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Moonachie held a Summer Party on Saturday, August 7, 2021. Plenty of food, water rides, ballooning and DJ music. See photos on page 11.

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Splashing in the water. Playing on the beach. Leisurely strolls on the boardwalk. Long drives in the country. A walk in the woods. Exploring. Riding our bikes forever. Sitting under the shade tree for hours watching the clouds drift by. Picnics of hot dogs, cheeseburgers and corn-on-the-cob. Ice cold lemonade and ice cream. Staying up late, chasing fireflies, watching the moon slowly rising; gazing at the stars. *Look -- a shooting star!* To stop our hectic world and ponder childhood memories as though it were yesterday. Oh, those glorious, carefree days of endless summer enchantment.

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Scouts Renovate Lodi Gazebo

On June 12, 2021, Sahil Voona, a Boy Scout from Troop 17 of Hasbrouck Heights, renovated a gazebo at the George Warchol Community Park in Lodi. The improvements to the park include power-washing the pathways, installing new flower baskets to the railings of the gazebo, planting plants around the gazebo, installing solar lights on the gazebo and the pathways, and installing memorial stones dedicated to the frontline workers and Veterans.

Many of Sahil's friends, along with fellow Scouts from Troop 17, contributed to the project which led to its successful completion. The Lodi Mayor, Scott A. Luna, visited the project and really appreciated how the Scouts from Troop 17 were working to improve the community.

Sahil appreciates the opportunity to work with the Borough of Lodi and working on a project to help the community he has lived in all of his life. *Provided by Mario Fanego. ###*



Cadettes Plant Critter Friendly Garden

On Friday, July 30, 2021, the Wood-Ridge Cadette Girl Scout Troop 95524 Going for Silver by planting a garden behind the Historical Bianchi House, 111 First Street, Wood Ridge.

The GS Silver Award is the highest honor a Cadette Girl Scout can achieve. Girls may work in a group of up to four to focus on, explore and attend to an issue they care about. The aim is to make a difference, while gaining confidence and learning skills to last a lifetime.

The GS from Troop 95524 focused on the issue of the abundance of animals appearing in our backyards, animals they had never seen before i.e., deer, rabbits, chipmunks; we have even had a bear visit. Although the girls are unable to create a shelter for so many, they opted to create a critter

friendly garden that will attract and sustain small animals, butterflies, bees and birds. The garden was planted this summer, the girls have already made several trips to clip and refresh the flowers. They plan to accent the garden with some fall mums and maintain it into the winter. In spring the garden will be a Girl Scout learning garden passed on to future GS to tend and maintain.

The garden was paid for by the Girl Scouts, who are entrepreneurs. They sell nuts and magazines in the fall and, of course, their World Famous Cookies in the spring. Their earnings have covered most of the costs for the garden. Several donations of plants were received from friends and neighbors, as well as a donation from the W-R PBA. *Provided by Sandra O'Byrne. ###*



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Dinner Dance
Benefits Nurses'
Scholarship
September 10

Continuing a tradition of almost 70 years, the Bergen County American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary are hosting the annual George F. Axt Memorial Fund Dinner to benefit scholarships awarded to nursing school applicants, on Friday, September 10, 2021, at Joseph M. Lane American Legion Post 136 in Lodi.

Reservations are \$15 each and include dinner, coffee and dessert. Dance music will be provided by a DJ.

Checks may be made payable to "BCAL," with "George F. Axt Memorial Fund" referenced in the memo portion of the check. Mail to: Vincent Martorano, BCAL Finance Officer, 83 Hook Mountain Road, Montville, NJ 07045-9619. Additional info: 201-264-4622 or email alaunit136lodinj@gmail.com.

A life member of The American Legion, George F. Axt belonged to American Legion Post 78 in Englewood and served as Bergen County Commander in 1952. While serving as County Commander, he originated the "Bergen County Legion & Auxiliary Fund" to raise money for nursing school scholarships. Upon his death, the name of the fund was changed to the "George F. Axt Memorial Fund" in his honor. ###

Pocketbook
Bingo Oct. 15

On Friday, October 15, 2021, at 7 p.m., the Woman's Club of Rutherford will host Pocketbook Bingo at their Carriage House, 201 Fairview Avenue, Rutherford, NJ. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Designer pocketbooks include Coach, Michael Kors and Tory Burch.

Tickets are \$30 and include 10 games of Bingo with four boards per game. Extra game sheets and daubers will be available for purchase.

Dessert and coffee/tea will be served. There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50.

There are a limited number of tickets and must be purchased in advance. Call Sue at 201-893-6866 or Kathy at 201-933-7597 for tickets and additional information.

No one under 21 will be admitted. Attendees must adhere to current NJ Covid-19 guidelines. ###

September Birthstone
Sapphire

Art Association
of Rutherford

After a long hiatus, the Art Association of Rutherford will be having its meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at the Tamblin Civic Center, 30 Woodland Avenue, Rutherford, NJ.

We will be having a demo on pouring colors from one of our favorite artists, John Zollo. He will teach a variety of techniques to create abstract paintings easily.

All are welcome! We ask a \$3 non-mandatory donation from non-members to defray costs.

Also, the Art Association of Rutherford will be attending the Rutherford Labor Day Street Fair on September 6. Drop by and view all the art of the members, and learn about our Club!

Hope to see you there! Contact Lissanne at lissanneart@gmail.com for more information. ###

Wallington HS
Academic
Hall of Fame

Wallington High School announced the newest inductees to the Wallington Jr/Sr High School Academic Hall of Fame. The induction class in 2021 will include: Dominick Ventura Jr., Class of 1971; Judy Smagula Farah, Class of 1973; Edgar Brown, Class of 1982; Michael Hughes, Class of 1985; Dr. George Stoupakis, Class of 1989; Carmello Imbruglia, Class of 1991; Stacie Bobal, Class of 2000; Matthew Slominski, Class of 2003; Joanna (Slusarz) Debski, Class of 2004, and Joseph C. Smith, Contributor.

The careers of our 10 inductees span the worlds of finance, publishing and editing, public works/engineering, medicine, the arts, law, and public service. The inductees were selected based on a combination of their successes at Wallington Jr/Sr High School, their post-secondary school records of achievement, career achievements/recognitions, and their service to their profession and/or community.

There will be an induction ceremony held at the Il Villaggio Restaurant/Caterer in Carlstadt, NJ on October 7, 2021 at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in attending this ceremony should contact Ms. Kim Weinberg at 973-777-0808 ext 118 or by email at Weinberg@wboe.org. Tickets are \$90 per person, and the deadline for reservations is September 15, 2021. *Provided by Dr. James J. Albro.* ###

Yield to Pedestrians



Remember to
Fly Your Flag
September
on 11th

**September 11th
Remembrance
Services**

- **Carlstadt** will hold a service on September 11 at noon at the Village Green Park.
- **East Rutherford** will hold a service on September 11. Details to be announced.
- **Hasbrouck Heights** will hold a service. Details to be announced.
- **Little Ferry** will hold a wreath laying ceremony service on Friday, September 10, at 9 a.m. at the Shannon Dalton Forde Field at the end of Mehrhof Road.
- **Moonachie** will hold a service on September 11, at 10 a.m. at the Moonachie Borough Hall.
- **Rutherford** will hold a service on September 11, at 9 a.m. in Lincoln Park.
- **Wood-Ridge** is holding a Memorial Service at Veterans Memorial Park located on Valley Boulevard on Saturday, September 11, at 9 a.m.

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive on Valley Boulevard. The Blood Mobile will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. ###

MomLife Event
September 30

We are excited to announce our kickoff event for the new season is on Thursday, September 30, 2021, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Come celebrate motherhood with our diverse group of mamas. Moms of kids ages 0-11 from any town are welcome to attend.

Mask and social distancing guidelines followed. Limited KidLife childcare available by reservation only. Please RSVP by September 21.

Event hosted by **Bible Baptist Church**, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

For more info: hasbrouckhtsmomlife@gmail.com; 862-239-6677; Fb – Hasbrouck Heights MomLife

(MOPS has changed to MomLife). ###

"Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken." » Bill Dodds

FOCAS Holds
Flea Market
September 25

The FOCAS Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

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

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

They may be dropped off at the American Legion on Friday, September 24, 2021, from 3 to 6 p.m. **No donations will be accepted on Saturday.** All proceeds benefit homeless animals. For additional information, call the FOCAS Help Line at 201-943-4019, email info@focasnews.org, or visit www.focasnews.org ###

HHFD Fund Drive

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department begins their annual fund drive by delivering their appeal letters to each household starting Sunday, September 26, 2021, and for up to 3 days afterwards. Please mail your donation by sending a check 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. Thank you. ###

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Book/Jewelry
Sale Sept. 18/19

The Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Library is pleased to once again announce a Book & Jewelry Sale that will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The location of the sale will be in the back parking lot of the Municipal Building.

Gently used books and media, along with costume jewelry, will be available for purchase. Proceeds of the sale solely benefit the Library and its programs.

Call the Library for further information at 201-288-0488. ###

Fish & Chips
September 10

VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry will host their 9th Annual Fish and Chips *(or Chicken and Chips)* on Friday, September 10, 2021 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Donation is \$15 and includes coleslaw, dessert, coffee and soda. Eat in or take-out. Prepared by Tastefully British.

Call John at 201-759-3820 or contact any member for tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door. ###

Veterans Dance
November 5

The Bergen County American Legion will host a Veterans Dance fundraiser on Friday, November 5, 2021, at American Legion Post 147, 1 Legion Place, Elmwood Park, NJ, starting at 6 p.m.

Grab your dancing shoes and enjoy the music. Cost is \$25 pp and includes DJ, Hot Buffet and draft beer. Event open to the public. For more information contact Sophia Dmoch at 201-859-0921. ###

Rutherford Townwide Garage Sale September 25

The Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will host its Annual Town-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, September 25, 2021 beginning at 8:30 to 3 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the LARFD.

To include your home, cost is \$10. Space reservation will be accepted until September 16. For information, and to reserve a spot, contact 201-935-2524 or LARFD1947@gmail.com or mail checks to LARFD, c/o D. Rood, 185 Belford Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070. Please make checks payable to RFD Ladies Auxiliary. ###

LFFD Inspection September 11

Little Ferry Fire Department will hold their Annual Inspection on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 5 p.m., at the Firemen's Memorial Plaza at the crossroads of Kavrik Street and Marshall Avenue.

The public is invited to attend. ###

Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale Sept. 6

On Monday, September 6, 2021, the Grace Episcopal Church, 128 West Passaic Street, Rutherford, will host an Indoor & Yard Sale, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Event features jewelry, housewares, books, toys, games, clothing, home decor and much more.

If you plan to attend the Rutherford Street Fair, stop by, they are only a few blocks away. ###

Roast Beef Dinner Nov. 6

The First Reformed Church in Hasbrouck Heights is sponsoring their annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Cost is \$18 pp, under 10 is \$5. Take-out available. For more information call Church Office at 201-288-1122 at 201-288-2923 or Nancy at 201-288-3963. ###

St. Joseph Feast 2021

The 106th Feast of Saint Joseph is scheduled for September 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2021 on the Church Grounds, 40 Spring street, Lodi, NJ. Feast hours are Friday, starting at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and Monday, starting at 4 p.m.

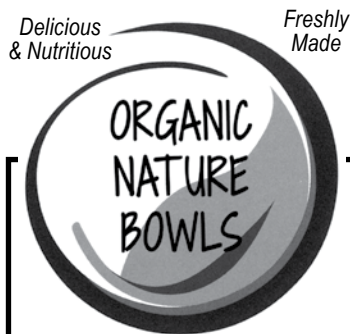
There will be a variety of festival foods, rides and games, accordion music, hourly 50/50 and Super 50/50 with the drawing on Monday at 10 p.m.

On Labor Day, at 4 p.m. there will be a solemn Mass in English and Italian with a procession to follow. For more information, go to: <https://saintjosephsociety.org/feast.html> ###

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CFD Pig Roast September 25

The Carlsstadt Fire Department 150th Anniversary Committee is hosting a Pig Roast on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Jefferson Street Firehouse. Open to the public. Rain or shine.

Advance ticket sales. Cost is \$30 pp. Children 12 and under are free. Menu also includes hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, soda and more.

For tickets or more information email: Dennis.Kronyak@comcast.net ###

Carlstadt Concerts

Carlstadt Summer Concert Series is on Tuesday nights: August 31: Jersey Sound and September 14: Mighty Spectrum Band.

Time: 7 to 9 p.m. at the Village Green Park located at the corner of 3rd and Broad Street.

This event is produced by **Cliffhanger Productions**. ###

Lodi Concerts in the Park

The Borough of Lodi Presents Concerts In The Park 2021 at Memorial Park, 1 Memorial Drive.

• September 17 at 7 p.m. - The Second Contact, progressive, hard rock & metal cover band.

• September 22 at 7 p.m. - Treble & Bass, singing duo.

• October 17 at 3:45 p.m. - Fall Festival David Clark's Songs in the Attic, the music of Billy Joel ###

ER Concerts

Three concerts are scheduled at 7 p.m. in Sesselman Park on Carlton Avenue, East Rutherford, on Thursdays, September 9, 16 and 23, 2021. Check town web-site for more details. ###

Hydrate

AL Picnic Sept. 11

American Legion Post 310 will hold its 39th Annual picnic on Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Post, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. Rain or shine. Cost is \$30 per person at the door or \$25 in advance. Kids under 12 eat free.

Advance ticket sale ends Tuesday, September 7, at \$25 dollars. After that date and at the door, \$30 NO exceptions. The bar will be closed the day of the picnic for non-ticket holders.

All you can eat, BBQ chicken, baby back ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, clams on a half shell, corn on the cob, Manhattan clam chowder, salads, draft beer and soda included.

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

All proceeds go to support Veterans and children's programs. For additional information, call 201-807-0470. ###

Resorts Trip October 24

American Legion Post 142 is hosting a Bus Trip to Resorts on October 24, 2021. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. from AL Post located at 135 East Passaic Street, Maywood, NJ.

Cost is \$40 pp, with \$10 get back. There will be a \$300 lottery basket drawing when the bus returns to Maywood.

For tickets, call Debbie at 551-587-3699. ###

50th Anniversary Gala Oct. 10

The Felician School for Exceptional Children will host a 50th Anniversary Gala at the Venetian on Sunday, October 10, 2021, starting at noon. The event is open to the public. For tickets or more information, call Lisa at 973-777-5355 or email: Imignano@fsec.org. ###

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Rutherford Hosts 44th Annual Labor Day Antique and Craft Fair September 6

The Borough of Rutherford has selected **Cliffhanger Productions** to produce its 44th Annual Labor Day Street Fair to be held September 6, 2021.

One of the most well attended street fairs in the state, visitors can expect to find over 200 vendors lining the streets, parks, and plazas featuring antiques, collectibles, and craft vendors from all over the East Coast.

Cliffhanger Productions will bring its signature brand of entertainment to the festival with many activities to entertain the kids while the parents shop. There will be many rides and amusements along with a variety of street performers.

Local restaurants will be out in force, along with some of the area's non-profit groups that are planning food-related fund raising – all doing their part to make sure that festival goers can keep up their energy throughout the day.

Other area non-profits will have booths to provide information, engage in fundraising, and recruit volunteers.

The Street Fair runs from

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Musical entertainment will be held at the Hutzel Memorial Band Shell in Rutherford's Lincoln Park starting at 11 a.m. Beer Garden selling a variety of beer on tap, wine and sangria as well. All proceeds will benefit Rutherford Junior Football Program.

There will be live music all day long, beginning with local artist and radio personality, Lise Avery. Followed by a surprise national act!

The Art Association of Rutherford members will be selling their paintings on the lawn of the Borough Hall.

Political candidates for local and state elections will be there to meet the public and answer questions. There will also be a Blood Mobile at the event, to serve anyone who wishes to donate blood that day.

Everyone is invited to join in this fun day, which attracts over 30,000 people annually.

To obtain a vendor application, sponsorship opportunities, or event information, contact Cliffhanger Productions at 201-460-8335 or email jimmy@chpevents.com ###

Garfield's Fall Family Street Fest

Hosted by the City of Garfield and the Garfield Events Committee held along Midland Avenue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event brings the whole community together. The street will be closed to vehicle traffic during the event and will be transformed into a giant block party from Krakow Street to Elizabeth St.

We have quality exhibitors selling a selection of assorted items, a special arts & crafts section, live entertainment,

kiddie rides and games, great festival foods and food trucks, and so much more. Don't miss stopping by the many local merchants and civic organizations to see what goodies they are passing out.

As you stroll along stop to have a bite to eat and sit at tables in our live music area. See the show we have planned with live music, dancing, karate demonstrations and more. So come hungry and enjoy eating carnival food favorites like a sausage & pepper sandwich, cheese steaks, kettle corn, chicken fingers, ice cream, zeppole, shish kabobs, gyros, fresh cut fries, fresh squeezed lemonade, Italian ice, oven baked fresh pizza and the many great gourmet foods from the food trucks.

We also have The "Kidz Traveling Shindig" in the Library parking lot area dedicated to children with kiddie rides, slides and interactive blow ups, face painters, sand art and kids games just to name a few things.

This family friendly event brings the whole community together. Come and join in the fun! For information, events@jcpromotions.info or 201-888-1144 ###

Little Ferry Family Fun Day September 25

Little Ferry will hold a Family Fun Day, Saturday, September 25, 2021 (rain date September 26), at Willow Lake Park on the corner of Main and Pickens Street from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fireworks display at 9 p.m.

The event includes live music, food trucks, vendor fair, activities, games, Biergarten.

Free admission for all Little Ferry residents. Non-residents, \$25 entry fee per family. Event sponsored by the Little Ferry Mayor and Council. ###

Rutherford Farmers' Market

The Rutherford Farmer's Market is returning for its 24th season.

The market will be held in the Williams Plaza, Park Avenue, on Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Market will conclude on October 30.

Please note: On Wednesdays, Park Avenue will close to vehicles at 4:00 pm for "Dining Out Rutherford." Please plan your visit accordingly.

The market is sponsored by the Borough of Rutherford. The governing body welcomes the opportunity to support regional farmers by allowing them to market quality products in our downtown area. These markets provide the economic activity necessary to help preserve farmland, open space and a better quality of life in our region.

Rutherford benefits because market patrons have access to fresh, high quality produce and our local businesses enjoy increased business activity.

As restrictions ease, the Borough requests that both vendors and patrons observe remaining NJ Department of Health and CDC public health guidelines and employ hygienic practices around food and other people at all times. For more information, call 201-460-3000 ext. 3104. ###

Rutherford United Methodist Church Labor Day Yard Sale

Rutherford United Methodist Church welcomes everyone to a Labor Day Yard Sale on Monday, September 6, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Get great bargains on clothing, shoes, small furniture and storage, housewares, decor, books, toys, and much more. Most items are \$5 or less. Outdoor and indoor. Street parking.

The Church is located at 56 West Passaic Avenue, Rutherford NJ. Check for updates at rutherfordumc.org ###

PlayStation 5 Raffle Drawing October 8

The Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Library is pleased to sponsor a PS5 Raffle Drawing to benefit the Library Endowment Fund setup for the ongoing purchase of cutting edge technology.

The winner of the raffle wins a standard PS5 console valued at \$533 that can play game and movie discs in addition to downloads.

This is a great opportunity to take a chance to win this highly desired gaming system for the gamer you know, for a loved one, or it makes a great gift for the upcoming holidays.

Tickets are \$20 each, and can be purchased at the front

desk of the Hasbrouck Heights Public Library. Cash and checks made out to "the Friends of the Library Endowment Fund" will be accepted.

Raffle tickets will be available at the Friends Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday September 18 and 19 and at Town Day on Saturday, September 25, 2021

The raffle drawing will take place on Friday, October 8 at 4 p.m., at the Hasbrouck Heights Public Library, located at 320 Boulevard. The winner need not be present.

Special thanks to the Hasbrouck Heights VFW Post 4591 for being the printing sponsor of the tickets.

The Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit group dedicated to promoting and enhancing the services of the Library. If you have questions, please call 201-288-0488.

The Fire Safety Program is Back! Get your FREE Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Thanks to the American Red Cross and a generous donation from the Stocks Family Charitable Fund, Rebuilding Together North Jersey is again able to offer its Fire Safety Program to homeowners in Bergen and Passaic Counties.

The program offers installation of complimentary smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with 10 year lithium batteries as well as a fire escape plan and reflective house numbers while supplies last.

For more information please contact RTNJ at 201-447-8886 or info@rtnorthjersey.org ###

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Mum Sale October 2

The Moonachie First Aid & Rescue Squad will be holding its 16th Annual Mum Sale on Saturday, October 2, 2021, 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.

Advance orders encouraged. Will deliver larger orders. Call 201-641-9094 or Email: fsmfacl@yahoo.com or contact@moonachieemsrescue.com

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

HH Town Day

Hasbrouck Heights organizations should mark their calendar for participation in Town Day scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2021 (*rain date October 2*), from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Woodland Park. Contact the Recreation Department at 201-288-4143 to reserve your table/space. ###

Tricky Tray November 5

The Felician School for Exceptional Children will host a Tricky Tray on November 5, 2021, starting at 6 p.m., at the Immaculate Conception High School. Organizers are seeking suitable prize donations. For more information call Joanne at 973-777-5355 x 11 or email: jpotenzone@fsec.org 973-777-5355. ###

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Lodi Food Truck Festival, Concert, Fireworks

On Sunday, October 17, 2021, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Lodi will host their 6th Annual Food Truck Festival at the Borough Hall Main Parking Lot, 1 Memorial Drive. (*Parking is available at 2 Memorial Drive.*)

Food trucks, beer garden, fireworks, concert: David Clark's Songs in the Attic.

Free admission. All are welcome. Chairs and blankets permitted in designated eating areas. ###

Park Avenue Toastmasters

Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. The Park Avenue Toastmasters will meet at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library on Monday, September 20, 2021, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Zoom link available. Vaccination required -- bring your card. ###

Happy Days are Here Again!

You are invited to join members of the Wood-Ridge Historical Society on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 1 p.m., on the grounds of the Arnault/Bianchi House. The House is located on First Street in Wood-Ridge. On-street parking is available. Entertainment, featuring country music by The Buckshot Band. Light refreshments will be provided. There is no admission fee, but donations to support future programs of the Society will be gratefully received. *Dorothy Dobek.* ###

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Hasbrouck Heights Leisure Club Returns

On July 7, 2021, President June Raymond welcomed the Board Members after a very long, difficult year.

The Leisure Club is for individuals 60+ years old that live in Hasbrouck Heights. New members are invited to join. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at noon. Volunteers are needed to help with Club activities. 50/50 tickets are sold at each meeting.

2021 Upcoming Events

- September 8: General meeting, refreshments served after the business meeting. This will be a meet and greet together.
- September 30: Senior Wellness Health Fair Luncheon at the Senior Center starting at noon.
- October 7: October Fest at Krucker's, 81 Call Hollow Road, Pomona, NY. Cost is \$75. Tickets for the October Fest have to be paid at the September meeting. Limit 40 people.
- December 8: Christmas Party at The Venetian, 546 River Drive, Garfield, from noon to 4 p.m. Music provided by D.J. Jimmy Dee. Put on your dancing shoes and let's celebrate. Details to follow. *Provided by Gladys Gamble. ###*

ER Seniors

East Rutherford Senior Meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Senior Civic Center, 37 Vreeland Avenue. Refreshments are served. There are special events and parties throughout the year. Free blood-pressure screenings - on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. Membership is \$10 per year. Contact Debbie for membership at 201-803-4708 and Josephine for trips at 201-981-6284.

- **Caesar's Casino**, September 20, 2021. Cost is \$35 includes casino voucher. Bus leaves from the CVS parking lot on Paterson Avenue at 9:30 a.m. All payments must be made in advance.

- **Sh-Boom Life Could be a Dream.** Surfflight Theatre and lunch at Black Whale Beach Haven, NJ. \$63 pp. September 10, 2021. Bus leaves CVS 10 a.m.

- **Octoberfest** LiGreci's, Staten Island, NY. Lunch and entertainment. \$59 pp. October 13, 2021. Bus leaves CVS 10 a.m.

- **Resorts World Catskills Casino**, Monticello, NY. \$35 pp. includes casino voucher. November 3, 2021. Bus leaves 9:30 a.m. ###

Avoid Getting Scammed

Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Community Engagement Division in partnership with the Bergen County Community Engagement Task Force held a week-long senior citizen resource initiative titled, "We Care for Our Seniors," from Sunday, July 18 through Saturday, July 24, 2021. Fifty-one Bergen County police departments participated.

CETF members focused on raising awareness and educating seniors on how to avoid becoming the victim of increasingly prevalent IRS, social security, bail, grandparent, romance, utility worker, and distraction scams.

In New Jersey, during 2020 and the first half of 2021, more than 300 senior fraud cases were reported to law enforcement, costing our seniors at least \$2.9 million.

Here are a few tips we recommend following and sharing

Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

This is a really interesting place to meet new and old friends and neighbors and make connections. You will not be disappointed, guaranteed.

We have lined up interesting events at our regular meeting days by inviting veteran guest speakers to give updated information and entertainment too. We follow protocols of CDC to be on safe side.

The following scheduled events take place at the Civic Center during regular meeting days.

- September 1: Guest Speaker: Christopher Ford - Raising The Bar, Physical Therapist
- September 15: Guest Speaker: Dr. Sagar Parikh - Interventional Pain Medicine Specialist, JFK/Hackensack Meridian Group
- October 6: Guest Speakers from Lakeland Bank; Celine and Party.

We are planning for more varieties of programs, such as cultural events, hands on art and craft, musical events and much more. Please do not hesitate to make suggestions for future activities. *Provided by Yogi Shah. ###*

with those around you, but most importantly: slow down, ask questions, contemplate the situation, and trust your instincts.

- Limit the amount of private information you give out. Scammers search Facebook, Instagram, and other networks for family information they can use to fool you.
- Ask questions of any strange caller to verify their identity.
- Hang up and call any family member allegedly involved in an emergency to verify the story. Scammers often plead with you to keep the emergency a secret so you won't try to confirm it.
- If you speak to someone who claims to be a police officer, call the police department to verify the person's identity and any information they've given you.
- Verify the identity of any individual who shows up at your home before speaking with them. Don't hesitate to call the company to verify they have sent a representative to your home.

If you or a loved one is already the victim of a scam, we encourage you to:

- Contact law enforcement. This will help you determine whether you are a victim, and they may be able to assist you in recouping any lost funds.
- Close or cancel any compromised accounts. Act quickly to mitigate financial loss by immediately contacting your bank, credit card company, or other financial institution.
- Request a copy of your credit report. Get a free copy from a credit bureau and freeze your credit if necessary. Be sure to dispute any fraudulent or inaccurate information.
- Request copies of documents or supporting evidence related to the potential fraud.

If you or a loved one is being scammed, call 911, the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Tip-line at 201-226-5532, or the National Elder Fraud Hotline (*run by the US Department of Justice*) 1-833-FRAUD (1-833-8311).

The public is encouraged to follow the CETF's efforts on its website www.bcpo.net/CETF. *Provided by BCPO. ###*

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Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, D.M.D.

Dental Injury Prevention

This article is to accompany a recent article which addressed dental injuries. Preventing such injuries by practicing common sense strategies may go a long way to avoiding many situations. Most tooth injuries are a lifelong injury. Thus, a broken tooth is unable to mend itself and requires dental procedures to restore the mouth to the preinjury form and function.

Common recreational injuries in the summer occur during swimming, diving, trampolines, bicycling, skate boarding, basketball, etc. For instance, the trampoline injury is common when there are more than one person jumping. As one person comes down they can hit their head / mouth upon the other person often rising which accentuates the force of the impact. Ouch! During the recreational activities, supervision, adhering to recommended safety protocols, using protective equipment, and good old common sense will create a more pleasurable and safe experience.

As the summer progresses, organized sports begin their training practices. Soccer, football, baseball (fall ball), softball, cheering, basketball.

Of course, football is the ultimate contact sport. However, in my experience, there is one sport which has sent more patients to my office due to a dental injury. Many of **The Gazette Newspaper** readers may unfortunately remember those instances. That sport is baseball and softball. It is rarely thought of by the athletes, parents, and coaches to consider using protective mouth guards during play for these sports. It is seen more now than ever in professional baseball where the batters' helmets are equipped with faceguards. Well fitted mouth guards will provide excellent protection while being cost effective. There are some good store bought mouth guards available. However, not all mouth guards are appropriate for every person. For instance, those who wear orthodontic appliances, will require a special type of mouth guard. I advise anyone who is active either recreationally or in organized sports to consult with their dentist and determine what type of mouth guard is most appropriate for their activity. ###

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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

September 2021

As of the First of September, there are 116 shopping days left until Christmas 21.

Well Folks the hazy, hot and humid days of Summer 21 have given way to the chill of Autumn and eventually the onslaught of winter.

The vocabulary of the changing season is quick to appear, "Back to School."

By now those words have reached every available ear. The once empty classrooms are being filled with children who are actually happy to be there.

Why wouldn't they be?

Look back on the monumental changes that were thrust upon them since first the pandemic arrived in the USA. Life as they knew it came to a sudden stop, thus causing a mental whiplash for all concerned ... including yours truly.

But, thank God, the youngsters can gather their pencil boxes and book bags and skip merrily to the school and re-unite with their long lost friends ... Bless their hearts.

Speaking of the return to the classroom, we drivers have to continue to be aware and alert as to the parade of children that have taken to the streets and sidewalks of our community.

Of course, all of this will be taking place under the watchful eyes of our crossing guards and our dedicated Police Department. Our officers are constantly on patrol to make certain that the children reach their destination safely both to and from school. I, for one, feel safe and I've been out of school since 1965. Thank you.

I know that some of you are contemplating that pencil

box and book bag scenario that I mentioned a few paragraphs back. They went out with kiddie shows like the Merry Mailman, Ding Dong School and Captain Kangaroo. By the way do any of you Baby Boomers remember Rudy Kazootie?

This might really make you feel old. The desks in grammar school, back in the 50s were actually nailed to the floor. The desk top had a groove in it to fit your pencil in. It also had an inkwell on the right hand corner so as to dip the tip of your "writing utensil" in when it was time to practice penmanship.

Below the desktop was a deep storage compartment for books and rulers. It also served as a hiding place for snacks.

If the kid behind you was heard getting sick to his stomach, it was most likely due to a WWII K Ration gone bad. Enter the janitor with his trusty mop and water bucket. Exit the sick kid.

For me the forbidden snack was a seasonal endeavor. I learned the hard way to save the Hershey Bars and Goobers for the cold months when the temperature in the classroom dipped below freezing.

During the warmer months I'd break out the battery operated hand held fan and munch on peanuts and Cracker Jacks. A voice in my head sang, "take me out to the ball game."

The horn of plenty was located in the bottom drawer of the teacher's desk. There within the dark recesses of the drawer were the confiscated goods of those poor souls who were caught in the act of illegal snacking. So near, yet so far.

Worse than being caught snacking by the teacher was having your stash discovered by one of your male classmates, the one who had a five o'clock shadow at two in the afternoon and it was only 5th Grade. There was no bargaining with him. Every so often he'd break down and offer me one of my own snacks, which I graciously accepted. ###



Let's Go Traveling!

By Rick Ardis

Proper Documentation

There is one thing that can spoil a long-awaited vacation before it even starts. Not having the proper documentation can cause travel plans to go severely awry and create unexpected hassles. Identification issues are more complicated now than ever.

One complication that is not yet fully in effect is the Real ID Act. After the September 11 attacks, Congress passed this legislation to prevent the use of false identification.

One portion of the act applies to people seeking access to government facilities. This is already in force at military installations and other institutions across the United States.

Another part of the bill required states and territories to put in place increased safeguards when issuing driver's licenses. This section of the law was initially set to take effect in 2009. Many states were slow to upgrade their systems delaying implementation of the requirement. The most recent effective date of October 1, 2021 has now been pushed back to May 3, 2023.

The Real ID compliant document has a black, gold, or white star in the upper right-hand corner. After the new effective date, licenses lacking the star will no longer be valid to fly on a commercial flight within the United States.

In the absence of the Real ID, there are other federally issued forms of identification that may be used, including a valid passport. More information is available on the TSA website at www.dhs.gov/real-id/about-real-id.

Real ID does not replace a passport as it is only valid for domestic travel. A valid US passport remains a requirement for boarding any international flight.

In 2008, the State Department began issuing Passport Cards. These documents allow for US citizens to make land or water border crossings solely within North America (i.e., Canada, Mexico, Caribbean). This option is popular with cruise passengers.

A loophole in the law creating this option allows cruise passengers to sail with just a birth certificate and a photo ID. The cruise must begin and

end in the same port to utilize a Passport Card or birth certificate to embark the ship. Experts discourage this choice since travelers would not be able to fly home from an island without a valid passport in the event of an emergency.

In addition to holding a valid passport, there are countries that have further requirements to enter. One requirement may be that the passport be valid for a minimum of 1 month, 3 months or 6 months past the end of your stay in that country or region.

Another requirement is a visa, which is permission to enter that country. The application process varies from country to country. Some nations mandate a visa for all visitors, while for others it is only required for long-term stays or business travelers.

There are visas that are issued easily online, some upon entry to the country at the airport, while others must be issued in advance by that country's embassy or consulate with intricate paperwork.

Costs for a visa vary widely by nation from about \$10.00 to \$200.00 per person. Online visas are issued immediately, while traditional visas added to a passport could take several weeks or longer. There are services who will assist with the more complicated applications for a fee.

Currently, there are requirements that we have never experienced before for international travel. Most countries are requiring proof of vaccination, a negative Covid test, or proof of recovery within a specified period before arrival.

The United States also requires a negative test taken no more than 72-hours prior to flights returning home. There are destinations that will only accept vaccinated travelers, and others that remain closed to Americans. There are even countries that require specific levels of travel insurance or payment of a Covid fee, while others still have mandatory quarantine requirements dependent upon vaccination status. Covid requirements are reviewed by all jurisdictions frequently and can often change.

There are some other issues of which many travelers are unaware that can complicate a journey. One is traveling with minors. The US and

other countries are seriously concerned about child abductions. Travelers may need to prove that they are the parent or parents of the minor traveling with them. Often because of remarriage or other situations, a child's name is different from the adults. In the event of divorce, a parent traveling with the child may be required to prove that they have sole custody or that the other parent has given permission for the child to leave the United States. Adults traveling with a child other than their own (related or not), should have a notarized letter granting permission for the child to travel with them and to make medical decisions for that child in the event of an emergency.

Reading the terms and conditions of a tour company or cruise line will also find other requirements. Expectant mothers should have a letter from an obstetrician stating fitness to travel when boarding a cruise. Most cruise lines will deny boarding to a woman who is past 23 weeks pregnant. There are also restrictions on cruising with infants. In general, infants must be at least 6 months of age to embark a cruise. If there are more than 3 consecutive days at sea, the minimum age is 12 months. These restrictions vary by cruise line.

Non-US citizens who are legal residents holding Alien Registration Cards (known as ARC or Green Cards), will encounter different restrictions when traveling internationally. These travelers may also be required to have a valid passport from their home country and the restrictions of their nationality may apply.

Americans typically refer to their heritage as their nationality. When completing an immigration form, USA is the nationality of US citizens.

Please be sure you have signed your passport to validate it. All passports must be maintained in good, undamaged condition to remain valid. It is the traveler's responsibility to make certain they are aware of and possess the proper documentation required to travel. Requirements change often, so don't assume they remain the same as in your past travels.

Note: Check your passport. The US State Department website advises that the current timeframe for new and renewal processing is taking 16 to 18 weeks. That's up to 4½ months.

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“Bergen County Stand Down”
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The “Stand Down” initiative to help Veterans who are homeless or are at-risk will continue with a free event in Rochelle Park on Saturday October 2, 2021, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Whether Veterans are looking for help with permanent and transitional housing, education, employment, health care, clothing or other supports, they will be paired with representatives from a variety of government offices, Veteran service organizations and nonprofits to assist them.

The event will feature services such as housing assistance, employment search, Veterans Affairs health care representatives, claims clinics, GI Bill specialists, representatives from the State Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (DMAVA), Veteran service organizations from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, DAV and more.

Bob Looby, chairman of the NJ American Legion’s Employment, Homeless & Education Committee, is helping to organize the Bergen County Stand Down at the American Legion Post 170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, as well as similar events throughout New Jersey.

“We will be offering a variety of services at the Stand Down. All Veterans are welcome. No one will be turned away,” said Looby.

A Stand Down offers supports to homeless Veterans or those at-risk, to provide a

chance to connect with services that could assist them.

Also, if a Veteran attends the local event, they will be provided with VA type services, if eligible, but no clothing and other “at-risk” type resources.

The event does not require pre-registration. Looby said the plans for the Rochelle Park event should accommodate 50 to 75 Veterans and will observe best current practices for COVID-19.

“Masks are required and will be available to those who need them,” said Looby.

In Rochelle Park, this Local Stand Down will be held outdoors and be staffed by providers such as Community Hope’s Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, the VA, Vet Center, the New Jersey Veterans Network and more.

The Department of New Jersey VFW is providing lunch. DMAVA will provide info on housing at Veterans Haven North and South, as well as their VSO claims assistance.

The DAV will also be present for claims assistance. A clothing and PX-type station will giveaway items for men and women Veterans.

For more information, contact Looby at 908-894-0746 or r.looby@njamericanlegion.org, or Dennis Duddie at ddud-die74@gmail.com. ###

VFW Post 809 Celebrates 100th Anniversary

On Saturday, July 31, 2021, VFW Post 809, chartered by World War I Veterans in 1921, celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a luncheon at the Post, located at 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ.

The program was led by Post Commander John Churuti who told the Post history and current mission. Chaplain Victor Ruggiero gave the Invocation and Benediction.

Little Ferry Mayor Mauro D. Raguseo and Police Captain Ronald Klein Jr. presented a certificate recognizing “Your century of dedication to the Borough of Little Ferry and its

many initiatives and programs. We are forever grateful to the men and women of this country who have lost or risked their lives in defense of our freedoms, which we continue to enjoy as American Citizens.”

Post members displayed a VFW “Century Award” presented to Petersilge-Velock Post No. 809, Little Ferry, New Jersey Mustered July 29, 1921.

“In special commemoration and grateful recognition for one hundred years exceptional service to the community, our nation and America’s Veterans by promoting the programs, purposes and high

ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.”

VFW South Hackensack Memorial Post 8005 made a donation to Post 809.

Past Post Commanders were each invited to speak.

Post 809 Auxiliary President Carolyn Rovitio and District 2 Auxiliary President Roseann Nemec made comments. Upon the conclusion of the program, lunch was served. ###

• September 11, 2021 - Patriot Day

Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001.

• September 17, 2021 - POW/MIA Recognition Day

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Moonachie Family Fun Day was held on Saturday, August 7, 2021, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Moonachie Civic Center Park. There were refreshments and entertainment.

Lots of kids brought their bathing suits and towels for the water inflatables. There were balloons, face painting and DJ Music. This free event was sponsored by the Mayor and Council. ###





Porch Collapse, No Injuries

On August 9, 2021, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to the report of a porch collapse on Franklin Avenue. Additionally, the Hasbrouck Heights Police and Building Department were at the scene. The Borough en-

gineer was expected to inspect the home for structural integrity. Hackensack Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue assisted. PSE&G secured the utilities. The resident was relocated. No injuries were reported. ###

Do you know an aspiring young artist?

Care on the Corner announces the Fall 2021 Session of NewARTS Kids, an art program for children ages 6 - 11.

These lessons motivate young artists and focus on the basics. Children are introduced to art through fun and educational lessons in drawing and painting. Students will explore a different medium each week using acrylics, colored pencils, oil pastels, pen & ink, and watercolors.

Fall Session 2021

- October 5th: Cézanne Still Life with Apples – Medium: Acrylic, Oil Pastels, Watercolors
- October 12th : Fantastic Fall Leaves – Medium: Colored

Pencil, Ink, Watercolors

- October 29th : Welcome Fall Pumpkin – Medium: Acrylic, Watercolors, Various Papers

- Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m.
6 - 8 Year Olds
- Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.
9 - 11 Year Olds

The group meets in the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine, Terrace and Jefferson Avenues, Hasbrouck Heights. Call 201-288-9460 to register. Tuition is \$75 and includes all materials. Scholarships available. Returing instructor is Debra M. Cook, who has been teaching art to children since 1996. ###

HH Garden Club

The Garden Club is happy to announce that we will begin our meetings once again.

The Boulevard in Bloom project was started up again this past spring. We had a good turn out for planting and the DPW once again helped place the planters on the Boulevard and handled the watering. The Board once again wants to thank all those who took care of the pots during the summer months by pruning and making sure they are well kept!

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 7 p.m., in the Library Meeting Room, on the second floor of the Municipal Building located at 320 Boulevard. There is ample parking and an elevator is available for use!

All are welcome to join us!

The Municipal Building follows the CDC guidelines. Masks must be worn at all indoor settings. ###

Adult ESL Classes

Registration and Testing for Adult ESL Classes will take place on Wednesdays, September 15 and 22, 2021, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Care Center, 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. All new and returning students must be registered to take the classes. New students must take a language assessment evaluation.

Fall 2021 ESL Classes

Session: Starting on September 29 for 10 weeks, ending December 8 (*no class November 24*), Wednesday nights from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Classes will provide English language instruction at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, as well as one-to-one instruction, to people from other countries and other language backgrounds.

For more information about the adult ESL program or to register a student, call 201-288-9460. A registration form, accompanied with a non-refundable \$10 registration and materials fee, must be completed for each student. Financial assistance available. ###

W-R PBA Local #313 Police Chief's Golf Outing Sept. 13

The 21st Annual Wood-Ridge Police Chief's Golf Outing is Monday, September 13, 2021, at the Crystal Springs Golf Course, 3621 Rt. 94, Hamburg, NJ. Registration/Breakfast 7 - 8 a.m. Shotgun start 8:30 a.m. Metal spikes are not allowed. Collared shirts and no jeans. Cost is \$150 per golfer. Foursome entry \$600, Tee & Green sponsor \$150. Special donations: One vest \$1,000; Beverage Cart Sponsor \$1,500

Fees include: Greens Fees and Cart, Breakfast, Lunch at the Turn, Banquet Dinner, Beer/Wine, gifts, prizes.

The event is hosted by Chief John T. Korin and sponsored by the Wood-Ridge PBA Local 313. It is a fundraiser for the police body armor vest fund and various W-R recreation programs.

RSVP by August 30, 2021. Make checks payable to: Wood-Ridge PBA #313. Mail to: Wood-Ridge PBA #313, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. Attn: Golf Committee.

For more information, call Mark at 551-404-8677, Devin at 201-615-6660 or email fpolito@woodridgepolice.org ###

Rutherford Fire Engine Co. #2 Golf Outing

On September 25, 2021, The 6th Annual Louis S. Eberspeacher Memorial Golf Outing, will be held at High Point Golf Club, Montague, NJ.

Registration at 10:30 a.m., early lunch at 11 a.m., tee time is at noon (shotgun start).

Cost is \$150 per golfer, package includes: BBQ lunch before golf, golf cart, 18 holes of golf, two beverages from cart, prime rib dinner (conditions permitting), awards and prizes after dinner. Sponsorships available.

For information, call Bob at 201-522-9939 or Justin 848-459-2609. ###

W-R Lions Golf Outing Oct. 4

On October 4, 2021, Wood-Ridge presents the 10th Annual Phil Rottini Golf Outing, at the Meadows Golf Club, 79 Two Bridges Road, Lincoln Park. Cost is \$145. Singles and foursomes welcome. There will be prizes, raffles, and giveaways. Sponsorships: Tee signs: \$75, Breakfast: \$250, Lunch \$750.

For more information, call Ed at 551-486-6197. ###

HHMA Golf September

The HHMA will have their Annual Bizik-Hughes Memorial Golf Outing on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at the Meadows Golf Club, located at 79 Two Bridges Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035.

Breakfast and registration at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Best Ball format, 50/50 raffle, door prizes and tricky tray.

All money raised will be awarded as scholarships to qualified graduating seniors of Hasbrouck Heights. Early registration cost is \$125 pp.; after September 15 cost is \$150 pp.

Cost includes the following:

- Hot and cold breakfast: buffet, eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, bagels, fruit, donuts, muffins, coffee, tea and juice.
- Lunch buffet: ziti, penne vodka, sausage, peppers, onions and potatoes, eggplant rollatini, chicken francese, chicken w/garlic cream sauce, garden salad, dessert and coffee.

- Cash Contests - Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, on-the-green/off-the-green, \$10,000 Hole in One, 50/50 raffle, door prizes and tricky tray.

If interested in golfing, sponsorship or donation, email Steven Palladino at: spalladino326@gmail.com or call 201-725-2917; or Louis Verdi at email.louis.verdi@ey.com or call 201-978-9586. ###

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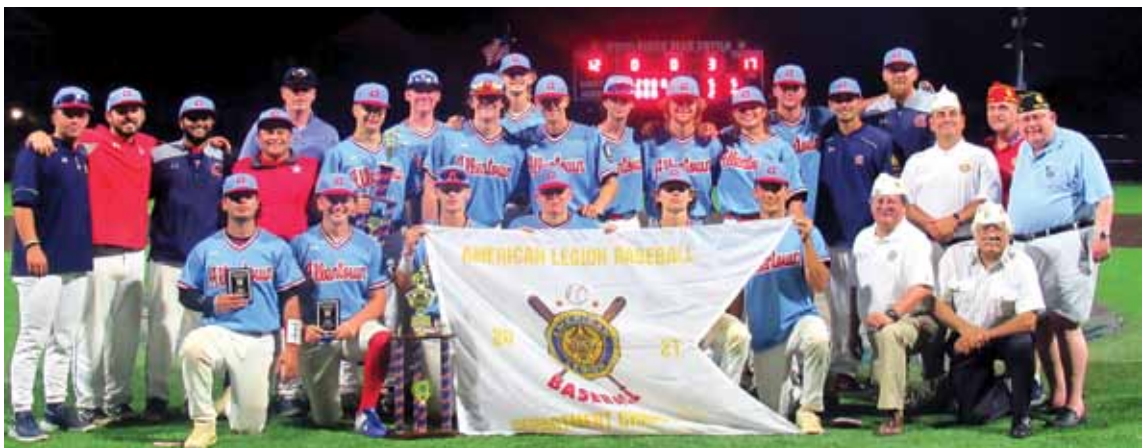




Heights SB Babe Ruth Champs

Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department won this year's South Bergen Babe Ruth League. The league consists of teams from Hasbrouck Heights, Wood-Ridge, Rutherford, East Rutherford, Elmwood Park and Garfield. They finished with a 12-2 league record and went on to defeat East Rutherford who were the favorites to win with a 13-1 league record. It was a grueling game, but Heights prevailed, winning 3-1, with some timely hitting and a strong pitching effort from Gavin Fiant, who gave up 1 hit and struck out 12. It was a total group effort as the team was made up 13, 14 and 15 year olds.

Left to right (in uniform): Neil Donnelly, Kyle Von Seidelmann, Brendan Traverso, Zach Dato, Charlie Stevens, Daniel Wixon, Mike Quimbayo, Gavin Fiant, Frankie Billings, and Joe Stevens. Coaches left to right: Glenn Fiant, Frank Connolly and Kevin Cappadona. *Provided by Gary Shenloogian. ###*



NJ American Legion State Baseball Championship Game Held in W-R

On Wednesday, July 28, 2021, in Wood-Ridge, NJ, American Legion Baseball team Allentown (*Monmouth County*) wins first NJ American Legion state title with victory over Brooklawn Post 72 (*Camden County*)

Allentown advanced to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament in Asheboro, North Carolina, where it faced hosts

Randolph County Post 45 on August 4 at 6:30 p.m. With eight teams in the field, Merkel will hope they can keep the ball rolling towards another title.

There was not a state tournament in 2020. When Allentown knocked off Whitehouse in the semifinals, and then Hopewell Post 339 in the final last August, that title served as

a de facto title of the best team in New Jersey.

Whitehouse will again be one of the favorites to win a state title in 2022 (*if there is still American Legion baseball in its current form*), with a lot of its roster coming back into the fold. *Provided by Margaret Frontera. Sean Miller, Advance Media. ###*

BC Transfers Ownership of Williams Center

In a joint statement, The County of Bergen and the Borough of Rutherford have agreed to transfer the William Carlos Williams Center for the Performing Arts from County ownership to the Borough.

The County put forward the resolution to initiate the sale on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. The Borough resolved to accept ownership of the property on August 9.

On August 10, County Executive Jim Tedesco executed a deed officially transferring the title to the Borough of Rutherford at a public signing ceremony in Hackensack. These actions canceled the scheduled August 13 auction of the property.

Bergen County Executive James J. Tedesco remarked, "I am thrilled to be able to transfer control of the Williams Center to the Borough of Rutherford.

As a former Mayor, I understand the importance of local control and local issues of importance, and have always sought to work with the Borough and its officials on the future of this facility. I commend the current governing body for their efforts to ensure this property remains a cultural center for Rutherford."

Rutherford's Acting Mayor Mark Goldsack added, "I would like to thank County Executive Tedesco for working with the Borough to develop a solution that will benefit Rutherford residents and South Bergen as a whole. I'd also like to thank Councilman Tom Mullahey for his hard work in seeing this solution come to fruition and dedication to maintaining a center for the arts and culture in Rutherford."

The County of Bergen has

owned the Williams Center since acquiring the title of the property in September 1987. The facility has operated under an expired lease agreement with the Center's Board of Trustees for \$1 since 1992.

The Williams Center was built in 1922 as a vaudeville venue called the Rivoli Theater and now includes three movie screens and an outdoor terrace

The 642-seat capacity Newman Theatre was shuttered in October 2012 due to safety concerns following damage caused by Superstorm Sandy. The three-screen movie theatre remains open for operation.

For years the center has been underused, and the fate of the historic Newman Rivoli Theater would have been in the hands of whoever had won the public auction that was scheduled for August 13.

Residents and preservationists staged a rally this summer calling for it to be protected from the wrecking ball.

It was announced on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, that Rutherford resident and redeveloper Chuck Olvio acquired the property for \$1.

Councilman Thomas Mullahey said Olvio approached the council three years ago with a proposal for the Williams Center when he learned that it was in danger of demolition, and he began working on a rescue plan.

No formal redevelopment plans were laid out, but Olvio expressed hopes that the building could be used for musical theater performances high school graduations, weddings, etc. and plans for possibly a residential component and a restaurant. ###

Scam Alert: Individuals Impersonating DCA Investigators

The Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is warning all licensed professionals about individuals impersonating DCA investigators, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents and investigators, New Jersey Drug Control Unit investigators, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigators, and other law enforcement personnel, as part of an extortion scheme.

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The callers demand money to close the investigation and threaten to revoke the individual's license. Please be advised

that the Division of Consumer Affairs will never demand money or threaten to revoke the individual's license.

Anyone who receives a telephone call from a person purporting to be an investigator seeking money should refuse the demand.

You are encouraged to report the call to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>.

You may also report the call to the Division at AskConsumerAffairs@lps.state.nj.us.

Provided by Kaitlin A. Caruso, Acting Director, Division of Consumer Affairs, Office of the New Jersey Attorney General. ###

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Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



Where were you on 9-11?

This September will mark the twentieth anniversary of the attack on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center.

This was a day that we were all shocked by this horrific terrorist attack. The following are the recollections and thoughts of our friends and neighbors on that time.

Wood-Ridge resident, Michael Maloney and his wife, Colleen, were employed by New Jersey Transit Rail Operations, in Hoboken. Colleen worked in an office with windows facing the Hudson River. She witnessed both of the Towers being hit. The shock of seeing this drove her to tears. It would bother her for years.

Michael was, at the time, working as an electrical technician in the Hoboken passenger yard. He did not see the first attack. A train conductor said that a plane had just crashed into one of the Towers. Michael just knew that this was not an accident but a terrorist attack. He did observe the second attack. His mood was filled with anger.

Robert Knobloch, a member of the Hasbrouck Heights Volunteer Fire Department, was, at that time, employed as an emergency medical technician (EMT) by a Hudson County ambulance company.

When the report came in, his supervisor instructed him to load up the ambulance with additional supplies. He and his supervisor were deployed to the Jersey City waterfront.

Robert's wife, Gail, was the on duty EMT of the Hasbrouck Heights Volunteer Fire Department that day. As part of the mutual aid system, she and a Heights ambulance were dispatched to Liberty State Park in Jersey City.

Both Gail and Robert would transport a number of people that made it across the river to medical facilities in Hudson County. Robert recalled that many were covered in gray dust and soot.

Ann Twomey, a resident of Rutherford, was president of Health Professionals and Allied Employees Union (HPAE). Ann was at her office in Emerson, NJ. Her membership, that staffed hospitals in Jersey City and Bayonne, started calling her office to tell her that their hospitals were being put on alert to expect mass casualties.

Her staff produced a small TV to watch the events as they

unfolded. Her mood went from disbelief to shock and sorrow for those lost. Ann felt that this was a life changing event for everyone. She takes pride in how her membership rose to the challenge.

Little Ferry resident, William Severino, was driving to work when he heard a loud boom. Bill thought that a crane had toppled over. He figured that somebody would be in trouble from the presumed accident. A little after 9 a.m., a fellow employee told him that a plane had struck the World Trade Center. As the severity of the news developed, he and his fellow employees went to their boss's house to watch the unfolding news.

Bill's first reaction was that he could not believe that this could happen in the US. He felt that we are supposed to be the greatest military force in the world, and this type of attack occurred. His mood went from disbelief, then outrage, then sadness.

Now retired Hasbrouck Heights Police Lieutenant Shawn Mullins was detailed as the schools' resource officer that day. When he was visiting the Hasbrouck Heights Junior / Senior High School, a teacher informed him about The World Trade Center.

He immediately returned to police headquarters. He was instructed to visit all of the schools in town and to assist them as needed. On reflecting on what transpired, Shawn felt sorrow for all that were lost. Two of his fellow officers were detailed to go to the George Washington Bridge and became part of a security detachment for the bridge.

James Halloran III was, at the time, a member of the Hasbrouck Heights Volunteer Fire Department. He was employed as a train engineer with New Jersey Transit. Jim was assigned to the extra board. As such, he was used as a filler for day-to-day vacancies.

On September 10th, around 10 p.m., Jim drove a train from Dover, NJ to Hoboken. He remembered seeing that, because of the weather, only the bottom half of the Towers could be seen. As he was leaving Hoboken to return to Dover, he saw that the Towers could now be clearly seen. This was the last time he would see them.

The next morning, Jim was awakened by a phone call

from a fellow firefighter about the plane attack. He then saw the second attack on television. He responded to the Heights firehouse.

On the 12th, he ran the first train out of Spring Valley, NY. This was about 5:10 a.m. Along the route he noticed that there were a large number of cars in the parking lots by the stations. Normally, at that time in the morning, the lots did not contain very many cars. Jim has often wondered on the fate of the drivers of these vehicles. He would go over on September 18th, with the HHFD, to work on the pile at Ground Zero.

Joe Taylor Jr. is a member and an Ex-Chief of the Hasbrouck Heights Volunteer Fire Department. Joe now lives in Carlstadt and is a member of that fire department, too. Joe was an EMT in the Hackensack Fire Department. Tuesday was his day off. At that time, he was the Second Assistant Chief of HHFD.

A mutual aid task force was being formed. Hasbrouck Heights supplied one engine. Joe Taylor responded to the fire pager tones. He joined the detail. They first were sent to Lemoine Avenue, Fort Lee.

Along Route 80, traffic was stopped by the New Jersey State Police. As the fire engine passed, they were saluted by the Troopers. At Lemoine Avenue, Joe saw the Towers on fire. The task force was redeployed to Overpeck County Park.

The next day Joe would go over with the Hackensack Fire Department to work Ground Zero. He would spend the next fourteen days with Hackensack or Hasbrouck Heights Fire Departments recovering bodies or parts of bodies.

The smoke and smell were horrific. As a result of this, Joe developed cancer. He is now in remission, but has to be checked by the World Trade Center Health Program every year.

My wife and I were in San Francisco, California that week. I was a delegate to a weeklong convention there. About 7 that morning the phone rang. My wife answered it. Our son, Jim, was calling. At first, my wife thought it was a social call. Then Jim said, "I guess you don't have the TV on." We were in shock and disbelief. That was the mood of the convention that day.

The next night there was a reception hosted by the Canadian delegation. At some point in the evening, a member of that delegation asked that everyone please rise and sing the Star-Spangled Banner and O Canada in a show of solidarity



On September 15, 2001, the Hasbrouck Heights Community held a patriotic rally at Depken Field. The stadium stands were filled for a brief program. Participants exiting onto the field for a procession around the track, It was led by a Scout Honor Guard. A food drive was also held. File photos. ###

For more about this event go to:
<http://www.hasbrouck-heights.com/news01/wtc3.shtml>

of these two nations. It was a very moving experience.

By Saturday the airlines were flying again. We arrived at the airport extra early not knowing what to expect. We checked our baggage and got our boarding passes and proceeded to the gate. Because we were early, there was a plane at the gate for an earlier flight. I now witnessed an act of sheer stupidity. The attendant at the gate called for the passengers to board. They went down the walkway to the plane. The attendant closed the door.

There was a window in the door. About five or six minutes later I could see two men walking back up the walkway. They were the pilot and copilot. They said something to the gate attendant and she picked up the phone. In a short time, security people arrived. They all went back to the plane. They removed two men for fighting over a seat! When we boarded our plane there were a number

of empty seats. Before we left the gate, the flight attendant said we could change seats if we wanted to!

That Saturday night, Hasbrouck Heights held a candlelight vigil at Depken Field. It was attended by over 2,000 people.

On Monday, I was back at work in Hoboken. Where the Towers once stood was now a column of gray smoke. When the wind shifted from the east, you could smell that putrid odor. I, too, wondered about the drivers of the cars at the Wood-Ridge train station that had not been moved for over a week.

This September 11th, we will gather to honor all that lost their lives in this horrific terrorist attack. Let's also remember all the people that responded to this. Thank you to all the fire, police, EMTs and professional health care givers, who showed what Americans do when confronted by this. ###



In attendance: New Jersey Society of the American Revolution (NJSSAR), State Color Guard of the NJSSAR, Reenactors of the Outwater Militia Living History Group, The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), State Organization (NJDAR), Moonachie Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, Councilperson Anthony Cirillo and Historian James Halloran.



Moonachie Mayor Dennis Vaccaro



Charles F. Morgan Jr., State President, NJSSAR



Gayle Loftis, Registrar, Claverack Chapter, NJDAR



Paul Ossou, Vice President, First Mountain Chapter, SAR

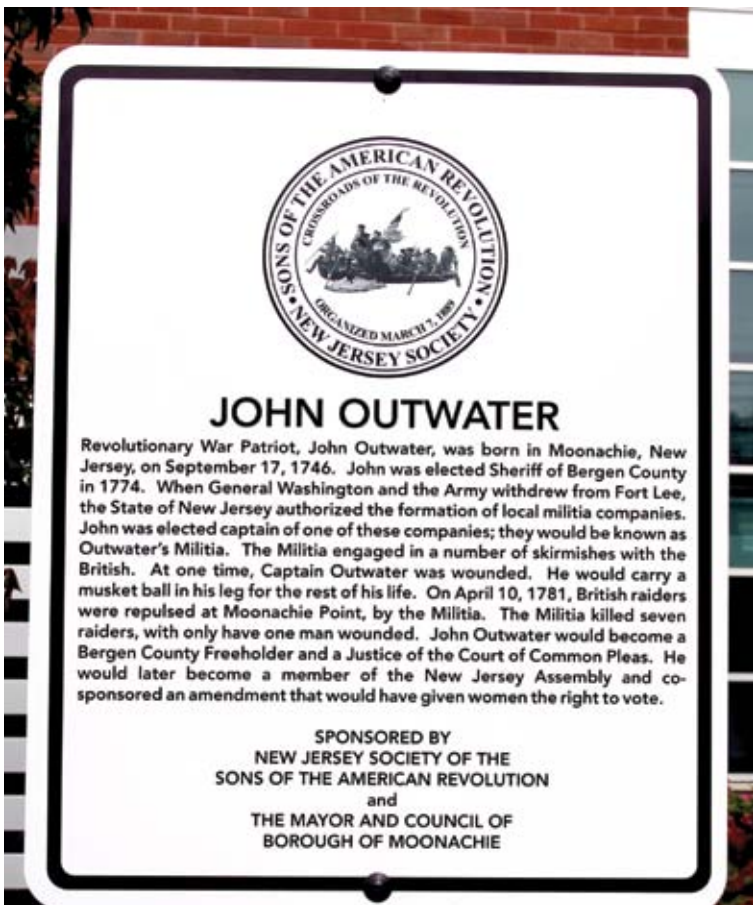


Historian James J. Halloran

Moonachie Borough Installs Sign Honoring John Outwater, Local Revolutionary Leader



Members of the Outwater Militia Living History Group



On Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 11 a.m., Moonachie Borough officials, along with a delegation of members from the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, The Outwater Militia Living History Group and other honored guests, observed the installation of a sign at Borough Hall, commissioned by the Sons, in partnership with the Borough.

This sign honors John Outwater, who was born in Moonachie to a local family with deep ties to Bergen County.

He was a local civic leader and had been elected Sheriff before the Revolutionary War broke out.

Once the Colonies rebelled against the British crown, Outwater was elected to captain a company of militia stationed around Hackensack as part of a larger commission from the state to form 25 companies of militia to defend New Jersey once Washington's army had withdrawn from Fort Lee.

Outwater's company bravely defended the greater Hackensack area from both the British army stationed in New York and Jersey City (*Paulus Hook*), as well as from loyalist forces from among the local population that had formed their own militias.

Additionally, the company

raided commerce along the Hackensack River in order to interrupt the flow of trade and supplies sustaining the British army in New York and took policing actions in the absence of British magistrates.

After the war, Outwater was elected to the State Assembly, and helped pass laws that conditionally allowed both women and African Americans to vote in the state well before the 13th or 19th Amendments were ratified.

He also served as a County Freeholder, as a judge in two courts in the county, and as a member of the Hackensack City Council.

John Outwater died in May of 1823 and is buried in a small historical cemetery on the border of Moonachie and Carlstadt. The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and its local organization, The New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution and their affiliated chapters, First Mountain and Capt. Abraham Godwin, are part of one of the oldest fraternal genealogical societies in the U.S. Formed in 1889 by William McDowell, a New Jersey native and investment magnate of Newark, NJ.

The Sons is open to any male of majority age that can trace his lineage back to an

ancestor that can be proven to have aided the Patriot cause during the course of the conflict.

The Sons strive to continue upholding traditions of preservation, education, the inspiration of patriotism and promotion of the ideas espoused by our revolutionary ancestors.

The Outwater Militia Living History Group is a New Jersey based not-for-profit organization whose members portray the New Jersey Militiamen recruited from Bergen County.

The unit primarily participates in battle reenactments, living history displays, as well as other commemorative and educational activities.

The unit is a certified member of the Brigade of the American Revolution (BAR), the largest coalition of Revolutionary War re-enactors and living historians whose member units are held to the highest specifications of authenticity and safety as well as providing a mutual forum for the organization of events held nationally each year. For more information, go to: <https://www.njssar.org/>

Provided by Paul Ossou, Vice President – First Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. ###

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Lodi Memorial Library

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

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

Adult Special Program:

- **Adult Grab & Go Craft.** Marbleized Polymer Clay Dish. Create a beautiful multicolored dish to hold jewelry or other small objects. Supplies are limited so register by September 8. You can pick up your craft starting on September 13.
- **Tuesday Night Book Club.** September 14, 2021, 6:30 to 7:30 on Zoom. September's book is "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Kahalel Hossein.i

Go to our website or contact Karyn Gost at director@lodi.bccls.org for more information about our virtual book club meetings. ###

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Children Special Programs

- **Tasty Treats for Kids.** Pickup starts Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Take home a tasty treat you can put together yourself! This grab and go program is open to kids in Grade Pre-K to 3rd. Registration required. Call 973-365-4044 x2 or stop by the Library.
- **Grab & Go Crafts: Grades 3-12.** Pickup starts Monday, September 13 & Monday September 27. Kids and teens in Grades 3-12 can register for September grab and go craft projects. This month we are painting watercolor pandas and making paper flowers! Registration required. Call 973-365-4044 x2 or stop by the Library.
- **Grab & Go STEM Project.** Pickup starts Tuesday, September 14. Follow along with Miss Libby from home as we do STEM activity! This grab and go program is open to kids in Grades Pre-K to 2. Registration required. Call 973-365-4044 x2 or stop by the Library.
- **Creative Cooking Grab & Go.** Pickup starts Wednesday, September 22. Each month we will have a different recipe for you to take home and create! This grab and go program is open to patrons in Grades 4

to 12. Registration required. Call 973-365-4044 x2 or stop by the Library.

On-going:

- **Grab & Go Kids Crafts-Weekly.** For younger children. Each week get a new bag with everything you need to make a fun craft, though you may have to use your own glue or markers depending on the project. Toddlers – Grade 2. Registration required. Call 973-365-4044 x2 or stop by the Library.
- **Outdoor Storytime.** Every Friday at 11 a.m. in the Library courtyard. We will have cushions and chairs for everyone. Please note that everyone over the age of 2 will be required to wear a mask. Registration required. Call 973-365-4044 x2 or stop by the Library.
- **Pajama Storytime.** Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Join Miss Libby on Facebook for pajama storytime, full of books and songs. Videos will be posted on Facebook every Thursday and will stay up for a week. No registration required. ###

"Describing her first day back in grade school after a long absence, a teacher said, It was like trying to hold 35 corks under water at the same time." Mark Twain

Rutherford Public Library

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

The Rutherford Public Library is open. Face masks that cover the nose and mouth are required. For more information on our safety guidelines, visit RutherfordLibrary.org or call 201-939-8600 before planning your visit.

- **Grab & Go Doorside Pickup.** The Rutherford Public Library continues to offer Grab & Go doorside pickup services for those who may not want to enter the building. Patrons are invited to order books from the BCCLS catalog by visiting www.bccls.org or fill out a Grab & Go form for either the adult or children's collection, and our team will choose items for you based on what you like!

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

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

Brush Up Your English is held on Mondays at 3 p.m. and can be joined with Meeting ID: 842 1496 7774 and Password: 114997. This class is for students who are already familiar with English.

We also offer a Tuesday and Thursday class at 3 p.m. for all levels, which can be joined with Meeting ID: 867 3172 2729 and Password: 392447.

Another all levels class is held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m., and can be joined with Meeting ID: 836 7199 4483 and Password: 706776. These classes are for anyone who would like to learn English. All are welcome.

- **Other Programs.** The Rutherford Public Library is offering virtual programming and some limited in-person programming for children and adults. Visit RutherfordLibrary.org and click on the Calendar tab to learn what's coming up. You can also call us at 201-939-8600 for more information.
- **Looking for a Job?** Check out the Rutherford Library's website for helpful tools on the Jobseekers page. Located under the Adult Services heading on the main web page, there are direct links to job sites such as the Bergen County Job Center and announcements for federal and state civil service jobs. You will also find job search tools such as the Job & Career Accelerator database that can help build a resume or prepare for interviews. Take a look! ###

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**Carlstadt
Public Library**

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

• **Crafts for Crafters on Zoom.** The Carlstadt Library welcomes fellow crafters on Wednesday, September 8 at 7 p.m. Get in the fall spirit decorating ceramic pumpkin trinket boxes. This program is for adults and teens ages 14 and up. A Zoom link will be emailed after registering. Registration required.

• **The Ladies Who Write the Songs - An Evening of Music with Jane Stuart.** The Carlstadt Library will be hosting a musical performance with Jane Stuart Music Quartet, LIVE, at the Carlstadt Civic Center Wednesday, September 22, at 7 p.m. Enjoy music from musical legends such as Joni Mitchell, Carole King and the songs that made them famous! Registration is required.

A Zoom link will be emailed after registering. Reg-

istration required.

• **Decoding the Mysteries of Cats.** Stephen Quandt, a feline behaviorist, explains why cats do what they do on Monday, September 27 at 7 p.m. The webinar will be followed by a Q&A. This event will be held on Zoom. A Zoom link will be emailed after registering. Registration required.

• **Positive Parenting Workshop with Diane Lang.** The East Rutherford, Rutherford, Carlstadt, and Wood-Ridge Libraries are excited to offer a Zoom webinar with Diane Lang, Wednesday, September 29 at 6 p.m.

This webinar will provide information regarding best practices, encouraging children to become the best versions of themselves, especially during this challenging time. A Zoom link will be emailed after registering. Registration required.

• **Make It and Take It - Crafts for Kids.** The Carlstadt Library welcomes children of all ages for a monthly make-it and take-it craft. Kits will be available for pick-up at the Library beginning Tuesday, September 7 through Thursday September 30. Please call 201-438-8866 for more information.

• **Music with Miss Nita - Live!** The Carlstadt Library welcomes Miss Nita at the Carlstadt Village Green on Thursdays, September 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 10:30 a.m. for songs, rhymes, movement and instrument play. This program is for ages 6 months to 5 years. Please register for each session. ###

**Wood-Ridge
Memorial Library**

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

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is open to the public at 100% capacity. Computer time is limited to sixty minutes, no advance reservation is required. The Book Drop is open for item returns. Porch pick-up is available. Check website for updated information.

• **Music with Miss Nita.** Miss Nita is back with her music and movement classes on the Library Lawn on September 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 10:30 a.m. Join us as we share the joys of making music. Registration for these events can be found on the website Event Calendar.

• **Storytime with Miss Jennie.** Do you like to read? Join our new Children's Librarian, Miss Jennie, for exciting stories and songs every Friday in September. Storytime will be held on September 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 11 a.m. in the Children's Room. Registration for these events can be found on the website Event Calendar.

• **Children's Crafts-to-Go.** Crafts to Go program returns! Every Tuesday features 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 Miss Jennie at jennie.sudia@woodridge.bccls.org

• **Boredom Busters for Children.** Bored at home? Can't think of anything to do? Check out our monthly Boredom Busters for a STEM based activity! You can find this month's on our website Event Calendar, Facebook and Instagram pages the 1st of September!

• **ESL.** In-person and online classes Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays. In-person 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the conference room. Tuesdays and Thursdays via WebEx from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sign ups are on our website under "Events."

Databases:

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library has many entertaining and educational databases, including, but not limited to, Scholastic BookFlix, Literature Resource Center, eLibrary, Gale LegalForms, CultureGrams, Ancestry and Biography in Context. ###

**Hasbrouck Heights
Free Public Library**

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

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is open for in-person browsing and computer use. No appointments are required. In accordance with the newly published CDC guidelines, masks are to be worn for all individuals for indoor settings. Any minor 13 years old and under, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be responsible for their supervision.

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

• **September is Library Card Sign-up Month.** Having a Library card opens up a world of opportunities, and provides access to nearly everything online and in print for you to stay connected and to pursue your passions and dreams. Stop by in-person or apply online to get a Library card.

**For the
WHOLE FAMILY**

• **Bundle Up** is a specially curated book recommendation service available for all ages. Each bundle will come with three options. Visit our website to fill out a google form.

• **Our Movie Night (at Home)** promotion continues throughout the month. Borrow any 5 Hasbrouck Heights-owned DVDs from our Adult or Juvenile collection and we'll provide a bag of microwave popcorn!

For CHILDREN

• **Little Artists Grab & Go: Back-to-School Craft.** Friday, September 10, Saturday, September 11. A complete "back to school" themed craft-in-a-bag available for pickup inside the Library on Friday or Saturday. Best for Grades 1-5.

• **Preschool Storytime LIVE via Facebook.** Wednesday, September 15 at 11 a.m. Stories and songs on the Library's Facebook page. Registration not required.

For TEENS:

• **Teen Craft-to-Go.** Alpaca Shrinky-Dink Keychains. Tuesday, September 21 from 2 to 8 p.m. Did you know Sep-

tember 26 is National Alpaca Day? Teens in Grades 6-12 are invited to celebrate this big event with a alpaca Shrinky-Dink keychain craft. Supplies will be available for pickup in the YA area of the Library from 2 to 8 p.m.

For TEENS and ADULTS

• **Teen & Adult Craft-to-Go.** Yarn Bird Craft. Thursday, September 16 from 2 to 8 p.m.

This month, teens and adults can craft together to create some crafty yarn birds! Supplies will be available for pickup in the Teen Area from 2 to 8 p.m. Register on our website calendar for supplies.

For ADULTS

• **Crafts-to-Share Club.** Tuesday, September 14 from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, September 29 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Drop in to chat and work on a crafty project! Enjoy getting to know other crafters in your community while you knit, crochet, embroider or craft anything! We have donated yarn for any crafters looking to create for a good cause. In-person and on Zoom.

• **Adult Book Club.** 4th Tuesday of each month. September 28 at 7 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fun, literary discussion! September's book is "Writers & Lovers" by Lily King. Pick book up at the Library or use the Hoopla app to enjoy the ebook or eAudiobook on your smartphone or tablet. In person and on Zoom.

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

The Library's Fall tentative hours of operation are as follows—

Mondays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Participation in this sale does not count towards the “two garage sales” per year ordinance. Sign up dates to come. There is a \$10 fee.

Space will be made available for apartment dwellers and fund raising organizations. Participants must bring their own table.

A free map indicating all registered participants’ addresses will be distributed to the shoppers. This event is sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Mayor’s Celebration Committee. For more information, call the Borough Clerk at 201-288-0195. ###

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



**"Ugly Houses –
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You see these signs every-
where. They're usually bright
yellow and advertised on public
utility poles or on wire stands
along the roadside.

Sometimes they're offer-
ing job opportunities that are
too good to be true. But now
- more than ever in today's hot
real estate market - the signs
blast "We buy homes!" "Cash
for your home!" "Sell us your
home as/is!" How they get
away with this pervasive and
tacky form of illegal signage
is beyond me.

But apart from being eye-
sores, they often represent
scams that target weak, un-
informed and desperate hom-
eowners.

The advertisers are mostly
real estate investment groups
that scoop up houses across the
country – often paying sums
far below market value. Their
goal? Flip each house into a
more expensive property, or
turn it into a rental unit.

Even those who have no
intention of selling their home

could be susceptible to a real
estate scam involving what are
called 'unsolicited offers' to
buy a home.

In addition to the sign
scourge, these offers can come
in the form of a short note or
postcard with verbiage that
will explain how the buyer is
interested in a property and can
pay cash quickly.

They will usually include
the willingness to pay a "fair
price." But what is fair to them,
however, is often not at all fair
to the homeowner.

Homeowners who respond
to these notices or roadside
signs usually fall into one of
two categories. They live in a
desired neighborhood or com-
munity where homes are sought
after or they may be behind in
property taxes, facing bank-
ruptcy, divorce or may have
been unsuccessful in selling
a home though a real estate
broker.

Many of these buyers are,
in essence, throwing out fishing
nets to see if they can find an
owner who doesn't understand
the real value of their home
or an owner that wants to sell
quickly at [almost] any cost.

These buyers are hoping to
find someone who may be on
the verge of listing a home but
who doesn't want the hassles.
They may be facing a personal
situation that is forcing them to
consider selling a home.

Buyers of this sort are often
hoping to find sellers willing to

sell at 70% or less of a home's
market value.

But this can be totally
legitimate. Many home buyer
companies are made up of
ethical people who seek to
make a profit while improving
a neighborhood and helping a
homeowner sell a house fast. A
win-win-win, if you will.

But then, again, there are
shady, dishonest people who
put money ahead of the well-
being of their clients and who
would sign the contract to sell
their grandmother with one
hand while stabbing you in the
back with the other – as long as
they make enough money.

Attorneys General here in
New Jersey and Pennsylvania
have issued alerts about scam-
mers who back out of promises
to pay off a seller's mortgage
after the deed is signed.

Other nefarious investing
groups threaten to back out of
a sale last minute unless a hom-
eowner makes surprise repairs.

Before selling through a
'We Buy Homes' firm, it's very
important that home owners do
their homework.

Make sure they're repre-
sented by a legitimate com-
pany; check out their website,
trace the phone number they're
using and talk to local profes-
sionals to get their take.

According to the National
Association of Realtors, 89%
of home sellers in 2020 worked
with a real estate agent to sell
their property.

For most homeowners, this
route is the best way to fetch
top dollar for their home – es-
pecially in today's real estate
market. Simply put, there are
fewer homes on the market
right now, so competition is
high and many sellers are rak-
ing in offers - many of them
over asking price.

In the vast majority of
cases, settling for a lower price
from an investor just doesn't
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Report Hammers Post Office Leadership

U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ-09) reacted harshly to a scathing report issued by the U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) finding that Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's ten-year plan to rebuild the United States Post Office (USPS) plan is built on unreliable data, based on unproven assumptions, and won't provide the cost savings assumed by USPS.

"The findings of the Postal Regulatory Commission make crystal clear that Louis DeJoy and his plans are a clear and present danger to the future of the Post Office," said Rep. Pascrell. "DeJoy's so-called plan to rebuild USPS will not strengthen it but instead make it even more feeble. Louis DeJoy should have been fired a long time ago. Americans demand a Post Office that works for them. That starts with firing the pre-Biden board members who have enabled this damage and then removing Louis DeJoy."

DeJoy's ten-year plan would institute slower delivery standards for 30% (*roughly 5 billion pieces annually*) of first-class mail, while increasing the price for postage.

According to the PRC, USPS has not demonstrated evidence to show that the DeJoy plan won't hurt customer satisfaction and has not adequately adapted its plan to address the myriad of concerns raised by customers and stakeholders.

Contrary to DeJoy's assertion that his plan would provide significant cost savings, the PRC found the plan would be unlikely to improve USPS's financial condition.

The PRC criticized USPS for not conducting any operational or pilot testing before implementing DeJoy's drastic changes to service standards, and advised the Postal Service to address these many concerns before moving forward.

PRC Chairman Michael Kubayanda emphasized that the DeJoy plan "does not meet the needs of the moment and is not supported by the testimony the Postal Service has presented".

On January 25, 2021, Pascrell became the first member

of Congress calling on President Biden to fire the entire Postal Board of Governors sitting before his election for their silence and complicity in DeJoy's ongoing sabotage of postal operations.

In February, Pascrell immediately praised the nominations by President Biden of the three new nominees to the USPS Board of Governors and on March 18, Pascrell and Reps. Gerry Connolly (D-VA-11) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-03) led over 50 House Democrats urging Biden to immediately remove the then-sitting USPS Board of Governors.

Since this postal crisis began, Rep. Pascrell has aggressively demanded accountability from USPS.

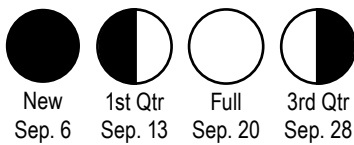
On May 21, 2020, Pascrell wrote to USPS Inspector General Tammy Whitcomb demanding an investigation of turmoil at the USPS, stemming from a pattern of interference engineered by the Trump administration in its efforts to destabilize the Post Office.

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

On September 30, 2020, Pascrell led members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation in a letter to Postmaster General DeJoy demanding an emergency visit to the Dominic Daniels mail sorting center in Kearny and requesting information on USPS's ability to carry out New Jersey's all vote-by-mail general election.

In October, Pascrell made a surprise appearance at the Daniels Facility and demanded access.

Just last month, Pascrell wrote to President Biden's three new appointees to the USPS Board of Governors, Ronald Stroman, Amber McReynolds, and Anton Hajjar, calling on them to remove DeJoy. *Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. press release. ###*



Harvest Moon

The September full moon appears on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 19:55 EST. This will be the fourth full moon of the Summer 2021 season. The Autumn Equinox is on the calendar for September 22, 2021 15:21 EST.

Technically, the Harvest Moon is the Full Moon closest to the September equinox around September 22. Most years it is in September, but around every three years, it is in October. The Harvest Moon is the only Full Moon name which is determined by the equinox rather than a month.

The Full Moon in the month of September in the Old Farmer's Almanac is called Harvest Moon, which corresponds with the Old English/Anglo-Saxon name, while other names are Corn Moon or Full Corn Moon or Barley Moon.

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. 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. ###



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Rosh Hashanah: Sunset Sept. 6 to nightfall Sept. 8, 2021 Yom Kippur: Sunset Sept. 15 to nightfall Sept. 16, 2021

Rosh Hashanah, literally "Head of the Year" in Hebrew, is the beginning of the Jewish new year. It is the first of the High Holidays or "Days of Awe," ending 10 days later with Yom Kippur. This two-day festival marks the anniversary of humans' creation—and the special relationship between humans and God.

Sister Ramona's Celebration of Life Mass Oct. 10

A Celebration of Life Mass for Sister Ramona, the founder of The Felician School for Exceptional Children, will be held on October 10, 2021, at 10 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Chapel, 260 S. Main Street, Lodi, NJ.

The Mass is open to the public. For more information call Lisa at 973-777-5355 or email: Imignano@fsec.org. ###

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother, Oh, Holy Mary, Mother Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are some that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother.

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 you 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. ###**

It begins with the sounding of the shofar, (*a trumpet made from a ram's horn*), proclaiming God as King of the Universe, just as a trumpet sounds at a king's coronation.

The sound of the shofar is also a call to repentance—to wake up and re-examine our commitment to God and to correct our ways. Thus begins the "Ten Days of Repentance" which ends with Yom Kippur.

Traditions include the sounding of the ram's horn (shofar) on both mornings.

Every evening, candles are lit. Candles are often a symbol of remembrance.

Spicy, sharp, or sour foods are avoided in favor of sweet delicacies, representing wishes for a sweet and pleasant year.

Yom Kippur means "Day of Atonement." This is the holiest Jewish holiday of the year and ends the ten days of High Holidays or "Days of Awe," which begin with Rosh Hashanah. Jews refrain from work. Adults fast from sundown the evening before Yom Kippur until nightfall the next day.

This day is about asking God to forgive sins, reflecting on past mistakes accepting repentance, and praying.

Fasting is a way to cleanse and purify the body and soul.

Many will wear all-white clothing to also symbolize purity.

On the day itself, there are many traditional prayers. One of the most important prayers describes the atonement ritual performed by high priests during ancient times.

Yom Kippur ends with a single shofar blast.

Traditions include: The day before Yom Kippur, a special meal is enjoyed ending with candle lighting. Many remember those who passed. Some visit cemeteries on this day before Yom Kippur. Another tradition leading up to Yom Kippur is to perform charitable acts. After Yom Kippur, a festive "break-the-fast" meal is served with lots of satisfying breakfast foods such as bagels and spreads, kugel, blintzes, and egg dishes. *Source Almanac.com ###*

What is Sukkot?

The first day of Sukkot 2021 begins the evening of Monday, September 20 and ends on the evening of Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Sukkot (*Feast of Booths or Tabernacles*) is one of the three biblically based pilgrimage holidays known as the shalosh regalim.

It is an agricultural festival that originally was considered a thanksgiving for the fruit harvest. Sukkot are hut-like structures that the Jews lived in during the 40 years of travel through the wilderness after the exodus from Egypt.

As a temporary dwelling,

the sukkah also represents the fact that all existence is fragile, and therefore Sukkot is a time to appreciate the shelter of our homes and our bodies.

How is Sukkot celebrated?

Sukkot is celebrated by, first of all, building a sukkah. Jews are required to eat in the sukkah for eight days (*seven days in Israel*), and some even sleep in the sukkah for the duration of the holiday.

The sukkah is decorated and the first day is considered a holy day in which most forms of work are forbidden.

The rabbis dictated that arbat ha'minim (*four species*) should be held together and waved during the holiday. These are based on four plants mentioned in the Bible, and the rabbinic version includes the following: etrog (fruit of the citron tree), lulav (palm frond), hadas (leaves from the myrtle tree), and aravah (leaves from the willow tree). This waving ceremony was performed at the Temple in the ancient world.

The seventh day of Sukkot is called Hoshanah Rabah. On that day in the synagogue Jews circle the room seven times while the arbat ha'minim are held and special prayers are recited. *Source: https://toriavey.com/ ###*

Rutherford Food Pantry

The Pantry is located in the basement of Rutherford Borough Hall. It is a volunteer non-profit which is a joint effort of community faith congregations, organizations and concerned citizens. Call 201-460-3000 x3168 to volunteer. Food donations are welcome during hours of service. Recipient eligibility is determined by local pastors and social services. A completed and approved referral is required. Limitations apply. For more information go to: www.rutherford-nj.com/pantry ###

Pray for Peace

Welcome To The Neighborhood



(l-r) Kevin Pace, Monica Rivera, Taylor Smith, Joseph Coccaro, Bibi Singh, Brian McCourt and Matthew Langer cut the "Grand Opening Ribbon."

Bogota Savings Bank Opens Branch on the Boulevard

On Wednesday, August 4, 2021, **Bogota Savings Bank** held a grand opening ceremony for their Hasbrouck Heights Branch located at 181 Boulevard. They were joined by members of the Hasbrouck Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce, friends and elected officials. *See ad on page 24.* For more information, go to: <https://www.bogotasavingsbank.com/> ###



On July 24, 2021, **The Sweet Life** owner, Krista Grohman, was joined by family and friends for their official Grand Opening. Members of the Hasbrouck Heights Council and Hasbrouck Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomed the new enterprise. The Sweet Life offers sundaes, milkshakes, soft serve, frozen yogurt and vegan ice cream, available with many toppings and add-in flavor options. They also offer a huge selection of penny candy: *pick your favorites -- sold by the pound.* They are located at 216 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights. *See ad on page 7.* ###

BCPO Supports National Night Out: Launches Dog Walker Watch Program

America's Night Out Against Crime was celebrated nationally on August 3, 2021.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood rapport to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

Many Bergen County towns to include Little Ferry, Lodi and Carlstadt, offered family-friendly activities, food, and informational giveaways.

This year, the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office launched the Dog Walker Watch Program.

This program was created by the National Association of Town Watch and encourages local residents to assist law enforcement as extra eyes and

ears while out walking their dogs.

The program enhances the partnership between police and community while providing resources for neighbors to be more aware and to learn how to effectively observe and report suspicious activity.

Anyone who signs up as a program participant will receive a bright red Dog Walker Watch bandana for their dog.

Prosecutor Mark Musella said, "This year, we are pleased to launch the Dog Walker Watch Program to enhance communication between law enforcement and community members and create safer neighborhoods."

For more information, go to: BCPO.net ###



Retrospect: As you listen to the whine of your air conditioner (and ponder your electric bill), reflect back to the 20+ inches of snow on February 20, 2021. *File photo.* ###

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As seen on Madison Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, on August 4, 2021. We we can assume that Lucas had a Happy Birthday. ###

Happy 100th Marie!

On Saturday, August 7, 2021, family and friends gathered at a luncheon held at Il Villaggio, in Carlstadt, to celebrate the 100th Birthday Marie Alesso Della Penta.

Marie served as Director of the Borough's school cafeterias until 1986. Her husband, the late Anthony Joseph, served as the community's superintendent of the sewer department and was a Veteran of WWII.

The Birthday Girl has two daughters, Cini Hordych and Judy Boyce. She has four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. (Marie's birthday was on Friday, August 6, 2021). Provided by Artie Maglionico.



School in 1940. Marie worked for the Lodi School system a total of 46 years. First starting in 1940 as a clerk in the main office of Lodi High School and later became the Cafeteria Manager for all Lodi Public Schools. Marie attends St. Joseph Church in Lodi where you would often see her handing out 50/50s during the feast. She also is a great cook/baker and enjoys admiring her beautiful gardens and flowers. Marie is a lifelong resident of Lodi and to this day still resides in the home she built with her husband in 1956. ###

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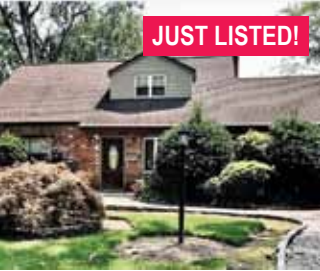
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