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The Solution? The most effective deterrent to heat loss is a set of glass fireplace doors that can be opened when a fire is blazing and closed when the fire is dying. But always remember to give the fire enough oxygen to burn.

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Holiday Candle Safety Tips

Wood-Ridge Fire Chief Anthony Gentile stated, "On average, a candle fire in the home is reported to a U.S. fire department every 34 minutes."

More than half of all candle fires start when items that can burn, such as furniture, mattresses, bedding, curtains, or decorations, are too close to the candle. The risk of a fatal candle fire appears higher when candles are used for light.

Chief Gentile offered these candle safety tips:

- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles which can look, smell, and feel like real candles.
- Use sturdy, safe candle-holders.
- Protect candle flames with glass chimneys or containers.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Put candles out when you leave a room.
- Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- Keep children and pets away from burning candles.
- Be careful not to splatter wax when putting out a candle.
- Never use a candle when oxygen is present.
- Always use a flashlight, not a candle, for emergency lighting.
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I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas...

By Meteorologist Dan Ventola

As a little boy growing up in Lodi, amongst the best things in life to me was a good snow storm and... Christmas! To put the two together was a dream!

A dream not often made into reality. When you look at the statistics, we have not had too many white Christmases, even years ago, despite what you may "remember."

Many say when we were kids, we had more white Christmases, but I beg to differ. Now, how do you define a white Christmas you ask. Does it mean: snow actually "falling" on Christmas Day or does it merely mean if you have snow on the ground that it's a white Christmas. I think it's more the latter.

But as far as actually having snow "falling" on Christmas Day, here are the facts: Since 1950, we have had 6 Christmases with snow actually falling and accumulating. The years were (since 1950), 1962: 1," 1966: 1," 1969: 3," 1975: 1," 1976: 1" and just 6

years ago, in 2002, we had a whopping 5 1/2" on Christmas Day!

Now, as far as technically having a white Christmas from ...say some left over snow on the ground from previous days preceding Christmas Day... well, that's a stat this guy is too busy to research ... but I will tell you this, it's a heck of a lot more than just 6 Christmases. Probably around 15 or 20 "snow on the ground-white Christmases" since 1950.

This brings us to the question, will we have a white Christmas this year?

Tough question to answer as longer range forecasting for an individual day is still a tough nut to crack, that is a forecast beyond, say... day 10.

Anyway, in my meteorological opinion, it will remain colder than normal well into a chunk of December. As you know, it's been colder than normal in Hasbrouck Heights and Teterboro since the middle of November and we have already had a few snow events.

Given the type of weather

er pattern we are in, I think THIS Christmas holds a better chance of either having snow on the ground or, perhaps the "magical snow actually falling" on Christmas Day.

Now that I am not a kid anymore, and it's my business to forecast, especially during storms, I am not quite sure if I want snow to fall on Christmas, because that means more "work" for me. But, hey, now that I think of it, I am still a kid at heart, so... **LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!**

Hasbrouck Heights resident Dan Ventola is a meteorologist and President of The National Weather Station with its main location at Teterboro Airport.

For information on how to subscribe to the service (if you are a DPW, contractor, private company) contact Dan Ventola at dan@nationalweatherstation or call him at 201-288-1824.

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST, 1897

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia,

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis P. Church, Published in The New York Sun, September 21, 1897

Choral Ensemble & Chamber Orchestra Holiday Concert

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About Sinter Klaas

The Wood-Ridge Historical Society will present a program by Kevin Wright, of the Bergen County Historical Society, 1:30 p.m., Sunday, December 7, 2008, in the Bianchi House located at 111 First Street in Wood-Ridge.

Mr. Wright will present Christmas customs amongst the early Dutch settlers in the County and Sinter Klaas as related to our Santa Claus.

A light lunch will be served. Free admission. Donations to future programs appreciated. For additional information, call Pat at 201-935-2137. ###

Holiday Concert

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Bring your camera for this photo opportunity! Children under 6 (six) years of age will be able to meet and greet Santa Claus inside the museum free of charge, when accompanied by an adult.

The museum will open at 10:00 a.m. to accommodate expected interest in this special event, and the public is advised to arrive early in order to obtain good parking.

The visit of Santa Claus is presented annually by the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum, located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive. For more info call 201-288-6344. ###

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Community Tree Lightings

The Hasbrouck Heights Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle was rescheduled for immediately after the Annual Holiday Parade on November 28, 2008. Previously, the ceremony was scheduled for Sunday, December 7th, at 5 p.m. ###

Lodi will hold their Tree Lighting with a "very special guest" at the Municipal Complex on December 5th. ###

Moonachie will hold the Annual Tree Lighting event (rain or shine) on Saturday, December 6th, at 7 p.m., in front of Borough Hall. R. L. Craig students will sing Christmas Carols.

Everyone attending receives a free tree ornament provided by the Moonachie Municipal Alliance Committee. Refreshments served at the Firehouse following the ceremony. ###

Wood-Ridge's Annual Tree Lighting was rescheduled for November 28th, at Veterans Park, starting at 7 p.m. A "Toys for Tots" drive also included in the event. ###

Holiday Decoration And Display Contest

Ho. Ho. Ho. Hop in your sleigh and join the fun. Check out Hasbrouck Heights' festive displays on The Boulevard and in your neighborhood with yards, homes, lamp posts and doors seasonally dressed for the holidays. Judging is Saturday and Sunday, December 20 & 21, with final selections on Monday, December 22. This annual tradition is sponsored by the Mayor's Celebrations Committee. ###

HH Men's Association Christmas Tree Sale

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

They will be carrying an array of trees of various sizes and prices.

This sale has been a Hasbrouck Heights holiday tradition for over twenty years.

The money raised goes to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors from Hasbrouck Heights who want to attend college.

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association wants to thank area residents for their on-going support of their sale and they wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. ###

Fire Chief Offers Safety Tips for Christmas Trees

Hasbrouck Heights Fire Chief Michael Ratkowski stated that, "Almost half (48%) of home Christmas tree fires are caused by some type of electrical failure or malfunction. Twenty-seven percent of Christmas tree fires result from a heat source placed too close to the tree.

Two-thirds of home Christmas tree fires are reported in December and 19% are reported in January."

Chief Ratkowski offered these tips regarding Christmas tree safety:

- When decorating your tree, always use lights listed by a testing laboratory. Some lights are designed only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Larger tree lights should also have some type of reflector rather than a bare bulb.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use tree lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used. Connect no more than three strands of push-in bulbs and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and extend their life.

- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and make sure any lit candles in the room are placed well away from tree branches.

- Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water daily. Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles. Check for fresh, green needles. And place your tree in a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.

- Children are fascinated with Christmas trees. Keep a watchful eye on them when around the tree and do not let them play with the wiring or lights. Store matches and lighters up high, out of reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.

- Make sure the tree is at least three feet (one meter) away from any heat source, such as fireplaces and radiators. Try to position the tree near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances. Do not place the tree where it may block exits.

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Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols Dec. 14

The Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols has become a tradition at Saint Margaret of Cortona R.C. Church in Little Ferry and will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

With the anticipation of the Christ Child during the season of Advent, the Parish Choir and the Ministers of the Word provide a story of the long awaited Infant in both word and song. Along with audience participation of traditional Christmas Carols, the event will spotlight other choral selections. Refreshments to follow!

Saint Margaret of Cortona R.C. Church, at 31 Chamberlain Avenue (corner of Liberty Street), Little Ferry, is easily accessible.

Join us for a memorable afternoon!

The choir also has a CD (\$15.00) – "Christmas at Cortona" featuring the parish choir. Please call: Eileen at 201-843-1097, the Director of Music or the parish office at 201-641-2988. ###

Redbird Christmas

Wood-Ridge Memorial Library hosts a Book Discussion Group every third Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p. m.

The book to be discussed on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, is Fannie Flagg's "A Redbird Christmas" (2004), a novel about a man, Oswald T. Campbell, whose doctor tells him for health purposes to leave Chicago for warmer weather.

He ends up in Lost River, Alabama, which he finds to be a strange, little, down-home town with good neighbors and a resident cardinal, called a redbird by the townsfolk.

Copies of this book are available at The Library.

All are welcome, whether you have participated in such a group before or not. ###

Kiwanis Collects Canceled Stamps

As you receive letters and greeting cards from around the world the Holiday Season, remember, the Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights/Teterboro is collecting all canceled stamps both foreign and US. If you would like to help the Kiwanis Club in collecting canceled stamps, please trim the stamps to 1/4 inch around the stamps. The stamps can be dropped off or sent to: **The Gazette Newspaper**, 343 Boulevard, HH. ###

Buy-A-Ribbon Feed The Hungry

As well as "Brightening The Boulevard," this annual appeal, offered by **Bill O'Shea's Florist**, has generated thousands of dollars every year to benefit The Center for Food Action.

A \$10 contribution buys a bright red ribbon with your name on it, placed along the Boulevard beginning Thanksgiving until Valentine's Day.

This year, a banner promoting this annual holiday tradition is scheduled to be placed across The Boulevard for approximately two weeks.

Contributors simply complete the "Buy-A-Ribbon -- Feed The Hungry" form, listing their name, family, memorial, etc., with a limit of up to 30 characters.

Most ribbons are \$10, but generous folks can make a \$50 donation which provides a special breakfast and traditional dinner for Christmas or Hanukkah for a family in our neighborhood.

Corporate donations of \$100 or more will receive a unique red and gold ribbon.

Ribbon placement in Hasbrouck Heights is done by the Knights of Columbus: Msgr.

Fitzpatrick Council 7041.

Ribbon placement along Valley Boulevard in Wood-Ridge is done by the Knights of Columbus: St. Anthony's Council 11158. ###

"A Christmas Carol" Performance Dec. 13

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights and The Friends of The Library are sponsoring the reading of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. The performance will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 1:00 pm.

Three actors in Victorian costumes will dramatically read this one hour "Dickens Edited" version of the classic tale. This free program will be held in the conference room of The Library at 320 Boulevard. This production is suitable for children over 9 years of age or higher. To register please call (201) 288-0488 or log on to -- <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org> ###

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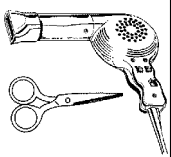
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**Breakfast with Santa
in Moonachie Dec. 20**

R. L. Craig School P.T.O. is sponsoring a continental breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 20th, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the cafeteria. There will be a "kiddie tricky tray." Cost is \$5 per person.

Children can have their photo with Santa. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. ###

Pizza With Santa

The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's Club is sponsoring Pizza with Santa on Friday, December 12, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Municipal Building. Cost is \$8 per person and includes photo with Santa, craft, goody bag, pizza, refreshments and raffle. For tickets, call Lisa at 201-288-5921. ###

HH Library Displays

The Meadowlands Museum is providing an amazing display of Teddy Bears during December.

In January, the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights will provide a look at the accomplishments of the organization.

Call Melissa at 201-288-6653 to have your collection displayed for one month. ###

**Pet Photos with
Mrs. Claus**

FOCAS (Friends of the County Animal Shelter, Inc.) will be hosting holiday pet pictures with Mrs. Claus on Sunday, December 7, 2008, at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost per photo is \$5.00.

All pets are welcome. Pets should be up-to-date on all shots and appropriately restrained.

There will be refreshments, fabulous holiday gifts on sale for pets and people and two drawings each hour for a FREE surprise gift.

Let FOCAS put some "cheer" in your holiday! This is an annual FOCAS event. Donations will go to benefit sick, homeless and abandoned animals.

For information call the FOCAS Help Line at 201-943-4019, visit www.focasnews.org or email info@focasnews.org ###

**Wood-Ridge
Breakfast With Santa**

The St. Anthony Council of the Knights of Columbus invites all children and the young at heart to their Annual Pancake Breakfast. Santa will be their guest of honor. The breakfast will take place at the Assumption School Cafeteria in Wood-Ridge on Sunday, December 14th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The menu will be "all you can eat" pancakes, sausages, orange juice and coffee for the adults. The cost is \$5.00 per person; children 5 and under will be admitted free.

Chairman Thomas Gonnella and his steering committee have been making all the final arrangements. The committee members are PGK Russell Petrocelli, PGK Frank Matera, PGK Peter Gallo, PGK Angelo Urato and Stephen Sarracino. ###

**Hasbrouck Heights
Breakfast With Santa**

Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be held at Corpus Christi School on Sunday, December 14, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, in the school cafeteria.

Enjoy a morning of family fun and a delicious pancake breakfast, crafts, music and a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Tickets in advance are \$8.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child and children under three free.

To purchase tickets please call Suzanne or Bill at 973-778-9672. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door. ###



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To Take Santa
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**Santa's Schedule for
December 21, 2008**

- Collins & Baldwin
4:00 to 4:20 p.m.
- Hasbrouck & Ottawa
4:30 to 4:50 p.m.
- Paterson & Burton
5:00 to 5:20 p.m.
- Oak Grove & La Salle
5:30 to 5:55 p.m.
- Oak Grove & Jefferson
6:05 to 6:25 p.m.
- Oldfield & Division
6:35 to 6:55 p.m.
- Cleveland & Summit
7:05 to 7:20 p.m.
- Firehouse -- Last Stop
248 Hamilton Avenue
7:45 p.m.

Any parent who cannot get a child to a Santa stop due to illness or handicap can make special arrangements by calling the Fire Chief at 201-288-0082.

**Lodi FD
Santa Around Town**

On Sunday, December 21, starting at 9 a.m., Lodi residents can meet Santa on their street corner. Be sure to listen for the Fire Department sirens. ###

**Moonachie FD
Santa Around Town**

On Sunday, December 21, starting at 4 p.m., Moonachie residents can meet Santa on their street corner. Be sure to listen for the Fire Department sirens. ###

**WRFD
Santa Around Town**

On Saturday, December 20, 2008, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department will have pictures with Santa at the firehouse from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Starting at 3:30 p.m., they will randomly escort Santa up and down every street in the Borough. Firefighters will hand out candy at the intersections. ###

Christmas Wreaths

St. Joseph School, East Rutherford, is selling 12" decorated live Christmas wreaths on the weekend of December 6th and 7th after all of the masses (while supplies last)!

The cost of a wreath is \$13. You may pre-order a wreath by contacting the school office at 201-939-3193 or email at sjsr@comcast.net ###

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Reflections

Advent Waiting in a Quickaholic Society

Rev. Lewis V. Papera, Pastor
Corpus Christi Church

Quickaholics are the fastest growing population in our culture. There are fast food restaurants, express lanes, express mail, and jiffy markets. You may even purchase a video entitled, "Discover Yourself in Less Than Thirty Minutes."

Disney World is sensitive that people do not want to wait, so one of their priorities is to keep the lines moving. They loop and twist and snake as they make their way to a particular attraction. It takes the participants the same amount of time to reach their destination but they do not have to wait and face their discontent.

I would like to think I am not part of this growing group but it is not true. I know the maneuvering that is going on inside of me to select the quickest line at the bank or the supermarket, only to find out I picked the slower one. At times I may be under a time constraint, but most of the time I wonder what is underneath the rushing.

There certainly is nothing unhealthy about saving time and being more efficient, but it goes over the line when we are moving faster and faster to avoid our lives. The quick and easy become addictive when we run to avoid our inner condition - our problems, our pain, and our potential.

The Advent season of waiting is a time to challenge that part of ourselves. God's relationship with his people has been consistently one of teaching them to wait. Noah waited for the flood waters to recede; Sarah waited in barrenness for a child; the Israelites waited in Egypt and then forty years

in the desert before entering the Promised Land; and Mary waited nine months for her son Jesus, the Messiah, to be born.

The People of God waited for the Messiah's first coming and now we wait for His Second Coming at the end of the ages, but before then, He is coming to us in a fresh way today. Where? We discover the action of God at that inner place where we want to run from our self.

We cannot make this rebirth happen, any more than anyone of us could have made the first Christmas happen. It was God's plan and His initiative. To wait on God is not to do nothing, but to creatively listen and allow Him to act, so that our little hearts may be enlarged and our small world, broaden.

On Christmas 2008 may the angels not only praise God for His work in His son Jesus Christ at Bethlehem, but also His work in the nativity of our own lives. ###

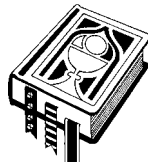
CC Rosary Society News

Active members of the Rosary Society of Corpus Christi Church have been invited to "A Christmas Social" to take place on Thursday, December 11. The evening will begin with the celebration of Mass in the Chapel at 5:15 p.m., followed by a light supper in the school cafeteria.

The Christmas Stocking undertaking for the benefit of fifteen local children was successfully completed at the November meeting. As usual, the response was outstanding, and we thank all those who so generously contributed to this special project.

We encourage the women of the parish to join the Rosary Society in prayer and service. Members are required to say one decade of the Rosary daily, to attend monthly meetings (first Thursday after the first Sunday of the month), to pray the Rosary for deceased members, and to participate whenever possible in various service projects. Simply come to a General Meeting or call Membership Chairperson Dee Sullivan (201-288-7415) for further information. *Story by Carol Viceconte ###*

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Sunday Obligation Masses:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Chapel)

7:30 a.m. (Church), 9:00 a.m. (Chapel), 10:30 a.m. (Chapel),

12 noon (Chapel) and 6:00 p.m.(Chapel)

Daily Masses: (Church)

Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. • Sat. - 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation (Confession): Sat. 4-4:45 p.m.

Corpus Christi Church/School Websites

Parish: www.rc.net/newark/corpuschristi/index.html

School: www.corpuschristischool.net



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Monday - 7:30 p.m., N.A. Women's Meeting

Tuesday & Friday - 12 noon, N.A. Meeting



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Thursday - 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study



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Saturday

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Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School/Adult forum

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study



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Rev. Mr. Steve Marchese, Deacon

Sunday Obligation Masses:

6 p.m. Saturday

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Italian), 10:30 a.m., Noon, 6 p.m.

Daily Masses: 7:00 a.m., Noon • **Holy Day Mass Eve:** 7 p.m.

Reconciliation (Confession): Sat. 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Friday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: 11 a.m. to Noon

Church Schedules: Moonachie

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOONACHIE

221 Moonachie Road

Church Office: 201-641-4919

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Sunday

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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Sunday Obligation Masses:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon

Daily Masses: Mon., Novena 7 p.m., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8 a.m.

Saturday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving: 9 a.m.

Rosary for Peace: First Saturdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Reconciliation (Confession): Mon. 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Church Schedules: Wood-Ridge

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Deacon Nicholas Valdez

Sunday Obligation Masses:

5:30 p.m. Saturday

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses: (Church)

Mon.-Fri.: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m. • Sat. - 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation (Confession): Sat. 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Assumption Church/School Websites

Parish: www.assumption-parish.org

School: www.assumptionschoolwr.org



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Sunday

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3rd Sunday - 9:30 a.m., Combined Episcopal Eucharist

2nd & 4th Sunday - 11:00 a.m. Malayalam Service

Vestry Meeting: 2nd Sat. 10:00 a.m.



Memorial

"Mr. Teterboro"

Henry "Hank" Esposito, also known as "Mr. Teterboro," passed away Wednesday, November 5, 2008, in Hackensack. A World War II Veteran, Esposito came to Teterboro Airport in 1949 and next year would have marked his 60th year as an airport employee.

Most of his career was spent with Atlantic Aviation where he was Division Marketing Director and was best known for meeting and greeting the hundreds of VIPs that passed through Teterboro Airport on a yearly basis.

Esposito was a personal friend of presidents, kings, Hollywood stars, and corporate kingpins. Until recently he worked part-time with Jet Aviation at the airport. ###

Lodi Little League Offers Scholarships

The Lodi Old Timers' Little League has announced the opening of its Scholarship program for 2009. The scholarships are open to all high school seniors who have played at least three years of baseball or softball in any Lodi Little League Program. Two scholarships will be awarded: one to a male and one to a female in the amount of \$500.00 each.

Scholarship applications can be picked up at your Guidance Office or at the Lodi Little League Clubhouse, 72 Church St., Lodi. Applications are due back no later than April 3, 2009. Winners will be announced in June 2009. If you have any questions, please call the Little League at 973-473-4790. ###

Accessible BC Survey Revealed

The December 2, 2008 Community Awareness Access for All Committee monthly meeting will be held in The Hasbrouck Heights Library meeting room, at 7:30 p.m.

Results of the "Accessible Bergen County" award competition survey will be presented. All Hasbrouck Heights residents are welcome; the survey recipients have also been invited. The survey was sent to two groups: disability advocates and Mayors of Bergen County. The presentation will be directed to Jim Thebery, Bergen County Director of Disability Services and Hasbrouck Heights resident. Contact Patrick at: pat.mccarthy10@gmail.com for details. ###

Care On The Corner Honors Costa Family

On February 6, 2009, Care on the Corner will host a Gala and Auction honoring The Costa Family, owners of **Costa Funeral Home** located on the Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights, for their continuing support of Care on the Corner programs.

The Gala will be held at The Empire Club, in Little Ferry, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by The Big Easy featuring guest vocalist, Ruth Brisbane, of the Harlem Blues and Jazz Band.

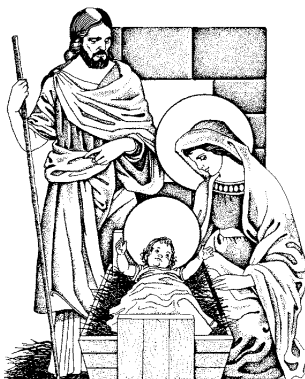
The Program Directors for Care on the Corner will also be honored in this first event of the 2009 fundraising schedule.

For more information and ticket inquiries, contact Gale at 201-288-9460. ###

Clothing Drive

The Moonachie First Aid and Rescue Squad conducts an on-going fund-raiser to support their activities. Area residents are encouraged to donate their unused clothing (*men's, women's, children's*), shoes, handbags, belts, scarves, ties, hats, bedding, curtains, tablecloths, towels, stuffed animals, etc. These items are sent to resale stores and should be in serviceable condition. Bring all items in black garbage bags and drop them off at the Squad Headquarters, 121 Moonachie Road anytime. ###

Be Sure To Take Your Family To Church This Christmas



Hasbrouck Heights Church Christmas Service Schedules

The Churches of Hasbrouck Heights invite you to join us for worship as we celebrate the joyous Christmas Season

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31 Passaic • 201-288-4139

Dec. 24 -- 7 p.m.

Christmas -- 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Burton & Division • 201-288-4636

Dec. 21 -- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Sunday Worship

Dec. 24 -- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Burton & Hamilton Avenue • 201-288-6889

Dec. 24 -- 5:30 p.m. Family Holy Communion

Dec. 24 -- 10:00 p.m. Recital

Dec. 24 -- 10:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Christmas -- 10 a.m. Holy Communion

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Burton & Washington • 201-288-1122

Dec. 14 -- 10:00 a.m. Advent Family Sunday

Dec. 21 -- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Carols

Christmas Eve -- 7:30 p.m. Children's Service

Christmas Eve -- 11 p.m. Candlelight Service

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE (EPISCOPAL)

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Dec. 21 -- 5 p.m. Greening of The Church

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Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 27 -- 5 p.m. Vigil/Chapel

Dec. 28 -- 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 6 p.m. (*All services in Chapel*)

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other efforts such as the Valley Boulevard trash receptacles.###

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I Voted!

Children from the Corpus Christi Early Childhood Learning Center participated in the presidential election process on November 4th.

They printed their name to register and went to the special voting booth to cast paper ballots, each with a photo and name of John McCain and Barack Obama.

After voting, each student received an "I Voted" sticker. ###



The students in Pre-K 4 at St. Joseph School in East Rutherford visited the Carlstadt Fire Department. Firefighter Bob Moore talked to them about fire safety.



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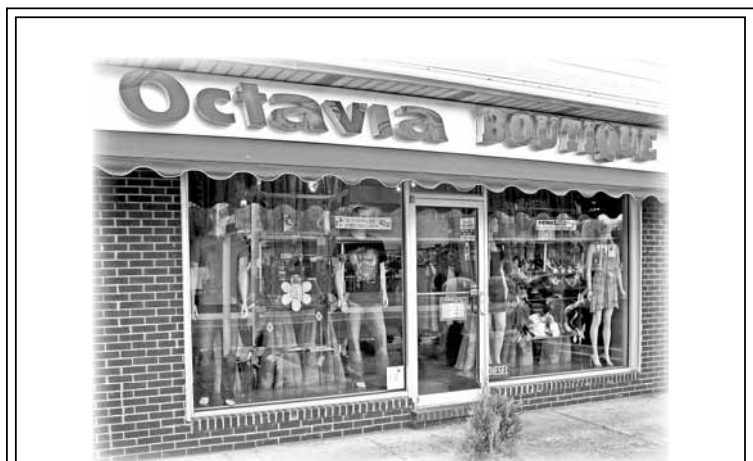
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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



The Ups & Downs of Real Estate

As everybody knows, the real estate market is cyclical. We, who are in the business nearly 30 years, have seen and survived several housing downturns. In the late 70s and early 80s, mortgage rates were "off the charts," approaching, at one point, close to 20% (!), putting financing beyond the reach of most home buyers. The housing market was hit again in the 80s thru the early 90s when hundreds of savings & loans collapsed. And once again in the late 90s: the aftermath of the dot-com crash, provoking then, as now, another economic crisis...

Today's market decline is unique inasmuch as prices are low and -contrary to past downturns -- interest rates (by historical comparison) are also low. The problem, I think, is largely psychological: buyers are scared to commit; they are sitting by the sidelines, waiting

for the proverbial "bottom."

Home prices in our Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge area are steady but eroding somewhat, with sales off perhaps 25 to 30% these last 18 months. There remains, sadly, an oversupply of inventory in our local housing market with the DOM (days on the market per the MLS) indicator actually increasing.

In this very competitive marketplace, two key elements are crucial to a quick sale and an alleviation of the current housing back-log: Pricing (*derived from data, according to fully adjusted comparable recent sales*) and Marketing (*the importance of evaluating a real estate agency on its track record & means to deliver*). And, in a declining market, time is of the essence. No room for error!

Mary Ellen Courtney is owner of Gateway Realtors, 201-288-0004. www.Gateway-ToHomes.com ###

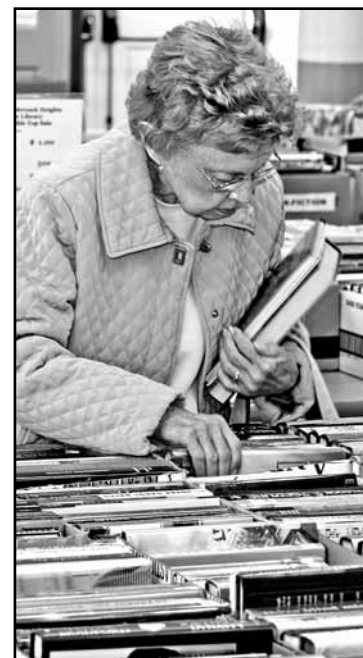
Municipal Reorganization Meetings

Hasbrouck Heights: Thursday, January 1, 2009, at 11:45 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Little Ferry: Friday, January 2, 2009, starts at 6:30 p.m. with the re-organization meeting at 7 p.m.

Moonachie: Sunday, January 4, 2009. At 11 a.m., there will be an executive meeting followed by a public meeting at noon.

Wood-Ridge: Thursday, January 1, 2009, at 3 p.m., in the Council Chambers. ###



Cold Moon

The December full moon appears on Friday, December 12, 2008, at 16:39 and is called the "Full Cold Moon."

According to "The Farmer's Almanac," this month the winter cold fastens its grip, and nights are at their longest and darkest. It is also called the "Moon Before Yule." The term "Long Night Moon" is a double appropriate name because the midwinter night is indeed long, and because the Moon is above the horizon for a long time. The midwinter full Moon has a high trajectory across the sky because it is opposite a low Sun. Other names for this moon include "Full Long Night Moon."

The Native American Indians of the northern and eastern United States kept track of the seasons by giving a name to each recurring full moon. European settlers followed the custom. ###

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Tae Kwon Do Champions "Xcel" at NY Tournament!

The 2008 Chung Ma Tae Kwon Do Championships were held on Saturday, November 8th, at John F. Kennedy High School in Katonah, New York. Students from **Xcel Tae Kwon Do Center** in Hasbrouck Heights competed at the annual event and returned with great success.

First-time competitor, Sara Herron, was the surprise of the day. She captured 2 gold medals with an outstanding performance in both the forms and breaking events. Five year old Enrique Castro performed flawlessly to win 1 gold and 2 bronze medals. Enrique's Mom, Lana, also competed at the tournament making it a family event. She won 2 silver medals in the adult divisions.

Seven year old Dante Milne had the toughest day of the competition. He fought intensely through 4 hard-hitting opponents to capture the gold medal. After sparring, Dante contributed to his medal collection by coming home with gold in the forms event and a bronze in board breaking.

The most exciting moment of the tournament took place with Gillian Calbi. After the preliminary board breaking competition, she ended up in a two-way tie with another girl for 2nd Place. The two girls were allowed to perform just one technique as a tie-breaker.

The first girl set up her board and with a leap, broke it in half with a swift kick. Then it was Gillian's turn.

Even though this was only her second competition, Gillian seemed rather calm. She had her choice of kicks but chose the exact same one her opponent performed just moments earlier.

Gillian requested that the board be held significantly higher than where the other girl had placed it. Gillian set in her position, took a deep breath and then jumped in the air, accompanied by a fierce yell. By the time she landed on the floor everyone knew the silver medal

was hers. It was a proud moment for the Calbi Family.

Congratulations to all the students from Xcel Tae Kwon Do Center in Hasbrouck Heights for a job well done! *Story and photo provided by Master Steven Lee. ###*



Halloween Window Painting Contest Winners

Third Grade: Gabriella Pujados, Catherine Castellanos, Katrina Strodecki, Heather Farrell, Madeline Kalmowitz, Sara Herron, Michelle Schwartz.

Fourth Grade: Sophia Marino, Jessica Gasparino, Amanda DeJulia, Jackie Grace, Brianna Colletti, Melanie Wexler, Camryn Fontana, Julia Prisco, Erica Nilsson.

Fifth Grade: Madisynn Cassiere, Alyssa Verdi, Jenna Giaquinto, Kristin Kunnapas, Daisy Cali, Amanda Olsen, Sami Partyka, Deven Perez, Samantha Smentkowski. ###



Assumption Students Work Magic in the Classroom

Principal Heather Muller of Assumption School in Wood-Ridge has instituted an after school enrichment program for students interested in learning the mysteries behind magic and illusions. Students pictured are Abby Lovatt, Rebecca Leid, Ester Lim, Tyler Graham, Isabel Serrano, and Chelsea Shirabe.

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Centuries of American Veterans Remembered

November 11, 2008

“A Wing and a Prayer”

The Army Air Forces Historical Association, an interactive, living history museum dedicated to honoring World War II aviators, performed a special theatrical presentation of “A Wing and a Prayer” on Sunday, November 9 at the Campbell-Christie House in River Edge. The event, in conjunction with the Bergen County Historical Society, was part of its Veterans Day Salute called “USO Victory Canteen.”

AAFHA members, many of them Army Air Force Veterans and dressed in period uniforms, provided visitors a chance to roll back the hands of time and experience life during the war years. A display of aviation artifacts also provided visitors with a hands-on connection to Veterans.

“A Wing and a Prayer” is a theatrical performance that, according to its author, aviation author Al Parisi of Wyckoff, incorporates a number of elements that brings audience members up close and personal with the experiences of World War II airmen. It is a compilation of vignettes taken from interviews conducted with Veterans as well as published historical anecdotes and era songs, all poignant and stirring.

“Over the years, whether they were first-hand accounts or just pieces that I’d read that touched me deeply, the bits and pieces that make up ‘Wing and a Prayer’ come from those deep-rooted emotions of Veterans that are born in times of war,” said Parisi. “And those experiences are just as true today for those serving overseas



in Afghanistan and Iraq as they were for those fighting in Europe and the Pacific Theater,” he adds.

They range from fliers’ recollections of fear and dread to the Andrews Sisters’ tale of the war’s end and jubilation.

And there is a series of letters home from one young airman to his mother, masking the danger and focusing on easing her fears for her son’s safety.

“The Donovan letters, from a 21-year old B-17 bomber pilot,” says Parisi, “are particularly touching and poignant because “there’s this young man

responsible for the lives of 10 men, in the midst of the worst of the air war, and his letters are like those of a boy writing home from summer camp, longing for his loved ones that he misses dearly, and not letting on that, for him, death can be on the doorstep.”

The River Edge performance, he said, was particularly meaningful for him because his 21 year old son, Chris Parisi, who just graduated from the renowned Lee Strasberg Theatre School in Manhattan, took on the Donovan role.

“He brought great insight

to the role, because it’s a young man, his age, with the weight of the world on his shoulders trying to shelter his loved ones from the war, like countless others are doing today, only with e-mails and cell phone calls from the battle zone,” said Parisi.

Why the performance? “Because we read about sacrifices and casualty figures each and every day about the war, and unless we put a face to them, we will never learn that war exacts a far deeper toll than any of us can ever imagine,” says Parisi. ###



USS Arizona Relics Unveiled at USS Ling

During a dedication ceremony on Sunday, November 9, 2008, the New Jersey Naval Museum, home of the USS Ling (SS-297), unveiled two relics from the USS Arizona BB 39.

The program began with Tom Conlon, National President, Emeritus SubVets, Inc. There was The Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was sung by Wayne Behr,

with an Invocation by Chester Skrocki, SubVet WWII.

Basil Kio, SubVet WWII provided welcoming remarks, with a dedication by John M. Carbone Esq. Michael Melfi, Mayor of Hackensack and Dennis McNerney, Bergen County Executive, made comments.

“Amazing Grace” was played by bagpiper Eamonn Radburn, Pipe Sergeant for the Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band. Benediction

was given by Gerald Dougherty with concluding music by Wayne Behr. The program was hosted by the Submarine Memorial Association.

The Arizona was sunk during an early morning air raid by the Imperial Japanese Navy on Sunday, 7 December 1941. The sinking of the Arizona and the loss of 1,177 crew members made it the largest casualty in the history of the US Navy.

After the dedication, the artifacts went on public display, one in the museum and the other in the wardroom of the USS Ling (SS-297). For more information, call 201-342-3268. ###

Memorial Service at Ling
December 7th at 1 p.m.
Public is welcome.



America's Veterans Rem



Wood-Ridge

On a rainy Saturday, November 8, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., a brief service was held at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center.

The Veterans Day service was conducted by VFW Post 3616 and the Ladies Auxiliary. The service began by Commander Joe Cecere highlighting the Post's commitment to the

Veterans' Home in Paramus. Acting Chaplain Al Tomaszewski gave the Invocation and Benediction.

Mayor Paul Sarlo commented about the Post's commitment to the Veterans' Home. Ladies' Auxiliary President Jan West also made remarks.

The service was preceded by an 8 a.m. Mass at Assumption Church. ###



Assumption School Honors Veterans on November 11th

Under the direction of Student Council Moderator, Miss Lynda Seeley, members of the Assumption School Student Council organized a school-wide commemoration of our nation's Veterans.

Students first expressed their gratitude to the Veterans for their service through a "Letter to A Veteran" program. In conjunction with this, the Student Council and Miss Seeley held a special ceremony on Veterans Day to honor the Veterans and thank them personally for their sacrifices.

The service was attended by many local Veterans as well as soldiers who are currently serving in the Armed Forces.

Principal Heather Muller opened the ceremony, and the Student/Council co-president provided welcoming remarks.

Shannon Rodriguez and Freddy Dressel, Student Council 8th Grade Representatives, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem followed. Fr. Thomas Kelly gave the Benediction.

Sergeant Justin Zajicek gave

a moving speech about his devotion to his country and his experience in the Marines.

The observance included a poem, "Veterans Day Creed" paying tribute to the men and women of the military, read by Nicolas Lamendola, Tyler Zoltowski and Nicholas Christi.

Speeches were written and delivered by Assumption School Eighth Graders Nicholas Picinic and Gabriella Costa.

Everyone sang "God Bless America," followed by "Taps."

The program concluded with the Student Council walking over and shaking hands with the Veterans. ###



Popular Veterans Day Creed

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- It was the **Veteran**, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.
- It was the **Veteran**, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.
- It was the **Veteran**, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.
- It was the **Veteran**, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to demonstrate.
- It is the **Veteran**, who salutes the Flag,
- It is the **Veteran**, who serves under the Flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.

All gave some -- Some gave all

Remembered November 11th



Little Ferry

On November 11, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., a brief service was held at the American Legion Post home.

At 11 a.m., a short service was held at the Washington School (*Grades 1-4*), immediately followed by a service across

Liberty Street at the Memorial Middle School (*Grades 5-8*).

During each service, American Legion Post 310 Senior Vice Commander Frederick J. Marston led the ceremonies.

Wreaths were placed at each Memorial stone by the American Legion, VFW, Sons of the Legion, Mayor and Council,

Little Ferry Police/Fire/EMS and American Sokol Little Ferry.

Rosa Martinez sang the National Anthem at the Washington School. Members of the school choir sang patriotic songs at the Memorial School.

Mathew Gomez read his First Place VFW Post 809 sponsored Veterans' Essay.

Speakers included: Bergen County Sheriff Leo P. McGuire and Little Ferry Mayor Mauro D. Raguseo.

The Mayor and Ms. Diane Fenton unveiled a Plaque on the Memorial Stone, honoring her son, Sgt. Matthew J. Fenton, USMC, who died on May 6, 2006 from wounds received in

Iraq on April 26, 2006.

The plaque was donated by the Borough of Little Ferry, P.B.A. Local 102, and Police Chief Ralph C. Verdi.

Chaplain Hal Feibelman offered the prayers. The firing squad shot volleys, and the bugler played "Taps." ###

Americans Thank You for Your Service



Hasbrouck Heights

On Tuesday, November 11, at Memorial Park, a brief service was held at 11:00 a.m. The service was co-sponsored by VFW Post 4591 and the American Legion Post 106.

The service began with Conchita Parker singing the National Anthem followed by remarks by Sr. VFW Commander Michael Vaughan,

with an invocation by American Legion Chaplain Frank Zabransky.

Mayor Rose Marie Heck made comments. VFW member, Sal, concluded the service by leading the assembly in the singing of "God Bless America." Light refreshments followed at the VFW Post home. ###



Carlstadt School Honors Veterans

On November 11, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., the Carlstadt Public School held a Veterans Day Ceremony in the gym.

About 500 school children shared the moment with Veterans, Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance Corps, community and elected officials.

The highlight of the program was when Veterans stood up and were recognized.

The school children read essays they had written about Vets. Ken and Pam Schwarz, whose son Michael, was killed in Iraq last year, attended. A student, Foster, read an essay saluting Michael.

The school band played several patriotic songs.

Following the assembly, guests went to the first floor hallway to view a 4' x 20 foot flag painted on the wall facing a display memorializing Carlstadt Veterans from all wars.

Light refreshments followed. *Story and photos by Dennis Kronyak. ###*



On November 11, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., the Carlstadt Veterans from Post 9149 held a brief ceremony at Carlstadt Memorial Park on Hackensack Street.

The program began with the Pledge of Allegiance, Chaplain's prayer and the Commander's words commemorating Veterans. Mayor

Roseman, spoke followed by the Chaplain's concluding prayer. The Ladies' Auxiliaries also attended. *Story and photos by Dennis Kronyak. ###*



AHOF Open Cockpit Day

On Saturday, November 1, 2008, The Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum opened all aircraft and their cockpits to the public for visitors of all ages to sit in and pretend to fly.

Aircraft included Martin 202 Airliner, Cobra Gunship Helicopter, Coast Guard Rescue Helicopter and a Lockheed 402-2 Bush Master. Guides were available to explain each aircraft. Admission: Adults \$7, Children (*under 12*) & Seniors \$5.

Founded in 1972, The Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum of New Jersey is dedicated to the preservation of the Garden State's distinguished, two-century aviation and space heritage. The men and women, whose outstanding aeronautical achievements have brought world-wide recognition to the state, are enshrined in the Hall of Fame.

The recently expanded museum offers visitors an opportunity to view historic air and space equipment and artifacts, photographs, fine art and an extensive model collection.

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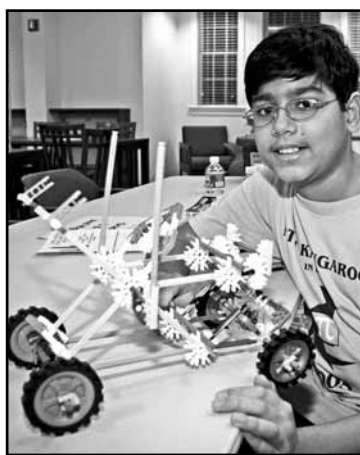
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“Saints” and Preview Day Defined a Busy November at Corpus Christi School

The month of November at Corpus Christi School featured “Saints” and the prayers that many 8th Grade students made to them as they prepared to take one of the most important tests of their lives.

One of the most treasured traditions at Corpus Christi School took place on November 3rd when the 3rd Grade participated in the All Saints Procession.

Every child picked a Saint, did research on them and then dressed in the appropriate clothing for their Saint. They then prepared a short presentation for their family and friends in the Chapel.

A 12 noon dismissal was scheduled for Election Day.

Preview Day took place on Thursday, November 6th. This was an Open House, for all families interested in seeing Corpus Christi School (PreK3 and PreK4) “in action.” Private guided tours were available for both the Early Childhood Learning Center and the K-8 building. These tours took place from 9 – 11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

On November 7th, the 8th Grade took the COOP (Cooperative Admissions Examination Program). It is this test, along with their middle school

grades and activities that will help them to get into Catholic high school. They will get notification of their acceptance on January 22nd with registration for school the first week in February.

Parent-Teacher conferences took place on the 12th from 1-3 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. There was a noon dismissal that day.

A Home School meeting took place on the 19th. All parents were encouraged to attend. This was an opportunity to meet with fellow parents and ask questions of the school administration and board.

The first trimester grading period ended on the 21st with report cards scheduled to be distributed on December 5th.

The Thanksgiving prayer service was held at 9:00 a.m. on the 26th, with a noon dismissal. School will resume on Monday, December 1st. *Story by Sonya Buckman. Photos provided by Corpus Christi School. ###*



19th Annual Lego Event

On Friday, November 7, 2008, nearly 100 children from the community participated in the 19th Annual Lego Night at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library.

Mimi Hui, Library Director, stated, “The children have been excited about this event for weeks.”

Judges for the evening included the Hon. Mayor Rose Heck and members of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIANJ), Constance Gill and Jerome Eben. Ms. Gill has been a judge at this event for nearly a decade and this year brought along Mr. Eben, who is completing his term as the immediate Past President of AIANJ.

The children were divided according to their grade levels and multiple winners were chosen from each group.

Some of the children worked individually while others combined their efforts making whole town plans.

In little more than an hour and half, the children were able to create all sorts of building types with the Lego blocks that they had brought from home.

Both Ms. Gill and Mr. Eben used the time to explain some basic architectural and construction terms to the children as they walked around The Library and visited each group.

The participants waited with great anticipation throughout the evening as the judges wove their way through the various projects built and de-

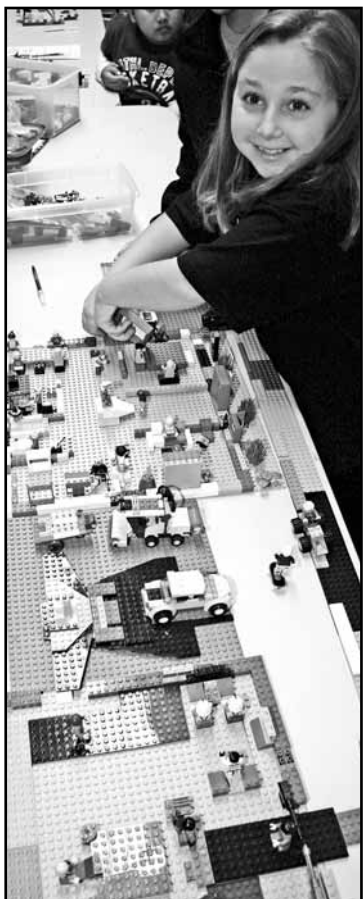
liberated.

Children’s Librarian, Rosalie Nickles, noted, “This is one of the longest running programs at The Library, and has grown in popularity with each coming year. It’s been wonderful to see the creativity and imagination of the children.”

Many members of AIANJ participate in similar events around the state and volunteer to speak at Career Days at local schools. Last year, as part of the celebration of their founding in 1857, AIANJ created a program called the 6th Grade Initiative.

Mr. Eben stated, “We had more than 200 members speak to nearly 10,000 6th Graders around the state about livable communities followed by a time where these children could work as a team to design their own livable community based on a kit that each architect brought to the schools.”

Part of the AIANJ mission is to support the public’s understanding of architecture through advocacy, education and service. For more information, go to www.aia-nj.org *Story by Mimi Hui. ###*



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Despite the drizzle, cold wind and the threat of a heavy rainstorm on the morning of October 25th, the Hasbrouck Heights High School Marching Band hosted their annual marching band competition, "Music and Pageantry Under the Lights."

Bands from the tri-state area competed at Depken Field, braving unrelenting winds and cold rain to put on a fabulous show. As hosts, Hasbrouck Heights did not compete, but did perform in exhibition.

The bands were arranged in groups by size: They included: (Group 1) Weehawken, Hackettstown, Waldwick; (Group 2) Glen Ridge, Memorial High School -- West New York; (Group 3) North Bergen; (Group 5) Elizabeth, West Milford and Tottenville High School -- Staten Island.

The audience, having braved the threatening weather, showed its appreciation for the marching bands' performances with thunderous applause across the field.

Obtained with the help of generous sponsors, trophies and framed plaques were presented by senior band members, Mayor Rose Heck and Board of Education and Council Members to the winning bands.

The Hasbrouck Heights Music Parents Association has held this event for 20 years. They thanked all of the families, friends and sponsors for their support in another successful competition! ###



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It was "Lights Out" at the VFW Masquerade Party

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary held their Annual Masquerade Party on October 25, 2008. Adding to the spooktacular theme of Halloween, a windy rain storm caused area power outages -- and it was dinner by candlelight. Power was restored and dancing commenced after dinner. ###



All Dressed Up for Halloween

The students at St. Joseph School, East Rutherford, came to school all dressed for Hal-



Lincoln School Rocked

Lincoln School held a Monster Mash for Grades 3 to 5 on Friday, October 24, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The dance followed the Monster Mash for Pre-K through 2nd Grade. The DJ rocked the night away with

loween. They paraded around the block and then came back and stood on stage by grade to show their costumes. Many parents came to see and photograph their children. Gathered here in the auditorium are the students as they wait their turn to go on stage. After everyone had their turn, all the students and some parents went into the cafeteria to have a Halloween celebration. ###

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to trick-or-treating.

Children up to the 6th Grade had the opportunity to walk through the parking lot full of decorated automobile trunks and fill their bags with lots of goodies and special treats. ###



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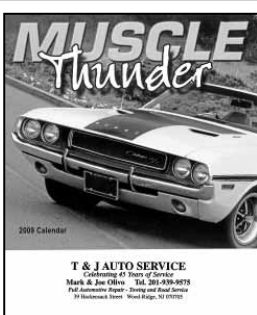
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Tips for a Stress-Free Holiday

Reduce your holiday stress level and increase your enjoyment of this holiday season.

- Don't try to do all the cooking yourself. It's fun and less stressful when you ask your guests to contribute something special to the meal. They will join in the fun and you'll get a break!

- Try to avoid as many holiday treats as you can, so you don't end up stressing over potential weight-gain come January.

- Nothing is ever perfect, so stop worrying about things that don't matter.

- Invite people to your gatherings and then figure some of them will have other commitments. Enjoy the people who do attend, instead of worrying over how many sent regrets.

- You don't have to accept every invitation you receive.

- Expect delays. Allow extra time for all your errands this month. Things just seem to be more hectic in December. If you are mentally prepared for it in advance, it won't stress you as much.

- Simplify your life. You don't have to decorate each room of the house. If you have children, let them help you decorate.

- Choose which traditions are important to you and forget the rest. Start some new ones of

your own this year and leave the old ones behind.

- Do something special for someone else this time of the year. Donate to a worthy cause or help a needy family. This is a great way to teach children compassion.

- Remember to relax. Take care of yourself. Eat well, exercise, and enjoy some quiet time for yourself. ###

Free Health Consultation

The Hasbrouck Heights Health Department advises residents over 18 years old that free health consultations are scheduled to be held at the Municipal Complex, on December 18, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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By Joann Glussich

Take The Pressure Off Getting Fit

Instead of pressuring yourself into losing 50 pounds in two months, make it your goal to drop one pound a week. All it takes are small changes in your daily lifestyle. To shed a pound a week, burn 3,500 extra calories. Try the following three steps:

Record your normal weekly exercise – look at everything from walking to participating in sports to exercising in the gym. This is your starting point. You need to burn an additional 3,500 calories on top of your normal weekly exercise.

Record your normal weekly food intake – calculate the total number of calories you eat in an average day. You should work at slowly decreasing that number.

Remember, we are going for a 3,500 calorie deficit each week – this can be done by

a combination of increased calorie exertion (exercise) as well as a decrease in calories consumed (eating less).

Chart the difference - now you know your starting point for both calorie exertion and calorie intake.

Take every opportunity to exert more calories by increasing your physical activity, and to decrease your calorie consumption by eating fewer calories and by making healthier selections.

Record your progress in a notebook and refer back to it often. You will be surprised how encouraging it is to see your progress written down on paper.

Remember, if you burn up 500 calories a day you will drop a pound in a week.

Here are some practical ways to lose calories:

- Drink regular soda pop? Drink water or seltzer (160 calories lost)

- Eat a snack from a vending machine? Enjoy an apple (180 calories lost)

- Hit the snooze button in the AM? Jog for 30 minutes before work (150 calories lost)

Weight loss doesn't have to be elusive. Make small changes each and every day toward a healthier, fitter you. ###

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Tuesday, December 2, 9, 16, 30

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Wednesday, December 3, 17

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Wednesday, December 17

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Thursday, December 4, 11, 18

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Games, cards & coffee

2:00 p.m. Senior Yoga \$1.00

Friday, December 5, 12, 19

10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee

Friday, December 5, 12

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

1:00 p.m. Movies

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NOTE: The Center will be closed Wednesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 31st

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 3

10:00 a.m. Leisure Club Executive Meeting

Thursday, December 4

11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Charlie Brown's/Carlstadt Luncheon/Murder Mystery Tickets: \$37 pp.

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Saturday, December 6

1 p.m. Talent Show at Kiefer Auditorium

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Wednesday, December 10

Noon to 4 p.m. Leisure Club Holiday Party

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Wednesday, December 17

7:30 p.m. Free Concert in Kiefer Auditorium

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Luncheon/Show
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Central Bergen Chapter 418 AARP Make Donatation to the Tomorrow's Children Fund



At the last meeting of the Central Bergen Chapter 418, AARP members collected and donated \$318 to the Tomorrow's Children Fund at Hackensack University Medical Center.

They hope that this money will help in the diagnosis and treatment of children who have cancer and/or blood disorders.

At the meeting, they discussed plans for the Annual Holiday Party which will be held on Friday, December 12th, at the M & M Building. The food will be catered by Paul's Market in Hackensack. They also discussed planned trips to the Little Firehouse Theatre in Oradell to see the musical, "The Melody Lingers On" in March 2009 and the comedy, "The Sunshine Boys" in May 2009.

The entertainment for the afternoon was by Bruce McNichols, who is the leader of the long-running Smith Street Society Jazz Band. He has appeared on radio, TV and

in concerts from El Paso to New York. He has worked or performed for John McEnroe, Nelson Doubleday, Malcolm Forbes, Paul Newman and Conan O'Brien.

While he strummed on his banjo, Mr. McNichols sang songs of the Roaring Twenties and Thirties. The nostalgic journey encouraged the members to sing along to such songs as: "Ain't She Sweet?," "Baby Face," "Bye, Bye, Blackbird," "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue," "Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider," "Toot, Toot, Tootsie Good Bye" and "April Showers."

He played, sang and shared anecdotes about many more songs from that period of time. All members enjoyed the trip back to their youth. *Story and photo by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Leisure Club Re-Elects Officers

The members of the Leisure Club showed their support and confidence in their present officers by unanimously electing them to serve another two year term.

The officers are President John Fitzin, Vice President, Peter Gallo, Secretary, Ann Fuhro and Treasurer, Dorothy Fitzin. This is the third two year term for all of them. The officers will take their oath of office at the Annual Holiday Party on December 10th.

President John announced that the present members of the board will again serve with the officers. They are Joseph Barnao, Michael Cahill, David Davidowicz, Charles Gaal, and Edward Sosnowski.

He also announced that the club is in need of a member to be in charge of the 2009 Holiday Party, as well as, any overnight trip.

The program speaker for the meeting was Ms. Linda Cross from the Division of Senior Services in Hackensack. Since most of the members have had other speakers talk about Medicare Part D, Ms. Cross touched on it briefly. She did ask those who still had questions or concerns to meet with her after the meeting.



Her discussion concentrated on the programs offered by the Department of Human Services. Ms. Cross elaborated on the various Bergen County services that provide information and assistance available to seniors, homebound, disabled and the needy. She encouraged members to contact her office if they needed more information on any of the programs listed in the brochure that she distributed. She guaranteed that all phone calls would have a live person answering them.

The refreshments served

at the meeting were danishes purchased from **Smiley's Bakery** (next door to Fisher's). They were large, fresh and delicious.

The Leisure Club welcomes all Hasbrouck Heights senior citizens, 60 years of age or older. Annual membership is \$12 per year. *Story and photo by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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The First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie held a Holiday Bazaar on November 15th. They have been holding

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“Cut-A-Thon” Benefits Kids

On Sunday, November 2, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., **Salon Firenze** hosted a “Cut-A-Thon” to benefit the Big Brothers & Sisters Annual Toy Drive which is sponsored

by the Italian American Police Society of NJ and the Wood-Ridge Police Department.

They hold a Christmas party on December 20th in Whippany for Bergen, Morris

and Passaic County Brothers and Sisters (www.bbbsmbp.org). About 200 usually attend. The drive is run by the Wood-Ridge Police Department.

The Big Brothers and Sisters put together one-on-one mentors with kids from 5 to 18

from single parent homes.

Donation for a hair cut was \$20. There were plenty of refreshments and drawings.

Salon Firenze owner, Rita Russo, stated that the Salon started the “Cut-A-Thon” program three years ago and that

the the staff donates their time, tips and services. About \$3,000 is generated, plus a couple of hundred toys.

Toys and donations are being accepted at Salon Firenze until December 19th. ###



Congratulations to James DeSimone at the Grand Opening of **DeSimone Prestige Realty** located at 202 Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights. The Ribbon Cutting was officiated by Mayor Rose Heck and Chamber President Ray Vorisek. Attending the festivities were DeSimone Prestige Realtors, family and friends. ###

4th Annual Wine Tasting Dinner

St. John The Divine is hosting their 4th Annual Wine Tasting Dinner at the Ivy Inn on Sunday, December 7, 2008, starting at 5 p.m.

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TEB 'Pledge To The Community' Update

At Teterboro Airport on October 28, 2008, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Congressman Steve Rothman and officials representing the aviation industry, provided an update marking the two-year anniversary of the "Pledge to the Community" that was announced on October 4, 2006.

Those five pledges were:

1. Reducing Stage II (*the noisiest jets*) operations.
2. Reducing non-essential nighttime operations from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
3. Keeping large aircraft (*100,000 lb. weight limit*) from operating at Teterboro.
4. Making safety improvements.
5. Enhancing and refining security procedures.

Speakers during the hour-long press conference included:

Port Authority Deputy Executive Director Susan Bass Levin and Port Authority Chairman Anthony Coscia expressing concerns about the quality of life in the area communities and working together with the industry group. NetJets President James Christiansen expressed NetJets' cooperation in the program.

TEB Working Group Co-Chair James K. Coyne stated they are looking for new ideas and applying creative problem-solving solutions.

A report published by the TEB Working Group outlined their 2007 efforts. Highlights include:

Getting The Word Out

1. An outreach effort to the aviation community explaining the program. This included attending major industry conventions, handing out over 8,000 Pledges to the Community

brochures and more than 3,000 Teterboro Airport Quiet Flying Pilot Handbooks, briefing nearly 400 flight crews and departments on Teterboro's noise abatement procedures as well as setting up a Speakers Bureau. (*To arrange for a speaker, call 201-807-4020.*)

Additionally, NetJets, TEB's largest single operator of aircraft, sent letters to 6,200 fractional owners informing them of the voluntary nighttime curfew.

Noise Levels and Complaints Fall

2. Stage II operations declined 24%, from 6,121 in 2006 to 4,652 in 2007. Nighttime operations declined 6.6%, from 14,833 in 2006 to 13,858 in 2007. Aircraft movement declined 2.8% from 187,300 in 2006 to 182,101 in 2007. Noise complaints dropped 22% from 894 in 2006 to 696 in 2007.

In 2007, the Teterboro noise monitor system recorded average day/night noise levels below 50 decibels in Hasbrouck Heights and below 55dB in Moonachie and Hackensack. Carlstadt recorded 57dB.

Prior to September 2001, system-wide readings ranged between 51-61dB; the range is now 48-58dB.

The "three strikes and you're out" rule -- in 2007, four aircraft were banned, 92 first-violations and 11 second violations with warning letters sent to 56 operators.

Safety & Security a #1 Priority

3. Teterboro Airport has made major strides in increasing security measures, adding new safety programs and developing initiatives to keep operations, employees and passengers as safe and secure as possible.

Visual Slope Indicators



(l-r) William R. DeCota, Port Authority, Director of Aviation Department; James K. Coyne, TEB Industry Working Group Co-Chair and President of the National Air Transportation Association, Congressman Steve Rothman, Susan Bass Levin, Deputy Executive Director, Port Authority, Anthony Coscia, Chairman, Port Authority, James Christiansen, President, NetJets Aviation, Inc.

were installed on Runways 24 and 19 and Runway Identifier lights installed on Runway 1.

EMAS (*arrestor beds*) were completed for Runway 6. (*See The Gazette Newspaper, November 2006, page 28.*) Construction for EMAS installation at the south end of Runway 1/19 is in the permit process.

A Safety Management System is being developed. All FBO's and charter operators have signed on and airport management is incorporating the program into existing FAA safety programs that are required as part of the airport certification program.

Work progressed on the Perimeter Intrusion Detection System. Infrastructure installation continues and will be followed by the installation of sensors and cameras. New fencing was installed in the northeast section of the airport.

The FAA held a Runway Safety Action Team meeting focusing on runway incursions and the need for accurate communication with airport controllers. TEB finished the FAA fiscal year with five runway incursions vehicle-pedestrian deviations for FY-07, down from nine deviations in FY-06, a 44% reduction.

4. With a grant from the National Air Transportation Association, TEB will be implementing a NATA Safety 1st

initiative to develop a template for an online training course on FAA standards.

The goal of the training is to convey to pilots and flight crews operating into and out of the airport the local knowledge in an online program. For TEB, this includes its crowded location and numerous movements; pilot serial views both during the day and at night; the nature of the airport, including the fact that it is noise and emission-sensitive; and best practices for ground operations.

For additional information, go to: www.teb.com A copy of the report is available at the Airport Manager's Office, 90 Moonachie Avenue, Moonachie, NJ.

Rothman's Comments

The concluding speaker was Congressman Steve Rothman who thanked the Group for their efforts and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

He stated that, "Significant progress has been made since 2006 but there is still much more work to be done. Teterboro Airport has been a noisy and somewhat bothersome neighbor for decades but it is also a neighbor that employs 1,137 people, creates 15,554 other jobs and generates \$1.8 billion in annual economic activity in the region. This is a neighbor we want to keep,

as long as we can figure out how best to live next to each other."

Rothman was pleased that there was progress in four of the five pledge areas:

- Stage II flights are down 43%.
- Significant safety and security improvements have been made or are in the planning stages.
- The ban of 100,000 pound aircraft has been preserved.
- Overall number of flights has declined 9% to the lowest level since 2001.

Rothman expressed disappointment with lack of progress being made in two important areas:

"When the Working Group announced these pledges two years ago, it had just over 50% of the operators at Teterboro voluntarily agreeing to abide by these pledges and it set a goal of having 90% signed up by the end of 2007. Unfortunately, they have fallen well short of that goal since just over 60% of the operators have signed up so far."

Additionally, Rothman expressed disappointment with the 16% reduction in overnight flights at the airport stating, "Nothing is more intrusive to the people living near the airport than having a low-flying, loud aircraft over their home in the middle of the night. We must work toward banning those flights completely..."

Officials had hoped to raise the compliance rate to 90% by the end of 2007 as aircraft operators learn about the rules. FBO's would not refuse service for jets arriving after 11:00 p.m., but would let them know about the curfews for the future.

There are no penalties for violating the curfew or operating the loud jets. No legislation has been enacted to enforce the ban and nighttime curfew.

For details of the original presentation and pledge detail go to: www.the-gazette-newspaper.com -- *The Gazette Newspaper, November 2006, page 20, "Teterboro Airport Takes The Pledge."* ###

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Photo above: Hasbrouck Heights Library Board members.
Photo below: Chamber VP Jason Cosimano, Library Director Mimi Hui and Chamber President Ray Vorisek. ###

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, sponsored this year's Wine & Other Delights on Thursday, October 30th at the Hasbrouck Heights Hilton Hotel. This event drew over 100 people from the community to raise funds to support the upcoming Chamber's Holiday Parade and The Library's endowment fund.

Funds were also raised through the raffling off of gift baskets and a 50/50 drawing. Photos by Marie Gallo. ###



Heights Held 2nd Outdoor Mall

The second Hasbrouck Heights Outdoor Mall was held October 25, 2008, at the Central Avenue parking lot. It was sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor's Business Community Committee.

Despite threatening weather, area residents had the opportunity to check out many vendors, food stations, displays, amusements, etc. The business community ran a free bus along The Boulevard.

There were free prize drawings donated by The Hil-

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Legion Honors Heights Resident

On October 29, 2008, during a general membership meeting of the New Jersey Police Honor Legion, held at the Empire Club in Little Ferry, NJ, Hasbrouck Heights businessman and resident, Neil Appel, of Neht Transport, LLC, was sworn in as the October 2008 Honored Citizen of the Month.

Mr. Appel, known as "Neil the Wheel," has been a long-time supporter of local law enforcement as well at the New

Jersey Police Honor Legion.

Neil also supports local service men and women who are actively fighting for our Country, by providing rides home from local airports during holiday leave.

Pictured above (l-r): Honor Legion President Anthony Mattessich (*Little Ferry Police Officer*), Neil Appel and Honor Legion Executive Treasurer Timothy A. Sullivan (*Bergen County Sheriff's Officer*). Photo by Honor Legion. ###

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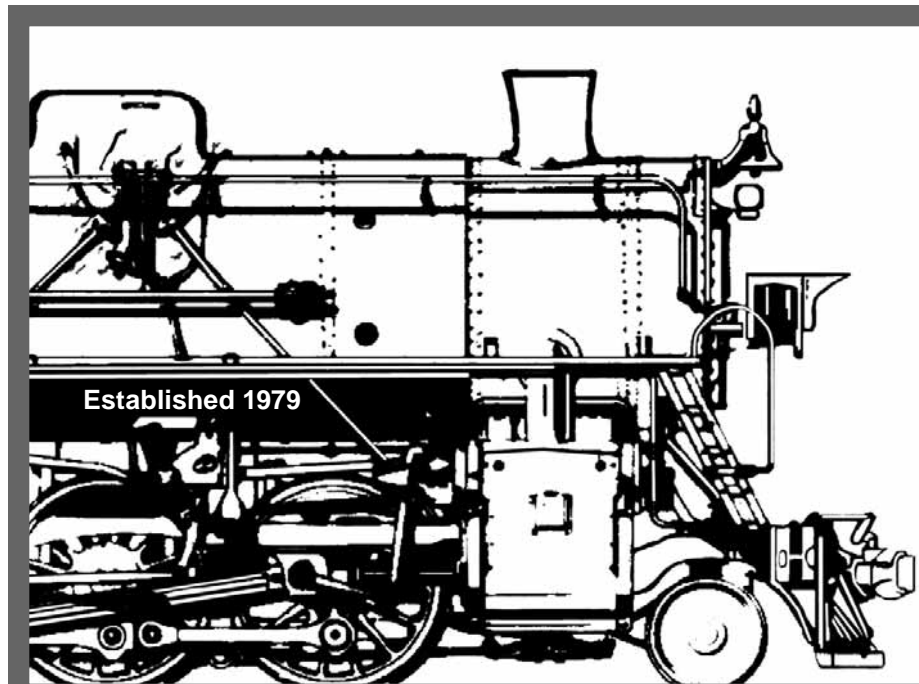
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Cost is \$75 per person and includes cocktail hour with open bar and refreshment table in the bar area.

The five course dinner includes: Chicken Rice Soup, Caesar Salad, Rigatoni with Meat Sauce, Prime Rib Au Jus, Red Rotatoes, Vegetable Medley, and dessert featuring NY style Cheesecake and coffee.

Music by "Bob Frostt." Reservations and checks must be received by December 22, 2008. Advance reservations only -- no walk-ins. Book your tables early.

Call Mike at 201-288-3654, Astrid at 201-970-3144, Andy at 973-773-1812, Deborah at 201-330-2023 or the Post at 201-288-1112 for more information. ###

Heights Talent Show Scheduled

A talent show will take place on Saturday, December 6th, at 1:00 p.m., in the Kiefer auditorium. The admission to the talent show will be one bag of non-perishable groceries or \$10 grocery gift card. ###

Pasta Night Jan. 23

A pasta night is scheduled for January 23, 2009, at The Graycliff, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Menu includes pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, chicken fingers, fries, salad, coffee and dessert. DJ entertainment.

Cost is \$20 per adult and \$15 per child. For tickets call Joanne at 201-805-4246 or Bonnie at 201-694-8055. Event benefits the Cub Scouts of Moonachie. ###

Moonachie EMS Beefsteak Feb. 21

The Moonachie EMS/Rescue Squad announced their 1st Annual Beefsteak will be held February 21, 2009, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m., at the Moonachie Fire Department Headquarters. Special guest is comedian Goumba Johnny from 103.4, "The New KTU." There will be a DJ, 50/50 and tricky tray.

Proceeds to benefit the refurbishing and outfitting of Rescue 3. Cost is \$35. Call 201-641-9094. ###

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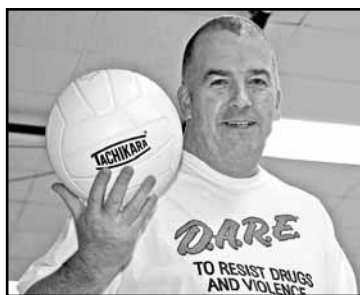


Moonachie's Benefit Volleyball

The Moonachie Municipal Alliance/DARE, Bergen County Municipal Alliance and the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse held a benefit volleyball game between the Moonachie Police

Department and the Robert L. Craig School staff.

The game was held Friday, November 14, 2008, at the RLC School at 7 p.m. and benefitted Moonachie DARE and ALLIANCE programs. ###



130th Anniversary Gala

On March 27, 2009, St. Joseph School is scheduled to hold their 130th Anniversary Gala at The Fiesta, Wood-Ridge, from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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