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It goes too fast. Didn't we just ponder the selection of our Christmas tree, watch them trim the branches, carefully take our treasure home, enjoy the crisp invigorating scent of evergreens wafting in the air as we carefully stand the tree, spend hours dressing it with twinkling lights and heirloom decorations (*each with a memory*), and marvel at our tree's magnificent splendor as the joyous centerpiece festooning our holiday. Yes, there is Church, Santa, great food, friends and family, but that adventure of buying the perfect Christmas Tree and the magic of the season it promises.

‘Twas The Season

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Santa at the Wood-Ridge Tree Lighting on November 23, 2012.



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Santa Arrives at Teterboro Airport

Santa and his elf visited Teterboro Airport at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, 2012. They were given a ride to the Aviation Hall of Fame by the Teterboro Airport Port Authority Police and were greeted by many well wishers in the Museum parking lot.

Santa and his elf then en-

tered the Museum and went upstairs, where parents could take photos of their children with Santa in front of the airplane, "Little Cut Up." Upon hearing the children's requests, Santa had candy for them.

After meeting Santa, families had an opportunity to tour the Museum.

The visit of Santa Claus has been presented annually for over 20 years by the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum. AHOF is located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive, Teterboro Airport. Guided tours are available to school and community organizations. For more information, call 201-288-6344. ###



Boulevard Holiday Carnivale

Just prior to the Hasbrouck Heights Holiday Parade on Friday, November 23, 2012, **Otterstedt Insurance Agency** kicked off the festivities with a free pre-parade carnivale with hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, balloon sculpting, games, prizes, dancing, etc. Hundreds of revelers had a great time. It was a nice event to start the holiday season. ###



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HH Chamber Holiday Parade Kicks-off a Merry Season





Illuminating The Season



Lodi began their 32nd Annual Tree Lighting, 7:30 p.m., on November 30, 2012, with a short parade with the Lodi High School Marching Band and the Fire Department bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to the Municipal Complex.

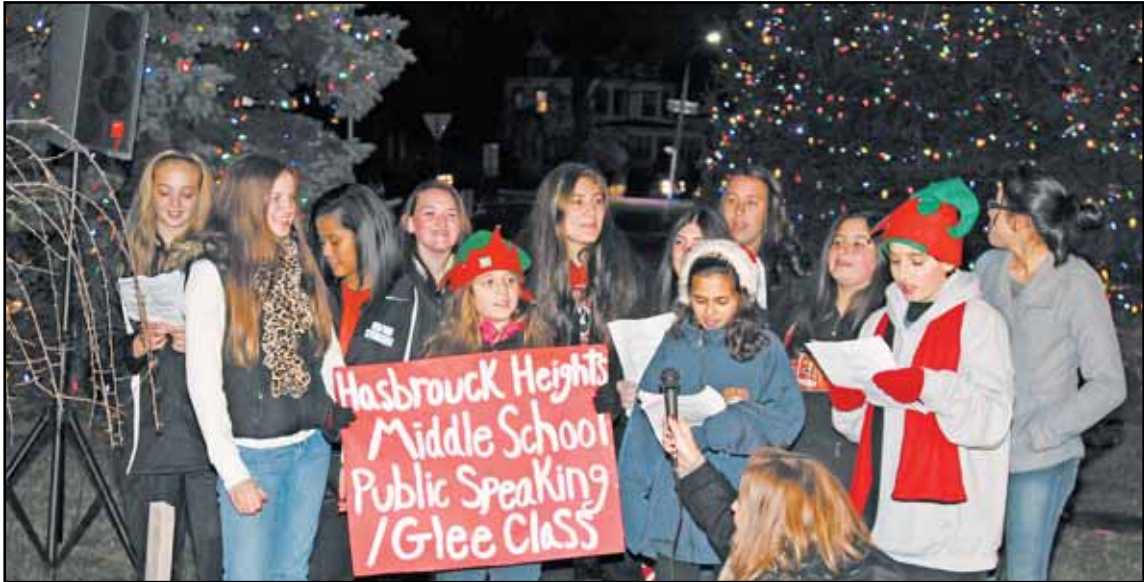
Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Lodi Public Library Director Barb Hauck-Mah. The Invocation was given by Rev. Timothy Ippolito, Pastor, Faith Reformed Church in Lodi.

The Lodi High School Choir sang several songs. DJ Express provided music before and after the chorales.

Santa and Mrs. Claus pulled the switch and lit the tree, then went to the Lodi Library for "pictures with Santa." Gifts were presented. ###



Carlstadt held their Official tree lighting ceremony on December 6, 2012. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



Hundreds attended the Hasbrouck Heights Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle held immediately after the

Annual Holiday Parade on November 23, 2012. The invocation was given by Bible Baptist Church.

Mayor Rose Heck and the Council wished everyone a Happy Holiday, and led the festive gathering in the tree



lighting countdown. The Hasbrouck Heights Middle School Glee Club sang seasonal songs. Hot chocolate and pretzels

were served. Pat Link was the program coordinator. Event was sponsored by the Mayor's Celebrations Committee. ###



The **Little Ferry** Annual Tree Lighting was held December 5, 2012 at the Borough Hall. Atop the LF Ladder Truck and using a magic candy cane, Santa, Mayor Mauro Raguseo and honored guest, Stan Gregory, lit the official Christmas Tree while hundreds watched from below. Santa was then escorted inside where he heard the wishes of the children while parents took photos. He gave each child gifts. After the official tree lighting, the Memorial School Choir sang seasonal songs. Refreshments were served.

Stan Gregory, 57, from Evansville, IN, drove to Little Ferry after Sandy and, in his four day stay, fed more than a thousand residents with a grill and donated food. ###



On December 8, 2012, at 7 p.m., the Annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony was held at **Moonachie** Borough Hall.

Traditionally, after the official tree lighting, everyone would go to the Moonachie Firehouse. Due to Sandy's devastation of the Firehouse, a huge tent was set up in the parking lot behind Borough Hall where hot chocolate was served, a DJ played holiday music and, of course, Santa spoke with the children and gave them a gift. Everyone attending received an ornament provided by The Moonachie Municipal Alliance Committee. ###



The **Wood-Ridge** Annual Tree Lighting was held on November 23, 2012, at Veterans Park, starting at 7 p.m. Mayor Paul Sarlo and the Council led in the tree lighting countdown. The **"Special Guest"** was a huge hit with the children as he listened to their secret wishes. Refreshments were served. See page 2 for photos with Santa. ###



Buckshot Band Entertains at the Bianchi House

On December 9, 2012, members of the Wood-Ridge Historical Society and their guests gathered at the Bianchi House to enjoy the Country Christmas program presented by Tommy Roberts, David Frost and David Rimelis, members of the Buckshot Band.

The selections played and sung by the three piece band included familiar country-western songs and traditional Christmas carols.

This was the second time that the band played for the

Society at Christmas time. This is a tribute to the band and acknowledgement of their ability to keep the audience entertained and involved. They had the audience singing and laughing.

At the end of the program all were served a light lunch. For those Country Music fans check out the website of the band (buckshotband@verizon.net) *Story by Dorothy Dobek. Photo provided by Brian Costa. ###*



CFD Hosts Santa

On December 8, 2012, the Carlstadt Fire Department hosted a visit with Santa.

During the day, several hundred residents attended, and during the evening, the Department and their families enjoyed the festivities.

The CFD has been hosting the party with Santa for about 15 years. Previously, the CFD would take Santa around town on their fire trucks. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Bill O'Shea's Florist held their Annual Open House on November 18, 2012. This very popular Open House kicked off the Holiday Season with photo opportunities with Santa, music, prizes, refreshments and special offers. ###



Sensitive Santa

On Sunday, November 18, 2012, the Carlstadt Volunteer Ambulance Corps hosted Sensitive Santa and Mrs. Claus for children with sensory issues. Each meeting was suited for special needs. Softer music was played and a photographer without flash was available. Reservations were required. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



On Friday, December 14, 2012, the AARP held its Christmas Party and members of the AARP Christmas Party Committee were acknowledged for their efforts -- Linda Sproviero, Bertha Spada, Dolores Jones, Ellie Thompson and Mary Olobardi. *Photo by Marie Gallo. ###*



Heights Flower Shoppe held their Open House on December 5, 2012. This very popular Open House kicked off the Holiday Season with photo opportunities with Santa, music, prizes and refreshments.

They invite everyone to visit their Victorian Tea House Café, an 1880 Victorian setting with freshly brewed tea, scones, clotted cream, finger sandwiches and more for a truly enjoyable experience. Victorian tea parties seat from 4 to 15. Custom menu available. Call for reservations at 201-488-6651. ###



Santa Has Breakfast with the W-R Knights

The St. Anthony Council of the Knights of Columbus held their Annual Breakfast with Santa on December 16, 2012.

Many children and lots of young at heart adults attended the affair. Santa arrived at 8:30 a.m. and stayed to greet all until 12:15 p.m. when he left to return to the North Pole to prepare for Christmas.

Chairman Thomas Gonnella and his steering committee did an excellent job of serving buns and bagels as well as coffee, tea and juice.

This year he was assisted by Knights Donald Callahan, Brian Costa, Peter Gallo, GK Gary Lepore, Ronald Michels, Tom Reinhart, Steven Sarracino, Ed Schmidt, DD Russell Petrocelli, Ken Gardella, Jerry Cala and Angelo (Santa) Urato. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



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HH Garden Club News

The Garden Club members just celebrated their 15th Anniversary and are ready to continue with their first meeting on January 17, 2013, at 6:45 p.m. at 320 Boulevard on the second floor in The Library Meeting Room. They have great members and are looking forward to the New Year.

The speaker for the evening will be member, Donna Cornelius, who will do a workshop on Whimsical Flowers.

Donna will bring all the necessary tools for the project. The Club always welcomes guests to monthly meetings. Come and visit and possibly decide to become members. They have members from the surrounding towns who have been with them for several years. For more information call Judy Mascis, 201-288-2615. ###

Full Wolf Moon

The January full moon will appear on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at 11:40 p.m. It is called the "Full Wolf Moon."

According to the "Farmer's Almanac," amid the cold and deep snows of mid-winter, the wolf packs howled hungrily outside Indian villages. Sometimes it was referred to as the "Old Moon," or the "Full Snow Moon," but most tribes applied that name to the next moon.

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Municipal Reorganization Meetings

Carlstadt: Tuesday, January 1, 2013, at 1 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

East Rutherford: Tuesday, January 1, 2013 at noon in the Council Chambers.

Hasbrouck Heights: Tuesday, January 1, 2013, at 11:45 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Moonachie: Sunday, January 6, 2013 at noon in the Firehouse.

Rutherford: Tuesday, January 1, 2013, in the Council Chambers.

Wood-Ridge: Tuesday, January 1, 2013, at 3 p.m., in the Council Chambers. ###

Rutherford Community Chest Seeks Donations

The 66th Annual Drive of the Community Chest of Rutherford, which supports local non-profit organizations, began in October.

The Rutherford Boy and Girl Scouts, Rutherford Food Pantry, Rutherford Social Services, The Meadowlands Museum, Bridge Builder and Star Fish of Rutherford all currently benefit. Every dollar contributed stays in Rutherford.

Send donations to: The Community Chest of Rutherford, Inc., PO Box 263, Rutherford, NJ 07070. ###

Having an Affair?

If your organization is having an event that is open to the public, we can help you tell "everybody" about it.

Simply provide the following event details: name, date, times, cost, brief explanation of program features, etc., along with contact information.

Send these details at least 45 days prior to the event to: fritz@hasbrouck-heights.com or drop them off at: **The Gazette Newspaper**, 343 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

Dog License Renewal Due

Lodi 2012 dog or cat licenses will expire on January 31, 2013. The sale of 2013 licenses will commence in January of 2013, NOT BEFORE.

No licenses will be issued prior to January 2, 2013. The municipality issuing the licenses does not have the authority to issue a license unless provided with a certification from a veterinarian showing that the animal has been inoculated for rabies. The certification may not expire before November 1, 2013.

You may renew your license by returning the necessary license fees and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Tax Assessor-Health Department, One Memorial Drive, Lodi, New Jersey 07644.

Please make checks payable to Borough of Lodi. You must include a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate and proof of spaying or neutering (*please do not send originals, they will no be returned*). The license and tag will be returned to you. You may also stop in at the Tax Assessor's office on the first floor of the Municipal Building-Room 103 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday-Friday only. License fees: \$8 spayed/neutered dog or cat \$11 un-spayed/un-neutered dog or cat.

The annual rabies clinic will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at the Fire House located at 1 Graham Lane, Lodi. The hours for the clinic will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at 973-859-7415. ###

Friendly Neighbors Needs Your Help

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Annual Soup and Salad Luncheon

The Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights will hold its Annual Soup and Salad Luncheon on Monday, January 21, 2013, from noon until 1:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

Tickets are \$8 per person. Take-outs will be available. Take a break from the winter blues with some warm soup, warm friendship and conversation. Contact Marge at 201-288-8933 or Helen at 201-288-5116 for reservations.

The Contemporary Club is a member Club of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, a service organization dedicated to serving the needs of others one project at a time. ###

Citizenship Preparation Classes Registration February 8 and 15

Preparatory classes for U.S. Citizenship will start on Monday, March 4, 2013, and continue for six weeks from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Classes will be held at Care on the Corner, 333 Franklin Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

Registration and testing will take place on Wednesdays, February 20 and 27, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall, at 229 Terrace Avenue (corner of Terrace and Jefferson Avenues) in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Students must bring their green card at the time of registration. Level 3 or Level 4 English is a pre-requisite for these classes.

For more information about the U. S. Citizenship class, or to pre – register, please call the Care on the Corner office, at 201-288-9460. Each student must complete a registration form, accompanied with a non – refundable \$10 registration fee. Books will be available for purchase at the time of registration. Financial assistance is available. ###

First Saturday Free Lunch Re-opens at Berry Creek Café

The Moonachie Presbyterian Church fellowship center was destroyed in the super-storm. They do not know when they will be able to reopen at 221 Moonachie Road. The kind people at Berry Creek have offered their space on the first Saturday of every month so they can continue to offer all comers a warm welcome, a hot meal, and a great time together. Join them at 5 Willow Street at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome—it would be good to have you with them. ###

Felician Sisters Present Christmas Concert

The Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Convent of Lodi, New Jersey, will present a sacred concert entitled “The Glory of Christmas.”

The Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, January 6, 2013, at Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, 260 South Main Street, Lodi, New Jersey at 3 p.m.

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

Joining the Felician Sisters’ Choir will be several guest artists.

There is no admission charge for this concert, but good will offerings will be accepted and proceeds will be given to the Felician Mission in Haiti which is being organized by Sister Marilyn Minter and Sister Mary Igna Borko.

For further information: Sister Mary Virginia Tomasiak 973-473-7447 ext 114. ###

Kip Center Offers Computer Classes

Computer classes for the beginner are now being offered at 55 Kip Center in Rutherford. The 3 week instruction will take place on Thursdays and Fridays from 10-12.

Cost is \$50 for 12 hours of instruction. You are also encouraged to use the computer lab at no charge at any other time that room is available. Maximum six people in the class. For more info call Cathy 201-460-1600. Class dates to be announced. ###

Taste of Moonachie II has been Postponed

The Taste of Moonachie II has been postponed until next year. All ticket money will be refunded. The event will be held as soon as everyone gets on their feet. If anyone has a question, call Gail at 201-406-2788. ###

AC Bus Trip

The VFW Post 4591 sponsors Atlantic City Bus Trips on the last Wednesday of each month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. The cost is \$30; it includes a continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., a casino voucher and a goody bag on your trip home. Games and prizes and a movie make the travel time pass quickly. This month the trip is scheduled for January 30 and will be to the Showboat. Call Mel at 201-933-9937 or the Post for more information at 201-288-1112. ###

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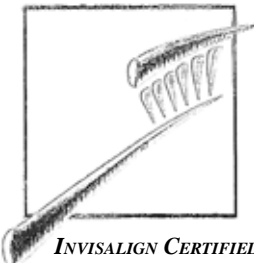
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Lego Building Contest

Come build and design with Legos and win a prize on January 23, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., in The Carlstadt Public Library Children's Department for Grades 3 and up. To register, call Miss Nina at 201-438-8866 x203. ###

YA Events at Carlstadt Library

On January 15, 2013, for Grades 6 and up, The Carlstadt Library offers "In It To Win It" and on February 12, 2013, make Shrinky Dink Valentine Necklaces. To register, call Miss Nina at 201-438-8866 x203. ###

Free Movies

Lodi Library presents free movies every Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The January 2013 schedule is as follows:

- January 2, "Secretariat"
- January 9, "Total Recall"
- January 16, "Trouble with the Curve"
- January 23, "Arbitrage"
- January 30 James Bond: "Dr. No" with Sean Connery.

For more information, visit lodi.bccls.org or call 973-365-4044. ###

English Conversation Group in Rutherford

English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at The Rutherford Public Library. The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting. This is a free program and all are welcome. For information, please call 201-939-8600, ext. 7. ###

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Diary of a Wimpy Kid

On Friday, January 25, 2013, at 3:45 p.m. all children ages 5 and up are invited to a screening of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days" at The Rutherford Public Library. The movie is rated PG. No advance registration required. An adult caregiver must remain with any child under the age of seven for the duration of the film. ###

Learn to Knit, Crochet and Paperweave

On Thursday, January 3 and Tuesday, January 22, 2013, from 3:30-4:30 p.m., Lodi Library offers workshops on how to learn to knit, crochet and paperweave. Participants will learn the basic stitches and do a simple knitting and crocheting project. They supply needles, hooks and yarn: Paperweave (Grades PreK-3); Crocheting (Grades 4-12); and Knitting (Grades 6-12). No registration required. For more information, visit lodi.bccls.org or email lodilibrarynj@gmail.com ###

Introduction to Hispanic Culture and Language

On Thursday, January 24, 2013, from 4-5 p.m., Lodi Library offers the first of a four part series. Each session will feature spoken and written language for beginners and a creative art form: Join in on the fun for an introduction to Bachata (*Dominican Dance enjoyed throughout the world*). For ages 12-18. No registration required. For more information, visit lodi.bccls.org or email lodilibrarynj@gmail.com ###

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Paws to Read
Therapy Dog
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On Saturday, January 26, 2013, at 2 p.m., Rodney, a registered therapy dog, and his owner will visit The Rutherford Public Library. Children who would like to practice their reading skills may reserve a 20-minute time slot to read to Rodney. Gain confidence in your reading ability and make a new friend at the same time! For ages 5-11. To register, please visit or call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Chinese New
Year Craft Corner

On Monday, January 14, 2013, at 3:45 p.m., children ages 8 and older are invited to create a lantern in celebration of Chinese New Year at The Rutherford Public Library. Registration is required and in progress. To register, please visit or call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Let's Make a
Delicious and
Healthy Snack:
Fruit Yogurt Parfait

On Thursday, January 31, 2013, from 3:30-4 p.m., Lodi Library offers a session on how to make a delicious and healthy snack.

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The Carlstadt Public Library offers free adult computer classes during the winter and spring. Classes are limited to 6 people, so call ahead to reserve your spot! Preference is given to Carlstadt residents.

- Facebook: Tuesday, January 8, 2:30–4 p.m.; Wednesday, January 16, 6:30–8 p.m.
- Intro to the Computer: Thursday, January 24, 2:30–4 p.m.; Tuesday, January 29, 2:30–4 p.m.
- Intro to the Internet: Monday, February 4, 2:30–4 p.m.; Tuesday, February 12, 2:30–4 p.m.
- Email Basics: Wednesday, February 20, 6:30–8 p.m.; Tuesday, February 26, 2:30–4 p.m.
- MS Word 2010 Pt 1: Monday, March 4, 2:30–4 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2:30–4 p.m.; Wednesday, March 20, 6:30–8 p.m.
- MS Word 2010 Pt 2: Tuesday, April 2, 2:30–4 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2:30–4 p.m.; Wednesday, April 17, 6:30–8 p.m.
- MS Word 2010 Mail Merge: Wednesday, April 24, 6:30–8 p.m.; Monday, April 29, 2:30–4 p.m.
- MS Excel 2010 Pt 1: Monday, May 6, 2:30–4 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2:30–4 p.m.; Wednesday, May 15, 6:30–8 p.m.
- MS Excel 2010 Pt 2: Thu, May 16, 2:30–4 p.m., Monday, May 20, 2:30–4 p.m.; Wednesday, May 22, 6:30–8 p.m.
- MS PowerPoint 2010 Pt 1: Wednesday, May 29, 6:30–8 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2:30–4 p.m.; Monday, Jun 10, 2:30–4 p.m.
- MS PowerPoint 2010 Pt 2: Thu, June 13, 2:30–4 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2:30–4 p.m.; Wednesday, June 19, 6:30–8 p.m.

Call 201-438-8866 for more information or check our website, www.carlstadt.bccls.org. The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ. ###

Computer Classes
at Lodi Library

Lodi Library offers free small group computer classes for Lodi residents on Thursdays from 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. January 2013 classes are:

- Computer Basics, January 3
- Internet Basics, January 10
- Email Basics (individual sessions), January 17
- Word 2010, January 24
- Excel 2010, January 31

Registration and payment of a \$5 refundable deposit per class is required. For more info, call 973-365-4044. ###

Sarah's Key

On Monday, January 14, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. The meeting will be held in the Glass Room on the main floor of The Rutherford Public Library. ###

Moving
Mountains

On Wednesday, January 23, 2013, from 7-8 p.m., the Carlstadt Library will present "Moving Mountains: How to Change the World One Step at a Time."

Kara Richardson Whitely is a plus-size adventurer who has hiked Mt. Kilimanjaro three times to stay on a healthy path and raise money for charity. She has a wealth of stories from her journeys, which will leave you inspired and empowered to head in the direction of your dreams for the new year.

Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend!

Call 201-438-8866 for more information or check the website, www.carlstadt.bccls.org. The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ. ###

Learn Polaris

Join The Carlstadt Library on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, from 6:30-8 p.m. for an introduction to the new BCCLS Online Library Catalog.

They have switched to a new computer system called Polaris, which performs most of the same functions as before, but it will have a different appearance.

Learn how to use the new catalog to search for items, place requests, view and modify your account, renew your items and more! All are welcome to attend! ###

Cutting for Stone

On Tuesday January 8, 2013, from 7-8 p.m., The Lodi Library Book Club will discuss "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese. New members and drop-ins are always welcome to join the discussion For more information and the 2013 book list, visit lodi.bccls.org or call 973-365-4044. ###

Knit, Read
and Discuss

The Knit One, Read Two knitting/book discussion group at The Rutherford Public Library will meet on Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m., to discuss "Me Talk Pretty One Day" by David Sedaris. The meeting will be held in The Library Auditorium. All those who knit or crochet are warmly invited to bring their needlework and join the discussion. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. For more information, e-mail Peg Mellett at mellett@bccls.org ###

Kip Center
Book Group

On Friday, January 25, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., the Kip Center Book Group will meet at the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, to discuss "The Bell Jar" by Sylvia Plath. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk of The Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford. ###

The Great Gatsby

Join The Carlstadt Library on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, from 7-8 p.m., for a monthly Book Discussion Group meeting.

This month they will discuss "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The story of the fabulously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920s.

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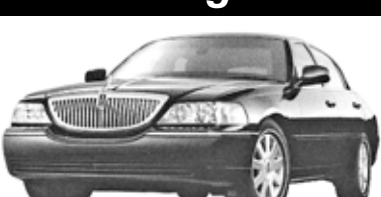
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City Winds Trio Holiday Treat

The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library presented The City Winds Trio, a musical treat to start the holiday season. The trio performed at the Senior Center on December 1, 2012.

The trio consists of Meredith Coleman on Oboe, Yuki Higashi on Bassoon, and Crispian Fordham on Flute. The blending of these three musical instruments produced great music.

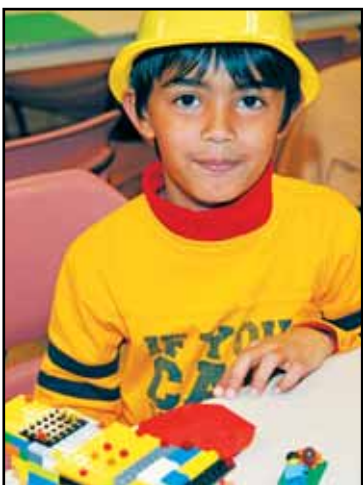
Some of the selections

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played by the trio were the overture to Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" and selections from the Land of the Sweets, specifically the dance of the "Sugar Plum Fairy," the "Chinese Dance," the "Russian Dance" and the "Waltz of the Flowers." Other holiday favorites played were "Jingle Bells," "Deck the Halls," "Joy to the World," "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas," and many more. The trio also played the "Skaters Waltz," "On the Blue Danube" and "Sleigh Ride."

The blend of their instruments was serene and their tone perfection. They exceeded the expectations of all who were present. One can readily understand why each year The City Winds Trio has performed at over 200 concerts or events. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



23rd Annual Lego Event

On Saturday, December 8, 2012, about 100 people attended the 23rd Annual Lego event at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library.

This event was scheduled for November 2, but was postponed due to Superstorm Sandy.

The children were divided into three age groups - Pre-School and Kindergarten, First through Third Grade, and

Grades 4 and higher. Children worked alone or in groups.

This year's judges included Nick Carvaella of Arcari + Iovino Architects, Hasbrouck Heights Fire Chief Richard Giarratana, Library Board President Lisa Traina, former Children's Librarian Rosalie Nickles, and Mayor Rose Heck.

In the Preschool and Kindergarten category, all the children were winners.

Creations ranged from skyscrapers to people. The children explained what they made to the judges. They were all awarded a book to keep as a prize.

The event's festivities included a magic show, goody bags, and snacks. All prizes and entertainment were paid for by the generous support of The Friends of the Library. ###

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At the Carlstadt Mayor and Council meeting on November 19, 2012, the Pee Wee Wildcats were recognized for their 8-0 record, winning the Southern Division Title. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



Xcel Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts Center Competes -- Wins Thirteen Trophies at the 2012 North East Technical Championship

The 2012 North East Technical Tae Kwon Do Championship was held on November 17, 2012, at G.H. Robertson School in Coventry, Connecticut.

The tournament was attended by students from all over the northeast, including Cornell University, New York University, Princeton University and many other top level schools.

The divisions were separated by age and skill levels. The diverse age and experience of the competitors made this tournament special because the younger students got to witness high level collegiate matches.

The focus and energy displayed by the college students was an inspiration to the young-

er competitors as they prepared to compete against others in their age group.

Students of **Xcel Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts Center** in Hasbrouck Heights, sent fourteen competitors to this exciting event. For most, it was their first tournament experience.

However, how they conducted themselves and performed, they could have been mistaken for seasoned veterans at their young age.

To get ready for this event the students from Xcel invested extra time and effort preparing to compete at their best. In total, team Xcel brought home thirteen 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies overall.

The team consisted of

Meghan Stellhorn, Ty Von Seidelmann, Sarah Carter, Sara Herron, Ajay Kartik, Keira Telhado, Christopher Sari, Steven Herron, Reva Pavithran, Rhea Pavithran, Jennelle Tellado, Kyle Von Seidelmann, and Gabriella Carter.

The team was trained and coached by former five time US National Tae Kwon Do Team Member, Master Steven Lee.

Congratulations to the Xcel Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts Center team for a job well done!

Photo and story provided by Christine Adamo. ###



Wood-Ridge U-10 Champions

On Saturday November 17, 2012, the South Bergen Soccer League held a tournament to crown a champion for its U-10 girls soccer teams. The games were held at Lindbergh Field in Carlstadt and the championship was won by the Wood-Ridge team, coached by Jerry Cala.

The tournament consisted of a round robin format with two teams from Carlstadt, a team from East Rutherford and two teams from Wood-Ridge participating. Both teams from Wood-Ridge made the final with the Cala team pull-

ing out a victory over the team coached by Bart Picheo and Scott Drotos.

The winning teammates are Miranda Avila, Shannon Bhargava, Natalie Cala, Vivian Dang, Amanda DiMase, Paige DiMase, Samantha Eckert, Emily Gardella, Madison Macalintal, Alyssa Mazur, Deanna Paladino, Sofia Paz and Leah Reiter. The coaches are Head Coach Jerry Cala, and Assistant Coaches Dan Eckert, Ken Gardella and John Johansen.

Photo and story provided by Dan Eckert. ###

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The Meadowlands Area YMCA implements Healthy U in each of their child care programs and has a certified master trainer that fully trains their staff in the CATCH curriculum.

CATCH is an acronym for Coordinated Approach To

Child Health and is an after-school curriculum for children which emphasizes healthy nutrition and physical activity behaviors.

In response to a call for action by First Lady Michelle Obama, the Meadowlands Area YMCA has signed on to be part of the YMCA of the USA's commitment to the Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA) to focus on ending the childhood obesity epidemic. The Y will be implementing the Y's Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Standards in their early childhood and after-school programs.

For more information call 201-955-5300 or go to: www.ymcainfo.org ###

YMCA Generation Us The Perfect Hangout For Teens

The Meadowlands Area YMCA announced the Generation Us program is here!

Generation Us is the perfect program designed to address the needs of your child, offering special activities catered to their age group and social needs.

Generation Us is for students in Grades 4-8. Flexible schedules: choose 2-5 days and 4:30 p.m. or 6 p.m. (up to 7 p.m. in select school districts) pick-up.

The program offers a variety of games and exercises to help your child. For more information call 201-955-5300 or go to: www.ymcainfo.org ###

Cold Weather Tip
Be sure to turn off your exterior water faucet.

Adventures In Learning at the Y!

The Meadowlands Area YMCA is offering classes for children Grades K-8, taught by their trained and certified staff.

Each class is fifty minutes long and will give your child energy and excitement to continue the day with a positive attitude. Classes start Saturday, January 26, 2013, at the YMCA in North Arlington. They offer eight fun and fulfilling classes for your child to participate! Sign your child up for one, two or three classes for a full morning of excitement.

Winter 2013 classes starting January 26 include: Creative Cooks, Silly Science, Guitar, Golf, Writing Without a Pencil, Lego Building and Mixed Media.

Class sizes are limited! For more information for times and schedules, call 201-955-5300 or check out: www.ymcainfo.org. ###

Registration for ESL Classes Feb. 20 and 27

At 7 p.m., on Wednesdays, February 20 and February 27, 2013, students will register and be tested for the Fall session of Adult ESL Classes at Care on the Corner, 229 Terrace Avenue (corner of Jefferson and Terrace Avenues) in Hasbrouck Heights.

All new and returning students must be registered to take the classes. New students must take a language assessment evaluation.

Classes start Wednesday, March 6, 2013, from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. and will continue each Wednesday, until May 15. No classes on March 27 and April 3.

The ESL classes will provide English language instruction at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, as well as one-to-one instruction, to people from other countries and other language backgrounds.

For more information about the adult ESL program or to register a student, please call the Care Center office at 201-288-9460. A registration form, accompanied with a non-refundable \$10 registration fee, must be completed for each student. Books will be available for purchase at the time of registration. Financial assistance is available. ###

Homework Club

Care on the Corner announces the Homework Club for children in Grades Kindergarten – 5. Classes will be offered on Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., beginning January 24, 2013, (Classes will not be held on school holidays.)

Students are asked to bring current Language Arts (Reading, Spelling and Phonics,) Math, Social Studies and Science (other than experiments) homework assignments in which help is needed.

The group meets at the Care Center, at 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register. There is a \$15 registration fee. Scholarships are available. Jean R. Giarratana (NJ Certified Teacher) is the coordinator. ###

HIV to Self-Destruct: MIT Research with Tiffany Amariuta

A research team at the Biological Engineering Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), under the direction of Professor Dr. Essigmann, has dedicated several years to an "out of the box" idea with all its world-class resources.

Tiffany Amariuta, 2011 Valedictorian of the Hasbrouck Heights High School, a Bio-Engineering student at MIT, joined this elite research team in November 2011.

Not even one year later in August 2012, Tiffany (age 18) was deeply involved with this project performing one-dimensional Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy.

In the process, she observed and identified unexpected spectra that had certain similarities to other typical lethal mutagenesis activators.

Thus, a molecule that kills the HIV virus was discovered. The molecule 8-oxo-deoxyguanosine is a nucleoside that acts as an extreme catalyst and may be used in HIV treatment



via lethal mutagenesis; in other words, this molecule will increase the rate of reproduction of the HIV virus until the HIV produces enough mutagenic protein and actually destroys itself.

Tiffany's work on the project also included complex geometrical optimizations for tautomerized molecules using Gaussview and UNIX.

In October 2012, she finished her freshman year at MIT with a 4.8 out of 5.0 GPA, and was approved for another year of Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program.

MIT is consistently ranked as the world's top engineering university, and offers amazing opportunities. Tiffany has decided to pursue two undergraduate degrees, one in Biological Engineering and a second in Physics. Only 2.5 % of MIT's undergraduate engineering students attempt a double degree.

The discoveries of the MIT research project and Tiffany's findings have been submitted for publication in Nature magazine, recognized as the world's most cited interdisciplinary scientific journal. The article is entitled: "Tautomerism of 8-oxo-2'deoxyguanosine and Its Mutagenicity."

Tiffany is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ion Amariuta of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. Submitted by the Amariuta Family. ###

Collaborative Parents Committee Meeting January 15

The next Collaborative Parents Committee (CPC) meeting will be Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Media Center in the Hasbrouck Heights High School. They will be discussing ways that parents can help their special needs child improve their self-esteem and cope with stress.

The CPC is a parent organized group that provides support, advocacy and education for parents of children with special needs in the Hasbrouck Heights school district. For more information go to: <http://www.hhschools.org/SpecialServices/SitePages/Home.aspx> ###



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Corpus Christi School Celebrates the New Year with Catholic Schools Week

The New Year brings an air of excitement and anticipation as students of Corpus Christi gear up for the much anticipated Catholic Schools Week.

School reopens on January 3, 2013, and Catholic high school registration begins on January 4.

First Friday Mass will be held on January 4, followed by a noon dismissal.

A Spirit Day will be held on January 11. Students will wear yellow and each donate a dollar to the Holy Childhood Association, an organization dedicated to fostering children's awareness of the missionary nature of the Church.

Students will also be treated to a Pizza Night on January 11. Graduates will be getting their pictures taken on January 15.

School will be closed on January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. On January 23, there will be a Home School Meeting at 7 p.m. As always everyone is encouraged to attend. The month ends with the much anticipated Catholic Schools Week.

This year's Catholic Schools Week, "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards" starts the last Sunday in January, January 27 and runs all week to February 2.

This year's theme supports the recent launch of the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, that ensure the effective operation and responsible governance of Catholic schools

across the country, promoting high academic standards and Catholic identity.

Traditionally, the week is filled with activities such as Priest Appreciation Day, an awards ceremony and choir concert along with other activities that help the community, students, parents and teachers celebrate the many facets of a

Catholic school education.

Open House and Registration for PreK3-Grade 8 for the 2013/2014 school year will take place on Sunday, January 27, immediately following the Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass at 10:00 from 11:00 to 1:00. A second registration day will be held on Wednesday, January 30 from 9-11 a.m. and

from 1-2:00. Classes fill quickly so parents are encouraged to use this opportunity to secure a spot for their child.

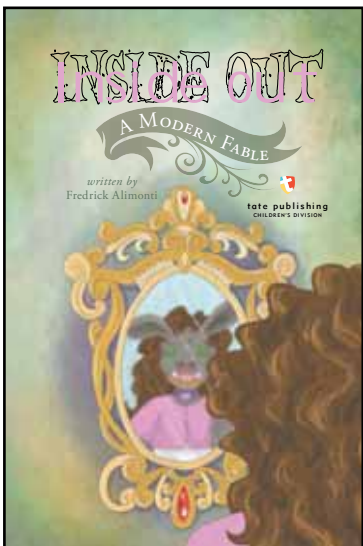
For more information about this special week, Open House and class registration requirements, please call 201-288-0614. *Story by Maria Grace Billings. ###*

Children's Book Takes On Bullying

Author Rick Alimonti has just penned his fourth children's book, "Inside Out: A Modern Fable," which tackles issues of bullying and discovering inner beauty.

The book, written in rhyming verse and enhanced by lavish illustrations, begins as follows:

Herein lies our tale
Of what true beauty is about,
When one day a young girl
Finds herself inside out



"Inside Out" takes the reader inside the lives of two very different girls. Sally is a pretty, popular middle schooler who wears the best clothes and, on the exterior, seemingly has the best of everything. Jessie is a classmate of Sally's who lacks Sally's material goods and becomes the target of Sally's cruel pranks and biting insults.

Sally's world changes one morning when she wakes up and finds herself physically transformed. Staring back at her in the mirror is the face of a hideous creature, unrecognizable and terrifying to Sally. Sally boards her schoolbus and is taken to a building that bears no resemblance to her school. She finds at this "School Inside Out" that her friends have similarly transformed into frightening beasts.

Sally's teacher explains that the monsters Sally sees are indeed her friends:

Your appearance here comes
Not from your skin

But from the depth of the character
You carry within

In the end, Sally learns

the invaluable lesson that her outward appearance is just a disguise and that inner beauty always prevails. Ultimately, Jessie's true beauty shines for all the world to see.

As author Alimonti explains: "The theme that inspired me to write "Inside Out" is that of inner beauty; the bullying in the book was simply a vehicle for this message. I think the result was a book that addresses bullying in a unique and perhaps subtle way. There are legions of books available on discouraging bullying and how harmful it is. I have not seen an approach like this one before. Our bully takes a forced look at herself on the 'inside'. Yet somehow, the story is still fun and ultimately uplifting."

"Inside Out" is highly recommended for children ages 8-14. Alimonti's imaginative, non-"preachy" style gives the book tremendous appeal to the tween/early-teen group. "Inside Out" is available for purchase on amazon.com and all major online sellers. You can learn more about Rick Alimonti and his "books with meaning" at alimontibooks.com ###

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Holiday Concert

It was standing room only at the Wood-Ridge High School Auditorium on the evening of December 11, 2012, as the students of Gretta R. Ostrovsky Middle School Music Departments presented their Annual Holiday Concert. A variety of music was enjoyed, the highlight of the evening was the conclusion where the audience joined in the singing and theatrics of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The Band was directed by Mrs. Toni Baumgartner and the Choir and Vocal Ensemble was directed by Mrs. Melissa Ayvas-Manolakakis. ###



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Sandy, December 2012



History Comes Alive at Teterboro Airport, July 2012



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Runners Take Off At Teterboro Airport, September 2012



AHOF Open Cockpit Day, May 2012



*With a Hippy Hop, Hop ...
The Easter Bunny Visited, May 2012*



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A Fireman's Funeral, October 2012



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Kids Enjoyed Pumpkin Patch as Sandy Loomed, December 2012



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Getting Ready To Take The Field, October 2012



December 2012



Star Spangled Summer, August 2012



Moonachie's Mystery 5K Outruns Sandy, December 2012



The above flood photos were taken about 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, from the vantage point of Moonachie EMS/Rescue building. At this time, the water was receding quickly from the night's high levels. Note the water lines visible on the buildings. Photos below reflect the some of the devastation at the trailer parks. The uncut tree photos were taken on October 31 and the cut tree was November 6. *Photos by Frank Smith. ###*



Wind gusted to a high speed of 72 m.p.h. at 7:47 on Monday, October 29, 2012.



Wood-Ridge photo above provided by Bill Dean.



Winds on Monday, October 29 were so powerful that they lifted the awning from the back of the building (below), over the roof, and across Central Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights before wrapping around a telephone pole (above).



Sandy photos above provided by Timothy Sullivan

Sandy Closed Teterboro Airport

With warnings of Hurricane Sandy, Teterboro Airport held pre-storm preparation meetings and prepared for a hurricane like Irene.

Part of the airport's emergency plans are procedures for hurricanes and natural disasters.

Most aircraft that were not in hangars, flew out and most of the ramps were empty.

Throughout the storm, there were conference calls at least twice a day for about 5 days.

The Port Authority has an Office of Emergency Management that supported our emergency responses at all airport, bridge, tunnel and port operations -- with conference calls every two hours.

Teterboro Airport was closed at 4:45 a.m. Tuesday.

All FBO's closed at about 5 p.m. on Monday.

As winds were 65 mph, gusting to 70 mph, the FAA Tower staff evacuated final flights out of the Airport Operations facility at Hangar One.

Although there was less than 1" of rain at the airport, there was 2-1/2 to 3 feet of water on the runway side of the airport. It was saltwater as evidenced by the blue fish on the ramps. Irene's flooding was freshwater.

All FBO's were affected, receiving water to various degrees.

Early reports indicate that there was some minor hangar



Well, the sea gulls had a feast with the fish swimming on the Airport's runways and ramps. Above: A collection of fish that were stranded at the airport as the waters receded.

damage due to high winds. No aircraft were "flipped over."

Telephone and internet service was out for days, hampering communications therefore, many of the twice-daily conference calls were by cell phone.

The FAA Control Tower had partial power and ran under generator power for a few days.

Port Authority Manager's office lost power Monday night and operations were temporarily transferred to Hangar 1 on Industrial Avenue.

As the water receded, the field was inspected and Maintenance crews cleaned and groomed the runways and ramps.

Teterboro Airport reopened at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday for military helicopter operations, then all aircraft at 1:06 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, but

had to shut down that night due to the airfield lighting not yet being operational. The lighting was repaired the next day and the airport was then open for 24 hour operations.

The Port Authority Police and fire brigade building received water, but operations were restored quickly. This building received significant damage during Irene. *(It was refurbished in a manner to minimize flood damage.)*

The ARFF (Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting) Trucks were not affected due to their high ground clearance.

The heavy duty equipment used to maintain the runways and ramps were not affected by the flooding because of proactive actions.

The EMAS was inspected by the FAA and the manufac-



Below: View of Teterboro Airport airside looking west.

turer for structural integrity. EMAS materials are not affected by saltwater. All Port Authority Airport EMAS were inspected.

The lingering issue is with field lighting and the corrosive effects caused by saltwater.

The Airport's damages are still being calculated. Electrical equipment assessment is ongoing due to saltwater infiltration and corrosion. The Port Authority qualifies for FEMA.

Moonachie Fire Depart-

ment and Moonachie EMS and Rescue were temporarily stationed at 90 Moonachie Avenue.

A contingent of approximately 70 FEMA emergency search rescue staff based in Virginia arrived to assist the surrounding community during the emergency.

They needed a command center, so the Port Authority volunteered their offices, conference room and warehouse space at 90 Moonachie. ###

Bergen County OEM Responds to Sandy

Bergen County Office of Emergency Management (BC OEM) emergency operations was activated in Mahwah and had communications with all 70 municipalities.

Serious prepping started about three days before expected hurricane landfall.

Preparedness for these types of extraordinary events is the summation of continual planning, training and exercising all resources.

Prior to Sandy, BC OEM planned meetings, checked equipment (County generators and light towers) for shelters, critical faculties and county government. BC OEM prepped a regional shelter at Bergen County Community College in Paramus, and got essential personnel on recall.

Additionally, they encouraged the 70 municipality OEM's to make preparations.

BC OEM also encouraged citizens to prepare a three day disaster kit.

On the afternoon of Oc-

tober 29, 2012, BC OEM was staffed and monitoring the storm's track with the National Weather Service and NJ OEM. FEMA and utility representatives were assigned to BC OEM at this time.

Based on intel they received, BC OEM was ready.

At about 7 p.m. it was evident that sustained hurricane force winds would be here for a while. BC OEM was getting sporadic reports of power lines down throughout the county.

At about 11 p.m. Monday night, October 29, calls were received about some flooding in Little Ferry and Moonachie.

Because of the awareness of the potential for storm surge due to high tides, full moon, and high winds, BC OEM knew that extraordinary mutual aid had to be deployed.

BC OEM first deployed Bergen County Police Department Scuba Team. They notified fire county mutual aid through the county fire coordinator Chief Larry Rauch,

who notified the NJ State Fire Coordinator.

It was estimated that there was 7 feet of tidal water entering Little Ferry and surrounding towns from 8 p.m. on October 29 to 2 a.m. on October 30. The wind was keeping the water in during this time. the berm, owned by The Meadowlands Conservation Trust, is about five to six feet high. Data taken from the Barge Marina in Carlstadt highlighted tidal water reached 8 feet, 6 inches with twice as much salinity (salt) as normal.

At approximately 11:45 p.m. on October 29, BC OEM started receiving numerous calls from Moonachie and Little Ferry police and fire officials stating that water was rising and people were trapped. BC OEM requested swift water rescue resources.

Simultaneously, BC OEM called in the NJ Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (a company of about 100 people specializing in rescue operations);

the NJ State Police Marine Unit who provided assets, and the NJ Army National Guard who provided 6 high clearance vehicles and personnel.

At about 1 a.m. a command post was set up at Bergen County Tech School in Teterboro, and unified command was established.

This unified command included Urban Search and Rescue, first responders, municipal agencies, NJSP, BCPD, BC Sheriff, Army NG, etc.

The unified command coordinates all official first responder resources. For example: Wayne high water rescue vehicles, Fair Lawn FD boat, Mahwah FD boat, private resources with high water vehicles and boats, etc.

There is common communications protocol with all resources.

To manage resources in disasters and emergencies, the Incident Command System (ICS), is used to set up staging areas, deploy personnel

and equipment and establish divisions for search and rescue operations.

For example, Moonachie was set up into three areas by the MFD and communicated with unified command. MFD then requested resources as needed.

Urban Search and Rescue established two divisions (Moonachie and Little Ferry, working with local first responders).

For the next 24 to 48 hours, search and rescue operations were conducted and displaced citizens were brought to the school for transportation to the County Shelter if needed

About 500 first responders assisted with evacuation of approximately 1,500 residents. No fatalities were reported during this time frame in Carlstadt, Little Ferry and Moonachie. Bergen County Office of Emergency Management Sgt. Barry Leventhal assisted in writing this article. ###

Moonachie Update

Moonachie Borough Hall and Moonachie Police operations have been working out of SW24 Fusion Centre, 70 Moonachie Avenue, since Sandy destroyed their facilities.

Eight trailers will be constructed into one building in the Municipal parking lot. The Police Department will use four, and four will be used for Borough operations. Operations are expected to return to Moonachie Road by early January 2013.

The first priority will be

to rebuild the Fire Department building and the Senior/Civic Center.

Moonachie EMS Rescue is getting a trailer. Recently, members of the Washington, DC Fire Department helped them rebuild their facility.

The DPW is operational.

The debris in the parks is being cleaned up and repair of playground equipment is underway.

The Borough Hall will be repaired last. Only four years ago the council chambers were refurbished with new carpet-



ing, lighting, etc.

Twenty-five Borough vehicles damaged by flood waters are being evaluated. These include Police (5), bus (2), DPW (5), etc.

Fire Department vehicles:
Fire Chiefs' cars (2), Engine
804, Truck 808. 802 and 803
need service.

Police lost their 911 system, work stations, and security camera systems. Other Police Departments have offered the use of their facilities.

Three new outfitted police cars have been purchased and are in service. Another is on loan from the Sheriffs Department.

Municipal Court will be held in Teterboro.

Building permits are required but fees are waived. Wood-Ridge Registry is issuing Marriage licenses for Moonachie.

Official Borough permanent records that were contaminated by flood waters (*about 200 cubic feet in 158 boxes*) will be freeze dried, restored



in 6-8 weeks at a cost of about \$44,985.

These vital records were in a fireproof safe, but it wasn't waterproof.

The big clean-up began on Wednesday, October 30 and four contractors were used.

The Lincoln Street pump station needed a commercial generator to function. It took three hours and by Thursday morning, November 1, the standing water was cleared.

Kindergartners to Grade
8 students are being bussed to

Wood-Ridge schools and two other facilities. Temporary trailers are being constructed and will be used until the school building has been refurbished.

The December 11, 2012 Board of Education meeting was held in the Wood-Ridge High School Media Center.

It was estimated the cost to repair municipal services could be between \$7 to \$9 million dollars.

See page 24 for more information. ###



Distress signal? Little Ferry street banner in front of Washington School on November 11. ###

Little Ferry Update

In Little Ferry, the Municipal Building received minimal damage.

First reports of Borough property lost or damaged include:

- Six Police Cars
- Two Fire Chief vehicles
- One DPW Truck
- Senior Bus
- Goose Poop Machine
- Various fencing, small

equipment, etc. Other items to be added as reviewed.

- Various storm and sanitary pump stations are damaged.

Senior services are on going thanks to a bus borrowed from Lodi.

Little Ferry Hook and Ladder Company 1, which had four feet of water, is staying with its Main Street Headquarters while damage is assessed and refurbishing begins. Decades of records were lost.

Little Ferry First Aid Corps
(an independent non-profit)
ambulances are all fine and un-
der repair. Their headquarters
was destroyed.

Clean-up began Thursday after the storm and continued until November 30. Four con-

and surrounding streets was an issue.

These streets drain into Willow Lake. Since the Lake was filled with water, there was no place for the water to go. The tide was kept in due to the high winds so pumps were ineffective. There are two pumps, and one pump took on water and stopped working.

Once the water started to recede, other Fire Departments assisted in pumping out the Lake. Additionally, Little Ferry secured five pumps, with hoses six inches wide to help pump out the Lake.

The Little Ferry Fire Department pumped out basements.

Little Ferry is waiving building permit fees. You must get a permit -- it is a record to protect you that work was done. Permits can be obtained after work is complete.

Little Ferry estimates it needs \$3 million to buy vehicles, equipment and remove mold from public buildings and curb trash.

It was estimated the clean-up costs will be no more than \$3.50 a month (on a home assessed at \$350,000,) over a five year period in the municipal tax bill. This estimate is based on FEMA and insurance reimbursements. The Borough does not set the school tax rate. ###

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On Saturday, December 8, 2012, the Wood-Ridge PBA #313 organized a toy drive to benefit the children of Little Ferry and Moonachie. ###

Returning the Favor



The people of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and its surrounding community in Jackson County packed up an 53-foot, 18-wheeler truck full of clothes, cleaning supplies, children's toys, kitchen utensils, even a generator -- things people would need after a storm, to be distributed to Moonachie and Little Ferry flood victims.

The tractor trailer arrived at The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, 2012, where it was unloaded by around 30 volunteers. There also was an envelope to the joint fund set up to help Moonachie and Little Ferry volunteer firefighters and first aid and rescue units.

When the town of Pascagoula was devastated by Hurricane Katrina, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department sent them supplies, monetary donations and even one of their fire trucks.

Those folks never forgot and they returned the favor. Driver Lynn Newbill, said about four or five fire departments were involved in taking up the collection. *Photos by Robby Knobloch. ###*



The Women's Club of Carlstadt swung into action and collected school supplies for the children of Moonachie. The club collected 57 notebooks, 47 packages of pencils, 19 packages of pens, 19 packages of erasers, 18 educational DVDs. In addition, rulers, crayons, markers, and many other supplies were collected

and distributed to the schools. Pictured in the photo is Dolores McGuire, President and member Oliva Schettino. *Photo and story provided by Cheryl James. ###*

W-R Lions Made Thanksgiving Special

On Wednesday November 21, 2012, the Wood-Ridge Lions Club, in partnership with the **Fiesta**, hosted a full Thanksgiving dinner for 350 Moonachie residents.

The meal included sliced turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. Much of the food and supplies were donated or sold at cost.

Tickets were provided by John Podesta and distribution was coordinated by former Moonachie Police Chief Mike McGahn, presently serving as Moonachie Disaster Relief Coordinator, both members of the Wood-Ridge Club.

Entertainment was donated by Tom Catucci of DJ Dancing Machine. ###

Church Hosted Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thursday, November 22, 2012, a Thanksgiving Dinner for about 100 Moonachie and Little Ferry residents displaced by Hurricane Sandy was hosted by the First Presbyterian Church in Rutherford, NJ. ###

Red Cross Thanksgiving

On Thursday, November 22, 2012, the Red Cross delivered Thanksgiving meals to residents at Vanguard Mobile Home Park in Moonachie. ###

Turkeys Donated

On Sunday, November 18, 2012, Home Dynamix, Carol Place, Moonachie, donated 1,000 turkeys to all the Moonachie residents. The Graycliff also donated 3,000 hot dogs and pasta for all the participants. ###

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Sandy Information for Moonachie Residents

Borough of Moonachie Building Permit Fees for storm restoration (*Building Department fees*) will be waived. It is important, though, to get the permits. The Building Department number is 201-641-1857. The Building Department will be closed New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, and Martin Luther King's Birthday.

All residents, business and residential, must **register with FEMA** by December 31, 2012 to be in the system. To register call 800-621-3362 or go online at www.disasterassistance.gov. Put your FEMA case number in a safe place – you will need it to communicate with the SBA and for additional FEMA help.

The **US Small Business Administration (SBA)** offers disaster loans to Homeowners and Renters for disaster-related losses. First, register with FEMA at the above e-mail address or phone number, and then register with the SBA at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. If you are unable to qualify for an SBA loan, you may be referred to FEMA for additional grant assistance.

There is a **Disaster Recovery Center** in Hackensack. It is at Bergen County Plaza, 1 Bergen Plaza, 4th floor, Hackensack. You can get individual answers to your questions, and get help completing your paperwork. This is additional assistance for you, and can be very helpful. Bring your FEMA case number with you.

Northeast New Jersey Legal Services (NNJLS) is offering free legal assistance to eligible residents. They can help with denial of FEMA or National Flood Insurance Claims, claims arising from fraudulent services or hurricane-related scams, civil legal issues faced by senior residents age 60 and older, as well as an array of other issues. Call the Bergen County office at 201-487-2166.

The Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting for the Borough of Moonachie will be held on Sunday, January 6, 2013, at noon. The meeting will be held at the Moonachie Firehouse.

Garbage and Recycling

- Garbage collection will be on **MONDAYS ONLY** starting in January 2013.
- Yard waste collection stops on Wednesday, December 26, 2012.
- Christmas trees will be picked up on Wednesdays starting January 2 and continuing until February 6, 2013.
- Paper and cardboard recycling will be collected on January 2 (*Wednesday*), January 15, and January 29, 2013.
- Commingled recycling (*bottles, cans, and jars*) will be collected January 8, and January 22, 2013.

Please register for NIXLE. Nixle is an additional way for the Borough to contact you with important storm information. Go online to Nixle.com to sign up for alerts about community events and advisories.

VERY IMPORTANT: If you or anyone you know is not living in Moonachie due to the condition of your or their home, please send the contact information to mlyons@moonachie.us. We need a way to contact our residents when we have important information. **Thanks!**



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Dealing with Flood Water

Be aware that flood water may contain sewage. Protect yourself and your family by following these steps:

- Keep children and pets out of the affected area until cleanup has been completed.
- Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, and goggles during cleanup of affected area.
- Seek immediate medical attention if you become injured or ill.
- Ventilate affected areas by opening windows, and eventually, by placing a fan in a window. Work toward the fan as you clean to minimize cross contamination.

Remove

- Remove wet carpeting right away. It's best to discard it. If the carpet is salvaged, clean, disinfect and dry it quickly. Never reuse flooded padding.
- Remove and discard items that cannot be washed and disinfected (*such as mattresses, rugs, upholstered furniture, cosmetics, stuffed animals, baby toys, pillows, foam-rubber items, books, wall coverings, and most paper products*).
- Remove and discard dry-wall and insulation that has been contaminated with sewage or flood waters.
- Remove all wet insulation right away – even if wallboard appears to be dry. Wet insulation will stay wet far too long, leading to the growth of hidden, unhealthy mold and decay fungi.
- Remove interior surfaces of insulated walls to a point well above the top water height. Wicking allows moisture to travel further than the water line.

Cleaning Preparation

Remember that fungicides or disinfectants are classified as pesticides when they are used to kill fungus and should be used with care.

Clean with non-phosphate detergents (*any phosphate residue is mold food*). If you disinfect, follow directions carefully and never mix bleach with ammonia or acids (vinegar).

Disinfectants can kill molds, but they do not prevent regrowth. Surfaces contaminated with sewage or floodwater should be disinfected.

Cleaning must remove, not just kill, the mold because dead spores can still cause health problems. Even dead spores and dormant spores can be a problem for some people.

- Wear an N-95 or better respirator to reduce your exposure to mold spores disturbed during cleanup.
- Isolate work area and

ventilate to outdoors -- disturbing mold colonies can cause a massive release of spores, so seal off the contaminated area from the rest of the house.

If items must be cleaned indoors, seal off the area from the remainder of the home. Close vents that might circulate the spores. Close doors to section off or hang up some plastic to keep the flood damaged areas separate from the rest of the house.

Clean Aggressively

- Brush off and clean mold and mildew growth outdoors if at all possible to prevent scattering of spores in the house.
- Wash all clothes worn during the cleanup in hot water and detergent. These clothes should be washed separately from uncontaminated clothes and linens.
- Wet clothing and many household fabrics may be salvageable. Wash clothes contaminated with flood or sewage water in hot water and detergent. Machine washing, including at least a 10-minute soak in detergent and hot water, should remove most contamination and stains.
- Open pockets of saturation.
- Thoroughly clean all hard surfaces (*such as flooring, concrete, molding, wood and metal furniture, countertops, appliances, sinks, and other plumbing fixtures*) with hot water and laundry or dish detergent. Help the drying process by using fans, air conditioning units, and dehumidifiers.
- Clean flood damaged basement: Take a hose and spray the basement down and remove all mold and mildew that has formed since the flood.
- Clean the basement a second time using water with bleach, or a premixed cleaning agent for killing mold spores. Everything that was touched by flood water needs to get cleaned with an anti-mold cleaning agent.

Allow the cleaned basement to dry completely before you cover the walls again.

- Flooring, such as hardwood, laminate or sheet vinyl, should be removed to expose pockets of saturation underneath for cleaning, sanitizing and drying.
- Wall cavities and exposed durable materials (*studs, joists*) should be cleaned by pressure washing with detergent solutions. After thoroughly cleaning and flushing salvageable materials, apply a disinfectant solution liberally.

Dry Thoroughly

- To prevent dry rot and on-going structural damage,

don't reconstruct or cover wood materials until its moisture content falls below 16 percent.

- Leave the walls open for at least four weeks or more (it may be up to 3 months) or until they have thoroughly dried.

Test the wood and other materials with a moisture meter if possible. When walls are closed over, mold can result in interior wall materials that contain higher moisture levels.

- Clean and dry floor thoroughly (*may take several weeks or months*) before replacing boards and attempting repairs.
- Select replacement materials that will withstand future floods. Replacing wall materials horizontally, such as drywall, allows easier removal should flooding occur again.

Delay permanent repairs until buildings are thoroughly dry.

DO NOT use vinyl wallpaper. It will prevent further drying on the inside.

Prevent Mold Growth

All molds should be treated with respect.

- Mold can start to grow within 12 to 24 hours when moisture levels are above 50% to 60 % relative humidity. Don't give it a chance to start growing. Keep the humidity levels low - between 35% to 50%.
- The longer mold is allowed to grow, the greater the risk and the harder the cleanup.
- Although it takes a few days to appear, mold thrives in a moist environment with organic material (e.g., paper or particle board), and temperatures between 68°F and 86°F.
- Consider hiring a professional. A professional water damage restoration company has trained technicians, specialized cleaners and antimicrobial agents, and extraction, drying, dehumidifying and moisture measuring equipment.

Electrical Wiring

The electric wiring in most of today's homes is designed to serve in dry interior environments. While the plastic sheathing around the hot and neutral wires in typical romex wiring does act to prevent penetration by moisture, electrical systems simply are not intended to get wet.

In the most common romex wire used in residential situations, a copper ground is sheathed in paper and wrapped with the hot and neutral wires inside a plastic sheathing.

When wiring is subjected to water through any breach in the sheathing or through connections such as outlet boxes, switches, junctions or fixtures, it is possible for moisture to

soak its way up the paper sheathing in a "wicking" action, and to create dangerous corrosion or deterioration.

Have your house wiring checked out and keep an eye out for problems.

Saltwater Electrical

HDMI, Coaxial, Cat5, Alarm, A/V, telephone, etc., are for the most part, not meant to be submerged or in contact with water in any way.

If salt water is brought into the mix, it's 10 times more devastating because of the corrosion it will cause in your cables.

While the immediate effects of saltwater damage are similar to those of freshwater (*shorting out of electrical components, washing out of critical lubricants, etc.*), the salt and other contaminants left behind can lead to longer term issues after the water is gone due to the conductive and corrosive nature of the salt residue.

Copper wire starts to corrode very quickly when it is contacted by saltwater. This usually starts with the connection ends as they are most exposed and over time eating away at the copper insides and other wire materials.

In the best case scenario, an electronic device might just be broken, failing to turn on at all. In others, it might expose people to the risk of electrical shock because of the corrosion.

When a home has been flooded with salty or brackish water, the electrical systems need to be inspected to determine if any or all of the wiring needs to be replaced.

That includes the wiring in the walls, the electrical box, and, of course, any appliances and electronic devices that may have been left in the home.

In most cases, while there are some fixes you can perform on your wiring when it comes in contact with water, when it comes to saltwater, most industry professionals would recommend the low and high voltage wiring be replaced throughout the home or wherever it may have been compromised.

Appliances

Saltwater severely corrodes electrical wires and can create short circuits and overheating very quickly. Especially armored cable because this type of wire allows water intrusion very easily.

As wire corrodes, electrical resistance increases and this increase causes heat. An example would be running a window A/C unit on a small power cord and the cord gets hot. This can and will start fires.

Any appliances, including dishwashers, refrigerators, stoves, washing machines and

dryers will likely not function or be an electrical safety hazard if they have been flooded with saltwater.

Boilers, hot water heaters and air conditioning systems should be replaced if they have been flooded. The exposure of boiler components to saltwater can have both immediate and long-term effects. An exposed boiler must be either replaced or completely repaired and inspected.

Otherwise, by operating this boiler, you will cause a fire or explosion hazard, and an electrical shock hazard, leading to serious injury, death, or substantial property damage.

Replace Wiring

In the recovery days of Hurricane Sandy, there have been inquiries about replacing wiring and cable that has been compromised in the home, mainly due to salt water damage.

Since many builders, renovators, contractors, etc., will be ripping out sheetrock, studs and anything else in the home that has water damage, this opens up a window to more easily replace your structured wiring.

It is always better to replace the wiring while rebuilding or renovation is going on, rather than later when the walls are closed up. At that point costs could skyrocket to replace anything after all the finishing work has been completed.

Saltwater Structural

Salt suspended in water is highly reactive because it carries an electrical charge. It can quickly penetrate a variety of materials.

There is one inescapable fact: If it was exposed to salt water, it is damaged.

That's bad news for building materials, because salt can be extremely corrosive.

Steel tube columns will corrode from the inside out, so they must be drilled open and cleaned out.

Stainless steel will rust. All metal will rust, even the nails in the walls.

Saltwater doesn't stop there. It has infamously corrosive effects on concrete, including foundations, pilings, sidewalks, and structural walls.

In addition to eating into the metal reinforcements used inside concrete architecture, it can penetrate concrete and slowly break it down, leading to weakness and instability that may emerge years later.

Likewise with bricks, mortar, and plaster.

Remember, absolutely anything and everything is damaged if it was exposed to saltwater. ###

Hotline for Sandy
Related Legal Issues

Please be advised that a toll-free hotline, 1-888-541-1900, is now available for New Jersey survivors facing legal issues because of Sandy. Disaster survivors with storm-related legal issues can call the hotline to request free legal assistance.

The office will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday by members of the Young Lawyers Division of the New Jersey Bar Association. Voice messages can be left when the office is not staffed.

As part of the Business Action Center's ongoing effort to assist New Jersey's business community during Hurricane Sandy Recovery Efforts, they are providing you with the following new updates and links on Hurricane Sandy recovery information:

- New Department of Banking and Insurance Mobile Offices.
- Updated list of FEMA and SBA disaster assistance locations throughout the state.

There are two types of Disaster Centers available for one-to-one assistance:

DRCs: A Disaster Recovery Center has staff from FEMA, SBA and other agencies. It is designed to provide assistance to homeowners, renters and businesses. FEMA/NJ determine the locations, hours of operation, etc. SBA Customer Service Representatives are ALWAYS at these Centers to assist applicants.

BRCs: A Business Recovery Center is usually co-located with the Small Business Development Center, staffed with SBA Customer Service Representatives and designed to assist business applicants.

For additional updates and resources related to Hurricane Sandy recovery go to the State's Business Portal at www.newjerseybusiness.gov ###

How to Get
Emergency
Notifications

The Hasbrouck Heights Police Department, in conjunction with the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management, is advising area residents of a free emergency notification service.

You can now register all your phone numbers for up to date information with regards to emergency notifications within the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Follow these instructions. Go to WWW.BCOEM.ORG and click "Swift911" link.

Fill in your information and you are all set to receive the most up to date information on emergency situations. ###

Be Alert to Storm-chasing Contractors

Bergen County announced the establishment of a consumer fraud task force to protect homeowners in areas hard hit by Sandy as a precaution against consumer fraud.

The task force will be headed by Bergen County Police Department Capt. Victor F. Cuttitta Jr., and includes personnel from the county's Consumer Affairs division and the Office of Consumer Protection.

The task force will be inspecting contractors working on home repairs – especially those in Little Ferry and Moonachie

Homeowners whose property suffered extensive damage as a result of Hurricane Sandy need to be vigilant against con artists.

Consumer protection questions can be addressed to the county's Office of Consumer Affairs at 201-336-6413, or the County Police's Office of Consumer Protection at 201-336-6400/6424.

Residents should adhere to the following guidelines when dealing with home improvement contractors:

- Never give your credit card number or financial information to strangers over the phone or on the Internet.
- Call Consumer Affairs to find out if the home improvement contractor you are considering is registered and if there are any complaints against that individual or his company.
- It is customary not to pay for the entire home improvement project in advance. Pay one-third beforehand, one-third halfway through and one-third upon completion.
- If the contractor is offering to do electrical work, call the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors to ensure that he or she is licensed to do such work.
- If the contractor is offering plumbing services, call the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers to ensure that he or she is properly licensed.

If a contractor is suggesting an expensive repair, get a second opinion. ###

The Coalition Against Insurance Fraud warns you to be alert to storm-chasing contractors who try to exploit the confusion after superstorm Sandy. Most contractors are honest, but shady contractors typically descend on disaster areas.

Storm chasers typically go door-to-door seeking business. They're often from out of state, incompetent and unlicensed. They intend to cheat anxious homeowners who urgently need repairs after the storm.

Five Scams to Avoid

- Pre-pay. The contractor

demands a large cash payment upfront, then disappears after doing little or no work. The contractor also may illicitly require you to pay for bids.

- Shoddy work. The work is low quality, using cheap or sub-standard materials. Homeowners may have to redo the entire job, often at their expense.

- Phantom damage. A contractor creates storm damage. Nicking undamaged sidewall or roof shingles with a screwdriver to mimic hail damage is one come-on.

- Inflated damage. Contractors may enlarge holes in a roof to increase their billings. Simply inflating the bill to include more work than was done is another ruse.

- Pay your deductible. Offering to pay your insurance deductible to get your business typically is a come-on to lure you into fraudulent work.

Six Ways
to Prevent Fraud

- Avoid door-to-door contractors. These usually are the storm chasers who canvass damaged neighborhoods for repair jobs. All too often these contractors have fraudulent repairs in mind.

- Verify license. Contact your state and local licensing agencies to ensure the contractor is licensed.

- Work with your insurance company. Contact your insurer right away to help screen out scam artists. Work closely with your insurer throughout the claim process to assess the damage, determine what repairs are covered, and the cost. Get the right repairs done, and done right.

- Watch for red flags. No business cards or referrals...P.O. Box instead of a street address... van looks rundown and has no company name...poor personal appearance...can't show proof of workers compensation insurance or surety/performance bond.

- Insist on a contract. Have a signed contract specifying exactly what work will be done, plus the price and repair schedule. Never sign a contract with blanks.

- Contact local Better Business Bureau. Does the contractor have a history of complaints? See if the contractor has a BBB review. ###

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Weathering the Storm:
Understanding Your Feelings
in the Wake of Disaster

By Rev. Kimberly P. Chastain

Moonachie and Little Ferry residents had a double shock October 29-30, and for many of us the disaster continues.

The first shock was being taken away from danger in a boat, because the water rose so fast and the rain had stopped hours before.

The second shock was returning to our homes, our streets, our places of business, and finding that the familiar had been swept away, and that life is going to be very different for a long time.

Most people go through a variety of feelings when things like this happen, and how we deal with those feelings can seem very strange, both to ourselves and to our loved ones.

There's a deep sense of isolation, of having been abandoned, of being cut loose in the universe.

There's the sense of unreality, as though it must be a dream from which we will awaken eventually.

Then there's the feeling of being overwhelmed, both by the amount of loss and the amount of work.

Some people will spend a lot of time denying what's happening, or trying to pretend everything is normal.

Some people will want to talk endlessly about what happened, rehearsing over and over the scenes in their minds.

Some people will become very angry, or very rigid, in-

sisting on doing things their own way. These are all normal reactions to the situation. We look for ways to feel in control, whether it's by imagining ways to handle things differently, or pushing the memories away so we don't have to think about it any more.

The most important things you can do to help yourself are first, to find someone who will listen to your story without trying to judge or fix anything.

Take care of yourself in small ways, and remember that every action is a victory.

Even if you are usually the "helper," ask for help when the tasks seem large. And remember that you are not alone: there are others who have been through similar things, and there are people who are willing to work with you until the task is done, however long that takes.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be past, and it is possible that it wasn't a very "merry" occasion for you.

That's okay too—it's right to grieve for what has been lost, and it is possible to have a quiet celebration of memory and hope when you feel that way.

For now, remember that the story of Christmas is the story of a God who loves humanity so much that he came to live with us in all our messiness and struggle; and it is the story of a light that shines out in the darkness, that the darkness can never overcome. ###

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



Hurricane Sandy: Avoid Cover-Ups.

Let's stay a bit longer on the subject of Sandy's impact to real estate in our area.

Shortly after the storm I spoke to a homeowner whose house was already under contract but, because of the hurricane, the inspections were delayed. She told me that they hadn't had any real damage except for some leaking that had caused a ring on a bedroom ceiling. She was willing to fix the ceiling but wasn't about to replace the roof which was less

than 10 years old. Everything seemed to be dried out now. Should she disclose the leak or simply repaint the ceiling and let it go at that?

My advice to her was simple and emphatic: Disclose, disclose disclose!!!

Attitudes and laws regarding disclosure have shifted over the years. Where once buyers had to assume the responsibility of uncovering defects under the principle of "caveat emptor," or "buyer beware," now the reverse can be true.

In New Jersey, and most other states, sellers must inform

buyers of any known material defects—and that includes balky toilets, broken furnaces, and yes, leaky roofs.

The goal is to provide consumers with a realistic idea of the condition of homes, especially regarding items that affect safety or health.

So your duty to disclose defects exists even if you have listed your home in "as-is" condition, and it lasts until you turn over the keys. But there are other reasons to disclose everything you know about the home beyond the legal obligation.

First, it is unlikely that a recent ceiling repainting will escape the attention of a good home inspector, who is always on the lookout for just such cover-ups; but even if he does miss it, he likely will find signs of recent moisture intrusion in your attic.

Because a roof leak causes rot and insect infestations, it is far more important that you deal with this issue promptly than the water spot on the bedroom ceiling.

If the hurricane damaged your roof or flashing, you will need to have the damage repaired or offer the buyer a credit at closing to have this done. If you can't have the roof

repaired before the inspector arrives, at least get a reputable roofer's estimate as to what it would cost to fix the leak, so you'll have a realistic price that you can use in negotiations with the buyers.

You should share this information with the home inspector. (*The good news: If the roof damage was caused by the wind or hail, it's probably covered by your homeowner's insurance.*)

Another important reason to be upfront with your buyers is that it builds goodwill and trust. That's important because no house is perfect. In the first year or so after the new buyers

will move in, they will inevitably find flaws that either you didn't think to mention or the home inspector missed.

If you are above-board with them now, the new owners will be more inclined to give you the benefit of the doubt later and assume the cost of the fixes. But if they think you've been sneaky, they will assume you covered up every problem that they find, and will have more of an incentive to speed-dial their lawyer to make you pay...

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This valuable online resource is available for use in Libraries, or remotely using a library card, to assist home and business owners as they rebuild.

This tool will ensure that those making their own repairs or who are faced with clean up or do-it-yourself renovations have the know-how to handle these tasks.

Library card holders can gain access through June 30, 2013, by visiting www.jersey-clicks.org, the State Library's portal for searching statewide databases, or by contacting their local public Library.

Home Improvement Reference Center™ includes articles and reference content as well as videos and images designed to help home and business owners make repairs easily and safely.

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Missionary Plays the Bagpipes

Parishioners of the Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge were treated to a three day mission by Father Francis Pompei, a Franciscan priest from Holy Name Province in Buffalo, New York. He is also the author and director of the "Franciscan Mystery Plays." He plays the bagpipes, and took the time before one mission session to explain the history of the bagpipes and played a number of selections with an explanation of when and why the song would be played. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



Reflections

Finding Hope in a Hopeless Situation

By Rev. Donald M. Pitches, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church, Carlstadt

The most popular song played and sung on New Year's Eve is surely, "Auld Lang Syne".
"Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind. Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and days o' auld lang syne"

As a boy, my Scottish relatives and friends, would sing this song on New Year's Eve or at the end of any evening of celebration through-out the year.

It became widely recognized in the 40's and 50's as a popular tune because of Guy Lombardo and his orchestra.

Now, it has become universally popular to sing it on New Year's Eve as the old year ebbs to a close and the New Year flows in at the stroke of midnight.

Yet, people don't really know what the song means.

Written as a poem by Robert Burns, about 1788, set to the tune of an old traditional folk melody. The words are Old Scots and mean something like, 'old long since'. We would say, "Long, long ago" or "in the good old days!"

We wonder what inspired Burns to write his version of the song? The poem is the story of two childhood friends, separated for many years, who reconnect as adults. The words describe a wonderful relationship. Could it have been a close friend and drinking buddy? Who knows?

It tells about the joys of friendship and power of memories. It is about friendship and support, as well as the great enjoyment of lifting a pint of ale together.

The song begins by asking

Happiness is
in the heart,
not in the
circumstances.

if old acquaintances and friendships can ever be forgotten. It asks if it is possible to stop old memories from being remembered. The answer is "No, of course not!"

These friendships and memories will never be forgotten. Not only never forgotten, they will be celebrated and enjoyed by those who share them.

The sheer pleasure it celebrates of friends walking over the hills and enjoying the beauty of nature and flowers is obvious as you read it.

There is a touch of sadness in the words. It tells how many miles have come to separate these old friends. Has his friend immigrated to the New World?

We don't know. But, even this distance cannot stop their shared memories and strong friendship.

Wherever they are, they will lift a glass, propose a toast, they will drink a cup in loving kindness to the memory of the days of long ago - auld lang syne.

Keep that picture of enduring friendship in your mind as you consider what has happened to us and around us as a result of hurricane Sandy, the devastation, the heartache and the loss.

What can help us as we go forward? I believe it is some good old fashioned values, the values of "auld lang syne" the "good old days" which will lead us into the future.

The bedrock values of our community, our families, our friends, will give us strength to help one another.

Those trusted values which bind us together as neighbors and citizens - friendship, compassion, loyalty, kindness, pride, commitment, dedication, and respect, all these are what will make this truly a Happy New Year." Blessing and Joy. ###

If God Is For Us...

By Kate Hannett, Abundant Grace Christian Church

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32)

Let's face it. Life is tough. Every day presents new troubles, new challenges, and new problems. Trouble has no regard for age, color, race, wealth, or even power. Difficulties come to everyone with no exception. This is why it is critical for us to understand our position as children of God.

Knowing that we would be forever separated from Him, God delivered His only Son, His greatest treasure, to make us His children. Knowing this information changes everything. If God did not spare His very Son, how much more will He "freely" give us everything else? God is not against us. He wants us to overcome every trouble, receive every kind of blessing, and live with happiness and joy!

Understand that as a child of God your position is to be the recipient of His very best. Have a heart that is for God, and put away fear that God may be working against you. Every ounce of His love is directed toward you. You are free to have uncommon boldness in the face of trouble knowing because God is for you, nothing can prevail against you!

Father God, I know that sometimes I forget whom I belong to. Please let me remember I am your child and draw me closer so that I will live the blessed life you intend! Amen. ###

Diapers Wanted

Assumption Parish Community will be observing AIDS Compassion Weekend at all the Sunday and anticipated Masses of February 9-10, 2013. As part of the program, during the weekend of January 12-13, the Ministry will be collecting diapers for children born with the virus, which will be given to the Pediatric AIDS Clinic at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson. ###



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Filling You In

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

Your Baby's Oral Health

It's never too early to start taking care of your little one's teeth. In fact, proper oral health care should start well before your baby's first teeth even erupt.

For a lifetime of healthy smiles, follow these guidelines to ensure your child gets off on the right tooth.

- Just say "no" to bottles at bedtime. Never put your baby to sleep with a bottle or sippy cup filled with milk, formula, fruit juice, or other sweet liquids. The sugar in these beverages can cause cavities in your baby's teeth, leading to "baby bottle tooth decay."

Instead, let your child finish his or her bottle before bedtime. If you must give your baby a bottle when he or she is going to sleep, fill the bottle with water instead.

- Be sure your baby has a source of fluoride. By the time your baby is 6 months old, he or she will require some fluoride for healthy teeth. In some communities, fluoride is in the water supply. Keep in mind that bottled water usually does not contain any fluoride. The United Water Company in Bergen County doesn't fluoridate the water. Therefore, supplements with daily vitamins can be taken to assure the proper dose of fluoride is ingested. Talk to your dentist or pediatrician if

you have any questions.

- Clean you baby's gums. Twice a day, gently wipe your baby's gums with a wet, clean, soft cloth. You should start doing this before your baby's teeth even come in or "erupt." When can you expect to see the first tooth? The average is at 6 months, but some infants don't get their first tooth until they are 14 or 15 months old. Some babies see their first tooth when they are as young as 3 months old.

- Brush new teeth. Once the first teeth come in, you can clean them using a soft, flexible children's toothbrush and water. Continue to clean your baby's entire mouth, not just the new teeth. A small amount of non fluoridated tooth paste can be used. Then, switch to a pea sized amount of fluoridated toothpaste when the swallowing patterns disallow ingestion and it can be spit and rinsed out. This usually is not until age 2 or 3.

- See a dentist. Whether it's the first tooth or the first birthday, it's time for your child's first dental appointment. Your dentist will examine your child's mouth and advise you in any concerns you have, such as thumb sucking. If you are having trouble brushing your child's teeth, your dentist can show you a few methods to ensure you are doing a thorough job. Regular exams are essential to your child's oral health so be sure to keep regular appointments with your child's dentist.

Ref Academy of General Dentistry, 2012.

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Older is Better

The Older is Better program of Felician College resumes on Friday, January 25, 2013. Older is Better is an open membership program designed for men and women 55 and older.

The program meets on Friday afternoons at Felician College in the Lecture Hall of Obal Hall on the Lodi campus. Members and their guests convene for an informational program at 1 p.m., followed by coffee and conversation in the Goya Dining Hall. There is a \$3 fee to attend each individual program, or participants may elect an annual membership plan.

Members and guests are cordially invited to celebrate Mass in the college chapel at 11:30 a.m. prior to the program. For additional information, please call the college at 201-559-6022. ###

W-R Health Consultations

The Borough of Wood-Ridge offers free health consultations at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and second Thursday of every month.

Services include health history evaluation, blood pressure check, height and weight measurements, counseling and education, referral, consultation, etc. For more information call 201-935-8852. This program is sponsored by Community Development in cooperation with the Bergen County Department of Health. ###

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Vic's Hoofers Auxiliary

The Vic's Hoofers Auxiliary is a women's social club that meets the first Thursday of the month at the Carlstadt Civic Center. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. and an evening of fun and games are enjoyed. Refreshments are served and new members from Carlstadt, Wood-Ridge, East Rutherford, Wallington and surrounding towns are invited. Call Dolores 201-939-5163 for details. ###

Lodi Seniors Club Seeks New Members

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club is open every Thursday for recreational purposes to anyone 55 or older who lives in Bergen County, including all neighboring towns. Refreshments are served. You do not have to be a member. For more information call Rosalie at 973-340-9091. ###

Mt. Airy Trip

AARP #4115 of Wallington is sponsoring a trip to Mt. Airy on January 24, 2013.

Cost is \$27 with \$25 slot dollar return and \$10 food coupon. Call Vivian 201-939-6963 or Eleanor 201-935-2541. ###

Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Civic Center. Refreshments are served at 1 p.m., with the meeting commencing at 1:30 p.m.

The Carlstadt Borough Nurse will be at all the Senior Club meetings and will administer blood pressure readings free of charge.

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Leisure Club Officers Installed at Christmas Party

At the Annual Leisure Club Christmas Party, Mayor Rose Heck inducted the new Club officers who will serve for two years.

They are: President Peter Gallo, Vice-President Kathleen Murray, Secretary Marilyn de Russy and Treasurer Dorothy Fitzin.

President Gallo becomes the thirteenth president of the Leisure Club since its formation on April 19, 1950.

Outgoing President John Fitzin received a gift from the Club for his eight years of dedicated service to the seniors of Hasbrouck Heights. In turn,

he presented a gavel to new President Gallo.

President Gallo stressed the need to change the Club's by-laws so that future elections could be held in June so that the new president will have the summer to get his/her administration and committees prepared for the year ahead. He urged all members to attend the January 9, 2013 meeting and help him establish his new role as president.

The program for that meeting will be Mike Gintella. Mike has been singing and entertaining for more than 42 years. He has entertained seniors for the



past four years.

The party held on December 3, 2012, attracted more than one-hundred twenty Leisure Club members and their guests.

For the second consecutive year the Leisure Club's party was held at the **Fiesta** in Wood-Ridge.

The management and staff at the Fiesta "bent over backwards" to welcome and assist all who attended. The food was excellent.

The Chairperson for the party was Dorothy Fitzin who was assisted by John Nesbitt. They did an excellent job of

preparing for the event. Peter Leiberman provided the music for dancing. Club member Edith Avella entertained the group by singing traditional Christmas Carols. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

January 2013 Heights Senior Calendar

Open to All Hasbrouck Heights Seniors

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 14, 28

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Games, cards & coffee

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

Tuesday, January 8, 15, 22, 29

10:00 a.m. Line Dancing \$1.00

2:00 p.m. Adv. Chair Yoga \$1.00

6:00 p.m. Card Game Night

Wednesday, January 16, 23, 30

10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee

2:00 p.m. Senior Aerobics \$1.00

10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

Thursday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

2:00 p.m. Senior Yoga with John \$1.00

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

Friday, January 4, 18

10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee

10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

1:00 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1, New fun & fit

Friday, January 11, 25

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 2

10:00 a.m. Executive Board meeting

Wednesday, January 9

12:30 p.m. Monthly meeting. Entertainment by Mike Gintella.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trip to Brownstone

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Jersey Dreamers present "St. Joseph's Feast." Featuring the Chessmen and the Best More Italian Food Ever. More information will be available at the January meeting.

The Municipal Building will be closed on
Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day
Monday, January 21, Martin Luther King Day
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Uncle Floyd Entertains Seniors

On November 15, 2012, members of the Leisure Club and the Central Bergen Chapter #418, AARP traveled a short distance to Colucci's Ristorante in Haledon. The restaurant has been a landmark in Haledon for over 25 years. It presented a warm, cozy and inviting atmosphere. The food served was plentiful and delicious.

After lunch, the unforgettable Uncle Floyd aka Floyd Vivino provided the entertainment. If you have never seen

him you must put him on your "Bucket List."

Uncle Floyd is a television, film, and stage performer primarily known for his comedy/variety TV show, the Uncle Floyd Show (1974-1998). He regularly performs his hilarious shows at nightclubs and fund raising events throughout the tri-state area.

Known for his honky-tonk piano playing as well as his stand-up comedy, Uncle Floyd adjusted his material according

to the audience. He reeled off one joke after another. There was no time to stop laughing.

He sang, played the acoustic piano, interacted with the audience and joked with owner Joe Colucci.

Even though Uncle Floyd went beyond the time scheduled for his performance, all who were there wished he would not stop. He also graciously posed for photos with the Club members. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Carlstadt Seniors Visit Radio City Music Hall

Members of The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club traveled to New York City on November 27, 2012, to see the Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular. The 2012 production, "The Rockettes Celebration," celebrates the 85th anniversary of the Rockettes and the 80th Anniversary of the Christmas Spectacular.

Anyone who has seen the Christmas Show in the past can never forget the overture played by two men on the mighty Wurlitzer Organs located on opposite sides of the great stage, nor the Rockettes' interpretations of Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, the Nutcracker Suite and the traditional visit with Santa.

This year's show featured dazzling dance numbers, beloved favorites, great singing, breathtaking special effects and a brand new showcase featuring the Rockettes' most extraor-



dinary costumes through the years. But of course the show would not be complete without the final act - "The Living Nativity."

What the theatergoers couldn't understand is that if the Rockettes are 85 years old, how come they look so much younger than the Carlstadt seniors.

Rockefeller Center was developed between 1929 and 1940 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., on land leased from Columbia University. The names "Radio City" and "Radio City Music Hall" derive from one of the complex's first tenants, the

Radio Corporation of America.

The Rockettes made their first appearance in 1925 as the "Missouri Rockets" in St. Louis. They were brought to New York and started appearing at Radio City on December 27, 1932. They were an instant sensation! The exemplary American chorus line consisted of 16 women with their complicated tap routines, eye-high kicks and exciting precision drill team routines. Their name was changed to the Rockettes and over the years the number of dancers grew to 36 members. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Home equity loan vs. line of credit

Both are sometimes referred to as second mortgages, because they're secured by your property, just like your original (first) mortgage. Home equity loans and lines of credit are usually for a shorter term than first mortgages. The most common type of mortgage runs 30 years, while equity loans typically have a life of 5 to 15 years.

The loan

A home equity loan, sometimes called a term loan, is a one-time lump sum that is paid off over a set amount of time, with a fixed interest rate and the same payments each month. Once you get the money, you cannot borrow further from the loan.

The line

A home equity line of credit (HELOC) works more like a credit card. You are allowed to borrow up to a certain amount for the life of the loan -- a time limit set by the lender. During that time you can withdraw money as you need it.

As you pay off the principal, your credit revolves and you can use it again. Let's say you have a \$10,000 line of credit. You borrow \$5,000, but then pay back \$3,000 toward the principal. You now have \$8,000 in available credit. This gives you more flexibility than a fixed-rate home equity loan.

Credit lines have a variable interest rate that fluctuates over the life of the loan. Payments will vary depending on the interest rate and how much credit you have used. When the life span of a line of credit has expired everything must be paid off. A lender may or may not allow a renewal.

Lines of credit are accessed by specially issued checks or a credit card. Lenders often require you to take an initial advance when you set up the loan, withdraw a minimum

amount each time you dip into it and keep a minimum amount outstanding. Financial institutions negotiate a home equity loan just like they do a mortgage: You have to pay off the loan or line of credit when you sell the house.

Which type should you choose?

The answer to this question is seldom black and white. To help you determine which loan best suits your needs, ask yourself:

- When do I need the money?
- For how long do I need the money? Is it for a short-term purpose, or a long-term?
- How long do I need to pay it off?
- How big of a monthly payment can I handle?
- Would a line of credit tempt me to use the money carelessly because it works similar to having a charge card or checking account?

Ask your lender:

- How long is the term of the closed-end loan?
- What is the life span of a line of credit?
- How large of a line of credit do I qualify for?
- Is my line of credit renewable when the life of the loan expires?
- What are the interest rates?
- Do I have to use my credit line right away? *(If you're opening a credit line for future or emergency needs, you'll want one that doesn't require a minimum draw at closing.)*
- Under what circumstances can you freeze, reduce or demand full payment of my loan?
- Can I lease my house during the time of the loan?
- Will you loan to me if my house is on the market *(and at what rate?)*
- If interest rates go down, how low will my loan go? ###

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Rutherford's Veterans and the Rutherford Cub Scout Pack 168 during the Veterans Day Services on November 11, 2012. Cub Scouts: Hunter Poror, Ryan Khin, Chris Nianshaoli Li, and Gus Berrettini. Photo submitted by Eileen Davis. ###



Veterans Today

By Thomas Marshall

The VFW Post 809 in Little Ferry and the American Legion Post 310 are fixing the storm damage as I write this. We will be back in action soon.

If you are a Veteran and would like to see some things the State does to aid you go to www.state.nj.us/military or call 1-888-8nj-vets. The state offers many things to aid Veterans in their transition back to the civilian life. If you have questions and need answers or help stop by Post 809 or 310. We will get you on the right track.

As the year 1814 drew to a close the British Army stood 8 miles south of New Orleans, Louisiana. General Edward Pakenham was hoping to take New Orleans and the Mississippi River out of American hands.

The war of 1812 showed that the British Army was as tough and formidable as it's always been.

The Americans had set up a defensive position about 5 miles south of New Orleans. The American right side was anchored against the Mississippi River.

General Pakenham was going to have a look at this line. On New Year's Day 1815, the British Army advanced against this line and an artillery duel between the lines commenced.

This lasted several hours and Pakenham came to the conclusion that it would be better to wait for reinforcements before he opened a full scale attack. So he withdrew back to his camp.

On the American side there were about 4,000 men in the Army and the militia behind the earthworks.

They were a mixture of people from all walks of life. There were professional soldiers, sailors, freed slaves, local shopkeepers, and some would also say pirates that operated around New Orleans.

They spoke English, French and Spanish. To keep them all focused and disciplined they needed a strong leader.

They found that leader in General Andrew Jackson. He

was known as Old Hickory because his independent nature and will were said to be as hard as Hickory.

Legend has it that during the Revolution when Old Hickory was a teenager a British officer told him to shine his boots. Jackson had no intentions of shining any officers boots and told him so.

The officer proceeded to strike him on the head with the blunt end of his sword and it was said that Jackson never forgot the insult.

General Pakenham planned to cross the field and climb the earthworks with ladders and sweep the Americans from the field.

He planned for two assault columns to attack the right and left side of the main defensive position. He also wanted a smaller force to cross the Mississippi River and attack a small battery there to take the position and possibly use the artillery there to shell the American position. Seemed sound at first glance but he didn't know Andrew Jackson. If he did, he would have thrown this plan in the garbage.

Early in the predawn darkness of January 8, 1815 the British Army went into motion.

Covered by the dark and a morning fog all seemed well at first, but when the sun lifted up a short time later so did the fog and the Americans were shown a view of 8,000 Redcoats headed straight for them.

The cannons blazed away and the two columns of Infantry began taking heavy casualties. General Samuel Gibbs commanding the right column was killed and this caused some confusion in the British Infantry.

The numbers of the dead and wounded began to mount and believe it or not, the British left behind the ladders that were supposed to be used in the attack.

General Keane was in command in the left column and he sent his Colonel to attack a small redoubt in front of the American line.

The Colonel captured it but he didn't hold it long. American Infantry attacked it and killed the Colonel and most of his men.

General Keane took a Regiment and was moving across the field to aid the right side column. This didn't work out for him or the Regiment he took, because he was in range of muskets and artillery. The General was wounded and the Regiment took heavy casualties.

The British did manage to take the artillery battery on the west side of the river as planned but, the Americans spiked most of the guns and were now not fit for use.

The battlefield was littered with the dead and dying. The left or the right column was no longer advancing and the survivors were taking cover wherever they could.

General Pakenham was hit with a piece of shell and was wounded. He would die a short time later and another General ordered a retreat.

It was an American victory that seemed impossible only weeks before. The British had almost 400 killed, another 1,500 wounded and 550 missing.

The Americans had around 700 killed or wounded.

To finish this tale you may be surprised to know that by the time of this battle the war was basically over.

On December 24, 1814, England agreed to the treaty of Ghent. The only thing left was for the U.S. Senate to approve of the treaty and they did in February of 1815.

Communication was slow and in Louisiana no one knew of the peace talks. The treaty stated that all land taken would be given back. So even if Pakenham had won it was going to be for nothing.

The Victory for America at New Orleans wasn't going to be for nothing on the American side. American Pride was at the highest since the Revolution. General Pakenham rode the battle of New Orleans to the grave, General Jackson rode it to the White House...

Be careful shoveling snow and if you have aged relatives, shovel their walks for them. Have a safe and happy winter. ###

Carlstadt Honors VOD Winners

The Carlstadt VFW Post 3149 will honor the winners of the Voice of Democracy program on January 24, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Carlstadt Civic Center, located on Fourth Street. The Voice of Democracy program is conducted by Becton Regional High School each year and is sponsored by the Post. RN. ###

DAV Meets at VFW

The Disabled American Veterans, Bergen County #15, meets at VFW Post 809 every third Tuesday at 19:30 hours.

A service officer will be available to assist in filling out claim forms. The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) mission is to help eligible Veterans receive all the benefits and services they have earned. For more information call Sal at 908-820-3191. ###

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(This fund is an independent charity chartered under the auspices of the First Presbyterian Church of Wood-Ridge. 100% of donations are used for direct service to people in need.)

Day of Infamy Remembered



A Remembrance Service was held at the USS Ling New Jersey Naval Museum, December 2, 2012, at 1 p.m. -- the 71st Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Several Veterans groups, Army Air Forces Historical Association and civilians were there to honor the memory of the 2,402 Americans lost, 1,282 injured, five of eight battleships that were sunk or sinking with the rest damaged, several other ships and Hawaii-based combat planes that were knocked out by the Japanese "sneak attack."

The memorial program began with Tom Conlon calling the program to order.

There was the Presentation of The Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brianna Conlon.

The National Anthem was sung by Ms. Oliva Verba, Invocation by Leslie Altschuler, Commander, Sub Vets Inc., "God Bless America" was sung by Golda Divoli Verba, remarks were made by Basil Kio, Sub Vets, WWII, NJ and guest speaker Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan.

It was a solemn moment when Leslie Altschuler read the names of the "WWII Boats on Eternal Patrol," and the bell was tolled.

Ken Odgers played "Taps," the rifle squad gave the 21 Gun Salute and Leslie Altschuler gave the Benediction.

The Colors were retired. Refreshments were served. This annual event at the USS Ling began in 1972. ###

Vietnam Veterans of America Meetings

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ, cordially invites you to attend their general meetings held on the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m. (excluding August).

Veterans and non-Veterans who would like to become a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800 are welcome to attend.

For more information go to: <http://www.vvachapter800.org/> or email: als69vet@optonline.net ###



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Auxiliary Donates AED and Pet Oxygen Masks



At the Borough of Carlstadt monthly Council meeting on Monday, November 19, 2012, the Carlstadt Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary made a special presentation to the Fire Department.

Ladies President Andrea Ruff, Vice-President Sue Bartlett and Treasurer Sue Cabri were on hand to present an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) as well as two pet oxygen masks.

Carlstadt Fire Chief Dan Eckert, Engine Company 2 Captain Mike Norling and Lieutenant John Harr were in attendance to accept these valuable life saving tools.

The AED unit will now allow for each of the Department's apparatus to be equipped with an AED. The pet masks will allow firefighters to administer oxygen to pets suffering from smoke inhalation when they are rescued from fires.

The Fire Department is very grateful for the donation of these items which the Department may not have been able to purchase themselves. *Story by Dan Eckert. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



On November 30, 2012, Metropolitan Exposition Exhibit and Display, located on Moonachie Avenue, presented the Moonachie Fire Department at Headquarters, with a check for \$5,000.



Best in Show

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department won Best in Show Chief's Award at the 11th Annual Wallington Fire Department Holiday Parade on November 24, 2012, with their entry of the "Battleship New Jersey."

The entry took a month to build using PVC and fabric. It was mounted on Engine 902. It featured a bridge, helicopter, confetti cannon, plus smoke came out of three cannons.

The Department selected the theme, "Support Our Troops." *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Oops!

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to a call on Paterson Plank Road in Carlstadt on November 17, 2012 with a report of vehicles in Berry's Creek. A vehicle struck an unoccupied vehicle pushing it into Berry's Creek, then it also went into the creek. The driver got out of the submerged vehicle. Divers from Wallington and North Arlington hooked up both vehicles for towing. Hazmat was called as a precaution. No injuries were reported. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

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