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Summer Joy

It seems like forever, but it only has been a couple of years of cabin fever. Lock-down. Isolation. Social activities were suspended. Gradually, some community events are only now restarting. Beefsteak dinners, tricky trays and other indoor activities are picking up. Outdoor concerts and movie nights. Parades. Street fairs. BBQ fund raisers are returning. The Little Ferry Police Activities League resumed their popular fishing derby, and the youngster above is glad they did! *See story on page 16.* ###

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Memorial Flag Garden

On May 21, 2022, Armed Services Day, the Second Annual Memorial Day Flag Garden Service was held at First Reformed Church, Washington and Burton Avenues, Hasbrouck Heights. Each flag represents a man or woman who died in service, or since their return. Visitors were encouraged to wander among the flags and offer a prayer of gratitude for those who loved country more than life. The flags will remain until mid-July. ###



Students Honor Veterans

For Memorial Day 2022, the Hasbrouck Heights Student Council honored Veterans with flags displayed in front of the school until Flag Day. ###

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Rates as of May 6, 2022

Honoring Deceased Veterans: Beginning on Saturday, May 21, 2022, members of Joseph M. Lane American Legion Post 136, Sons of the American Legion, and Ladies Auxiliary in Lodi, NJ, placed American Flags on the graves of Veterans at St. Nicholas Cemetery, Lodi Cemetery and St. Francis de Sales Cemetery. ###

Moonachie placed **remembrance wreaths** at their monuments on Memorial Day 2022. ###



South Hackensack Mayor Frank Cagas, Committee Members James Anzevino and Yris Encarnacion attend the **Memorial Day Ceremony** with Fire Chief Carmine Maceri and the South Hackensack Girl Scouts. *Photo by Patty Duddy.* ###



Curriculum Expo at RLC

Moonachie residents were invited to attend the Robert L. Craig School Curriculum Expo on Wednesday, June 1 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This year's theme was "It Takes a Village!"

The Curriculum Expo showcases projects by Pre-K through 8th Grade in all subject areas. Parents and children could view art exhibits throughout the school and cafeteria.

This event was designed to build pride and spark enthusiasm and support for the school by bringing together students, parents, teachers and neighbors. ###



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Christmas
in July

The Little Ferry Police Department is hosting Christmas in July on July 14, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Borough parking lot, 215-217 Liberty Street.

There will be free ice cream and an opportunity to take a photo with Santa. Free event. The public is welcome. ###

HHHS 50th
Class Reunion

The Hasbrouck Heights High School Class of 1972 will hold their 50th year reunion on Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., at Biagio's, 299 Paramus Road, Paramus.

Cost is \$75 and includes a buffet dinner and dessert. Cash bar.

Optional events being planned include the evening before the Reunion: g after brunch.

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Book/Jewelry
Sale Sept. 17/18

The Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Library will host a Book/Jewelry Sale on Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, September 18, 2022, 1 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Senior Center and back parking lot of the Municipal Building.

Donations of gently used books and costume jewelry can be left at the Library during the weeks of June 25, July 24 and August 28, not before nor after, to enable volunteers to sort the materials.

Adult volunteers are always needed. If interested, please contact Micky at 201-288-5371, or the Library at 201-288-0484. ###

David at Sight
& Sound July 9

"David," with spectacular special effects, massive sets and live animals, will be performed at Sight & Sound, Pennsylvania Amishlands, Saturday, July 9, 2022.

Cost is \$195 pp and includes performance, smorgasbord meal, shopping as time allows, taxes & meal gratuities and motorcoach transportation.

Call Joan Winant at 201-696-1159 for availability. ###

Rummage Sale
July 14, 15 & 16

The First Reformed Church, Washington and Burton Avenues in Hasbrouck Heights, will host a Rummage Sale on July 14, 15 and 16, 2022. Thursday and Friday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Drop offs welcome Monday through Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 201-288-1122. ###

Friday Night
Dancing

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

Rutherford
Baby Parade

The Rutherford Recreation Department 90th Annual Baby Parade will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2022. Check-in at 9:30 a.m. at 56 Elliott Place with 10 a.m. start time. Parade travels to Lincoln Park.

Rutherford residents, ages newborn through 5 years old, can participate in this adorable Rutherford tradition. Residents are encouraged to decorate their child's stroller, bike, wagon, etc., with patriotic or other themes and to have their children dress for the role.

This is a wonderful community event that showcases the artistic talent of parents and the incredible cuteness factor in Rutherford children.

Pre-register at <http://rutherfordnj.recdesk.com>

The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$100 and 10 runner-ups will receive \$50. Event is sponsored by the Recreation Office. For additional information, call 201-460-3015.

After the parade, The Junior Woman's Club Chalk Drawing Contest will be held on Highland Cross. ###

RECYCLE

Bergen County
LGBTQ Seniors
Meet July 12, 15

Bergen County LGBTQ Alliance (BCLA), a new non-profit organization, is initiating a seniors (60+) group that will meet on the second Tuesday of each month in person and the third Friday virtually.

The next meetings are on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. and Friday, July 15 at 11:30 a.m. The Tuesday meeting will be held at The Rutherford Pancake House, 40 Park Avenue, Rutherford. Refreshments will be served.

Contact us at Nick@bergencountyLGBTQ.org or 201-470-8946 for info and/or the link. ###

Last Man
Standing Raffle

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #142 is hosting a Last Man Standing 50-50. 200 tickets to be sold. Winner will receive \$2,000. Donation is \$20. Winner need not be present. No substitution of prize. Drawing is September 24, 2022, at 7 p.m., at the Post, 135 East Passaic Street, Maywood. Bring your own food. Cash bar. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call Debbie at 551-587-3699. ###

Resorts World
Catskills Bus
Trip Oct. 23

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #142 is accepting reservations for a bus trip to Resorts World Catskills, Monticello, NY, October 23, 2022.

Bus departs 9:15 a.m., 135 East Passaic Street, Maywood, NJ. Cost is \$40. Get back \$25 slots, \$15 food. For tickets, call 551-587-3699. ###



**Deadline for the
August Gazette
is July 5th**

Moonachie
Shred & Stash
the Trash

Moonachie will be holding a residential shredding event on Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 70 Moonachie Road, with a limit of 4 boxes per person. The event is sponsored by the Bergen County Utilities Authority.

Also, on July 16, the Borough is holding their Stash the Trash event at the Civic Center, 125 Moonachie Road, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers and groups are needed, and can be used for community service hours. To sign up for Stash the Trash, call 201-641-1813 ext. 6 or email moongov@moonachie.us ###

BC Senior Picnic
September 13

Bergen County will host their Annual Senior Citizen Picnic on September 13, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Van Saun County Park, Paramus. Rain date is September 20, 2022.

Residents 60+ years are invited for lunch, music and entertainment, craft fair, informational tables, etc.

Limited handicap accessible parking is available. For special needs call Lauren at 201-336-7446 at least two weeks prior to request special accommodations.

Event is sponsored by Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services ADRC. ###

Craft Vendors Wanted
Does your organization have an arts and crafts group? Would you like to promote your group and build your membership by selling your hand-made crafts?

Join the annual Bergen County Senior Picnic on September 13. Craft sale tables are available for \$25 each. Limited craft sale table space is available. For further information, please call Kathy at 201-336-7416. ###

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Rutherford Concerts

The 2022 Rutherford Summer Concert Series schedule Thursdays from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hutzel Band Shell in Lincoln Park, Park Avenue.

- June 30 "The Unbrothers" (rd 7/5)
- July 7 "Rutherford Community Band" (rd 7/11)
- July 14 "Kimon & The Prophets" (rd 7/18)
- July 21 "String Theory & Big House" (rd 7/25)
- July 28 "One Hit Wonders" (rd 8/1)
- August 4 "Andrea Nies Band" (rd 8/8)
- August 11 "Elvis & Elton Tribute" (rd 8/15)
- August 18 "Mushmouth" (rd 8/22)

Concert time: 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hutzel Band Shell in Lincoln Park, Park Avenue. ###

Carlstadt Concerts

The Carlstadt 2022, free outdoor summer concert series lineup is as follows:

- July 5 - "Jack"
- July 19 - "William Pompeo & The Pros"
- August 2 (at Lindbergh Field) - "52nd Street Band"
- August 16 - "Stone Flower"
- August 30 - "Jersey Sound"
- September 6 - "Tom Petty Tribute Band"
- September 20 - "The Nerds"

The concerts are held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Village Green Park (August 2 will be at Lindbergh Field). All rain dates are the following Tuesday.

The Carlstadt Mayor and Council host this event; funded by sponsors. ###

East Rutherford Concerts will be held in September. Schedule to follow.

Wreath Raffle September 30

The Hasbrouck Heights Friends of the Library is hosting a Wreath Raffle, Friday, September 30, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Pre-sale raffle tickets are available at the Library the week of September 11, 2022.

Wreath and monetary donations are welcome.

The Friends are holding their meeting August 9, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome. ###

Lodi Summer Concerts

"Summer Concert Series" are held starting at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Lodi Memorial Park Amphitheater, weather permitting. Please bring your own chairs. For more information, call 973-859-7425 or go to: www.lodi_nj.org The 2022 schedule includes:

- July 2 (Saturday) - "Beatlemania Again"
- July 15 (Friday) - "Fillet of Soul"
- August 2 (Tuesday) - "NY State of Mind"
- August 26 (Friday) - "The Individuals"
- October 15 (Saturday) - "The Glimmer Twins" ###

Bergen County Concert Schedule

Concerts are held at Overpeck County Park Amphitheatre, 40 Fort Lee Road, Leonia.

All events are weather permitting. To keep up with the latest updates visit www.co.bergen.nj.us or follow the Bergen County Parks System on social media:

- Thursday, July 14 – Robert Gordon All-Star Lineup | Opening Act: Crash Gordon and Debra Dynamite, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, July 21 – Wé Ani McDonald | Opening Act: Paramus native, Jake Thistle, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, July 28 – The Cider Barn Bluegrass Band, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, August 4 – The Afro-Peruvian Ensemble, 7 p.m.

Caesars AC Casino Trip October 8

W-R Lions Club is hosting a bus trip to Caesars in Atlantic City on October 8, 2022. Bus departs W-R High School at 9 a.m. Cost is \$40 pp with a \$10 casino voucher. Deadline to reserve is August 1, with payment due September 1, 2022.

Send payment to Wood-Ridge Lions, PO Box 166, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. For more info, call Angelo at 201-779-7681. ###



Rutherford Fireworks

On Saturday, July 2, 2022, fireworks are scheduled to be held at Memorial Park. Festivities begin around 7 p.m. DJ entertainment. Event sponsored by Felician University. Bring your lawn chair. ###

Boardwalk @ the Boro July 2

Lodi will host "Boardwalk @ The Boro" on July 2, 2022, on Memorial Drive. Starts at 3 p.m.

Free event includes games, rides, stands, beer garden, fireworks and more! Check website for more details www.lodi_nj.org ###

Fall Fest October 15

Lodi will host "Fall Fest" on October 15, 2022, on Memorial Drive. Starts at 3 p.m.

Free event includes food trucks, beer garden, arts, crafts, local shops, fireworks and more!

Check website for more details www.lodi_nj.org ###

Food Drive

Assumption Parish Food Pantry is conducting a summer stock up food drive.

They seek any donation of non-perishable food items such as cereal, coffee/tea, canned goods, tuna, pasta sauce and pasta, paper products, peanut butter and jelly, etc.

Drop off items or mail monetary donations at the Assumption Parish Food Pantry, 143 First Street, Wood-Ridge.

For larger donations, call Tony at 201-507-1458. ###

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W-R PBA Golf Outing Sept. 12

The Wood-Ridge PBA Local #313 is hosting their 22nd Annual Golf Outing on September 12, 2022 at Wild Turkey at Crystal Springs Golf Course, Hamburg, NJ.

Registration and breakfast from 7 to 8 a.m. Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Fees are \$160 per golfer. \$640 per foursome. \$200 for tee and green sponsors. Special donations: One vest donation \$1,000; Beverage cart sponsor \$1,500.

Includes greens fees and cart, breakfast, lunch at the turn, banquet dinner, beer/wine, gifts and prizes.

Please RSVP to Fran at 201-939-0476 opt 4 or email: fpoito@woodridgepolice.org.

Make checks payable to Wood-Ridge PBA #313 and send to: Wood-Ridge PBA #313, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075 Attn: Golf Committee. ###

Wind Creek Casino Trip July 27

On July 27, 2022, the Hasbrouck Heights VFW Post 4591 will sponsor a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA. The cost is \$40 (paid in advance) and will include a continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. A \$25 slot voucher will be given upon arrival.

To help the travel time pass, there will be a 50/50, Bingo and a movie. For further details, call Diane at 201- 475-8898 or Gladys at 201-288-9074. ###

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Summer Movie Nights

VFW Post 809 and Auxiliary are hosting Summer Movie Nights Under the Stars at 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, on July 22 and August 19, 2022. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Movies start at 8:45 p.m. Event canceled if it rains. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Food and drinks will be available. ###

Elks Breakfast 1st Sunday

Elmwood Park/Paterson Elks Lodge 60, 192 Market Street, Elmwood Park, will host a breakfast, the first Sunday of every month, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. \$10 pp. Children 6-10, \$5. Free for children under 6. Open to the public.

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

Lodi Mayor & Council Reorganization July 1

Lodi Mayor and Council will hold their re-organization meeting at noon on July 1, 2022 at the Lodi Memorial Park Amphitheater. The public is welcome to attend. ###

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Corpus Christi Parish Picnic
September 10

The Corpus Christi family invites the community to a Parish Picnic, celebrating their 125th Anniversary on Saturday, September 10, 2022, on the parish grounds.

There will be outdoor games, delicious free food cooked by their Knights of Columbus Council, DJ, evening live music, clowns, face painting by local Girl Scouts, children's gift raffle, 50/50 raffle, Tricky Tray, dunk tank, service dogs and town emergency vehicles for tour.

Organizers welcome sponsorships, Tricky Tray items, gift cards and monetary donations. Acknowledgement will be included in the marketing and advertising.

For more information, call 201-288-4844. ###

Christmas in July Brunch/Tricky Tray

This brunch/tricky tray will be held at The Picco Tavern (160 Prospect Avenue, Hackensack) on Sunday July 24, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$45 pp. Clients and children under 12, \$35. \$400 a table of 10. Buy tickets online at: bcij.eventbrite.com or send check to: Buddies of NJ, Inc., 149 Hudson Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

Includes brunch, fun Tricky Tray and TV raffle. Bring a wrapped gift for a child going back to school, and get a second entry into the door prize raffle. Proceeds to benefit Buddies of NJ. that help people living with HIV in Bergen County. For more information, call 201-290-1539. ###

Beefsteak Sept. 16

The Rosary Confraternity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Wallington is sponsoring a "Beefsteak" catered by "Hap Nightingale" on Friday, September 16, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include dinner, coffee/tea and dessert. BYOB. No one under the age of 18 will be admitted. Doors open at 6 p.m. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets may be purchased at the rectory during regular business hours or from members of the Rosary Confraternity after weekend Masses.

Tickets may be purchased by mailing your name, address, phone number, number of tickets requested and mailed to MSH Church, 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057, and labeled "Attention: Rosary Confraternity Beefsteak."

Seating is by reservation only. If you wish a table of eight (8), ten (10) or twelve (12), submit full payment with a printed list of all names of persons to be seated, otherwise group seating cannot be guaranteed.

Make checks payable to: Most Sacred Heart Rosary Confraternity. Please respond no later than Monday, September 12. For additional information, call Carol at 201-935-0273.

The Great Hall is handicapped accessible. ###

VFW 809 BBQ Clambake July 30

VFW Post 809 and Auxiliary are celebrating their 100th Anniversary with a BBQ Clambake on July 30, 2022, from 1 to 5 p.m., at VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry. Will be held inside in case of rain.

Donation is \$25 pp in advance and \$30 at the door. Includes food, tap beer, soda and water.

Wear your most patriotic clothes and jewelry to enter and win a prize for the most patriotic attire.

They will be collecting for our deployed Military. Please donate unexpired snack items and toiletries to be shipped.

For more tickets, call 201-233-7010. ###

Rutherford Farmers' Market

The Rutherford Farmers' Market is returning for its 25th season. The Farmers' Market will be held at Williams Center Plaza on Park Avenue on Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning July 6 and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., beginning July 9. The market season concludes October 29, 2022.

The market is sponsored by the Borough of Rutherford.

For general information contact: Laurie Gentile, 201-460-3000 ext. 3114 Email: lgentile@rutherfordboronj.com ###

AL Pig Roast July 16, 2022

American Legion Squadron 310 is hosting their Art Jensen Jr. Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ. 201-807-0470.

Cost \$25 pp in advance. At the door \$30 pp. Last day to purchase advance tickets will be Tuesday, July 12.

Menu is "All you can eat" hamburgers, hot dogs, London Broil, BBQ chicken, 2-100 pound-plus pigs, mussels, fresh corn on the cob, salads, draft beer and soda. Children under 12 eat for free.

The Pig Roast is rain or shine. No refund.

Music by "DJ Bill Reagan." All proceeds go to Veterans and children's programs.

The bar will be closed that day for non-ticket holders. Reminder, this is a fundraiser! ###

AL Picnic Sept. 10

American Legion Post 310 will hold its 40th Annual Picnic on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 3 to 7 p.m., at American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

Cost is \$30 per person at the door or \$25 in ADVANCE. Kids under 12 eat free.

All you can eat, BBQ chicken, baby back ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, clams on a half shell, corn on the cob, Manhattan Clam Chowder, salads, draft beer and soda included. The bar will be closed for non-ticket holders.

Entertainment by DJ Jack Jam. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Rain or shine. Please bring your lawn chair. Large Pavilion on site and tents in case of inclement weather.

All proceeds go to support Veterans and children's programs. Last day to purchase advance tickets will be Tuesday, September 6.

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

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Rutherford Repair Café

The Rutherford Green Team held its third Repair Café on May 21, 2022, from 12 to 4 p.m., in Lincoln Park.

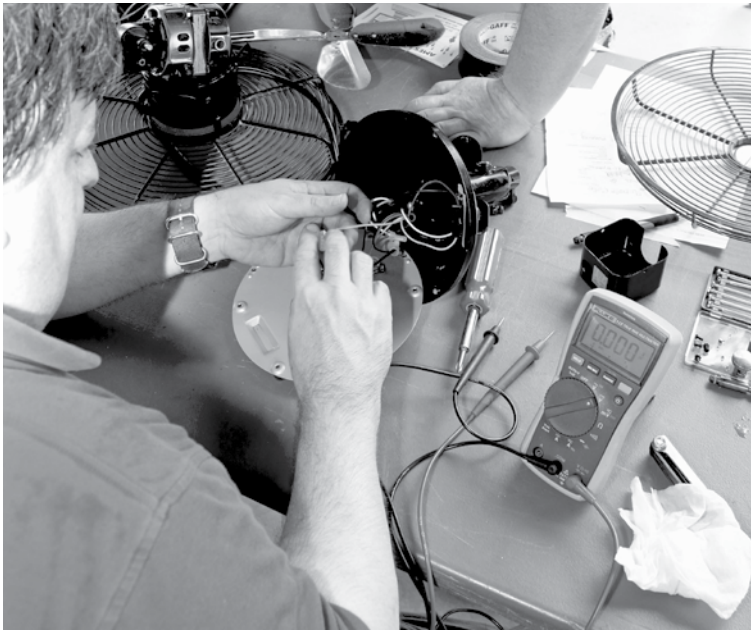
Part social gathering, part repair shop, the Repair Café an international phenomenon, began in Holland where community members volunteer to help fix things that people would otherwise throw out.

It was an afternoon drop-in event where community members brought in broken or non-functioning items to be fixed for free.

Expert volunteers had necessary tools and some spare parts available for a nominal fee, but participants were encouraged to obtain the necessary parts beforehand.

The purpose is not only to reduce waste but also to teach people how to fix things themselves.

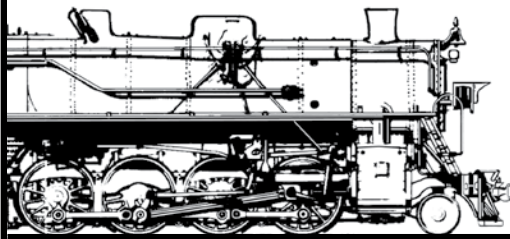
Rutherford's Repair Café had the following stations: bicycles, clothing, sewing machine repair, small appliances, computers, lamps, furniture, small engines (*lawnmowers*), and possibly jewelry. For more information, contact brianhan-sonharding@gmail.com ###



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W-R Memorial Foundation: Spring Meeting; Elects 2 New Trustees and Officers, Announces Record Awards, & Establishes Pfeifer Award

It was a very busy Spring for the Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation Trustees. At the April 7, 2022 reorganization meeting, the following individuals were elected as officers: Linda Finke, President; Ezio Altamura, Vice President; Chris Garvin, Esq., Treasurer; Mary Tomat, Secretary; Jeffrey Heldman Esq., Counsel; and Jack Nagel, Executive Director.

Foundation President Linda Finke was pleased to announce the election of two new Trustees, Jack Maher Jr., and Danielle Cata.

• Jack has been a resident of Wood-Ridge since 1982. A graduate of WRHS, he received his degree in Elementary Education from The College of New Jersey and is a teacher in the Jersey City Public Schools Math Department.

Jack is assistant basketball coach for WRHS and, in

September, he will begin his 8th season as Head Football Coach at Becton High School. He is also very active coaching many WR youth sports teams. Jack resides in town with his wife, Janet, and children Kayla, Alexa, and Matthew.

“With that small town feel and the ability to provide scholarships for so many hard working, deserving students from Wood-Ridge over the years, it is an absolute honor to be part of the Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation” were his comments regarding being selected as a Trustee.

• Danielle is a graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor's Degree in History and a Master's Degree in Education. A resident of Wood-Ridge since 2008, she and her husband, Jason, are the proud parents of Jason and Gabriella, both attending Wood-Ridge

Public Schools. She has worked as a Middle School Social Studies Teacher in Teaneck for 17 years and is active in community youth sports programs, Assumption Church, and the PTA. Danielle feels that the WRMF offers wonderful scholarship opportunities for high school students in our community.

As a proud resident of Wood-Ridge she is honored and excited to serve as a Trustee for the Foundation.

At the meeting, the first order of business was to determine the number of 2022 awards to be given out and the total dollar amount of the individual awards to be granted to this year's graduating High School Seniors. The unanimous decision was made to award a total of 20 scholarships amounting to \$60,000 for the Class of 2022. This is the largest number of awards and highest dollar amount ever granted by the Foundation.

Also at the meeting, Foundation Treasurer Chris Garvin, announced that the children of Ed and Ronnie Pfeifer contacted the Foundation requesting a scholarship award be established in their parents' names.

Jack Nagel reported the WRHS National Honor Society Members and other student volunteers have recently delivered the annual fund drive letters soliciting donations to the Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation to homes in the community. If you have misplaced your envelope and wish to make a donation of any amount, please mail your check to the Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 282, Wood-Ridge. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you would like information regarding the establishment of an annual award, or have any questions regarding the Foundation, please email Jack Nagel at janpro911@aol.com ###



Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney

The American Dream, One Generation to the Next

A large portion of American youth today can no longer afford to live on their own.

New surveys I've seen show that that around 40% of parents in the US currently have an adult child still living at home.

An additional 25% reported that their adult child temporarily lived with them but has since moved out.

Of 2,200 respondents in one study, 33% said that their adult children simply could not afford housing on their own. An additional 33% said their child needed financial support after college, while 17% cited job losses.

This has darkened what should be the “golden years” for many Boomer parents, especially those of limited resources. Around 35% said they could no longer afford their long-term goals, and 26% said supporting their adult children has hurt their short-term financial goals. An additional 14% said the added cost had limited their ability to save for future health care.

Previous generations could afford to go to school, work hard, buy a home and start a family. This is no longer the case amid inflation at a 40 year high coupled with historically high housing and rental costs.

The average college debt ranges from \$35k to \$50k, depending on federal student or private student enrollment. Home buying is out of reach for many, as the current average price for a home here our area and across a lot of America is nearly half a million dollars...

So what's a parent to do? Well, those with means available are actively helping many adult children purchase their first home.

With real estate prices now at never-before-seen highs, required down payments are beyond the attainment of most millennials. Parents who want to help their offspring get on the property ladder have a

number of ways to do so.

The easiest way, of course, is to make a cash gift, which is a concrete way to give them as much as they need to make that down-payment, or even more.

But, as an aged parent, you need to be careful; a gift like this shouldn't have a negative impact on you. It's important to assess how this gift will affect your retirement.

Money given to a child will no longer generate income for you, so you need to make projections to ensure you have enough income to last for the rest of your life. You don't want any unpleasant surprises.

But some parents – those with the ability to comfortably make a down payment gift without hurting their retirement – are able to help their kids become homeowners. They may view it as a way to make an impact while still being alive and able to see the results.

In fact, compared with millennials struggling to break into the housing market and pay off debt, those born in the baby boom generation – today around 58 to 76 years old – have been accumulating money for years, putting them in control of 53 percent of the country's total wealth, experts say.

Baby boomers also, on average, have a far larger share of the country's wealth than millennials when they were the same age – 21 percent compared to the millennials' 4.6 percent.

Boomers control so much of the country's wealth for three main reasons: They have a significant amount of money in retirement plans, they've invested heavily in the stock market over the past 30 to 35 years and they've bought bigger homes with greater value. These factors put many baby boomers in a sound enough financial position to pass down their wealth to their children.

We in real estate call it “the bank of mom and dad” and it's been immensely helpful lately to young first-time home buyers, now more than ever, hard pressed to get ahead in these difficult times.

There's always much to consider when buying, selling or renting a home. For expert guidance, contact Mary Ellen Courtney, Broker-Manager at Terrie O'Connor Realtors' Gateway Group, 201-288-0004. She and her professional team will help maximize your efforts' success! ###

July Flower
Larkspur

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Let's Go Traveling!

By Rick Ardis

Christmas (Planning in July)

Travel around the various holidays throughout the year is immensely popular.

Some holidays are strictly vacation oriented, while Thanksgiving, more often, is to visit with family and friends. The Festive Season, an all-encompassing term for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's, combines both types of travel.

As with any busy travel season, it is best to make plans early for better rates. Now is the time to cement your plans for these end of year holidays.

In years gone by, flights to, and hotels in many destinations, would already be unavailable for Festive. The increase in air service and hotel options over the last two decades has made for more choices.

As families have moved further away from the home base, holiday vacations in resort areas have become increasingly popular.

Far-flung family members will often assemble at a resort destination for a carefree celebration. The family matriarch may relax while the resort staff caters to her and her brood.

Rising in popularity are holiday celebrations at villa properties in tropical locales or mountain ski destinations.

Companies, like Villas of Distinction, can arrange personalized festivities for the family. Homes can be decorated to suit the needs and taste of the group. Chefs, serving staff, and activities can be arranged for a complete experience.

Other seasonal adventures may take place just before the actual holiday. The Christmas Markets during the Advent throughout Europe are extremely popular. While markets Germany and Austria are renowned, they also exist throughout the continent.

Attending a concert of carols in an English cathedral is just one highlight of a holiday visit to Great Britain. Christmas Eve Mass at the Vatican's Saint Peter's Piazza, or the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, is an aspiration for

Christian travelers.

Jewish travelers heading to Israel may opt for a Menorah Tour of Jerusalem's walled city while hearing stories of Hanukkah. In the Nordic region of Europe, the Santa Lucia Festival on December 13 lights up the dark night.

Cruising for the holidays has become easier and more affordable in late December and early January. With more ships than in the past, options abound. There are seasonal sailings from Bayonne and New York, eliminating the need to fly to an embarkation port. While the start and end of the trip may have chilly weather, it is a less stressful alternative without the need for flights.

Another choice is for a river cruise on the Mississippi visiting Southern Plantations decked-out in holiday glory.

Travel for New Year's tends to be more celebratory. While people from around the world aspire to ring in the New Year in Times Square, the people of our area look to other locales. Las Vegas has big parties and concerts after slow weeks earlier in December.

Central Florida's Walt Disney World is extremely popular throughout the entire Festive season. I have been there often over the last 50 years. One of my desires is to attend the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

Perillo Tours, long known as a leader in escorted Italy vacations, also has a program for Hawaii. This year they have a special tour including a gala New Year's Eve Dinner in Waikiki featuring the return of fireworks on the beach.

This special departure is scheduled to be hosted by Steve Perillo and family.

There is a plethora of opportunities, both solemn and secular, to entice the traveler during the season. Plan now to have more choices and options for you and your family. Happy Holiday Planning! ###

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Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



Lights, Camera, Action

What is now the multi-billion-dollar motion picture industry, had its beginnings here in New Jersey.

Thomas Alva Edison is credited with the invention of the Kinescope. This device was the first use of a roll of film to show continuous movement. However, the film was not projected, but viewed through a peephole.

Developments in Europe, in projection of film images, had Edison partner with a young inventor, Charles Jenkins. Jenkins had developed the Vitascope. A number of short films were shot at Edison's studio at West Orange, NJ. This was the first film studio. This structure was called the "Black Maria." It has an open roof and was mounted on a turntable to follow the sun.

These short films consisted of magic shows, dancers, vaudeville acts and a boxing match.

In 1903, Edison filmed the first full length western (*15 minutes*). This was the "Great Train Robbery." The Delaware Lackawanna and Western Railroad allowed Edison to use

their engine and cars for the film. The rest of the outdoor scenes were shot in the wilds of an Essex County Park. Edison tried to add sound to his films. It was impossible to synchronize the wax recording to the film and the sound was not amplified.

Edison then built a new studio in Brooklyn, NY. However, this was not the end of his movie production in New Jersey.

Edison shot the film "Rescue from the Eagle's Nest" on location at the Fort Lee Palisades cliffs. The area of Fort Lee called Coytesville became a Mecca for budding film companies.

Upwards of fourteen companies would build or use studios in Fort Lee. Some would become major film companies. These included Universal Pictures, Republic, 20th Century Fox and Metro Goldwyn Mayer (*MGM*).

Actors that acted in Fort Lee included D. W. Griffith, Mary Pickford, Lionel Barrymore, Theda Bara, Marx Brothers and Douglas Fairbanks.

In 1919, African Ameri-

can filmmaker, Oscar Micheaux, would make "Within Our Gates." This was the Black perspective on the racist film "Birth of a Nation." Oscar Micheaux would shoot the last film in Fort Lee in 1948. By then the film industry had moved to Hollywood.

New Jersey would have a number of films shot in the state. Just to name a few, "On the Waterfront" was shot in Hoboken in 1954.

The horror classic "Friday the 13th" was shot at the Boy Scout Camp No-Be-Bo-Sc, Blairstown, in 1980.

"The Muppets Take Manhattan" had a scene shot in the Hoboken train station in 1984. Mickey Rourke filmed "The Wrestler" in numerous locations in the state.

One scene was shot in the Pioneer Club in Hasbrouck Heights in 2008. Other films have used a number of locations in the state.

There is now a rebirth of movie and television production in the state.

The Izod/Meadowlands Arena, once the home of the Devils and Nets, is now a sound stage for a number of television programs.

It has been announced that Lionsgate will build a \$100 million dollar film and TV complex in Newark, NJ. Edison had no idea of what he started. ###



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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Artful July 2022 Part 2 of 3

When last we met I was telling you how innovative we kids were when it came to entertaining ourselves. Even something as simple as hitting a popsicle stick with a rubber ball on the sidewalk was good for at least a few hours of fun and recreation. Before you knew it there was someone running down the block yelling “I’ve got the winner.” It grew from there until it became a Hit the Stick tournament. Then we’d move on to something else like a game of Single, Double, Triple using the same ball. Let’s see, how can I explain this complicated game to you without confusing everyone including myself? I’ve got the solution. I’ll refer to a poem I wrote for my yet, if ever, to be published (*so what else is new?*) book of poetry titled “The Poetry of Westervelt Place.”

Single Double Triple

By Artie Maglionico

Single Double Triple
A Westervelt game.
Our version of base ball
Our own hall of fame.
No bat to be had
Just a steady barrage
Of a Spalding sent darting
Off of Rocco’s garage.
No pitcher was needed
No bases to find.
The ball park imagined
In the field of the mind.
“Single Double Triple.”
With each rhythmic beat
Counting the bounces
When the ball hit the street.
It was quite controversial,
One had to be quick
If the kid counting bounces
Was known to be slick.
The kids up at bat
Were put to the test.
Number four, when they
counted,
Was a Triple at best.
Single Double Triple Home
Run.
Fini

By the way, a fly ball over the Feigo’s 7 foot tall hedges was an “automatic” home run.

Automatic meaning that there was no way you could cheat your way in or out of it. Johnny Rannou held the home run record during the summer of '59. A few of us frowned upon Rannou’s hitting prowess since he was the only kid on the block who belonged to a Little League baseball team and sported his own official baseball cap.

The name of his team was Rotary. Anyone out there remember that name? Perhaps you or someone you knew played on that team. Rannou might have been a Little Leaguer on the baseball field but on Westervelt Place he was strictly in the majors.

Box ball, stick ball, King, Queen, Jack, kick the can, flipping baseball cards or simply playing catch, Rannou was the kid to beat.

I’m sure you have your own version of Single, Double, Triple. In our case that two car garage was perfect for what we had in mind. It was as if whoever built it made sure that it was designed specifically for the playing of that particular game. For us it was a Grand Slam.

Today, of course, a street game such as that would be a futile and hazardous endeavor because of the chaotic, endless flow of traffic that has now become a way of life even on Westervelt Place. It’s difficult to cross the street let alone play in it.

If today the neighborhoods seem void of kids during the summer months it’s most likely because of the lack of open fields and quiet side streets. Even the school grounds seem to be off limits of late.

Once upon a time those same playgrounds were teaming with kids. They were like summer day camps with no

counselors, just a bunch of kids having fun. Sure there might have been a minor scuffle or two but it never amounted to much.

Whenever I was faced with a potential donnybrook, I always made sure that someone was nearby who was certain to break it up before it started. I won more fights that way.

We never took a day off from enjoying ourselves. Like that two car garage it was as if the world was created with us in mind and we took full advantage of it.

After all we owned it. We took whatever the Good Lord gave us and made it work. One way or the other it always worked. There was never a time when it didn’t. Nothing was discarded without it first being examined. From old roller skates and empty refrigerator boxes, WWII Knapsacks and canteens, discarded bushels (*we’d nail the rim of the bushel to a telephone pole and play basketball*), to broken broom sticks and clothesline rope we’d always find a use for it.

If there are any of you reading this that are too young to remember ...yes that’s the way it was. Not that long ago either. Well maybe it was at that! We were the products of our own ingenuity.

For us it was the quintessence of necessity being the mother of invention. We enjoyed the fruits of our active and restless imaginations. Our world and everything in it was sacred and, sadly enough, slowly disappearing. So were we.

Allow me to incorporate yet another poem taken from that same unpublished book. It blends in nicely with the subject matter at hand. You might even find a piece of yourself in there somewhere.

Rainbow

By Artie Maglionico

When we were kids we’d hang on the corner
Absorbing the time on a long summer day.
We didn’t mind when it started raining
It was part of the game that all little kids play.
When the storm passed we discovered a rainbow
Forever in awe of the colorful sky.

Innocent shades as soft as the pillow
That pampered our dreams like a faint lullaby.
While little girls danced on a porch in the distance
We, in worn sneakers, played ball in the street.
The old men drank wine and chewed on their stogies
Unscathed by the pulse of the midsummer heat.
Love was as real as those old men who knew us
Lessening in number as they watched us grow.
After the rain they would ask in Italian
“Dov’e finite l ‘arcobaleno?” (*Where did the rainbow go?*)
Secrets escaping like crows from a vineyard
Leaving behind the scattering seeds.
Over the fences and into the future
Saying goodbye to our little kid needs.
Grandma once asked me if I saw the rainbow.
“The rainbow” I answered “is there in your eyes.”
“No!” she said firmly “that’s just your reflection.
The future is really the past in disguise.”
Fini

One of our favorite “summer day trips” was a visit to the sacred shores of the Saddle River.

I know that I’ve written about our riverside excursions in the past but the very nature of this three part story deems it necessary to visit those bonnie banks yet one more time.

The Saddle River had been the Mecca of aquatic recreation for generations. The pristine shoreline and clean, safe to swim in the water, was enjoyed by families from Lodi as well as neighboring communities and beyond.

People joined in picnics, canoe rides, musical entertainment and romantic interludes by the light of the silvery moon. “Silvery Moon,” in case you’re wondering is the name of a song written by Gus Edwards for the Ziegfeld Follies in 1909.

That’s how it must have been before “progress” began messing with the landscape and those once pristine shores gave way to a thick phosphorescent sludge. It was an unhealthy environment unless you were a chemically induced crazed bullfrog or the kids from Westervelt Place.

The River

By Artie Maglionico

On the Westervelt trail we walked.
Then toward the morning sun
To where the Saddle River flowed

We ventured one by one.
We were baptized with the frogs
Who scattered frantically
When first they heard the dismal news
Of our divinity.
The factories on the northern shore
Let loose their gifts below.
What was left came floating down,
Quite useless, in a row.
Yet this was where our dreams were shared
Each to his own device
For what was hell to wayward souls
Was, to us, a paradise.
Fini

Yes folks that was the Saddle River in the mid to late 50s. For us it was an extension of Westervelt Place. We owned it, made use of it, took from it, put it back then left it there. We couldn’t take it with us except in memory.

I sincerely hope that you’re enjoying these poems at least a little bit. They’ve been sequestered in the dark recesses of an old shoe box collecting mildew for lo these many months.

I’ll tell you a little more about our river excursions in the August issue. In the meantime continue to enjoy the Summer.

For those of you who are reading this prior to the 4th of the month allow me to wish you a happy and safe 4th of July.

For the rest of you, I trust that it was, indeed, happy and safe. By the way what took you so long to read this?

I’ve got a delicious ending to this month’s column. A gastronomic delight of Sicilian origin called Caponata. The Italian pronunciation is Capanadina.

My Aunt Josephine (*Anthony’s Mom*) introduced it to my family many years ago and it remains among my favorite dishes. The recipe was handed down to my cousin Beth (*Anthony’s wife*) and I must say that it’s absolutely, positively the best on the planet.

Here’s my Cousin Beth’s recipe. Call it Caponata or Capanadina when Beth makes it I call it delicious. Here’s how she does it.

She combines eggplant, olive oil, capers, olives, onions, celery, bell pepper, garlic and basil. Then cooks them separately then sautés the ingredients (*stove top*) adding a pinch or two of sugar, Balsamic vinegar and the piece de resistance, tomato sauce.

This fabulous dish will go great with your summer cookouts and beyond. *Buon appetito! ###*

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W-R Lions Club Completes Successful 2021-22; Installs New Officers and Melvin Jones Fellow

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club held their annual Installation Night of Officers on June 9 at Lassoni's Ristorante in North Arlington.

Moving up the ranks as officers were new King Lion Angelo Petruzzella, First Vice President Bob Valenti, Second Vice President John Buscema. Club Secretary Dennis Brubaker, Treasurer Mike Roman, Tail Twister Jack Nagel and the current Board of Directors remained in their positions.

The newest officer installed was Jimmy Love as Lion Tamer. He is the grandson of the late Jim Love, who served the Club as Secretary for many years, a Past President and a Melvin Jones recipient. Jimmy is proud to follow in his grandfather's footsteps and looks forward to being part of the leadership of the Club for years to come.

Outgoing King Lion Bob Caruso reported that the Club raised and distributed over \$40,000 this past year.

Among the recipients of significant donations were Saint Joseph's School for the Blind, Camp Marcella, Gus Hoene Center for the Mentally Challenged, Eversight (NJ Eye Bank), Lions Eye Research Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Research (JDRF), Foundation for Fighting Blindness, Bergen County Food Center, NJ Special Olympics, Wood-Ridge PBA Vest Fund, Wood-Ridge Library, and five awards totaling \$7,000 were made to graduating high school seniors.

The recipients were: Andrew Berg, WRHS received a \$2,000 award in the name of Lion Vinny Pascale and all Charter Club Members; Yasmine Diras, WRHS received \$1,500 in the names of Lions Phil Rottini and Jim Love; Madison Macalintal, St. Andrew School received \$1,500 in memory of Lion Bill Nagel; Nicholas Pfeifer, WRHS received \$1,000 in Honor of Lion Jack Nagel; and Jessica Piacentino, WRHS received \$1,000 in the name of All Current Club Members.

These donations, as well as the Club being a major par-



Outgoing King Lion presents the gavel to new King Lion Angelo Petruzzella. Angelo looks forward to leading the Club and continuing the good work the Club performs in service to others. ###



The lapel pin designating John Marino as a Melvin Jones Fellow is affixed on his jacket by his wife Pat. ###

ticipant with free eye screening (over 2,000 exams) throughout the county for school children in the lower grades, makes the Wood-Ridge Club one of the most recognized Clubs not only in Bergen County but in the entire state.

Bob thanked his fellow officers and Club members for their work and support during these past two difficult years due to Covid.

The highlight of the dinner was the enrollment of Club Member John Marino as a Mel-

vin Jones Fellow. This award and recognition is the highest honor that Lions International presents. The selection committee chose John because of his years of service as an active member of the Club and commitment to sight research since 1989.

The Club will take the summer off and will begin their 83rd year in September. The Club is truly thankful to the community for their continued support! Provided by Jack Nagel. ###



The Ruddy family with members of the Rutherford High School Class of 1990.

Street Named for Fallen Firefighter

On Sunday, June 12, 2022, the Borough of Rutherford honored fallen hero John T. Ruddy. John was a Jersey City Fire Department Battalion Chief and Rutherford High School member of the Class of 1990. Mr. Ruddy passed on December 8, 2021 immediately following a fire call and is considered to have passed in the line of duty.

Mayor Nunziato would like to thank John's family, former classmates, colleagues as well as the Borough Council members and County Commissioner Steve Tanelli, who attended the dedication, at which Wood Street and Fairview Avenue in Rutherford were named John T. Ruddy Way. Provided by Kim Bogosian. ###



The Members of the Wood-Ridge Lions Club wish to thank all who supported our club projects this past year.
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Blue Mass Honors Law Enforcement

Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady in Wood-Ridge held its sixth annual Blue Mass for all the men and women in law enforcement on Sunday, May 15, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

It was well attended with 336 attendees and an additional 334 livestream viewers. The Mass recognized the sacrifice and dedication of all those who serve in law enforcement, Fire and EMS both in Wood-Ridge and throughout other depart-

ments.

This Mass was held in person as well as “Livestreamed.” All parishioners and those who attended Mass in Church received two keepsake prayer cards, one for Saint Michael and one for Saint Florian which was blessed at the 11:00 Mass. The Mass was celebrated by Father Paul Keenan, OFM, WRPD Chaplain, Co-Celebrant Father Ronnie Nombre, Pastor, Assumption Church, Father Joseph A. D’Amico, Pastor, Saint

Anastasia Church, Teaneck, NJ and Father George Gillen, Assumption Church. Father Paul returned to his hometown of Wood-Ridge here at Assumption and is currently serving at Saint Anthony Shrine in Boston, MA. Father Joe D’Amico comes from a family of police and firefighters. Father Joe, who grew up in Brooklyn, NY serves as the Director of Prison Ministry for the Archdiocese of Newark.

Councilman Altamura wishes to thank Father Paul

Keenan, Father Joe D’Amico, Father Ronnie Nombre and Father George Gillen, Music Minister and technical coordinator Gabe Valle and Rose Lepore from Assumption Church for all of their efforts to make this event a success.

Let us always keep in our prayers our local first responders, Police Chiefs Michael O’Donnell and John Korin (Ret.), Fire Chief Ken Schulz and EMS Captain Dennis Kronyak, and all of their men and women who selflessly serve

the people of Wood-Ridge and our great country. This annual event is coordinated by Councilman & WR Police Commissioner Ezio Altamura whose vision it is to honor our police, on this day and every day. Councilman Altamura stated “This Mass is an opportunity for our community to come together each year and show gratitude to our first responders and their families for all they do for us, this day and always.”

Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful

Project "Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful" celebrated its twenty second year on Sunday, June 5, 2022. Over 200 volunteers participated. It was held outdoors from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of our environment and the impact of litter. Hackensack Street and Valley Boulevard were cleaned, while flowers were freshly planted at the Library, Civic Center, Senior Center, Veterans Park on Valley Boulevard, C.E. Doyle School and the Bianchi House historical property.

A shredding event was also held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Civic Center, spon-

sored by the Bergen County Board of Health and BCUA.

This year's 2022 tee shirt art design contest was offered to students in Grades 7-8 with the winner, Ms. Kayla Santiago, receiving a check for \$100 at the day's event, compliments of the Mayor and Council, with her artwork design and name prominently displayed on the front of each tee shirt.

A special thank you to Wendy’s Restaurant of Wood-Ridge for providing the lemonade truck for all to enjoy! In addition, a big thank you to Spencer Savings Bank for their giveaways, Tullo Ice of Hasbrouck Heights for their do-

nation and the Bergen County Department of Health for the use of their cleaning utensils and for providing free gifts for all participants.

It was gratifying to see the shared efforts of many organizations in town including the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Knights of Columbus, Transformation Life Church, WRHS students, Police Department, Auxiliary, EMS Department, Fire Department, DPW, along with individual families all working together with enthusiasm and cooperation for the betterment of Wood-Ridge. Wood-Ridge is a special place to live and it was certainly evi-



dent that friends and neighbors take pride in our community. I would like to encourage all residents and business owners to do their part to "Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful" all year round by picking up litter and

recycling. Set an example for all to follow!

Provided by Wood-Ridge Councilmen Ezio Altamura and Ed Marino, Co-Chairmen, KWRB. ###

Scenes From the 2022 Hasbrouck Heights Street Fair

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The Great Duck Derby



Below: Setting up and testing the course



Below: Loading over 2,000 ducks, filling the pond, releasing them while spectators watched their duck race down the artificial stream.



The Lions Club of Rutherford held their First Annual Great Duck Derby on Saturday, May 21, 2022, from noon to 3:30 p.m. Fun for the entire family!

Over 2,000 numbered plastic ducks were released into a waterway along West Pierrepont Avenue, near Carmita Avenue, racing to the finish line.

Patrons could “adopt” a Duck for \$5 or a Quack Pack (6 ducks) for \$25. Over \$3,000 in prizes were awarded to the “adoptive parents” of the 25 fastest lucky Ducks.

The day included many free fun activities, crafts and games, refreshments and the duck race. Free event.

Questions: Contact Laura 201-893-1172. Check out the Facebook page @Rutherford-LionsClub ####

While the Duck Derby course was being set-up, there were many free family activities to enjoy.



Oversized Duck backdrop for selfies





LFPD Held a Fishing Derby

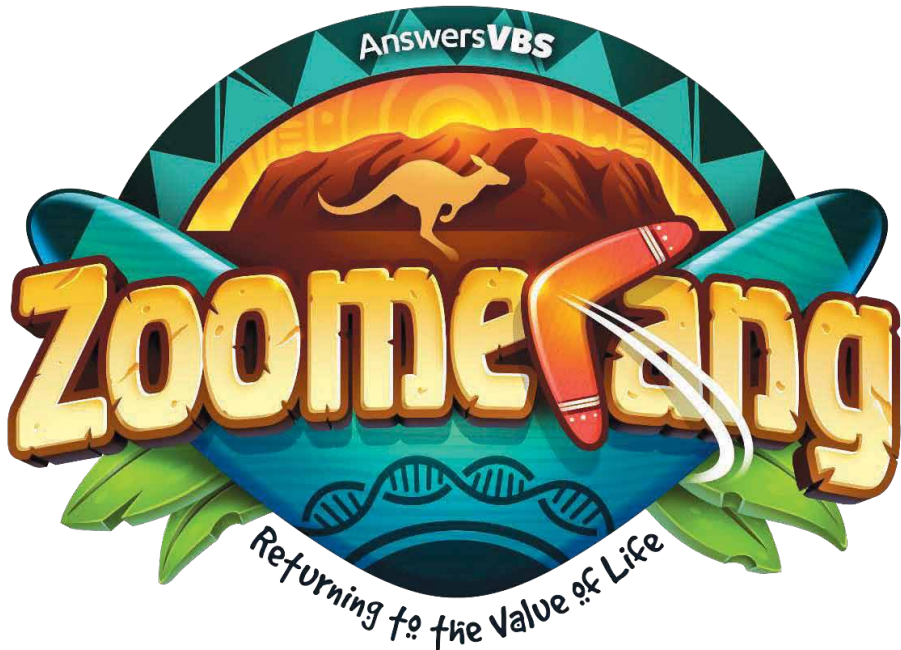
On June 18, 2022, the Fishing Derby was held at Indian Lake at Lakeview Park, sponsored by the Little Ferry Police Activities League, Little Ferry residents only. No fishing license was needed for anyone under 15. Limited bait, tackle and fishing poles were available on a first come basis. This was a catch and release event. Prizes were awarded to each age group. ###



The children at New World Montessori School in Hasbrouck Heights participated in their 23rd Annual Trike-a-Thon. There were many parent volunteers to assist with this memorable event. Thanks to the fundraising skills and generosity of the parents, \$3,835 was donated to St. Jude's and will be used to provide treatment to children with cancer. Provided by Heidi Reinhardt. ###

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Bicycle Safety and Car Seat Install/Inspection Day June 4

The Lodi Police Department hosted a "Rolling and Patrolling" bicycle registration and car seat installation inspection on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Lodi Police Headquarters.

Adults and teens were especially encouraged to attend.

In an effort to protect Lodi residents, the Lodi Police Department registered these items with a documented identify-

ing etching. Bicycles were engraved with a registration number which can help recover stolen bicycles.

There were bicycle safety instructions, repair techniques, theft prevention precautions, instructional video, live demonstrations and an obstacle course.

Officers checked that bicycle helmets fitted properly. They gave away a free bi-

cycle lock or a free helmet on a first come, first served basis. Proof of Lodi residency was required.

The Traffic Division was also available to install new child car seats or perform safety checks on those installed. For more information, call Lt. Anthony Mobilio at 973-473-7600, Ext. 8126 or go to www.lodipd.org ###



Blue Chip Chorus

On Sunday, May 22, members of the Wood-Ridge Historical Society and their guests were treated to an outstanding performance by fourteen talented members of the Blue Chip Chorus (Dave Buchner, Tom Cramer, Lou Glazer, Al Gramkow, Ted Gustenhoven, Gene Hammerle, Bill Leaver, Lou Ponte, Rich Ruymen, Bill Schroeder, Ken Stevens, Doug Swozil, Jerry van der Hove, and Rich Wolpoe). Their four-part, acapella harmonies included traditional Barber Shop renditions, old time favorites, and pop tunes interspersed with humor from their conductor as well as audience sing-alongs. Refreshments were bountiful, and it was a great afternoon of fun and friendship enjoyed by all in attendance. Be sure not to miss any future appearance of the Blue Chip men to be scheduled by the W-R Historical Society. Photo provided by Sara Provost. Story by Dorothy Dobek. ###

Art Show at CPS

Caitlin Gold, Carlstadt Public School Art teacher, orchestrated an annual Art Show which returned after the Covid years put it on the back burner. There were over 2,000 pieces of art displayed during the art show. There were sculptures of candy boxes, all different media of pictures done by Pre-K to 8th Graders. There were raffles: A free raffle for Legoland at the American Dream for the students of CPS and two children received those passes and the Carlstadt PTA were selling raffles to benefit the 8th Grade dance. Also, there was face painting done by the 8th Grade students, spin art assisted by teacher volunteers and rainbow shadows done in the science room. Fun was had by all! Photos and story provided by Mariann Kronyak. ###



Scenes from East Rutherford Civic Pride Community Day Picnic on June 5, 2022. Photos provided by John Zoller. ###



Hasbrouck Heights Memorial Day 2022 Service

On May 31, 2022, Hasbrouck Heights Veterans hosted a modified Memorial Service. AL Post 106 1st Vice Commander Mike Panos led the program. Pastor Debbie Rundecker from the First Reformed Church gave the Invocation and Benediction. Mayor Jack DeLorenzo (father) and VFW Post 4591 Commander Jack DeLorenzo (son) spoke. VFW Post 4591 Michael Sickels and AL Post 106 Chaplain Steve Herinya read the roll call. Veterans, Scouts and the public placed "Pop-pies" at the base of the Monument. "Taps" was played by Alfonsus Agapinan. The Honor Guard was provided by the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department. Due to COVID-19, the traditional parade was canceled. ###



Little Ferry Veterans 2022 Memorial Day Service

Little Ferry held mirror services at monuments in front of Washington Elementary and Memorial Schools on Liberty Street on May 28, 2022 at 11 a.m. Chaplain Victor Ruggiero gave the Invocation and Benediction. The "National Anthem" was sung. Wreaths were placed by several Veterans and community organizations. The Vietnam Veterans of America gave the rifle salute. Little Ferry Mayor Mauro D. Raguseo, Congressman Bill Pascrell, Bergen County Executive James J. Tedesco, Commissioners Dr. Joan M. Voss and Thomas J. Sullivan and Sheriff Anthony Cureton provided remarks. Refreshments were served at the Posts. This annual event is alternately sponsored by American Legion Post 310 and VFW Post 809. ###

Lodi 2022 Memorial Day Services

As in previous years, Lodi held several Memorial Day Services beginning at the EMS Headquarters, followed by the Fire Department and continuing with the Police Department, etc. Joseph M. Lane American Legion Post 136 in Lodi celebrated Memorial Day with solemn services, an all Auxiliary Rifle Team, barbecue, and community spirit. *Photos provided by Margaret Frontera. ###*



Carlstadt Memorial Day Parade and Service

Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



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Carlstadt Fire Department 2022 Memorial Service

On May 21, 2022, the Carlstadt Exempt Firemen's Association hosted the Annual Service in memory of all who have served and responded to their last alarm.

The program was led by Past Chief Chris Assenheimer. Invocation and Benediction by Pastor Debbie Gargiulo. Pledge by Battalion Chief James Schmidt. National Anthem, ERFD Joshua Novello.

Guest speaker was Past Chief of Wallington Fire Department, Mark Tomko. Following the presentation of Memorial Wreaths, Piper Sharon Dunn played "Amazing Grace." *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department 2022 Memorial Service

On May 30, 2022, a service was held at the Firemen's Memorial at The Circle, to honor and recognize the service of past Department members. *###*



Lodi Fire Department 2022 Memorial Service

The Lodi Fire Department held a Memorial Day Service on May 30, 2022. The Department Chaplain, Peter Christiana, gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fire Chiefs placed wreaths at the base of the monument. There was a roll call of the deceased members. "Taps" was played. The Lodi Fire Department recognized several members for their extra service during COVID-19, presented a member with a life saving award, gave a scholarship and promoted a member of the Honor Guard. *###*



Wood-Ridge Fire Department 2022 Memorial Service

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department held their annual memorial on May 25, 2022. Exempt Association President Thomas Bischoff Jr. led the service. Deacon Nick Valdez gave the Invocation and Benediction. Councilman Dominick Azzolini and Ezio Altamura made remarks. The 133 names of deceased members were read with the tolling of the bell. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

NOAA predicts above-normal 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season -- *Be Prepared*

Forecasters at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, are predicting above-average hurricane activity this year — which would make it the seventh consecutive above-average hurricane season. NOAA's outlook for the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season, which extends from June 1 to November 30, predicts a 65% chance of an above-normal season, a 25% chance of a near-normal season and a 10% chance of a below-normal season.

For the 2022 hurricane season, NOAA is forecasting a likely range of 14 to 21 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 6 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence. The increased activity anticipated this hurricane season is attributed to several climate factors, including the ongoing La Niña that is likely to persist throughout the hurricane season, warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, weaker tropical Atlantic trade winds and an enhanced west African monsoon. An

enhanced west African monsoon supports stronger African Easterly Waves, which seed many of the strongest and longest lived hurricanes during most seasons. The way in which climate change impacts the strength and frequency of tropical cyclones is a continuous area of study for NOAA scientists. “As we reflect on another potentially busy hurricane season, past storms — such as Superstorm Sandy, which devastated the New York metro area ten years ago — remind us that the impact of one storm can be felt for years,” said NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad, Ph.D. “Since Sandy, NOAA's forecasting accuracy has continued to improve, allowing us to better predict the impacts of major hurricanes to lives and livelihoods.” NOAA's outlook is for overall seasonal activity and is not a landfall forecast. In addition to the Atlantic seasonal outlook, NOAA has also issued seasonal hurricane outlooks for the eastern Pacific and central Pacific hurricane basins. NOAA's Climate Prediction Center will update the 2022 Atlantic seasonal outlook in early August, just prior to the historical peak of the season. *Source: NOAA.gov*

Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage. Hurricanes can produce winds exceeding 155 miles per hour as well as tornadoes and microbursts. Additionally, hurricanes can create storm surges along the coast and cause extensive damage from heavy rainfall. Floods and flying debris from the excessive winds are often the deadly and destructive results of these weather events. Flash flooding can occur due to intense rainfall.

Know the Difference
HurricaneWatch—Hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours. Review your hurricane plans, keep informed and be ready to act if a warning is issued.
HurricaneWarning—Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete your storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by authorities.

Prepare Your Home/Property

- Bring in or secure anything that can be picked up by the wind (*bicycles, lawn furniture*).
- Trim loose/dead branches from trees.
- Secure windows with storm shutters/plywood (*pre-drill holes*).
- Remove satellite dishes/antennae/roof turbines.
- Clean out gutters.
- Stack sandbags around exterior door frames.
- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.
- Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.

- Securely moor or move your watercraft to a safe location.

Don't Forget

- Fill your vehicle with gas well in advance.
- Know how to turn off your home's gas, electricity and water.
- Prep generator to assure proper operation.
- Do NOT plan on using

propane heaters indoors as these are a health hazard and a fire hazard when used indoors. Same story -- do not use candles.

Have On Hand

- Tools (*hammer, screw-driver, chainsaw, etc.*).
- Plastic tarp (*roof/window repair*).
- Clean up supplies (*for yard and home*).
- Camera to document before/after.

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Prescription Medications (*7-day supply*), medical information and medical items (*hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane*).
- Baby supplies (*bottles, formula, baby food, diapers*).
- Pet supplies (*collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl*), and vet records.
- Extra cash or traveler's checks and change.
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container.
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Rain gear.
- Extra set of car keys and house keys.
- Insect repellent and sunscreen.
- Fire extinguisher.
- Matches in a waterproof container.
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children.

Food/Water

Consider the following things when putting together your emergency food supplies:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.
- Store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Choose foods your family will eat.
- Remember any special dietary needs.
- Avoid foods that will make you thirsty.
- Choose salt-free crackers, whole grain cereals and canned

foods with high liquid content.

- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils.
- Manual can opener for food.

Following a disaster, there may be power outages that could last for several days. Stock canned foods, dry mixes and other staples that do not require refrigeration, cooking, water or special preparation.

What do I do After a Hurricane?

- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.
- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.
- Stay out of any building that has water around it.
- Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.
- Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.
- Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

For more information go to www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster-safety-library

Flood Insurance

Because standard home owners insurance doesn't cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the U.S. For more information on flood insurance, please visit the National Flood Insurance Program Website at www.FloodSmart.gov.

Dealing With Flood Water

If you experience flooding, take immediate steps to protect yourself, your family, your home and your business.

For an overview of steps you can take, go online to: www.the-gazette-newspaper.com and check out the January 2013 issue, page 25.

Additional References

- www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster-safety-library
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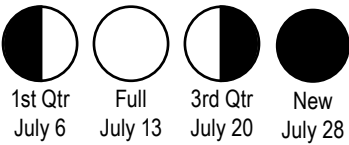
What is SPF? Sun Protection Factor (SPF) measures the protection provided by a sunscreen against UVB.

Higher SPF numbers are preferable, but SPF measures protection only from UVB - not UVA rays. When choosing a sunscreen, select a product that provides "broad-spectrum" protection for both UVA and UVB. If you are going to the beach or pool, make sure it is water-resistant and doesn't wash off in the water. Use an SPF of 15 or higher.

When to apply sunscreen
- Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going out into the sun to give it time to absorb into the skin. Be generous and regular - about 1 ounce every 2 hours, and more often if you are swimming or perspiring.

Apply sunscreen to the top of your ears, back of hands, neck and toes.

Other protection tips:
• Use a hat to shield your face where sun damage frequently occurs.
• Be aware that the window glass in cars does not block all of the sun's harmful rays, making the driver's left side more prone to sun damage. Apply sunscreen before long car rides. ###



Full Buck Moon

July's full "Buck Moon" is coming up— rising after sunset on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. This will be the biggest and brightest supermoon of the year, reaching peak illumination at 2:38 p.m. Eastern Time. It will be below the horizon at that time, so plan to look towards the southeast after sunset to watch it rise into the sky.

While a supermoon is technically bigger and brighter than a regular full Moon, it only appears about 7% larger—an imperceptible difference to the human eye!

According to the Farmer's Almanac, The full Moon in July is called the "Buck Moon" because the antlers of male deer (bucks) are in full-growth mode at this time. Bucks shed and regrow their antlers each year, producing a larger and more impressive set as the years go by.

It is also often called the "Full Thunder Moon," for the reason that thunderstorms are most frequent during this time. Another name for July's moon is the "Full Hay Moon" and "Halfway Summer Moon."

Other names reference animals, including "Feather Moulting Moon" (Cree) and "Salmon Moon," a Tlingit term indicating when fish returned to the area and were ready to be harvested.

Plants are also featured prominently in July's Moon names. Some favorites are "Berry Moon" (*Anishinaabe*), "Moon When the Chokecherries are Ripe" (*Dakota*), "Month of the Ripe Corn Moon" (*Cherokee*), and "Raspberry Moon" (*Algonquin, Ojibwe*).

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

WRFD 125th Anniversary

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department, an all-volunteer organization, has served our Community for the past 125 years and during this time has seen much growth and advancement in terms of both personnel and equipment.

On July 9, 2022, the WRFD will be commemorating this milestone event with a monumental celebration reflecting on the rich history over the past 125 years of service to our families, friends, and neighbors within the Borough of Wood-Ridge and also to our surrounding communities.

To commemorate this event, we wish to invite all of you to attend the social event of the year! It will take place at the W-R Firehouse at 85 Humboldt Street on Saturday, July 9, 2022, from 1 p.m.

to 5 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, July 10, 2022.

There will be plenty of activities for you and your family to enjoy, including live music by the Andrea Nies Band, food, drink, water slide, bounce house and rides for the kids. "Family fun for all."

In addition, T-shirts, mugs, and challenge coins commemorating this event will be available.

So come join us on this special day and participate in the celebration with your family, friends, and neighbors and spend some time getting to know your volunteers.

This is our way of saying thanks for all of your support over the past 125 years from all of us at the WRFD. It is and always will be our HONOR to serve You. ###

WRFD Historical Journal

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department has experienced a rich history during this time and to commemorate this event we have compiled a Historical Journal of the history of the WRFD. This journal includes stories and pictures of the Department's humble beginning to its current time, by providing fire protection to our community for 125 years.

We are offering this journal at \$5 to help defray the costs associated with the upcoming event in July. We would appreciate your help in assisting us to present this once in a lifetime event.

You may place an order

by sending us an email to wrfire125@gmail.com and we will make arrangements to deliver a journal to you once we receive them.

We have a couple of options for payment, make check payable to WRFD and mail to: Wood-Ridge Fire Department, PO Box 3, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075.

We look forward to seeing you and your family spend time with us at the Humboldt Street Firehouse on July 9, 2022. Thank you for your anticipated support. Be well and stay safe.

Regards, Wood-Ridge Fire Department, 125th Anniversary Committee. ###

LFFD 100th Anniversary

Little Ferry Hose Company #1 is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a challenge coin commemorating its 1922 American LaFrance Fire Engine (1922-2022).

Coins are \$20 each, while supplies last. Free local delivery. Shipping available for an additional fee.

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Free Public Library

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

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is open for in-person browsing and computer use. Face masks are optional.

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

Summer hours of operation are: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays thru Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Saturdays.

Return Library materials in our book box located in the rear of the municipal building.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

For the FAMILY
• **Summer Reading is Here!** This year's theme is OCEAN of POSSIBILITIES - come explore the world of books and reading that's as vast and varied as the sea!

Our summer reading program for kids, tweens/teens, and adults will run through Sunday, August 28.

Prizes (*sponsored by Friends of the Library and CultureFly*) can be earned by reading and logging in! Visit hhllibrary.readsquared.com to register.

• **In-Person Fun All Summer Long!** Discover the depths of the Library by participating in our Deep Sea Expedition; guess the ocean animals on our Guess the Fin wall, and challenge yourself to our Oceans of Possibilities Book Bingo to win special prizes!

• **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) – From the Earth to the Moon.** Tuesday, July 26 at 6 p.m. Presented by Laura Jean Checki, Environmental Specialist of Educational Programs for the Bergen County Department of Health. This lecture will illuminate the reasons why RRR is so important in keeping our oceans and food supply healthy and plastic-free, while also detailing NASA's goals for 2024.

For CHILDREN
• **Fresh Air Storytime at Central Ave Playground.** Join Ms. Maureen or Ms. Jamie every Wednesday in July and

through August 24 at 11 a.m. for outdoor storytime! We'll have stories, songs, and the amazing bubble machine at the small playground on Central Avenue. Bring a blanket, mat, or chair for your child to sit on. Registration is required so we have a way to contact participants in case of a change. Subject to cancellation due to inclement weather.

• **Summer Movie Time.** Fridays, July 8, 15, and 22 at 1 p.m. Each Friday, come beat the heat and enjoy a movie on our big screen TV.

• **Game Lounge Open Play.** Tuesdays and Thursdays in July from 1 to 3 p.m. Reservations requested.

• **Little Artists Oceans of Possibilities Crafternoon: Diving Dolphin.** Tuesday, July 12 at 3 p.m., for ages 5 and up. Have you ever seen a dolphin in the ocean waves? Come and make your own diving dolphin and learn a little bit about our mammal friends.

• **Oceans of Possibilities Wednesday Workshop: Lighthouse STEM Challenge.** Wednesday, July 20, 3 to 4 p.m., in-person for ages 7 and up. Compete to see who can build the tallest lighthouse using paper straws, craft sticks, or index cards.

Take a video tour of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, the tallest brick lighthouse in the country. Best for Grades 2 and up. Registration is limited

• **Oceans of Possibilities Summer Bingo.** On July 25, grab some friends & come play a few rounds of summer Bingo! Kids ages 5 and up please.

• **Happy Birthday Harry Potter.** Friday, July 29 from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in-person for ages 7 and up. Celebrate the birthday of Hogwarts' most famous boy wizard. Create potions, test your knowledge in HP trivia and find the 7 horcruxes in a scavenger hunt. Space is limited.

Coming in August
• **Let's Draw Ocean Cartoons with artist Rick Stromoski (via Zoom).** Thursday, August 11 from 4 to 5 p.m. Join award-winning artist Rick Stromoski as he shows us how to create ocean animal cartoons! Zoom link will be sent prior to the program date. For kids, tweens, and teens.

For TWEENS & TEENS
• **Jackbox Game Night: Drawful.** Thursday, July 14 from 7 to 8 p.m. Grab some friends and your phone and join the Jackbox fun! Draw ridicu-

lous prompts and see who'll be the last man (*or woman!*) standing.

• **Sew-It Workshop: Narwhal Pillow.** Join Sew-It Workshop from 5 to 7 p.m. on July 21 as they show us how to make a narwhal throw pillow using sewing machines at this in-person event. No sewing experience necessary! Materials supplied. Bring your creative brain! Workshop runs two hours. Limited to ten participants. Registration required.

For ADULTS
• **Library of Things.** A collection of non-traditional Library items available for borrowing. We have four different kinds of collections that fall under the Library of Things umbrella: Mobile Hotspots, Museum Passes, Puzzle Sets, and iPads. Each of these collections has its own policies and rules, and is available to borrow for at-home use!

• **Digital Literacy Assessments.** The Library is now an approved testing location for the Northstar Digital Literacy Program, offering free testing and assessments of computer and internet skills. Grow your understanding of digital literacy topics to improve your chances of getting a job, excelling at school, and so much more! Test yourself on any number of skills such as Computer Basics, Internet, Email, and Microsoft Excel. Assessments can be done at home or in the Library. Test takers can receive certificates and/or digital badges when they pass Northstar assessments in a proctored environment at a Northstar testing location.

• **Learn Online.** You have access to Rosetta Stone, Kanopy, and Hoopla. Use Rosetta Stone to learn new languages; Kanopy to access The Great Courses lecture series, and Hoopla. See a staff member for more information or a demo.

ONGOING
• **Crafts-to-Share Club.** Tuesday, July 12, 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 27, 1 to 3 p.m. Drop in to chat and work on a crafty project! Enjoy getting to know other crafters while you knit, crochet, embroider or craft anything! We have donated yarn for any crafters looking to create for a good cause. In-person and on Zoom.
• **Adult Book Club.** 4th Tuesday of every month, In-Person and Zoom. July 26 at 7 p.m. - "The Daughters of Temperance Hobbs" by Katherine Howe. ###

Lodi
Memorial Library

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

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

• **Adult Summer Reading Program.** Program started in June. Adults can still sign up in July and August and log all of their reading since June 23.

There will be two prizes this year - a gift certificate and a gift basket. Sign up on our website and click the link to the Summer Reading Beanstack program.

• **Chair Yoga.** A six-week yoga class for people experiencing joint pain and stiffness. Students will use chairs rather than yoga mats. New instructor is Priti Dhariwal. Classes on Tuesdays 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16.

Registration required. You must reserve a spot for each session you wish to attend. Sponsored by The Friends of Lodi Memorial Library.

Special Programs
• **Meditation.** Priti Dhariwal, our Chair Yoga teacher, will be doing a special meditation program on Thursday, July 14 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Registration required.

• **Adult Paint Night.** Tuesday, July 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration required.

• **Adult Grab & Go Craft. Beaded Sea Crab.** Make an adorable sea crab from a wine cork and beautiful beads. **Bring your own needle nose plier with wire cutter as it will not be included in kit.** Supplies are limited. Register by July 8th. Pick up craft starting on July 13.

• **Tuesday Night Book Club.** July 12 from 6:30 to 7:30. July's book is "Stay with Me" by Ayobami Adebago – 318 pages. Check website for information about book club meetings.

• **Semi-Monthly Movie.** Now showing movies at the twice a month. The movies will be "Belfast" on July 13 at 1 p.m. and "Respect" on July 27 at 1 p.m.

• **Adult Coloring Pages, Mazes and Community Puzzle.** Always available for adults. Come to the Library to de-stress with our free coloring materials, fun mazes, and beautiful puzzles. ###

Children
Special Programs

• **Summer Reading Program.** June 23 to August 18. Kids, teens, and adults can all sign up for the Summer Reading Program this year. Go to website for more information.

• **A Summer of Crafts.** Grades Pre-K-2, June 28 to August 13. A new grab & go project with ocean themes will be available each Monday! Also offering craft in person on Mondays at 2 p.m. Registration is not required.

• **A Summer of Crafts – Grades 3-12.** June 28 to August 13. Register for a new grab & go project each week including string art, lanterns, and more! Also offering each week's craft in person on Thursdays at 2 p.m. Registration is required.

• **Create your own Piece of Art.** Wednesday, July 6 at 2 p.m. Join Art Kids Academy to make your very own ocean inspired artwork. This in-person program is open to kids in Grades K -3. Registration is required.

• **Teen Chefs Grab & Go Snack.** Tuesday July 12 at 2 p.m. Make your own smoothie bowl with Julianne Gallo, MS, RD from Shop Rite in Lodi! Open to teens in Grades 6-12. Registration required.

• **Nanobot Sailboat.** Wednesday, July 13 at 2 p.m. Make your own sailboat with Legos and learn fun facts about sailing with STEAM Academies. This in-person program is available for kids in Grades K-4. Registration is required.

• **Family Movie Night.** Monday, July 18, 6 p.m. in the Children's Room. "Finding Nemo." No registration necessary.

• **Create your own Piece of Art.** Tuesday, July 26 at 2 p.m. Join Art Kids Academy to make your very own ocean inspired artwork. This in-person program is open to kids in Grades K-3. Registration is required.

• **Storytime.** Every Friday at 11 a.m. No registration necessary. ###

Having an
Affair?

If your organization is having an event that is open to the public, we can help you tell "everybody" about it. Simply provide the following event details: name, date, times, cost, brief explanation of program features, etc., along with contact information. Send these details at least 45 days prior to the event to: fritz@hasbrouck-heights.com or drop them off at: **The Gazette Newspaper**, 345 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

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Rutherford
Public Library

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

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Saturdays. The Library will be closed July 4 for Independence Day.

• **Grab & Go Doorside Pickup.** We continue to offer daily Grab & Go doorside pickup services for those who may not want to enter the building. Patrons are invited to order

books from the BCCLS catalog by visiting www.bccls.org or fill out a Grab & Go form for either the adult or children's collection, and our team will choose items for you based on what you like! These forms are available on our website.

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

• **ESL In-Person Classes.** The Rutherford Library in-person ESL classes will continue through July 21. These will be in addition to our virtual ESL classes. The in-person classes meet Tuesday and Thursday

mornings. Registration is required and must be done in person at the circulation desk.

• **Tech Tutor.** In-person one-on-one tech tutor to our technology lineup. Our tech Librarian will be available by appointment for tech help or lessons. To make an appointment, fill out our online form or email marion.johnson@rutherford.bccls.org.

• **Poster Printing.** We have a Canon eColor+ poster printer for Posters up to 24" x 36" on matte or glossy paper. Acceptable file types include PDFs, JPGs, and PNGs. Restrictions apply. Poster printing is conducted by Library staff and may be arranged by emailing ruthcirc@bccls.org or calling 201-939-8600.

• **Summer Reading Program.** Summer Reading Club is going strong! Registration is going on now and the program will continue until September 24. Small prizes are awarded for continued reading-- the more you read, the more you earn! Registration must be done online, please see our website for details.

• **Digital Newspaper Access.** The Rutherford Public Library is happy to announce a new digital subscription to The Washington Post for Rutherford cardholders. This joins our existing digital subscription to The Wall Street Journal. If interested, send an email to reference@rutherford.bccls.org with your Library card number and we will send you the in-

formation you need to access either publication online!

• **Downloadable Collections.** Cardholders may access e-books, e-audiobooks, and popular magazine issues through the Libby app, powered by Overdrive. The Hoopla Digital mobile app also provides cardholders with e-books and e-audiobooks, as well as streaming music and video content. Downloadable content returns automatically. For help accessing these resources, please stop by or phone the Library.

• **Follow us on Facebook** at facebook.com/rutherfordpubliclibrary or on Instagram at instagram.com/rutherfordlibrary to stay up to date with important news and events. ###

Carlstadt
Public Library

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

• **Movie Madness.** Sit back and relax for a showing of the film "Death on the Nile" starring Annette Bening and Kenneth Branagh on Tuesday, July 12 at 1 p.m. or Wednesday, July 13 at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. Registration is required. One showing per person.

• **As the Page Turns - Adult Book Club.** Calling fellow bookworms! Discuss the

novel "Defending Jacob" by William Landay on Wednesday, July 27 at 7 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Carlstadt Civic Center, 425 4th Street. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. Carlstadt residents can also access the e-book or audiobook on Hoopla and Libby! Registration required.

• **Crafts for Crafters - Grab & Go.** The Carlstadt Library invites adults and teens to pick up a ceramic shell and paint kit. Kits will be available during the month of July – first come, first served – while supplies last.

• **Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Club.** Discover oceans of possibilities!

Kids and teens are invited to join the Carlstadt Library's Summer Reading Club, with weekly crafts and prizes. Stop by to pick up your reading log and get started! With each checkout of Library materials, participants will earn a raffle ticket for the grand prize! One raffle ticket may be earned each day. The Summer Reading Club runs through Friday, August 5. Call the Children's Department at 201-438-8866 for more information.

• **Take-It-and-Make-It - Crafts for Kids.** This month's craft is a Shark Pull-Back Toy. Kits will be available at the Library from July 1 through July 31, while supplies last.

• **Storytime at the Play-**

ground with Miss Risa. On Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11:30 a.m. Meet Miss Risa at the playground located on the corner of Second and Broad Streets, Carlstadt. This program is for ages 6 months to 5 years.

• **Music with Miss Nita - LIVE!** The Carlstadt Library welcomes Miss Nita at the Carlstadt Village Green on Thursday, July 7, 14 and 28 at 10:30 a.m. for songs, rhymes, movement and instrument play. In the case of inclement weather, enjoy this event on the Carlstadt Facebook page. Look for a virtual class with Miss Nita on the Carlstadt Library's Facebook page on Thursday, July 21. For ages 6 months to 5

years. Register for each session.

• **Crafternoons at the Carlstadt Community Garden.** The Carlstadt Library invites children, ages 4-8 years, and their caregivers to craft programs at the Carlstadt Community Garden on Thursday, July 14, 21, and 28 @ 4 p.m. Each program will feature an ocean-themed craft and a story. These events are weather permitting. The Carlstadt Community Garden is located at the corner of 7th Street and Division Avenue, Carlstadt. Please register for each session at carlstadtlibrary.org or call 201-438-8866. ###

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The Carlstadt Mixed Chorus is back, more motivated and committed than ever!

The Carlstadt Mixed Chorus held their first Music Festival on May 1, after a 2 year hiatus due to Covid. Members and fans felt the old magic created by Music Director Ms. Johanna Teubner-Prussak. A "Liederabend - an Afternoon of Song" is planned for this fall. Feel free to join us if you love music and singing. New members are always welcome. For further information please call 201-391-8765. *Provided by Ingrid Wehrhahn. ###*

ER Seniors

July 18, 2022 Caesars Atlantic City Bus Trip is hosted by ER Seniors Club. Bus departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp, from CVS parking lot on Paterson Avenue. \$35 pp includes \$30 slot play. Call 201-803-4708 for details.

**Upcoming Events
Time and Prices TBA**

- July 28: The Drifters - Under the Boardwalk, Caesars Casino, Atlantic City. Leaves CVS Parking Lot 10 a.m. Departs event 5:45 p.m. \$57 pp, includes \$25 Slot Play and \$15 food voucher.
- August 4: Escape to Margaritaville, Surfflight Theatre and lunch at The Black Whale, Beach Haven, NJ. Lunch: Soup or salad, Fish and Chips, cheeseburger, Salmon, BLT, sausage sandwich, Pasta Primavera, dessert, coffee, tea. Bus departs CVS Parking Lot, 9 a.m. Departs event 3:30 p.m. - \$60 pp.
- September 22: Musical, "Assisted Living," Tropicana Casino AC. Leaves CVS at 9:30 a.m. Departs event 5:45 p.m. \$57 pp includes \$25 slot play and \$15 food voucher.

GOOD NEWS! Any East Rutherford senior resident 50 years or older interested in joining the Club, meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Senior Civic Center, 37 Vreeland Avenue. Refreshments are served. There are special events and parties for members throughout the year.

Free blood-pressure screenings - on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. Membership is \$15 per year. Contact Debbie for membership at 201-803-4708 and Josephine for trips at 201-981-6284. Payment must be received 2 weeks prior to the event. ###

Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

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

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

Trips

- July 13: Bucks County Playhouse, "Kinky Boots." Lunch. Cost TBA.
- August 10: Krucker's, picnic/dinner/games/pool. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost TBA.
- September 14/15: Sight & Sound: David. Eden Resort/ Dinner & breakfast. Lunch Amish Home/Chalk Talk. Bus 8:45 a.m.

Call Helene at 201-463-3000 for details. ###

LF Seniors

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

Lodi Seniors

Rose Benti, president of the Senior Citizen Club of Lodi, is inviting residents ages 55 and over to become active members of the Club.

It's a great place to establish new friendships, share a laugh or two over a cup of coffee and take part in the various programs that the Club has to offer. There are numerous trips, parties, top flight entertainment, Bingo games, Billiard tournaments, shuffleboard and more.

If you want to keep fit and energized you can take part in the Club's exercise classes led by certified personal trainer, Lisa Cuba, of Cubafit. The class, held each Thursday at 11.30 a.m., includes body toning, strength training and balance coordination.

For more information on how to become a member, contact Rose Benti or Don Stein on Thursdays between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 973-472-6994. *Provided by Artie Maglionico. ###*

Vic's Hoofers

The Vic's Hoofers, a ladies social group, meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Carlstadt Civic Center on 4th Street at 7 p.m. Women from surrounding towns are invited to join. Dues are \$15 per year.

So put down those electronic gadgets and join us for some good old fashion fun and laughter. Refreshments are served and fun activities are planned for each month. New members welcome. Call Alice at 201-933-8561. ###

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Hasbrouck Heights Leisure Club Installs Officers

On June 8, 2022, members of the Hasbrouck Heights Leisure Club gathered at the Senior Center to witness the installation of the 2022 officers.

Following a luncheon, former Councilman Russell Lipari swore in the following reelected Officers: President - June Raymond - Vice President Rose Marie Sees - Vice President - Tara Sassaman - Secretary - Marilyn deRussy - Treasurer - Fran Visco - Asst. Treasurer - Dorothy McCarthy. Following the installation, President June Raymond thanked the Officers and Board Members for their dedication and hard work during 2021 and is looking forward to a successful year ahead. *Photo and story provided by Gladys Gamble. ###*

Moonachie Senior Club

Any seniors living in Moonachie, who are at least 60 years young, may join our Club. The dues are only \$10 a year, payable at our first meeting in January of every year.

At several of our meetings, we will have speakers on interesting topics and some form of entertainment. After every meeting, you will receive a small, tasty Club sandwich, a cup of tea or coffee, and some pastry. At the end of the year, you will also enjoy a Christmas party, at a local restaurant.

Anyone from Moonachie who might be interested in joining our Club, please call Roxane at 201-807-1085. *Provided by Charles Pallas. ###*



Joseph and Frances Visco of Hasbrouck Heights recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Viscos were married in NYC and moved to Hackensack. They have lived in their Hasbrouck Heights home for 47 years. They have two daughters and two grandchildren, with another on the way. Joe retired after a long career with UPS. Fran retired from Bergen Community College.

They credit their long marriage to loving each other and always having a kind word and a positive attitude. *Provided by the Visco Family. ###*

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Why Are Minerals and Nutrients Important for Oral Health?

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You must include minerals and nutrients in your diet in order for the body's tissues to resist infection. The presence of too much or too little of any nutrient can have harmful effects, particularly on the mouth and teeth, and may contribute to oral diseases and infection.

• Which vitamins and minerals are good for me?

There are many minerals and nutrients that are good for the entire body. Here are just some of the minerals and nutrients your body needs to stay healthy:

Calcium. Your teeth and jaws are made mostly of calcium. Without enough calcium in your diet, you risk developing gum disease and tooth decay. Calcium is found in many foods and liquids, such as milk, yogurt, cheese, beans, and oysters.

Iron. Iron deficiency can cause your tongue to become inflamed, and sores can form inside your mouth. Iron is found in many foods, including liver and red meat. Other iron-rich foods include bran cereals, some nuts, and spices.

Vitamin B3 (niacin). A lack of vitamin B3 can cause bad breath and canker sores in the mouth. To boost your B3 levels, eat chicken and fish.

Vitamins B12 and B2 (riboflavin). You also can develop mouth sores when you do not consume enough of the vitamins B12 and B2. Red meat, chicken, liver, pork, fish, as well as dairy products like milk, yogurt, and cheese, are good sources of vitamin B12. Vitamin B2 is found in foods like pasta, bagels, spinach, and almonds.

Vitamin C. Too little vitamin C will lead to bleeding gums and loose teeth. Sweet potatoes, raw red peppers, and oranges are great sources of vitamin C.

Vitamin D. It is very important to consume enough vitamin D because it helps your body absorb calcium. A diet lacking or low in vitamin D will cause burning mouth syndrome.

Symptoms of this condition include a burning mouth sensation, a metallic or bitter taste in the mouth, and dry mouth. Drink milk, and eat egg yolks and fish to increase your vitamin D intake.

• Which foods may be bad for my mouth and why?
Not all foods are good for your teeth. If you consume these foods, do so in moderation, and be sure to practice good oral health care.

Carbohydrates. Bacteria feed on leftover foods in the mouth and produce acid, which causes decay. Carbohydrate-laden foods, such as chips,

bread, pasta, or crackers, can be as harmful to the teeth as candy.

Sticky, chewy foods. Raisins, granola bars, jelly beans, caramel, honey, and syrup stick to teeth and make it difficult for saliva to wash the sugar away.

Sugary snacks. Snacks like cookies, cakes, or other desserts contain a high amount of sugar, which can cause tooth decay.

Gum and candy. Chewing gum and eating candy is very harmful to your teeth. As you eat, sugar coats your teeth, which can lead to cavities.

Carbonated soft drinks. Regular soda (*or pop*) contains an extremely high amount of sugar. Both regular and diet sodas also contain phosphorous and carbonation, which wears away the enamel on your teeth (*causing them to become stained and brown*).

Fruit or vegetable juices. Fruit and vegetable juices tend to be high in sugar, which can damage tooth enamel and lead to decay.

To ensure that you're getting the nutrients, vitamins, and minerals your body needs, check out the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Web site at www.mypyramid.gov.

Reference: Academy of General Dentistry: Reviewed: January 2012

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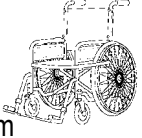
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Perillo Elected President of NJAO

Dr. Michael A. Perillo was installed for a two-year term as President of the New Jersey Association of Orthodontists (NJO) at their annual general membership meeting in Iselin, NJ, on April 29, 2022. NJO boasts over 400 member orthodontic specialists that either practice in or have practiced in New Jersey.

Dr. Perillo has been in the private practice of orthodontics in Hasbrouck Heights since 1999. He is located at 202-C LaSalle Avenue, Hasbrouck



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Pascrell Votes to Protect NJ Communities from Flooding

Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ-09) on June 8, 2022, helped pass the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).

This legislation authorizes U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) work on water resource projects to build and study new flood management, harbor navigation, dam, levee, and ecosystem restoration projects throughout the nation.

At Rep. Pascrell's request, the measure includes several northern New Jersey priorities in the legislation, including a \$69,900,000 authorization for wastewater and stormwater management in Kearny.

Congressman Pascrell said. "The House is advancing a measure to help drive our economy, manage flooding,


improve quality of life, and put people to work in our North Jersey communities. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to act on this bill swiftly."

Congressman Pascrell successfully included a number of local New Jersey projects in WRDA. In our area they include:

- **Lower Saddle River Flood Protection Project.** This ongoing flood mitigation study will now be expedited for completion by USACE. The study will provide potential solutions to protect against flooding in communities like Garfield, Saddle Brook, South Hackensack, and Wallington.
- **Riser Ditch Drainage Project.** Authorizes a new feasibility study to on how the ditch might be a more efficient

outlet for storm water. The communities of South Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Little Ferry, Teterboro, and Moonachie are regularly impacted by the ditch's frequent water flow issues during storms.

Combined Sewer System Wastewater Project. Authorizes \$69,900,000 to update Kearny's century-old sewerage systems in compliance with the Clean Water Act, helping to improve water flow and protect against overflow. *Source: Pascrell Press Release. ###*



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Chief Tim Moots called the Department to attention. Presentation of the Honor Guard, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed. Department Chaplain, Rev. Eric Dammann, gave the Invocation. Council members and Mutual Aid Chiefs then inspected the equipment.

The Department is contracted to provide fire and ambulance service to the Borough of Teterboro, and has done so for over 60 years. In 2021, the Department responded to 948 ambulance calls and 548 fire calls and other emergencies.

Its fleet includes two engines, one 105 foot ladder truck, one heavy rescue, two ambulances and three chief's vehicles.

The Department was established in 1896, and is a member of the South Bergen Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Association. ###



Because fatalities were involved, the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Arson Squad were investigating and were assisted by South Hackensack fire officials. The cause is under investigation, but not considered suspicious. *Photos by Damien Danis.*



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On June 5, 2022, East Rutherford Fire Department responded to a Vreeland Avenue home for a 2nd floor ceiling fire. Assisting departments were Carlstadt and Wallington. No injuries were reported. Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



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