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## Duck Allegory

Poised, waiting to be liberated, thousands of ducks are released en masse, dispersed and drift downstream at the speed of gravity. Floating within the constraints of the course. Each free to choose their own destiny. Each following their own path. Some as a clique. Some as independents. The twists and turns challenge. Everybody watched. Were occasionally judgemental. But did not interfere. The ride seems to last forever, although there is closure. Time is/was too short. It isn't that the excursion ended, it's that it lived. They started as a group. They ended as a group. With thousands of stories to be told within. Imagine. *More photos on page 11. ###*

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**06.29** The Wrong Take  
A monthly debate series hosted by comedian Lou Perez.





# AHOF Open Cockpit Experience June 17

The Aviation Hall of Fame will host Open Cockpit Day on Saturday, June 17, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visitors will have the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a very rare Lockheed Bushmaster plane, a M\*A\*S\*H Bell 47 helicopter made famous during the Korean War.

Explore the cabin of the world's only surviving restored cockpit of the Martin 202 airliner.

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Also popular with young people is our official Airport Rescue Firefighter Truck! For young astronauts, we have our working display of the International Space Station (ISS) along with uniforms and items used by the many Astronauts like Buzz Aldrin, Scott and Mark Kelly, to name just a few.

Admission: \$20 for adults, \$12 for seniors and children under 12. No discounts, Library Passes or Membership Passes can be used on Open Cockpit Days.

The Museum is located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive, adjacent to the Teterboro Control Tower. Come see why our Museum has been named as "One of the 10 Best Museums in the State of NJ." For more information call 201-288-6344 or go to: [www.njahof.org](http://www.njahof.org) ###

# Town-wide Garage Sale June 3

The Borough of Wallington will host a town-wide garage sale on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. RD June 4. See website for details. ###

# The Motown Years & Casino Trip June 28

On June 28, 2023, Kip Center is sponsoring a trip to Resorts World in the Catskills. Cost is \$110 pp and includes round trip transportation, show "The Motown Years," and buffet lunch.

In addition you will receive \$25 casino bonus and a \$15 food voucher. Bus will leave at 10 a.m. and return by 8 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call Cathy 201-460-1600. ###

# Lodi Shred-It June 10

Lodi will hold a paper shredding event on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the parking lot behind Borough Hall, at One Memorial Drive. Rain or shine. ###

# Shredding Event June 24

The Borough of Wallington will host a Paper Shredding Event on Saturday, June 24, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the DPW yard, 92 Hathaway Street. Limit four bags/bank boxes only. Wallington residents only. See website for details. ###

June Birthstone Pearl

# Street Fair HH June 4

On Sunday, June 4, 2023, the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce will once again host the Hasbrouck Heights Street Fair. The event will be held along the Boulevard, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

The street will be transformed into a giant block party. They are expecting to attract thousands of people from the community and other neighboring towns. They hope that you'll consider joining them for a fun-filled day.

• **A Special Kids Traveling Shindig** section will be brimming with all kinds of fun stuff to do. There will be kiddie rides, trackless train ride, face painting, sand art, temporary tattoos, and much more.

• **Come Hungry.** Some of the local eateries will be participating, with outdoor dining, along with a variety of gourmet food trucks and food vendors serving gyro, shishkabobs, zeppoles, funnel cakes, fried Oreos, sausage/peppers, cheese steaks, empanadas, kettle corn,

# Gift Auction June 4

Church of the Transfiguration, 135 Hathaway Street, Wallington is hosting a Gift Auction on June 4, 2023. Doors open at 1 p.m. Auction starts at 2:30 p.m. Admission \$10. Tickets sold at the door.

Admission includes 1 sheet of tickets, coffee and cake.

For additional info, call Linda at 201-791-9272. Proceeds benefit Church maintenance. ###

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# FOCAS Holds Flea Market

FOCAS Flea Market will be held Saturday, July 1, 2023, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. Note that 2023 Flea Markets will be Saturday only events.

This market features specialty items that make unique gifts, a selection of household items, jewelry, collectibles, linens, games, toys, pet supplies, cds/videos, and more. Refreshments and baked goods are available.

Flea Market merchandise donations of clean, gently used or new items are gratefully accepted. *(Not accepted are TVs, PC monitors, golf bags and clubs, exercise and sports equipment, clothes or magazines or any items that are broken or not working.)*

They may be dropped off at the American Legion on Friday from 3 to 6 p.m.

All proceeds benefit homeless animals. For additional information, call the FOCAS Help Line at 201-943-4019, email [info@focasnews.org](mailto:info@focasnews.org), or visit [www.focasnews.org](http://www.focasnews.org)

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Fish & Chips  
June 11

The First Reformed Church of Hasbrouck Heights, 300 Washington Place, presents Fish & Chips (*or Chicken and Chips*) on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Take-out from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Sit down dining begins at 5:30 p.m.

Adults \$20. Kids \$10. Check or cash. Payment with order. Order deadline is Monday, May 22. To purchase tickets, call 201-288-1122 or email: firstrefh@optonline.net.

Menu includes coleslaw, tartar sauce and malt vinegar.

This Friendship Fundraiser is prepared by Tastefully British. ###

Strawberry  
Festival June 4

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will be sponsoring a Strawberry Festival at the Community Hall on Third Street in Carlstadt on Sunday, June 4, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Fresh strawberries, with pound cake and whipped cream or ice cream, will be served with coffee, tea & juice (*for the children*). \$8 pp. 50/50 tickets will be sold at the door. ###

Beefsteak  
November 18

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department is hosting a full Beefsteak Dinner with beer, wine, soda and dessert on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at the W-R Intermediate School, 151 First Street. Seating starts at 6 p.m.

Cost \$60 pp. There will be door prizes, Tricky Tray prizes, 50/50 raffle and music.

Food presented by "World Famous Nightingales Catering--The King of the Beef Steak." Email ticket requests to: wrfire125@gmail.com ###

Spaghetti Dinner  
June 16

Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Council 2861, at 39 Washington St., Lodi, invites you to attend our 2nd Annual Spring All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner Charity Fundraiser on Friday, June 16, 2023, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Includes spaghetti, marinara and clam sauce, meatballs, bread, salad, dessert, soda and water. Cash bar. Cost is \$15 each. Take out available. Children under 12 eat for 1/2 price. Tickets will be sold at the door or can be purchased in advance by calling Brad at 201-376-3071 or Louis at 201-953-6439. ###

Pig Roast  
July 15

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 310 will host the Art Jensen Jr. Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 3 to 7 p.m. at their Post, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

Cost is \$30 in advance. \$35 after July 11. Children under 12 eat free.

Menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, two-100 lb. pigs, London Broil, fresh corn on the cob, mussels and salads, beer and soda.

Music by DJ Bill Regan. Permit # 103362. For additional information, please call 201-807-0470. ###

Beefsteak  
Sept. 15

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting an "All You Can Eat Beefsteak" on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$55 pp and includes draft beer and soda. Prepared by Nightingale Catering. For tickets call 201-807-0470. ###

Wallington  
Little League  
Italian Dinner  
June 9

On Friday, June 9, 2023, at 6 p.m., the Wallington Little League will be holding an Annual Italian Night Dinner and Tricky Tray event at Hillside S.A.C., 22 First Street, Wallington.

Tickets are \$15 pp and include salad, pasta, slice of pizza, bread, soda/water and dessert. Cash bar. Raffles.

All of the monies that are raised will be given back in special baseball and softball outings, programs, and clinics.

Please donate an item or service to be raffled off. Gifts can be mailed to: Wallington Little League, c/o Joe/Adele Mulvaney, 2 Elizabeth Place, Wallington, NJ 07057.

For more info contact Necole at 201-696-5592 or email: wallingtonlittleleague1951@gmail.com ###

International  
Buffet June 4

On Sunday, June 4, 2023, from 1 to 4 p.m., St. Philip Columbiettes Mary Ellen Valentin International Buffet Dinner will be held at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 797 Valley Road, Clifton.

Menu includes pierogies, harvest salad, vegetable pancit noodles, broccoli cavatelli, pork carnitas, yellow rice, lemon chicken, assorted breads and butter, plus dessert, coffee, tea and cold beverages.

Cost is \$25 for adults and children (6-10) \$10. Advance ticket sales only.

Contact Barbara Ann at 201-906-1372, email: barblissi@comcast.net or columbiettes11671@gmail.com ###

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Lodi KC Pancake  
Breakfast June 11

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, June 11, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi. Menu includes: all-you-can-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, French Toast (*to order*), bacon, sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea.

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

Free Lunch  
Saturday

The First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Saturday" program, will be held June 3, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

June lunch is Hot Dogs with Veggie Sticks (*while supplies last*).

This program is an expansion of the Church's ministry of feeding hungry bodies and hungry hearts. If the economy's got you down, or you want to share a meal with others, come for the food and fellowship. There are no strings attached. A free-will offering is taken. ###

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. ###

Fish & Chips  
Drive-by  
June 10

Murray Hodge American Legion Post 453, is holding their 2nd Annual Fish & Chips Drive-by (*chicken optional*) on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Felician University parking lot, Montross Avenue, Rutherford.

Cost \$17 for adults and \$10 for children under 10. Event catered by Tastefully British. Proceeds benefit the Post service to the community and fellow Veterans.

For tickets, call Martin Kless at 973-248-7731, William Galloway at 201-693-5813, Charles Gunn at 201-456-3561, Bryan Carter at 201-438-0006 or the Post Home at 201-531-0656. ###

AL Picnic  
Sept. 9

American Legion Post 310 will hold its 41st Annual Picnic on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., at American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. Rain or Shine.

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

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

Cost is \$35 per person at the door or after September 5. Advance tickets \$30.

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Bergen County  
LGBTQ Seniors  
Meet June 13, 16, 19

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

The next meetings are on Tuesday, June 13, Monday, June 19 and Friday, June 16. The Tuesday and Friday meeting will be held at The Rutherford Pancake House, 40 Park Avenue, Rutherford and the Monday meeting will be held at CoZie Café, 14-25 Plaza Road N (*Radburn Plaza Building*), Fair Lawn. Light lunch will be served at the in person meetings.

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

Texas Hold'em  
June 3

American Legion Post 310 will host a Texas Hold'em tournament on Saturday, June 3, 2023, starting at 7 p.m., at their Post, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. Must be 21+. \$100 entry. Food and soft drinks included. For additional information call 201-807-0470. ###

Bike Fest June 10

Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Rutherford, will host a Kids Bike Fest for all kids, ages 10 and under, on Saturday June 10, 2023, starting at 11 a.m. Bring your bike, your big wheel and your scooter and be a part of our Kids Bike Fest.

Come out for the fun, ride through our amazing obstacle course and enjoy the fun and fellowship of riding together.

Provided by Alicia Grif-fin. ###

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 \$12 at the door. Coffee included. Cash bar. For more information, call Cathy at 1-386-852-4881. ###

June Flower  
Rose

Wind Creek  
June 27

On Tuesday June 27, 2023, the Hasbrouck Heights VFW Post 4591 will sponsor a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino Bethlehem, PA. The cost is \$40 (*paid in advance*). Continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Upon arrival a slot voucher will be given. 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. ###

Click It or Ticket  
May 22 - June 4

From May 22 to June 4, 2023, law enforcement agencies will conduct Click It or Ticket campaigns.

The campaign focuses on safety education, strong laws, and law enforcement support to save lives.

Seat belts have been proven to be one of the best ways to save your life in a crash. Yet, many still don't buckle up.

Worse still, not wearing a seat belt is a habit that will pass on to impressionable youth who, in turn, will think it is safe to not buckle up.

Most people buckle up for safety. But for some people, it is the threat of the ticket that spurs them to put on a safety belt. ###

Art Association  
of Rutherford

The Art Association of Rutherford will hold its June meeting on June 8, 2023, 7:30 p.m., at the KIP Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, NJ,

We will be having a dual demonstration about how to build a portfolio, and how to improve your photography. Visitors are encouraged to participate or just come and watch!

A non-mandatory \$3 donation is suggested for non-members, but all are welcome!

For more information or questions, contact Lissanne at lissanneart@gmail.com ###

LF Fishing  
Derby June 17

On June 17, 2023, the Fishing Derby will take place at Indian Lake at Lakeview Park, sponsored by the Little Ferry Police Activities League. Registration is 9:30 a.m. and fishing begins at 10 a.m. to noon.

No fishing license needed for anyone under 15. Please bring your own bait and tackle. Limited bait, tackle and fishing poles are available on a first come basis.

There will be prizes awarded to each age. Open to Little Ferry residents only. Children must be accompanied by an adult. ###

The Moonachie Board of Education  
will be participating in the 2023  
Summer Food Service Program

Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex (*including gender identify and sexual orientation*), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided, at a first come, first serve basis, at the sites and times as follows: Robert L. Craig School, 20 W. Park St., Moonachie, NJ 07074. 6/19/2023 to 8/4/2023. Closed July 3rd & 4th. Monday – Friday, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

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Yard Sale  
June 10

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Color Run  
June 11

East Rutherford Recreation will hold a Color Run on Sunday, June 11, 2023 (rd June 18). Herman Street to Park Avenue.

Check in 10 a.m. Run begins 11 a.m. \$20 per adult. \$10 per child. Send fee to Municipal Building.

Registration form on East Rutherford Recreation website. Contact: Venmo@ERRec23. ###

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June 26

The Knights of Columbus #4524, St. Joseph's, East Rutherford, will host the 2023 Bob Slamiak Memorial Golf Outing on Monday, June 26, 2023 at Sunset Valley Golf Course in Pompton Plains.

Check-in at 8 a.m. Start at 9 a.m. Four person scramble format.

Cost is \$150 per person and includes 18 holes of golf w/ cart, long drive and closest to pin contests, breakfast, lunch, one drink at the golf course.

Awards dinner and open bar will be held at Redd's at approximately 4 p.m. Dinner only for non-golfers is \$40 pp.

Sponsorships and donations welcome.

Contact Joe Egan at lucky07070@verizon.net (M) 201-842-9262 or John Donnelly at jackirish@aol.com (M) 201-920-2807. ###

Last Man  
Standing Raffle

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #142 is 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 given. Drawing is October 21, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Post, 135 East Passaic Street, Maywood (294-6-42837). Bring your own snacks. Cash bar. Doors open at 6 p.m. Fund-raiser supports community projects. For tickets, call Debbie at 551-587-3699. ###

Memorial Day  
2023 Services

**Carlstadt**  
On May 29, 2023, starting at 9 a.m., at the American Legion, Veterans will march along 3rd Street and end at Berrylawn Cemetery. Wreaths will be placed at Borough Hall and at Memorial Park on Hackensack Street.

**Hasbrouck Heights**  
No Memorial Day Parade. Veterans Service at 11 a.m. on May 29 at Veterans Park on Terrace Avenue. The annual service at the Firemen's Memorial at the Circle follows. Refreshments at VFW.

**Lodi**  
May 29 service schedule: 8:30 a.m. Ambulance Corps, 9:15 a.m. Fire Department (Kennedy Drive), 10:15 a.m. VFW, 11 a.m. American Legion, 11:45 Police. Walkway for Peace Ceremony follows.

**Little Ferry**  
On Saturday, May 27, 2023, at 9 a.m., there will be a placing of the wreath in the Hackensack River at the end of Washington Avenue.

At 10 a.m., both the VFW and American Legion will have ceremonies at their respective posts.

On Saturday, May 27, 2023, at 11 a.m., a combined community ceremony will be held at Washington and Memorial Schools, hosted by VFW. Refreshments follow.

**Moonachie**  
On Saturday, May 27, 2023, Municipal Memorial Day services will be held at the Municipal Building at 10:30 a.m. Rain or shine.

**Rutherford**  
On Monday, May 29, 2023, there will be a small Memorial Service at 8:30 a.m. at the Union Memorial Bridge followed by "Taps" Salute at Sunset Park.

A parade will begin at 9 a.m. up Union Avenue to the front of Borough Hall.

**South Hackensack**  
May 29, 2023, 11 a.m. at the Veterans Monument.

**Wallington**  
On May 29, 2023 the parade assembles on Hathaway Street in front of the Church of the Transfiguration at 9 a.m. and proceeds down Union Boulevard at 9:30 a.m. to the Monument. Brief service to begin at 10 a.m.

**Wood-Ridge**  
The Fire Department will hold their Memorial Services on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 7 p.m., at Fire Headquarters.

A Veterans Service will be held 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 25, 2023 at the Memorial Walkway in front of the senior center. ###

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20th Anniversary  
June 10

Care on the Corner will be celebrating 20 years of Service in Bergen County on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Woodland Park, 1 Roosevelt Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Rain or shine.

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# W-R Memorial Foundation: Elect Officers & Trustees, Announce Record Breaking Scholarship Awards for 2023

At the April 19th reorganization meeting of the Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation, the following 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.

Also, at this meeting the following were elected as Trustees: Danielle Cata; Ray Crews; Ed Garrett; Omid S. Irani, Esq. Jack Maher Jr.; Kim Manfredo; Ann Gilio Turtoro; and Trustees Emeritus are Dr. Fred Balbo; A. John Borresen Jr.; Craig L. Montanaro; Mayor Paul Sarlo and former Mayors Hon. Robert Guida and Peter Incardone Jr.

The first order of business was to determine the number and total amount of the 2023 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 \$65,000 to the Class of 2023. Individual awards will range between \$2,500 to \$5,000.

It was noted at the meeting that this is the highest dollar amount ever granted by the Foundation. This achievement was made possible in part by the continued support received from the annual town wide fund-raising drive, the annual dinner held in March, and donations made in honor of deceased loved ones throughout the year. These dollars all go into the scholarship funds and the Foundation is thankful for the continued community support.

President Linda Finke is pleased to announce that The Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation will participate in this year's Town Day, June 11th. Children, ages 5-12, will be able to participate in a game to win a prize while supplies last! Stop by and visit our booth located near Veterans Park.

During the month of May, WRHS National Honor Society Members and other student volunteers, delivered letters soliciting donations for 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, 07075. 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 ###

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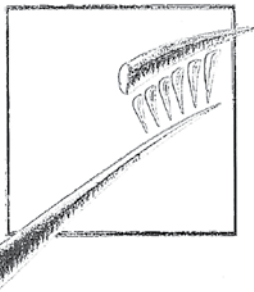
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## Wood-Ridge Town Day June 11

On Sunday, June 11, 2023, Wood-Ridge will host Town Day, from 2 to 7 p.m., on Valley Boulevard from Wood-Ridge Avenue to Windsor Road. Rain or Shine.

There will be rides, food, tiki bar and live performance by "The Benjamins." The event is sponsored by the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council. ###

## Rummage Sale July 20, 21, 22

The Annual Summer Rummage Sale at the First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights, will be held Thursday, July 20, and Friday, 21, 5:30 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, July 22, 2023, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Contributions accepted. Call the Church office for further information at 201-288-1122. ###

## Moonachie Senior Club

The Moonachie Senior Club meets every 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Prior to the meeting, a nurse is available for health check-up and blood pressure screening.

Enjoy seasonal activities, informational speakers, special events and refreshments.

Moonachie residents 60+ are welcome. Dues are \$10 a year. Call Maria at 201-819-4741.

Moonachie seniors can enjoy Chair Yoga every Thursday, from 10 to 11 a.m., in the Civic Center. For more information, call Joann at 201-641-6472. ###

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## ER Seniors

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

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 Raynette for trips at 201-726-3604. Payment must be received 2 weeks prior to an event. All trips leave and return to CVS Parking Lot, Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford.

• June 8: High Tide Homicide (*mystery/comedy*), Black Forest Inn, Stanhope, NJ. Lunch and entertainment. Bus leaves CVS parking lot at 10:30 a.m. \$70 pp.

• June 19: Caesars Atlantic Bus Trip. Bus leaves CVS parking lot at 9:30 sharp. \$35 pp. \$30 back slot play.

• July 13: Something Rotten (*comedy*), SurfFlight Theatre, Beach Haven and lunch to follow. Bus leaves CVS parking lot at 9 a.m. sharp. \$65 pp.

• July 17: Caesars Atlantic Bus Trip. Bus leaves CVS parking lot at 9:30 sharp. \$35 pp. \$30 back slot play. ###

## Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

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

We have interesting events at our regular meeting days with guest speakers and entertainment. We follow protocols of CDC. We are planning for more varieties of programs, such as cultural events, hands on art and craft, musical events and much more.

### Trips

All trips leave from the parking lot at Broad and Orchard Streets. Arrive 15 minutes before. Call Helene at 201-463-3000 for details.

• June 6: ShoreClub (*Doolan's*) Under the Rock & Roll Boardwalk \$72 pp. Bus departs 10 a.m. Choose Beef/Chicken/Fish, cocktail hour, comedian/music/dancing.

• June 14: Italian Buffet. Civic Center at Noon ###

## AARP Chapter #2015 Lodi

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

• June 20, 2023: Regular monthly meeting. Speaker: NJ Comfort Partners Program.

• July 18, 2023: Regular monthly meeting. Speaker: CBD, Medical Marijuana, Pain Management & Over the Counter Drugs.

• August 15, 2023: Regular monthly meeting. Frozen Summer Treats

• September 19, 2023: Regular monthly meeting. Speaker from NJ AARP: Downsizing & decluttering- You can't take it with You.

• September 20, 2023: Bus Trip - Windcreek Casino & Resort, Bethlehem, Pa. Ticket Info: TBA

Provided by Kathleen Zaleski. ###

## Calling All Lodi Seniors!

On June 8, 2023, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., registered dietitian, Marla Klein, from the Bergen County Department of Health Services, will talk about healthy summer meals and make a summer smoothie for all members to enjoy. Also available for questions and answers.

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club is open every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 22 Walnut Place, Lodi (*behind the Boys & Girls Club*).

We have exercise in the form of very passive chair yoga from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Pool is played all day long with lively but friendly games. There's also shuffleboard, and a large lending library, for those of you who like to read, featuring a large print section.

BINGO is at 1 p.m., using our electronic light up numbers board, and air mixed Bingo balls. We play 7 games of various patterns.

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Wood-Ridge Lions Club Secretary Dennis Brubaker (right) congratulates the Club's newest member, Bob Orban (left), following his installation. Bob brings a wealth of life's experiences and some senior citizen enthusiasm to share with the Club. Bob's sponsor, Ed Garrett (center), was joined by all of the members present at the meeting on April 20, joyfully welcoming Bob into the Club. Provided by Jack Nagel. ###

## W-R Lions Complete Successful 2022-2023 Year

Following the May Board of Directors meeting of the Wood-Ridge Lions Club, King Lion Angelo Petruzzella is pleased to announce that the Club had another banner year.

The Club distributed over \$40,000 this past year. These funds were generated from the annual beefsteak dinner, pancake breakfast, golf outing, town wide mailing, white cane weekends and general contributions received throughout the year.

The support received from the residents and business owners of Wood-Ridge has been instrumental in the success of the Club. The officers, directors and Club members are truly thankful for the continued support the Club receives.

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, Foundation for

Fighting Blindness, Bergen County Food Center, NJ Special Olympics, Wood-Ridge PBA Vest Fund, Wood-Ridge Library, and five scholarships for high school seniors totaling \$6,500 will be presented in June.

These donations, as well as the Club participating in the Lions free eye screening exams (*over 2,000*) in schools throughout Lions District 16A, makes the Wood-Ridge Lions Club one of the most recognized not only in the county, but in the entire state of New Jersey.

On Sunday, June 11, a detail of Club members will make a visit to Camp Marcella for the annual clean up of the kitchen and dining area. Another detail of Club members will be attending a booth at Town Day. Stop by to say hello and get more information regarding the Club.

The Club will take the summer off and begin the 2023-2024 year in September. *Provided by Jack Nagel. ###*

## Project Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful Needs Volunteers

The "Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful" Committee will hold its 23rd Annual Downtown Cleanup Day, Sunday, June 4, 2023, between the hours of noon and 3 p.m.

Volunteers are once again needed to help clean our shopping districts and raise awareness of the effects of litter in our community.

During our last "Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful Day" over 200 volunteers participated!! Both adults and children are welcome.

The Bergen County Board of Health will provide cleaning utensils, gloves, brooms and bags. Volunteers will be

asked to meet at Veterans Park on Valley Boulevard. To sign up, please call Borough Hall at 201-939-0202 (ext. 109) and leave your name, telephone number and how many adult or children's "T" shirts should be ordered by size.

### Shredding Event

Do you have stuff to shred? Bring it to Veterans Park at the corner of Highland Avenue and Valley Boulevard that day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (*no hardcover books, photographs or X-rays*). For further information, please contact Councilman Ezio Altamura 201-531-0259. Thank you! ###



(l-r) Ed Garrett, Mike Roman, Dennis Brubaker, Jimmy Love, Rich McCullough holding awards received from District Governor. Not pictured Ken Turtoro. ###

## Lions District 16N Honors Eye Screeners

On Thursday, April 13, 2023, W-R Lions Club members who are participating in the District Eye-Screening of school children in Bergen, Passaic, and Hudson Counties were honored at the District Cabinet meeting at the Excelsior banquet hall in Saddle Brook. The Wood-Ridge Screening Team, consisting of Lions Dennis Brubaker, Ed Garrett, Jimmy Love, Rich McCullough, Mike Roman, and Ken Turtoro, received awards and Certificates of Appreciation from District Governor Kamlesh Patel, and were applauded by the attending Lions from the District.



### Strawberry Moon

The June full moon appears on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 11:43 a.m. It is called the "Full Strawberry Moon."

June's full Moon—typically the last full Moon of spring or the first of summer—has traditionally been called the Strawberry Moon.

While strawberries certainly are a reddish-pink color and are roundish in shape, the origin of the name "Strawberry Moon" has nothing to do with the Moon's hue or appearance, despite the evocative imagery.

A Moon usually appears reddish when it's close to the horizon because the light rays must pass through the descent layers of atmosphere.

According to the Farmer's Almanac, this name was universal to every Algonquin tribe. The name reflects the relatively short season for harvesting strawberries that comes each year during June. Other names include the "Full Hot Moon," or in Europe, the "Full Rose Moon."

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. ###

The District's Lions Eye-Screening initiative is in conjunction with Lions Clubs International's KidSight USA project, which is a nation-wide program bringing Lions Clubs across the country together to ensure children receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed. It should be noted that participating Lions use a special SPOT Vision Screener camera to take a picture of the eyes which detects any irregularities. If a concern is indicated, a print-out is provided to the School Nurse to review and to contact parents accordingly. The camera detects Amblyopia (lazy eye) and other eye disorders, and the screening process takes only seconds to do. At no time do Lions do any analysis other than operating the camera and providing the necessary

paperwork to the nurse.

Three Spot Vision Screeners that are used are provided by the Lions District 16N Charitable Foundation. Other Lions Clubs teams that participate in tandem with our Wood-Ridge Lions Team come from Bergenfield, Jersey City, Midland Park, Rutherford, Wallington, West Milford and West New York. The District Screening Teams have screened over 9,000 children during calendar year 2022, from Kindergarten children to high school students.

If your school would like to consider using this Free Lions service, please contact Dennis Brubaker of the Wood-Ridge Lions Club at 201-398-3651.

*Provided by Jack Nagel. ###*



"We Serve"

The Members of the Wood-Ridge Lions Club wish to thank all who supported our club projects this past year. *Angelo Petruzzella, President*

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# 2nd Annual Great Duck Derby

The Lions Club of Rutherford 2nd Annual Great Duck Derby was held on Saturday, May 6, 2022 from noon to 3:30 p.m. There were three races at 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The event included free fun activities, crafts and games and photo opportunities. Refreshments were provided by the Rutherford Fire Department.

A waterway was constructed along West Pierrepont Avenue, near Carmita Avenue.

At the top was a duck pond. At the bottom was a collection basin with a trap to collect the winning ducks. The Rutherford Fire Department provided water.

With cheers, the dam opened, releasing over 2,100 individually numbered ducks into the waterway, meandering to the bottom collection basin. A trap collected the winning ducks. Winners were withdrawn, the remaining ducks

were scooped up and prepared for the next race.

The public“adopted” a Duck for \$5 or a Quack Pack (6 ducks) for \$25. Over \$3,000 in prizes. Prizes were awarded to the "adoptive parents" of 10 lucky ducks in each of the three races. Winners did not need to be present to win.

It was fun for the entire family!

For more information, check out the Facebook page @RutherfordLionsClub ###







## WFD Memorial Service

Wallington Fire Department held its Annual Memorial Service and Inspection on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Due to the inclement weather, the service was held inside the Johnson Avenue Firehouse.

Department Chief Shawn Tilt called the assembly to order. WFD Honor Guard presented the Colors. Catherine Blumenschein sang the "National Anthem," followed by the Invocation, and introductions. The Department

once again remembered all the members who have answered their last alarm.

Placement of flags/vases/wreaths were made at the Monument. The bell tolled three times and "Taps" was played. Department President Chris Sinisi gave a brief reflection. Mayor Dabal and Chief Tilt spoke. Families and friends of the departed received flags and flowers to remember their loved ones. The Department was dismissed. ###



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## Chorus Celebrates 90th Music Festival

The Carlstadt Mixed Chorus celebrated its 90th Annual Music Festival on Sunday, May 7, 2023, starting at 2 p.m., at the Carlstadt Turn Hall, 500 Broad Street, Carlstadt. Johanna Teubner-Prussak was the Musical Director. Soloists were: Perri Sussman, Soprano, Ximenita Gonzalez, Mezzo Soprano, Brett Kendall, Baritone and William Teubner, Trumpet. Music included the "German and American National Anthems," "Chor der Landleute," "Hohe Tannen weisen di Sterne," "Hallelujah," "Glocken der Heimat," and "Durch die Welt." There was a medley from "Les Misérables" and concluded with "America the Beautiful." During the program, several service awards were presented. Their repertoire included songs with German and English lyrics and range from Mozart, Beethoven, Strauss to folk songs and Broadway show tunes. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. followed by a social hour with refreshments. Interested in joining the Carlstadt Mixed Chorus? Contact Ingrid Wehrhahn at 201-391-8765 or email [ingridwehrhahn11@gmail.com](mailto:ingridwehrhahn11@gmail.com) *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



(l-r) PD Chief Robert Chinchar, U.S. Congressman Bill Pascrell Jr., Mayor Gary Brugger, former PD Chief Joseph Terraccino. On March 20, 2023, Congressman Bill Pascrell presented the Township of South Hackensack a \$210,000 grant to fund the implementation of an entirely new public safety communications system within the South Hackensack Police Department (SHPD). With this funding, the SHPD will purchase and implement a new radio system and dispatch console with the most up-to-date technology for faster and more efficient operations. As explained, the township's current system is so outdated, that it's difficult to get parts. *Provided by Scott Team Consulting, LLC. ###*



During the weekend of May 6, 2023, Hasbrouck Heights Troop 17 went camping in Lake Frederick, NY. They stayed in a 12 person cabin that only had bunk beds to sleep in; they took a brief 2 mile hike around the lake. They cooked their dinner on a flat top stove as well as a charcoal grill. They toured West Point Military Academy. During this tour they had the chance to visit inside a non-denominational Chapel, meet one of the graduating cadets, and learned what it takes to be a Cadet at West Point Military Academy. *Provided by Craig A. Birth, Scoutmaster, Troop 17, Hasbrouck Heights. ###*

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## National Rebuilding Day

Rebuilding Together North Jersey celebrated their 25th Anniversary this year by repairing 10 homes this month. One of the projects was held at a Lodi, NJ home on National Rebuilding Day, April 29, 2023, from 8 a.m. to midafternoon. Volunteers made repairs to make the home safer and healthier for the homeowner. Each year on the last Saturday in April, National Rebuilding Day encourages organizations and volunteers to pick up their tools and roll up their sleeves. On this day and over the weekend, thousands of volunteers join together to provide much-needed and sometimes critical and life-saving repairs, for vulnerable families in various communities. The work done by volunteers is at no cost to the recipient families. Monies for materials are raised through sponsorships, donations, and in-kind gifts. Volunteers come together from area businesses,

schools, faith-based organizations, civic and community groups, and associations and work selflessly to help others. National Rebuilding Month originated in 1973 in Midland, Texas with volunteers teaming up to help a neighbor rebuild their home. The group eventually founded Rebuilding Together, once named "Christmas in April," and gathered around a month of service each year in April. The mission quickly grew beyond the idea of providing service one month per year to bringing volunteers together to provide neighbors in need with critical repairs year-round. Today, Rebuilding Together affiliates are finding creative ways to move the mission forward safely and continue serving neighbors in need of home repairs. For more information about Rebuilding Together North Jersey go to: [rtnorthjersey.org](http://rtnorthjersey.org) or call 201-447-8886. ###



For more about Irene's devastation at the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi, go to: The Gazette Newspaper, October 2011, Page 37. File photo.

## FEMA Grant to Support Flood Mitigation Efforts at Boys & Girls Club of Lodi

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County has been awarded over \$300,000 in grant funds from FEMA, to address much-needed flood mitigation efforts at their Lodi Clubhouse. The Boys & Girls Club of Lodi has sustained substantial flood damage many times over the years of its existence. The 65,000+ square foot facility, at 460 Passaic Avenue, Lodi, sits on the bank of the Saddle River. In recent times, the Clubhouse sustained significant damage to both its interior and exterior from Tropical Storm Floyd in 1999, a Nor'easter in 2007, and Hurricane Irene in 2011, resulting in lengthy Club closures, cancellation of programs, and costly repairs. In 2012, the Club executed a flood mitigation plan, waterproofing areas prone to water penetration, installing a flood panel system on exterior doors, ejector pumps, and an emergency generator, to ensure the pumps work in a power outage. The organization had to use a combination of insurance proceeds and SBA disaster loans to make the facility repairs and improvements, as they were not eligible for FEMA funding during those events. Between 2012 and 2020, the Club did not have a true test of its mitigation efforts, as there had not been a major flood since Hurricane Irene, with the exception of multiple instances of parking lot flooding. And so, the building remained dry until 2021. In 2021, the Remnants of Hurricane Ida wreaked havoc

on the Lodi Clubhouse and the Borough of Lodi as a whole. CEO, Joseph Licata said, "We were completely under water for about 22 hours. The basement which contains the ejector pumps, sump pumps, and our indoor pool's entire filtration system, had water about three feet below the ceiling. We had inches of water in many areas throughout the first floor, and sustained damage to the outside of the building. Our front fence came down, we lost many interior and exterior contents and equipment, and we had a parking lot full of mud and debris, so cleanup was extensive." Once the water receded, New Jersey Governor Murphy even made a visit to the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi to survey the damage. Licata said "The Clubhouse was closed for about three weeks for cleaning and repairs, but without the mitigation efforts put into place in 2012, the inches of water on the first floor would have been feet of water. Flood insurance proceeds, grants and donations, and FEMA Disaster Relief Funds played a critical role in funding the necessary repairs. Since we were eligible for FEMA Funds this time, the Club did not have to borrow one cent, as compared to hundreds of thousands for previous disasters, to get the facility reopened for the children." Mr. Licata said, "One thing was clear from Ida, mitigation does work, and after this first

test, we know the deficits of the current mitigation measures and where improvements can be made." Fortunately, FEMA not only supports rebuilding after a disaster, but also the implementation of preventative measures to limit damages from future flooding. And so, the Club has been approved to receive just over \$300,000 in FEMA grant funds for flood mitigation. The funds will be used to install interior and exterior waterproofing, particularly on the exterior wall(s) of the gymnasium, which does not have a basement, where flood waters seeped through the walls and filled the gym with 5 inches of water during Ida. In addition, a new flood door system will be installed to replace the outdated flood panel system. The flood panel system is very labor intensive and is near impossible to install without a few days' notice and a crew of at least five individuals with a truck to move the panels. The new flood doors would replace all existing exterior doors on the facility, and with the simple turning of a lock at the top and bottom of each door, the doors make a watertight seal. This new flood door system is crucial, as the Club has been experiencing flash floods that come with short notice. ### To learn more about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County, visit [www.bgclbergen.org](http://www.bgclbergen.org) ###



On April 26, 2023, The Carlstadt Fire Department was presented with a \$15,000 donation from Robert "Bobby O" Orr, on behalf of the Robert E. & Marie Orr Smith Foundation. This generous donation will help the Department purchase tablets and mounting hardware that will be installed in all fire apparatus and chief vehicles. The tablets will be used to receive dispatch information and residential and commercial building details, as well as allowing members to record equipment inspections. The Carlstadt Fire Department thanked Bobby O and the Foundation for their generosity. Story by Robert Ruff, Jr. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ### During the same evening, VFW Post 3149 donated 10 POW Flags to the Borough to be flown with the American Flags in Carlstadt.



Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club

The Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, June 21. This is the last meeting until September 2023. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by a short meeting. The meeting will be held at the Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, on the second floor in the Library.

Each year, Ann Lustberg introduces professional, very knowledgeable and interesting speakers for our meetings. This is made possible by the membership dues and the support of the Chamber of Commerce.

The "Boulevard in Bloom" pots were planted on Saturday, May 20 by the Garden Club members, non-member volunteers, and delivered by our DPW placing them throughout the Boulevard. They will be watered by the DPW and taken care of by Garden Club members and merchants.

The "Garden of the Seasons" contest for the spring has finished. The winner was announced and invited to join us at a meeting and given a certificate and a plaque to display in their garden.

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The Hasbrouck Heights Garden of the Seasons contest is open for the Summer 2023 season. The summer contest is for front and side yards only and runs between June thru August 31.

If you wish to enter the Summer contest, please leave a message for Audrey Gall at 201-288-8943 for an application. In addition, the Garden Club members will search for candidates. We will carry Garden Club ID. Our members will leave an application at your home if you have a qualifying garden.

Wishing all of our Heights gardeners a "blooming garden" and consider joining us in September! *Provided by Judy Mascis. ###*

Tools Of Hope

The Women's Guild, through Church World Service (CWS), is again sponsoring Tools of Hope Sunday on Father's Day, a day on which we honor and/or remember all the significant men in our lives.

CWS offers a program, Tools of Hope, to help people throughout the world to become self-sufficient in maintaining the lives of their families and communities.

Hunger makes headlines when millions face starvation through famines caused by drought or brought about by war. However, lives of quiet desperation are routinely lived out by one in eight people who do not have an adequate share of the food resources of the earth. Tools of Hope offers the opportunity to place the right tool in the right hands—those who are eager and willing to work! Not only are actual tools—saws, hammers, hoes—provided, but also tree seedlings, wells,

small loans, beehives, sewing machines, and even renewed skills. Hope can be brought on our part to these willing hands with a suggested donation of \$10 for each mention!

Please see a Guild member to submit your donations and completed forms starting today through Sunday, June 11, 2023.

You may also mail your check to the Church office. First Reformed Church of Hasbrouck Heights, P.O. Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Checks should be made payable to: Guild of Reformed Church Women. Mark in memo: Tools of Hope. ###

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# Footnotes

By Dr. Kenya Lazovik, DPM

**Foot melanoma is the deadliest cancer, but routine foot self-exams can increase early detection and survival.**

The next time you clip your toenails, take a closer look at the rest of your feet. An extra 30 seconds could save your life.

Routine self-examinations of the feet are an important way to find skin cancer early, when it is the easiest to cure.

Half of the people who learn they have melanoma of the foot die within five years because the cancer had already spread throughout their body by the time it was diagnosed.

Nearly 60,000 people will learn they have melanoma this year. Approximately 15% of those cases will involve the foot and ankle, and more than 8,100 melanoma patients will die... nearly one death every hour.

If melanoma is detected in its earliest stages, 92% of pa-

tients are alive after five years.

Unlike many other types of cancer, melanoma strikes people of all age groups, even the young. Caucasians are 10 times more likely to develop melanoma than African Americans.

However, studies suggest more than half of melanoma cases in African Americans involve the foot, where late diagnosis leads to a higher death rate. Routine foot self-exams increase the likelihood of noticing suspicious moles, freckles or other spots.

We recommend focusing on the three most common areas for foot melanoma: the soles, between the toes, and around or under the toenails. Melanoma can develop anywhere on the body including areas that receive little sun exposure, such as the feet and ankles.

If a mole, freckle or spot starts to change over the course of a month, becomes asymmetrical, changes its border, color, diameter or elevation, contact your doctor immediately. Those are the ABCDEs, or signs, of melanoma.

*For further information about ankle fractures and sprains or other foot and ankle problems, contact Dr. Lazovik, Dr. Dayana Sawh or Dr. Rana Moses at North Jersey Foot & Ankle Center at 862-233-8438. [www.NJfootandankle.com](http://www.NJfootandankle.com) ###*



# Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, DMD, FAGD.

## Dentures

About 23 million people are completely edentulous (*toothless*); 90 percent of people experiencing tooth loss have dentures, and about 15 percent have dentures made each year, according to the American College of Prosthodontists.

**What are the types of dentures?** People who have lost all or most of their teeth are candidates for complete dentures, which replace all of the teeth.

The following outlines other types of dentures:

- Partial dentures are for people who have some natural teeth remaining; they can fill in the space created by missing teeth and prevent other teeth from changing position.

This type of denture usually consists of replacement teeth attached to a pink plastic base, which is held in place by a metal framework and clasps, or natural-looking connectors called precision attachments.

- Conventional dentures are placed in the mouth after any remaining teeth are removed and the tissue has healed, which may take a few months.

- Immediate dentures are placed in the mouth the same day that the remaining teeth are removed. This means you won't have to go without teeth during the healing period, but your denture may need to be relined or remade after healing is complete.

- Overdentures fit over a small number of remaining teeth or implants after they have been prepared by the dentist. Your dentist will usually try to preserve your remaining natural teeth. Saving these teeth can help preserve your jawbone and provide support for the denture.

**How are dentures created?** Dentures are made of acrylic resin, sometimes in combination with various metals. The process of getting dentures takes about three to six weeks and consists of several appointments. Your dentist will take impressions and measurements of your jaw and create models to determine the appliance's shape and position.

Your dentures color, shape and fit will be assessed during multiple try-in appointments before the final appliance is cast. After you receive the dentures, your dentist will make adjustments as necessary.

**What should I expect from my new dentures?** Your dentures may feel awkward and loose for a few weeks as your cheek and tongue muscles learn to keep them in place. Your speech may be temporarily affected, and saliva flow may increase for a short time. It's also normal to experience some minor irritation and soreness. As your mouth becomes accustomed to the dentures, these problems should subside. If they persist, talk with your dentist.

**For how long should I wear my dentures?** Your dentist will provide you with instructions about how long to wear your dentures and when to remove them.

You may be asked to wear them all the time, including during sleep, for the first several days to identify areas that need adjustment. It is likely your dentist will recommend that you remove your dentures at night.

**How should I care for my dentures?** Dentures should be brushed every day to remove food particles and plaque and to prevent staining. After rinsing the appliance, gently brush all of the surfaces using a soft-bristle toothbrush and nonabrasive denture cleaner (*not toothpaste*). When you're not wearing your dentures, keep them in a safe place, and soak them in water to keep them from losing their shape. If you use a denture adhesive, make sure to follow all of the product's usage instructions carefully. Before inserting your dentures, brush your gums, tongue and the roof of your mouth with a soft-bristled brush to stimulate tissue circulation and remove plaque.

In addition to maintaining good oral hygiene, you should continue to see your dentist for follow-up appointments and regular checkups. If you encounter any problems with your dentures' fit, or they become damaged, contact your dentist.

*Reference: Academy of General Dentistry 2017*

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# Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

June 2023

85 year old Sal Yuppa, lifelong resident of the Borough of Lodi, remembers a time when doors went unlocked, automobiles were scarce and made their way over dirt roads and open fields.

"I grew up on Avenue A with my brothers Carmine and Frank Jr." recalls Sal. My parents, Frank and Lena, made sure that there was always food on the table and clothes on our back."

Sal, a 1955 graduate of Lodi High School, remembers hanging out at Charles Luncheonette with his pals Duke Scimeca, George Ciliberto, and Frank Muscarella. "I enjoyed high school," said Sal, "Didn't learn too much, but we had a lot of fun."

Among the street games that Sal enjoyed as a child was Kick the Can, Basketball and stick ball. "It was mostly bikes," said Sal. "We were always painting our bikes a different color. Everything was second hand. We used to take them apart and put them back together since new bikes were too expensive."

Sal also recalls going to the National Oval (now the Inspection Station) to watch people fly model airplanes. "As kids we used to go to Pete's Deli on Avenue C to buy potatoes," recalls Sal, "5 lbs of spuds for 25 cents. We chipped in a nickel each and roasted them in the curb in front of my house. We only used salt, since butter was too expensive."

Back in Sal's day the area around what is now the MV Inspection Station was all woods and streams, Sal and his friends spent the after school hours hunting in there for squirrels and rabbits. "My Mom used to

clean them and cook them in sauce," recalls Sal. "We also used to catch catfish in the Saddle River by the Black Bridge on Outwater Lane. During the warm weather we'd swim in that same river.

Behind Panama's there was a beach where people could rent a row boat and spend the day picnicking with the family. There was also Tucci's Pool where we could swim if we had the money."

On Avenue A, Sal's uncle, Charles Lascari, kept a horse named Georgie, which he showed at community gatherings and parades. Sal remembers riding around town in the horse driven cart driven by his uncle. "After the war we'd clean out the stable," recalls Sal, "He'd pay us with WWII candy bars."

On Ave E and Main Street stood a popular haunt for area residents named Al's Bowlo Drum, which later became Phil's Auto Parts owned and operated by the Mobilio Family.

Sal and his friends worked there as pin setters for \$3 a night, which was quite a tidy sum for that day and age, especially for a youngster. "Gasoline was \$1.99 cents a gallon," recalls Sal, "We'd chip in 25 cents each for gas and drive around all night long."

According to Sal Yuppa, everyone got along famously during his childhood. "Neighborhoods were safe," said Sal, "People looked out for one another and spent many a hot and sultry summer night on one another's front porch since there were no air conditioners."

As kids, during those hot summer months, Sal and his friends used to walk the railroad tracks into Hackensack toward Cogers Farm on Rt. 17. "For a nickel you drank all the

apple cider you wanted," said Sal, "It was worth the trip." Sal Yuppa retired as a driver for Yellow Freight in 1997 after a 25 year hitch.

Folks I'm sure that those of you beyond the Lodi border can find a fragment or two in the Sal Yuppa story that you can relate to regarding your town's history.

The towns were closely connected in the early days so many of us share the same memories.

I grew up in 50s and 60s when the winds of change were blowing over the landscape and many of the places that Sal described were giving way to progress.

I was lucky to catch a glimpse of "Old Lodi" before it gave way to those radical changes. For myself and the kids that I grew up with, it was a time of transition. A time of letting go of those open fields, abandoned barns, dirt roads, quiet streets and cozy neighborhoods that were safe since everyone took part in keeping it that way.

But every generation is witness to their own changes. Change and growth is the law of the universe. The cosmos tells us that nothing stays the same and in order to thrive you have to move forward and become part and parcel of that change either that or be left behind. I don't want to suffer that fate and neither do you am I right folks? The only thing that hasn't changed over the course of my life time is my hairdo. To me that's pretty comforting.

My dad was bald by the time I was born. In fact, I never knew Vito with hair which is why I plaster mine down with mousse. Not even hurricane force winds can stand up to that stuff. If my hair does blow off it's going in one piece. I can always chase it down the road and re-mousse it.

I'll see you all next month, in the meantime, stay safe. ###

# Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



## Third Time Lucky

Marc Chavannes and Alfred Fielding, of Hawthorne, New Jersey, had an idea for textured wallpaper. In 1957, they tried to bind two shower curtains to form air pockets.

They invented a machine to bond the plastic to paper. However, the paper did not stick. The idea of bubble wallpaper did not become a fashion fad. While this was a failure, they did receive the first of several patents on the process.

The two inventors formed the Sealed Air Corporation. The next idea was to develop the product as greenhouse insulation.

It was found that this was not a very good insulator, then, in October 1959, IBM announced the new 1401 Computer. Fredrick W. Bowers, a sales person of Sealed Air, pitched the idea to IBM, that the wrap would protect the 1401 during shipment. The rest is history.

The company produces, each year, enough "Bubble Wrap" to circle around the equator ten times.

They now market a version that is inflated by the customer. This was an idea that Alfred Fielding was interested in producing before he died. The customer inflates the wrap with a machine that they rent from Sealed Air.

The advantages of this product are that it stores flat and the customer can tailor the bubbles and air pressure to fit the need. However, you can no longer pop the bubble! Bubble

Wrap now only accounts for about 10% of the company's income. The majority of the company sales is in food packaging.

The honor of popping the first bubble goes to Howard Fielding, son of Alfred. He was five years old at the time. Each January, there is a "National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day."

From 2007 to 2010, the Sealed Air Corporation held a competition for young inventors. Winners presented uses as diverse as flying kites, a two and a half foot model of the Empire State Building and a covering for an artificial limb.

A TV episode of the Myth Busters, tested whether a person could fall from thirty feet, wrapped in Bubble Wrap and survive? The answer is no!

A bride wore a Bubble Wrap wedding dress and actress, Farah Fawcett, did a photo shoot clad only in Bubble Wrap for a men's magazine.

One proposed use was a poor man's burglar alarm. Put the Bubble Wrap behind the door, on the floor. The would-be burglar will pop the bubbles, alerting you. One company issues a six-foot strip to its employees. They can pop the bubbles as a stress relief during the work day. What can you do with it?

Another great invention made in New Jersey. ###

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## Let's Go Traveling!

By Rick Ardis

### Rail Update June 2023

Over the past two years since I last wrote about rail travel, there have been many changes and enhancements.

On a local level, the most notable of these is the expansion of New York's Pennsylvania Station across Eighth Avenue into the James A. Farley Building. This edifice, formerly New York's main post office, features a Corinthian Colonnade and was designed by McKim, Mead & White, the same firm as the original Penn Station.

This new addition carries the moniker of Moynihan Train Hall in honor of the late New York Senator, Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Amtrak has moved its base of operations into this space with a bright, airy atrium reminiscent of the legendary former transit hub which was displaced by the building of Madison Square Garden.

As we recover from the ravages of the pandemic, Amtrak has been returning suspended services, as well as increasing frequency on its routes.

The legendary California Zephyr to San Francisco, Southwest Chief to Los Angeles, and Empire Builder to Seattle & Portland are now at daily operations.

Most recently, the famed Adirondak reintroduced service from New York to Montreal. The scenic route parallels the Hudson River and Lake

Champlain on its way North. This is Amtrak's final trans-border route to be restarted. The Cascades to Vancouver and The Maple Leaf to Niagara Falls and Toronto are the other international trains.

Later this year, Amtrak will introduce a new fleet of Acela equipment on the Northeast Corridor between Boston and Washington. These high-speed trains will increase capacity by 25% on the popular route, be more energy-efficient, slightly faster, and offer increased rider comfort. Long-term plans by the national passenger railroad include service on routes stopped decades ago. If fully realized, there will be thirty-nine additional routes and up to 160 destinations currently lacking inter-city rail service joining the network.

Tour companies that offer guided vacations across North America have itineraries that include rail options along with motorcoach transportation. There are even getaways that include one or more sightseeing trips on trains with historic steam engines or streamliner cars from the 1940s and 1950s.

In a promising sign, new rail service was introduced just four years ago in South Florida. The Brightline has proved extremely popular in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach corridor. Very shortly, this privately-owned high-speed service will extend its reach to Orlando International Airport.

Eventually, there will be up to sixteen round-trip trains

per day between Orlando and Miami. Eight of these are expected to be non-stop service, with the others stopping at West Palm Beach, Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, Aventura, and downtown Miami.

Travelers embarking on cruises at the Port of Miami will find complimentary shuttle service to their pier. Each of the stations along the route feature comfortable lounges and markets. Onboard service includes drinks and snacks. Free Wi-Fi is available both in the stations and onboard the trains.

Currently under construction is a state-funded high-speed rail system in California. Like Florida, it will be introduced in sections, with initial operation between Bakersfield and Merced in the Central Valley beginning in 2029. Shortly after, service to San Francisco and Los Angeles will follow with extensions to Sacramento and San Diego eventually completing the system.

Canada's much-heralded Rocky Mountaineer recently introduced service in Colorado which has proven extremely popular. The route between the Mile-High City of Denver and Moab, Utah takes travelers through canyons of red rock areas that cannot be accessed by road. The company plans to enhance the guest experience with upgraded rail cars. Unconfirmed rumors allude to a second United States route in the near future.

Unthinkable in the past, competition has come to European routes. Rail travel is becoming easier and faster with private, as well as national rail companies offering competing trans-border services.

Countries in Eastern Europe where modern service was non-existent in the past, are quickly adopting updated technologies to catch up with the west. Low-cost lines (*like the airlines*) supply more options for travelers on a budget.

Currently, there are trains that approach 200 mph in regular service including the TGV in France, AVE in Spain, and Frecciarossa in Italy. Each year more cities are connected by high-speed lines.

Passage by rail is a wonderful way to enhance your journey. With scenery right outside your window, you have the feeling of being part of the destination. Travel by train is an eye-opening alternative to being buckled into an airplane seat at 30,000 feet.

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## Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney

### Home Buying. Hopeless?

When Sam and Barbara Mazza moved from Sussex County to East Rutherford they expected they would be renters for a year or two at the most.

The couple began house hunting in late 2020 hoping to put down roots as they started a family. Two and a half years later, they have seen over 50 homes and made offers on several. Each time, the couple lost to an all-cash buyer, often people from the city looking to escape the pandemic and mounting crime.

Sam and Barbara have excellent qualifications but they can't pay all cash. And the months and months of disappointments have taken a toll. "When I hear of new listings, I don't get excited anymore," Barbara says. "I feel burned out. Sometimes I feel numb to the whole process because it's just the same old story over and over again. It feels like things are stagnant and there's no light at the end of the tunnel."

We in the industry feel it just as acutely. Would-be buyers and their real estate agents – even some on the seller's side – feel a sense of deep fatigue with what is today, inarguably, a merciless housing market.

Buyers keep searching but many have lost their enthusiasm, wondering whether this particular slice of the American dream might forever remain out of reach.

And, even if they do succeed, will it require painful sacrifices or settling for much less than what they had ideally imagined. "We've come to the realization that the home we buy isn't going to be 'perfect'," Barbara says. "And that's hard for us to wrap our heads around."

Stories like Barbara and Sam's are common today for frustrated buyers. Realtor.com wrote recently about things becoming so challenging that even sellers are struggling. Rather than being a buyer's market or a seller's market, experts there characterize today's phenomenon as "nobody's market."

Research at Realtor.com shows that new listings are lower than a year ago, by 13% according to last month's data. That's probably because many homeowners who would be selling, would, in turn have to buy something else. Few

people today want to be in that position.

Joan Sentipal, our seasoned Terrie O'Connor agent trying to help the Mazza Family find their home, has another couple who are so frustrated with the process that the husband refuses to look at another home. "He can't handle the disappointment," she says. Like the Mazza Family, this couple has been outbid on multiple homes. "It's exhausting and buyers start to take it personally: 'Why are we always being rejected?' Everyone is feeling the same frustration, everyone from first-timers all the way up."

And, conversely, where many would-be buyers are worn out after many attempts at a purchase, a lot of homeowners are fatigued just deciding whether or not to sell their home. Many are kicking themselves for not taking advantage of the stronger market conditions – higher prices, lower mortgage rates – that were prevalent last year. A number of those who bought homes on the assumption that they'd be able to work from home indefinitely are now returning to the office. These owners might want to move again but don't have enough equity built up to make a sale worth it.

So what happens next for homebuyers and sellers? With everybody burned out, is it possible that things could some way get better?

That will depend on a lot of different factors: mortgage rates, inflation and the economy in general. But, at least seasonally, we're in the midst of the spring upswing. Frustration aside, many buyers have renewed their resolve and are eager to get back out there hunting.

Our agent Joan, for one, has hope for Sam & Barbara and other buyers. "I may not have seen conditions like this before but that doesn't mean I've lost my optimism. I know that at the end of the day, we're going to find them the house they want," she says. "We just have to be patient and continue working hard."

*Are you thinking of buying or selling? For expert guidance, contact Mary Ellen Courtney, Broker-Manager at Terrie O'Connor Realtors' Gateway Group, 201-288-0004. She and her professional team work hard to insure maximum results with minimum stress! ###*



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Summer Reading 2023

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Friends of the Library

• **General Membership Meeting.** Tuesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. Library Large Meeting Room. Want to become a friend? Join us to learn about what the Friends of the Library do, future endeavors and how you can help.

• **Senior Concert with Rewind.** Saturday, September 23, 1 to 2 p.m. HH Senior Center.

Featuring John Delgiodice of Hasbrouck Heights on guitar, Ken Cohen of Kenilworth on drums, and Rich Loughlin of Oceanport on bass, Rewind has been entertaining New Jersey audiences since 2017. Their mix of classic rock from the 50's though the 80's will have you singing and dancing along! Refreshments will be served. Registration is encouraged.

• **Display case: The Magic of Healing.** The Library is always in search of those who would like to display their collections!

For CHILDREN

• **Read-to-a-Dog.** Thursday, June 1, 6 to 7 p.m. Our friend, Oscar, is back and ready to listen! Come on by

and get some reading practice in, bring one of your books or choose from ours. Registration is limited.

• **After-School Game Lounge Open Play.** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Our Nintendo Switch game lounge will be open for after-school play with friends! Multi-player games are offered, including Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros (*or bring your own!*). Reservations requested.

• **Fresh Air Storytime at Central Ave. Playground.** Wednesdays, June 7 and 21 at 11 a.m. We're taking storytime back outside! Join Ms. Maureen or Ms. Jamie for stories, songs, and the amazing bubble machine at the small playground on Central Avenue. Please bring a blanket, mat, or chair for your child to sit on. Program subject to location change in case of inclement weather. Registration is required so we have a way to contact participants for updates.

• **Lego Club.** Wednesdays, June 7 & 21, 4 to 5 p.m. All builders are invited to Lego Club! We'll free-build and have a chance to hang out & discuss all things Lego with fellow fans. We'll provide the bricks, you supply the ideas!

• **Little Artists "Thank a Teacher" Craft.** Friday, June 9, 3:30 p.m. for ages 7 and up. Come create something special to thank a teacher for all their hard work this school year. Best for elementary grades and up. Registration is limited.

• **Saturday Storytime at the Library.** June 10, 11 to 11:30 a.m. The whole family is welcome for Saturday storytime. Registration is limited.

• **T-Rex Takeover with Field Station Dinosaurs.** Wednesday, June 14 at 4 p.m. Have you ever wanted to get up close and personal with a T-Rex? The Library hosts special visitors from Field Station Dinosaurs Adventure Park! Come for some dino songs and stories and to see a junior T-Rex live! Registration required and space is limited.

• **Friday Movie for Kids (rated PG).** Friday, June 23, 2 to 4 p.m. Come watch a kid-friendly movie on our big screen TV! Snacks will be provided.

• **Summer Reading Kickoff with Zoophoria NJ!** Tuesday, June 27, 6 to 7 p.m. We're kicking off this year's summer reading program - All Together Now - with ZOOPHORIA NJ - a visit with some incredible animals from all over the

world! Professional handlers will provide an opportunity for kids and families to safely touch the reptiles while learning about the challenges they face in their natural habitats. Find out how we can work together to make a difference for these creatures through small daily actions, even though they live very far away! Registration required and space is limited.

• **Making Music ALL TOGETHER NOW with the City Winds Trio.** Tuesday, July 11, 5 to 6 p.m. Join the City Winds Trio as they bring live music to our summer of fun. Kids and families will be introduced to percussion instruments, musical notes, rhythms, dynamics and tempos, and we'll compose a melody as a group and separate individual melodies to take home! Registration required and space is limited.

For ADULTS

• **Movie Matinee.** "Judy" Friday, June 9, 1 to 3 p.m. Sit back and enjoy an afternoon movie at the Library. Light refreshments provided. Synopsis: Set in late 1968 and early 1969, the movie portrays Judy Garland hustling in Swinging London after she successfully secures a five-week engagement in Talk of the Town.

• **Crafts-to-Share Club.** Tuesday, June 13, 6 to 8 p.m. & Wednesday, June 28, 1 to 3 p.m. Drop in to chat and work on a crafty project! Enjoy getting to know other crafters in your community 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 by request.

• **Adult Book Club.** 4th Tuesday of every month, In-Person & via Zoom at 7 p.m. June 27. "The Henna Artist" by Alka Joshi. Join us for an evening of fun, literary discussion! Pick up a copy at the Library or use the Hoopla or Libby app to enjoy the ebook or eAudiobook on your smartphone or tablet.

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The Library will be closed Monday, June 19 in honor of Juneteenth.

• **Virtual Author Talks.**  
- During June, Mike Rucker, Ph.D., will discuss his latest "The Fun Habit: How the Disciplined Pursuit of Joy and Wonder Can Change Your Life" on Wednesday, June 7 at 4 p.m.  
- Artist, photographer, and author, Jamie Beck, will discuss her book "An American in Provence" on Thursday, June 15 at 2 p.m.

- Bestselling author Tananarive Due, will discuss "Black Panther: Tales of Wakanda" on Wednesday, June 28 at 8 p.m. If you are interested in one of our Author Talks but can't attend, you can register and receive a link to the discussion after.

• **Summer Reading Program - for Children, Teens, & Adults.** This year's Summer Reading Program runs from May 1 through September 23. The theme is "All Together Now," and we have Reading Challenges for children, young adults, and adults. Children will be rewarded for logging their reading and the Children's Department will feature related crafts, events, and activities. The Young Adult & Adult Summer Reading Challenges encourage patrons to try different events at the Library and different types of books via a Bingo card. To sign up, visit the main desk.

• **Selling Your Home.**  
The market is still hot, but has slowed down. Experts from Keller Williams Park Views conduct a real estate seminar on Wednesday, June 28, from 6 to 8 p.m., for home sellers.

• **Mindfulness for Memory & Focus.** This virtual class is for anyone interested in learning how to be more content and less stressed using the tools of mindfulness. Each class starts with an in-

troduction to theory and brain science, followed by a short gentle movement practice and a mindfulness meditation. Time for discussion will be provided. Classes are Fridays at 9:15 via Zoom. Registration required.

• **Grab & Go Doorside Pickup.** Patrons are invited to order books from the BCCLS catalog by visiting [www.bccls.org](http://www.bccls.org) or fill out a Grab & Go form for either the adult or children's collection. Our team will choose items for you based on what you like! Forms are available on our website. If you don't have access to a computer, call and we will order items for you!

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• **ESL In-Person and Virtual Classes.** The Rutherford Library in-person ESL classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings. Advanced ESL classes meet on Saturday at 11 a.m. Virtual ESL classes are held Mondays, Registration is required and must be done in person at the circulation desk.

• **Monthly Movie.** Screenings on the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.


• **Teen Volunteers.** We are currently accepting teen volunteers in middle and high school can volunteer for various tasks, For more information, email: [marion.johnson@rutherford.bccls.org](mailto:marion.johnson@rutherford.bccls.org)

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• **Chair Yoga.** A six-week yoga class for people experiencing joint pain and stiffness. Students will use chairs rather than yoga mats. Classes will be on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., June 6, 13, 20. Registration is required. Call 973-365-4044 ext. 2 to reserve your spot. You must reserve a spot for each session. Sponsored by The Friends of Lodi Memorial Library.

• **Meditation.** A guest instructor will teach the basics of Meditation. Meditation can wipe away the day's stress, bringing with it inner peace. Classes will be on Tuesdays 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Class dates are June 27 and July 11. Registration is required. Please call 973-365-4044 ext. 2 to reserve your spot. You must reserve a spot for each session you wish to attend. Sponsored by The Friends of Lodi Memorial Library.

• **Tuesday Night Book Club.** Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Book is "Black Cake" by Charmaine Wilkerson – 385 pages. Contact [director@lodi.bccls.org](mailto:director@lodi.bccls.org) for more information about our book club meetings.

• **Semi-Monthly Movie.** Afternoon movies twice a month. June movies will be "The Whale" on June 14 at 1 p.m. and "80 For Brady" on June 28 at 1 p.m.

• **Special Program – Pollinator Week.** Celebrate Pollinator Week with an afternoon of crafts for adults, teens, and children! Registration required by Friday, June 16. Crafts will be held in-person on Wednesday, June 21 at 1:30 p.m.

• **Special Program – Paranormal Evening.** June 15, 6 p.m., Join four of New Jersey's respected paranormal researchers for a night of spirited conversation you will not forget.

Hosted by Lourdes Gonzalez, Ron Yacovetti, Kim the Ghost History Medium, and Richard Moschella. Registration required.

• **Summer Reading – Paint Night.** Our annual Summer Reading program kicks off with a special paint night on Thursday, June 29 at 6 p.m. Registration required – 973-365-4044 ext. 2.

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

Children  
Special Programs

• **Anime Club.** – Grades 6-12, In-person, Wednesday, June 7, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Watch a movie, get some snacks, and make a craft. Registration required.

• **Summer Reading.** Registration required for our 2023 Summer Reading program, "All Together Now," starts on Monday, June 26. We are launching this year's program with a Super Bubble Show from Currier's Magical Mania on June 26 at 2:30 p.m.

• **Lodi Game Club.** All ages (12 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Join us for all kinds of games every Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. No registration necessary.

• **High School Hang-out.** Grades 9-12. Join us every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the conference room for games, movies, and other fun activities.

• **Grab & Go Craft – Grades Pre K - 2.** A new grab & go project will be available each Monday! While supplies last. Registration is not required.

• **Legos.** – All ages. Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Children's Room. Make your own creations with Legos. No registration necessary.

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

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• **Beginner Yoga with Onika.** Mondays, June 5, 12 and 26 at 10:15 a.m. Bring a yoga mat. Space is limited. Registration per class is required. Call 201-438-8866 for more information.

• **Honeybees at the Garden.** Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m. at the Carlstadt Community Garden, 7th Street and Division Avenue. Learn all about honeybees with apiarist and author, Frank Mortimer. Frank will introduce the exciting and fact-filled world of bees; he will also bring along some of his live bees. This program is open to all ages. This event is weather-permitting.

• **Movie Madness.** Sit back, relax and join the Carlstadt Library for a showing of the film "Moving On" starring Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin on Tuesday, June 6, 1 p.m. Seating is limited. Registration is required for this popular event. Seating is limited.

• **Crafts for Crafters - Greeting Cards.** A Greeting Card workshop. Create four customized cards for Father's Day and birthdays, in the Library, Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m. All materials will be supplied. Space is limited and registration is required.

• **Candle Making.** Adults, teens and tweens, ages 10 and up, to a candle making class Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. Participants will create their own scented candle. All materials will be supplied. Space is limited. Registration required.

• **Wills and Estate Planning.** An informational presentation led by Ryann M. Siclari, Esq., LL.M on Wednesday, June 14, 7 p.m. Topics such as wills, probate, power of attorney and medical directives will be discussed. Space is limited. Registration is required.

• **Cook the Books! - Cookbook Club.** Calling all amateur chefs! Join our inaugural Cookbook Club meeting on Wednesday, June 21 at 7 p.m. A different cookbook will be selected each month and participants will each prepare a dish at home to bring to the Club for members to sample. This month's club pick is "Everyday

Dorie," by Dorie Greenspan. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. Space is limited. Registration required.

• **Creating with Clay.** On Tuesday, June 27, 7 p.m. join the Carlstadt Library for a therapeutic pottery class and create a colorful strawberry dish. All materials will be supplied. Space is limited. Registration is required.

• **As the Page Turns - Adult Book Club.** Novel, "Dear Edward," by Ann Napolitano, on Wednesday, June 28 at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome! Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. Please register.

For Children

• **Music with Miss Nita at the Library.** Music with Miss Nita will be held at the Village Green on Thursday, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 10:30 a.m. Babies, toddlers and preschool children will enjoy songs, rhymes, movement and instrument play. Register for each session. Space is limited. Programs are free of charge.

• **Beaded Pipe Cleaner Flower Magnet.** Children ages 9 and up are invited to the Carlstadt Library on Thursday, June 1, 4 p.m. to make a beaded flower magnet. Space is limited. Registration is required.

• **Saturday Story & Craft.** Children, ages 3 years and up, on Saturday, June 24 at 11 a.m., for a few stories and a craft. Space is limited and registration is required.

• **All Together Now Community Mural.** Summer reading participants can stop by the Carlstadt Library on Monday, June 26, Tuesday, June 27 and Friday, June 30, 3 p.m. to design a handprint mural in the Children's Department. Please register at [carlstadtlibrary.org](http://carlstadtlibrary.org) or call 201-438-8866, ext. 203 for more information.

• **Patriotic Wood Necklace Craft.** Children, ages 4 and up, are invited to the Carlstadt Library on Thursday, June 29, 4 p.m. to make a wood necklace and celebrate Independence Day. Space is limited and registration is required.

• **Read- and- Bead Summer Reading Program.** Celebrate kindness, friendship and unity at your Library! Kids and teens are invited to join Carlstadt Library's summer reading program, All Together Now! Starting Sunday, June 11, stop by the Library to register. Read to earn beads for your own keychain or necklace, and enter the summer reading raffle. The Summer Reading Program runs through Friday, August 4. Please call 201-438-8866, ext. 203 for more information.

• **Take-It-and-Make-It-Crafts for Kids.** The Carlstadt Library invites children of all ages to pick up a monthly take-it-and-make-it craft. This month's craft is a butterfly house. Craft kits will be available at the Library from June 1 to 30, while supplies last. Please call 201-438-8866, ext. 203 for more information.

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

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

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

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

• **2023 Summer Reading Programs Begin for all ages!** Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Stop in at the Library to sign up starting today!

Adult Programs

• **Watercolor & Pressed Flower Bookmarks.** Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. No registration necessary.

• **Thursday Evening Book Club.** Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 6 p.m. Read/discuss "Detransition, Baby" by Torrey Peters. Registration is required.

Children's Programs

• **Polish Heroes in World History.** Monday, June 12, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Open to Grades 1 - 3.

• **Yoga Time.** Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 4 p.m. Registration is required.

*Children's Take Home Craft Kits will be available the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month! Grab one while supplies last! ###*



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# Two Firefighters Injured in an Apartment Blaze

On May 11, 2023, at about 10 a.m., Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to an alarm on Terrace Avenue. Chief Mike Greco was first on the scene, established command and confirmed a working fire. The fire went to a second alarm to bring extra resources. Firefighters found the bedroom and bathroom fully involved. The fire was advanced on arrival from one apartment on the second floor. The members of the HHFD quickly responded

ed and had the fire knocked down in approximately 20 minutes. This fire destroyed the vacant garden apartment. It did not extend into any other apartment or especially the attic space which would have resulted in a loss of the entire complex. Two firefighters were injured when part of a ceiling collapsed during the fire. The injuries didn't appear life-threatening. Both were transported to

Hackensack University Medical Center. One Firefighter was released, the other was undergoing tests. The scene is under investigation by HH Fire Official, although the cause appeared to be accidental. The building Department was notified. The Mutual Aid assistance included firefighters from Wallington, Carlstadt, Little Ferry, Hackensack and Wood-Ridge, along with EMS from Holy Name Medical Center. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



On April 30, 2023, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded a report of a fire on Columbia Street. The fire was in the second floor bathroom. Firefighters put the fire out using dry chemical extinguishers and a water can. As a precaution, several ladders were raised and a 5" supply line to a hydrant was laid, but not charged. No injuries reported. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Mutual Aid Response: Lodi house fire August 27, 2022. Photos by Damien Danis

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Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady in Wood-Ridge held its 7th Annual Blue Mass for all the men and women in law enforcement on Sunday, May 7, 2023. There were over 315 people, plus 240 livestream and Facebook viewers.

A Blue Mass recognizes the sacrifice and dedication of all those who serve in law enforcement, Fire and EMS both in Wood-Ridge and throughout other departments.

The Mass was celebrated by Father Joseph A. D’Amico, Pastor, Saint Anastasia Church, Teaneck, NJ and Co-Celebrant Father Ronnie Nombre, Pastor, Assumption Church. Father Joe D’Amico, who accepted our invitation for a third year, 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 and is the current Chaplain of the Teaneck Fire Department.

Councilman Altamura thanked Father Joe D’Amico and Father Ronnie Nombre, Music Minister and technical coordinator Gabe Valle and Rose Lepore, Joe Maspeth and Nancy Joy from Assumption Church for their efforts.

Councilman Altamura also thanked Retired Police Captain Bob Kneer (*Fair Lawn PD*) who serves as the NJ Honor Guard Commander for arranging the honor guard, Police Chief Michael O’Donnell, Fire Chief Ken Schulz, Auxiliary President Debbie Pettersen and the W-R PBA Local 313, Detective Dave Marchitelli, President for their generous donation. *Photo by Pete O’Brien. ###*



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Eric grew up in Wyckoff and recently moved back to Bergen County after spending a year in Union County. He attended Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, New Jersey, and later earned his associate's degree from Bergen Community College in Paramus. Eric loves Northern New Jersey for its beautiful landscapes and scenic New York City views. He believes the area offers the perfect balance of natural beauty and suburban life, making it an ideal place to call home.

Before becoming a real estate agent, Eric worked as a Sales Manager in the retail industry. He brings his exceptional sales and customer service skills to the real estate industry, where he strives to provide his clients with the highest service and care.

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