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*Retired Airbus A320 Captain and AHOE Trustee Janis Keown-Blackburn answers visitor questions during Open Cockpit Day at Teterboro on April 10, 2021.
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Now Open

After the year-long cocooning, we got big-time cabin fever.
Things are opening up and we are anxious to get out. Do normal things.
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The Aviation Hall of Fame hosted an Open Cockpit Day on Saturday, April 10, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Visitors sat in the cabin of the world's only surviving restored cockpit of the Martin 202 airliner. They saw inside the HH52A, U.S. Coast Guard rescue helicopter. Also, on display were the Bell AH-1 Cobra helicopter, the OV-1A Mohawk observation/attack aircraft, and other aviation cockpits, including a General Aviation Trainer (GAT-1) and a Glider.

Also popular was an official Airport Rescue Firefighter Truck! For young astronauts, there is a 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.

Open Cockpit Day May 15

Experience this event yourself. The next Open Cockpit Day is May 15, 2021. Admission: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and children age 3 to 12.

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."

All of our visitors must adhere to all New Jersey COVID-19 Restrictions: Face Masks, Social Distancing. For more information on our COVID-19 Restrictions and Procedures, please visit our Web Site: www.NJAHOF.org All Veterans are welcomed and can honor us by signing our Wall of Honor. ###

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At 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 10, 2021, Hasbrouck Heights GFWC-Contemporary Club planted a pinwheel garden at the Gazebo at The Circle.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In 2008, pinwheels were adopted as the official symbol of child abuse prevention.

The pinwheel was chosen as a national symbol of prevention because it is whimsical and evokes childlike notions, and stands for the chance at healthy, happy and full lives that all children deserve.

Children who are raised with safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments are more academically and financially successful and grow up to be productive, contributing members of their

communities. Pinwheels are a reminder that we all play a role in children's lives.

Pinwheel gardens represent our effort to focus on community activities that support families and public policies that prioritize prevention right from the start to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur.

Pinwheels are used to help educate communities about the importance of supporting children and families.

Shining in the sun, the pinwheel is reflective of the bright future all children deserve and our belief that getting it right early is less costly than trying to fix it later.

This is the 10th year the HH Contemporary Club participated in the pinwheel garden program. ###

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Chris, along with Post 136, is spearheading a drive to stock the National Guard break-room at the Mega-Site with snacks (potato chips, pretzels, corn chips, pop-corn, candy, and etc., all in individual servings), water, soft drinks and juice.

If you wish to donate goods to this cause, please purchase the items and make arrangements with Chris for delivery of the items to the Mega-Site.

If you wish Post 136 to purchase and deliver the items on your behalf, please make a check payable to "American Legion Post 136" and send to 41 Union Street, PO Box 36, Lodi, NJ 07644. We will purchase and deliver the items on your Post's behalf. We will mark each box of goods with the name and address of the donating Post or person.

Thank you for considering this request. Francis Carrasco, Commander, Post 136, Vincent C. Martorano, Adjutant/ Finance Officer, Post 136. ###

YMCA Golf
Outing May 24

On Monday, May 24, 2021, the Meadowlands YMCA will hold its 20th Anniversary Charity Golf Outing at The Forest Hill Field Club, 9 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ.

Shotgun start at noon and scramble format. There will be a "Hole-in-One" Challenge to win a car from Bellavia.

All funds raised during the event will support the Meadowlands YMCA Coronavirus response services. This year they are focusing on Neighbors Serving Neighbors.

The price is \$450 per person and \$1,800 per foursome. Sponsorships are available for the golf outing, such as presenting sponsor, individual holes, dinner, lunch, and others.

For information, call Amanda Scully, ascully@meadowlandsymca.org or call 201-955-5300. To register or sponsor go to: MeadowlandsYMCA.org/golf ###

Yield to Pedestrians

Paint & Sip
Tricky Tray
May 14

The Hasbrouck Heights Middle School High School PTSA is sponsoring a Paint, Play Tricky Tray event on Friday, May 14, 2021 at the VFW Post 4581, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Painters can choose from two time slots: 5 to 6:30 p.m. or 7:30 to 9 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m. for senior citizens. Event is first come, first served. Cash bar. 50/50.

Painting package is \$40 and includes all painting supplies, admission, 1 sheet of small prize tickets and 1 door prize ticket.

Tricky tray is a hybrid walk through. \$35 ticket package includes two sheets level 1, one sheet level 2, five tickets level 3, one grand prize ticket and one door prize ticket.

Social distancing and masks required.

For more details go to: <https://hhpaintplaytrickytray.cheddarup.com> ###

Handbag
Bingo May 15

The Immaculate Conception High School will be hosting its annual Handbag Bingo Night on May 15, 2021 at 258 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ, with doors opening at 6 p.m. and the first game starting at 7 p.m.

A \$40 ticket includes 10 games of Bingo. Extra boards and daubers may be purchased.

There will be Tricky Tray raffles and a 50/50.

No one under 18 years of age is permitted. No refunds. Due to COVID regulations tickets are limited to the first 100 guests, 2 per table, keeping social distancing in mind. For more information, call 973-773-2400. ###

Live Streaming
Media Ministry
Seeks Volunteers

Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in Rutherford, holds worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m. via Facebook Live. They are looking for individuals who would like to be a part of their Media Ministry that provides live streaming of their worship service. If you are interested, please contact the Church at 201-460 – 1820 or officemtararatbaptistchurch@gmail.com

As the word goes forward "to serve this present age." ###

Bicycle Safety
and Car Seat
Install/Inspection
Day May 8

The Lodi Police Department will host a "Rolling and Patrolling" bicycle registration and car seat installation inspection day on Saturday, May 8, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Lodi Police headquarters.

Adults and teens are especially encouraged to attend.

In an effort to protect Lodi residents, the Lodi Police Department will be registering these items with a documented identifying etching. They will be giving away a free bicycle lock or a free helmet on a first come, first served basis. Proof of Lodi residency is required.

The Traffic Division will also be available to install new child car seats or perform safety checks on those installed. Proof of parental residency will be required.

For more information, call Lt. Anthony Mobilio at 973-473-7600, Ext. 8126 or go to www.lodipd.org ###

Coffee with
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The Guild of Reformed Church Women of First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights, invite you to participate in their annual Blanket of Honor Sunday project. These \$10 donations per blanket, in honor of, or in memory of, any or all the significant women in your life, will be accepted through May 4, 2021, for inclusion in the Mother's Day bulletin, May 9.

The proceeds will be used by Church World Service to provide new blankets to be distributed to families wherever and whenever a disaster occurs, whether natural or man-made.

These blankets are used in a multitude of ways, not just for warmth. They provide a measure of dignity, a refuge, a source of protection, a means of carrying all one's belongings, a message that someone cares for them, wherever they may be in the world.

Mail your check (\$10 per blanket) and send to First Reformed Church of Hasbrouck Heights, PO Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Please include the name(s) of the women you wish to honor or remember.

The Guild women appreciate your assistance, as do the recipients, whether locally, or world-wide. For further information, call 201-288-1122. ###

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Your gifts of pride and joy in honor of, or in memory of, these special "guys" will be many-pronged.

Each \$10 donation will enable Church World Service to assist men (and women) around the world with proper tools and training for many skills from planting seeds to feeding a family, repairing buildings to return families to their homes, providing animals for milking and breeding, to learning to dig

wells to provide clean water for many families.

Church World Service is a well known organization that works locally, nationally and internationally for the good of the common people. They often are the first to respond to natural disasters; they are also active in many famine-stricken areas, working hand-in-hand with local disaster units. For further information, check out churchworldservice.org.

Send contributions to First Reformed Church, PO Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, 07604 by Wednesday, June 7, 2021. Make checks payable to Guild RCW. For more information, call 201-288-1122. ###

AL Pig Roast July 17, 2021

The American Legion Squadron 310 is again hosting their very popular Art Jensen Jr. Annual Pig Roast fundraiser on Saturday, July 17, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., in their picnic grove at American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ.

Cost is \$25 pp in advance by July 13. \$30 pp at the door.

Admission includes "all you can eat" hamburgers, hot dogs, London Broil, BBQ chicken, two-100 lb. plus pigs, mussels, fresh corn on the cob, salads, draft beer and soda. Children under 12 eat for free. Music by "DJ Bill Reagan." All proceeds go the Veterans and children's programs. ###

FOCAS Holds Flea Market May 22

FOCAS Flea Market Saturday, May 22, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

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.

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 soiled.)

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, or visit www.focasnews.org. ###

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Full Flower Moon

The May full moon will appear on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 7:14 a.m. It is called the “Full Flower Moon.” According to The Farmer’s Almanac, in most areas, flowers are abundant everywhere during this time. Thus, the name of this moon. Other names include the “Full Corn Planting Moon” or the “Milk 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 May full moon is a Supermoon at 225,959 miles distance to earth.

Total Lunar Eclipse

In some parts of the world, this month’s full moon coincides with a total lunar eclipse! A lunar eclipse occurs when Earth stands directly between the Moon and the Sun, which results in Earth casting its shadow on the Moon. During a total lunar eclipse, the Moon is fully obscured by Earth’s shadow, giving the Moon a reddish hue. This phenomenon is where the term “blood moon” comes from. Totality will be unusually short, only lasting about 15 minutes. It will be the only total lunar eclipse of the year, with only a partial lunar eclipse to follow in November.

This total lunar eclipse occurs in the very early morning hours of May 26 and will be visible for stargazers in western North America, western South America, eastern Asia, and Oceania. In the U.S., those who are located east of the Mississippi will experience a partial lunar eclipse instead. The Moon will be very low in the sky during the eclipse, so find a high vantage point with a clear horizon for the best view!

Best Days in May 2021

- Below are the best days for activities, based on the Moon’s sign and phase in May.
- For Gardening: Planting above ground crops: 15, 16, 24, 25
 - Planting below ground crops: 5, 6
 - For Fishing: 11-26

Full Moon Folklore

- Clothes washed for the first time in the Full Moon will not last long.
- The Full Moon is an ideal time to accept a proposal of marriage. ###

St. John’s Annual Plant Sale

Mark your calendars! Spring is just around the corner and it is time to start planning your gardens. For the 42nd Annual Plant Sale, nursery grown plants and flowers and hanging pots will be available for pick-up just in time for Mother’s Day, May 9, at St. John’s Parish Hall, Hasbrouck Heights, on Friday, May 7, 2021 by appointment. There will not be any plants available on Saturday. Only pre-orders for the 42nd Annual St. John’s Plant

Sale are being accepted and due by Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Flats, which contain one kind/one color, are \$12.50. Pre-order forms are available by calling 201-288-9460 and leaving a message. All plants are of the highest quality. As in previous years, all plants are hand picked at the nursery by experienced gardeners. There will be other plants available along with pots of plants when pre-orders are picked up. ###

Chamber/Garden Club Boulevard in Bloom

Help Keep the Boulevard in Bloom

Beautiful flowering plants have adorned The Boulevard for over 10 years. The Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club, invites businesses and residents to sponsor a flowering planter by making a \$50 donation. The planting will be done by the Garden Club at the DPW after the May 15 frost date. Once the plantings have been completed, the DPW will then move the flower pots to their Boulevard location, and has agreed to water the plants during the season. After the summer, the DPW will collect the flower pots and store them for the winter.

In the spirit of community, each year they reach out to a local student group willing to lend a hand overseeing and pruning the planters throughout the summer. A donation of \$50 will replenish an existing planter with lovely flowers and greens. Your donation of any amount is welcome. The HHGC sends a sincere thank you, to those businesses and residents who continue to support their efforts each year. You can send donations to: Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce BIB, PO Box 1, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604. Call Ray at 201-288-5464 or Ann at 201-288-3956 for more information. ###

Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful June 6

Volunteers needed

The “Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful” Committee will hold its 21st annual downtown cleanup day on Sunday, June 6, 2021 between 12 and 4 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 contacted and assigned certain time periods prior to the event and will be asked to meet at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. To sign up, 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. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year’s event will be held with all safety protocols in place and with limited group participation.

Shredding Event

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What Is Shavuot (Shavuot)? And How Is Shavuot Celebrated?

The word Shavuot (*or Shavuot*) means “weeks.” It celebrates the completion of the seven-week Omer counting period between Passover and Shavuot. It begins on the sunset, Sunday, May 16 and ends the evening of Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

The Torah was given by God to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai on Shavuot more than 3,300 years ago. Every year on the holiday of Shavuot we renew our acceptance of God’s gift, and God “re-gives” the Torah.

The giving of the Torah was a far-reaching spiritual event—one that touched the essence of the Jewish soul for all times. Sages have compared it to a wedding between God and the Jewish people. Shavuot also means “oaths,” for on this day God swore eternal devotion to us, and we in turn pledged everlasting loyalty to Him.

In ancient times, two wheat

loaves would be offered in the Holy Temple on Shavuot. It was also at this time that people would begin to bring bikkurim, their first and choicest fruits, to thank God for Israel’s bounty.

How Is Shavuot Celebrated?

- Women and girls light holiday candles to usher in the holiday, on both the first and second evenings of the holidays. It is customary to stay up all night learning Torah on the first night of Shavuot.

- All men, women and children should go to the Synagogue on the first day of Shavuot to hear the reading of the Ten Commandments.

- As on other holidays,

special meals are eaten, and no “work” may be performed.

- It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot. Menus range from traditional cheese blintzes to quiches, casseroles and more.

- On the second day of Shavuot, the Yizkor memorial service is recited.

- Some communities read the Book of Ruth publicly, as King David—whose passing occurred on this day—was a descendant of Ruth the Moabite.

- Some have the custom to decorate their homes (*and synagogues*) with flowers and sweet-smelling plants in advance of Shavuot. *Source: chabad.org*

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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Artful May

Hello folks. Let me begin this month's column by telling you that I have absolutely no idea what to write about. The merry month of May came up empty and my brain has temporarily closed shop. How will it unfold? Your guess is as good as mine, if not better.

I'm going to continue the process until something worthy of print shows up, if at all. If we're lucky, we'll make it to the last paragraph which, by the way, might be closer than you think. No doubt some of you have already turned the page.

One thing is my favor. I don't have to read it. I'm not even done with the opening lines and I've forgotten what I have written about. Oh, Yea! Nothing It's a column about nothing. Thank you Seinfeld.

The month of May never found me staggering through my mind looking for a friendly topic.

There was always a dream boat filled with beautiful memories setting sail for this column called "Artful Thinking."

Those kids from Westervelt Place never let me down when it came to sharing their stories with me and you. They are still here in spirit closely huddled waving to me from the corner of yesterday.

Here's an original poem taken from my yet to be published book titled, "The Poetry of Westervelt Place." Tell me what you think.

Shadows of Time

by Artie Maglionico

Those mid June mornings
the Saturday rush
awaken by angles from winters hush

Celestial music,
A childhood serenade
beating the drum of life
as we played

There playing box ball
neath a Westervelt Sky

chasing out runaway Dreams
on the fly
We were the poetry.
Each separate rhyme
recited forever
in the shadows of time
-fini-

They were a great group of kids worthy of a lifetime of wonderful memories. What a marvelous little neighborhood it was. It had a story book presence with the corner store, barber shop, friendly people and a shoemaker shop. All that and more. Squeezed into that cozy little Camelot called Westervelt Place. What? Another poem?

Benny The Shoemaker

by Artie Maglionico

Benny was a shoemaker
and somewhere it was said
He was a man of Miracles
Bringing shoes back from the dead

The last stop before the coffin
the next heel for him to glue
there with soles escaping
They were given life anew.

His mission never ending
Folks came from other towns
To walk another holy mile
in their favorite Buster Browns
-fini-

For you younger readers
Buster Browns were a brand
of shoes popular in the 50's. I often wonder if in fact there are any younger readers. I hope so.

Anyway, oh yea, Buster Browns. Thanks, your shoes lasted the entire school year including holidays. Benny Tibolo would nail metal taps to heels so as to add another "Holy mile or two!"

The hallways of Columbus School sounded like the entire cast of the Rockettes were tap dancing on the steps. It was so clangorous, that our principal, Mrs. Matthews, put an abrupt stop to it, "Unless you're Fred Astaire or Gene Kelly" she warned, "No taps."

My mother was happy to see them go since pieces of the living room rug were always getting pulled out by a loose nail each time I left the room. The rug had more divots in it than a golf course.

So.... How are you doing? Are you still with me? I hope you're not sprawled across the sofa while you are reading this month's column. You might succumb to what I call the "RIP Van Winkle Effect:"

Some of you might already be counting sheep. Merry Christmas! I knew that would wake you up.

Now that you're awake, don't worry. If you made it past the poetry, then it's a safe bet that you'll cross the finish line with at least one eye open.

As for yours truly, I feel like a marathon runner waiting at the nearest water stop for his legs to catch up.

At least you can turn the page. I'm stuck here waiting for my brain to manufacture an interesting sentence or two that will keep you with me.

Long enough to reach the end. What's that you say? We're there already? Thank heaven. In memory of my friend, Rocco Albano. ###

The Grotesque Ten Presentation May 3

On Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6 p.m., The Lodi Memorial Library will present author and photographer, Mathew M. Duman, with a virtual lecture on Zoom.

Using his original photographs, Mathew explains the use of gargoyles on academic buildings from a select group of American institutions of higher learning as well as other interesting features of the Collegiate Gothic architectural style.

See Lodi Memorial Library's website <http://lodi.bccl.org> or Facebook page for more details. Call the Library to register 973-365-4044. ###

Memorial Day 2021 Services

Depending upon current crisis. If okay, the public is encouraged to participate in these patriotic events. Call your Borough Clerk.

Carlstadt

On May 31, 2021, starting at 9 a.m., at the American Legion, Veterans will march along 3rd Street and end at Ber-rylawn Cemetery. Wreaths will be placed at Borough Hall and at Memorial Park on Hackensack Street.

Hasbrouck Heights

On hold at press time: The Annual Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Service has been cancelled.

The annual service at the Firemen's Memorial is being discussed at this time.

Lodi

The annual services are under discussion at this time.

Little Ferry

On Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 9 a.m., there will be a placing of the wreath in the Hackensack River at Tracey's Nine Mile House.

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

On Saturday, May 29, 2021, at 11 a.m., a combined community ceremony will be held at Washington and Memorial Schools, hosted by VFW 809. Refreshments follow.

Moonachie

On Saturday, May 29, 2021, Municipal Memorial Day services will be held at the Municipal Building at 10:30 a.m. Rain or shine.

The event will be live streamed through the Moonachie Fire Department and Moonachie Borough's Facebook page.

Rutherford

On Monday, May 31, 2021, there will be a small Memorial Service at 8:30 a.m. at the Union Memorial Bridge followed by "Taps" Salute at Sunset Park.

Wood-Ridge

The Fire Department will hold their Memorial Services on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 7 p.m., at Fire Headquarters.

The traditional Mass at Assumption Church is under consideration at this time. ###

W-R Lions Club "Blind Seals" Drive

The annual townwide distribution, that is faithfully done by the Wood-Ridge High School National Honor Society students, had to be canceled this year due to the Coronavirus shutting down the school and suspending all activities.

This is an important fund raising event that the Club depends on to support the many sight-related programs that count on the Wood-Ridge Lions Club.

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



The Daily Commute? Good Riddance!

An environmentally-themed article in The Atlantic caught my attention recently. It made an important observation about the one beneficial side effect of the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on energy use: "Experts expected that emissions would decline – the pandemic brought the world to a standstill for weeks and then months – but it wasn't clear just how much they would fall.

Turns out: pretty far. In 2020, American greenhouse gas pollution fell 10.3 percent, a staggering decline and the largest year-over-year drop since World War II."

And it goes on: "Last year, U.S. emissions fell about 21 percent below their 2005 level and – for the first time this century – below their 1990 level."

Now, don't get me wrong, a global pandemic is not my idea of a good way to reduce greenhouse gas.

Emissions decreased because, let's face it, the entire economy slowed down, causing financial hardship to untold

numbers of households and businesses.

Stay-at-home orders and restrictions on indoor gatherings meant that many people in public-oriented businesses couldn't work, and many others curtailed shopping and leisure trips that ordinarily inject money into the economy – and that are ordinarily enjoyable activities for people.

Nobody thinks giving up these activities is either practical or desirable as a long-term outcome...

But what, the article's author asks, if some of the reduction in emissions doesn't have to be temporary? He states that the drop in CO2 emissions did not come from the energy sector – people still used the same amount of heat and electricity, they just used it at home rather than at the office. Instead, the reduction came from the transportation sector as people scaled back on their travel.

Travel for shopping and recreational purposes will inevitably come back when the medical professionals give the all-clear to return to pre-pandemic behavior.

In fact, there are already signs that travel has already bounced back to above pre-COVID levels in much of the country, though mostly not in the bigger metropolitan areas where the virus is still prevalent at this point.

But commuting to work is a different story. Many employers are realizing that they don't really need to have all their employees in the office every day and are contemplating adopting more formal remote work options that would outlast the pandemic.

The article points to a

study which is optimistic about the possibility of a permanent reduction in vehicle-miles traveled as large as 10% based on both employees and employers' desire to have staff continue to work from home on at least a part-time basis.

This would represent a reduction of the transportation sector's greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to electrifying 10% of the vehicle fleet (*which would amount to 600,000 cars and trucks in New Jersey*), practically overnight.

The larger lesson is that when people drive less, greenhouse emissions go down.

There are many ways to help people drive less – working from home is one of them, but we have to also reduce the need to travel by car by building things closer together, reducing the distances between people's desired destinations.

This would result not only in some trips now being feasible to make on foot, it would also reduce driving distances for the majority of trips that are still taken by car.

If we want to help sustain the reductions in vehicle miles traveled that the pandemic has unexpectedly inspired, we should start thinking more about the downstream transportation effects of where we build things, and build them so not every trip needs to be taken by a car.

The pandemic has greatly increased demand by the influx of homebuyers from NYC to our safe, comfortable bedroom communities here in Bergen County. Will these newly anchored (*i.e. commuter-free*) home owners be a catalyst towards transforming the suburbs? And, in doing so, help us all to save this poor choking planet?

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The Community Chest of Rutherford presents an \$800 check to support the William Carlos Williams Center. (l-r) Evelyn Spath-Mercado, President of the Center's Board of Trustees and Shawn Stutler, Manager of the Williams Center and Center Cinemas receiving the check from Wayne Weil, President of the Community Chest of Rutherford.

Rutherford Community Chest Supports William Carlos Williams Center

The Community Chest of Rutherford presented an \$800 check to Rutherford's William Carlos Williams Center for the Performing Arts to support the continuation of the center's mission to present live and visual arts at a locally affordable price.

In front of the performing arts center, Evelyn Spath-Mercado, President of the center's Board of Trustees and Shawn Stutler, Manager of Operations for the Williams Center received the much appreciated check from Wayne Weil, President of Community Chest of Rutherford.

Since September, the Complex and Center Cinemas have reopened with limited capacity for public events. Manager Shawn Stutler is looking forward to once again providing summer rentals to recreation departments, summer camps, day care programs and adult special needs groups.

The 75 year old Community Chest of Rutherford is the one-stop funding source to support eight Rutherford organizations that include: Rutherford Cub Scouts, Rutherford Boy Scouts, Rutherford Girl Scouts, Starfish of Rutherford, Rutherford Food Pantry, Meadowlands Museum, Rutherford Social Services and the William Carlos Williams Performing Arts Center.

The Community Chest is operated and managed by a board of 13 unpaid volunteers, and every dollar contributed stays within Rutherford.

The Chest participates in Blue Foundry Bank's Community Assistance Program (CAP) and Amazon's Smile program.

The Community Chest of

Rutherford, Inc. is a registered 501(C)(3) charity. Information and donations can be made to the Community Chest of Rutherford, Inc., PO Box 263, Rutherford, NJ 07070.

For more information on the Community Chest of Rutherford contact: President, Wayne Weil at wayne@dartmouthgraphics.com or call 201-933-0481.

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The Moonachie Board of Education will be participating in the 2021 Summer Food Service Program

The Moonachie Board of Education will be participating in the 2021 Summer Food Service Program from June 21, 2021 to July 30, 2021.

The Summer Food Service Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Services, United States Department of Agriculture. This program provides all children 18 years of age and under with the same free meal in accordance with a menu approved by the state agency.

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Torn to Shreds

On Saturday morning, April 3, 2021, Hasbrouck Heights held their 23rd Shred-it-Event at The Boulevard and Central Avenue parking lot. Residents and businesses brought in confidential documents to be shredded. About 9,740 pounds (4.87 tons) were shredded. The shredding program began in 2008. The weight gets filed with the state and goes toward the Borough's paper recycling tonnage grant. The town typically has two shredding events a year. The spring event was sponsored by the Bergen County Utilities Authority. ###

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Distracted Driving Awareness

Law enforcement officers from the Lodi Police Department, along with other local Police Departments, cracked down on distracted drivers during April 2021 as part of New Jersey's UDrive. UText. UPay. Enforcement Campaign.

Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for five seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving an entire football field with your eyes closed.

In 2018 alone, 2,841 people were killed in distracted driving crashes on our nation's roads and an estimated 400,000 people were injured. In New Jersey, driver inattention was listed as a contributing circumstance in 50 percent of the state's crashes in 2018.

Driver inattention was listed as a contributing factor in crashes at a rate seven times higher than that of the next highest contributing factor (speed). ###



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Easter Bunny Seen Around Carlstadt

On Saturday, March 27, 2021, the Easter Bunny visited the Carlstadt Fire Department table during "Springfest" on the Village Green in Carlstadt. The event was a collaboration of civic and community organizations. Later that afternoon, the Fire Department took the Easter Bunny around town to the delight of everyone! Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



W-R Girl Scouts Remain Active

The girls of WRGS Junior Troop 97130 are happy to be able to meet in person again after several Zoom meetings. In January we continued working on the Citizen Scientist Journey. Once the snow melted, we were able to send soil samples to the University of Oklahoma. Scientists there will be analyzing our samples for fungi used in medical research. March 12, 2021 was the 109th birthday of GSUSA. We celebrated the occasion playing a bingo-style game about Juliette Gordon Low, founder

of the Girl Scouts. We earned the Social Butterfly badge. Four girls attended the Stemfest Jr. program at Jockey Hollow Girl Scout Camp on March 20. The girls learned about principles of engineering from a Girl Scout who is a recent college graduate. They built bridges out of spaghetti and marshmallows, testing the strength of the designs with cups of pennies. They built paddle boats out of craft sticks and rubberbands. A chemical reaction was used to power film canister rockets. Because of Covid, the girls were unable to separate their own DNA, but they were able to mash and separate strawberry DNA. Best of all, the girls learned that failure and trying again is acceptable. They earned the first Mechanical Engineering badge. We went back to the 1960s to earn the Playing the Past badge. We played 60s music while learning about popular toys and food. The best part was tie dyeing T-shirts in buckets, stirring with wooden poles. The girls, all 4th Graders in WRIS, are enjoying a varied program with activities from arts, sciences, outdoors, and Girl Scout legacy. Provided by Jane Koegel. ###

Rutherford Blood Screening May 1

The Rutherford Health Department will sponsor a Multi-Phasic Blood Screening Program for Rutherford residents, 18 years or older, at the Health Center, 184 Park Avenue on Saturday, May 1, 2021. The screening is to detect any abnormalities in the blood and check for approximately thirty different items. Fee is \$22. Additional tests available for an additional fees. Appointments required. Call 201-460-3020 for more information. ###

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Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, DMD, FAGD.

What is a Composite Resin (White Filling)?

A composite filling is a tooth-colored plastic and glass mixture used to restore decayed teeth. Composites are also used for cosmetic improvements of the smile by changing the color of the teeth or reshaping disfigured teeth.

How is a composite placed?

Following preparation, the dentist places the composite in layers, typically using a light specialized to harden each layer. When the process is finished, the dentist will shape the composite to fit the tooth. The dentist then polishes the composite to prevent staining and early wear.

What is the cost?

Prices vary, but composites can cost up to two times the price of a silver filling. Most dental insurance plans cover the cost of the composite up to the price of a silver filling, with the patient paying the difference. As composites continue to improve, insurance companies are more likely to increase their coverage of composites.

What are the advantages of composites?

Aesthetics are the main advantage of composites, since dentists can blend shades to create a color nearly identical to that of the actual tooth.

Composites bond to the tooth to support the remaining tooth structure, which helps to prevent breakage and insulate the tooth from excessive temperature changes.

What are the disadvantages?

After receiving a composite, a patient may experience postoperative sensitivity. Also, the shade of the composite can change slightly if the patient drinks tea, coffee or other staining foods.

The dentist can put a clear plastic coating over the composite to prevent the color from changing if a patient is particularly concerned about tooth color.

Composites tend to wear out sooner than silver fillings in larger cavities, although they hold up as well in small cavities.

Ref: Academy of General Dentistry, Updated: March 2007

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Step It Up

Get out of the house. Get some fresh air. Take a walk.

Join the Lodi Police Department for "Lodi Walks." Walk as a group on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., departing from Lodi Police Department Police Headquarters and walking for about an hour.

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Dealing With Alzheimer's

Wallington resident, Patti Bonczkowski, has published a book: "Alzheimer's, My Mother and Me - A Daughter's Memoir with Tips and Tools for Caregivers."

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Audrey Nagel Scholarship

Applications are now available for the annual Audrey L. Nagel Scholarship. Parochial School Eighth Graders who are residents of Wood-Ridge or parishioners of Assumption Parish in Wood-Ridge and will be attending a Catholic High School this coming fall are eligible. The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student that has shown a commitment to their education, their school and their parish.

Mrs. Nagel passed away in June of 2009 following a 9½ year battle with breast cancer. She graduated from Assumption School in 1962. She attended Saint Mary's High School in Rutherford and graduated from Montclair State University in 1970.

This scholarship is separate from any other scholarships being offered and a separate application must be submitted. Applications are available at the Assumption Friary, Corpus Christi Grammar School and by e-mail request janpro911@aol.com The deadline for applications is May 14, 2021. ###

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Emerald

Michael A. Schwarz Memorial Scholarship

Engine Company Two of the Carlstadt Fire Department has established a Scholarship in memory of Michael A. Schwarz, a 20-year-old Marine killed in action November 2006 in Iraq. Michael was a member of the Carlstadt Fire Department and a 2004 graduate of Becton Regional High School.

The scholarship is open to all Carlstadt residents graduating from high school this spring and furthering their education. The scholarship will be awarded to students who show dedication and service to their school and community.

Applications are available at the Carlstadt Borough Hall, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Scholarship applications must be completed and returned by May 15, 2021.

The members of Engine Two wish to thank everyone who donated to this scholarship fund. With your generous support the memory of Michael and his devotion to serve his country and community will live for years to come. For more information about the scholarship, or to make a contribution, contact the Carlstadt Fire Department at 201-460-3942. ###



Let's Go Traveling!

By Rick Ardis

May 2021

"America Is Getting Into Training" was an advertising campaign used by Amtrak in the 1980s.

The message rings true today as Amtrak celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Amtrak, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation was founded on May 1, 1971 by consolidating the inter-city passenger services of some 20 U. S. Railroads.

The humble beginnings of Amtrak featured a hodge-podge of various facilities, rolling stock and services. The early years are often called the Rainbow Era since the rail cars and locomotives still bore the color schemes of the predecessor railroads. It was not uncommon to see 6 or 8 different paint schemes and logos on a single train.

About a century ago, 98% of all inter-city traffic in the United States was by the many railroads that crisscrossed the North American continent.

Slowly the dominance of the railroads was chipped away by the advent of the automobile age, better highways, and the jet airplane.

By the late 1950s, the railroads were near or in bankruptcy. Amtrak was formed to stabilize the industry by removing the responsibility for passenger travel from the freight lines.

The beginnings were difficult, but passenger rail service continued. Over the last 50 years, support from the White House and Congress has ebbed and flowed.

Originally, the government felt that Amtrak was formed to allow inter-city rail travel to eventually fade into oblivion. The current U. S. President is a strong supporter of Amtrak, having commuted to Washington, DC daily from his home in Delaware while serving in the Senate.

Today, Amtrak serves over 500 stations across 46 US states and 3 Canadian Provinces. Travel by train is no longer just a means of transportation, it is often an integral part of a vacation.

From the picture windows of a train, a traveler can visit America at "See Level."

When driving, the person behind the wheel misses the opportunity to absorb the breath-

taking views of the Rocky Mountains on the California Zephyr, magical Pacific sunsets on Coast Starlight or, blazing colors of Fall Foliage from numerous trains. From the small windows of an airplane, when the view is not obscured by clouds, there is not much to see while more than 6 miles in the air.

Amtrak can take you to majestic national parks with hotels and lodges built by predecessor railroads and the Fred Harvey Company. *(Fred Harvey is familiar to many from the MGM musical the Harvey Girls and the song On The Atchison, Topeka, and The Santa Fe.)*

The lodgings include The El Tovar at the Grand Canyon, Glacier Park Lodge, and the Old Faithful Inn at Yellowstone. Similarly, Canadian Rail System VIA, can take you to the Banff Springs Hotel and Chateau Lake Louise.

Amtrak seats are far more comfortable than airplane seats. The seats are wider with outstanding legroom. Most trains have food and beverages available for sale.

On overnight trains, there are sleeper accommodations. Smaller basic sleepers are called Roomettes, with larger ones called Bedrooms. Meal service is included with these accommodations.

In addition to Amtrak, the state of Alaska operates the Alaska Railroad. There are several different routes from Anchorage and Fairbanks to the National and State Parks, backwoods, and bays of the state.

The Rocky Mountaineer sightseeing line in the Canadian Rockies is expanding to Colorado this summer offering a route from Denver for the first time.

Celebrate Amtrak's 50th Anniversary with a trip by train and explore the beauty of our land.

Note: In an era of Covid, Amtrak has implemented adjusted policies and modified services. ###

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• **Crafts for Crafters** On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 7 p.m., join certified art teacher and Zentangle® Instructor Mimi Topping to learn the art of Zentangle®, the fun and relaxing style of doodling. This event is for adults and teenagers ages 14 and up. All supplies will be provided prior to the craft. To register visit carlstadtlibrary.org or call 201-438-8866. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed after registering.

• **“Behind the Scenes”** A virtual movie discussion on Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Patrons will watch "Life of Pi," based on the novel by Yann Martel prior to the program, and then join a lively discussion.

Available on Blu-ray and DVD. Pick-up by appointment at the Circulation Desk. For adults 18 & older. To register visit carlstadtlibrary.org or call 201-438-8866. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed.

• **Introduction to Meditation** The East Rutherford, Wood-Ridge Memorial, and Carlstadt Libraries are excited to offer an online meditation session with Holistic Life and Wellness Coach, Jasmine Bilali via Zoom on Tuesday, May 18 at 11 a.m. To register, email Christine Hartigan at Hartigan@eastrutherford.bccls.org no later than Monday, May 17.

• **Introduction to Personal Storytelling** On Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m., patrons will learn to engage listeners in both professional and personal environments in this one-hour workshop by Professional Storyteller, Terry Wolfisch Cole. Terry is the host of the live storytelling show, "Tell Me Another," and was featured on the Moth Radio Hour and in Reader's Digest. To register visit carlstadtlibrary.org or call 201-438-8866. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed after registering.

• **Carlstadt Library - Virtual Book Club** on Wednesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. This month's selection is "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid. Copies available at the Circulation Desk by appointment. To register visit carlstadtlibrary.org or call 201-438-8866. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed after registering.

• **Kids Crafts - Grab “n” Go** New crafts will be available every Monday. All materials are provided. Call 201-438-8866 to reserve your child’s craft and make an appointment for pick-up.

• **Music with Miss Nita** Virtual music-and-movement classes for children of all ages with Miss Nita via Facebook Live. The classes are 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27. <https://www.facebook.com/carlstadtlibrary/>

• **Virtual Storytime** Visit the Carlstadt Library Facebook page every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. to hear a story. Children of all ages and their caregivers are warmly invited. <https://www.facebook.com/carlstadtlibrary/>

• **Brainfuse HelpNow** The Carlstadt Library announced the launch of Brainfuse HelpNow, an online service that offers free access to live tutors for homework help, skills-building, and test preparation. Help is available for all levels of learners, from children through adults. The Adult Learning Center module delivers High School Equivalency prep, US Citizenship test prep, resume assistance, Microsoft Office support, and career resources. Access is made possible by the New Jersey State Library and is supported by federal CARES Act funding. To access this service visit <https://www.carlstadtlibrary.org>

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The Hasbrouck Heights Library continues to offer virtual activities via Zoom for the whole family and for the life-long learner. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Visit the Library's website for details and click on "Calendar."

For the WHOLE FAMILY

- **Bundle Up** is a specially curated book recommendation service available for all ages. Fill out a form according to your age-range, and we will give you your next favorite read! Each bundle will come with three options.

- **Movie Night** (at Home) Borrow any 5 Hasbrouck Heights-owned DVDs from our Adult or Juvenile collection using doorside or in-person browsing and we'll provide a bag of microwave popcorn!

For CHILDREN

- **Book Buddies Online** Mondays, May 3-24, for ages 2-4. Each Monday, a complete storytime packet including songs, finger play and game ideas will be emailed. Participants may come to the Library's doorside pickup area between 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and get a complete craft-in-a-bag to tie into that week's storytime.

- **Star Wars Day - May the 4th be With You!** Celebrate Star Wars Day with a Grogu (*aka Baby Yoda*) craft and some take home Star Wars activities. Tuesday, May 4 - pickup during doorside and storytime at 4 p.m. via Facebook

- **Little Artists Grab & Go** at Doorside, Friday, May 14. A complete craft-in-a-bag available for pickup during the Library's doorside hours. Best for Grades 1-5.

- **Preschool Storytime and songs** live via Facebook, Wednesday, May 19 at 11 a.m. Registration not required, just come and join in.

For TEENS

- **Teen Craft-to-Go** - Sailor Knot Bracelet, Tuesday, May 25 from 2-4 p.m. / 5-7 p.m. A perfect warm-weather accessory! Supplies will be available for pickup during afternoon and evening doorside hours, A tutorial will be posted on YouTube.

For ADULTS

- **Medicare 101**, Saturday, May 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn about eligibility, how and when to enroll, when you can make changes, and the insurance options available to you. This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make more well-informed decisions, and explain what Medicare means for you!

- **Surrogate's Court Info Session:** Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m. The impact of COVID-19 in Bergen County has been profound. Situations have arisen as a direct result of the current health crisis that underscores more than ever the need for us to consider the importance of having such critical documents as a Last Will & Testament, a Medical Directive, or a Power of Attorney.

Join Judge Michael Dressler for a discussion on the documents mentioned above, estate tax consequences in this day and age, and any of your needs as they relate to the Surrogate's Court.

- **Virtual Crafts-to-Share Club** Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday - May 11 & May 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Drop in every other Tuesday to chat and work on a crafty project! Enjoy getting to know other crafters while you knit, crochet, embroider or craft anything! Virtual drop-ins will be held on Zoom.

- **Adult Book Club** 4th Tuesday of each month - May 25 at 7 p.m. Join us for an evening of fun, literary discussion! May's book is "The Lost Diary Of M" by Paul Wolfe. Pick it up doorside (*also available in Large Print*), or use the Hoopla app to enjoy the eBook or eAudiobook on your smartphone or tablet.

The public library has many other services available. Please call to speak with a staff member or email us at hashcire@bccls.org.

The public is welcome to return Library materials to our book box. It is located in back of the municipal building. All items will be quarantined for 72 hours prior to check-in.

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**Rutherford
Public Library**

Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford NJ. 201-939-8600. rutherfordlibrary.org, [facebook.com/rutherfordpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/rutherfordpubliclibrary) and [twitter@Rutherford_pl](https://twitter.com/Rutherford_pl).

The Rutherford Public Library is open with limited services. The hours are: Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Face masks that cover the nose and mouth are required.

We currently are allowing 25 patrons inside at a time, with a time limit of 45 minutes inside. For more information on our safety guidelines, please visit our website or call before planning your visit.

- **Grab & Go** doorside pickup services for those who may not want to enter the building or cannot reach us during our open hours.

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

If you don't have access to a computer, we encourage you to call the Library at 201-939-8600 and have our team order items for you! You tell us what you want and when you'd like to pick your items up and we'll have them ready for you. Please note, if you order items from another Library, items may take longer than usual because we are observing a three-day quarantine on items. This service is for Rutherford residents only.

- **ESL Classes on Zoom**

All English language learners with an Internet connection are encouraged to join one or more of our ESL on Zoom offerings (*by visiting [Zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us)*).

Brush Up Your English is held on Mondays at 3 p.m. and can be joined with Meeting ID: 842 1496 7774 and Password: 114997. This class is for students who are already familiar with English. We also offer a Tuesday and Thursday class at 3 p.m. for all levels, which can be joined with Meeting ID: 867 3172 2729 and Password: 392447. Another all levels class is held on Wednesdays at 2pm, and can be joined with Meeting ID: 836 7199 4483 and Password: 706776. These classes are for anyone who would like to learn English. All are welcome.

- **Music and Movement on Facebook Live** Miss Fran on Friday, May 7, 14, 21, and 28. No registration required, simply tune in to www.facebook.com/RutherfordPublicLibrary.

- **Magical Melodies and Bendy Bookworm Mash-Up** Mr. Chris of Magical Melodies and Miss Danielle of Bendy Bookworm will host a mash-up on Facebook Live! for a story with yoga and music! This program is best for infants up to age 7. No registration required, simply tune in to www.facebook.com/RutherfordPublicLibrary.

- **More Virtual Programming** for children and adults. Check website to learn what's coming up. You can also call 201-939-8600 for more information.

- **Digital Access to The Wall Street Journal** for Rutherford cardholders. If interested, send an email to reference@rutherford.bccls.org and we will send you the information you need to access The Wall Street Journal online!

- **Looking for a Job?** Don't forget to check out the Rutherford Library's website for some helpful tools on the Jobseekers page. Located under the Adult Services heading on the main web page, there are direct links to job sites such as the Bergen County Job Center and announcements for federal and state civil service jobs. You will also find job search tools such as the Job & Career Accelerator database that can help you build a resume or prepare for interviews.

**Wood-Ridge
Memorial Library**

Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, 231 Hackensack Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. 201-438-2455. <https://woodridgememoriallibrary.org>

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is open to the public with modified opening hours and at 25% capacity. Browsing and computer time are limited to forty minutes, no advance reservation is required. The Book Drop is open for item returns and all materials will be quarantined for three days before being checked in. Porch pick-up is available upon request. Please see our website for updated information.

- **Music with Miss Nita** free music-and-movement classes on our Facebook page. Prerecorded sessions are posted every Wednesday at 10 a.m., and are available to view at any time.

- **Story Time with Mr. Paul** Who doesn't love being read to? Join Mr. Paul for story time, posted to the Library's Facebook and Youtube pages every Monday and Friday at 4 p.m.

- **Crafts-To-Go** Ready to get crafty? Every Tuesday will feature a new craft kit complete with all necessary materials. Video instructions will be posted to our Youtube and Facebook pages. To reserve your kit for porch pickup call the Library or email Mr. Paul at paul.brennan@woodridge.bccls.org

- **English as a Second Language** Online ESL Classes began on Tuesday, April 6 and will run until May 13. Classes will held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for this six week course. Join Donna Keith, ESL Instructor, for her class "Learning English Through Exploring the Histories & Mysteries of NYC." This course is free and registration is required. Sign up on our website woodridgememoriallibrary.org and click "Calendar." This class will use the WebEx platform, so a phone, tablet or computer is required.

- **Meditation for Beginners** Meditation has many proven benefits. Join wellness instructor Jasmine Bilali for this Introduction to Meditation via Zoom. This one hour free class will take place on Tuesday, May 18 at 11 a.m. Registration is required. Sign up on woodridgememoriallibrary.org and click "Calendar." This program is brought to you by the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, The Carlstadt Public Library and The East Rutherford Memorial Library.

- **Scholastic BookFlix** Cardholders now have free access to BookFlix®, available through the Library's website. BookFlix® is an online resource that pairs classic animated storybooks from Weston Woods with nonfiction ebooks from Scholastic to build real-world knowledge and early literacy skills. BookFlix® encourages a love of reading and learning among young learners in pre-K through Grade 3. BookFlix® may be accessed either within the library or remotely with a Wood-Ridge Memorial Library card number through the Library's website at <https://woodridge-memoriallibrary.org/>

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Pascrell Hammers Latest DeJoy Plan for Postal Destruction

On March 23, 2021, U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ-09) blasted an announcement by United States Postal Service (USPS) leadership that it wanted to shorten post office hours, raise prices, and slow first class mail in a continued effort by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to destabilize the Post Office.

“This so-called plan offered by USPS leadership should itself be a dead letter.

Americans demand the restoration of the reliable postal service they have always known and are entitled to as citizens of this country,” said Rep. Pascrell. “Today’s announcement is a blueprint for the Post Office’s continued decay and destruction.

It is yet one more demonstration of why the whole leadership over there needs to be removed. The entire sitting

Postal Board of Governors should be fired immediately for their silence and complicity in USPS’s decimation.

And then Mr. DeJoy should be should be escorted to the street where his bags are waiting for him. Every day we wait to clean house further endangers the American Post Office.”

On January 25, 2021, Pascrell became the first member of Congress calling on President Biden to fire the entire Postal Board of Governors for their silence and complicity in DeJoy’s ongoing sabotage of postal operations.

On March 18, Pascrell and Reps. Gerry Connolly (D-VA-11) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-03) led over 50 House Democrats urging Biden to immediately remove the entire sitting USPS Board of Governors.

Since this crisis began, Rep. Pascrell has aggressively

demanded accountability from USPS.

On May 21, 2020, Pascrell wrote to USPS Inspector General Tammy Whitcomb demanding an investigation of turmoil at the USPS, stemming from a pattern of interference engineered by the Trump administration in its efforts to destabilize the post office.

On August 14, 2020 Pascrell became the first member of Congress to call for DeJoy and Trump to be investigated by a state criminal grand jury for their dismantling the Post Office, making a criminal referral to New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal alleging Trump and DeJoy subverted state elections.

On September 30, 2020 Pascrell led members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation in a letter to Postmaster General DeJoy demanding an

emergency visit to the Dominic Daniels mail sorting center in Kearny and requesting information on USPS’s ability to carry out New Jersey’s all

vote-by-mail general election. In October, Pascrell made a surprise appearance at the Daniels Facility and demanded access. ###



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Blue Mass May 16

Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, in Wood-Ridge, will be holding its fifth annual Blue Mass for all the men and women in law enforcement on Sunday, May 16, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

The Mass will recognize the sacrifice and dedication of all those who serve in law enforcement, fire and EMS both in Wood-Ridge and throughout other departments.

This Mass will be held in person with all social distancing measures followed as well as “Livestreamed” which can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/ASSUMPTIONCHURCHWOODRIDGENJ>.

All parishioners and those

attending Mass in person will receive a keepsake prayer card which will be blessed at the 9:30 Mass.

The Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Joseph A. D’Amico, Pastor, Saint Anastasia Church, Teaneck, NJ and our Co-Celebrant will be Father Ronnie Nombre, Pastor, Assumption Church. A Blue Mass is a Mass celebrated in the Catholic Church for those employed in the “public safety field” (i.e., police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS personnel). Father Joe D’Amico, who has accepted our invitation and is gracious enough to come to Wood-Ridge, 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.

This annual event is coordinated by Councilman and W-R Police Commissioner Ezio Altamura.

Councilman Altamura stated “this Mass is an opportunity for our community to come together in these very trying times during the Covid-19 pandemic and show gratitude to our first responders and their families for all they do for us, this day and always.”

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

Let us always keep in our prayers our local first responders, Police Chief John Korin, Fire Chief Michael Cribben and EMS Captain Dennis Kronyak and all of their men and women who selflessly serve. ###

Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



HASBROUCK HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The 1970s would bring about a number of changes to the Department. Members were now required to attend Fire School at Mahwah, New Jersey.

This was mandated by the State of New Jersey and was required of both volunteer and career firefighters in order to stay in the fire service. Every department is held to the same standards.

In 1970, the Department began an annual fund raiser that would become a tradition for a number of years. They would sponsor a senior drum corps competition. Drum corps such as the Hawthorne Caballeros, Reading Buccaneers, NY Skyliners and the Darby, Connecticut Hurricanes would take part in these competitions. This event was enjoyed by the community for a number of years.

During 1970, the old hose reel was taken out of storage and used in a parade to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Engine Company 2.

By the end of December 1970, the Department had responded to 19 house fires and 33 brush fires that year. At that time, there were 59 active firefighters on the roster.

Fire Prevention Week, in 1971, saw the Department holding a number of public events. They ran a drawing contest, open to Grades 1 through 4 in all schools in town. Winners were presented with a \$25 US

Savings Bond. The Department visited all schools in town and displayed their equipment. The Department then held a fire drill in the Franklin School.

The public was invited to attend. The highlight of this event was a staged rescue. This event was narrated by Department member James Mason. The event drew a crowd of some 800 people.

The 1972 Fire Department drum corps competition drew 4,000 spectators. The Department had a membership of 60 firefighters at this time.

A major fire occurred in Lodi. This occurred on Friday, November 8, 1974. The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded as part of the mutual aid system (*The Invisible Army of Protection, The Gazette Newspaper, page 13, August, 2009*). The fire consumed almost an entire block of factories and warehouses. The

Department was on scene until Sunday, assisting. In all, some 18 fire departments were called in to assist.

The Department had two ambulances in service during 1974, making 372 calls. They were given the call signs 603 Red and 603 Green.

The year 1978 would see a major fire that would tax the Department. The Champion Lumber, US Plywood Company was located in Teterboro. This building construction supply company held large amounts of lumber and plywood in their building and yard.

On Saturday, July 1, 1978, fire broke out at the US Plywood complex. Hasbrouck Heights has a contract to supply fire service to the Borough of Teterboro. A new Seagrave pumper had just gone into service with Engine Company 2.

Upon arrival, it was seen that the fire was well established and mutual aid was called for. The new engine was required to pump for 66 hours. It withstood the test. The firefighters would be on scene for six days.

The 1980s and 90s would see major changes to the Department. It would see its first female firefighter. ###

When I Grow Up, I Want to be a Song!

A Wood-Ridge resident incorporates her love for music and desire to write a children's picture book, eloquently intertwining music and storytelling. "When I Grow Up, I Want to be a Song!" is a children's picture book that promises to get children, ages 4-8, singing and dancing to familiar songs placed throughout the story.

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Gas Fed Brush Fire

On April 6, 2021, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to a gas leak and fire at Wesmont Station on the side of building 500. Originally the call was for a brush fire. Upon arrival, the Chief called in a second alarm, as it was a natural gas event and already burning the side of the building -- near an array of gas

meters. The building was evacuated. Two 5" supply lines were laid to feed three attack lines. There was fire coming up from the sidewalks, traveling as far as the hydrant. Firefighters held the fire at bay by hosing down the side of the building and brush/shrubs for almost two hours.

Efforts were futile until PSE&G shut off the gas, and the flames stopped. WRFD assisted PSE&G in locating and shutting down the gas line. Firefighters then checked for extensions, ripping off the building siding and inspecting apartments with a thermal imaging camera. No injuries were reported.

The event is under investigation. Wood-Ridge, Carlstadt, Wallington, Hasbrouck Heights, Little Ferry, Moonachie and Lodi assisted. Coverage provided by Lodi Engine, Little Ferry Engine and North Arlington Ladder Truck. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



WRFD Responds to House Fire



On March 5, 2021, at about 13:18 hours, the WRFD was dispatched to Wood-Ridge Avenue for a report of a house fire. Firefighters found a small fire in the basement near the furnace, with heat extending upward toward the kitchen. Using a thermal imaging camera, firefighters were able to isolate the heat hidden be-

hind the floor and walls on the first floor. The fire was quickly extinguished from underneath, without incident. The WRFD was assisted on scene by the Carlstadt and Wallington FDs and the Moonachie First Aid and Rescue Squad. The Lodi, Rutherford, and North Arlington FDs provided

coverage for the Borough during the incident. The fire was investigated by the WR Fire Prevention Bureau and determined the cause to be electrical. There were no injuries reported. All WR units were back in service at 14:45 hours. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Little Ferry Mayor Mauro D. Raguseo, Police Commissioner Thomas Sarlo and Police Chief James Walters congratulate their recently promoted officers. ###

Little Ferry Police Department Promotions

On Tuesday, March 30, 2021, the Mayor and Council held an official ceremony for the Little Ferry Police Department Promotions, which took effect January 1, 2021.

Congratulations to the following Officers: Promoted from Sergeant to the rank of Lieutenant were Michael Derwin, Thomas Egan, John Clark, John Andronaco.

And promoted to the rank of Sergeant were Adam Warne, Demetrius Dacres, John Schwedhelm.

Promoted to the rank of Class 1 Special Officer Sergeant was Scott Karavatis. *Provided by the Little Ferry Police Department.* ###



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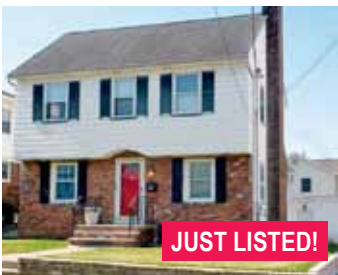
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