 27, 2023.

Make checks payable to Bergen County American Legion Dinner Dance. Send to Mike Carroll, 234 Forest Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071.

For more information call 201-933-1814. ###

## Wind Creek Trip Feb.22

On February 22, 2023, the Hasbrouck Heights VFW 4591 will sponsor a bus trip to the Wind Creek Casino in Bethleham Pa. The cost is \$40 (paid in advance).

Enjoy a continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Bus leaves from the VFW parking lot at 10 a.m. Play Bingo, 50/50. and enjoy a movie or a TV show. A voucher will be given upon arrival. For information, call Diane at 201-475-8898 or Gladys at 201-288-9074. ###



#### Valentine's Party Fundraiser Feb. 11

American Legion Squadron 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry is hosting a Valentine's Party on Saturday, February 11, 2023, starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person and include pasta dinner, beer, wine and soda. Every lady gets a rose! Music by DJ Jack Jam.

Advance ticket sales. No tickets sold at the door. No refunds. All Proceeds from this fundraiser go to Veterans and children's programs. Any questions call: 201-807-0470.

# St. Patrick's March 11

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ, Annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes Dinner, Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 per order. All proceeds to benefit Veterans and children's programs. Indoor event, but take out is available while it lasts.

No outside beverages allowed. DJ Jack Jam will be spinning the tunes for the party. For additional information please call 201-807-0470. ###

# Meatball Contest March 3

Do you make the best meatballs? Here's your chance to win cash, and more importantly, bragging rights.

American Legion Unit 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ, will host a meatball contest. \$10 entry fee. Tasting pasta available. Vote for your favorites, Friday, March 3, 2023 from 7 to 9 p.m.

For additional information please call 201-807-0470. ###

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# **Sweetheart Tricky Tray**

On Friday, February 10, 2023, St. Francis de Sales Church, at 125 Union Street, Lodi, will host the Annual Sweetheart Tricky Tray. Cost is \$20 pp. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Starts at 7 p.m. Coffee and dessert provided. For tickets and information, call Sue at 551-265-9560. ###

## AL Open House April 30

American Legion Post #142, 135 East Passaic Street, Maywood is hosting an Open House for new members on April 30, 2023 from 1 to 4 p.m. Regular members will also be attending.

Veterans, auxiliary and SAL membership gives you the right to all activities sponsored by the Legion. They have shuffle board, horseshoes, trips to AC, Veteran's breakfast, etc.

The purpose of this organization is to help other Veterans, pantries, familes in need, raise money for scholarships and the community. Call 201-845-8226. ###

# Friday Night Dancing

The Hasbrouck Heights Elks Lodge 1962, 128 Baldwin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, will host dancing every Friday night from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. with DJ Gerri. Cost is \$10 at the door. Coffee included. Cash bar. For more information, call Cathy at 1-386-852-4881. ###





# Wallington Fashion Show Tricky Tray May 10

On Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6 p.m., Wallington High School Home and School Organization, will host a fashion Show/Dinner/Tricky Tray on the High School front lawn, 234 Main Avenue, Wallington.

Tables and chairs will be set up. Bring your favorite snacks. Admission is \$10 pp.

- Fashion Show begins at 6:30 p.m. *(rain location WHS Gymnasium)*.
- Tricky Tray drop-in begins at 4 p.m. Calling begins approximately 6 p.m.

Combo packs in advance or at the door: Gold is \$50. Various ticket levels available. Name/phone number must be written on back of tickets.

• Super raffle \$10 per tickets. Purse Spin \$10 per ticket.

For tickets, call TJ Calabrese at 201-893-6748, Joe Brunacki 973-632-3845 or wallington.hso@gmail.com ###

### Wood-Ridge Annual Knight of Honors

On Saturday, January 28, 2023, the Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council 11585 will hold its Annual Knight of Honors. The dinner will take place in the Father Patrick Morris Hall in Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Among the awards to be presented are "Police Shield of the Year," Sgt. Robert Jones; "Fire Shield of the Year," Assistant Chief Justin Berta, Ex-Chief Thomas Bischoff, Firefighter Mateusz Czwakiel, Firefighter Nicholas Fallon, Firefighter Liam Maloney; "CCD Teacher of the Year," Caroline Sitarz; "Senior Citizen of the Year," Richard N. Volpitta; and "Community Service Award", former Councilwoman Catherine Cassidy.

Ticket price is \$30 pp. and obtained from Richard Wall, rjwall42@gmail.com or Jason Mabel at jmavbel13@gmail. com *Provided by Angelo Urato* ###

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# Wallington Hall of Fame

The Wallington High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has selected nine former-student athletes and one coach for induction into the Wallington HS Athletic Hall of Fame.

They are: Konrad Sopnielnikow – 1997, Marcin Koc – 2011, Michal Brzyzek - 2005 Chris Ferrara - 2011, Michele Moskal - 2008, Tiffany Vellis - 2013, Jay Pacheco - 2010, Amanda Colombo - 2013, Damian Agaj - 2015.

In addition, this year the committee will also be recognizing two teams, the 2010 State Championship Football Team and the 2010 State Championship Boys' Soccer Team, and a "contributor to the program," the Wallington Fire Department.

The induction dinner will be held on Friday, March 3, 2023, at The Graycliff in Moonachie.

Anyone interested in attending this affair, or purchasing a congratulatory ad in our program journal should contact Dr. Frank Cocchiola, Hall of Fame President, at fcoch@aol. com ###

## Tricky Tray March 10

American Legion Unit 310 and 117 is hosting a Tricky Tray on Friday, March 10, 2023 starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

Great prizes. Admission is \$15 pp. Cake and coffee will be served. For additional information, please call 201-807-0470. ###

#### **RECYCLE**

#### American Legion \$300 Lottery Basket

Fund-raiser for community projects, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #142, 135 East Passaic Street, Maywood, NJ 07607, will hold the drawing March 11, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Winner need not be present. Donation \$5. No substitution of prize given. Call 551-587-3699. ###

#### Maywood Woman's Club \$300 Lottery Basket

Fund-raiser for community projects, the Woman's Club of Maywood, NJ 07607, will hold the drawing March 30, 2023, at 8 p.m.

Drawing will be held at the Maywood Recreation Center, 145 West Magnolia Avenue, Maywood. Winner need not be present. Donation \$2. No substitution of prize given. Call 551-587-3699. ###

# Pop-Up Thrift Shop

The Woman's Club of Rutherford will hold their Pop-Up Thrift Shop on Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19 and February 25 and 26, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at our Clubhouse, 201 Fairview Avenue, Rutherford, NJ.

Shop new and gently used clothing, handbags, belts, shoes, sneakers and other accessories.

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Proceeds to benefit local charities as well as the maintenance and restoration of our historic Carriage House.

For more information call 201-939-9894. *Leslie Beck.* ###

# AARP Chapter #2015 Lodi

The AARP Chapter #2015 of Lodi meets at noon the third Tuesday of every month at the Lodi Senior Center, 22 Walnut Place. Each meeting will have either a speaker or entertainment as well as light refreshments. New members are welcome. 2023 dues are \$10 for the year. National AARP membership is also required. For membership information contact Stan at 973-779-8544.

- February 21, 2023: Regular monthly meeting. Speaker: Lt. Anthony Mobilio, Lodi Police Deptartment.
- March 21, 2023: Regular monthly meeting. Speaker: Hackensack Meridian University Hospital.
- March 22, 2023 (Wednesday): Bus Trip to Mt. Airy Casino Resort. Leaves Lodi Boys and Girls Club, 460 Passaic Ave, Lodi at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25. Contact Etta 201-845-8521 for info.

Speaker. Provided by Kathleen Zalenski. ###

### LF Seniors

Meetings are second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. Refreshments are served. Bingo is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m., Pokeno is every Friday at 12:30 p.m. All meetings and games are held at Little Ferry Senior Center, 95 Main Street. New members always welcome. Dues are \$10 per year. Call Mary for further information at 201-686-8424. ###

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### ER Seniors

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

Free blood-pressure screenings - on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. Membership is \$15 per year. Contact Debbie for membership at 201-803-4708 and Josephine for trips at 201-981-6284. Payment must be received 2 weeks prior to an event. All trips leave and return to CVS Parking Lot, Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford.

- February 20: Caesars Atlantic City Bus Trip. Bus leaves 9:30 a.m. sharp from CVS Parking Lot East Rutherford \$35 pp / \$30 back slot play. Hosted by the East Rutherford Seniors Club.
- March 15: St. Patrick's Day Festival. LiGreci's, Staten Island, NY. Bus leaves CVS Parking lot 10:30 a.m. sharp \$72 pp
- March 20: Caesars Atlantic City Bus Trip. Bus leaves 9:30 a.m. sharp from CVS Parking Lot East Rutherford \$35 pp / \$30 back slot play.
- April 12: The Million Dollar Quartet. Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ. Show and luncheon. Bus leaves CVS parking lot promptly 9:30 a.m. \$81 pp.

April 17: Caesars Atlantic City Bus Trip. Bus leaves 9:30 a.m. sharp from CVS Parking Lot - East Rutherford \$35 pp / \$30 back slot play.

May 2: Tribute to Simon and Garfunkel and The Everly Brothers. Villa Roma Resort, Callicoon, NY. Luncheon and entertainment. Bus leaves CVS parking lot promptly 8:30 a.m. \$65 pp.

• May 15: Caesars Atlantic City Bus Trip. Bus leaves 9:30 a.m. sharp from CVS Parking Lot - East Rutherford \$35 pp / \$30 back slot play. ###

### Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

Senior Friendship Club, Inc. meets at the Civic Center Building, every first and third Wednesday of each month. Every Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., card games and Mexican Train/dominoes.

Senior Club Meetings are 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. We have interesting events at our regular meeting days with guest speakers and entertainment. We follow protocols of CDC. We are planning for more varieties of programs, such as cultural events, hands on art and craft, musical events and much more.

#### **Trips**

- February 8: Wind Creek Casino. Bring ID. \$25 slots. 9 a.m.
- February 15. Valentine Breakfast Civic Center 11 a.m.
- March 22. Anniversary Party. Fiesta. Noon to 4 p.m.
- March 28. LiGreci's Staaten, St. Joseph Italian Feast. Cocktail hour, beef, chicken, salmon, Italian comedians, music, dancing. \$74. 10:15 to 3 p.m.

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#### Vic's Hoofers

If you would like to meet new people and make new friends in a very welcoming environment, the Vic's Hoofers - a social organization - is for you.

We meet the first Thursday of the month at the Carlstadt Community Centre to enjoy each other's company and play a fun, interactive game. If you would care to join us, please call Alice Wood at 201-933-8561. ###

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## Groundhog Day 2023 Thursday, February 2

Thousands of years ago, when animalism and nature worship were prevalent, people in Germany believed that the badger had the power to make weather predictions relating to winter and spring according to superstition.

They studied the badger to know when to plant their crops. By the time the first German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania, they probably understood that this was not true, but the tradition continued.

There were not many badgers in Pennsylvania so the groundhog (also known as the woodchuck) was substituted.

According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a ground-hog 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.

Although some states have adopted their own ground-hogs, the official groundhog is Punxsutawney Phil. It is said that Punxsutawney Phil (the

groundhog) was named after King Phillip.

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.

The town has attracted thousands of visitors over the years to experience various Groundhog Day events and activities on February 2.

Modern customs of the holiday involve celebrations where early morning festivals are held to watch the groundhog emerging from its burrow.

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." ###

# About Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is observed on Monday, February 20, 2023. (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.

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.

The story of Presidents' Day date begins in 1800. Following the death of George Washington in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance.

At the time, Washington was venerated as the most important figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth

and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration.

While Washington's Birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s, it was not until the late 1870s that it became a federal holiday. In 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law.

The shift from Washington's Birthday to Presidents' Day began in the late 1960s, when Congress proposed a measure known as the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. This law sought to shift the celebration of several federal holidays from specific dates to a series of predetermined Mondays.

The proposed change was seen by many as a novel way to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers,

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and it was believed that ensuring holidays always fell on the same weekday would reduce employee absenteeism.

While some argued that shifting holidays from their original dates would cheapen their meaning, the bill also had widespread support from both the private sector and labor unions and was seen as a sure-fire way to bolster retail sales.

The Uniform Monday Holiday Act also included a provision to combine the celebration of Washington's Birthday with that of Abraham Lincoln, which fell on February 12. Source: History.com ###



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This year, show your Sweetheart how much she means to you by giving her a gift from the heart.

Remember that the Valentine's theme is all about love.



romance and appreciation.

The nature of the gift can reflect how much you care. The meaning of your gift also varies according to the seriousness and the type of relationship you're in.

If you've gone out with her a few times, the level of commitment is low, and you're simply having a lot of fun. What do you buy her?

Buying her a Valentine card, flowers or candy is acceptable for this early stage in a relationship.

On the other hand, if the relationship is strong and its future seems bright, opt for a more original present.

Think about what she appreciates the most and what she has mentioned over the past few weeks, or get her something that relates to her hobbies and interests. The key is to show that you put some thought into the gift. ###

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# Happy Valentine's Day Libations for the Love of Wine -- from the Wine Guys

American Wine Society – Meadowlands Chapter President & Wine Judge Angel Martinez & Vice President Philip Miuccio, another good wine guy

If there was ever a holiday made for drinking a little wine, it's Valentine's Day!

Champagne is the classic choice, but the richness and depth of flavor in red wines captures the soul and spirit of true romance.

What kind of couple are you and your darling? Here are some recommendations based on your romance style! The Wine guys have a few suggestions for you to consider.

# For the Romantics: Beaujolais

Beaujolais is nestled in the south/eastern region of France where they have been making wines for centuries. All Beaujolais is made from a single grape variety called Gamay, which is a thin-skinned red grape that is related to Pinot Noir

Thus, it's low in tannins and tends to be more fruit forward. Expect berries on the nose and flavors like raspberry, cherry, strawberry with lite flora notes from this region.

We recommend one of the Beaujolais crus such as Domaine Gilles Coperet, Fleurie "La Madone" offerings of floral aromas (rose and peony) reveals itself with a supple and silky palate of soft tannins. It is a fresh, balanced wine and food-friendly. For the roman-

tics, another wonderful selection is "Domaine Des Billards Saint Amour" will also provide a satisfying glass of wine.

#### For the Desirous Duo: Look to California

Turn it up with a sexy, red! Flowers Pinot Noir from Sonoma County, it's "juicy and broad in appeal with a generous helping of red cherry and strawberry" with supple tannins and a long finish.

For an even bolder night, look for Louis M. Martini Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley, this stands out with vanilla, cedar, dark chocolate notes and dark ripe blackberry and plum. These wines are for those who are fond of reds and enjoy a lasting tasting glass of wine.

## For the Adventurous Couple: Italian

Banfi Brunello di Montalcino is a solid bottle of Sangiovese grape varietal, its emotion and passion in every glass. Deep ruby garnet with complex notes of licorice and ripe fruit.

Another fine selection is the Banfi Cum Laude, a Super Tuscan. It's a red blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sangiovese, and Syrah. This one is ruby red, intense and deep. Fabulous for steak dinners and hardy Italian dishes.

Whichever one of these you select, they have refined tannins and a lingering finish that is sure to blow your socks-off.

#### For the Classic Couple: Sparkling Wine

If you're looking for a little more brightness grab J Vineyards Brut Rosé Russian River Valley sparkling wine. This sparkling wine is sure to delight every nuance of your palate. Look for bright lush aromas of red apples, strawberries, and nectarines on the nose.

Another favorite is Chandon Brut Rosé sparkling from California. In the glass you'll find intense ripe strawberries, juicy watermelon, and fresh red cherries. Both of these are to be served chilled, it's fabulous with a great cheese and fruit board.

Whichever one you pick, simply remember to enjoy the time you spend together and enjoy the company and, of course, the wine.

Happy Valentine's Day from the Wine Guys. President Angel Martinez and Vice President Philip Miuccio, American Wine Society Meadowlands Chapter. You can look us up at https://wineclub201.blogspot.com/ Check out our video blogs, and meeting schedule for 2023. ###

# "Love-ly" Valentines

Just like people, flowers come in hundreds of shapes and sizes.

When it comes to Valentine's Day gifts, carefully selecting the flower varieties and colors you send will result in a thoughtful, customized gift your Sweetheart will treasure.

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!
- (For flowers delivered before February 13th): I love you so much I couldn't wait for Valentine's Day!
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Source: Society of American Florists ###

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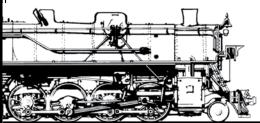
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# Super Bowl LVII February 12

Super Bowl LVII will be the 57th Super Bowl and the 53rd modern-era National Football League (NFL) championship.

The game is scheduled to be played on February 12, 2023, at State Farm Stadium, Glendale, AZ. Kickoff is at 6:30 EST.

Super Bowl LVII will be televised by Fox (per the threeyear rotation between Fox, CBS, and NBC, the NFL's three network broadcast partners).

The halftime show: On September 23, 2022, Apple Music was announced as the new naming rights sponsor of the Super Bowl halftime show, replacing Pepsi, which had sponsored the previous ten halftime shows. Some media reports alleged on social media that American singersongwriter Taylor Swift would be the headlining performer, based on her associations with Apple and traditional Pepsi rival, Coca-Cola.

Subsequently, various outlets reported that Swift had turned down the offer, claiming that she would not do the halftime show until her re-recording process was complete; other sources said that Swift had never been scheduled in the slot.

On September 25, Bar-

badian singer Rihanna was announced as the headliner of the halftime show. It will mark Rihanna's first live performance in over five years, and the end of her self-imposed boycott of the event, which she had instigated in solidarity with Colin Kaepernick.

Super Bowl 2023 ticket prices: The most inexpensive ticket packages start at \$4,887.50, a premium package starts at \$7,225 per person. And other, price-upon-request luxury ticket packages are available through the site. Tickets are also currently available via resale sites such as Vivid Seats and Seat Geek. ###

# **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.

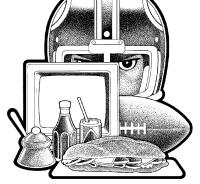
The main meal should be tasty, simple and filling.

- 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.
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have a Super Bowl cake.

- To make clean up easier, use plastic cups, plates, utensils and napkins.
- Keep the beer in a cooler close by so you don't have to run to the fridge. 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.
- 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.

- If it's a real manly, pokernight 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.
- Think ahead and place garbage cans around your place so that wherever your guests are, they can find a place for their trash. ###

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On December 17, 2022, the Carlstadt Fire Department escorted Santa around town. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.

On December 18, 2022, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department escorted Santa around town. Photo provided by HHFD. ###



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# Little Ferry Fire Department 2023 Officers Take Oath

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### Carlstadt Fire Department Officers Installed

On January 6, 2023, the Carlstadt Fire Department installed their officers for 2023.

They are: Chief of Department John J. Harr, Assistant Chief Robert Ruff, Jr., Deputy Chief James Schmidt., Battalion Chief James Schmidt. The out-going Chief is Matt Moran. The President of the Board of Fire Officers is Robert Brown.

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The Department was organized in 1872. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

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#### Smoke outside.

Ask smokers to smoke outside. Have sturdy, deep ashtrays for smokers.

 Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a

#### Inspect electrical cords.

Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or have loose connections.

#### • Be careful when using candles.

Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.

#### Have a home fire escape plan.

Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.

> • Install smoke alarms. Install smoke alarms on

every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

#### • Test smoke alarms

Test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace batteries once a year or when the alarm "chirps" to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.

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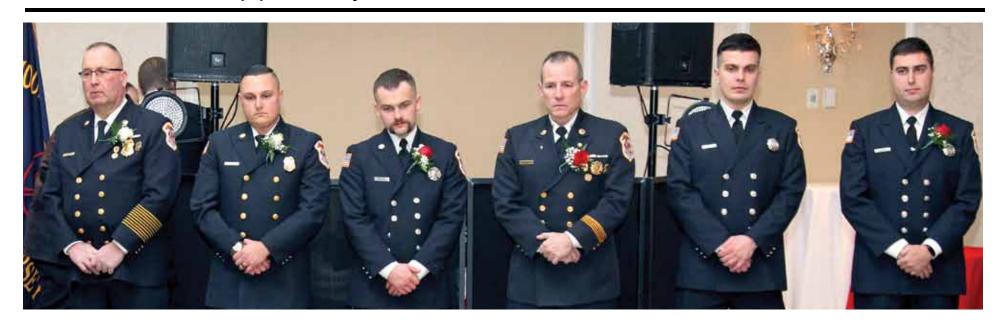
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# Wood-Ridge Fire Department 2023 Installation Dinner

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department held their Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at the Fiesta.

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

The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance by First Assistant Chief Kevin Cribben, followed by a moment of silence. The invocation was given by WRFD Chaplain, Deacon Nick Valdez. There was the introduction of Officers. The Oath of Office was administered by Councilman /Deputy Fire Commissioner Dominick Azzolini.

The 2023 Officers are: Chief of Department Kenneth Schulz, First Assistant Chief Kevin Cribben, Second Assistant Chief Justin Berta, Captain Nicholas Meglio, Lieutenant Ronald Phillips Jr., Lieutenant Frederick Dressel V, Lieutenant Liam Maloney, Recording Secretary Thomas Bischoff Jr., Corresponding Secretary Nicholas Fallon, Treasurer Ronald Phillips Sr.

Valor Awards were presented to the following members:

- Unit Citation: Assistant Chief Justin Berta, Lieutenant Liam Maloney.
- Life Saving Awards: FF Thomas Bischoff Jr., FF Ma-

teusz Czwakiel, FF Nicholas Fallon.

These members were honored for their collective efforts in locating and rescuing a semiconscious occupant from her burning apartment in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights on Monday, October 10, 2022.

Honorary Member badges were presented to Eric Yaple (past FF and EMS Captain) and Jesse Smith (not a past member).

Remarks were made by Commissioners Dominic Azzolini/Philip Romero.

Chief Schulz made comments. Floral presentations recognized the WRFD Ladies Auxiliary. Additionally, floral presentations for the wives were presented by the Officers.

The traditional toast was made by Ex-Chief Ronald Phillips Sr. The program concluded with Benediction by Chaplain/Deacon Nick Valdez. ###



# HHFD 2023 Installation Dinner

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department held its Installation Dinner for Chief Michael Greco and the Department Officers at The Graycliff on Saturday, January 14, 2023.

Master of Ceremonies was FF Nick Lorenzo, who made a grand entrance on a "fire truck" and provided a lively introduction.

Second Assistant Chief Cristian Fernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for Ex-Chief Chris P. Semenecz who passed in 2022 and all departed Department members. The Invocation was given by Fire Department Chaplain, Rev. Eric Dammann.

MC Nick acknowledged Borough Officials, Mutual Aid Chiefs, retirees, ex-chiefs, etc., and visiting dignitaries who were in attendance.

The HHFD Officers included Chief of the Department Michael Greco, 1st Assistant

Chief Kevin Todd, 2nd Assistant Chief Cristian Fernandez, Captain Miguel Gonzalez, Lieutenants Nick Lorenzo, Marc Pagan, Daniel Wixon, Treasurer Jim Carlin and Department Secretary Edward Mucha.

Commendations were given to participants of the fire/rescue of a working fire at 192 Boulevard in October 2022.

John Riordan received an Ex-EMS Captain badge.

Comments were made by HH Fire Commissioner Ronald Kistner and Chief Michael Greco.

Remarks were made by Camden City Fire Captain Robert Eckert, Technical Editor of Fire Engineering Magazine, and owner of Eckert Fire Tactics.

Floral tributes were given. Two slide shows were presented. The traditional toast was given by 1st Assistant Chief Kevin Todd. ###

















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# Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, DMD, FAGD.

#### **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,

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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 bacteria 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

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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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# **Footnotes**

By Dr. Kenya Lazovik, DPM

# For many, winter is fall season

Icy conditions cause falls and broken ankles.

With winter conditions serious injuries from ice-related falls inevitably occur. Falls on icy surfaces are a major cause of ankle sprains and fractures, and it's critical to seek prompt treatment to prevent further damage that can prolong recovery.

The ankle joint is vulnerable to serious injury and ice accelerates the fall and often causes more severe trauma because the foot can go in any direction after slipping.

In cases of less severe fractures and sprains, it's possible to walk and mistakenly believe the injury doesn't require medical treatment.

Never assume the ability to walk means your ankle isn't broken or badly sprained, putting weight on the injured joint can worsen the problem and lead to chronic instability, joint pain and arthritis later in life.

Some people may fracture and sprain an ankle at the same time, and a bad sprain can mask the fracture.

It's best to have an injured ankle evaluated as soon as possible for proper diagnosis and treatment, if you can't see a foot and ankle surgeon or visit the emergency room right away, follow the RICE technique – Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation – until medical care is available.

ankle sprains and fractures are similar, fractures are associated with:

• Pain at the site of the

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- Pain at the site of the fracture that can extend from the foot to the knee
  - Significant swelling
- Blisters over the fracture site
- Bruising soon after the injury
- Bone protruding through the skin—a compound fracture, which requires immediate attention!

Most ankle fractures and some sprains are treated by immobilizing the joint in a cast or splint to foster union and healing.

However, surgery may be needed to repair fractures with significant malalignment to unite bone fragments and realign them properly.

If you fall on an icy spot and hurt your ankle, the best advice is to seek medical attention immediately.

This aids in early diagnosis and proper treatment of the ankle injury, reduces the risk of further damage and possibly eliminates the need for surgery.

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

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## Let's Go Traveling!

By Rick Ardis

#### **Travel Returns** February 2023

As the worldwide pandemic continues to wane, travel is returning to previous levels. However, along the way there have been some hiccups.

During this past summer, travel rebounded so quickly that the air travel system was strained by a shortage of workers in all sectors.

Pilots are required to stop flying at age 65, but there are not enough new hires yet qualified to replace them.

Many members of the industry's workforce have retired, accepted buyout packages, or found work in other industries, leaving some airline, Air Traffic Control, and TSA positions not fully staffed.

At some airports, shops and food outlets may still be closed. Southwest Airlines' holiday troubles were complicated by bad weather, but apparently stemmed from outdated staffing software.

Notwithstanding these issues, the future does appear bright for travel. The United States Department of Transportation is enacting rules that would hold airlines to higher standards than in the past.

Southwest is committing to upgrade its scheduling software. As I write this column, the new Terminal A at Newark Liberty International Airport is preparing to open.

This new facility replaces a cramped terminal that has seen few upgrades since opening 50 years ago.

The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey expects delays to decrease with the introduction of general use gates. This capability will allow airlines to use virtually any available gate.

Currently, airlines operating at Terminal A are only able to embark and disembark passengers from their assigned positions.

During the last two years, the airlines suspended many destinations from Newark.

Many of these routes are returning along with new ones. United will add service to Malaga, Spain and Dubai, UAE. These new routes bring the total number of international destinations to over 75 locales offered from our local airport.

Air France returns to Newark after a 10-year absence to increase the number of carriers to four offering service to Paris. Scandinavian Airlines will add options from Newark to Aalborg, Denmark and Gothenburg, Sweden.

New technology is also being developed or improved to speed travelers through airport terminals.

Enrollment in Clear is increasing. This subscription service uses biometrics to process travelers and bypass long TSA lines.

Customs and Border Protection has installed Global Entry kiosks with facial recognition that clears travelers in seconds when retuning to the United States. Many other countries around the world are adding automated scanners allowing visitors to scan their own passports and speed through immigration without human interaction.

Beginning in 2023, the European Union's Schengen Zone will introduce European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS). This new system is similar to an electronic visa for travel to most nations in western Europe.

It is valid for multiple stays of up to 90 days each time for a period of up to three years. With a cost of just 7 Euros, the program is expected to clear bottlenecks at hub airports throughout Europe for connecting passengers.

As the industry continues to rebound, travelers should plan early and be prepared for the unexpected. Everyone should be sure of the requirements of their destination to minimize problems.

As always, consider purchasing a travel insurance policy with during trip assistance for help with unexpected issues. Bon Voyage.

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# **Artful Thinking** By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

#### February 2023

Hey folks just to show you that my heart is in the right place (where it's been since birth), I'm going to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

My cousin, Johnny Pesenti and his lovely wife Donna, were married on Valentine's Day, so let me be the first, or at least among the top 10, to wish them a Happy Anniversary.

For my cousin Johnny getting married on the fourteenth of February was a win, win situation. If by chance he forgot his anniversary he always had Valentine's Day to fall back on and vice versa. Hence the nuptial ode remains intact.

Of course, Valentine's Day, romantic though it is, does not arrive without its share of stress, am I correct folks?

As early as a 4th Grader in Columbus School, I used to dread the opening of that decorated cardboard Valentine's Day mail box.

This one year I felt bold enough to mail a "heart felt sentiment" to one of the prettiest, if not the prettiest, girls in my class.

Unfortunately, at least for me, every boy in the class had the same idea. All of those cards, mine included, came back "return to sender."

There was one card that was delivered by Cupid himself and it was addressed to the kid, from Westervelt Place, who had his own transistor radio and sported a baseball cap even during the off season; Johnny Rannou.

That pretty girl in the third row and Rannou where the only two kids in the classroom with smiles on their faces. The rest of us were miserable. Come to think of it, I was never on the receiving end of a Valentine's Day card.

Even those little candy hearts, plentiful though they were, never found their way to my desk. I wound up buying them at the corner store and

scattered them on my desk top while no one was looking. I wound up eating a few and gave the rest to my dog, Dusty, when I got home.

True, there was the girl with red hair who has been remembered in this column numerous times over the years.

The problem with that, however, is that she didn't quite remember me. Only after a phone call and a Columbus School photo of myself circa 1961 did a long lost flashback of our childhood dream stuff find its way into her memory.

Hey folks, that innocent little meeting took place 62 years ago. I guess it didn't have the same impact on her as it did with me. Obviously, the girl with red hair never read my column.

I know what the trouble is. I lack staying power. If a girl cast admiring glances my way in November, by Valentine's Day I was out of the picture entirely. Yea folks that is what I lacked, staying power. It was always the other guy that got the card. A last minute entry that pushed me out of the running. Had I met the girl with red hair in February I might have received my first and only Valentine card. Not to be so! I haven't given up hope.

My friend, Mildred Westervelt (I think they named a street after her), has a few memories of her own of that crepe paper and heart covered Valentine mailbox. "On February 1st, out came the box where it sat on the teacher's desk until the big day arrived." recalls Mrs. Westervelt. "The teacher would then open the mailbox up and deliver the mail to our desks"

Mildred recalls she and her classmates watching one another to see how many cards were being dropped into the box hoping that at least one of them would find its way to their desk. "My mother insisted that I bring a Valentine's Day card for everyone in my class", remembers Mildred. "So no one would be without and would receive at least one card." Needless to say I wish I was in Mildred's class.

Mrs. Westervelt also remembers those candy hearts with the "cute" sayings on them. "If a boy you liked dropped one of them on your desk you wouldn't eat it," says Mildred. "You would save it forever. But you know they tasted awful anyway."

As Mildred grew older and received those big, heart shaped boxes of candy and the fancy cards she couldn't help thinking that those gifts weren't quite as exciting as those Valentine box cards and the little candy hearts of her youth.

Beautiful memories Mrs. Westervelt. No wonder why they named a street after you. From now on every time I walk down Westervelt Place, I'll be remembering you.

My friend, Etta Yarmula, has a sentimental Valentine's Day memory of her own that she'd like to share with us.

The year was 1944 during the heat of WWII. Etta was working at the Ajax photo processing company in Passaic, NJ. It was the 13th of February when the ravages of winter marched mercilessly across the landscape.

In walked a tall, handsome sailor dressed in a white uniform with hat in hand. The sailor dropped off his film, chatted with Etta for a moment, then, to coin a nautical phrase, "shoved off."

The next day, Valentine's Day, the Sailor returned with his Mother and asked the young and lovely Etta for a date. "That date lasted 67 years," says Etta. "We were married shortly after the war."

This coming Valentine's Day, let's all pray that Cupid aims his arrow at the planet earth and puts an abrupt and lasting finish to man's inhumanity to man before it's too

God help us for there are morbid signs that remind us that it's later than we think.

For now here's wishing everyone, including the girl with red hair, a Happy and love inspired Valentine's Day 2023. ###

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## Real Estate Insight By Mary Ellen Courtney

#### Valentine's Day Woe

With Valentine's Day approaching, you would think I'd be focusing on issues that entwine love and real estate; head of over heels with the home of your dreams sort of stuff. Well, no. This season I'm playing Grinch-cupid. Let's talk instead about....REJECTION!

Rejected home purchase offers, that is. Hey, face it, rejected offers cause buyers a lot of disappointment and heartache! (Believe me, we Realtors feel their pain).

A seller doesn't have to tear the buyer's proposal to pieces for the buyer to feel like their hearts have been ripped out. But why? Why do many home purchase offers face rejection? Here are the top reasons...

• Offer Rejection Reason **#1: Offer Price Too Low.** This is, by far, the main determining factor. Sellers expect a fair price for their home. In this continuing sellers' market, "fair price" is often pegged at or above 'asking price'.

Even then it's a figure that aligns with the seller's personal mind-set, where attachment to one's home equates to an emotional notion of its worth.

If a buyer's offer is below the seller's conception of a fair price, it might be viewed as an insult. And that means that you (or some other unsuitable *suiter*) don't deserve the house.

In some rare instances, an increased earnest money deposit might give a seller pause, in which case rejection of your

## Historical **Society Seeks Members**

The Wood-Ridge Historical Society is actively seeking to expand Society membership. Anyone interested in the history of the Borough and surrounding communities is invited to join the Society and offer new insight and assistance in activities and programs that will broaden that interest.

It is not necessary to be a Wood-Ridge resident and there are no dues. High school students seeking community service would be sincerely welcomed.

To become a member, simply submit your name, address, telephone number and email address to ccassidy@ njwoodridge.org, and you will receive notification of meetings and events. ###

offer might not be immediate. But, in the end, it's still going to boil down to the bottom line.

Without meeting the seller's right financial threshold, you're out of luck. And begging for a favorable outcome won't work either. Better, I think, to walk away, take up the search elsewhere and preserve your pride.

 Offer Rejection Reason **#2:** Buyer Does Not Meet Seller's Specific Needs. It's always recommended when making the offer that the Selling Agent call the Listing Agent beforehand to find out if the seller has any specific requirements or hot buttons to be dealt with. Inside dope, so to speak, if any is available.

If existent, they should be written into the offer. Some of these issues may include a larger initial deposit, a longer closing date or specific financing terms.

On your side, as buyer, you may also have requests. Be advised though: the seller is not likely to want to be bothered with any buyer issues, however politely presented. This may happen if, according to a home inspection, the property needs repairs.

In the 'old days', a buyer could negotiate with the seller about lowering the overall price or receiving a credit to take care of legitimately necessary

today! More often than not you're going to have to choose to buy "as is"; that is, in order to avoid seeing your whole agreement go up in smoke.

repairs. Forget about such talk

• Offer Rejection Reason #3: Selling Agent Is Not Up To The Job. In order to find out what the seller's terms are, your agent needs to deal - correctly - with the listing agent.

If a selling agent annoys the listing agent, especially during a chaotic, multiple offer situation, it can reflect poorly on that agent's buyers.

Beware of any agent who displays sub-standard character traits such as failing to grovel in order to get the listing agent's attention when submitting an offer to purchase.

Avoid working with any agent who – having shared in rejection with too many prior clients, on too many piteous occasions in the past - might display signs of guilt, shell shock, PTSD and...

April Fools! No! Wait! It's Valentine's Day! Wishing everyone love, happiness and a real chance at the most cherished American Dream! Call your local realtor. Make it happen today!

All joking aside, there's a great deal of serious consideration that goes into buying a home.

For expert guidance, contact Mary Ellen Courtney, Broker-Manager at Terrie O'Connor Realtors' Gateway Group, 201-288-0004. She and her seasoned team can insure success in even the most difficult of market scenarios! ###

# **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.

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.

If you cannot make it to the Church, you may mail your message (which will be added to the card) and donation payable to: Women's Guild of the First Reformed Church, PO Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, by February 12, 2023. For further information, call the Church at 201-288-1122.

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

All proceeds to support Friendly Neighbors. ###









#### Full Snow Moon

The February full moon will appear on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. EST. It is called the "Full Snow Moon."

On average, February is the United States' snowiest month, according to data from the National Weather Service. In the 1760s, Captain Jonathan Carver, who had visited with the Naudowessie (Dakota), wrote that the name used for this period was the Snow Moon, "because more snow commonly falls during this month than any other in the winter." 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. ###

# Library Fun!

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#### Rutherford Public Library

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

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m, and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please note, the Library will be closed Monday, February 20 for Presidents Day.

• Grab & Go Doorside Pickup. We continue to offer daily Grab & Go doorside pickup services. Patrons are invited to order books from the BCCLS catalog by visiting www.bccls. org or fill out a Grab & Go form for either the adult or children's collection, and our team will choose items for you based on what you like! These forms are available on our website.

If you don't have access to a computer, we encourage you to call the Library at 201-939-8600 and have our team order items for you! You tell us what you want and when you'd like to pick your items up, and we'll have them ready for you.

- **Bold Yoga.** We now offer free, on-demand access to virtual yoga classes from Bold Yoga for Rutherford residents! Brought to you by Bendy Bookworm, this video database has class offerings for all ages and experience levels. Enjoy yoga 24/7, anywhere with an internet connection. If interested, send an email to reference@rutherford.bccls.org with your name and Library card number and we will send you the information you need to access virtual yoga lessons online!
- The Origin of Love Songs (Virtual). From Frank Sinatra to Justin Bieber, Bette Midler to Taylor Swift, nearly everyone has contributed to the love song. Take a look into the origin of some of your favorite love songs while we enjoy a performance. Virtual event, Wednesday, February 1 at 7 p.m. Registration required.

#### • Virtual Author Visits.

We're pleased to announce three author visits. New York Times bestselling author, Lana Harper, will discuss the enchanting third installment of her immensely popular "The Witches of Thistle Grove" series, "Back in a Spell" on Thursday, February 9, at 7 p.m. Award-winning author Grace M. Cho, discusses her memoir, "Tastes Like War" on Thursday, February 16 at 1 p.m. And mega-bestselling

author, Cassandra Clare, will talk about her newest and final book in "The Last Hours" series, "Chain of Thorns" on Tuesday, February 28 at 8 p.m.

- SAT & ACT Success. This comprehensive webinar will answer all of your questions about college entrance exams, differences between the SAT and ACT, the best time to start studying, keys to achieving one's highest score, and how the SAT/ACT can impact merit aid and scholarships. Recommended for parents of middle school and/or high school students. Thursday, February 2, 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. Registration required.
- Small Space Gardening. Want to maintain a garden, but short on space? Join us for a presentation from Bracco Farms all about how you can adapt backyard growing methods to small spaces, including terraces, patios, and decks. Get a head start on the spring growing season. Q&A. Registration is required. Tuesday, February 7, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
- Needle Felting Workshop. Join us for an adult craft. Make a cute penguin with Christine from Woolly Pets! Needle felting is a process that uses barbed needles to move in and out of wool repeatedly, interlocking the fiber together and forming a firm and dense material. No glue or sewing is needed. Wednesday, February 8, 1 to 2:30 p.m
- Monthly Movie. Join us for a monthly movie screening on the last Tuesday of the month, at 6 p.m., sponsored by the Friends of the Library. No registration necessary.
- Teen Volunteers. Love books? Need to boost your college applications? We are currently accepting teen volunteers at the Library. Teens in middle and high school can volunteer at the Library for various tasks, such as shelf reading and reviewing books in the young adult collection! For more information, please email Teen Librarian Marion at marion.johnson@rutherford.bccls.org
- Tech Tutor. Our tech librarian will be available by appointment for tech help or lessons. To make an appointment, fill out our online form or email marion.johnson@rutherford.bccls.org
- Teen Game Time. Teens, ages 11-18, meet weekly, Fridays, at 4:30 p.m., to play board games, card games, and other non-screen games. ###

**Read to Your Child** 

#### Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library

Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. 201-288-0488, http://hasbrouckheightslibrary.org.

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is open. Face masks are optional.

For the most up-to-date information and guidelines, visit us online. Please call 201-288-0488 to speak with a staff member or email us at hashcirc@bccls.org.

Winter hours of operation are: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays thru Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Return Library materials in our book box located in the rear of the Municipal Building.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

• SAVE THE DATE! Saturday Concert with James Austin, Jr., Saturday, February 11, 1 to 2 p.m. Come listen to the soulful stylings of James Austin, Jr. inspired by his gospel roots and Jazz pedigree. Registration is encouraged. Sponsored by The Friends of The Library.

#### For WHOLE FAMILY

• Take Your Child to the Library Day. Saturday, February 4, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The HH Library is participating in this international initiative that encourages families to take their children to their Library to raise community awareness about the importance of the Library in the life of a child, and promotes Library services and programs. Stop by for craft stations, family video gaming, family story time and visit with and read to therapy dogs Chance and Oscar!

• February Display: "Art From The Heart" by Jeanne Buesser. View the various paintings and poems by local award-winning artist Jeanne Buesser. Meet the artist on Monday, February 13 at 1:30 p.m.

#### For CHILDREN

• Winter Reading Challenges continues! Throughout February, kids, tweens, and teens can register to log reading to earn prizes! Visit hhlibrary.readsquared.com to register and log in. The family that logs the most minutes and books will win a family pizza party, courtesy of the Friends

of the HH Library! Challenges run through Friday, March 3. The family that logs the most minutes and books will win a family pizza party, courtesy of the Friends of the HH Library!

- In-Person Storytimes. Winter Session runs through the week of February 20.
- Tiny Tots (ages 6 months 2 ½ years) Choose ONE session: Session 1: Tuesdays 11 to 11:30 a.m. through February 21 -or- Session 2: Thursdays 11 to 11:30 a.m. through February 23 Stories, songs, and socialization for our littlest patrons and their caregiver.
- Book Buddies (ages 2 ½ 3 ½ years) Wednesdays, 11 to 11:30 a.m. through February 22 Stories, fingerplay, activities, and a simple craft. Registration is required and space is limited.
- After-School Game Lounge Open Play. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Our Nintendo Switch game lounge will be open for after-school play with friends! Multi-player games are offered, including Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros (or bring your own!). Reservations requested.
- Lego Club. Wednesdays, February 8 and 22, 4 to 5 p.m. All builders are invited to Lego Club! We'll free-build and have a chance to hang out & discuss all things Lego with fellow fans. We'll provide the bricks, you supply the ideas!
- Little Artists: Valentine Gnome Craft. Friday, February 10, 3:30 p.m., for ages 7 and up. Come create a paper Valentine gnome craft. Best for elementary grades and up, registration is limited.
- Winter Wednesday Workshop: Build an Igloo. Wednesday, February 15, 4 to to 4:30 p.m. An engineering challenge using marshmallows can you build an igloo? Best for Grades 2 and up. Registration is limited.
- Drawing Workshop with artist John Monton. Tuesday, February 21. 4:30 -5:30 p.m. Come have fun during winter break and draw a Snoopy winter scene. All supplies are included. For Grades 3 and up. Registration is limited. Program presented courtesy of Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Library.
- Kids' Winter Break Movie. Friday, February 24. 2 p.m. Come watch a kid-friendly movie on our big screen TV! Snacks provided.
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Friday, March 3. 6:30 to 7 p.m.; pickup animals on Saturday, March 4 between 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. A favorite program returns! Kids are invited to bring a stuffed friend to the Library for a visit on Friday evening and leave them for a night of fun. Come back the next morning to pick them up and see what adven-

tures they had over breakfast. Special thanks to the Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Library for providing the refreshments.

#### For TEENS

• Teen Sweet Treats. Monday, February 13. 4:30 to 5:30, 7th Grade and up. Roses are red, violets are blue, we're making Valentine treats just for you! We'll create some simple sweets to share and enjoy. Registration limited.

• Teen Takeover After-Hours. Monday, February 27. 6 to 8 p.m., 7th Grade and up

Calling all Teens! The Library is yours for the evening. Ask questions of the librarian, finish a book for the winter reading challenge - or chat, game, hang out. Pizza provided!

#### For ADULTS

• Cross Gen Crafts - "Vision Boarding." Wednesday, February 8. 6:30 to 8 p.m. & Wednesday, February 15. 1:30 to 3 p.m. Plan your year and visualize your goals! In simple terms, vision boarding involves creating a collage of inspirational and motivating images taken from snippets of magazines, old books, or just about anything physical that can be glued down to a board. Create a vision board to outline a new year's resolution, personal goal, or just a collage of how you'd like to live your life in general!

Open to teens and adults. Cross Gen Crafts is an opportunity to create community across generational lines, and make art in the process. Every session of Cross Gen Crafts features a new craft with supplies provided.

- Movie Matinee. "Hidden Figures" Friday, February 10, 1 to 3 p.m. Sit back and enjoy an afternoon movie at the Library. Light refreshments provided.
- English Conversation Circle. No Drop-Ins; MUST apply before attending. Feel more confident when speaking English by practicing in a relaxed and supportive environment with volunteers that care about your English skills, and other students with similar goals.
- Crafts-to-Share Club. Tuesday, February 14. 6 to 8 p.m. & Wednesday, February 22. 1 to 3 p.m. Get to know other crafters while you knit, crochet, embroider or craft anything! In-person and on zoom by request.
- Adult Book Club. 4th Tuesday of every month, In-Person & via Zoom at 7 p.m. February 28. "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. Join us for an evening of fun, literary discussion! ###

Libraries Are Fun!

#### Carlstadt Public Library

Carlstadt Library, 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072. 201-438-8866, Handicap accessible. carlstadt. bccls.org or www.carlstadtlibrary.org

- Crafts for Crafters Hand Lettering. Hand Lettering. Hand Lettering workshop on Thursday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. Learn the art of drawing letters and create your own unique Valentine's Day card. Space is limited and registration is required.
- Cupcake Decorating. A cupcake decorating class with Stephanie from Steph's Baking Boutique. Learn how to decorate Valentine cupcakes like a pro and leave with some delicious treats to enjoy. The workshop will be held in the Library on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30p.m. All materials will be

supplied. Space is limited and registration is required.

- Movie Madness. Sit back, relax for a showing of the film "Ticket to Paradise" starringJulia Roberts and George Clooney. Tuesday, February 14 at 1 p.m. or Wednesday, February 15 at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. Registration is required.
- As the Page Turns Adult Book Club. Calling fellow bookworms! Discuss the novel "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict, Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m. New members are always welcome! Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. Carlstadt residents can also access the e-book or audiobook on Hoopla and Libby!
- Take-It-and-Make-It-Crafts for Kids. The Carlstadt Library welcomes children of all ages for a monthly take-itand-make-it craft. This month's

craft is a Beary Special Heart. Kits will be available at the Library from February 1 through February 28, while supplies

• Music with Miss Nita. Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 10:15 and 11 a.m.

Babies, toddlers and preschool children will enjoy songs, rhymes, movement and instrument play. Space is limited. Programs are free of charge and open to residents of Carlstadt only. Registration is required. Please register for each session at carlstadtlibrary. org or call 201-438-8866, ext. 203 for more information.

• Valentine's Craft. Children ages 4 and up are invited to the Carlstadt Library to make an "I Love You Bear-y Much" Valentine craft on Tuesday, February 7 at 4 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required.

• Valentine Sewing Craft for Tweens. Thursday, February 9 at 4 p.m. to sew their own Hearts O'Pizza Slice Pillow with Ms. Ellen. For ages 8 and up; no sewing experience required. All materials will be supplied. Space is limited and registration is required.

• Storytime at The Carlstadt Library. Storytime with Miss Risa will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 15, and 22 at 11 a.m. Space is limited. Registration required.

• Bendy Bookworm Yoga. Will be held on Mondays, February 6 and 13 at 4:30 p.m. Kids in Grades 3 through 6 are invited to learn yoga poses and discover new books. Space is limited. Registration is required.

• Saturday Story & Craft. Children ages 3 years and up are invited to the Carlstadt Library on Saturday, February 25

at 11 a.m. for a Valentine storytime and craft. Space is limited and registration is required.

• 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. The Carlstadt Library has launched an initiative to encourage families to read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Reading together creates lifelong memories and helps develop pre-literacy skills.

Children who are read to at an early age have larger vocabularies and are more successful in school. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a fun, free way to start your child on the path to success! Children from birth to 5 years old can participate.

Stop by the Children's Department of the Carlstadt Public Library to register, pick up the program packet, and check out some books. Happy reading! ###

#### Wallington Public Library

Wallington JFK Memorial Library, 92 Hathaway St. Wallington, NJ 07057. 973-471-1692. www.wallingtonpubliclibrary.org

The Wallington Library is open and hosting in-person programs. To receive our monthly newsletter by email sign up on our website. Updated information can also be found on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



# Enjoy Meeting People? Become a Volunteer!

The Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum at Teterboro Airport is seeking Volunteers who enjoy meeting people.

There are 3 different Volunteer activities to choose from, tour guides, maintenance people to work on projects and new displays and computer associates to work in our rich library. We offer flexible hours and free training and support.

Visit www.njahof.org and check out the self guided tour of our Museum. For additional information, call Ralph at 201-288-6344 or email: ralph.villecca@njahof.org ###

#### **Adult Programs**

- Puzzles, Games & Coloring for Ages 12+ on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday Afternoon Book Club on February 13 at 2 p.m.
- Tuesday Evening Book Club and Pizza on February 28 at 6 p.m. Please email Kathryn for details: ennist@ wallington.bccls.org
- Adult Craft Program on February 16 at 2 p.m.

#### **Children's Programs**

- **Kiddo Storytime**. Every Tuesday at 11 a.m. Ages 2 to 5.
- **Baby and Me Storytime.** For ages 0 to 24 months on Wednesday (except February 8) at 12:30 p.m.
- Valentine's Day Maker-Space Program. for ages 6 to 12 years on Thursday, February 9, at 4 p.m. Registration is required.
- **Reading to Rosie the Therapy Dog.** For all ages on Friday, February 17 at 3:30 p.m.
- Movie Matinee. "Happy Feet Two" for ages 0 to 16 years on Monday, February 20 at 2 p.m. ###



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#### Lodi Memorial Library

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

The Lodi Memorial Library is open to the public! Check out our outdoor and Grab & Go programs for children and teens. More programming information can be found online on our Facebook page and website.

- Chair Yoga. A six-week yoga class for people experiencing joint pain and stiffness. Students will use chairs rather than yoga mats. Classes on Tuesday 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Class dates are February 7, 21, 28. Registration required. You must reserve a spot for each session you wish to attend. Sponsored by The Friends of Lodi Memorial Library.
- Adult Crafts. Craft to be announced. Register by Friday, February 10. Craft will be held in-person on Wednesday, February 15, at 1:30 p.m. Call Library to register 973-365-4044 ext 2.
- Tuesday Night Book Club. Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Book is "All Her Little Secrets" by

Wanda M. Morris- 374 pages.

Contact director@lodi. bccls.org for more information about our book club meetings.

#### • Semi-Monthly Movie.

Now showing movies twice a month. "In the Heights" on February 8 at 1 p.m. and "Fatherhood" on February 22 at 1 p.m.

- Black History Month Program A Concert in Blue. An afternoon of live Blues music performed by The Blues Project featuring Artie Maglionico, Joey Bart, Jack Sepede with special guest Blues saxophonist Lonnie Youngblood. Concert will be held in-person on Saturday, February 11 at 11 a.m.
- Medicare Information Session. Thursday, February 16 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Library. An educational session that will answer your questions about the benefits and features of Medicare and help you choose the plan that's right for you. Call Library to reserve your seat 973-365-4044 ext 2.
- Adult Coloring Pages, Mazes and Community Puzzle. Always available for adults. Come to the Library to de-stress with our free coloring materials, fun mazes, and beautiful puzzles. ###

#### Children Special Programs

- Anime Club. Grades 6-12, In-person, Wednesday, February 1, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Watch a movie, get some snacks, and make a craft. Registration is required. Please call 973-365-4044 x2.
- Craft Program Grades 3-12. In-person Thursday, February 16 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Make a cardboard yarn-covered letter. Registration is required by Monday, February 13. Please call 973-365-4044 x2
- Family Movie Night. Monday, February 27, 6 p.m. in the Children's Room. We will watch "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile." No registration necessary.
- Grab & Go Craft Grades Pre K 2. A new grab & go project will be available each Monday! While supplies last. Registration is not required.
- Legos. All ages. Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Children's Room. Make your own creations with Legos. No registration necessary.
- **Storytime.** Every Friday at 11:00. No registration necessary. ###

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# Historically Speaking By James J. Halloran



# Moonachie FD Engine 801 "Old Number 1"

The average American family car lasts between twelve and thirteen years. Fire engines are rated at a twelve-to-fifteen-year life span.

Moonachie Engine 801 is serving the Borough of Moonachie going into its seventieth year. Engine 801 is still in service. However, it is no longer first due.

In 1953, the Borough of Moonachie purchased a hybrid pumper with an Ahrens Fox chassis and a GMC body, for the Borough Fire Department.

Only fifteen were ever manufactured. Now, only two are known to exist today. One on the West Coast, owned by a collector and the other is Moonachie 801. Engine 801 was the first one off the assembly line.

The Engine is now used at public events as a showpiece of the Moonachie Fire Department. It has appeared in many parades and fire engine musters.

Engine 801 won two

awards in the 2022 Wallington Christmas Parade. It was decorated by department members with 1,000 lights. Sadly, it has taken part in funerals of firefighters.

It takes an experienced firefighter to drive this rig. 801 has a manual transmission, with five forward speeds and one reverse. It has to be manhandled into turns as it has no power steering.

The man who is responsible to drive and maintain 801, is Moonachie Firefighter Tony Cospito. The rig is in good hands with Tony. Engine 801 is a testament to the pride and dedication of the members of the Moonachie Volunteer Fire Department to the citizens of the Borough of Moonachie.

Photos provided by Moonachie Volunteer Fire Department. ###

# Make The Right Connections



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# **Clothing Bins**

On November 12, 2022, a Little Ferry New Jersey house fire displaced the Espinosa Family in the middle of the night. Everyone got out safely.

Little Ferry is part of the New Jersey/New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, and they have special clothing bins in their town. The clothing bins help us help families like the Espinosa Family.

Pictured left to right is Past President Pete DeVries, 2nd Vice President Tony Chiodo, President Roy DeYoung, Vanessa Espinosa and Little Ferry Fire Chief Steve Iurato. Not pictured is 1st Vice President Bryan Hennig.

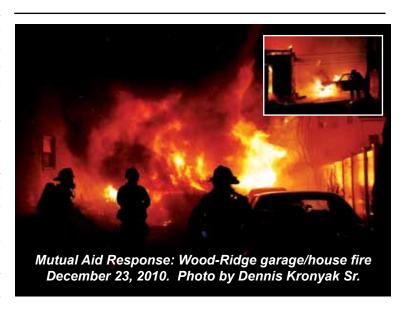
The Association presented Vanessa with \$400 gift cards from the clothing bins fund. If anyone has any questions about the clothing bins, please contact Tony Chiodo at ex11chief@aol.com



## Runway Diner Thanked

The Owners of the Runway Diner at 380 Rt. 46 West in South Hackensack, New Jersey were presented with a plaque for their support for the New Jersey/New York Volunteer Firemen's Association on 12-10-22. We thank them very much for their support.

Pictured left to right, 1st Vice President Bryan Hennig, President Roy DeYoung, Ele Stathatos, Nick Stathatos. Past President Pete DeVries, and 1st Vice President Tony Chiodo. Come and support them and thank them. *Provided by Tony Chiodo.* ###



# Looking for interesting and exciting work?

# JOIN THE TEAM

### Join Your Fire Department!

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

## The Gazette Newspaper Celebrates The Community Experience



## aw Enforcement Appreciation Day

Corpus Christi Principal, Mr. Feliciano, invited their students' family members and friends, retired and active, to join in an assembly to show our appreciation for their service on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Not only did our students' family attend, but we also had the father of one of our teachers, Mrs. Deppert, join us as well. To continue to commemorate our local law enforcement family members, Corpus Christi School has created a "Law **Enforcement Appreciation** Wall" where their patches for the various police departments will be showcased. Provided by Nancy Draney. ###



## **RPD** Lieutenant Graduates From FBI National Academy

Join us in congratulating Lieutenant Michael Garner who recently graduated from the FBI National Academy.

The 284th session graduation took place Thursday, December 8, 2022, at the National Academy in Virginia.

Lieutenant Garner is one of only two active RPD officers who have completed the training in Quantico; Chief John R. Russo is a graduate of the 268th session.

Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program. The FBI National Academy program provides education and raises the standards of law enforcement through its personnel.

Internationally it is known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers 11 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience.

This graduating class con-



sisted of 237 law enforcement officers from 49 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement from 25 countries, five military organizations, and five federal civilian organiza-

Michael Garner started his law enforcement career in Nutley, NJ in 1995. He transferred to RPD in 2002 and achieved the rank of Sergeant in 2013. In 2020 he was promoted to lieutenant. Since joining the Rutherford Police Department, he has been assigned to the Detective Bureau.

Provided by RPD Lt. Julie Ann Zeigler. ###

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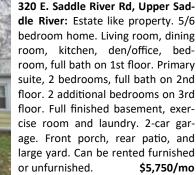
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