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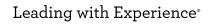
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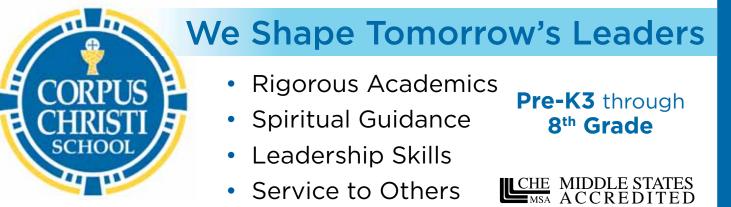
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The St. Mary Annual Holiday Craft Fair was held on Saturday, November 28, 2015, in the auditorium.

There were over 50 crafters and vendors displaying jewelry, candles, family crest ornaments, woodwork, stone sculpture, kids' and women's apparel, crochet items, unique hand-sewn gifts, glass work, handbags, kitchen items, cotton candy, sports caps, and many more unique crafts for purchase.



Admission was free. Free gift bags were given to the first 100 shoppers! ###

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Hasbrouck Heights "Athletes in Action" (representing Wrestling and Track and Field) held a litter-free event on Saturday, December 12, 2015. About 80 Hasbrouck Heights athlete volunteers assembled at the Central Avenue parking lot. T-shirts, gloves and garbage bags were provided. They were assigned to clean up litter on three state properties/off ramps on Route 17 and Route 46, as well as the Boulevard business district. About 45 trash bags of litter, 20 bags of recyclables and assorted car parts and tires were collected. The DPW provided escort and secured the workers from traffic. This was the 10th year. The event was sponsored by the NJ State Clean Communities Grant. ###



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Kate Baviello-Van Winkle (2006 alumna), a representative and patient of "Tomorrow's Children Foundation," met with Rutherford High School staff to pick-up over 100 blanket donations for children receiving cancer treatment at Hackensack University Medical Center. (1-r) Darlene Capobianco, Kelly Lancaster, Carol Gearity, Deborah Rovito, Jeffrey Doorn, Kate Baviello-Van Winkle, Sue Shortino, Lynn LaTorre, and Audrey Blinstrub. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes.* ###



Mrs. Barone's Kindergartners at McKenzie School in East Rutherford are pictured with the turkeys they disguised so those turkeys would not end up on the Thanksgiving table! *Provided by Karen Dey.* ###



RJF&C Pee Wee Bulldogs Are Super Bowl Champions

The Rutherford Peewee Bulldogs finished the 2015 season undefeated (11-0) and Meadowlands Super Bowl Champions. The RJF&C Bulldog Pee Wees will represent Northern NJ in the Junior Football Pee Wee Nationals in Virginia Beach, VA in December 2015. For up to date info, please go to www.leaguelineup.com/rjfbulldogs. *Provided by Mike Paskas.* ###





Nick Folk (right) with a group of 7th and 8th Grade students getting ready to play a basketball shoot out game during the program at Carlstadt Public School. ###

Carlstadt Students Visited by Jets' Nick Folk

Carlstadt Public School was honored by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and the New York Jets as this year's regular season winner of the Department of Agriculture's Jets PLAY 60 "Eat Right, Move More" program.

The "Eat Right, Move More" program encourages New Jersey school children to take advantage of healthy foods in their school cafeterias and become more active.

Carlstadt was chosen for its creative efforts to encourage students to eat healthier. Carlstadt Public School has a school garden where fruits, vegetables and spices are grown. *Provided by NJ Department of Agriculture*. ###



Toiletries for the Troops

Andrew Rojas, Boy Scout Troop 181, Eagle Scout Project, collected toiletries for deployed U.S. Troops through a program called "Operation Gratitude."

He held a collection drive on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Additionally, collection boxes were located at the W-R Civic Center, 495 Highland Avenue, W-R Borough Hall, 85 Humboldt Street. For more information, call 201-460-4449. ###



"No Shave November" at Union School Recently, Rutherford's Union School Principal, Mr. Kurt

The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Aviators defeated the Carlstadt/East Rutherford Wildcats 21-8, at Depken Field in the Meadowlands Football League Super Bowl. With the win, the Aviators finished 10-1, and avenged a 12-0 loss last year in Harrison to the Wildcats in the 2014 Super Bowl. *Photo by Faith Ballantine.*

(The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Aviators football team, coaches and cheerleaders were also honored by the Hasbrouck Heights Mayor and Council. This was the Junior Aviators' seventh Super Bowl win since 2000.) ###

Schweitzer, and several teachers at Union School participated in "No Shave November," an event that has its participants grow facial hair while raising money to support cancer research through donations to The American Cancer Society. The staff raised \$915.

The significance of growing facial hair is based in the fact that many cancer patients lose their hair through chemotherapy treatments. Top row: Shaun Bach, Christopher Viola, Curtis Arsi. Bottom row: Michael Blanchard, Michael DiBella, Kurt Schweitzer, John Brigante. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes.* ###



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Veterans Honored

Third-Grade students of Rutherford's Lincoln School honored all American military Veterans, both living and deceased, who served our nation, by posting flags around the front walkways of the school. Banners flanked the front doors of the school to show appreciation and support of all living Veterans and remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes.* ###



Tribute to Our Veterans

On November 10, 2015, the 8th Grade honors students presented the Veterans Day Program to the Faust School students and staff, and guests of honor, members of the East Rutherford VFW. The students sang patriotic songs and thanked the Veterans with poetry, a dramatization, and presentations. An informational slideshow and a touching video, as well as a Veteran playing bagpipes, concluded the heartwarming program. The Veterans were then treated to refreshments. Thank a Vet! *Provided by Jessica Gerity.* ###

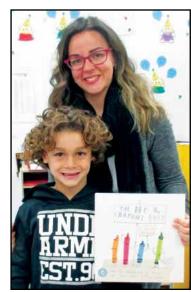




Sandy Hook Promise Visits Rutherford's Union School

On November 2, 2015, Union School students received training by the Sandy Hook Promise non-profit organization on how to identify, assess, and respond to threatening behaviors before they escalate to violence. Students learned how to recognize signs, especially in social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others, and say something to a trusted adult to get them help. The powerful message, delivered personally by a father of a Sandy Hook Elementary School victim, was to prevent gun-related deaths due to crime, suicide and accidental discharge so that no other parent experiences the senseless, horrific loss of their child. All Union School students pledged, "I promise to do all I can to protect children from gun violence by encouraging and supporting solutions that create safer, healthier homes, schools and communities."

Union School was the first school in New Jersey to be visited by the Sandy Hook Promise organization. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes.* ###





Rutherford First Graders Enjoy Planting

Lincoln School students recently took to the outdoors on a beautiful October afternoon to plant tulip, daffodil and crocus bulbs around the school, including in Lincoln Woods. In the spring they hope to see the labors of their day's work bloom.

Pictured: Students from Ms. Martinelli's First Grade plant bulbs around trees in front of Lincoln School. Ms. Martinelli took this opportunity to have a mathematics lesson. Students used their rulers to space the bulbs 12 inches apart and to dig holes 6 inches deep. Principal Velechko joined in the fun. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes.* ###



Adriana deArmas, a forensic chemist from the DEA, recently spoke to the 5th Graders of Faust School in East Rutherford during Red Ribbon Week. Her presentation covered drug awareness and prevention. She taught the students about the dangerous effects and negative consequences of several commonly abused drugs in the United States. She encouraged the students to commit to living a safe, healthy, and drug-free life. The session also included a question and answer period so students could share their thoughts on the topics discussed. The presentation was very engaging and educational for all of the 5th Graders. *Provided by Jessica Gerity.* ###



Lincoln School Food Drive

Lincoln School in Rutherford conducted a food drive to benefit the Rutherford Food Pantry during the month of November coordinated by the Lincoln School PTA. The Lincoln community was very generous and donated boxes of non-perishable items to those in need. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes*. ###

The Fourth Graders of McKenzie School in East Rutherford honored local Veterans at their annual Veterans Day assembly. *Provided by Karen Dey.* ###



The Lodi Library held a movie retrospective on November 13, 2015, on the 35th Anniversary of the movie "Friday the 13th." (l-r) President of The Friends of The Lodi Memorial Library Judy Schroeder, Carolyn Mezzadri, Board Member Marilyn DeMolli and Justin Watrel, Special Events. *Provided by Justin Watrel.* ### Parents, older siblings, grandparents, relatives, or other special people were invited to surprise the students in Mrs. Carti's Second Grade class at McKenzie School in East Rutherford by being a "Mystery Reader." Mrs. James, pictured with her son Jayden, read "The Day the Crayons Quit" to the students and brought along a special coloring activity which the students thoroughly enjoyed. *Provided by Karen Dey.* ###



Pierrepont Food Drive

From November 9 until Friday, November 20, 2015, the Pierrepont Student Council conducted their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Through the efforts of the students and staff at Pierrepont School, over six hundred items were collected and then donated to the Rutherford Food Pantry. Pictured is Eighth Grade Vice-president Casey Beidel standing with the collected items before delivery to the Rutherford Food Pantry. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes.* ###



(l-r) Daniel Kalmowitz, Scott Salerno, Brian Sanchez, Matthew De Marco, and Uoussef Abubaker. Stephen Desics was not available for the photo. ###

2015 Boys State Delegates Honored

On November 4, 2015, Uoussef Abubaker, Matthew De Marco, Stephen Desics, Daniel Kalmowitz, Scott Salerno and Brian Sanchez, all seniors at Hasbrouck Heights High School, each received a "Certificate of Appreciation and Participation" for attending the American Legion Boys State in June, 2015.

The seven boys were delegates sponsored by the Capt. James B. Scarr American Legion Post 106. Local Boys State chairman Peter J. Gallo presented the certificates to the seniors.

American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) is a mythical fifty-first state organized and administered for citizenship training purposes under the auspices of the American Legion Department of New Jersey.

A session of Jersey Boys State has been held annually since the first session in 1946. Held at Rider University every year beginning on Father's Day, ALJBS has a strong tradition of education, patriotism and excellence in the development of tomorrow's leaders at the week long hands-on program.

Only high school juniors are eligible for the program. American Legion posts throughout the state of New Jersey sponsor each delegate. They expect about 1,000 delegates to attend the 71st Session of New Jersey Boys State at Rider University in June 2016. More information can be obtained on line by going to http:// www.aljbs.org.

Guidance counselors stress that college admissions officers are impressed with applicants who have special achievements such as being a Boys State Delegate, an Eagle Scout, etc.

Mr. Gallo stated that the American Legion is presently looking for 11th Grade boys who reside in Hasbrouck Heights and have a desire to attend Boys State 2016. Interested boys attending a private school should contact him at 201-288-0276. *Provided by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Rutherford High School Awarded \$10,000 Sustainability Grant

At an event held on December 3, 2015, Sustainable Jersev for Schools and the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) announced that Rutherford High School has been awarded a \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey for Schools grant. These grants will support school and district projects that link student learning and sustainability efforts to school rain gardens, outdoor learning classrooms, a winter greenhouse, an aquaponics system, native habitat gardens, sustainability curriculum and more.

These grants are funded by NJEA, which has partnered with Sustainable Jersey for Schools to provide over \$180,000 to qualifying schools and districts.

"NJEA is proud to work with Sustainable Jersey on this important program that directs resources into our schools," said NJEA Secretary-Treasurer Sean Spiller. "It is our job to help create a new generation of engaged citizens and leaders. By emphasizing the value of sustainability, we also help ensure that we leave a better world for our students."

Earlier this year, Sustainable Jersey formed an un-



derwriting partnership with NJEA. In addition to funding this cycle of the grant program, NJEA provides in-kind support through research and technical expertise. Sustainable Jersey for Schools is supported by 12 issue-based task forces that help develop and update the certification actions. NJEA's leadership and members serve on Sustainable Jersey task forces and over 137 districts and 328 schools are currently participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.

"We know that schools and districts are in the best position to determine the needs for their schools," said Donna Drewes, who co-directs Sustainable Jersey with Randall Solomon. "These NJEA-funded grants will allow school communities to come together to improve outcomes for students, teachers and the environment. Collaboration is key, and we are proud to have support from important strategic partners like NJEA."

Proposals were judged by an independent Blue Ribbon Selection Committee. The Sustainable Jersey for Schools grants are intended to help school districts and schools make progress toward a sustainable future in general, and specifically toward Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification.



Team members (L to R): Julianna Pandorf, Michael Gallo,



Matthew Druciak, Jasmine Garcia, Daniel Sarmiento-Arias, Luis Vicioso-Gil, Joanne Kwon, Bryan Spadavecchia, Kyle Kaneshige, Yosuke Tobe, Christina Monti. Advisor: Joshua Frisch

Moonachie Robotics Team

In its first competition ever, the Moonachie Robotics Team came in second place overall at the South Bergen Jointure Commission's Vex IQ Highrise Robot Competition. The competition took place at Carlstadt Public School on December 2, 2015. The competition was comprised of three rounds in which robots had to move and stack colored cubes in 1 minute. The first two rounds involved team members controlling the robots, while the

third round had robots running on automated programs created by each team. Moonachie achieved the highest score after the first two rounds (133 points), but ultimately lost by 2 points to South Hackensack. However, the team was given the "Individual Team Award" for having the highest score in the human controlled rounds. The team will compete again in March at the next SBJC competition. Provided by Joshua Frisch and Phil Facendola. ###

Mrs. Fallon and Mrs. Forte's Kindergarten ESL students from McKenzie School in East Rutherford visited Shop Rite of Wallington. Registered Dietitian, Samantha Pappas, discussed the food groups, colors, and nutrition with the students. They toured the store and did a produce scavenger hunt to their enjoyment. *Provided by Karen Dey.* ###

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Spring 2016 ESL Classes

Session: February 3 – May 4, 2016 (no classes on February 10 and March 23), Wednesday nights from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., at the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine

For more information about the adult ESL program or to register a student, please call 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. ###

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Copy for the **February Issue** is due January 5th.

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Spring Reading Improvement Program

The Felician Reading Center will offer a Spring Reading Improvement Program for students in Grades 2 - 3 and 4.

The program will begin on January 25, 2016 and end on April 28, 2016. The classes are held twice a week - Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

The program will aim to increase Reading Speed with primary emphasis on the improvement of Phonics, Comprehension and Vocabulary Skills.

There will be a weekly fee for services rendered.

The Felician Reading Center is located at 260 South Main Street in Lodi, New Jersey.

For further information, call Sister Mary Andrew at 973-473-7447, extension 123. ###

Mothers of Pre-schoolers

How does this mom of three girls ages six and younger keep her sanity? It's a fabulous 4-letter word: MOPS! So says our MOPS mom, Melissa.

MOPS is specifically designed for moms with a child in the womb through Kindergarten age. They like to say that it's like a mommy timeout! Join them at "The Family Rest Stop" on Thursday, January 28, 2016, 7-9 p.m.

Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Moms from any town are welcome to join. Free MOPPETS childcare provided by RSVP only. Monthly Friday morning get together and outings too.

For more info: hasbrouckhtsmops@gmail.com; 862-239-MOPS; Fb - Hasbrouck Heights Mothers of Preschoolers ###

W-R Pre-school Registration

The Wood-Ridge Board of Education is accepting registration for a tuition based Pre-School Instructional program for the 2016/2017 school year. The program will be open to Wood-Ridge residents and School District Employees and held in the Catherine E. Doyle School.

Registration for the 2016/2017 Pre-School classes will be held at the Catherine E. Doyle School beginning on Monday, January 25, 2016. New registration will be conducted on a first come, first served basis. Parents must provide proof of current physical and certain immunizations

Please contact Mrs. Tiesi at 201-933-6777 for registration and medical forms. Visit www. wood-ridgeschools.org ###

W-R Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2016/2017 Wood-Ridge Kindergarten classes will be held at the Catherine E. Doyle School from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 10, 2016, by appointment only.

Children are eligible if they turn five (5) years old on or before October 1, 2016.

Contact Mrs. Tiesi at 201-933-6777 for registration and medical forms. ###

RLC Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Pre-school and Kindergarten registrations are currently being held for children new to the Robert L. Craig School.

Call Mrs. Lacey between 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 201-641-5833 ext. 109 for the Pre-school registration process. Children who will be 4 years old on or before October 1, 2016 are eligible for Pre-school.

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Annual Soup and Salad Luncheon

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Tickets are \$8 per person. Take-outs available. Come and beat the winter blues with some warm soup, friendship and conversation. Contact Marge at 201-288-8933 or Pat 201-288-0495 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. ###

Tricky Tray January 17

The First Presbyterian Church in Carlstadt is hosting a Tricky Tray on Sunday, January 17, 2016, starting at 1 p.m. at The Graycliff.

Donation is \$45 per person and includes dinner, soda and a sheet of tickets for regular level prizes. Cash bar. Must be 18 and over. Reserved seating. For tickets call Sue or Harold at 201-438-2273. ###

Casino Bus Trip

The HH VFW Post 4591 sponsors Casino Bus Trips on the last Wednesday of each month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. The cost is \$35 paid in advance; includes a continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., a casino voucher and a goody bag on your trip home. Games, prizes and a movie make the travel time pass quickly. Call the Post for details at 201-288-1112. ###

Full Wolf Moon

The January full moon will appear on Saturday, Janu-

Pancake Breakfast January 10

The Lodi Fire Department Honor Guard is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 10, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Lodi Moose Lodge #1971, 215 Charles Street, Hackensack.

Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, tea, etc. There will be a 50/50. Donation: \$8 Adults and \$5 for children under 12. For tickets call Mike at 973-868-0976 or Anthony at 862-247-5777. ###

Pancake Breakfast January 10

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, January 10, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to noon at 39 Washington Street, Lodi.

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

Adults: \$6; children over 6: \$4; children 6 and under: free. Profits to benefit local charities. ###

Felician Sisters Christmas Concert January 3

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 3, 2016, 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.

New Year's Eve Dinner

The Hasbrouck Heights Elks Lodge #1962 will host a New Year's Eve Dinner catered by the Brownstone. Live music will be provided by "The Troublemakers." The cost is \$65 per person. For reservations, call Linda at 973-980-4773.

The Elks Lodge is located at: 128 Baldwin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. ###

Free Lunch Saturday

Everyone is invited to the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Saturday" program, which will be held on January 9, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. This hot lunch features "Southern Country Breakfast."

This program is an expansion of the Church's ministry of feeding hungry bodies and hungry hearts, and continues on the first Saturday of every month. If the economy's got you down, or you want to share a meal with others, come and be a part of this celebration of the Moonachie community. There is no charge and there are no strings attached! ###

Train Exhibition

The New York Society of Model Engineers will host an exhibition of their 5,000 square feet of operating model trains and train exhibits on January 2 and 3, 2016.

They are located at 341 Hoboken Road, Carlstadt, NJ. Phone is 201-939-9212. Check website for hours and admission at: www.ModelEngineers. org ###

Turkey Luncheon

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor their

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

January Birthstone Garnet There is no admission charge for this concert, but goodwill offerings will be accepted and proceeds will be given to the poor. The Chapel is handicap accessible.

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



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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

With the arrival of the New Year comes the opportunity to chase after that elusive dream.

Now is the perfect time to set yourself free from the chains of the past and ride the wave of optimism onto the sunny shores of fulfillment.

Lodi resident and singer extraordinaire Jack Sepede has done just that. After years of performing on the karaoke circuit the local crooner walked away from his inhibitions and onto the stage as the lead singer for an acapella "doo wop" group called Party of Five.

Known by his fans as THE KING OF KARAOKE, Jack has taken a new turn on the road of entertainment and is paving the way toward making his dream come true. Members of the popular ensemble include Jack Sepede, Jerry Lanzerotti, Mike Edwards, Bob Goetz and Joe Pupino. Check the local listings for a performance near you.

What dream of yours are you ready to pursue? Forget those ill-fated "New Year's Resolutions" that, as we all know, seldom make it past January 2nd.

Indeed, some of them are abandoned minutes after the ball at Time Square finishes its descent. Once you break that resolution folks there's no going back to pick up the pieces. You have to wait until the following year before you can erase the past and try again.

That is the unwritten law of New Year's resolutions, so the smart thing to do is to stick with it right folks? For many of us the last thing we hear before we give in to temptation is "Happy New Year!"



That's when the struggle begins and our resolution ends. Hey, we have all been there at one time or another so it's nothing to get disturbed about.

The real culprit is guilt and let me tell you folks you don't want to start the year off hating yourself. It's painful enough waking up with a hangover let alone feeling the ill effects of a resolution gone bad.

The best thing to do in a case like that is to immediately forgive yourself and concentrate on making that dream of yours come true.

So you stumbled a little out of the gate, the good news is that you have the entire year ahead of you to come from behind and finish strong. It might serve you well to know that your most worthy opponent is none other than yourself.

With that in mind dig in and fight the good fight and if you never make another New Year's resolution again let this one be your last. "Never give up!"

As a kid growing up on Westervelt Place, New Year's Eve was a family affair. What I recall most was the delicious sausage that filled frying pans throughout the neighborhood.

During the days leading up to the Christmas holiday, we would watch in joyful anticipation as Lou Albano, owner of the corner store, stood behind his stainless steel sausage making machine, filling those transparent casings, which by the way were made from pig intestines, with freshly ground beef, pork, seasoning, and whatever else his expertise called for.

The sausage was made to order whether it was cheese filled (*my favorite*), hot pepper, or plain. Either way it was and remains the finest tasting sausage ever to grace the table of Lena Maglionico.

The only problem was that Lou Albano made this much sought after delicacy but once a year, and you had to wait till midnight to eat it. fork, which to me a fitting tribute to Lou's heavenly holiday sausage.

The aroma of those cheese filled links lingered in the kitchen well into the next morning, as did the memory of my having eaten it.

My cousin, Anthony Maglionico, recalls his mom, a legendary cook in her own right, making her own New Year's Eve sausage, which was also prepared at midnight and served with a homemade green olive salad laced with red onions.

The very memory of that midnight feast caused my cousin Anthony's mouth to water even as he was telling me the story.

By the way cousin, please wish your mother, my Aunt Josephine, a Happy New Year for me. I'm gonna run out for a moment and grab myself a hot dog...It's not holiday sausage but I can dream can't I?

New Year's Day itself was, at least as far as I was concerned, nothing to brag about.

For me, and every other kid I knew, New Year's Day meant that the holiday and all of its magic and excitement had come to a sudden stop.

That's how it felt to me... like riding my Huffy into a wall and wondering how it got there. That's how fast the end of Christmas vacation sneaks up on a kid.

In the meantime your once beautifully decorated tree has been tossed out onto the street rolling over in the wind like a lifeless tumble weed.

There are strands of tinsel hanging from those dried out branches which made it all the more painful to look at. I helped my Mother put that tinsel on, so I took it personally that it met such an undignified end.

If nothing else told me that the holiday was officially over, it was the sight of all those forgotten Christmas trees lying in the gutter waiting to be carted away like the refuse they had become.

It was sad to see them go. So anyway folks, here's hoping that 2016 is the year that we make at least one dream come true.

Municipal Reorganization Meetings

Carlstadt: Friday, January Council Chambers.

1, 2016, at 1 p.m. in the Council
Chambers.Moonachie: Sunday, Janu-
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day, January 3, 2016, at 11:45
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 a.m. in the Council Chambers. uary 1, 2016, at 3 p.m., in the Little Ferry: Thursday, Council Chambers. ###

January 7, 2016, at 7 p.m. in the

Trip to the Sands Casino January 18

Rosary Confraternity is sponsoring a trip to the Sands Casino on Monday, January 18, 2016.

The bus will leave from in front of MSH Church at 9 a.m. sharp, returning at approximately 5:30 p.m. The price is \$35 and includes bus transportation, a \$20 free slots play, and a \$5 food voucher.

Payment is due when the reservation is booked. Checks should be made payable to "MSH Rosary Confraternity," placed with the reservation form in an envelope marked "Sands Trip," and dropped off or mailed to the Rectory at 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington 07057.

Note: Guests must present valid state or federal issued photo id in order to obtain their Sands Players Club Card or any motor coach incentive.

For information, call Ginny at 201-715-2087. ###

Tram Tour of Botanical Garden

The First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford has organized a 45-minute private tram tour of the New York Botanical Garden at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2016. 2016 marks the New York Botanical Garden's 125th Anniversary.

The tram tour offers a

Verismo Opera Auditions

The New Jersey Association of Verismo Opera, invites soloists in all vocal categories to audition for selected roles in the grand opera company's 2016 productions.

Solo roles are available in the company's debut of Amilcare Ponchielli's La Gioconda and Giuseppe Verdi's Rigoletto.

Open auditions will be held on Monday, January 4 and Monday, January 11, 2016.

The company will present La Gioconda on Sunday, April 17, 2016 and Rigoletto on Sunday, October 23, 2016.

All applicants must have previous experience in a fully staged production and the necessary vocal training to perform leading or supporting roles. The application deadline to audition is December 26, 2015. Call 201-886-0561 for additional information. ###

Jim Thebery Recognized

Bergen County Executive James J. Tedesco III presented a Certificate of Commendation to Jim Thebery, Director of the County Division on Disability for his recent Ann Klein Award from the Community Health Law project.

The prestigious Michael Leone Award honors and individual who has advocated for accessibility for Individuals with Disabilities. The award was for Mr. Thebery's campaign to establish "Access for ALL Committees" in all communities. "Each person is unique in what they can accomplish. Jim has sought to open town parks, events and services to all persons with disabilities. We now count over 30 municipalities in Bergen County with such a committee," stated Tedesco. Jim Thebery is a resident of Hasbrouck Heights. ###

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My mother used to let me scrape the burnt cheese off of the frying pan and eat it off the Why not? After all the canvas is unmarked so we can take advantage of the opportunity to paint on it whatever we choose.

It's the perfect time to start asking ourselves important questions like what is the meaning of life? Why am I here? Is there life after death? And most importantly...When do the Yankees start spring training?

Happy New Year 2016! ###

relaxing and informative way to see much of this National Historic Landmark's beautiful natural terrain, including dramatic rock outcroppings, a river and waterfall, ponds, and rolling hills.

The cost is \$20 per person. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Church office at 201-438-3569 by Friday, April 29. Participants should plan on arranging for their own transportation and arriving at the Gardens by 1:00 p.m. For more information on the Gardens visit http://www.nybg. org. For more information on the Church visit http://www. fpcrutherford.org ###

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Lodi Library **Computer Classes**

Lodi Memorial Library offers introductory-level computer classes on Tuesday and Saturday, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

• January 5 – Computer Basics: learn about the components of a computer and how to use a mouse, keyboard and monitor.

• January 9 and 12 - Internet & Email Basics: How to search for websites; navigate between web pages, search within websites and change Internet preferences.

• January 16 and 19 – Intro to Microsoft Word: Learn to create, save and format a document. Basic computer and keyboard typing skills are required.

• January 26 - Intro to Microsoft Excel: Learn to create and format a spreadsheet, enter numeric and text information and basic number operations.

Space is limited. Register by placing \$5 refundable deposit for each class at Lodi Memorial Library, One Memorial Drive. The deposit is forfeited for no-shows. Lodi residents have priority for registration.

All classes are held in the 1st floor Conference Room. Call or visit The Library to register.

One-on-one 30-minute sessions with the instructor are also available, for assistance with setting up Email and Facebook accounts and other topics on request. Call 973-365-4044 to make an appointment. ###

E-Reader 101

Did you get a new e-reader as a holiday gift and don't know how to make it work? The professor is in!

On January 27, 2016, at 7 p.m., learn how to access all The Library has to offer with just a few simple swipes and clicks of the button. Bring in your tablet and let's get started. Don't have a tablet and still want to learn? Don't worry-Carlstadt Library has Nooks

W-R ESL Classes The Wood-Ridge Memo-

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

Frankenstein

On Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 7:15 p.m, join your neighbors and friends at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library to discuss the classic "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk. All are welcome. ###

Toastmasters Meet Monday Evenings

Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career?

Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development.

The Park Avenue Toastmasters will meet at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library on Monday, January 4 and Monday, January 25, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Questions? Contact **Diane Rhodes of Toastmasters** at 201-396-0532. ###

Toastmasters Meet Saturday Mornings

Learning to speak in public has now been made easy! The Toastmasters Club, which meets in Rutherford, has weekly programs which provide "hands on" public speaking and leadership training to anyone interested in improving themselves.

The Fairleigh Early Birds Toastmasters Club meets every Saturday morning at 9:30 to 11 a.m. at The Rutherford Library downstairs auditorium. All are invited to attend. Stop in as a guest! For details: http://4229. toastmastersclubs.org/###

Chocolate Trivia

Do you love chocolate and want to put your knowledge to the test? Join The Carlstadt Library for a fun trivia game about all things chocolate on February 3, 2016 at 7 p.m. Play for a chance to win some prizes and while you're there, grab some goodies. All are welcome! No registration required. ###

Crafty Crafters

Get your craft on with The Carlstadt Library's new adult only Craft Club. This month they will be making string art. All supplies are provided. The Club meets every third Saturday of the month at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. starting January 16, 2016. Supplies and space are limited.Call 201-438-8866 ex. 204 to register.

The Carlstadt Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt.

ThyCa **Meetings**

Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. will meet on Thursday, January 7, 2016, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. All are welcome. No registration required. For more information call Kerri at 860-938-6996. ###

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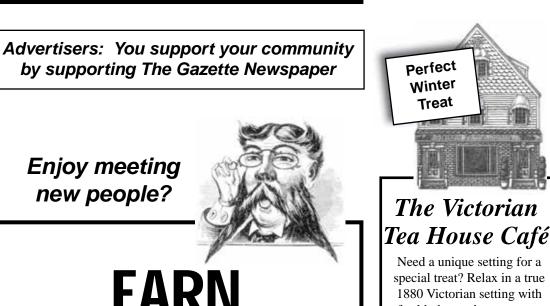
On Wednesday, starting at 1:30 p.m., free movies will be shown at The Lodi Memorial Library. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

Tablets Available

Carlstadt residents can now borrow tablets at The Carlstadt Library, using your valid library card. Not a resident of Carlstadt? That's OK. They have tablets available for inhouse use as well! Easy to use and lots of fun!

For further information please call 201-438-8866 ex. 204. Carlstadt Public Library 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt. ###

Libraries offer best-selling books, audio books, current and classic DVDs, CDs, and magazines. They also have free Internet access. Libraries offer programs for children, teens and adults. They offer a variety of story times, craft classes, magic shows for children, and for adults, financial seminars, cooking classes, and interesting speakers. For more information go to: bccls.org



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The Greenest Show on Earth

On Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 3:30 p.m., Muscle Man Mike is coming to The Carlstadt Library to explain how we can help save the planet!

Learn, sing, see some magic, and have a terrific time! Seats are first come, first served. All ages are welcome. ###

The Little Mermaid!

On Saturday, January 2, 2016, at 11 a.m., come out of the cold and have some popcorn and watch the Disney classic, "The Little Mermaid" at The Carlstadt Library. The show starts at 11, and runs for about 1.5 hours. ###

The Lego Club

On Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 3:30 p.m., everything is awesome when you're at The Carlstadt Library Lego Club! Kids get a whole mess of Legos and see what they can create. Kids First Grade and up are welcome to attend this monthly event. ###

Carlstadt **Story Time**

On Thursday, 10:30 a.m, all month, at The Carlstadt Library, they read stories, sing songs, and best of all have fun! Kids up to age five are welcome to attend with caregivers.

Come by and have some fun at The Carlstadt Public Library. Call 201-438-8866 ext. 203 or visit carlstadt.bccls.org for more information. ###

Mango

East Rutherford Memorial Library now offers"Mango," a popular language learning resource. Learn over 60 languages in a calm, quiet atmosphere or in the privacy of your home. Learning with Mango is organized, practical and totally painless. ###

W-R Storytime for **Preschool Pals and Toddler** Time

• Preschool Pals will meet at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library on Tuesday, January 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2016 at noon. Children, ages 4 and 5 years, get ready for Kindergarten with weekly themed stories, songs, and a craft.

• Toddler Time on Thursday, January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3 and under enjoy weekly themed stories, songs, rhymes and movement.

Registration is required; space is limited. Please call the Wood-Ridge Library at 201-438-2455 to register. ###

Paws for Reading

Young Readers Wanted! On Monday, January 4 and 25, 2016, at 6 p.m., children are invited to The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library to read to Rodney.

Rodney, an award-winning, certified therapy dog, loves to listen to stories! Children ages 5 and older may register for a 15-minute session.

Therapy dogs provide a safe, nurturing experience for emergent readers to practice their literacy skills. Rodney was recently the recipient of an honorable mention in the Therapy Dog category at the 2015 AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence. He is also a Trrrrific Therapy Dog Award winner! To register, please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

W-R Chess Club

On Wednesday, January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2016, The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host a free Chess Club for learners of all ages. Children meet from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Adult beginning players meet from 4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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els, the Chess Club is led by a coach who can teach new chess players the basics, and help experienced children sharpen their skills. ###

Crafternoon

On Wednesday, at 3:30 p.m., all month, Miss Nina presents Crafternoon where you let your creative streak out and make some awesome crafts at The Carlstadt Library. This program is for kids aged five and up. Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy!

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Friends of The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library

Friends have started their Membership Drive for this year.

• The Junior membership is \$5. There are five tiers available for the adult members. The adult membership begins at \$20 for Individual and the highest is \$500 for the Director's Circle. Consider a gift membership for a friend or relative!

• They are happy to announce that Merchants have once again joined for another year. They are especially grateful to businesses for their discounts to members but also by helping support all the programs and activities for adults and children in The Library. An example of their generosity

Welcome to 2016! The is the collaboration between the Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Library for the "Taste of Hasbrouck Heights" fundraiser.

> The restaurants donated their specialty dishes and other establishments purchased ads and donated extra items to help this event be a huge success. Please frequent these businesses! The Merchant flyer is listed with this article.

Always remember to show your "Friends Membership Card" when attending one of the establishments.

• The Friends are also members of the Community Service Programs of TD Bank and Boiling Springs. They have received over \$5,000 in donations from these worthwhile programs.

Just visit The Library to pick up a brochure or go directly to the bank. All donations come directly from Boiling Springs and TD Bank and all members and account information is strictly confidential.

On behalf of Director Mimi Hui, her staff and the Board of the Friends, they thank all who signed up for making these programs such a huge success.

• The Friends have continued support with Amazon Smile. It is an automatic way to support your favorite charity every time you shop on Amazon. They donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases. Brochures are available at The Library.

The Junior Friends of The Library have become a very important part of The Library.

This year they have assisted by serving refreshments at different functions. They were very instrumental in making the Boulevard Stroll a big success. The "Summer Bash" was the highlight of the year. The Juniors worked many hours painting and decorating and worked very hard the evening of the event. And once again it was a huge success.

The Friends of The Library is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers whose function is to stimulate awareness of the Public Library, help support programs for adults and children as well as aid and support the development of The Library. Please consider joining this worthwhile organization, they always welcome volunteers because without you they will not succeed.

All of the Board Members will remain the same. Micky Maschio, Vice-President, Rosalie Nickles, Treasurer, Rosemarie Settembrino, Treasurer and Judy Mascis, President.

Come and join their Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

The General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Both meetings will be held in The Library Meeting Room on the second floor of the Borough Hall located at 320 Boulevard. Judy Mascis. ###

Libraries Are Fun!

HH Garden **Club News**

The HH Garden Club wishes everyone a Happy New Year and invites you to join their first meeting for the New Year.

The evening begins with refreshments at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short meeting to keep everyone up to date of upcoming news and events.

It will be held on January 21, 2016 in the Senior Center located at 320 Boulevard on Central Avenue.

This month the speaker will be Jim Wright. His topic for the evening will be "Nature of the Meadowlands." Jim is a writer with an environmental bent, Deputy Warden at the Celery Farm Natural Area in Allendale, and a trustee of the NJ Chapter of Nature Conservancy.

His interests are birds, nature, conservation, local history, photography, screech owls, and the environment. He will include some beautiful photography of life at the Meadowlands. For further information call Judy at 201-

Becoming a Friend Has Its Benefits!

By becoming a Friend of the Hasbrouck Heights Public Library, not only are you supporting the Library, but your membership entitles you to various discounts at our local merchants.

For further information, contact Judy Mascis at (201) 288-2615

or stop by the Library and speak with a staff member to sign up and learn more.

The Public Library is located at 320 Boulevard on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building.

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	Xcel Tae Kwan Do	229 Boulevard	(201) 288-8033
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288-2615. ###

Having an Affair?

If your organization is having an event that is open to the public, we can help you tell "everybody" about it. Simply provide the following event details: name, date, times, cost, brief explanation of program features, etc., along with contact information. Send these details at least 45 days prior to the event to: fritz@hasbrouckheights.com or drop them off at: The Gazette Newspaper, 343 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

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Santa at the Wood-Ridge Tree Lighting on November 27, 2015.























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Illuminating The Season





Lodi began their 35th Annual Tree Lighting, 7 p.m., on December 4, 2015.

There was the traditional short parade with the Lodi High School Marching Band. The Fire Department brought Santa to the Municipal Complex.

Santa led residents in the countdown and the official Lodi Holiday Tree was lit. The Lodi High School Choir sang several songs. Assisted by many beautiful "elves," Santa met with all the children for pictures in The Library. Gifts were presented to the children. ###







After a busy day of holiday festivities, immediately following the 64th Annual Chamber Parade, the **Borough of Rutherford** held their official Tree Lighting at The Rutherford Public Library on Saturday, November 28, 2015.

The Rutherford Community Band played many seasonal songs. *See Rutherford Chamber Parade on page 16.* ###



On December 5, 2015, at 7 p.m., the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at **Moonachie** Borough Hall. Due to Sandy's devastation of Borough Hall, for the third year the public gathered (*for after tree lighting festivities*), in a huge tent that was set up in the Borough Hall parking lot. At 7 p.m., everyone went to the official tree for the countdown and lighting. Everyone returned for hot chocolate and cookies (*provided by the South Bergen Rotary Club*). The R. L. Craig School band played music, then the children met with Santa while parents took photos. ###





Following the **Hasbrouck** Heights Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade Friday night, November 27, 2015, residents gathered at The Circle for the official Tree Lighting. Pat Link was the MC. Mayor Rose Heck led everyone in a collective "countdown" and The Circle trees were lit for the holiday season. Deacon Paul A. Carris provided a seasonal invocation. Everyone joined in as the Hasbrouck Heights Middle and High School students, assisted by Chip Dee, sang festive songs. This year, Santa and Mrs. Claus went into TD Bank to speak with the children and take photos. The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department assisted. The event was sponsored by the HH Mayor's Celebrations Committee. ###



Members of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department at the Holiday Parade and Community Tree Lighting on November 27, 2015. The Department provided an Honor Guard and showcased their rolling stock during the parade. During the Tree Lighting, they provided area lighting and sound system. ###



On December 3, 2015, at 6 p.m., the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at Little Ferry Borough Hall. The Little Ferry Fire Department gave Santa a ride. Santa went inside Borough Hall and spoke with each child and gave them a gift. Parents took photos.

At 7 p.m., everyone went to the official tree for the countdown and lighting, with Santa using his magical candy cane to light the tree.

The Memorial School Choir sang holiday songs outside Borough Hall. ###







Rutherford Chamber of Commerce 65th Holiday Parade

The highlight of the 2015 Rutherford Holiday Festival held on Saturday, November 28, 2015, was the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade. A rainy evening did not dampen the spirits with the Parade starting at 4 p.m. at Union Avenue and Beech Street to The Circle at the Train Station and up Park Avenue to The Library for the official Tree Lighting. 55 Kip Center was the Grand Marshall. The Holiday Festival also included activities at St. Mary Craft Fair, Holiday Village set-up in Lincoln Park (*see page 20*), Story Time with Mrs. Claus, crafts, rides, entertainment, pictures with Santa, free horse and carriage rides, etc. ###





































HH Chamber Holiday Parade Kicks-off a Merry Season

The Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce kicked-off the Season with their Annual Nighttime Holiday Parade. It stepped off at Williams Avenue at 7 p.m., on November 27, 2015, proceeded south along The Boulevard and concluded at The Circle for the official Community Tree Lighting. Some of the old-timers believe the traditional Parade started in the 1950s, but no one is sure. This year, a new feature included several community organizations creating floats. ###











Editor's Retrospective: Men



Matt Fenton Memorial 5K, July 2015



All Sunshine and Smiles at Heights Street Fair, June 2015



TEB Hosts NBAA Regional Forum, August 2015





Teterboro Airport 5K, August 2015



Wood-Ridge Mayor's 5K, November 2015



Rutherford Celebrates Patriotism, August 2015





Personal Best, May 2015



Rutherford Relay for Life, June 2015



Rutherford Multicultural Festival, June 2015



International Day, June 2015







at Teterboro Airport, August 2015



AHOF Open Cockpit Week-end, November 2015



Teterboro Airport Career Day, June 2015



Boulevard Stroll, September 2015

Superheros United at an Epic Family Gathering, September 2015



Angelic Voices Sing The Glory of Christmas, February 2015

Rabbits Herald the Spring Season, May 2015



Bringing It All Together for The Right Stuff, October 2015

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Skating Returns to Rutherford, February 2015



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Heights: Happy Birthday America, August 2015





Matt Fenton Memorial 5K,



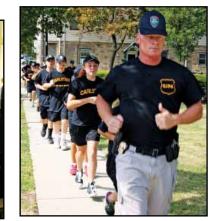
Freedom, July 2015



HHFD Open House, December 2015



HHFD Installation Dinner, February 2015





Salute to Veterans, December 2015







Noteworthy, March 2015



Fire Departments Remember

Their Brothers, July 2015

HHFD Annual Inspection,

Police Chief for a Day, July 2015

Adventure: Carlstadt Jr. Police Academy, October 2015



Christie Speaks in Heights, May 2015













Following the Rutherford Parade and Tree Lighting, a Holiday Village was set-up in Lincoln Park, offering Story Time with Mrs. Claus, crafts, rides, entertainment, pictures with Santa, free horse and carriage rides, etc. ###

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Heights Flower Shoppe held their Open House on December 6, 2015. This very popular Open House kicked off the Holiday Season with 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. ###



Wreaths & Grave Blankets

The Moonachie First Aid and Rescue Squad held their Annual Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale at their Headquarters. Fully decorated wreaths 22" to 24" and grave blankets from 2 1/2' to 3' were available. Proceeds benefit their operations. ###



Bill O'Shea's Florist held their Annual Open House on Sunday, November 22, 2015, traditionally the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Hosts, John and Linda Kosakowski, welcomed guests to enjoy music, prizes, refreshments and special offers. Featured was a photo opportunity with Santa. There was a mailbox for letters to Santa. A beautiful Thanksgiving Centerpiece was raffled. Bill O'Shea's Florist has been delivering Season's Cheer for over 45 years. ###



Celebrating their 9th Anniversary, **The Religious Shoppe** held an Open House on Sunday, November 22, 2015. Hosts, Barbara and Gary Doran, welcomed guests to enjoy music, refreshments and special offers. Featured was a book signing by local author, John Rizzo, who autographed his new book, "Jesus Christ--Wisdom Learned at the Feet of the Lord."###



The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association held their annual Christmas Tree Sale this Holiday Season at St. John the Divine, at the corner of

s Franklin and Terrace.

On Saturday, November 28, 2015, the Association was out in full force to unload the trees and set-up the lot. They

carried an array of trees of various sizes and prices. This sale has been a Hasbrouck Heights holiday tradition for over twenty years. The money raised goes to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors from Hasbrouck Heights who want to attend col-

lege. They thank area residents for their on-going support of their sale and wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. ###

Santa Arrives at **Teterboro** Airport

at Teterboro Airport by helicopter at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2015. He was then transported to the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum by the Port Authority Police "Snozzle" ARFF Rescue and Fire Fighting Truck. They were greeted by many well wishers at the Museum.

Santa and his elf entered the Museum and went upstairs.

Santa and his elf arrived Parents took photos of their children with Santa in front of the airplane, "Little Cut Up." Upon hearing the children's requests, Santa had candy and gifts 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. ###





Out of This World

The International Space Station (ISS) display is now fully operational and available for you to visit in the Great Room of the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum.

One of the key elements of this exhibit is the display panel directly in front which gives valuable information about each of the many structures, or sections of the ISS, along with other information about the station itself in real time. There's also a large video screen showing Astronauts in action aboard the ISS who give an account of life in the Station. You can view the Space Clock and know how long New Jersey's Scott Kelly has been aloft in the ISS, as he sets new records for living in the outer space environment.

The International Space Station (ISS) took 13 years to build and is the largest structure ever put into space by man. Physically, it is larger than a football field. The Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum is located at the end of Fred Wehran Drive, Teterboro Airport. For more information call 201-288-6344 or go to: www. njahof. org ###



"Pat" Reilly Honored

The Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of New Jersey honored its first and long-time homeless community for many Executive Director, the late H.V. "Pat" Reilly on Saturday, November 21, 2015, with a ceremony renaming the museum's Great Room the "H.V. 'Pat' Reilly Great Room." Reilly's widow, Robin, family friends, and museum volunteers, staff and Trustees were in attendance to honor the memory of the Teterboro Airport legend who died in November of 2014. Speakers at the event included Museum President Joe Lennox, current Executive Director Shea Oakley, and Mrs. Reilly.

tion in Hackensack where she and her husband served the





Several bags of food for the homeless were also collected before the event at the request of Mrs. Reilly, for distribu-

years.

Reilly was involved with the museum from its founding in the early 1970s.

"The museum's impressive growth from occupying one room in an abandoned control tower at Teterboro Airport to today's 7,700 square foot, 2 level-facility with a large outdoor aircraft display area, all occurred on his watch," said Oakley.

The museum also plans a future exhibit dedicated to Reilly and his legacy.

The New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum, is located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive, Teterboro, NJ. For more info call 201-288-6344 or go to: www.njahof.org ###









Girl Scouts Host Party for Seniors

On December 3, 2015, the members of Hasbrouck Heights Girl Scout Troops #4308 and 4417 enjoyed an afternoon with the local seniors at the Senior Center.

The girls invited the seniors to their Annual Senior Holiday Party where they served cookies, cake, and coffee.

They also entertained the group by singing familiar Christmas songs.

The afternoon also included Bingo games where great prizes were awarded.

The girls made sure that every senior there received at least two gifts, even if they did not win at Bingo.

The seniors not only loved to see the young girls come to join them at the center but they also enjoyed the entertainment, refreshments and the games.

This was a great way for the Girl Scouts to meet the seniors, interact with them and learn the importance of giv-

Seniors Enjoy a Turkey Dinner

More than one hundred members of the Hasbrouck Heights Leisure Club kicked off the 2015 holiday season with a full course Turkey Luncheon on November 18, 2015.

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

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

There was also stuffing, cranberry sauce with crushed pineapples, gravy, fresh rolls and salad. Of course the meal could not have been complete without water, soda, coffee and delicious cake purchased from Mills Bakery. There was plenty of food for all and much to take home.



Peter Gallo greeted all; thanked the Costa Family and presented a corsage to Vicky Costa. He also presented one to special guest, 106-year-old Betty Kress. Betty, a long time resident, has not lost her wit and her memory is as sharp as ever.

Vicky Costa wished all a Happy Thanksgiving. She was a perfect hostess. She greeted all, helped serve the dessert and chit chatted with all who knew or met her for the first time.

The afternoon was planned to provide a relaxed atmosphere where the members could enjoy good food, and have a chance to socialize with new friends, long-time friends and neighbors. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###

Leisure Club President



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Hasbrouck Heights Area



The Hasbrouck Heights Leisure Club officers greeted over 120 seniors at their Annual Christmas luncheon held at the Fiesta on December 11, 2015. (1-r) Councilman Russell Lipari, Treasurer Fran Visco, Treasurer and Party Chairwoman Marilyn deRussy, Vice President Dot Fitzin, President Peter Gallo and Mayor Rose Heck. Photo by Marie Gallo. ###

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 4, 11, 25
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Games, cards & coffee
11:00 a.m. Mahjong
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all
Tuesday, January 5, 12, 19, 26
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 20, 27
10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee
10:00 a.m. Mahjong
2:00 p.m. Senior Aerobics \$1.00
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

Thursday, January 7, 14, 21, 28
10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee
11:00 a.m. Mahjong
2:00 p.m. Senior Yoga \$1.00
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all
Friday, January 8, 22
12 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1.00
1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Games, cards & coffee
Friday, January 15, 29
10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo
Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 6 10:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, January 13 12:30 p.m. Leisure Club Meeting Program: Mike Gentella

UPCOMING TRIPS

Trip to Brownstone for St. Patrick Celebration Thursday, March 17, 2016

Transportation, luncheon and entertainment. \$57 per member, \$62 for non-member. Contact Dorothy Murray at 201-288-9537.

Reminder to all members:

Note that 2016 annual dues will be collected starting with the January meeting. Dues are \$12 and should be paid by check made out to: Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights.

Lodi Senior Club News

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club has meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month for members only. New members are welcome. Any Lodi resident over the age of 55 is welcome. The cost of membership is \$10 per year.

Every Thursday, the Club opens at 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and non-members are welcome.

Programs include: Senior exercise at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; line dancing 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.;

ER Seniors

The East Rutherford Seniors will hold their January 2016 meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Vreeland Avenue Senior/ Civic Center. New members are welcome to join. Annual dues are \$10.

A bus trip to Caesar's Casino Atlantic City is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016. Cost is \$30 for non-members with a slot return of \$30.

Bus pick-up 9 a.m., CVS lot, Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford. Contact Carole at 201-655-3149 for reservations and details of all their monthly casino trips. ###

Bingo is held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the **Little Ferry Senior Center**, 95 Main Street, at 12:30 p.m. ###

Christmas Reunion

Classmates of Garfield High School Class of 1957 gathered at Tiramisu Restaurante in Elmwood Park for the 58th Reunion Christmas Celebration.

A good time was had by all who attended. They look forward to the 59th reunion.

Good friends throughout the years is a blessing. ###



Bingo, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

They also have a pool table, a 16 foot shuffleboard, card playing, a small library, games, chit-chat and bocce (*in season*). Refreshments are served. For information, call the Club during the times it is open at 973-472-6994. A senior bus is available for those requiring transportation. For bus information call Kim at 973-332-1331 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. ###

Bridgebuilders Wanted

Looking for something "New" for the New Year? Become a Kip Center Bridgebuilders Home Friend Volunteer and make a difference in the life of a homebound elderly or disabled person in your own community. You can help someone with shopping or transportation to a doctor's appointment. Volunteers serve in Carlstadt. East Rutherford, Rutherford, Hasbrouck Heights, Lyndhurst, North Arlington, Rutherford, Wood-Ridge and neighboring communities.

For information, call Cathy Baviello, 201-460-1600. ###

Health Tip Be Active

Be active for at least 2¹/₂ hours a week. Include activities that raise your breathing and heart rates and that strengthen your muscles.

• Help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day. Include activities that raise their breathing and heart rates and that strengthen their muscles and bones.

• Physical activity helps to: •Maintain weight

 \circ Reduce high blood pressure

• Reduce risk for type 2 diabetes, heart attack, stroke, and several forms of cancer

• Reduce arthritis pain and associated disability

Lodi AARP Hosts Winter Wonderland Dinner Dance

The AARP Chapter 2015 of Lodi meets the third Tuesday of every month at noon at the Lodi Boys & Girls Club. New members are welcome.

Dues are \$10 per year. For information on membership contact Stan at 973-779-8544.

The Lodi AARP has scheduled a "Winter Wonderland" Dinner Dance at the Venetian on Friday, January 15, 2016, from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

The meal includes hot and cold hor d'oeurves, salad, pasta, a choice of entrée, dessert, beverages and a one-hour open bar. Cost \$45 for LODI AARP members and \$50 for nonmembers. For information call Kathy at 973-779-8544. ###

Wallington AARP Chapter #4115 Welcomes Members

AARP Chapter #4115 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Civic Center at 24 Union Boulevard in Wallington at 1:30 p.m.

An informative meeting is held, followed by coffee and refreshments, after which Bingo is played. They are looking for current members to attend as well as new members from the surrounding towns to join. They look forward to greeting you. *Story by Eleanor Costa.* ###

Learn About the Kip Center

New members and those who wish to learn about the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, and various programs for older adults in Rutherford and surrounding communities are invited to stop in to tour the center, meet the staff and learn about the many programs and services.

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Volunteer Handy-persons Wanted Chore Program Helps Seniors

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A Chore Handyperson volunteer goes on service calls one day a week from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers enjoy being part of a crew of two to four people who ride in specially equipped Chore vans. Each crew is assigned 4-5 service calls each weekday.

Last year, Chore volunteers visited over 2,000 homes and performed 4,000 repairs for grateful citizens. This year, the request for service is even greater, and additional volunteers will be needed to fill new and existing shifts.

Studies have shown that volunteers enjoy health ben-

efits, from reduction of stress and lowering of blood pressure to improving self-esteem and enhancing the immune system.

Volunteering with a Chore crew offers an opportunity to get out, meet new people, stay connected with the broader world and share handyman skills.

Prospective volunteers should be able to perform minor household repairs such as those that able-bodied homeowners must do.

Ideally, volunteers will be available on a regular basis so Chore can schedule a regular day with the same crew. Volunteer van drivers/handypeople are especially needed.

It's a great volunteer opportunity for retirees, or people who work second and third shift jobs. Back-up volunteer handymen and women are also welcome.

For details call Maureen at 201-489-7790 or go to: www. bergenvolunteers.org ###

Since 1977, the Chore Volunteer Handyman Service of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County has been helping elderly and/or disabled people, by performing minor household repairs that clients cannot perform themselves.

The Chore Service assists in improving the quality of life of older people who are living independently.

Chore's services include installing grab bars and railings, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; repairing leaky faucets or toilets, replacing broken door locks, installing weather-stripping, changing screens and storms, replacing light bulbs, fixing broken lamps and switches, installing simple electrical fixtures or replacing existing electric outlets and switches.

There are some jobs that are beyond Chore's capacity. Chore cannot service emergencies, and does not do outdoor work, painting, work requiring high ladders, tiling, door or window replacements, heavy lifting, new wiring or appliance repairs, cosmetic repairs or interior decorating.

Chore serves Bergen County residents who are at least age sixty (60) or who are permanently disabled of any age.

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Power and other utility outages during winter storms can leave you in the dark for several days with no heat, light, refrigeration, or electrical power to re-charge all of those precious cell phones and other electronic devices we have come to cherish and depend on so much.

So, what can we do?

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Designate an out of state relative or friend as your "family check-in contact" for everyone to call if you get separated. Also, discuss what you will do if you have to evacuate.

Teach young children how to call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

You should also have a Disaster Supplies Kit and/or a Go-Bag. These should include a 3 day supply of water (1 gal. /per person/per day), food that will not spoil such as granola bars, one change of clothes and shoes per person, one blanket or sleeping bag per person, a first aid kit, all prescription medications, emergency tools, a battery powered NOAA Weather Radio, flashlight with extra batteries, an extra set of car keys, cash and a credit card, and any specialty items needed for any infant, elderly or disabled members of your family.

For further information please check these most valuable online resources:

• National Weather Service: www.weather.gov/okx

> • FEMA: www.fema.gov • American Red Cross:

www.redcross.org

By Dr. Roger J. Szanto, R.E.M.T., C.E.M.; Deputy Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management; NOAA Storm-Ready Coordinator; Borough of Hasbrouck Heights



By Mary Ellen Courtney

Momentous New Year's Resolutions

It's a brand New Year! 2016! And, no doubt, many of you have made (and perhaps already broken) your New Year's resolutions - most of which were about self-improvement stuff, making your day-to-day personal and/or work life better, ideas on how to put it all back on track (for a change!), etc. Small change issues – correcting all those annoying mistakes you made in 2015, and before...

But what about the big ticket resolutions that (speaking from a real estate professional's point of view) are of major concern to us all? Well, maybe not all of us, but if you happen to be resolved to buying or selling a house this year – especially here in ever-changing Bergen County - perhaps you should know about these resolutions and what they mean to you. Here's a few for you to consider...

Buyers: Resolve to Get Your Financial House in Order

Planning a home purchase takes time and effort, so you should consider meeting with a mortgage professional early in the year. Know your credit score and understand what your financial situation looks like from a lender's perspective.

If you have credit issues, identify what they are and the necessary steps to correct them. Sometimes, it can take 6 months to see your FICO score



move up the much-needed 20 points to get you a better mortgage rate.

A good real estate agent can recommend an experienced, local mortgage professional. Local is always important, I think, because being able to meet face-to-face with your mortgage man can be a big plus.

Sellers: Resolve to Think of Your Home as a Product

Start clearing out old stuff now. If there are things deep in your closets that you don't think you'll use between now (January) and the time you move, consider a storage locker or making space in the garage.

Does your real estate agent suggest touch-up work? Get some bids now. Have you always hated how the bathroom vanity takes up so much space? Consider changing it now so buyers will perceive your bathroom as bigger. Staging is important!

Buyers: Resolve to Start Feeling Out the Market Early

You may think you only need to go to open houses once you're ready to buy. But in reality, a buyer needs a couple of months of learning - understanding home values, the prices per neighborhood and the market in general.

Going to open houses in the neighborhoods where you want to buy will allow you to start feeling out the market. It may also be the best way to meet your future real estate

agent. Many agent/buyer relationships are forged at open house.

Sellers: Resolve to Understand Your Timing and Exit Strategy

One of the biggest stresses on a seller is trying to plan a purchase and a sale at the same time.

Can you afford to close on a new home before selling?

If so, for how long? Do you need to sell the property first? If so, will the potential sale price support a home purchase in the neighborhood you want to be in?

If not, what other areas should you be looking in? Selling and buying at the same time brings up all kinds of financial, emotional and physical stress - it helps greatly to have a strategy in place well before you have to take action.

Buyers & Sellers: Resolve to Engage a Real Estate Agent Now

Planning a home purchase or sale takes time. Engaging a real estate agent early in the process will allow you to have an expert on hand as you start to put the pieces together.

A good real estate agent doesn't just show and sell homes: he or she can be your strategic adviser, even well in advance of any actual transaction.

In fact - as I see it - the success of your 2016 New Year resolutions is assured the moment you engage the services of a real estate professional...

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



Better Wood Burning

The Department of En- before burning it. Seasoning vironmental Protection is reminding New Jersey residents to take steps to reduce their impact on air quality when burning wood as the weather turns colder, whether in fireplaces, wood stoves, or outdoor fire pits.

entails allowing the wood to sit outdoors for at least six months. Seasoned wood is darker, has cracks in the end grain and sounds hollow when smacked against another piece of wood. • Use a wood moisture meter to test the moisture content of wood. Wood burns most efficiently when its moisture content is below 20 percent.

appliance. Keep an accessible and recently inspected fire extinguisher nearby.

The DEP also urges residents to check local air quality at http://www.njaqinow.net prior to burning wood.

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'While burning wood is very comforting and cozy, it's important to remember that wood smoke contains fine particles that contribute to air pollution," said Jane Herndon, Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Management. "You can take a few simple steps, including having a properly maintained wood stove or fireplace, to minimize your impact on the environment and your neighbors, while protecting your home and safety."

The DEP recommends following these simple guidelines:

• Allow wood to season

• Stack wood neatly off the ground with the top covered to protect it against rain and snow.

• Keep fires burning hot.

• Regularly remove ashes to ensure proper airflow.

• Never burn garbage, cardboard, plastics, wrapping materials, painted materials or other materials in your stove or fireplace.

• Keep anything flammable - including drapes, furniture, newspapers and books - far away from any wood-burning

In deciding how to heat your home this winter and reduce your exposure to fine particles from wood smoke, DEP recommends upgrading to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-certified wood stove or fireplace insert. The newer equipment will reduce air pollution and is much more energy efficient.

For more information on wood burning in New Jersey, visit: http://www.nj.gov/dep/ baqp/woodburning.html

For more on the EPA's Burnwise program, visit: http:// www.epa.gov/burnwise/ ###





Happy New Year to one and all. I am hoping this finds you well and happy. A new year brings new beginnings and a fresh start to those that want one. It also could just be more of the same for those that don't. It is up to you.

A Happy New Year is not always guaranteed as we all know. Bad things happen when we least expect. Things happen that are not so close but can still affect us. Like a lake or a pond, a stone tossed into the edge sends ripples across the whole surface of the water.

In 1688 England's King James the 2nd was removed from the throne and replaced by King William and his Queen Mary.

What does that mean for the American Colonies here at the time? Being far away across the Atlantic Ocean, you and many of the people here would think not much.

This removal was the stone in the pond that sent ripples across the Ocean to America. King James was a Catholic and King William was a Protestant. King James ran to France where the King in France was also a Catholic. King William and England joined the League of Augsburg. This was a League of Nations that were at war with France at the time.

Here in America in 1688, the English had her colonies and France had Canada, Acadia on the Eastern coast and Louisiana which was west of the Mississippi River from the Great Lakes all the way down to the Gulf of Mexico.

France for all the land territory claimed by them sent few colonists and soldiers to defend it. Based on the numbers of the time, the English had about 154,000 people in America and the French only 14,000. The French made up for this deficiency by catering to the local Indian tribes for support. The English did as well. The English colonists outnumbered the French colonists but the distance between New England and Virginia was vast, especially in that time. So if anything happened, it would take time to respond. There was always friction between the Catholic French and Protestant English. The English colonists catered to the Iroquois Nation in New York and the Iroquois cut off the fur trade between Canada and the Western tribes. This irritated the French of course. The French in return along with their Indian allies the Wabanaki Indian Confederacy, raided Seneca

lands in New York. The Seneca were part of the Iroquois Confederacy as it were. The Wabanaki Confederacy was a Confederacy of the five large Indian Tribes in the Acadia region. The French relied heavily on this Confederacy.

So tensions being high the tipping point was the changeover in kings. Once King James fled and King William joined the war against France things soon boiled over.

The French, upon news of the war raided many towns killing inhabitants of the English in modern day Maine.

Both French and English declared the land there as their own. In response to the French attacks the English sent Major Benjamin Church and 250 New England men to raid Acadia.

On September 21, 1689, he fought off the French and Indians on his first of four raids into enemy territory in present day Portland, Maine, losing 21 killed in action.

He returned to Boston and in his absence the French and Indians raided and destroyed present day Berwick, Maine.

They also went to Falmouth and killed and massacred the English settlers there. Major Church would return later to bury the dead in this war of raids known as King William's War.

In retaliation the English sent Sir William Phips to attack the capitol of Acadia known as Port Royal. He sailed with seven ships and 700 men and after two days of siege the capitol surrendered.

Once it was captured Phips sailed back to New England and more ships soon arrived. The reinforcements soon torched the town including the Church. A reminder of how both sides detested the religious affiliation of the other side.

In late January 1692, the

dlemas but for most of them it is not considered a major holiday.

In any case, Maine winters can be brutal so I am certain the half way mark to its completion was a time for joy among the English settlers. This year's observance would be different for the citizens in York, Maine. This wasn't going to be a happy new year.

The French assembled Father Louis-Pierre Thury and his Indian Chief ally Madockawando with 250 to 300 French and Indian Warriors to conduct a raid.

On January 24, 1692 they sacked the town of York. Men were killed trying to defend the town but with surprise so complete there was little that could be done.

The citizens of York were shot down, men, women and children. The French and Indians robbed then burnt the town down.

Capt. Floyd of the New England Militia reported on what he found some time later when they went to York. "The greatest part of the whole town was burned and robbed." "The Reverand Dummer was barbarously murdered, stripped naked, cut and mangled by these sons of Beliall." The Reverend was shot in his doorway then mutilated. His wife, Lydia, and their son were carried away captive where she succumbed to the harsh traveling in the winter. The son was never heard from again. Capt. Floyd and his men buried 48 people and the remaining number was small children.

In total 75 people or more were killed in what would be called the Candlemas Massacre. Another 100 people would be taken captive into Canada to be ransomed back. Most were never seen again. It was another terrible tragedy of murder and slaughter in King William's War.

Although not a large battle what do we learn from it?

When asked by a friend what I would send The Gazette Newspaper for January, I told the person I will do the Candlemas Massacre. It happened in January and many may not know of it. The person said to me, who cares about that? So I thought, King William's War, a war started somewhat on religious differences on the other side of the Atlantic in which the enemy comes among the citizens here to kill and destroy. Although it was 328 years ago it sure sounded familiar to me today. My friend may be right. Who cares about that?

DAV Meets

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

Chapter Service Officers are available to file claims for compensation on your behalf.

For additional information call Commander Ignazio Valente at 201-421-5922 or email: davchap15@yahoo.com ###

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).

They welcome any Veteran and non-Veteran who would like to become a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800.

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





people of York, Maine were on guard. The French and Abenaki Indians had been raiding in the area so everyone was alert.

The winter would soon be half over and the time to celebrate Candlemas was nearing.

Candlemas is a Christian holiday held on February 2 of each year. It marks the time of Mary's purification and her son Jesus' first time in the Temple and being presented before God.

As the New Testament says Simeon held the baby Jesus and said he would be the light for all Gentiles. So it has been celebrated with candle blessings and candle lit processions since the early days of the Church. Protestants recognize Can-

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W-R Pet Licenses

Department advises residents that registration begins on January 4, 2016. Proof of neutering and rabies vaccine is required. Rabies inoculations must be valid until October 31, 2016.

Licensing fees are \$18 for a neutered pet and \$21 for a nonneutered pet. Licenses renewed later than January 30, 2016 will incur a late fee of \$7.50.

Check or money order should be made payable to the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

You are encouraged to mail your request to the Wood-Ridge Health Department, 85

The Wood-Ridge Health Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. Include a selfaddressed, stamped envelope. Proof of current rabies shot and neutering are required. All paperwork will be returned.

> You can apply in-person during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

> If you have a new pet, the application can be found at:www.njwoodridge.org. If you no longer have the pet, or have any questions, please call the W-R Health Department.

For more information call 201-939-0202, ext. 108. ###

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About the Flu

How Flu Spreads

People with flu can spread it to others up to about 6 feet away. Most experts think that flu viruses are spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth or nose.

To avoid this, people should wash their hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Linens, eating utensils, and dishes belonging to those who are sick should not be shared without washing thoroughly first. Eating utensils can be washed either in a dishwasher or by hand with water and soap and do not need to be cleaned separately.

The Flu Is Contagious

Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick.

Children may pass the virus for longer than 7 days. Symptoms start 1 to 4 days after the virus enters the body.

That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Some persons can be infected with the flu virus but have no symptoms. During this time, those persons may still spread the virus to others.

What Should I Do If I Get Sick?

If you get sick with flu-like symptoms, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care. Most people with the flu have mild illness and do not need medical care or antiviral drugs. However, some people are more likely to get flu complications and they should talk to a health care provider about whether they need to be examined if they get flu symptoms. Source: www.cdc.gov ###



Dental Emergencies

Dental emergencies can happen at any time. You and your children risk breaking teeth or injuring your mouth while eating, playing, exercising, and participating in other seemingly harmless activities, especially during the summer months. Oral injuries often are painful and should be treated by a dentist as soon as possible.

Learn more about what to do in case of a dental emergency.

• What are dental emergencies and how can I help my children avoid them?

Dental emergencies occur when the tooth breaks, cracks, becomes loosened, or is knocked out completely.

Emergencies also include crowns coming off teeth or injuries to mouth tissue. You can help your children avoid dental emergencies by taking simple precautions, including making sure they wear mouthguards during sports activities and avoid foods that could crack or break the teeth.

• What should I do if my child's tooth is knocked out?

Your child's tooth will have the best chance of surviving dental trauma if you see your dentist within one hour of any emergency-so call immediately for anappointment. Handle the tooth by the crown (the top), not by the root (the pointed part on the bottom); touching the root could damage cells that are necessary to reattach the tooth to the bone.

Gently rinse the tooth in water to remove dirt, but do not scrub it. Place the clean tooth in your child's mouth between the cheek and gum to keep it moist. It is important not to let the tooth dry out, so if your child can't keep it in his or her mouth, wrap it in a clean cloth or gauze and immerse it in milk or the child's own saliva until

position?

Call your dentist right away for an emergency appointment. In the meantime, attempt to reposition your child's tooth to its normal alignment using light finger pressure—but don't force it.

• What should I do if my child's tooth is chipped or fractured?

There are different types of tooth fractures. Chipped teeth are minor fractures. Moderate fractures involve damage to the enamel, tissue, and/or pulp. A severely fractured tooth usually has been traumatized to the point that it cannot be recovered.

If your child fractures a tooth, rinse his or her mouth with warm water and use an ice pack or cold compress to reduce swelling. Contact your dentist immediately.

He or she can smooth minor tooth fractures with a sandpaper disc, but some fractures may require restorative procedures.

If you can find the broken tooth fragment, bring it with you to the dentist.

• What should I do if tissue in my child's mouth is injured?

If your child experiences a tear, cut, puncture wound, or laceration on his or her cheek, lips, or tongue, immediately clean the wound with warm water.

Bleeding from a tongue laceration can be reduced by pulling the tongue forward and using gauze to place pressure on the wound.

Visit an oral surgeon for emergency care as soon as possible, or go to the emergency room if you cannot see an oral surgeon right away.

Ref: Academy of General Dentistry April 2013

Dr. Jeffrey Mason is a cosmetic and general dentist at 232 Boulevard, Hasbrouck

Lodi Rabies Clinic

The Borough of Lodi is offering a free rabies Clinic on January 12, 2016, between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The clinic will take place at the firehouse located at One Graham Lane in Lodi. All dogs and cats above the age of 7 months that reside in the Borough of Lodi are required to be licensed and have a current Rabies vaccination. To obtain a license, the rabies vaccination may not expire before November 1, 2016.

License renewal begins on January 4, 2016. No licenses will be issued prior to that date. To obtain a license, you must provide proof of rabies inoculation. You can renew your license the day of the clinic or by sending a self-stamped

Hatha Yoga

The East Rutherford Memorial Library is offering Hatha Yoga classes until January 30, 2016, at 10 a.m. Saturday mornings. Bring a yoga mat or towel. To register call 201-939-3930. ###

Guided Meditation

The East Rutherford Memorial Library is offering a free hour of Guided Meditation every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. To register call 201-939-3930. ###

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However, your child should visit the dentist immediately to ensure no broken pieces of the tooth remain.

• What should I do if my child's tooth is pushed out of Heights, NJ. 201-288-4447, www.DrJeffreyMason.com

Health Tip Eat Breakfast

How are you supposed to have energy and a functioning mind if you are not feeding your body?

Eating breakfast is one of the most important steps to losing weight and being healthy.

Skipping breakfast causes hunger pains, binge eating and irritability. Even if all you eat is a piece of toast with peanut butter on it as you run out the door, the fuel you give your body in the morning will help you function better all day long. ###





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Mentoring Moms Wanted

Mentoring Moms, a program of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, trains volunteers to work with mothers, who are overwhelmed by the responsibilities of children and everyday life.

Mentors provide support and resources that help strengthen a family.

Parents with a social network of emotionally supportive people in their lives find it easier to care for their children and themselves. There is an especially great need for bi-lingual Spanish speaking women.

Winter training begins February 1, 2016. When a parent is supported by a mentor, the entire family is helped, because mentors become important role models for the children, as well.

Registration is now open for Mentoring Moms winter training, which begins Monday, February 1, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, 64 Passaic Street, Hackensack, NJ. Call 201-489-9454, ext. 212 for more information. ###

RE/MAX Helps Families In Need

In October of 2013, Chris Parente and John Tamborini, owners of **RE/MAX Trad**ing Places, 345 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, made a decision to provide families in need from three local parishes, Corpus Christi, Hasbrouck Heights, The Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, Wood-Ridg,e and St. Francis DeSales, Lodi, with food baskets for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

This Christmas was the 8th time RE/MAX has delivered baskets containing a turkey or a ham, plus all the sides and a dessert, typically a pie. Each basket also contained a \$50 Shop-Rite gift certificate.

John said this is what the Lord calls us to do to help our brothers and sisters in need, as Jesus said in Matthew, Chapter 25, "I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink. Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

Can You Drink the Cup?* A Fourweek Discussion and Bible Study

The last book published by Father Henri Nouwen before his untimely death in 1996, "Can You Drink the Cup?" explores the deep spiritual impact of the question Jesus asked his friends James and John (*Matthew 20:20-23*).

Reflecting upon the metaphor of the cup, Nouwen uses the images of holding, lifting, and drinking to articulate the basics of the spiritual life.

The cup, a symbol used to celebrate a wide range of human endeavors, becomes for Nouwen an image to illustrate spiritual potential. Written with the profound insight and clarity characteristic of his numerous writings on the life of faith,

Nouwen's deeply perceptive exploration of Jesus' challenging question has the power to pierce the heart, expand spiritual horizons, and invite a radical change in your life.

This is a four-week discussion and Bible Study for anyone

Heroes for Kids

Children are confronted with adverse challenges, at home and in life, and are experiencing social, emotional and behavioral problems. Mentors serve as positive role models; provide guidance, friendship and support; and advocate on behalf of children when necessary.

The next 3-week Mentoring Youth training program begins on January 27, 2016. Sessions run on consecutive Wednesday evenings, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, 64 Passaic Street in Hackensack.

There is an especially great need for men to mentor boys and for bi-lingual, Spanish speaking mentors of both genders.

Mentors show children a different perspective, expose them to unexplored opportunities and help them to build trust. According to a study by Big Brothers/Big Sisters, youth who regularly meet with a mentor are 52% less likely than peers to skip school and 46% less likely to use drugs. Additionally, they are 33% less likely to hit someone or to start drinking. By sharing fun activities and exposing a youth to new experiences, mentors encourage positive choices, promote high self-esteem, support academic achievement and introduce young people to new ideas.

seeking spiritual refreshment in preparation for Lent.

It begins on Thursday, January 14, and concludes on Thursday, February 4, 2016.

*Paperback copies of the book will be available for \$10 each. Please contact Pastor Susan by e-mail at pastorsusanholytrinitynj@gmail.com or by phone at 201-288-6889 for more information and to reserve your copy of Henri Nouwen's book.

Newcomers are always welcome. Discussions will be held beginning at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Holy Trinity, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. For more information about Holy Trinity, please visit www.holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com Judy Danilchick. ###

Ministry Collects Diapers Jan. 9-10

Assumption Parish Community will be observing AIDS Compassion Weekend at all the Sunday and Anticipated Masses of February 6-7, 2016.

As part of the program, after all Masses during the weekend of January 9-10, 2016, Assumption AIDS Ministry will be collecting diapers for children born with the AIDS virus. The diapers will be given to the Pediatric AIDS Clinic at Saint Joseph Hosiptal in Paterson. ###

Ministry Collects Ensure Jan. 23-24

Assumption Parish Community will be observing AIDS Compassion Weekend at all the Sunday and Anticipated Masses of February 6-7, 2016.

As part of the program leading up to the observance, Assumption AIDS Ministry at all the Masses during the weekend of January 23-24, 2016, will be collecting the diet supplement, Ensure, which is much needed for maintaining a healthy condition by those living with the virus. The Ensure will be donated to New Jersey Buddies in Hackensack. Please extend a warm welcome to anyone you know living with HIV/AIDS. ###

Friendly Neighbors Kicks Off Annual Fund Drive

Every year between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the Friendly Neighbors Organization of Hasbrouck Heights holds its annual fundraising campaign.

This organization has been in existence since 1939 and consists of a group of 10 women from each of the Churches in town. They donate their time and effort to raising money for needy local families. Over the years, their group has had many special friends including men's and women's groups from the local Churches and civic groups.

This year they are helping 15 families with a total of 23 children. Their assistance includes food, cleaning supplies, and emergency help.

All funds go toward helping Hasbrouck Heights residents.

Since the economy is still weak and people are still struggling, celebrating the holidays with food and gifts is nearly impossible. A wonderful way to honor a loved one is by donating in their memory.

Donations can be mailed to Ginny Isler, Treasurer, 105 Cleveland Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

Center for Food Action

CFA provides emergency food packages, rental and utility assistance, advocacy, and other essential services to those in need living in northern New Jersey. You make it possible! Go to: cfanj.org ###

Rutherford Community Pantry

The Pantry is located in the basement of Rutherford Borough Hall. It is a volunteer non-profit which is a joint effort of community faith congregations, organizations and concerned citizens. Call 201-460-3000 x3168 to volunteer. Food donations are welcome during hours of service. Recipient eligibility is determined by local pastors, social services and other designated organizations. A completed and approved referral is required. Limitations apply. For more information go to: www.rutherford-nj.com/ pantry ###

Rutherford Community Chest Seeks Donations

The 69th 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. ###

Don't leave lit candles or fireplaces unattended.

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Since all of the food is bought through Shop-Rite Lodi, the store has helped by donating the turkeys/hams for the past 2 holiday meals.

Typically, 12-15 meals are delivered to the parishes for distribution or directly to the families. John stated, "There is no doubt this is the most important and worthwhile endeavor we partake in every year. Have a Happy and Blessed New Year."

For more information contact Eva Tobias at 201-489-9454 x-209 or visit www.bergenvolunteers.org

Food Bank

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

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Joseph Nuccitelli, President of St. Michael's Columbian Club, and Salvatore Scarcella, Grand Knight of St Michael's Council 2861, with members of the Council. St. Michael's Columbian Club of Lodi and Knights Of Columbus of Lodi both donated \$500 each to St. Joseph and St. Francis de Sales food pantry. *Provided by Joe Nuccitelli*.

(l-r) Michael Gingerelli FS, Carl Venetz PGK, Michael Chenu, Joseph Nuccitelli PFN, Rev. Teodoro O. Kalaw, C.R.M. Pastor of St. Joseph Parish Lodi, Rev. John J. Galean, Pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Lodi, Robert Sarao PGK, Marc DePasquale D.D, Salvatore Scarcella Grand Knight, Carlos Chapin, and Dany Vásquez.

Discovering the Big Picture of God's Story

The First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford will offer a 14-week group study entitled "A Brief Survey of the Bible -Discovering the Big Picture of God's Story from Genesis to Revelation" starting on Sunday, January 17 at 11:30 a.m. and running through Sunday, May 1, 2016.

The study is presented by Dr. John H. Walton, professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College Graduate School and Dr. Mark Strauss, professor of New Testament at Bethel Seminary and provides an overview of the Bible's key themes, shows what the teach-



ings meant to the people at the time, and explains how those teachings apply to our lives today.

The course is designed to provide participants with an understanding of Scripture, knowledge of how all the books work together, and an understanding of what God has done to make a way for us to be in relationship with Him.

Classes are expected to last approximately one hour and consist of a 20-30 minute video lesson followed by group discussion. Enrollment is free and there is no charge for course materials. Participants should plan on bringing their own Bible.

Enrollment is open through the Church website www. fpcrutherford.org or by contacting the Church office at 201-438-3569 or office@fpcrutherford.org.

One does not need to be a member of the Church sessions to participate. To keep informed of the Church's upcoming Adult Education programs text FPCORADULTED to 24587. *Linda Zinn.* ###

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed.---General Dwight D. Eisenhower

From the Porch

Thank you to all who supported SWIM's (*Single Women in Mission*) Christmas gift project for the residents of the Veterans Home in Paramus. Your generosity has made the holiday season happier for "yesterday's soldiers," many of whom are now forgotten or alone.

Throughout the winter months, we are once again asking everyone to remember those who are hungry.

Once the holidays are over, food bank supplies are at their lowest. So, please make a donation of food or a grocery gift card to your local food pantry, give through your job or place of worship.

If you are walking or driving by Holy Trinity at 92 Burton Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights, feel free to leave nonperishable food items in the box on the porch and we will see that they are delivered to one of our local food banks. Just one or two items can mean dinner, rather than hunger, for a family! Together we can make a difference.

For additional information, call us at 201-288-6889, or visit holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com for more information about Holy Trinity. *Judy Danilchick.* ###



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Day of Infamy Remembered



About 150 attended the Remembrance Service held at the USS Ling New Jersey Naval Museum on December 6, 2015, at 1 p.m. -- the 74th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor just before 8 a.m. 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."

Soon after, Japanese planes eliminated much of the American Air Force in the Philippines, and a Japanese Army was ashore in Malaya.

The memorial program began with Tom Conlon, SMA Trustee/Secretary, calling the program to order.

Led by two pipers, the Colors were presented. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brianna and Aidan Conlon and Tommy and Sean Vinacco. The National Anthem was sung by SFC Ronnie Giles, USA (Ret) followed by the Invocation by Les Altschuler, Cmdr. NJ-North Base, SMA Vice President.

Remarks were made by Hackensack Mayor John P. Labrosse, Jr., Assemblymen Robert J. Auth (39th) and Tim Eustace (38th), Freeholders Maura DeNicola and Joan M. Voss, Gil DeLaat, SMA President and Joseph Mongelli, SMA Trustee. It was a solemn moment when Leslie Altschuler and Bruce McCutcheon (NJ North Base) read the names of the "WWII Boats on Eternal Patrol," The bell was tolled by Jim Adams, V. Cmdr. and John Titterton. The wreath was stationed beneath the flag pole by Gerry Mattiace, Submarine Memorial Association Trustee. Mr. Ken Odgers, Buglers of America, played "Taps." Benediction was given. This annual event at the USS Ling began in 1972. ###

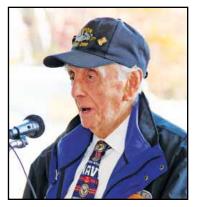


















The Lodi Junior Police Academy Class of 2015 held graduation on November 16, 2015 at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

The program began with a video summarizing their training.

Led by piper, Sgt. Garland, from the Teaneck Police Department, the Lodi Police Department Honor Guard presented the colors.

Speakers included Lodi Police Chief Vincent A. Quatrone, Lodi Mayor Emil Carafa, Jr., and School Board President Frank Quatrone. Special guest speaker was former Jets football star, Bruce Harper.

Certificates were presented. Essays were read.

About 40 7th Graders participated in the seven week program, laced with a heavy dose of "PT."

After orientation, recruits got to watch up close how officers conduct motor vehicle stops, one of the most dangerous aspects of a police officer's job.

The second week was al-

cohol awareness and a visit from the Lodi Fire Department. The third week was first aid and a demonstration by the Lodi Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Squad. Week 4 was fire prevention and a trip to the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy. Week 5 was drug awareness education and a demonstration by the Bergen County Sheriff's Department K9 unit. Week 6 was cyberbullying and a visit from the Bergen County Bomb Squad. Week 7 was lessons on peer pressure and a special visit from "Joshu" Castro of Tiger Schulmann's Martial Arts.

The Lodi Police Department congratulated the Jr. Police Academy Class of 2015.

The instructors hope that some valuable lessons were learned. "You are the future and we expect great things from you. Make wise decisions that will keep you safe. You will always have your instructors to lean on for guidance if you ever need it." Lodi Police Department officers volunteered their time. ###



ERPD Participates in No-Shave November The East Rutherford Police Department PBA Local #275 participated in "No Shave November." According to Police Chief Larry Minda, this is the only time in his 35 years thay have been unsahven.

Their goal was to raise

\$1,500. They raised over \$5,400.

For over five years, participants around the globe have put down their razors and foregone their hair appointments to join the fight against cancer. The "No-Shave November" campaign has successfully raised over \$2 million dollars to combat this disease.

"No-Shave November" is a web-based, non-profit organization devoted to growing cancer awareness and supportive funds which go towards preventing the disease, saving lives, funding research, educating, and aiding those fighting the battle.

Additionally, other area law enforcement departments participating include: BC Sheriffs Department, Carlstadt, Hasbrouck Heights, Lyndhurst, etc. For more information go to: https://www.no-shave.org/



On November 17, 2015 at about 8 p.m., the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to a house fire at Lincoln and Main Street.

Three lines were stretched. A second alarm was called. Mutual Aid departments included: Little Ferry, Lodi, Moonachie, Wallington and Wood-Ridge.

Smoke and flames were showing upon arrival. Fire was on the first floor and basement. The home was being renovated and was not occupied. There were no injuries. The arson squad was requested. ###

Chimney Safety Tips

Chimney maintenance is vital to your family's safety. The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department offers these tips:

• Have your chimney inspected and cleaned on a regular basis.

• When possible, burn seasoned woods (*dryness of the wood is more important than hard wood versus soft wood*).

• Smaller, hotter fires will burn more completely and produce less smoke.

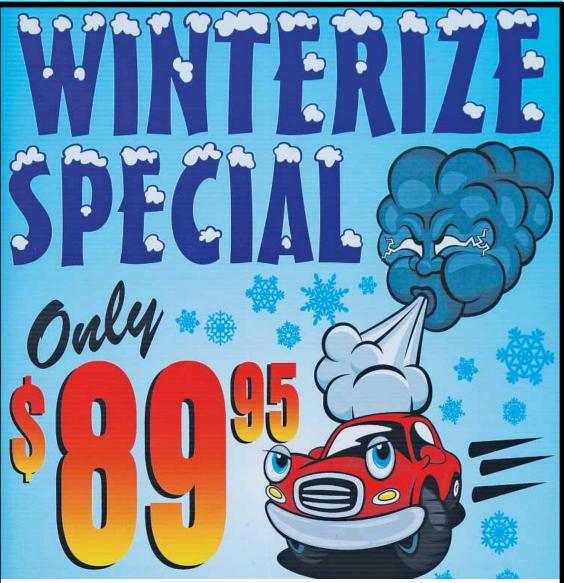
• Do not burn cardboard boxes or trash, as they can spark a chimney fire.

• Install stovepipe thermometers, which help monitor flue temperatures where wood stoves are in use, then adjust burning practices as needed. ###



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