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# Harvest

The dog days of summer have passed into memory with brisk, frosty mornings. Bright days behold luminescent leaf tapestries, majestic in grandeur. With a light wind, their rustling sings the song of a coming barren winter. Leaves silently begin to float, flutter and dance and blanket manicured lawns. Migrating geese draw a glance. The scent of fireplaces wafts through the crisp air, while inside, harvest warms with the taste of apple cider and the smell of baking pumpkin pie. The winter is long. Spring unfolds. Summer last. But those brief moments of autumn delights are to be cherished.

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## Post 310 Picnic and Pig Roast

American Legion Post 310 held its 38th Annual Picnic in conjunction with the Sons of the American Legion of Post 310 on Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., at American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

All you can eat: two-100 pound pigs, London broil, BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, mussels, clams on a half shell, corn on the cob, Manhattan clam chowder, salads, beer and soda.

Entertainment by Tuned Up and DJ Jack Jam. There was a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds go to support Veterans and children's programs. For additional information, call 201-807-0470. ###



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Brownie Troop 97130 from Wood-Ridge held a Bridge to Juniors ceremony on September 18, 2020. As second year Brownies, the girls earned a wide variety of badges from Painting, First Aid, and Making Games to Space Science and Cybersecurity. Although regular meetings were suspended in March, many girls continued to do badge activities at home. They even had a car parade as part of the Celebrating Community badge. Now that they are Juniors, they will continue the Girl Scout traditions and explore new ways to enhance the power of the G.I.R.L. (*Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader*). All 14 girls are 4th Graders at Wood-Ridge Intermediate School. *Provided by Jane Koegel. ###*

## Meadowlands Y FOCAS Holds Re-Opens Flea Market Oct. 24, 25

The Meadowlands YMCA reopened on September 1, 2020, following guidance from the CDC and state and local health officials.

They updated policies and procedures for cleanliness and have made special accommodations for social distancing.

All memberships were reactivated on September 1 and charged on September 4, with the exclusion of youth memberships.

The first phase of reopening included the Wellness Center, with many services by reservation only.

Certain areas and services will remain unavailable such as showers, team rooms, open gym, Childwatch, etc.

Go to [www.meadowlandsymca.org](http://www.meadowlandsymca.org) for full details. ###

FOCAS holds its Flea Market on Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25, 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](mailto:info@focasnews.org), or visit [www.focasnews.org](http://www.focasnews.org) ###

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## Bogota, Little Ferry and Ridgefield Park Libraries Celebrate Fahrenheit 451

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read in **Bogota, Little Ferry and Ridgefield Park Libraries** is focusing on "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury. Activities began on September 20, 2020 and will run for four weeks.

"It's important to celebrate literature and use it as a means to facilitate community discussion," said Chelsea Dodd Coleman, director of BPL. "It's especially relevant this year as people find themselves more isolated and disconnected from their neighbors during the pandemic."

Book discussions will be hosted in all three towns, along with virtual programs, including a talk about the writing of the classic book, a virtual tour of the Center for Ray Bradbury Studies at Indiana University, and a lecture on censorship.

The public is also encour-

aged to host private discussions with family and friends using guides provided on the website.

In addition to making available dozens of copies of Fahrenheit 451 in English and in Spanish, complementary picture books in both languages will be used to involve younger community members. "The King Who Banned the Dark" by Emily Haworth-Booth and "¿Jugamos?" by Ilan Brenman will be celebrated in Library storytimes and crafts.

Bogota Public Library (BPL), in partnership with Little Ferry and Ridgefield Park Public Libraries, is a recipient of a grant of \$5,681 to host the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read in all three communities.

An Arts Endowment initiative in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book.

For more information and to find events or book discussions, visit communityread.org ###

## Fish & Chips Take-Out Drive-by October 13

The GFWC Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights will sponsor a TAKE-OUT/ DRIVE-BY Fish and Chips Dinner on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Central Avenue and the Boulevard.

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Dinners will be placed in your trunk/back seat as you drive through the parking lot.

Tickets are \$15 per dinner and can be ordered from Marge at 201-288-8933 or from Pat at 201-288-0495 before October 10. Proceeds will benefit scholarships and other service projects.

The Contemporary Club is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, serving the community one project at a time. For more information about joining, please contact Dorothy at 201-288-6685. ###

## Mum Sale October 3

The Moonachie First Aid & Rescue Squad will be holding its 15th Annual Mum Sale on Saturday, October 3, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 121 Moonachie Avenue, Moonachie, NJ. Beautiful 8" pot size mums in assorted colors will be on sale for \$8 each, 3 for \$15.

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They will deliver larger orders.

There will not be a bake or garage sale this year due to COVID-19.

All proceeds go directly to the Squad for operating expenses. ###

## 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. ###

## VFW Auxiliary 4591 Meets

The Hasbrouck Heights VFW Auxiliary 4591 will hold a regular monthly meeting at their Post on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 7 p.m.

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## Shred-it Event September 26

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The Satellite Recycling drop-off will not be available during this shredding event.

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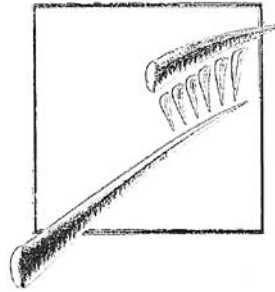
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## Gift Auction November 8 Canceled

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 to benefit Church maintenance fund. ###

## VFW District 2 Annual Picnic Canceled

The VFW District 2 annual picnic with hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausage and peppers, beer, wine and soda, has been canceled. ###

## Rutherford PBA Halloween Foot Pursuit Canceled

The popular Rutherford PBA #300 9th Annual 5K/1 Mile Walk/Run at Memorial Park in Rutherford, has been canceled for 2020. ###

## Annual Taste of Southern Bergen County Canceled

The Woman's Club of Rutherford has canceled their annual "Taste of Southern Bergen County," usually held mid-October, at their historic Clubhouse, 201 Fairview Avenue. ###

## RP PBA 7th Annual Car Show Canceled

The Ridgefield Park PBA Local 86 67th Annual Car Show at 100 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park, was canceled for 2020.

The event was free for spectators. The first 150 registrants received a complimentary 8x10 photo. There were plaques and trophies in 25 different categories. DJ music and food trucks were on hand. A portion of the proceeds benefit the NJSPBA Survivor & Welfare Fund and a Mega 50/50 raffle ticket winner was drawn. Contact Nick D'Alto or Ken Van Saders for more information regarding the 2021 event at 201-641-6400.

See 2019 event on page 22 at: <http://www.the-gazette-newspaper.com/images/gazette/nov19.pdf> ###

## Indoor Fall Flea Market Canceled

The Parish Social Life Committee of Saint Margaret of Cortona Roman Catholic Church, Little Ferry, canceled their Indoor Fall Flea Market usually held late November. For information, call Ellie at 201-641-0883. ###

## Red, White and Blue Dinner Dance Canceled

The Vietnam Veterans of America Red, White, and Blue Dinner Dance to benefit their scholarship fund usually held in November at VFW Post 809 at 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, has been canceled. ###

## HH Town Day Canceled

The Hasbrouck Heights Annual Town Day, usually held late September in Woodland Park, has been canceled.

About 36 town organizations set up displays. Over 2,000 recycled tote bags w/leaf bags were distributed last year.

Typically, over 1,250 hot dogs, two cases of popcorn, 200 cookies and over 100 cases of soda are consumed.

The event was run by Rob Brady of HH Recreation.

See 2019 event on page 20at: <http://www.the-gazette-newspaper.com/images/gazette/nov19.pdf> ###

## Chicken BBQ October 10 Take-out Only

On Saturday, October 10, 2020, Church of the Transfiguration, 135 Hathaway Street, Wallington, will host a Chicken Barbeque from 4 to 6 p.m. Take-out only.

Menu includes 1/2 Barbeque Chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, cake and (coffee, tea, soda). Donation \$12. Reservations required before October 7. Call Edmund at 973-773-4090 or Fr. Senior Gregory at 973-779-4329. ###

## W-R Food Truck Festival Canceled

The Annual Wood-Ridge Food Truck Festival typically held in October on Wesmont Drive, has been canceled. The event has been sponsored by Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council and produced by **Cliffhangar Productions**.

See 2019 event on page 21 at: <http://www.the-gazette-newspaper.com/images/gazette/nov19.pdf> ###

## Zoo Reopens

HACKENSACK, N.J. – The Bergen County Zoo in Van Saun County Park, officially reopened to the general public in time for Labor Day.

The Bergen County Zoo has been closed since March as a measure to reduce high touch scenarios in effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

For entry, face masks must be worn at all times and visitors must purchase tickets in advance for morning or afternoon sessions at [www.BergenCountyZoo.com](http://www.BergenCountyZoo.com).

The Zoo will close daily between 12:30 to 2 p.m. for cleaning. To ride the Train and Carousel, visitors must also purchase tickets in advance online. ###

## BC Parks Reopen

Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco announces that all playgrounds in the Bergen County Parks System reopened on Saturday, August 29, 2020.

Playgrounds reopened with newly installed hand sanitizing dispensers and signage, advising patrons to practice proper hygiene and social distancing protocols from the CDC. The Bergen County Parks System features fifteen playgrounds across the county.

All playgrounds throughout the Bergen County Parks System have been closed since March as a measure to reduce high touch scenarios in effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The Bergen County Parks System spans nearly 9,000 acres and includes a nationally accredited zoo, 6 golf courses, 21 parks, 2 horseback riding areas, an environmental center and 9 historic sites. ###

## Golf Oct. 19

The Meadowlands YMCA will host their 100th Anniversary Charity Golf Outing on October 19, 2020 at the Glen Ridge Country Club.

The day will include food, a round of golf, on course skill games, etc. Foursome is \$1,800. Individual \$450. Sponsorships available.

Register at: [MeadowlandsYMCA.Eventbrite.com](http://MeadowlandsYMCA.Eventbrite.com) For additional information email: [ascully@meadowlandsymca.org](mailto:ascully@meadowlandsymca.org)

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## Rummage Sale Canceled

The Hasbrouck Heights Guild of Reformed Church Women Annual Fall Rummage Sale, typically held in mid-October, has been canceled. For further information, call 201-288-1122. ###

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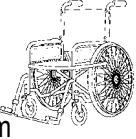
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- Bergenfield: 198 North Washington Ave. (Borough Hall in Rear)
- Demarest: 118 Serpentine Road (Borough Hall)
- Englewood: 2-10 North Van Brunt Street (City Hall)
- Fair Lawn: 8-01 Fair Lawn Avenue (behind Borough Hall)
- Fort Lee: 1355 Inwood Terrace/Anderson Ave. Circular Drive (Fort Lee Community Center)
- Hackensack: One Bergen County Plaza (County Administration Building)
- 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)

The County is currently waiting for delivery of 12 new drop boxes. Once delivered, they will be installed. The drop boxes in Demarest, Fort Lee, Hackensack, Ramsey, Ridgewood and Rutherford were in place for the Primary. 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>. ###

## Zoom Dinner Roast Beef Dinner Canceled

The Bergen Volunteers will host an E-Commemoration of E-ssential Volunteers on October 20, 2020, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., titled "Caring Today. Strengthening Tomorrow."

The "Zoom" event honors the volunteerism that has improved lives and strengthened the community during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Special guest is Mel Robbins. Musical performers are Alyssa Goldman and Quinton Smith. Dinner over Zoom. Raffle tickets available. For more information go to: <https://www.bergenvolunteers.org/caringcorona> or call 201-489-9454. ###

The First Reformed Church in Hasbrouck Heights Annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, typically held the first week in November, has been canceled. ###

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## NJ Gas Tax Increased

Effective October 1, 2020, New Jersey gas tax will increase 9.3 cents per gallon on gasoline and diesel fuel.

The increase is from 30.9 cents to 40.2 cents for gasoline and 34.9 cents to 44.2 cents for diesel.

The increase is to support the NJ Transportation Trust Fund 2016 law signed by Gov. Chris Christie.

The law contains a specific formula to ensure revenues meet a certain target. The petroleum products tax rate must bring in about \$2 billion per year, or \$16 billion over eight years, to support infrastructure improvements on roads and bridges.

If the amount falls short, a new tax rate formula is calculated by the Treasury and Legislature.

Due to COVID-19, consumption declined from March to May, with gasoline 38.7% and diesel by 16.5%.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, NJ drivers pay the 10th highest amount in gas taxes in the country. ###



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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. ###

## MomLife Event October 22

Come celebrate motherhood with our diverse group of mamas and take a virtual break with us!!

Hasbrouck Heights MomLife invites all moms with kids ages 0-11, from any town, to join us this month. Masks are required. No childcare available.

Next event is Thursday, October 22, 2020, from 7 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP by October 19. Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

For more info: [hasbrouckhtsmomlife@gmail.com](mailto:hasbrouckhtsmomlife@gmail.com); 862-239-6677; Fb - Hasbrouck Heights MomLife

Moms from any NJ town are welcome. ###

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- Clean and disinfect often
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## Once in a Blue Moon

**For the first time since World War II, people in all parts of the globe will be able to see the October 31 display.**

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. ###

### Harvest Moon Hunter's Moon

The October full moon appears on Thursday, October 1, 2020, at 5:05 p.m. It is called the "Full Corn Moon."

According to "The Farmer's Almanac," this full moon occurs closest to the autumn equinox. The Harvest Moon usually comes in September, but in some years it occurs in October.

Usually, the full moon rises an average of 50 minutes later each night, but for the few nights around the Harvest Moon, the Moon seems to rise at nearly the same time each night: just 25 to 30 minutes later across the U.S.

At the peak of harvest, farmers can work late into the night by the light of this moon. Corn, pumpkins, squash, beans and wild rice, the chief Indian staples, are now ready for gathering.

Since the moon arrives at apogee (its farthest point from Earth) less than two days later, this will also be smallest full moon of 2020. In terms of apparent size, it will appear about 14 percent smaller than the full Moon of April 7. It was also called the "Full Corn Moon" or "Full Barley 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 second October full moon appears on Saturday, October 31, 2020, at 10:49 p.m. It is called the "Full Hunter's Moon."

According to "The Farmer's Almanac," with the leaves falling and the deer fattened, it is time to hunt.

Since the fields have been reaped, hunters can easily see fox and other animals which have come out to glean and can be caught for a Thanksgiving banquet after the harvest. This is the second time the Moon turns full in a calendar month, so it is also popularly known as a Blue Moon. Full moons occur on average each 29.53 days (the length of the synodic month), or 12.3683 times per year; so months containing two full moons occur on average every 2.72 years, or every 2 years plus 8 or 9 months. Other names for this moon include "Full Travel Moon," and "Full Dying Grass 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. ###

### Thrift Store in Lodi

Hana Mission Thrift Store, located at 36 US Highway 46E in Lodi, has been opened for the past six months. The store is opened every day except Sunday. It has a great deal of 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 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 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. *Provided by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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Come experience the beautiful serenity, peace and comfort for mind, body and soul offered at this Mass of Anointing.

If you have never received this Sacrament before, the Mass of Anointing consists essentially in the placing of hands by the priest and the anointing of the forehead and hands of the person. As the priest is anointing the person, he is asking for the special grace provided by this Sacrament. Face masks and social distancing are required. The Church and Great Hall are handicapped accessible. For additional information, please call MaryJane at 201-939-8576. ###

Many Churches will celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 4, 2020. The feast commemorates the life of St. Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment. It is a popular day for pets to be "blessed."

Many children in the USA bring their pets to the Church to be blessed on St. Francis' feast day because of his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals. So many Churches offer animal blessing services, usually held on or around October 4. The services may include a verbal blessing and holy water and are usually held at a place where different animals can gather.

Blessings may occur indoors or outdoors. Pets may include dogs, cats, fish and birds. Some people choose to bring photos of their pets if it is difficult for their pets to attend

the blessing.

Some Churches ask people to bring animal food or blankets to be donated to a local animal shelter around this time of the year.

This event is not exclusive to Catholic Churches, as some Anglican Churches also have animal blessing services on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi gives many educators, caregivers and animal rights organizations an opportunity to teach children about endangered or abused animals and what can be done to help save these animals. ###

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# Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



## Ghost Train at Gettysburg

October ends with Halloween, the time when ghosts and spirits are reported to abound. A number of reality TV shows have been presented with the general theme of "Gettysburg, the most haunted place in America." There is even a thriving business of ghost tours in that town.

I have been to Gettysburg six times. Three times I have camped on or in the periphery of the battlefield. During these times, I have never seen nor heard anything that could be perceived as otherworldly. Having said that, there is the undisputed fact of the "Ghost Train at Gettysburg."

However, this "Train" was neither supernatural nor ran on any railroad. It was the brainchild of Union General Henry J. Hunt. Henry Hunt was a third-generation army officer and a West Pointer, Class of 1839.

Hunt was a Veteran of the war with Mexico. He was twice breveted to the ranks of captain and major for gallantry in that conflict. Before the Civil War, he was a member of an army board directed to write a manual on the use of artillery.

At the battle of 1st Bull Run, Hunt commanded Battery M of the 2nd U.S. Artillery. This four-gun battery protected the retreating Union Army

from Confederate pursuit. Thus, giving survivors time to gain the safety of the Washington, DC defenses.

General George B. McClellan made Hunt commander of the reserve artillery of the Army of the Potomac. At Malvern Hill, Hunt directed his sixty guns as if they were one battery. The artillery decimated repeated Confederate assaults.

McClellan now appointed Hunt Chief of Artillery, Army of the Potomac and Brevet Brigadier General. With McClellan's approval, Hunt set about streamlining the allocation of the artillery.

The effective use of artillery had been dissipated by distribution down to division level. Guns, needed on one part of the battlefield, often sat idle because division commanders refused to release them.

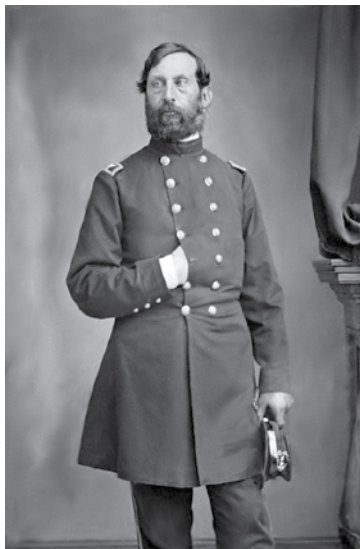
Hunt removed the guns from division level and reduced the batteries at the Corps level to one brigade (5 batteries) of artillery. He created five brigades assigned to the Army Reserve Artillery.

A central command could now send the guns where they were most needed. The effectiveness of this system was borne out, with the Union victory at the Battle of Antietam.

General Ambrose Burnside replaced McClellan. Burnside was, perhaps, one of the most inept generals ever to com-



Battery M, 2nd US Artillery photo from The Library of Congress



Gen. Henry J. Hunt (National Archives)

mand an army. The only saving grace of the Union defeat at the Battle of Fredericksburg, was that the artillery prevented a Confederate counterattack.

Burnside's supply system now broke down. To get the supplies, Hunt had to order in duplicate and even triplicate just to get what was the bare minimum needed.

Burnside was replaced by General Joe Hooker. Hooker,

when he was a Corps commander, did not like the fact that he had lost control of most of his artillery. Now as Commander of the Army of the Potomac, he removed Hunt from field command, making Hunt a staff officer. Hooker undid Hunt's reforms and gave division commanders their artillery back.

Hunt, as a staff officer, continued to order, in excess, more equipment and ammunition, for the artillery.

How did he get his requisitions past army quartermaster and ordinance bean counters? He was aided and abetted by his friend and fellow West Pointer, General Rufus Ingalls, who commanded the ordnance supply depot at Alexandria, Virginia. Hunt started to build up his "Ghost Train" of supply wagons.

One of the major reasons for Hooker's defeat at Chancellorsville was attributed to the poor performance of the artillery. Because of this, Hooker reinstated Hunt and allowed Hunt to restore his reforms.

Hooker was replaced by General George Meade, three

days before the Battle of Gettysburg. By now, Hunt had 60 unauthorized supply wagons in his "Ghost Train."

On the last day of the battle, Lee sent between 12,500 and 13,000 men to assault the Union center. This assault was led by Confederate Generals Pickett, Pettigrew and Trimble (Pickett's Charge).

Only a little over 6,000 men returned. Union artillery accounted for many of those who did not return. As soon as the Confederates fell back, Hunt ordered his "Ghost Train" to come up and resupply the guns.

Hunt's system of control of artillery would be used by the US ARMY on its entry into WW I.

When you visit Gettysburg Battlefield and everyone should, take time to remember what transpired here.

Walk among the monuments and look across the fields. Is that the smoke of many campfires or the morning mist? Is the rustling of dead leaves the tread of a sentry on eternal guard or just the wind? It's your call. ###

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The program included welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, ringing of bell, bagpiper's lament and dismissal.

The memorial monument was built in 2015. ###



**LITTLE FERRY** -- The Little Ferry 9-11 Memorial was moved from the Memorial School to the Shannon Dalton Forde Memorial Field last year, to a newly constructed memorial, with a view of the Freedom Tower across the Hackensack River.

Mayor Mauro D. Raguseo led the brief service. The Mayor and Council placed the wreath. ###



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The event was a drive-up or walk-up contactless delivery.

The starting point was the Church door entrance. Registration was required. Children had to be present to receive age-appropriate supplies.

For more information, [evangel.littleferry@gmail.com](mailto:evangel.littleferry@gmail.com) or go to: [ecc.littleferry.com](http://ecc.littleferry.com) Provided by Evangel Christian Church. ###



Alex Hurtado was there to register a new vehicle at Wallington Motor Vehicle on September 11, 2020. He arrived there at 4:25 a.m., and received a ticket as the 100th person. Alex was called into Motor Vehicle at 10:15 a.m. and returned home by 12 p.m. Photo and story by Patti Bonczkowski. ###



It has been a long time since we watched the Goodyear Blimp slowing flying over Hasbrouck Heights, as it did on September 14, 2020. Photo by Jim Halloran Jr. ###



### W-R Scouts Donate Bucket Truck

Troop 181 has donated a bucket truck to their summer camp, Camp NoBeBoSco in Blairstown, NJ.

The Mayor of Wood-Ridge, Paul Sarlo, and the Borough Council dedicated the truck at a ceremony on August 18, 2020.

Scoutmasters John Johansen and John Marasciulo spent several months (and lots of their own money) fixing up the

truck. The truck will be used to help maintain the campgrounds.

Camp NoBeBoSco has been open since 1927 for the scouts of Bergen County. Hundreds of Scouts from Wood-Ridge have attended this camp, both during summer camp and weekend camping and consider it their home-away-from-home.

They hope that future generations of Scouts from Wood-Ridge will see this truck and be proud to be from a troop that made this donation.

If you have a child interested in joining the Scouts, we are looking for boys and girls in Kindergarten up to 18 years old. Please call or text Barry Goldman at 551-206-7512. Provided by Boy Scout Troop 181. ###



Accepting the generous financial donation and 5,000 medical masks from the Chodae Community Church - at Fort Lee VFW Post 2342. (l-r) Fort Lee VFW Post 2342 Commander Anthony Liono, Pastor Oh of the Chodae Community Church in Norwood and NJ VFW District 2 (Bergen County) Commander Mike Devine. ###

### 5,000 Masks Donated to VFW

On Wednesday August 26, 2020, VFW District 2 (Bergen County) received a monetary donation along with five thousand medical masks from the Chodae Community Church, of Norwood, NJ.

Pastor Oh and the Church Elders presented these donations by continuing to fulfill their commitment made to our organization seventy-years ago.

They have shown their vow to never forget the sacrifices and devotion of our Servicemen and Women, along with the 15 other nations that participated in the defense of South Korea.

Deacon Joseph Choe stated, "By devoting their lives and youth to the Korean War, American soldiers have helped foster the development of Korea. We sincerely thank the

many Veterans for protecting the peace and freedom of Korea."

The donated masks were given to the New Jersey Veterans Home in Paramus to assist the staff in protecting and caring for our Veterans.

These masks are in high demand and the staff was grateful for the donation which enabled them to provide a safe environment to our civil servants who protected the United States and its citizens.

On behalf of District 2 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we would like to express our gratitude to the members of the Chodae Community Church. Your ongoing commitment to our Veterans proves that they are valued, appreciated and important members of our community.

The Korean War started

seventy years ago in 1950. The Veterans of Korea are now entering their late 80's and early 90's. The willingness of America's Veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude. I encourage all of our members to seek out a Korean War Veteran and/or a World War 2 Veteran to spend a little time to listen to their personal stories and honor our countries' history.

Now that the Greatest Generation is getting older, it is the responsibility of all Americans to make sure we do our part for America's seniors. They have earned the best of what America has to offer. It's our duty to make sure they receive the protection and health care they so rightfully deserve.

Provided by Mike Devine, NJ VFW - District 2 Commander. ###

## General Election Voter Registration Deadline Poll Workers Wanted

Hackensack, NJ, August 27, 2020 - Bergen County Superintendent of Elections Patricia DiCostanzo issued a notice that Tuesday, October 13, 2020 is the last day for residents to register to vote for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election in the State of New Jersey.

In order to be eligible to vote, a person must be an American Citizen, be 18 years old on or before November 3, 2020, and be a resident of New Jersey and Bergen County.

Bergen County residents may register to vote at the Office of the Superintendent of Elections, located at One Bergen County Plaza, Room 380, in Hackensack.

In order to meet the needs of residents, this office will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. People may also register at their local municipal clerk's office, hours vary.

In light of the corona virus pandemic and Executive Order No. 177, ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

You may return your postage paid ballot via USPS or bring to one of 18 secured Vote by Mail Drop Boxes located throughout the County.

You may contact the Board of Elections at 201-336-6230 or the Board of Elections website to locate a Drop Box near you.

If you have a disability and need an accessible ballot, please contact 201-336-7020 or you may go to your assigned polling place, which will provide access to an in-person

accessible voting device on General Election Day.

Should you choose not to vote on a Mail-In Ballot and show up to one of the limited number of Polling Places on Election Day in your town only, Provisional Paper Ballots will be available to cast your vote.

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Voters may also return their Vote by Mail in person to their consolidated polling place in their municipality.

Voters will receive a post card notice prior to the election from the Bergen County Clerk which will indicate their consolidated polling place

Superintendent DiCostanzo would like voters, already registered in Bergen County, to be aware of the procedures regarding late address changes within county.

If a voter has moved from one election district to another in the SAME town or has moved to another town in Bergen before November 3, 2020, please notify this office as soon as possible so that a Mail-In Ballot can be sent to you at your current address. If you have any questions, please call 201-336-6110 for assistance.

The Bergen County Superintendent of Elections' office is responsible for Voter Registration and all associated concerns, Issuing Voter Acknowledgement Cards, Maintaining Custody of Voting Machines and Poll Books, as well as other duties relating to the enforcement of elections laws as per NJSA Title 19.

On Tuesday, November 3rd, voters will cast ballots for President of the United States,

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# Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

## A Halloween Tale (Fiction)

"Hey folks, let's have some fun!" It was a pleasant, late October afternoon on the Lodi Hill in the year 1959.

I joined the kids from Westervelt Place who were gathered in the corner store discussing Halloween costumes and who was going to outdo the other.

On the other side of town, my cousin, Maria, was going out as a gypsy. It was an extravagant costume which, like most in those days, was home made. Her kid sister, Lou Ann, was sure bet to win First prize in her Abner Doubleday baseball uniform, handle bar moustache included.

For me and the kids from Westervelt Place it was the tried and true hobo costume. A burnt cork for the scruffy unshaven look. A sack at the end of a broomstick resting on your shoulder, one of your dad's old slouch hats and you were in business.

Anyway, who enters the store but our friends, the three Davis brothers. They gave us a quick hello and walked straight for the counter where Lou, the owner, was cleaning the chopped meat grinder. They began emptying their pockets of nickels, dimes and pennies, mostly pennies.

With that they purchased a few Hershey Bars, two 10 cent bags of potato chips, penny candy and two packages of Hostess Cupcakes, one of which they had to put back due to the lack of funds.

Lou inquired as to where they were going with all that candy, "besides the dentist," he added. The oldest Davis brother told him that they were going to their new found clubhouse.

"Where might that be?", asked Johnny Rannou.

"It's that old farmhouse on top of the Farnham Avenue Hill," replied the oldest.

Lou walked out from behind the counter wiping his hands in his apron.

"Legend has it, said Lou, that a farmer by the name of Harry Ekle was buried alive up there back in the 1800s." Lou went on to tell us that in those days people were sometimes mistaken for dead. Maybe from a coma, heart trouble or even sleeping sickness. Some times the person would wake up just before they closed the coffin door. That's what happened to old man Ekle.

He was lucky enough to wake up just as they were lowering him into the ground. His family told him that if it happened again, they would tie a cowbell to his wrist and place it above ground. If he woke up

he could ring the bell and they'd dig him out.

Sure enough, a year later, it happened again. They waited three full days for a sign of life to no avail. They kept their promise and tied the cowbell to his wrist and fastened it to the above ground grave marker.

Finally, after four days underground, old man Ekle was given up for dead.

They buried him in a shallow grave in the back yard. The entire family decided to attend a community picnic down by the Saddle River. When then they returned that evening, they noticed that the cowbell was on the ground next to the marker.

They dug him up, but it was too late. Old man Ekle died a horrible death. Buried alive.

"They say the place is haunted by Ekle's ghost," continued Lou, "It's been said that the faint strains of the cowbell can still be heard."

The Davis brothers shrugged Lou's story off and headed for the door. The middle brother asked if we were coming along.

"Leave them alone," replied the youngest brother. "They want to stay with their mummies and bake muffins."

We knew that we had two choices, either go or be labeled a chicken for life which was no choice at all. On our way up the hill, we were met by an elderly woman with long, unkempt gray hair. Her crooked mouth gave notice of a gold front tooth, that in the dimness of the autumn sun illuminated the crevices on her face giving her a sinister demeanor. The dog at

her feet was equally grotesque.

"What are you kids doing up here?" she exclaimed.

The oldest brother pointed to the farmhouse, "We're going to our clubhouse," he replied.

"Club house indeed!", she growled, or was it the dog who growled? Either way we were barking up the wrong farmhouse.

"It's not safe in the house," she warned. "Strange things happen up there."

"You mean like the cowbell and old man Ekle's ghost?" asked by cousin Anthony.

"How do you know about that?" she asked in an unsettling tone.

"His father told us," replied by cousin Anthony, pointing at Rocco.

"Well he's right!" she said, "go home and don't come back."

Again the Davis brothers shrugged off her warning and headed for the farmhouse blank faced and scared speechless. We followed.

The old woman knelt down next to her dog and said, "Looks like we're having guests at our house tonight. We know how to get rid of intruders, don't we?"

The house had a bad omen look. It had a sunken porch in front and dreary looking windows. Next to the house was a weather beaten barn with half the roof caved in.

Once inside, they noticed that the kitchen, almost beyond recognition save for what looked like a sink, was riddled in mildew and dust. The other rooms were empty and gloomy to the point of melancholy. It

was a sad place to be in.

There was a top floor, but the missing steps deeded it inaccessible.

No longer threatened by the prospect of ghosts, we sat at the bottom of the staircase next to a half boarded window.

The Davis brothers began passing around the penny candy, keeping the Hershey Bars in the paper bag for their own consumption.

Rocco was first to notice that the sun was beginning to set. The rest of us gave a lazy nod as we munched on our goodies. We were actually starting to enjoy ourselves.

We laughed over the absurdity of ghosts and cowbells. Then we heard it. The faint echo of a cowbell, which seemed to be coming at us from all directions. We jumped to our feet and heard a groan coming from the top of the steps. As we looked into the dimming light, we saw what appeared to be a ghostly apparition looking down at us.

"It's old man Ekle," shouted Rannou. We stormed out of the front door somehow managing to squeeze through at the same time.

As we ran down the hill, I heard the barking of a dog. I turned around only to find the woman with the gold tooth and her dog standing on the front porch. "And don't come back," I heard her yell as we made our way toward the dirt road. We wouldn't!

Hey folks, if you don't believe me, ask my cousin Anthony. *Happy Halloween!*

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# Get the Lead Out

The street was lined. Yellow paint for gas lines. Blue paint for water lines.

Months prior to the project, Suez contacted homeowners about the lead pipes. They reminded homeowners their responsibility of the service line from the curb to the internal plumbing in their home.

Those whose pipes were lead, were encouraged to address the issue. *(It was suggested that most homes had copper piping from the service connection to their home.)* A service line is the pipe that carries water from street main to your home or business.

The portion of the service line that runs from the Suez main to the homeowners property line curb stop is owned by the utility, while the remaining portion that extends from the curb stop into your home/business belongs to the owner.

The Suez contractor field investigated the lead pipe from the curb stop to the Suez main water line.

At each home, the contractor excavated at the curb box, exposing the first few feet of the water's service line. A hole was dug street side from the shut off valve to the main water line. The lead connecting pipe was cut and replaced with copper and a tap valve installed into the Suez main.

New shut off valves with protective casings were installed at each connection.

A hose was connected to the home and water was run for 20 minutes to clear the pipes. Alternately, the home owners were requested to run cold water for at least 15 minutes from each tap.

The hole was filled with stone, tamped down with an asphalt cap.

Typically, the restored area needs four to six weeks to settle before final restoration.

Disturbed areas such as driveways, sidewalks or curbing, landscaping and plants were replaced in-kind. Grass was restored with topsoil, seed and straw mulch.

An on-site independent monitor observed and recorded all work.

Suez recommended flushing your home daily in the morning or when the water sits in the pipe for at least 6 hours for the next six months following the lead service replacement.

This included all faucets used for drinking, cooking, making infant formula or brushing teeth. Flushing could also include taking a shower, washing clothes or dishes, collecting water for gardening or running the faucet.

## How lead gets into your water

Lead does not come from treatment plants and water mains. It comes from lead service lines running between the water main in the street and home and from plumbing inside the home.

Other indoor plumbing pipes and fixtures may contain lead, including solder that cements pipes, brass faucets or iron pipes.

## Lead in drinking water is important

Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

Lead can cause damage to the brain and kidney and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of the body. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with the service line and home plumbing.

Before using any tap water for drinking or cooking, flush your water system by running taps that are used for drinking or cooking on cold for at least 15-30 minutes.

Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formulas. Never use hot water from the faucet for drinking or cooking, especially when making baby formula or food for infants. *(Lead dissolves more easily in hot water.)*

## Showering or bathing

Per the Centers of Disease Control, bathing and showering should be safe for you and your children, even if the water contains over the EPA action level. Human skin does not absorb lead found in water.

## Lead service lines

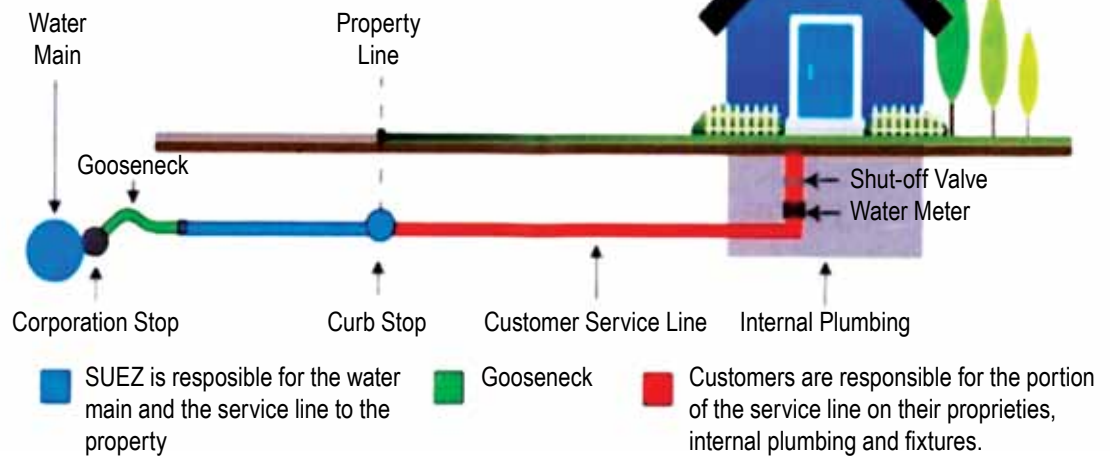
Lead service lines are generally a dull gray color and very soft. Carefully scratch with a key. If lead, the scratched area will turn bright silver color.

For more information go to: [www.mysuezwater.com/lead](http://www.mysuezwater.com/lead) and [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)

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## Water Service Line Responsibilities

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## W-R Honors Friars

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge proclaimed Sunday, September 13, 2020, as "Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province Day."

They celebrated the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province who have faithfully served the Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady

and the Wood-Ridge community since 1926.

The mission of the Friars is to embody the universality of the Catholic Church by nurturing faith and service to all.

The proclamation celebrated the memory of Assumption

School, founded by the Franciscan Friars ... a beloved institution that educated generations of families in the community from 1938 until 2010.

The proclamation honored the Franciscan Friars for their 94 years of loving and humble

service and in the anticipation of the everlasting impact and traditions of service that will continue in the community long after their departure.

*Photo provided by the Borough of Wood-Ridge. ###*



## Wood-Ridge Youth Embrace Media Ministry at Their Church

The threat of the dangers caused by the Corona virus across the nation and across the world, has changed the way everyone lives from day to day. Many Churches first had to close their doors to all and later limit the number of people that could be in their Church at one time. Parishioners have had to alter their worship practices.

Because of this, many Churches have begun to livestream their services. Livestream, a new term, is to broadcast an event on the internet while it is happening.

The Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, in Wood-Ridge, created a new ministry, "The Media Ministry."

The volunteers, who joined this ministry, were committed to keeping the live streaming of Masses available to all who are unable to be in Church. They worked with Gabe Valle, Director of Music Ministry, who provided the training for this

ministry. The tasks for the volunteers are to stream selected masses, operate the camera from the loft, help design live feed and operate the computer during the selected masses.

Three Wood-Ridge teenagers have volunteered to help serve their Church in this ministry. Alison Gardella, 14, Nicole Kikkert, 16 and Julia Brzeski, 16, have decided to take over the media ministry.

With their help, the stream is reaching far and beyond Bergen County and even into Mexico and Puerto Rico. They stream masses every weekend and even help stream funeral masses so that family, who are restricted from travel, can take part in the service.

The three girls normally sing with the Assumption Youth Choir, but with COVID restrictions, group singing is no longer allowed.

Because of them, we can take the time to look at the bright light coming from the youth within our community. These young women are the future of the Church, our community and the nation. They bring hope to all the parishioners of the Assumption Church and beyond.

The live streams can be viewed on the Facebook page of Assumption Church every Sunday @10 a.m. Come by and drop in anytime! *Provided by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

## Farewell Franciscan Friars

For ninety-four years the Franciscan Friars from the Holy Name Province have ministered to the religious needs of residents of Wood-Ridge. During that time, 14 pastors, along with 36 priests, have joyfully brought the Gospel message to all.

Through the efforts of the Franciscan Friars, the first Catholic Church in Wood-Ridge, the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, was built in 1926. A convent and a school were built in 1938. Years later, realizing the need for a newer Church, a drive to raise funds made it possible for the building of the present Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in 1958.

But time has its tolls and

with declining enrollment in their school, it had to be closed. Likewise, there was also a decline of men entering the priesthood. This forced the Holy Name Providence to withdraw from many Franciscan Parishes and turn the ministerial responsibilities and administrative operations of these parishes to their respective dioceses.

In January 2020, the announcement was made that the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption was one of the Churches to be turned over to their dioceses. On September 1, 2020, the Archdiocese of Newark took over the religious and operational responsibilities of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption.

The mission of Franciscan

Friars assigned to the Wood-Ridge Church will always remain with their parishioners, that being simply that "God loves each of us totally and unconditionally."

The Friars have always demonstrated their love for the Catholic Church and its teachings; their interest in serving people; their respect for all; their friendship; sincerity and willingness to help those in need. Each of them has had an impact on the parishioners of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption. They will be missed. For this we say to Fathers Richard, Paul and Bob, "Thank you and peace be with you." *Provided by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

## New Pastor Ready and Willing to Serve his Parishioners

Reverend Ronnie Parichial became the new pastor at the Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady in Wood-Ridge on September 1, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic very few parishioners have had a chance to meet him. To start off with, he was born in the Philippines in 1969 and prefers to be called "Father Ronnie" or "Father Ron."

His parents had three sons. Father Ron is the oldest. One of his brothers also became a priest. His mother is still living. While in the Philippines, he attended a parochial high school and was a graduate from the Notre Dame University, also in the Philippines.

Ordained a priest on June 1, 1995, Father Ron was then sent to Rome where he studied moral theology for three years then became a professor and



taught at a seminary there for four years. He was the Pastoral Director after he studied in Rome. When he returned to the United States, he was assigned at three Churches in New Jersey, St. Margaret's Church, the Blessed Sacrament Church and his last assignment, St. Genevieve Church in Elizabeth.

Father Ron was the Parochial Vicar at St. Genevieve Church. A "Parochial Vicar" is the term now used in place of "Associate Pastor." The title will be given to Reverend Maciel Zajac "Father MJ" when he joins Father Ron at the Assumption Church.

Father Ron loves to play tennis, basketball and ping pong. He roots for the Nets, Yankees and Giants. He prays that he will be welcomed by all and be a respected spiritual leader to his parishioners.

A quotable quote made by Alfred Lord Tennyson, sums it up, "The old order changeth yielding place to new and God fulfills himself in many ways." *Provided by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal.

You who gave me the gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me, I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. thank you for your mercy toward me and mine.

The person must say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. N.M. ###

## Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



### Dealing with Divorce in Real Estate

Faced with a new emotional and financial reality, divorcing couples have to make a host of difficult decisions before they can move on with their lives.

After thinking about the kids – priority #1 – comes the task of figuring out what to do with the house. And although one or both spouses may want to keep the home, the practicality of that happening is frequently not possible. Which leads many divorcing couples into what may be their only option: to put their home on the market and sell it.

Talk about stress! According to some mental health experts who categorize taxing life situations, divorce - as a stressful life event - is rated second; and moving from the family home is classed among the top 30. Combine them and you might well imagine the extent of the couples' trauma and pain.

There are, however, some benefits to selling the house in the midst of the divorce process, both financial and personal.

The profit gained from the sale of the home might provide each spouse with a solid foundation to start anew. Selling the marital home and eliminating that shared investment can also help to provide closure in a legal and emotional aspect.

Choosing to sell before the divorce is finalized can also help provide each party with the means to deal with other financial responsibilities and debts.

Before selling, though, it's essential to consider the many choices and responsibilities that will inevitably come up.

Some homes may require maintenance or updating before they are ready to sell, which takes money, time, and requires some decision-making from the soon-to-be ex-partners.

Thoughtful preparation should include discussing priorities with the divorce attorneys and making sure to check in with the lawyers before any final decisions are made.

But - like with any home sale - a critical first step is also to find an agent that will be effective in selling the home.

Best of all is to find someone who specializes in working with separating couples, a situation that, as you can imagine, presents many unique

challenges.

Joan Sentipal in our office, has had numerous instances in her 30+ real estate career, serving divorcing couples.

In Joan's assessment, what's most needed early on, is the realization that the real estate agent for such cases must double as a mediator.

"People going through a divorce require a lot of understanding and empathy," she says. "And that's because they're often filled with mistrust, fear, and anger."

Indeed, finding an agent that both spouses can trust and feel comfortable would seem to be critically important.

As the process goes on, neither party must feel that the agent is on the other person's 'side.' "It's more the soft skills than the technical skills that are required," she explains. "You must be able to deal with high emotionally charged conversations. You must have the ability to be diplomatic."

Even in best-case scenarios, where the divorce is completely amicable, it's essential to have an agent that understands the particular communication challenges of this situation.

Joan gives an example: Normally, an agent can tell one partner there's a planned open house on Saturday from 1-3 p.m. and expect them to relay that to the rest of the family. In a divorce, the agent has to realize that couples aren't communicating reliably.

"In a divorce situation, generally every single communication needs to be doubled," she says. "Every text message, every email, every phone call, every voicemail, you have to make sure those communications are replicated so one partner doesn't feel like they're in the dark."

One spouse feeling alienated from the process, or having the sense that conversations are happening behind their back, can make the entire sale a more fraught experience, creating unnecessary drama and hurt feelings.

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# Halloween Safety

Halloween is a cherished tradition, but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful.

There is no real "trick" to making Halloween a real "treat" for the entire family.

The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian/car crashes.

Both children and adults need to think about safety on this annual day of make-believe.

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department passes along these safety suggestions for a safe Halloween.

## Parental Tips

- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing.
- Do not use open flame candles in jack-o-lanterns. Commercially available battery lights are much safer and do not pose a fire hazard.
- Parents should never let their children carve a pumpkin unsupervised.
- Do not hand out homemade or unwrapped candies to children.
- Parents should plan a route for their child to use while trick-or-treating and set an early return time for them.
- To welcome trick-or-treaters, switch on your porch lights or any exterior lights.

## Trick or Treat Tips

- Do not go inside anyone's house. Remain on the stoop or porch at all times.
- Do not go into a stranger's automobile.
- Walk, do not run, from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain

can present tripping hazards.

- Do not take shortcuts through backyards, alleys, or parks.
- When crossing the street look both ways. Do not cross between cars.
- Always use the sidewalk.
- Trick-or-treat on well-lit streets within your neighborhood.
- Children should always travel in a group.
- Use the buddy system, and make sure you have at least one buddy with you the entire evening.
- When you return home, have an adult examine and discard all candies that are not factory sealed or wrapped by the candy manufacturer. Never eat homemade or unwrapped treats.
- Children should carry spare change or cell phone in case of an emergency or if they need to call home.

## Costume Tips

- Only purchase and use flame retardant costumes.
- Children should wear white, reflective clothing, or use reflective tape and carry either a flashlight or glow stick.
- Costumes should fit properly; avoid loose or baggy costumes.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. *(Falls are the leading cause of injuries on Halloween.)*
- If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retro-reflective tape should be used to make children visible.
- Avoid any type of open flame while wearing a costume.
- Encourage children to wear face paint as opposed

to a mask. Face paint should be non-toxic and meet FDA standards.

- If a mask is worn, make sure that the eye, mouth and nose openings are large enough to ensure adequate breathing and full range of vision.
- Materials made of 100% polyester or modacrylics are best for making homemade costumes. They are less flammable. 100% polyester and modacrylics may be purchased at most local fabric stores.
- **REMEMBER** – A flame-retardant costume does not mean that it is fire proof. Always keep your costume away from any type of open flame or other heat sources.

## Accessories

- Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.
- Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly.

## Motorists

- The Wood-Ridge Police Department Traffic Bureau urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween.
- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing. ###

## Ragamuffin Parades

### East Rutherford

The Annual East Rutherford Halloween Party has been canceled. ###

### Hasbrouck Heights

The Annual Hasbrouck Heights Ragamuffin Parade and Munchkin Mash is unknown at press time. Contact Borough Clerk for details at 201-288-0195. ###

### Lodi

The Annual Halloween Trunk & Treat event information is unknown at press time. Check Lodi Recreation website for details. ###

### Moonachie

The Moonachie Ragamuffin Parade is unknown at press time. Contact Borough Clerk for details at 201-641-1813 x1. ###

### Little Ferry

The Annual Rag-A-Muffin Halloween Parade sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary and Post 809 in Little Ferry has been canceled. ###

### Rutherford

The Annual Halloween Parade has been canceled. ###

### Wood-Ridge

The Wood-Ridge Ragamuffin Parade is unknown at press time. The Trunk & Treat event is unknown at press time. Check web-site for details. ###

## Annual Boulevard Window Painting Contest Canceled

The Annual Window Painting Contest held on The Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights has been canceled for 2020.

Last year, area residents strolled The Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights during late October. Local businesses, in conjunction with the three grammar school PTAs, sponsored this Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest.

During mid-October almost 400 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students painted a Halloween-themed illustration on a space provided by Boulevard businesses. Graphics were judged upon originality and artistic expression.

Winners from each Grade received 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Ribbons. All the window painting participants received ribbons.

Event is sponsored by **Bill O'Shea's Florist**, in cooperation with the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce, Home School Association (*Corpus Christi*), and Lincoln and Euclid PTAs.

See 2019 event on page 17 at: <http://www.the-gazette-newspaper.com/images/gazette/nov19.pdf> ###

*The Village Halloween Parade in New York City is the largest Halloween parade in the United States. The parade includes 50,000 participants and draws over 2 million spectators.*

## Carved Pumpkins

Are your children begging to carve pumpkins? Make Halloween safety a family affair.

- Decorate with markers or paint. Let young children draw faces on pumpkins with washable markers or child-friendly paint. Leave any carving to an adult.
- Consider using a flashlight or glow stick instead of a candle to light your pumpkin. If you do use a candle, a votive candle is safest.
- Candlelit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table, away from curtains and other flammable objects, and should never be left unattended. ###

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## Smile for Halloween

As children, we can all remember the advice from our parents, “don’t take candy from strangers.” Except, the reality is that on one day per year children are encouraged and permitted to seek and ask for as much candy from others regardless if they know them.

Parents can help ensure the safety of their little costumed trick or treaters by celebrating within their costumes at a party or other group function. A controlled environment may mitigate some of the risk when trick or treating to strangers.

Another risk from the Halloween treats is the effect on the teeth. Sugary treats can cause cavities in teeth and result in pain, infections, and tooth loss. Proper brushing and flossing can reduce the effects of sugar on teeth. Some treats are better and some are worse as listed below.

### Better

1. Sugar-free lollipops and hard candies: These treats stimulate saliva, which prevents dry mouth. A dry mouth allows plaque to build up on teeth faster, leading to an increased risk of cavities.

2. Sugar-free gum: Chewing gum can actually prevent cavities, not only because it helps to dislodge food particles from the teeth, but also because it increases saliva. Saliva works to neutralize the acids of the mouth and prevent tooth decay.

3. Dark Chocolates: Chocolates are loaded with sugar, but studies have shown that antioxidants in dark chocolate can be good for the heart and may even lower blood pressure. Just be sure to eat it in moderation.

### Worse

1. Sugary snacks: Candy corn, cookies, and cake all contain a high amount of sugar which can cause tooth decay.

2. Chewy/ sticky sweets: Gummy candies, taffy, and even dried fruit can be difficult for children and adults to resist, but they are a serious source of tooth decay, particularly when they get stuck in the crevices between teeth and make it nearly impossible for saliva to wash away.

3. Sour candies: High acid levels in these treats can break down tooth enamel quickly. Saliva slowly restores the natural balance of the acid in the mouth.

Be certain to brush and floss after consuming any of the sugary treats. Your dentist may offer other strategies to reduce the risk of tooth decay.

Ref: Academy of General Dentistry 2014

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## Healthy Halloween:

• A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.

• Consider purchasing non-food treats for those who visit your home, such as coloring books or pens and pencils.

• Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.

• Try to ration treats for the days following Halloween.

## LF Pumpkin Pick October 17

The Little Ferry Pumpkin Pick will be residents picking up a pumpkin and a goodie bag. Date: Saturday, October 17, 2020, time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Place: Willow Lake Park (Main & Pickens Street).

In case of inclement weather, the event will be relocated to the First Aid Building at 95 Main Street. For more information, call 201-641-9234 ext. 650. Sponsored by the Borough of Little Ferry. ###

## Halloween In The Park Canceled

Typically, Woodland Park in Hasbrouck Heights is invaded by ghosts, goblins, aliens and assorted scary characters mid-October.

Last year, over 600 participated in this event. Every 15 minutes, two hayride trailers took turns collecting riders at the Harrison Avenue end of the pavilion and went around to the back section of the park where they were frightened by a variety of terrifying citizens of the night.

Youngsters signed up for the earlier time slots as the fright stations were less scary.

After the horrific experience ride, they escaped at the Roosevelt Avenue end of the pavilion — where they were treated to cider and cookies. The event was sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Recreation Department. For more information call 201-288-4143.

See 2019 event on page 16 at: <http://www.the-gazette-newspaper.com/images/gazette/nov19.pdf> ###

•Candy corn has been made with the same recipe by the Jelly Belly Candy Company since around 1900.

•What's in that recipe, exactly? Sugar, corn syrup, and marshmallow.

## Halloween Trivia

### Candy apple

Because the holiday comes in the wake of the annual apple harvest, candy apples (*known as toffee apples outside North America*), caramel or taffy apples are common Halloween treats made by rolling whole apples in a sticky sugar syrup, sometimes followed by rolling them in nuts. ###

### Trick-or-Treat Adult Tidbits

• Four-in-ten (41%) adults admit that they sneak sweets from their own candy bowl.

• 62% of adults will be handing out candy because "it's a personal favorite" or it's a household tradition (55%)

• 43% of grown-up celebrants cite costumes as one of the most indispensable parts of the holiday.

• 90% of parents admit to sneaking goodies from their kids' Halloween trick-or-treat bags. ###

### Monster Trivia

• Signs of a werewolf are a unibrow, hair palms, tattoos, and a long middle finger.

• Vampires are mythical beings who defy death by sucking the blood of humans.

• In 1962, The Count Dracula Society was founded by Dr. Donald A. Reed.

• To this day, there are vampire clubs and societies with people claiming to be real vampires. ###

### Facebook Live Event - "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"

The Carlstadt Library will welcome master storyteller, Jonathan Kruk on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 7 p.m., for a dramatic retelling of Washington Irving's classic "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" on the Carlstadt Library's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/carlstadtlibrary/>

Get into the spirit of the Halloween season and see why Jonathan Kruk was selected the Best Storyteller in the Hudson Valley. Recommended for audiences ages ten to adult. ###



## The Great Pumpkin Delivers

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• The pumpkin originated in Mexico about 9,000 years ago. It is one of America's oldest known vegetables. Pumpkins generally weigh from 15-to-30 pounds, although some weigh as much as 200 pounds.

• The majority of pumpkins are orange, but they also can be white or yellow. They are rich in vitamin A, beta-carotene and potassium, and their seeds provide protein and iron.

• The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.

• Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.

In Ireland, oversized rutabagas, turnips and potatoes were hollowed-out, carved into faces and illuminated with candles to be used as lanterns during Halloween celebrations.

• Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.

• The celebration of Halloween started in the United States as an autumn harvest festival. In pioneer days, some Americans celebrated Halloween with corn-popping parties, taffy pulls and hayrides.

• Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.

• Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.

• Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1.

• Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.

• Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.

• Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.

• Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.

• The word "witch" comes from the Old Saxon word "wica", meaning "wise one." The earliest witches were respected dealers in charms and medicinal herbs and tellers of fortunes.

• The common little brown bat of North America has the longest life span for a mammal it's size, with a life span averaging 32 years. ###

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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 10am, 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

### 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. ###

### Carlstadt Public Library

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

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.

Call 201-438-8866 to schedule a visit or to arrange for curbside pick-up.

• The Carlstadt Library will host a virtual book club on Wednesday, October 14, at 7 p.m. This month's selection is "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett.

At the end of the Second World War, Cyril Conroy combines luck and a single canny investment to begin an enormous real-estate empire, propelling the family from poverty to enormous wealth.

Please e-mail rebecca.spero@carlstadt.bccls.org A Zoom access code will be e-mailed prior to the program.

• "Behind the Scenes" - Virtual Movie Discussion Group on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 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 "The Kindness of Strangers." This film can be viewed for free using either of two film streaming services available: Hoopla Digital and Kanopy. Call 201-438-8866 for details. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed prior to the program. ###

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**Carlstadt Library**, 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072. 201-438-8866, Handicap accessible. [carlstadt.bccls.org](http://carlstadt.bccls.org)

**East Rutherford Memorial Library**, 143 Boiling Springs Avenue, East Rutherford, NJ 07073. 201-939-1231, <http://eastrutherford.bccls.org/>

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

**Little Ferry Public Library**, 239 Liberty Street, NJ 07643. 201-641-3721. [littleferrybccls.org](http://littleferrybccls.org)

**Ridgefield Park Public Library**, 107 Cedar Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660. 201-641-0689. <https://www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org/>

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

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

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

**John F. Kennedy Memorial Library**, 92 Hathaway Street, Wallington, 07057. 973-471-1692. [wallington.bccls.org](http://wallington.bccls.org) offers free programs and events for children, teens, and adults!

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## Fire Prevention Week October 4-10, 2020 Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 95 years, has announced "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2020.

According to Hasbrouck Hasbrouck Heights Fire Chief David Gumbrecht, "NFPA's focus on cooking fire safety comes in response to home cooking fires representing the leading cause of U.S. home fires, with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment; unattended cooking is the leading cause of these fires."

Wood-Ridge Fire Chief Michael Cribben said, "Cooking continues to be a major contributor to the home fire problem."

Moonachie Fire Chief Justin Derevyaniuk added, "The good news is that the vast majority of these fires are highly preventable."

Little Ferry Fire Chief Marty A. Loesner commented, "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign works to better educate the public about where potential cooking hazards exist and basic but critical ways to

prevent them."

Lodi Fire Chief Steve Cassiello added that this year's focus on cooking safety is particularly timely. "As the public may continue to avoid restaurants for some time and opt instead to do more cooking and entertaining at home, the potential for home cooking fires will likely increase as well."

South Hackensack Fire Chief Carmine Maceri noted that key messages around this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" will include the following:

Carlstadt Fire Chief Tony D'Amico emphasized, "Keep a close eye on what you're cooking; never leave cooking unattended."

Wallington Fire Chief Bob Ventura added, "Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — at least three feet away from your stovetop."

East Rutherford Fire Chief Kevin Felten stated, "Be on alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop."

For more information about

Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen," along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit [fpw.org](http://fpw.org)" said Rutherford Fire Chief Rob Van Winkle.

Mutual Aid Fire Chiefs stated, "As we continue to navigate the evolving situation with COVID-19, NFPA remains committed to supporting you with the resources you need to minimize risk and help prevent loss, injuries, and death from fire, electrical, and other hazards."

Ridgefield Park Fire Chief John Antola Jr. said, "NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation declaring a national observance during that week every year since 1925."

Visit [www.fireprevention-week.org](http://www.fireprevention-week.org) for more safety information. ###

## Annual W-R Fire Engine Rides Canceled

The Seventh Annual Wood-Ridge Fire Department Fire Engine Rides, typically held in October, at the Wood-Ridge Firehouse at 85 Humboldt Street, have been canceled.

This exciting event featured children, ages 3-13, treated to donuts and apple cider, a short film on fire prevention and then a ride around town inside of an actual fire truck! The Bergen County Fire Prevention trailer was usually on-site so that children could experience a "smoke-filled" environment.

For more information, call Councilman Ezio Altamura at 201-531-0259.

See 2019 event on page 34 of this link: <http://www.the-gazette-newspaper.com/images/gazette/nov19.pdf> ###

## WRFD Inspection October 3

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department will hold their Annual Inspection, 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, October 3, 2020.

The Department will be in full dress uniform. The equipment and Fire Headquarters will be presented for inspection. Department personnel will be available to answer any questions. The event is attended by local officials as well as Fire Chiefs from area towns. The public is invited to attend. ###

## HHFD Open House Canceled

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Open House, usually held in late October at Fire Headquarters and featuring Fire Prevention information and fire equipment demonstrations, has been canceled due to COVID-19. ###

## All You Can Eat Breakfast Canceled

The Annual Wood-Ridge Fire Department "All You Can Eat" breakfast, typically held late October, has been canceled due to COVID-19 and social distancing. The Department hopes to see you next year. ###

## HHFD Fund Drive

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department begins their annual fund drive by delivering their appeal letters to each household starting Sunday, September 27, 2020, and for up to 3 days afterwards. Please mail your donation by sending a check (*no cash*), in the enclosed return envelope. Residents not receiving an appeal letter may send their contribution to HHFD, P. O. Box 492, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. This is the Department's only fund drive. ###

The Carlstadt Fire Department suggests that you periodically check your carbon monoxide and smoke detector batteries.

## Chimney Safety Tips

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

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned on a regular basis.
- When possible, burn seasoned woods (*dryness of the wood is more important than hard wood versus soft wood*).
- Smaller, hotter fires will

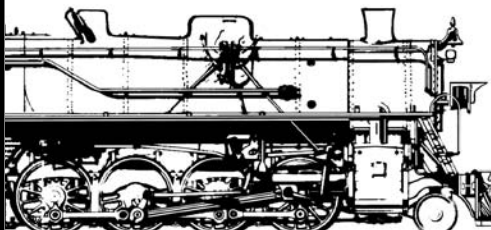

burn more completely and produce less smoke than larger fires.

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## LFFD Inspection/Memorial

The Little Ferry Fire Department held their Annual Inspection and Memorial Service on Saturday, September 12, 2020. This year's outdoor event took place at Little Ferry Firemen's Monument Plaza, located center-of-town, at the crossroads of Kavrik Street & Marshall Avenue.

Following a proud tradition, the LFFD Honor Guard presented the colors as Firefighters stood in line formation. The program began with the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. The invocation was delivered by Hose Co. #1 Ladies Auxiliary President Donna Kral. Fire Chief Marty A. Loesner welcomed Department members and guests, in-

troduced the 2020 Fire Officers and recognized retired LFFD Life Members who had served in the Department for 25 Years or more. Membership Certificates & Service Year Awards were presented to a number of active members for their years of dedication and service.

Deputy Chief Robert Cordasco read the "LFFD Honor Roll" of departed members, which was followed by the sounding of the Firemen's "Third Alarm," playing of Taps and concluded with a Departmental hand salute. Memorial wreaths were placed at the Firemen's Monument in memory of LFFD's deceased firemen and Ladies Auxiliary members.

Battalion Chief Steven

P. Iurato performed a membership roll call which was followed by an inspection of assembled firefighters and the Fire Department's apparatus. Little Ferry Mayor Mauro Raguseo and Fire Commissioner Ronald Anzalone, provided inspection remarks. Board of Fire Officers Secretary, Brian Busico, gave the closing prayer. The program was concluded with the playing of "God Bless America."

Chief Loesner thanked all who support the LFFD and gave special thanks to the members' families who make sacrifices which allow members to be firefighters. *Provided by Brian Busico. ###*



*Inspecting an operational 1922 American LaFrance Firetruck, originally purchased by the Borough. It was damaged during Superstorm Sandy and recently repaired. ###*

# WRFD Responds to House Fire

On Sunday, August 16, 2020 at about 02:30 hours, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department was dispatched to Wood-Ridge Avenue for a reported fire.

Fire Chief Cribben arrived on scene and observed smoke and fire coming from the home.

Wood-Ridge companies arrived on scene and initiated an aggressive attack to contain and extinguish the fire.

A neighboring home and vehicle suffered heat damage. The cause of the fire is under investigation by FO Cauceglia and the WRPD. Two firefighters were transported to the hospital with injuries. All WR units were back in service at 06:00 hours.

Mutual Aid departments who assisted either on the scene or provided station coverage were: Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, Carlstadt Fire Department, Carlstadt EMS, Moonachie Fire Department, Moonachie First Aid & Rescue, Wallington Fire Department, Little Ferry Fire Department, Lodi Fire Department, Rutherford Fire Department, East Rutherford Fire Department, Garfield Fire Department, Secaucus Fire De-

partment, Elmwood Park Fire Department, North Arlington EMS, Hackensack Fire Department Mask Service Unit, Hackensack Meridian Health EMS and Hackensack Meridian Health Paramedics. *Photos by Damien Danis. ###*



Mutual Aid Response: Wood-Ridge garage/house fire December 23, 2010. Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr.

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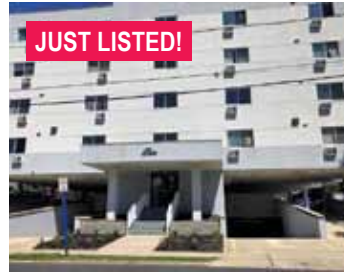
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