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Pumpkin People in the Park

The Woman's Club of Rutherford announced its 6th Annual Pumpkin People in the Park fundraiser. The event is slated to run until November 1, 2020.

This family-friendly event is a great way to view creativity and add some autumn flair to Lincoln Park, while supporting the many worthwhile endeavors of the Woman's Club.

Displays are 8 ft. x 10 ft. pumpkin patch spot in Lincoln Park and a pumpkin sign. Each space is clearly labeled with your business, organization, family or individual name.

For more information, contact Laura at 201-893-1172. ###

Wear A Mask

Hurray! Halloween is On

NJ Governor Phil Murphy stated that Halloween won't be canceled due to the pandemic, but cautioned about following practical guidelines.

Costume masks are not a replacement for cloth or disposable face masks.

When greeting trick or treaters, wear a mask, maintain social distancing and wash hands often. Limit the number

of times treats are touched.

Limit size of groups going house to house, to household members.

Avoid indoor haunted houses. Limit the number of passengers on hayrides, sell tickets in advance and stagger rides.

Hold parties outdoors or online. ###



Nicely decorated Halloween Display on Washington Avenue, Little Ferry, NJ. Photo by Patti Bonczkowski. ###

Once in a Blue Moon

The second full moon, at 10:49 on October 31, 2020, is called a Blue Moon. It will be called a Blue Moon because it will be the second of 2 full moons in a single calendar month.

According to the Farmer's Almanac, a full moon on Halloween only happens once in a Blue Moon every 18 to 19 years. Normally, Blue Moons come only about every two or three years.

In 2018, unusually, we had two Blue Moons in one year, only two months apart – and one was a lunar eclipse! The next time we will get two Blue Moons in a year will be 2037. ###

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Mum's The Word

The Moonachie First Aid & Rescue Squad held its 15th Annual Mum Sale on Saturday, October 3, 2020, from 8 a.m. to

3 p.m., at 121 Moonachie Avenue, Moonachie, NJ. Beautiful 8" pot size mums in assorted colors were on sale.

All proceeds go directly to the Squad for operating expenses. For information, call 201-641-9094. ###



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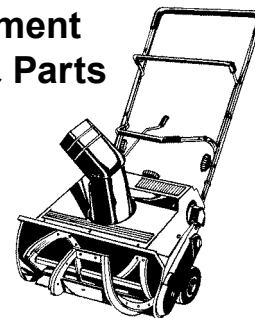
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Veterans Day November 11

Carlstadt will hold their service on November 11, 2020, at 11 a.m., at Memorial Park, at Hackensack and Division.

East Rutherford will hold a memorial Mass, Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery, Ridge Road in Lyndhurst.

Hasbrouck Heights, and **Moonachie** will each hold brief Veterans Day services on Wednesday, November 11, at 11 a.m., at their respective monuments. ###

Little Ferry will hold brief Veterans Day services on November 11, at 11 a.m., at Memorial and Washington Schools. Refreshments follow. ###

Wednesday, November 11, 11 a.m., at the Monument, Euclid Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street, **Ridgefield Park**. In cooperation with American Legion Post 40 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 277, The Village will conduct the Annual Veterans Day Observance. All are encouraged to attend as we honor those who served our nation. ###

The **Rutherford Veterans Alliance** has announced that they will gather at the World War I Monument at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, on Park Avenue, across from Lincoln Park. The Veterans Alliance remembers that our freedom did not come easy, but on battlefields around the globe. America's finest men and women have shed blood and tears. We are forever thankful to those who served and those serving today. ###

About Veterans Day

Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11 in honor of those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. Veterans.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally designated in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson. Wilson selected November 11 because the Armistice ending World War I officially took place on November 11, 1918. Wilson wanted to make sure that Americans did not forget the tragedies of the war. Legislation passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day."

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress replaced the word "Armistice" with the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor American Veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The

observance of Veterans Day not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

On Veterans Day, special services take place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. United States Senate Resolution 143, which was passed on August 4, 2001, designated the week of November 11 through November 17, 2001, as "National Veterans Awareness Week." The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of Veterans.

Memorial Day honors service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased Veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day, but the day is set aside to thank and honor living Veterans who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. ###

Looking for VFW History

Petersilge Velock VFW Post 809, in Little Ferry, will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in 2021. They are looking for photographs and other memorabilia to create a display of their history. Please contact the Post at 201-641-4595. ###

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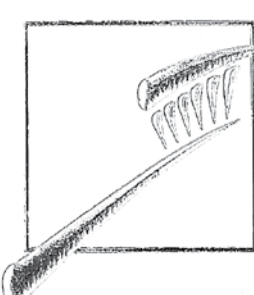
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Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



The Grand Army of the Republic

Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Since the Revolutionary War, American Veterans would have informal get-togethers to recall their experiences and comradeships.

It was not until after the Civil War that Union Veterans formed an organization that would become the template for the Veterans organizations of today.

This was The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Any Veteran who served in the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Marine Cutter Service and was honorably discharged, with a term of service between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, was eligible to join.

The GAR was founded by Dr. Benjamin Stephenson on April 6, 1866. This was at first, a social/fraternal organization, with the motto "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty." The GAR was the originator of Memorial Day (see *The Gazette Newspaper, May 2019*).

Because of unkept promises by federal and state officials about caring for Veterans, orphans and widows, the GAR became strong advocates for these issues.

Another area that the GAR was instrumental in was racial

integration. White Veterans, recognizing the valor of African American soldiers, opened their membership to them. The GAR lobbied for African American voting rights. At least two women who had served, disguised as men, in the Union Army, were admitted as members.

By 1890, the GAR would have a department for every state in the nation. With a membership of about 410,000, the GAR was a force in American politics.

Office seekers for both national and local positions, eagerly sought the GAR's endorsement. Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison and William McKinley, all claimed membership in the GAR.

A group of Civil War Veterans, living in and around Carlstadt, New Jersey, met to form a GAR Post for southern Bergen County. The Department of New Jersey, GAR, granted them a charter, dated July 29, 1878, for Post #17. The members chose to name their post after General George A. Custer.

Custer Post #17, would hold their meetings at Niederer's Hall. This would also be known as the GAR Hall. The building, at 400 Hackensack Street, still exists. It is now a multi-family dwelling. The Post was still in

existence as late as 1919.

A roster of the Post lists at least 34 members. Christopher Niederer, owner of the meeting hall, is recorded as a member. Twelve members are listed as living in, or are buried in Carlstadt.

The last member and former post commander, Charles Zimmerman, passed away on February 17, 1930. He was given a military funeral with a large community turnout. He was laid to rest in the Berry Lawn Cemetery, Carlstadt, among his fellow Veterans. Mr. Zimmerman enlisted as a drummer boy in the 178th NY

Volunteer Infantry (*Westchester Light Infantry*), at the age of thirteen.

I wish to thank the mem-

bers of the Carlstadt Historical Society and, in particular, Peter Lavagna, for his assistance. ###



US Postal First Day Cover Last National Encampment, August 29, 1949.



Photo of members of General Custer Post 17 GAR (Carlstadt Historical Society).



GAR Hall at 400 Hackensack Street.

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- Bergenfield: 198 North Washington Ave. (Borough Hall in Rear)
- Demarest: 118 Serpentine Road (Borough Hall)
- Englewood: 2-10 North Van Brunt Street (City Hall)
- Fair Lawn: 8-01 Fair Lawn Avenue (behind Borough Hall)
- Fort Lee: 1355 Inwood Terrace (Fort Lee Community Center)
- Hackensack: One Bergen County Plaza
- Hasbrouck Heights: 320 Boulevard (behind Borough Hall)
- Hillsdale: 380 Hillsdale Avenue (Borough Hall parking lot)
- North Arlington: 214 Ridge Road (Borough Hall)
- Oakland: 1 Municipal Plaza (Borough Hall, across from Library)
- Old Tappan: 227 Old Tappan Road (Borough Hall)
- Paramus: 1 Jockish Square (Borough Hall, outside main entrance)
- Ramsey: 30 Wyckoff Avenue (Rear of Library)
- Ridgefield: 725 Slocum Avenue (Ridgefield Community Center)
- Ridgewood: 131 North Maple Avenue (Village Hall)
- Rutherford: 176 Park Avenue (Borough Hall)
- Teaneck: 18 Teaneck Road (Municipal Building, North Entrance)
- Wyckoff: 340 Franklin Avenue (Municipal Building)

An alternative to mailing mail-in ballots at local post offices, the drop boxes were paid for by the State of New Jersey.

Ballots will be picked up regularly, and brought to the Board of Elections offices for immediate processing. The last pick-up will be at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Voters may also choose to mail their ballots at the post office or bring their own ballot to their polling place on election day.

Access to ballot drop boxes is 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Ballots must be in a drop box by 8 p.m. on election night, Tuesday, November 3, when the boxes will be locked. Ballots left after 8 p.m. on election night will be considered late and not counted.

For more information visit <https://co.bergen.nj.us/bergen-county-board-of-elections/ballot-drop-box-locations>. ###



November Flower
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FOCAS Holds Flea Market Nov. 21, 22

FOCAS holds its Flea Market on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 3 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. Refreshments and baked goods are available.

Flea Market merchandise donations: 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 4 to 6 p.m. Face masks required. 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 ###

Gift Auction November 8 Canceled

The Church of The Transfiguration, at 135 Hathaway Street, Wallington, has canceled their annual Gift Auction. The event was scheduled for Sunday, November 8, 2020.

For information, call Linda at 201-791-9272. Proceeds benefit Church maintenance fund. ###

HHMA Donates 17 Scholarships

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association donated 17 \$750 scholarships to Hasbrouck Heights college bound seniors.

The Men's Association thanks the residents of Hasbrouck Heights and the surrounding towns for their support in our Annual Spring Golf Outing in May 2019 and our very successful Christmas Tree Sale in November and December of 2019 to help raise money for this Scholarship Fund.

They look forward to greeting you at the Christmas Tree Sale, November and December 2020, on the corner of Terrace and Franklin Avenues. Provided by Justin Watrel. ###

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Beaver Moon

The November full moon appears on Monday, November 30, 2020, at 4:23 a.m. and is called the "Full Beaver Moon." According to "The Farmer's Almanac," this is the time to set beaver traps before the swamp freezes, to ensure a supply of warm winter furs.

Another interpretation suggests that the name "Full Beaver Moon" comes from the fact that the beavers are now actively preparing for winter. Other names for this moon include "Full Frost 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. ###

Wash Your Hands Often

Thrift Store in Lodi

Hana Mission Thrift Store, located at 36 US Highway 46E in Lodi, has been open for the past six months. It has gently used items for sale. It also accepts donations of most items. Among the items offered for sale at bargain prices are new and used clothing, shoes, housewares, furniture, lamps, musical instruments, books, etc. The hours to donate or purchase are weekday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Their phone number is 973-928-6214.

The Hana Mission is a Christian non-profit ministry organization dedicated to training socially neglected and under-resourced members to regain spiritual and physical health through Christian and academic, education, job training and various feeding projects. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr.* ###

Open Cockpit Nov. 7

The Aviation Hall of Fame will host an Open Cockpit Day on Saturday, November 7, 2020, 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.

See the cabin of the world's only surviving restored cockpit of the Martin 202 airliner. You can also visit inside the HH52A, U.S. Coast Guard rescue helicopter. Also, on display are the Bell AH-1 Cobra helicopter and the OV-1A Mohawk observation/attack aircraft, as well as other aviation cockpits including our newest exhibits: a General Aviation Trainer (G.A.T-1) and a Glider recently donated by Jersey Ridge Soaring.

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

Practice Social Distancing

like Buzz Aldrin, Scott and Mark Kelly, to name just a few.

Admission: \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors and children. Children 2 years old and under are free.

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. ###

Old Wallington Band Uniforms Wanted

The Wallington High School Band is looking for their old uniforms. With the return of the Wallington Marching Band, the band is putting together a display to showcase the band's history. Unfortunately, the band has been unable to locate any old Wallington Band uniforms to display.

If you have an old Wallington Band uniform or any vintage band memorabilia, please contact Mr. Lopuzzo, the Wallington band director, at Lopuzzo@wboe.org as soon as possible. ###

KEY WORLD

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Scouting for Food

Troop 17 and Cub Pack 17 of Hasbrouck Heights will be taking part in the National Scouting For Food program. Scouts will be collecting donated food and non-perishable items for the local food bank. Please leave items in shopping bags on the front steps of your home for collection on November 14, 2020, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Bags may also be brought to the Hasbrouck Heights Food Bank. This program provides community service within our own neighborhood and is part of the Good Turn for America, "helping others at all times" program. Please consider making a donation. For further information, call Mario at 201-450-0999. ###

Fish 'N Chips November 7

On Saturday, November 7, 2020, The United Presbyterian Church of Lyndhurst, 511 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, NJ, will host a pick-up Fish 'n Chips benefit dinner from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dinner is prepared by Thistle of Lyndhurst, with cookies donated by Mr. Geez to benefit the Missions of the Church.

Tickets are \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance through Eventbrite: [LyndhurstFishAndChips.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). No tickets will be available onsite. For more information, contact the Church at www.facebook.com/unitedpreslyndhurst or unitedpress1@verizon.net. ###

MomLife Event November 19

"Relaxing because I am alone for two hours" is a comment one of our MomLife moms made. Are you ready for some free time?

Moms of kids ages 0-11 from any town are welcome to attend. Masks are required. No childcare available. Next event is on Thursday, November 19, 2020, from 7 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP by November 16. Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. For more info: hasbrouckhtsmomlife@gmail.com; 862-239-6677; Fb - Hasbrouck Heights MomLife ###

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Heights Friendly Neighbors Kick Off Annual Fund Drive

The members of the Friendly Neighbors will officially begin their annual campaign on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020. It will continue through New Year's Day.

They have been in existence since 1939 as a local organization and consists of a group of 10 women from the Churches in Hasbrouck Heights. They donate their time and effort toward raising money, food, and supplies for needy local families. No expenses are taken and all funds go toward helping town residents.

These families are struggling to meet their financial obligations. Understandably, it is nearly impossible for them to celebrate the holidays with food and gifts for their children. We suggest that if you want to help these families, make a

small donation. Your donations can be mailed to Mrs. Jackie Mazza, 126 Harrison Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. ###

ER KC Winter Coat Drive

East Rutherford Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a coat drive for the needy. Drop off new and gently used seasonal coats November 7, 8 and 14, 15, 2020, at 120 Hoboken Road, lower parking lot.

Times are November 7 and 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. and November 8 and 15, from 8 to 1 p.m. Donations will be forwarded to Mother Theresa House in Newark and St. Francis in Philadelphia, PA.

For more information, call Joe at 201-842-9262. ###

Gratitude

"Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

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And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks.

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The Tradition Begins

• The first national Thanksgiving was declared by President George Washington in 1789.

• The iconic Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade got its start in 1924. It was celebrated on Christmas Day. Today, it is thought to be the most popular parade in the country.

• Ninety percent of American homes serve a traditional turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

• The cranberry is so named because the stem of the cranberry plant was thought to resemble a crane. Twenty percent of all cranberries are consumed on Thanksgiving.

• How does your family like their stuffing served? Our country is divided about 50-50: half put their stuffing inside the bird to cook, the other half make it separately as a side dish.

• Pumpkins are grown for decoration or cooking and baking. Pie pumpkins are smaller, more dense and sweeter than Jack O'Lantern pumpkins. The most common type is the "sugar pie" pumpkin.

• Mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, popcorn, milk, corn on the cob, and cranberries were not foods present on the first Thanksgiving feast table.

Lobster, rabbit, chicken, fish, squashes, beans, chestnuts, hickory nuts, onions, leeks, dried fruits, maple syrup and honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs, and goat cheese are thought to have made up the first Thanksgiving feast (1621).

The pilgrims didn't use forks; they ate with spoons, knives, and their fingers.

Fun Turkey Facts

• Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States.

• The average weight of a turkey purchased at Thanksgiving is 15 pounds. It usually has about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.

• A large group of turkeys is called a flock.

• Commercially raised turkeys cannot fly.

• Turkey has more protein than chicken or beef.

• Male turkeys gobble. Hens do not. They make a clucking noise. ###

RE/MAX Winter Clothing Drive

RE/MAX Trading Places is collecting gently used men's jeans, sweats, socks, winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves (*men's items only*) for the benefit of The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal of Our Lady Queen of Angels in East Harlem. Items will go to men who are living life without a roof over their heads.

John Tamborini, Broker/Owner of RE/MAX Trading Places said, "This is what the Lord calls us to do in (*Matthew Chapter 25*) 'I was naked and you clothed me.' We are called to see Christ in those who are in need. Please be generous."

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HHMA Christmas Tree Sale

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association will be selling Christmas Trees this Holiday Season beginning Saturday, November 28, 2020, at St. John the Divine, at the corner of Franklin and Terrace.

They will be carrying an array of trees of various sizes and prices. This sale has been a Hasbrouck Heights holiday tradition for over twenty years.

The money raised goes to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors from Hasbrouck Heights who want to attend college. The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association wants to thank area residents for their on-going support of their sale. They wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. ###

Kip Center 27th Annual Festival of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces

The drop-off of the wreaths and centerpieces will be November 6, 2020. Tree set-up November 9 and 10. Call the Center for time to set-up.

This favorite tradition in the community, the Festival will begin November 11, until December 12. The perfect venue to enjoy a beautiful holiday display of trees, wreaths, and centerpieces that are decorated by local individuals, organizations and businesses.

Raffle tickets go on sale November 11, 26 tickets for \$10. The winning tickets will be pulled on December 12. For more information, call Cathy at 201-460-1600.

Masks must be worn at all times while in the building. Six foot social distancing will be enforced. ###

Community Tree Lightings

Ridgefield Park Board of Recreation Annual Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 6, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. This year will include some special guests! ###

Note that at press time, most of the communities stated they plan on having their regular tree lighting events, but did not have any details. Contact your Borough Clerk for details. ###

Toys for Tots

• From November 1 to December 20, 2020, American Legion Lodi Post 136, 41 Union Street, Lodi, is a collection point for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

Unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the Post on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Mitch at 646-299-0353. ###

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“Wine Time with The Wine Guys” Philip Miuccio & Angel Martinez

Thanksgiving, that special time of the year, where family and friends gather together to forget their troubles and enjoy spending time with each other, some good food and of course some liquid cheer, wine.

While you catch up with friends and family that you may not have seen in a while or reminisce about old times with great stories, Thanksgiving is that special holiday that brings

everyone together even for a little while to just enjoy life.

While everyone has a special dish that Grandma, Mom, or Aunt Concetta might have made for everyone to enjoy during this feast, remember that enjoying it with a glass of your favorite wine will make it all that much more special.

Many people ask us what wine goes with Grandma’s antipasto, or Mom’s stuffed

mushrooms, or cousin Hazel’s chocolate covered strawberries. Remember that pairing wines need not be difficult and in fact can be fun as you impress your family and friends with your new found wine knowledge.

So let’s dive right in with our suggestions of which wines would pair well with your Thanksgiving feast.

A heartfelt toast with any appetizers of assorted cheese,

raw veggies, nuts, olives, cured meats, or some tomato jam will all go well with a nice sparkling wine of Prosecco from Italy, a Cava from Spain, or a nice extra dry with a slight sweet finish sparkling wine from California will do nicely.

White wines that will go with your turkey, stuffing, carrots, yams, salads, seafood dishes and a pasta course, of course there is a pasta because after all we are not Communists, would be Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio and unoaked Chardonnays. As we have learned before, give your local wine merchant a price range that you would like to spend and he or she will help you in selecting great wines for your feast.

Red wines... of course we will have reds. With all of the other dishes that accompany many a Thanksgiving table such as sautéed green beans, mashed potatoes, chestnut or sausage stuffing, soups, salads and of course cranberry sauce, you can never go wrong with either a Beaujolais Nouveau with its light fruit taste, or a Pinot Noir, yes that go to sex in the glass wine will give you a thrill and you will not soon forget. An Old Vine Zinfandel or a Syrah, with their bold peppery notes will do your turkey proud.

Desserts such as Pumpkin and Apple Pie, cheesecakes, chocolate covered fruits, crème brulee, fruit tarts and cannolis all raised to a higher level with the introduction of a dessert

wine. Taylor Fladgate Tawny Port or Dow’s Red Ruby Port or cream Sherry like Pedro Ximenez will bring tears of joy to your eyes.

Our readers may wish go to their local wine shop. They will be more than happy to guide you in buying the wines you would like to try to pair for your Thanksgiving dinner. Give them a price range and be prepared to be amazed.

Remember you don’t need to change the wine for every course, but if you can have a couple of varieties it will enhance and complement your dishes. It would be fun and will show to your guests you are not just another pretty face, but that you have major wine chops!

Most importantly is to enjoy the wine with the people that you like. Of course for those of you who are stuck at the house with people you don’t like then we suggest drink whatever is open...TWICE.

As you are enjoying your holiday dinner, please remember to be grateful for your family and friends. May people who need help receive it and have hope and friends during the holiday season to help bear their burden.

On behalf of the entire American Wine Society Meadowlands NJ Chapter, we wish you and your family a very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. Till next month, enjoy, drink, cheers and Salute!

Philip Miuccio & A. Martinez, All around wine guys. American Wine Society. ###



Roses Benefit Food Pantry

Bill O’Shea’s Florist promoted Good Neighbor Day on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Owners, John and Linda Kosakowski, said that they gave out about 80 bunches of roses with the stipulation recipients keep one rose and pass along

the others. During the event, food donations were collected for the Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry, netting about 90 bags of food, plus \$120 donations.

It is believed that the first Good Neighbor Day was started by the late Brook Jacobs,

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He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor, and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.

God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor, and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.

William Bradford, Ye Governor of ye Colony

Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Thanksgiving has always been a favorite of mine second only to Christmas. You don't have to wear your Sunday best, since Church isn't required and the festive board is stacked high with all those gastronomic delights. How do you feel about it?

As a kid growing up on the lofty hills of Lodi, Thanksgiving took on an even greater meaning. It was the start of a much anticipated four day weekend and the gateway to the Season of Christmas was now open.

Not to be overlooked was that, on Thanksgiving afternoon, you could go outdoors and rough house it with your cousins, then scurry back to the table in time for dessert. For us kids it was the perfect holiday.

The day always began with the Macy's Day Parade. At first, I'd be glued to the TV set only to lose interest after a float or two went by.

By the time Santa appeared, I was playing army with my toy soldiers. For me, the parade was met with a burst

of enthusiasm.

I'd always end up viewing the Laurel and Hardy classic "Babes in Toyland" ("March of the Wooden Soldiers") with my brother.

Afterwards, we would head over to the stadium to watch the Lodi Football Rams take on their rivals, the Garfield Boiler Makers. By halftime, the score was so lopsided that we chose to flee the scene.

On the way out of the stadium we could hear the distant strains of the Ram Marching Band. Bless their hearts.

I know what you're saying, "Who won?" Well like I said... we left early. Besides does it really matter?

The important thing was that the game was part and parcel of our Thanksgiving Day tradition.

Watching my mother in action, from a safe distance, kept me in awe of her organizational skills. The preparation began the night before with the ritualistic defrosting of the bird. It

was a religious experience like birth itself. My dad would open the freezer door and step away.

My mother, who had the steady hands of a surgeon, would reach inside and carefully remove the turkey from its temporary haven.

The rest of us sighed as we welcomed the new arrival into our world, a short stay at best.

It's not the same today... Thanksgiving that is. Don't you agree Bonnie?

The holiday isn't getting its due recognition, not like when we were kids. Today it seems that Thanksgiving has become sandwiched between Halloween, which now rivals the Yule time in the decoration department albeit a bit macabre, and Christmas itself.

We hurried over turkey day like Olympic Christmas shoppers racing to the finish line grabbing a drumstick along the way.

I'm sure that Thanksgiving can be found alive and well in many households. Keeping that tradition has become more important than ever.

We seem to be drifting apart. We're going in different directions with heads down looking at our phone - side stepping the one holiday that pulled all of us together -- Thanksgiving. *Have a Healthy and Happy one! ###*

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Due to Covid-19, meals will be "to go packages." A tent will be set up outside for guest pick up.

Reservations requested. Call the Church Office at 201-438-3569 or Bill at 201-481-7762 no later than Friday, November 20. ###

Having an Affair?

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Competing in the Soccer Challenge

On Friday, September 18, 2020, The Knights of Columbus, St. Anthony Council #11585 of Wood-Ridge, sponsored a Soccer Challenge for children ages 9-14 to demonstrate their soccer skills -- The Penalty Kick. Each player was allowed 15 shots at the goal from the designated penalty line depending on their age group. The Goal was divided into a series of scoring zones from 5-20 points.

This event was a good time for all the kids and they are looking forward to the District Shootout when Saint Anthony Council #11585 of Wood-Ridge competed with Saint Francis of Assisi Council #4524 of East Rutherford on October 9, 2020, at 8 p.m., at the WRHS Field. *Provided by Angelo Urato. ###*

There were 32 participants, 6 girls and 26 boys. The winners were as follows:

Sal Catanzaro	Age 14	225 points
Bryce Baykal	Age 9	180 points
Thomas Byrne	Age 13	140 points
Gabriele Leka	Age 11	140 points
Jake Wall	Age 12	130 points
Julia Kenworthy	Age 10	125 points
Brian Bialek	Age 10	120 points
Kiara Campo	Age 14	115 points
Gabriela Velecela	Age 11	105 points
Isabella Drotos	Age 12	60 points



Your Fire Chiefs Offer These Safety Tips

- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires.
- Three-fifths (59%) of reported home cooking fire injuries occurred when victims tried to fight the fire themselves.
- A CPSC study found that 83% of frying fires began in the first 15 minutes of cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire - *potholders, towels or curtains* - away from your stovetop.
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John Zazula Day

John Zazula was born in Jersey City a century ago. The Carlstadt Mayor and Council honored him with a Proclamation declaring October 1, 2020, John Zazula Day.

John and his wife, Helen, have lived in Carlstadt since 1957. They have five children and eight grandchildren. Always active in Borough activities, he served as a Little League coach and was on the Zoning Board. He has also been a member of the Schmidt Hoeger Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3149, the Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph's and the Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club.

John is a World War II Veteran, having attained the rank of Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army. He served from 1942-1945 and received four medals: Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Medal, and World War II Victory Medal.

After serving his country, John was employed at West-

ern Electric in Kearny for 40 years. He retired in 1984 and organized and served as President of the Western Electric Pioneers Retirement Club.

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club organized various surprises for John including a cavalcade of his friends driving by his home. The Borough added police, fire and EMS vehicles and members and some of the senior officials of the Borough. Also joining in were members of the VFW Post 3149.

In addition to the Proclamation, the Seniors gave John a gift announcing just how "Amazing" he is. John is friendly to everyone and according to his family never has a bad word to say about anyone.

We in Carlstadt are blessed to have this amazing centenarian living among us as an example of how to live life with a smile for all. **HAPPY100th BIRTHDAY JOHN!** *Story by Joanne Kearney. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Members of "The Chest" at a regular board meeting during Covid-19 cautions in Lincoln Park

Community Chest of Rutherford's 75th Annual Mail Drive

Covid-19 cautions could not stop the members of the Community Chest of Rutherford from meeting in Lincoln Park to finalize strategy for their 75th Annual Fund Solicitation Drive.

The results of the yearly mail based solicitation will benefit eight Rutherford service organizations with funding.

Your donation is needed! Watch your mail for your opportunity to help your Rutherford neighbors through your donation to "The Chest." You can also participate by secure donations on their Facebook Page: the "Community Chest of Rutherford."

Last year, the Community Chest supported hundreds of Rutherford residents through its financial assistance to eight Rutherford organizations which include: Rutherford Cub Scouts, Rutherford Boy Scouts, Rutherford Girl Scouts, Star-

fish 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 unpaid volunteers, and every dollar contributed stays within Rutherford. Please consider the Community Chest of Rutherford as YOUR Rutherford charity! We participate in Blue Foundry's Community Assistance Program (CAP) and Amazon's Smile. So please designate us as your charity of choice.

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, PO Box 263, Rutherford, NJ 07070. *Provided by Billy Neumann. ###*



W-R Girl Scouts on the Move!

Wood-Ridge Junior Girl Scout Troop 97130 has been taking advantage of good weather and meeting weekly.

The girls earned the Democracy for Juniors badge with the help of Councilwom-

an Catherine Cassidy. They learned about different jobs in the three branches of government. They know that women are under represented in our government. They took opinion polls and had a debate on

the merits of hybrid classes, virtual, and traditional school.

Since all the girls are in WRIS, they did most of the activities for the Cybersecurity Safeguards badge in media class with Mrs. Diaz. We finished the user name and wacky password activities at a meeting.

We have begun the GS Way badge. Since October 31 is the birthday of our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, we made paper pumpkins to celebrate and help remember the Girl Scout Law. We planted crocus and daffodil bulbs to improve the appearance of the Civic Center property.

We hope to continue doing fun activities every week while exploring the programs available for Junior Girl Scouts. *Provided by Jane Koegel. ###*



On September 1, 2020, members of the Lodi Senior Citizens Club held a surprise birthday bash for fellow member, 92 year old, Marie Stien (*top row, 2nd from right, wearing green*). The celebration took place in the Club parking lot. A splendid time was had by all. *Provided by Artie Maglionico. ###*



(l-r are Leonard A. Agrusti, PDG with Calisto Bertin, PDG of District 7490 swearing in Mid-Bergen Rotarian Carl Hassett as District Governor 7490 during a brunch in Paramus on September 20, 2020. *Provided by Mia Forsberg-Villon. ###*



Torn to Shreds

On Saturday morning, September 26, 2020, Hasbrouck Heights held a **Shred-it-Event**.

Traffic cones were setup from Burton Avenue west on Central Avenue to direct vehicles to the municipal parking lot.

A DPW crew unloaded the papers to be shredded. Upon exit, leaf bags were given. Traffic then exited onto the Boulevard.

Residents and businesses brought in 2.22 tons of confidential documents to be shredded. Two pallets of leaf bags

were distributed.

The HH 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. *###*

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RPD Officer Finishes First Place

Congratulations to Rutherford Police Officer Steven Villareale for finishing First Place in the Expert Harley Davidson Fairing Division at the 2020 North Jersey Motorcycle Training and Skills Competition!

Officer Steven Villareale is no stranger to motorcycle training and skills competitions.

Over the past seven years he has competed each year and placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. From October 1st through the 3rd, 2020 Officer Steven Villareale competed in the 2020 North Jersey Motorcycle Training and Skills Competition at the Garden State Plaza Mall in Paramus, New Jersey.

This event is open to active and retired law enforcement as well as civilians. The categories to participate in are Novice, Intermediate, Expert for Active, Expert for Retired, and Expert for Civilians.

Officer Villareale finished in 1st Place in the Expert for Active Law Enforcement category. This category entailed eight precision courses and one timed run.

Officer Villareale has been a Police Officer with the Rutherford Police Department for eighteen years.

He successfully completed the Maryland State Police Basic Police Motorcycle Operations Course and became a Certified Motor Officer in 2014.

In 2017 he completed the



Maryland State Police Basic Police Motorcycle Operations/ Instructor Course and is now an active Instructor with the Police Motor Officer Training Association.

His role as an instructor is to train new motor officers and provide recertification to current motor officers along with his esteemed colleagues.

The Police Motor Officer Training Association, P.M.O.T.A., is a non-profit organization that hosts the basic and recertification police motorcycle training at the Bergen County Police Academy in Mahwah, New Jersey.

The Police Motor Officer

Training Association is funded 100% by generous donations, the assignments permitted by various law enforcement agencies and the dedicated instructors that teach the course.

Both the basic and recertification courses are currently free to all active law enforcement officers. Officers from all over the United States and Canada have attended the course.

The courses are based on the standards of the Maryland State Police Motorcycle Unit which has become the standard with police motorcycle operations training. *Provided by RPD Sgt. Julie Ann Zeigler. ###*



On September 29, 2020, at approximately 8:30 a.m., there was a truck fire right off Winant Avenue Bridge near Route 46 East, Little Ferry, NJ. *Photo by: Patti Bonczkowski. ###*



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Coffee With a Cop Day

On October 7, 2020, members of the Wood-Ridge Police Department met with members of the community during Coffee with a Cop Day. Joining Department members were Anders Johnels, Daniel Cobar, Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella and W-R Councilman Ezio I. Altamura.

National Coffee with a Cop Day brings men and women in uniform together with their communities to connect over a cup of joe. The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. The event provides an opportunity for open dialogue and improved communication. They also break down barriers and create a valuable bridge to relationships in our communities.

When officers hear their community's needs from the people themselves, they're better able to support them. The community as a whole will also be able to see officers as approachable and their ally in protecting and caring for their communities. *###*

Traffic Stop Warrants Arrest

On Monday, October 5, 2020, at approximately 12:34 hrs., while on patrol, Lt. James Witkowski and Officer Mark Torsiello conducted a motor vehicle stop on the Moonachie Overpass.

The driver later identified as Fouad Abudayya, from Bloomingdale, NJ, was operating a 2017 Nissan Sentra when he committed a motor vehicle infraction (*improper turn*).

During the motor vehicle stop, Lt. Witkowski and Officer Torsiello detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Mr. Abudayya admitted to smoking marijuana in the vehicle earlier in the day and consented to a search of its interior.

Further investigation revealed a large duffel bag containing a .380 caliber carbine rifle with a loaded magazine, a large amount of U.S. currency and several pairs of high-end sneakers. Mr. Abudayya was arrested on the scene for the illegal possession of a weapon.

Detective Sergeant Matthew Mueller and Detective David Marchitelli were both called to the scene for evidence collection and further processing.

Once at headquarters, it was brought to Detective Sergeant Mueller's attention that Mr. Abudayya was the primary suspect in a home invasion involving the theft of high-end sneakers and large amounts of

U.S. currency in the City of New York. NYPD Robbery Squad Detectives were contacted and arrived shortly after to conduct an interview with Mr. Abudayya.

He later confessed to his crimes in their jurisdiction and a subsequent arrest warrant was issued out of the City of New York.

Mr. Abudayya was fingerprinted, photographed and charged by the Wood-Ridge Police Department with Illegal Possession of a Weapon (2C:39-5C), Receiving Stolen Property (2C:20-7A) and Money Laundering (2C:21-25B(1)).

Mr. Abudayya was lodged in the Bergen County Correctional Facility awaiting his appearance in Central Judiciary Court later in the month.

Chief John Korin would like to commend his officers for a job well done while they continue to protect and serve during these unprecedented times.

Chief Korin vows to continue his endeavor of providing a professional service to the residents of Wood-Ridge, a service that they expect and deserve.

Chief Korin would also like to remind the public that all defendants arrested by the Wood-Ridge Police Department are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. *Provided by the Wood-Ridge Police Department. ###*

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W-R Resident Cycles in Tour de Force

TRENTON, NJ, September 29, 2020— Tour de force is a French expression—translated, it equates to: “an impressive performance or achievement that has been accomplished or managed with great skill.”

Over the last 18 years, great skill has been required for cyclists throughout the country whose annual performance has led to an impressive array of achievements, and all for an important cause that recognizes sacrifice.

The Tour de Force, serves a dual mission—to honor the victims of 9/11 by keeping their memory alive and to raise funds to benefit families nationwide of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Recently, cyclists from all over the country, including

New Jersey State Parole Board Member Robert Riccardella of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, took part in the Tour de Force, but not in the conventional manner. They rode virtually as well as physically.

Participants rode various routes within their designated state, including Mr. Riccardella, who rode nearly 100 miles up in the Finger Lakes region of New York.

“Obviously our world has changed since the beginning of the pandemic,” said Mr. Riccardella. He continued, “Coronavirus has made a major impact on the way we do things, but has not stopped us from our mission to help the families of officers killed while making the ultimate sacrifice in protecting the public all across the U.S.”

Following a day of cycling,



the riders all joined together, taking part in an online virtual chat where they discussed the subject of riding as well as why they decided to join in the conversation to help honor those killed in the 9/11 attacks.

The group raised approximately \$400,000 which will go to benefit the families of the fallen officers. *Provided by NJ State Parole Board. ###*

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Nov. 14

Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) will collect household hazardous waste on Saturday, November 14, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the BCUA (foot of Empire Boulevard) in Moonachie -- rain or shine. This service is free of charge for Bergen County residents -- ID is required.

A partial list of acceptable materials for collection includes: aerosol cans, anti-freeze, batteries, blacktop sealers, disinfectants, fertilizer, fire extinguishers, herbicides, insecticides, mercury switches, paints, pesticides, propane gas cylinders (1 lb. & 20 lb. only), solvents, thinners, used motor oil and varnishes.

A partial list of unacceptable materials includes: unlabeled wastes or containers with unknown contents, regu-

lated medical wastes, radioactive materials and explosives, containers larger than five gallons, compressed cylinders (oxygen or acetylene), pressure treated lumber or railroad ties, computers, electronics and tires.

For detailed information log onto www.bcua.org or call 201-807-5825.

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



What Does It Take to be an FSBO?

Before you head down the path of reading this article, you need to know that I think it's great that people try and sell their own homes when they feel that they can.

I am not an anti-FSBO (For Sale By Owner) kind of real estate broker. I equate it with people who choose to do their own taxes versus hiring a CPA; some people want to do it on their own and some people want to hire it out.

Bashing FSBOs is in poor taste. So if you are looking for a "pro real estate agent, you can't live without me" type of article, please know this: you won't find it in these paragraphs.

In fact, with today's fast moving market here in Bergen County where - either because of or in spite of the pandemic, inventory is snapped up as soon as it becomes available, many sellers will consider taking on the sale of their home themselves rather than hiring a realtor.

And for those taking the plunge, here are a few useful tips on the just the first step: Finding a Buyer...

- Determining how much a FSBO's home is worth. Pricing a home is part intuition, part research and market timing.

Price within the parameters of comparable sales and you should receive immediate offers. Not pricing correctly can, however, put you at a big disadvantage because the first two to three weeks on the market are crucial; that's when buyers' interest levels are the highest.

- Preparing the FSBO's home for a sale. Examine your home from a stranger's viewpoint. Ask friends to give their objective evaluation of the property and to be frank about its deficiencies.

Consider spending money on improvements making repairs that will enhance profit. But don't spend too much! The single biggest downfall for sellers is in spending too much money on repairs that will never be recouped.

Consider home staging - it could mean the difference between selling now for more money or not selling at all. At the very least, get rid of the bulk of your furniture. Most sellers can do without 50% of their stuff. And if they can do without their pets, as well,

so much the better; they can present a whole other set of challenges.

- Marketing the FSBO's home for sale. With all the money you'll be saving over hiring an agent, spend a big chunk on advertising. That will entail figuring out your target audience and getting the message out to them by specific media.

Today, most home buyers are looking at the Internet for homes for sale but that doesn't mean you'll be selling your house online.

The idea is to get buyers inside; all marketing should be geared toward making your phone ring and increasing traffic to your home.

That means doing photographs, virtual tours and select usage of print advertising, direct mail, flyers, hosting tours, etc. Open houses and time flexibility required for showings are necessary components as well.

- For most FSBOs finding buyers is typically a pretty big challenge, but - truth be told - finding a buyer is only the first step in a rather long and tricky process.

There's a whole lot more to do before the FSBO can even imagine arriving at a successful closing. And, largely, it's on these later, more technical steps that FSBOs often trip up.

They sometimes don't have the skill and knowledge that goes with properly screening buyers; they frequently dispense with the demands of pre-approval and pre-qualification and lack access to third party mortgage counseling assistance.

FSBOs are generally untrained in negotiating with potential buyers regarding offers and contracts which can be loaded with clauses, timelines and contingencies such as those for deposits, mortgages and inspections.

They have no relevant experience to know how to handle Home Inspection findings (the single greatest threat to real estate transactions) and, more often than not, react in ways that can kill any potential deal.

But this is not, I repeat, an effort to dissuade anyone from wanting to become a FSBO. It's just my own opinion, objective and 100% unbiased....

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Cancelled Stamps Wanted

Sixteen years ago, in 2004, the Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights started a project collecting cancelled stamps. They came upon a letter from a Sister Ann Mary, a retired Carmelite Sister who was collecting cancelled stamps and selling them to dealers in foreign countries.

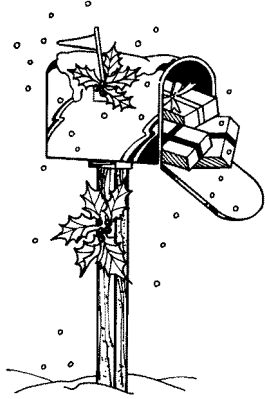
The money helped children at St. Benedict's Day Nursery and Infant Hospital of Georgetown, St. Vincent of the West Indies. She collected stamps until 2008. In 2008, the AARP Hackensack Chapter took this project as one of their own. Kiwanis Club has since disbanded.

In August of 2008, the chapter found another organization that was collecting stamps. After a phone call to them (Ulseth Lodge Sons of Norway NLC) in Calumet, MI, they decided to send the cancelled stamps to them.

The Lodge collects and sends the stamps to a facility where they are sorted and packaged to sell to collectors and dealers. The proceeds are donated to the Norwegian Health System to aid physically and mentally challenged children and youth.

In June 2015, the AARP Hackensack Chapter disbanded. The Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights then took over the project. In 2019 the AARP Garfield Chapter, also started to contribute to this project.

All collected stamps collected were sent to Marie Gallo who supervised the trimming of the stamps, sorting of the stamps and finally packaging and then sending out. Marie, a member of the Kiwanis Club, Hackensack AARP, Leisure Club and Garfield AARP, has been in charge of this project



since its inception. She has made all the contacts with the organizations collecting the stamps.

In February 2020, the Lodge we were working with suggested that we work with another Norwegian Lodge closer to us. The TUBFRIM, a Norwegian organization located in Brooklyn that collects stamps along the east coast – Maine to Florida. The organization is still the Sons of Norway with a branch in Brooklyn. They also use the money from the sale of stamps to aid physically and mentally challenged children and youth. On April 28, 2020, fifteen pounds of cancelled stamps were mailed to Brooklyn.

If you would like to help the Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights in collecting cancelled stamps, please trim the stamps to 1/4 inch around the stamps.

Old envelopes and postcards are also being collected. If envelopes, postcards etc., are more than 40 years old, please do not cut off the stamps, but save the whole envelope/postcard.

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Infection Control in the Dental Office

Infection control is a set of recommended safety precautions that dentists implement to protect their patients and staff in the office.

Strict infection control is required to prevent the spread of disease, since many dental procedures involve direct contact with blood and saliva.

Improved infection-control procedures with heightened awareness of the dangers of infection mean that the instruments and supplies your dentist uses in your mouth are either heat-sterilized or they are disposable items intended for one-time use.

• Do all dentists practice infection control?

In 1986, less than 30 percent of dentists wore gloves, masks or gowns. Today, these infection-control tools are required in all dental practices.

To fight the spread of diseases, such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B, syphilis and herpes viruses, and COVID-19, your dentist has strict procedures and may use a variety of measures to ensure that instruments used during dental procedures are sterile.

As an extra precaution, many dentists and their staff are vaccinated for hepatitis B, to prevent them from poten-

tially passing it on to patients.

Sterilizing dental instruments, a process that destroys all forms of microbial life, is also an important part of infection control in a dental office.

• How else does my dentist protect me?

When you first sit in the dental chair, chances are the first thing you'll see is your dentist washing his or her hands. Hands are washed at the start of the day, before putting on and taking off gloves and after touching any potentially contaminated surface.

Your dentist may use a variety of protective items that are used once and then thrown away, including gloves, mask, paper drapes, suction/water tube tips and needles.

Dentists and their assistants can use different kinds of protective gloves. Latex or vinyl gloves are used for patient examinations and procedures and are worn whenever skin could be in contact with body fluids.

Between patients, the gloves are thrown away, the hands washed and a new set of gloves is used to treat the next patient.

For cleaning and sterilizing instruments, heavy rubber utility gloves are used. If you are allergic to rubber or latex, your dentist can wear nitrile gloves, which do not contain any latex rubber proteins.

• What are universal precautions?

Universal precautions, used for every patient, are safety procedures established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Dental Association (ADA). These precautions require all dental staff involved in patient care to use appropriate protective wear, such as gloves, masks and eyewear. For more information on CDC Infection

Control guidelines, please visit www.cdc.gov.

• Do dentists sterilize the handpiece (drill) and other instruments after each patient?

Dentists sterilize handpieces and other instruments between patients to prevent the transmission of diseases.

Dental offices follow and monitor specific heat-sterilization procedures, which are outlined by the CDC and the ADA.

Most dental instruments are sterilized in special machines; it takes much more than just soap and water to make sure instruments are free of bacteria.

Recommended sterilization methods include placing these tools into an autoclave (steam under pressure), a dry-heat oven or chemical vapor (commonly called a chemi-clave). Typically, this equipment is kept in the office, away from a patient's view. Ask your dentist to show you how and where instruments are sterilized.

• How are other objects sterilized?

Before you enter the examination room, all surfaces, such as the dental chair, drawer handles and countertops are disinfected.

To sterilize equipment that can't be moved, such as X-ray units and countertops, disinfectant is applied after each patient to ensure a germ-free environment.

Some offices may drape this equipment with protective covers, which are replaced after each patient.

Disposable sharp items, such as needles, that cannot be sterilized are disposed of in puncture-resistant biohazard containers. Anything contaminated with blood or saliva is disposed of in special containers with safety lids.

Ask your dentist for additional information on how he or she is keeping you safe from germs and infectious diseases.

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Curbside pickup service will continue to be offered.

• The Library's hours of operation are as follows:

In-House Browsing: Tuesdays – Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Call 201-288-0488 to schedule a visit or to arrange for curbside pick-up. For the most up-to-date information and guidelines, please visit us online at <https://www.hasbrouckheightslibrary.org/>

The Hasbrouck Heights Library continues to offer virtual activities and more for the whole family and for the life-long learner. Unless otherwise noted, registration is required for all programs. Visit the Library's website for details.

Children

Book Buddies on Mondays for kids ages 2-4. A complete story time packet will be emailed, including songs, finger play and game ideas. Participants may come to the Library's curbside pickup area between 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and get a complete craft-in-a-bag to tie into that week's story time.

Lego Build Week is November 2-6. A daily Lego challenge will be posted on the Library's Facebook page and builders are invited to share their masterpieces online. No registration required.

Kid Kahoot! fStudents in Grades 1-5 are invited to play on Thursday, November 12 at 3:30 pm via Zoom. Link will be provided via email after registration.

Little Artists Grab & Go @ Curbside on Friday, November 20. Thanksgiving Craft and bonus Story Time, which is a complete craft-in-

a-bag available for pickup during the Library's curbside hours and a story time link via YouTube.

Teens

Play Quiplash – a Jackbox Trivia Game after school via Zoom on Monday, November 16 at 4 p.m. Link will be provided via email after registration.

Teen Craft-to-Go on Tuesday, November 24 for students in Grades 6-12. An exciting fall craft will be available for pickup during evening curbside hours and a tutorial will be posted on YouTube.

Adults

NaNoWriMo Writing Challenge - November is National Novel Writing Month. Join our Adult Services staff and local writers in partaking in the NaNoWriMo challenge -- to write 50,000 words in just 30 days! Surf over to the Library's website and look for our social media postings for inspiration, writing tips, advice from local authors and more throughout the month of November.

Virtual Author Showcase The Library will be hosting an online exposition centered around the current works of the Authors and Writers Group members. This showcase will be made available on the Library's website.

Healthy Holiday Eats: Tips from Your Shop Rite Dietitian – Join us via Zoom on Tuesday, November 17 at 6 p.m. as Julianne Gallo of Lodi highlights how to stay healthy through the holidays and beyond! Come listen, learn, and ask all of your nutrition questions!

Adult Book Group – Join in on the conversation via Zoom or by phone and hear from others as to what they thought about the book on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

The next meeting is November 24, at 7 p.m., to discuss "Piano Tuner" by Daniel Mason. A piano tuner receives an unusual commission from the British War Office--to travel to the remote jungles of northeast Burma and there repair a rare piano belonging to an eccentric army surgeon who has proven mysteriously indispensable to the imperial design. Copies of the novel are available for checkout from the Library.

We are in this together. Your public Library has many other services available. Please call to speak with a staff member or email us at hashcirc@bccls.org. We are happy to assist you. ###

Carlstadt Public Library

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

Book-a-Visit to the Carlstadt Library: The Carlstadt Library is excited to welcome back patrons for in-person browsing and borrowing, and to offer a convenient curbside pick-up service, by appointment only.

Properly fitting masks and contactless temperature screening are required for all persons entering the Library.

Patrons are asked to return library materials to the book and media drop box outside the front door of the Library; all returns will be quarantined for 72 hours prior to check-in.

Please call the Library at (201) 438-8866 to schedule a visit or to arrange for curbside pick-up. For more details please visit the Library's website www.carlstadtlibrary.org.

Virtual Crafting for Adults The Carlstadt Library will host a virtual craft night for adults on Thursday, November 12 at 7 p.m. Join Adult Services Coordinator, Rebecca, in making Mason Jar Snow

Globes via Zoom. All supplies, except a glue gun, will be provided by the Library and will be available to pick-up no more than two days prior to the event. This event is limited to Carlstadt patrons. Supplies are limited. Registration required.

Strategies for Successful Interviewing: The Carlstadt Library will host a virtual Interviewing Technique Workshop on Tuesday, November 17 at 7 p.m.

Joan Sternberg, a Business and ESL professor at Rutgers University, will provide guidance on the entire interview process. This virtual program will include a mock interview (*participation not required*). To register for this program, please e-mail rebecca.spero@carlstadt.bccls.org

Resources: Library card holders can access our digital resources page, <https://www.carlstadtlibrary.org/digital-services>, to access Udemy, Reference Solutions, Testing & Education Center, and Job and Career Accelerator for additional career resources.

Carlstadt Library Virtual Book Club: On Wednesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. This month's selection is "The Dollhouse" by Fiona Davis. Fiona Davis's stunning debut novel pulls readers into the lush world of New York City's glamorous

Barbizon Hotel for Women. A present-day journalist becomes consumed with uncovering a dark secret buried deep within the Barbizon's glitzy past. Registration required.

"Behind the Scenes" - Virtual Movie Discussion Group: The Carlstadt Library will host a virtual movie discussion on November 19 at 7 p.m. Patrons will be asked to watch the movie prior to the program, and then join fellow movie lovers for a lively discussion on Zoom.

This month's selection is "Hearts Beat Loud." This film can be viewed for free using either of two film streaming services. For adults 18 and older. Registration required.

Music with Miss Nita: The Carlstadt Public Library will host a series of virtual music-and-movement classes with Miss Nita for children of all ages. The classes will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays, November 5, 12 and 19 on the Carlstadt Library's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/carlstadtlibrary/>

Facebook Live Storytime with Miss Risa: Enjoy storytime and songs with children's librarian Miss Risa at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, November 10 and 17 on the Carlstadt Library's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/carlstadtlibrary/> <https://www.facebook.com/carlstadtlibrary/> <https://www.facebook.com/carlstadtlibrary/> ###

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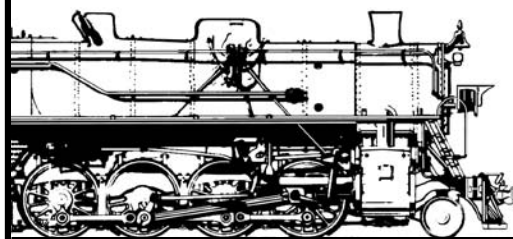
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The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is open to the public with modified opening hours and at 25% capacity. Browsing and computer time are limited to forty minutes, no advance reservation is required.

The Book Drop is open for item returns. 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
The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host free music-and-movement classes with Miss Nita on our Facebook page. Prerecorded sessions are posted every Wednesday at 10 a.m., and are available to view at any time. Come share the joys of making music!

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 please call the Library or email Mr. Paul at paul.brennan@woodridge.bccls.org

Databases: The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library has many entertaining and educational databases, including but not limited to Gale LegalForms, CultureGrams, Ancestry and Biography in Context.

We also offer a film streaming service through Kanopy and access to comprehensive news coverage at the local, state, regional and national levels through U.S. Major Dailies.

Miss Humblebee's Academy: Families in Wood-Ridge now have free access to Miss Humblebee's Academy, an award-winning online, educational program that assists the Library's youngest learners in building foundational literacy skills and preparing for Kindergarten.

Designed for children ages 3 to 6, Miss Humblebee's Academy employs friendly cartoon characters to guide learning activities, making it fun and easy-to-use, with lessons spanning all major academic subjects. Miss Humblebee's Academy may be accessed either within the Library or remotely with a Wood-Ridge Memorial Library card number through the Library's website at <https://woodridgememoriallibrary.org/>

Museum Passes: The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is lending free admission passes to 13 NJ and NYC museums. Museums include the American Museum of Natural

History, the Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum of New Jersey, the Museum of Modern Art, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, and Grounds for Sculpture.

Each pass offers free admission for multiple guests; some passes offer additional discounts at the museum's gift shop.

Passes may be borrowed by any Wood-Ridge resident, age 18 and older, with a Library card in good standing. Passes are loaned for three days and may be reserved online through the Library's website at <https://woodridgememoriallibrary.org/>

For more information or to reserve a pass by phone, please call the Library at 201-438-2455.

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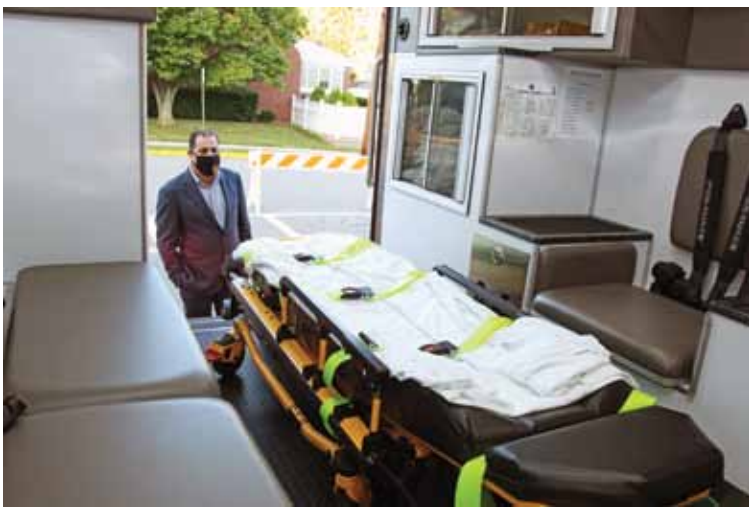
Department personnel were in full dress uniform.

The program began with the Salute to the Flag, and roll call by Department Secretary Gregory Gorab.

Remarks were made by Fire Chief Michael Cribben, Mayor Paul Sarlo and Council President Phillip Romero. Deacon Nick Valdez gave the Invocation, Blessing of the new ambulance and Benediction.

The equipment and headquarters were presented for inspection and Department personnel were available to answer any questions.

The Department was dismissed. The event was attended by local officials. ###





Police On The Run

Due to the current Corona-virus pandemic and restrictions placed upon individuals, business and organizations by the government, all Special Olympics NJ events and competitions, as well as, NJLETR fund raising events were canceled through June 2020. Various events for 2020 have also been canceled, postponed or became virtual.

The annual law enforcement torch run that normally kicks off summer games was postponed to October 9, 2020.

On Friday, October 9, 2020, more than 3,000 officers

took to the streets of their local communities on one of 26 separate routes to help carry the "Flame of Hope" a distance of nearly 750 miles throughout the Garden State to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics New Jersey.

The event was originally scheduled for June 5, 2020.

In 1982, the late Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Officer Steven Vitale was asked to take photos at a local Special Olympics competition in New Jersey.

He was so moved by the determination exhibited by the

athletes that he asked other police officers to volunteer at the Summer Games. In 1984, the first New Jersey Torch Run was conceived to raise funds and public awareness for the Special Olympics New Jersey program. The course ran from Liberty State Park in Jersey City to Rutgers Stadium in New Brunswick, through eight towns, covering 43 miles and raising \$7,000. In each succeeding year, the dollar amount became greater and the number of volunteers increased substantially.

Driven by the willing-

ness of the New Jersey Law Enforcement Officers to do more, the Law Enforcement Torch Run began to expand over the years. New fund raising events and initiatives were created and held throughout the Garden State to promote the Special Olympics movement. With over \$4 million raised annually by more than 3,000 officers through local and state-wide events, the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New Jersey has been recognized in the world for many years as one of the top grass roots fund raising organizations for Special Olympics.

Fund raising events that are conducted year-round in New Jersey include an Adopt-a-Cop campaign for the annual Torch Run, three Polar Bear Plunges, the Lincoln Tunnel Challenge 5K, the United Airlines Plane Pull and golf outings, to name a few. In addition to fund raising, Law Enforcement Officers volunteer at athletic competitions and events year-round, while serving as ambassadors in local communities.

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