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*Call John Depken if you have any questions that you would like answered in this column*



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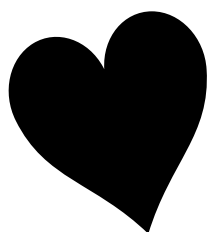
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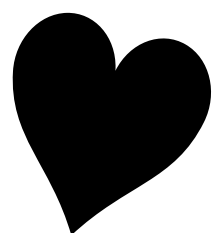
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Life insurance is something you buy and hope you'll never use. But if you have anyone in your life that depends on your income, you might want to give it some thought.

It shouldn't be confusing. The main thing to remember is that life insurance is designed to replace lost income or pay for special needs your family would have if you weren't around.

If you decide you are a good candidate for life insurance, your next step is to estimate just how much you need.

Doing that will also give you a good snapshot of your lifestyle and financial needs, and that will make it easier to select the type of policy you need.

## Who needs life insurance?

Not everyone should get life insurance. Someone young and single with no dependents really doesn't need life insurance. But if you've got a spouse, kids or aging parents who depend on you, life insurance is a good option.

- If you're a wage earner, you want to replace your salary, plus provide for any additional needs, such as paying off the mortgage, college tuition or career training for a spouse who may be re-entering the workforce.

- If you're a stay-at-home parent, look at what it would cost to hire help to perform tasks you routinely do (day care, housekeeping, financial management, cooking, grocery shopping). If you're caring for a family member with special needs, what would it cost to make sure that person is provided for if you die?

Also, look at where you are in life. If you're at or near retirement, how would your spouse's income change if you weren't around, or vice versa?

If all or most of your pension or retirement savings would be accessible, you might not need life insurance.

Examine your tax situation. Years ago, families carried insurance policies just so they could be sure that estate taxes wouldn't force the sale of homes or assets.

But today, with higher thresholds, very few people need insurance to pay an estate tax bill.

## How much is enough?

Once you have an idea of what you're replacing, tally it up.

How much would your family need per year if you were not around? Then calculate how

much it would take, invested conservatively, to generate that amount annually without ever touching the principal.

Remember to contact at least three insurance agents. If you feel you're being rushed or pressured into buying more

than you need, or talked into a product you don't want or understand, walk away. There are tons of carriers and plenty of good agents who will take the time to explain the options and then let you make the decision that's right for you. ###



## First Dusting of the Season

The first snow of the season fell on our area January 10, 2007. Trace levels, commonly known as a dusting or coating of snow, were reported. Not enough to plow, but near freezing temperatures created some slippery conditions that required salting the roads. As of January 22, our heaviest accumulation so far has been a paltry 0.6" or just over half inch of snow on January 18-19th. ###

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The Center for Food Action received a check on January 12, 2007 for \$2,100 from Bill O'Shea during a brief ceremony at Bill O'Shea's Florist. (l-r) Peter Gallo Jr., Thelma Fedele (Director of Emergency Services, Center for Food Action) Bill O'Shea and Martin Saccomano

### Lyons Promoted to 1st VP and Assistant Secretary of KFS

Wood-Ridge, NJ - Cheryl Lyons of Wood-Ridge was recently promoted to First Vice President and Assistant Secretary of **Kearny Federal Savings Bank's** Mortgage Department.

Most recently, she served as Vice President of the Bank.

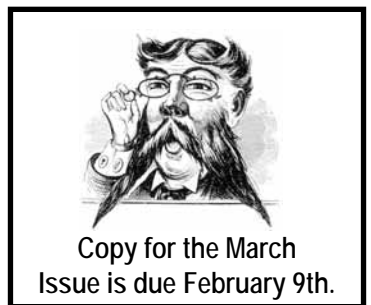
Prior to that, Lyons worked as the Loan Servicing Officer at South Bergen Savings and Valley Savings Bank. Lyons attended Fairleigh Dickinson University with a concentration in Business. She is married and has triplets, soon turning the age of three. ###

### Common Behavior & Housebreaking Issues with Your Dog or Puppy

FOCAS sponsors monthly seminars on "Common Behavior & Housebreaking Issues with Your Dog or Puppy" the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the **Oradell Animal Hospital**, 580 Winters Avenue, Paramus, NJ.

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## Christmas is Over...

On the morning of January 10th, The Boulevard holiday decorations were taken down.

It took about five hours to put up the decorations and about two hours to take down.

The funds for these decorations were organized by the community and donated to the Borough in 1998. The

Borough contracts Christmas Spectacular, Inc. to handle the annual warehouse storage, maintenance, installation and dismantling. Annual costs are about \$1,900.

One of the contractors commented, "we get the most compliments on the Hasbrouck Heights decorations." ###



## ...and after Christmas

What happens to all of those Christmas Trees?

Residents place their bare trees curbside. The DPW picks them up in a separate truck dedicated to Christmas trees as needed (usually between January 1st through January 15).

This year, the trees were taken to Environmental Renewal in Totowa, NJ for recycling. The Borough pays about \$11 per cubic yard in disposal fees. Last year the Borough used another source at a cost of \$17 per cubic yard.

## CFA Gets \$2,100

The Center for Food Action (CFA) received a check on January 12, 2007 for \$2,100 during a brief ceremony at **Bill O'Shea's Florist**, 231 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights.

This donation was the result of hundreds of bright red ribbons decorating the Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights and Wood-Ridge during this recent holiday season.

Area residents donated \$10 to the Center For Food Action. **Bill O'Shea's Florist** provided a beautiful red ribbon with

the contributor's name on it. Contributors who donated \$50 received embellished ribbons.

The ribbons were placed on every tree and telephone pole along the Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights (from Route 46 to Wood-Ridge), by Knights of Columbus Msgr. Fitzpatrick Council 7041, and in Wood-Ridge (from Hasbrouck Heights to Carlstadt), by Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council 11585. The ribbons are removed after Valentine's Day.

The Center For Food Action is a non-profit food center that has served our area's needy since 1976. CFA always welcomes donations of basic non-perishable food items such as juice, cereal, canned goods, pasta, baby food, etc.

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# Valentine's Day Gift Ideas

Finding the right Valentine's Day gift is probably the most difficult shopping experience in any man's life.

A Valentine's Day gift is instrumental in revitalizing the bond between a duo.

The gift evokes the memories of the moments of love and affection which both have experienced. And it reminds the couple of the unconditional love which exists between them.

This year, show your sweetheart how much she means to you by giving her a gift from the heart.

Remember that the Valentine's theme is all about love, romance and appreciation.

The nature of the gift can reflect how much you care. The meaning of your gift also varies according to the seriousness and the type of relationship you're in.

If you've gone out with her a few times, the level of commitment is low, and you're simply having a lot of fun. What do you buy her?

Buying her a Valentine card, flowers or candy is acceptable for this early stage in a relationship.

On the other hand, if the relationship is strong and its future seems bright, opt for a more original present.

Think about what she appreciates the most and what she has mentioned over the past few weeks, or get her something that relates to her hobbies and interests.

The key is to show that you put some thought into the gift.

## Flowers

Flowers can say a million words.

When it comes to Valentine's Day gifts, carefully selecting the flower varieties and colors you send will result

in a thoughtful, customized gift your sweetheart will treasure. A dozen red roses remains the classic Valentine's Day favorite.

Women also adore roses in other colors.

Your florist can create arrangements that revolve around your sweetheart's favorite hobby, sport or pastime.

With all of the sensational flowers available to choose from, even just one or two elegant blossoms can make a big impression.

Also, green and blooming plants make a romantic Valentine's Day gift.

**Bill O'Shea's Florist** reminds you that to get the best selection and ensure prompt delivery, call the week before Valentine's Day.

Having trouble putting your feelings into words? **Heights Flower Shoppe** suggests these creative messages for your floral enclosure cards:

- (For flowers delivered on February 13th): Couldn't wait another day to say I Love You!

- (For flowers delivered before February 13th): I love you so much I couldn't wait for Valentine's Day!

- Today's a very special

day for sending all my love your way!

- With you, it's Valentine's Day 365 days a year.

## Jewelry

This gift idea will please any woman and is something that will last forever.

Bracelets, watches, rings and more are available at **Corona Jewelers** and **Danson Jewelers**.

## Dinner

A special dinner with just the two of you. Consider going to **A Fresh Affair** or **Tuscany Touch**. If not dinner, how about breakfast at **IHOP**. Or pick up your favorite dinner from **Cucina D'Italia**.

## Chocolate

A woman always appreciates a box of her favorite chocolates.

## Perfume

A woman's fragrance is so important to her. Make sure the scent suits her personality.

## Wine

If you know that she has a penchant for fine wine, then get her a bottle of her favorite variety. **Redford's** has a large selection.

## Feel Good Gifts

Treat her to a special day in which she gets treated like a princess.

- Gift certificate to pampering services (*massage, facial, manicure, pedicure*).

Gift certificates are available at **Anton's Hair Design**, **Francesca's Nail Emporium and Spa**, **Salon D'Rosa**, **Salon Dennis** or **Salon CoCo Latta**.

- Designer pajamas, lingerie, a silk robe, warm housecoat and slippers. **Carroll's Fashions** has some great selections.

- Bath kit -- scented bath oils, body lotions, massage oils, bubbles, sponges; just think of the possibilities. Many of these items are available at **BeJay Drugs**.

## Personal Gifts

- A picture frame with a

picture of the two of you or a collage of your pictures.

- Custom photo album filled with family snaps or pictures chronicling your love.

- A coffee mug with a picture of the two of you.

- Antique tea set with a selection of various teas.

- Cappuccino maker and gourmet coffee.

- An engraved key chain.

- Dance lessons together: This is the perfect time to sharpen your salsa skills, while spending a little more time closer to your love.

- Yoga kit, complete with mat and instructional video.

- Gourmet cooking classes or a nice cookbook.

- Digital camera (*one that can easily fit in her bag*).

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**Valentine's Gift Basket Ideas**

Valentine gift basket usually comprises items like flowers, perfumes or colognes, chocolates, special heart-shaped treats, wine or cakes.

Some people opt for adding items like a gold chain with a heart shaped pendant or a cupid locket to the basket.

A teddy bear is always a safe option. You may want to combine this with chocolates or flowers.

You can bring your own items and have **Bill O'Shea's Florist** or **Heights Flower Shoppe** add it to the perfect gift basket from you.

**Hobby Time**

If your love interest has a special pastime or hobby, you can hardly go wrong with a gift that matches your love's passion.

• Keep an eye out for special collections too: Sports cards, vinyl records and limited edition prints by a particular artist are all examples of cherished treasures.

**Personalizing a Gift**

For gifts that last and remind your sweetheart how

much you cherish him or her, have that special gift engraved. **Danson Jewelers** can engrave anything.

**Young at Heart**

According to a survey by the National Retail Federation, young adults lead Valentine's Day spending. Ages 18-34 plan to spend an average of \$150 on the holiday while those in the 25-34 age group plan to spend an average of \$78.

**Men vs. Women**

Buying habits differ by gender. Men will spend an estimated \$126 for gifts while women will spend an average of \$38, according to the International Mass Retailers Association.

Remember: Gifts don't need to be lavish. A single rose (a red rose means love, a pink rose means friendship) can communicate all that the person means to you without breaking the bank.

When it comes to love and showing your feelings, it really is the thought that counts, not the price tag.

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

###



**Elsie Celebrates Happy 100th Birthday**

Elsie Paolini celebrated her 100th Birthday on January 10, 2007. About 150 friends and family attended a birthday reception and dinner on January 13th at the First Reformed Church. Elsie (right) is pictured here with friends Karen and Harold Tack and their daughters, who flew in from Wisconsin for the celebration. The Tacks were very active in the First Reformed Church until they moved to Wisconsin last year. Photo by Karen Tack ###



(l-r) Grand Knight Anthony B. Bernice, Helpers Keith Ellebracht, Mark Ellebracht, Alex A. and Past Grand Knight Dante Gennarelli. Photo provided by Knights of Columbus.

**1,000 Pounds of Clothes Collected**

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# About Valentine's Day Cards

While the precise origins and history of Valentine's Day are clouded by legend and lore, the custom of sending valentines is documented and provides a nostalgic look at this popular culture.

Legend purports St. Valentine himself actually sent the first valentine greeting. While in prison, he allegedly fell in love with his jailor's daughter. According to the story, before his death, he wrote her a letter signed, "From your Valentine." This message is still used on modern-day cards.

The oldest known precursor to today's valentines is still in existence today. It was a decorated love letter penned by Charles, Duke of Orleans. It was a romantic missive to his wife when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London during the Middle Ages. It is displayed in the British Museum.

After the Duke of Orleans began the tradition, Valentine's Day card sending took some time to catch on. The occasion began to be celebrated by the masses in earnest in seventeenth century Great Britain.

Englishman Samuel Pepys sent the next recorded valentine in 1667. It was made of blue paper, featured a romantic verse and his wife's name in gilded letters.

"By the mid-1600's, people of all social classes were exchanging small tokens of affection on February 14th, like lockets of hair and handwritten love letters."

By the end of the seventeenth century, thanks to improved printing technology, printed cards began to replace written letters.

Most experts believe Americans began exchanging hand-made valentines in the

early 1700's. Early American designs were simple, usually highlighted by fine pen and ink workmanship.

The first commercial valentines were printed from copper plates in Europe in the 1800's.

In 1840, mechanical valentines became the rage. By pulling a tab, a figure or object on the card could be moved. Some of these cards had three-dimensional pop-out designs.

Esther Howland of Worcester, Mass., was the first American publisher of valentines. In 1849, Howland's elaborate hand-made cards ranged in price from \$5 to \$10, with a few selling for as much as \$35.

American Greetings produced its first valentines in the 1930's. Depression Era cards expressed hope that better times were ahead. During World War II, many Valentine's Day cards depicted Uncle Sam and other patriotic motifs. ###



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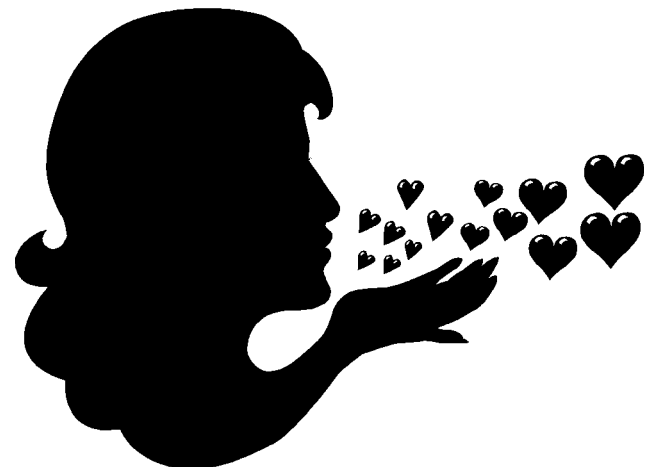
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Emblem commemorating Depken's 100th Anniversary in 1997



Refurnished 1938 Dodge Oil Truck was the type used by Depken Oil in the 1930's and '40's



Fleet located in Passaic. Photo used in promotional literature during the early 1990's

## Carol & John Will Continue Family Tradition

After 75 years on the job, Fred Depken is retiring from his family business at K & D Oil.

As the patriarch of the company, Fred Depken III's memories go back to the days of coal.

It was his great grandfather, Gerhard Depken and his two sons, Frederick and Gerhard Jr., who founded the G. Depken and Sons Company over a century ago.

Gerhard Depken Jr. was born in Bremen, Germany in 1850. He immigrated and came to Hasbrouck Heights in 1895. He went into partnership with his two sons, Gerhard Jr. and Frederick, two years later and started delivering coal.

The new business was successful from the start. One reason was that it offered customers something very new in those days -- call up delivery service!

The first advertisement was found in the first edition of the local newspaper and it read: "Just call us up when you need coal. Your order will be filled just as quickly and satisfactorily as if you had come in person to order it, and the coal will be just as good coal as ever came out of a mine, clean, dry and reliable."

G. Depken & Sons would advertise the best Lehigh Coal ever mined. Their coal yard and offices were located in Rutherford, Carlstadt and Hasbrouck Heights, NJ with coal docks at Berry's Creek.

The need to modernize and keep ahead of the times was understood by Fred Depken Jr. when he joined the company.

By 1930, the shift from coal to oil was well underway, but the company, now run by Gerhard Jr., only accepted the change reluctantly.

As a result of this continuing refusal to modernize, Fred Jr. finally made a dramatic decision.

In 1950, he resigned from the original company and formed his own firm with his son, Fred Depken III: Fred Depken and Sons, Inc.

With the formation of the new company came modernizations with equipment and staffing to handle installations and service as well as oil delivery.

In the late 1950's, the switch from oil to gas began, creating a crisis for the company and its new president, Fred Depken III.

But Fred was at the helm of a fully modernized company offering installation services as well as oil delivery.

He also had faith that the oil business would come back strong, so he hung in there -- and sure enough, the tide turned and the consumers' faith in oil heat came back stronger than ever.

In 1982, in a marriage of equals, the company merged with Keller Engineering and positioned itself to better serve its customers.

Depken moved operations to Passaic Terminal so they could use the fuel tanks. Oil was barged up the Passaic River until 1992 when the tanks were removed.

Keller-Depken has since acquired several other oil companies to become the largest family owned oil company in

northern New Jersey.

### Heights' History

Originally, Depken was based from the sun porch of their grandmother's house at 281 Henry Street (*she passed in 1994*).

Depken then moved their office to the Velasco TV shop at the corner of The Boulevard and Franklin Avenue (*now Anton's*) and operated there for about 25 years.

Fred Depken maintained his presence in Hasbrouck Heights by opening up a satellite office at 166 Franklin Avenue in 1982.

For years, Hasbrouck Heights "old timers" would stop by the office for a visit.

Fred is retiring and closing the office. He said, "Sorry to close the office -- I will miss all my friends. Depken is not leaving Hasbrouck Heights -- we will always be here to serve our friends and customers. We will always maintain our local phone number -- 288-0723. And, many of our employees still live in town."

K & D represents state-of-the-art home heating oil technology with an old fashioned service heritage dedicated to keeping families warm, comfortable and secure.

### Fifth Generation

Presently, the company has entered in its fifth generation of "The Depken Tradition."

Fifth generation John Depken affirms, "Everyone in our company is committed to maintaining a high-level of customer service."

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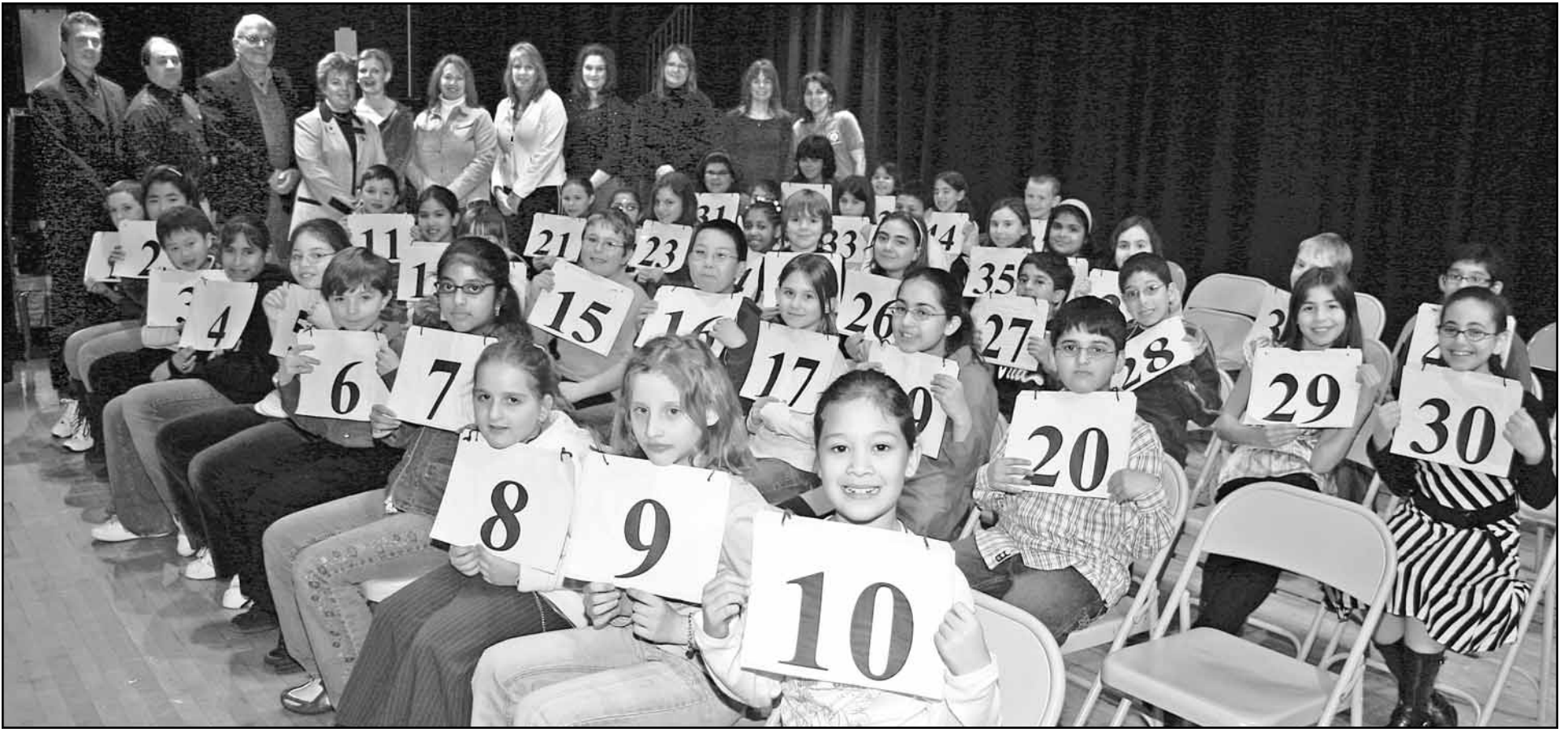
He adds, "As a state-of-the-art company with an old-fashioned service heritage, our small family business can continue to serve their customers and prosper in a world of huge conglomerate corporations."

Fred's children, Carol & John, are carrying on the tradition of forward thinking service. ###



Photo used in promotional literature in the early 1980's

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## Bee-ing The Best

On Friday, January 12th, 2007, the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights held its 14th Annual Spelling Bee at Kiefer Auditorium in the Hasbrouck Heights Jr./Sr. High School. Forty-five top spellers competed to be the best. Awards were given to the top six spellers, and the top three, first place: Christian Rizzo, Corpus Christi; second place: Rana Ghazala, Corpus Christi; and third place: Stephen Park, Euclid School. These winners will go on to the Palisades District Spelling Bee to be held at the Williams Theatre Center in Rutherford on February 18th, 2007.



## D.A.R.E Culmination 2007

On January 17, at 7:00 p.m., the Euclid and Lincoln School Fifth Grade D.A.R.E. Culmination ceremony was held in the Hasbrouck Heights Jr.-Sr. High School Gym. Proud parents viewed a video presentation prior to the students marching to their seats. The Hasbrouck Heights Police Department Honor Guard marched onto the floor for the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of God Bless America. Masters of Ceremony were Jessica Bowman and Andrew Livelli. The students made the D.A.R.E. statement. Mayor Ronald R. Jones made opening remarks. Essay winners included: Euclid School -- Samantha Walczuk, Carissa Wolf and Christopher Verdi, and Lincoln School -- Kayed Hammad, Adam Patrovics and Jasmin Pimienta. Under the direction of Mrs. Cerasuolo, the Fifth Grade students made a musical presentation. The Fifth Grade teachers conferred certificates. Closing remarks were made by Lt. Shawn Mullins. Light refreshments were served in the cafeteria. Inset photo: Police Chief Michael Colaneri with the essay winners.###



## D.A.R.E Anti-Drug Rally

On the morning of January 19th, Euclid and Lincoln Schools participated in D.A.R.E. Anti-Drug Programs that culminated week-long activities to include poster contests, bookmark contests, etc. The programs were held at their respective gyms. Speakers included Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Superintendent of Schools Joseph Luongo, Police Chief Michael Colaneri, D.A.R.E. Officer Lt. Shawn Mullins, Mrs. Bergen County 2007, Maria Reiner. Police Department personnel later spoke to each of their assigned classes. Principals Mrs. Linda Simmons and Mr. Steven Forte, and their school Student Council Presidents, spoke to their student bodies. The programs were held in conjunction with their respective PTA's.

## Corpus Christi School Celebrates New Year with Catholic Schools Week

With the excitement of Catholic Schools Week, the brain exercises of mid-term exams and the acceptance letters to 8th Graders from local Catholic High Schools behind everyone, February can almost seem a little quiet for the students of Corpus Christi School.

Registration for 8th Graders at the Catholic High School of their choice is on Saturday, February 3rd. A Valentine's Day Junior High Pizza Night is on the calendar for Friday, February 9th.

Spirit Day this month will be on Monday, February 12th. On this day the students will be permitted to wear red and white clothing, instead of their uniforms for a small donation that will go to the American Heart Association.

The week of February 19th starts out with Presidents' Day on Monday and Ash Wednesday on the 21st, the beginning

of the Lenten season.

Corpus Christi's 5th Grade is looking forward to their DARE Graduation, a program that millions of young people have experienced across the country that teaches them the dangers of smoking, drugs and alcohol and how to avoid peer pressure when it comes to these hazards to their health. This special event will take place on February 28th. ###

### Corpus Christi School's Top Spellers



(l-r) Rana Ghazala and Christian Rizzo

Christian Rizzo and Rana Ghazala, both 5th Graders at Corpus Christi School in Hasbrouck Heights, were the two top winners at the Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's Club 14th Annual Spelling Bee at Hasbrouck Heights Jr./Sr. High School.

Forty-five of the top spellers attending Hasbrouck Heights elementary schools competed on Friday, January 12th to win the honor of going on to the next round. Christian was awarded first place and Rana, second. Both of these outstanding students look forward to the Palisades District Spelling Bee that will be held at the Williams Theatre Center in Rutherford, New Jersey on February 18th. Photo & stories by Sonya Buckman ###

## Full Snow Moon

The February full moon will appear on Friday, February 2, 2007, at 05:47. It is called the "Full Snow Moon."

The heaviest snow usually falls during February, according to the Farmer's Almanac. Some tribes also referred to this Moon as the Full Hunger Moon since harsh weather conditions made hunting difficult.

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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With Ed Sullivan introducing The Beatles during their first appearance on American television in 1964, the show began on a big-screen video.

The Beatles performed live to a full house.

Wood-Ridge High School Project Graduation 2007 sponsored "Beatlemania Now" at the Wood-Ridge High School on January 6th, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

The show incorporated custom tailored costumes, including exactly matching, '60's "black sheen" suits with velvet collars, camel colored Shea Stadium jackets, Magical Mystery Tour white tuxedos with tails and intricately detailed, satin "Sgt. Pepper" band uniforms including coats, trousers and hats.

They used as many as 16 authentic guitars, and a Black Oyster Pearl Ludwig drum kit as used by the Beatles, to reproduce their unique sound and look.

The show included a big screen DVD/video presentation and they performed over 35 songs in a two-hour extravaganza.

"Beatlemania Now" chronologically traced the Beatles with five "Scenes" corresponding to different and distinct musical periods; i.e., Scene I The Beatle Invasion (1964), Scene II Where it all Began (1961-1963), Scene III Help and Beyond - Part 1 and Part 2 (1965-1966), Scene IV The Magical Years - Part 1 and Part 2 (1967), Scene V The Dream is Over (1968-1970).

This troupe typically performs between 80 to 100 shows a year with audiences ranging from 500 to 3,500 to outdoor gatherings of 20,000. The show takes about five hours to set up and operates with a crew of five.

Touring for close to a decade, "Beatlemania Now" has become the premier multimedia Beatles tribute show in America today.

For more information about this group go to: [www.beatlemanianow.com/](http://www.beatlemanianow.com/) ###

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# HH Little League Pancake Breakfast

The HH Little League will hold its 11th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 15th, from 7 a.m. to noon at the VFW Hall on Veterans Place.

The menu includes pancakes, bacon, sweet rolls, bagels, juice, milk and coffee.

This event usually serves about 1,500 breakfasts.

Admission is -- adult \$5, child \$3 and under 4 free.

The Chinese style sports memorabilia auction will follow from noon to 1 p.m.

Winners do not have to be present at the time of the drawing to win.

Proceeds will be used towards building an indoor practice/training facility.

Businesses are invited to place their business card size ad on the placemats for \$40. Deadline is March 4th.

Call Gary at 201-288-5227 for more information. ###

## HH Little League Field Clean Up

The Hasbrouck Heights Little League reminds parents that the annual field clean up and maintenance is scheduled from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 24, March 31 and April 7.

Bring a rake. Continental breakfast provided. ###



# HHLL Holds Tryouts

On Saturday January 13, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Hasbrouck Heights Little League held major league

tryouts in the Euclid School gym. Over 100 youngsters participated.

This was the first year tryouts were held indoors to avoid weather issues. The open schedule was more convenient for parents.

All managers were on hand to assess players' catch, throw, run, bat, etc., abilities.

This year there will be a

draft in February where teams will be selected for the major league division. This is the first year there will be a re-draft of the major league teams as to get more parity in the league. ###

**Hasbrouck Heights Little League Opening Day April 14 at 9:00 a.m.**

## Easter Egg Hunt

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## Van on Fire in Driveway

At approximately 12:07 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to Burr Place to extinguish a van on fire. No injuries were reported. ###



## Pedestrian Struck at Boulevard & Williams

Upon the report of a pedestrian struck at The Boulevard and Williams Avenue, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded with both rigs and Rescue Truck on January

6, 2007 at approximately 4:15 p.m.

The pedestrian was prepared for transport to HUMC with an arm and wrist injury. ###

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### Brownies Visit Xcel Tae Kwon Do

Xcel Tae Kwon Do Center in Hasbrouck Heights hosted Brownie Troop 612 for a day of lessons on January 15, 2007.

The troop leaders were Beverly Masiello, Kathy Christensen, Theresa Gasparino, Sue Tagliabue, Melissa Pianese.

Troop leader Beverly Masiello stated that the Brownies had a fantastic time learning self-defense techniques and discipline, all while having great fun.

The 16 Brownies, based out of Euclid School, made this event very successful by showing respect to the instructors and by following directions carefully.

During the lesson, the girls were reminded by Master Steven Lee that Tae Kwon Do can be fun but it should never be used to hurt anyone except to protect one's self from danger.

As a community service, Xcel Tae Kwon Do Center welcomes any Girl/Boy Scouts and affiliates for a day of martial arts. Call 201-288-8033 for more information. ###

### HH BOE Diversity & Equity Planning

HH BOE announces the planning stages of the Comprehensive Equity Plan for the school years 2007-2010. Community members may suggest ideas to help ensure equality and diversity in the district's educational system. E-mail suggestions to Lynn Schweighardt, Affirmative Action Officer, HH School District, @schweighardtlyn@hhschools.org. Suggestions must be received by February 13, 2007 for discussion at the next committee meeting. ###

### Free Citizenship Classes To Start

Free U.S. Citizenship Classes will start on Monday, February 5, 2007, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Care on the Corner.

The classes continue for 6 weeks, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., ending on March 12, 2007.

All students must telephone ahead to register for the class and bring a green card at the time of registration.

For more information, call the office at 201-288-9460 x 5 or 201-288-0002. ###

### Free Adult ESL Spring Classes

Free Adult ESL (English-as-a-Second Language) Classes will start at Care on the Corner on Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. and continue for 12 sessions, ending on May 9th.

All students must be registered to take the classes. New students must take an informal language assessment test.

The ESL classes will provide English language instruction at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels to people from other countries and other language backgrounds.

For more information, call the office at 201-288-9460 x 5 or 201-288-0002. ###



This land was sold by the Borough in June 2006 for \$1.73 million with the funds slated toward the cost of the Depken Field upgrade. View from Oldfield & Washington, facing north.

## Depken Field Upgrade

Reprinted with permission from "The Pilot's Log" -- The nationally acclaimed, award winning Hasbrouck Heights High School Newspaper.

by Jimmy Brunner

Depken Field is getting a new face. Renovations are scheduled for completion for the beginning of the 2007 football season.

"I definitely support the renovation of Depken Field, and I prefer the turf over grass any day," Joe Colangelo, English teacher, football and baseball coach, said.

"Since Heights is a traditional town, it needs a big upgrade on the sporting field. I really like the plans for the field, the cosmetics and the track. Hopefully, it will not have all the bumps and dents from football and baseball," Colangelo said.

During this current renovation of the field, the company who wins the rights to construct will install turf throughout the whole field, including the football practice field.

"I am excited they are renovating the field because it benefits all sports-- football, baseball, softball, track and field and events such as the Fourth of July fireworks," DS, junior football and baseball player, said. "It will be a lot better for us because it saves money on fixing the field every time because during football, we tear up the field."

The current track will be upgraded as well to an all-weather track made of rubber.

The new track will be black because, according to the contractor, "it will take the demand." Metal spikes will not

be allowed because they will destroy the field surface. The track will have eight lanes in the straightaway and six lanes around the rest of the track.

For baseball season, there will be a strip of turf to cover the track in the outfield from the foul line to centerfield. The field on either sides of the track in the outfield will be flat and at the same level so a baseball will have a true roll instead of an interrupted roll with bumps and holes.

"I can't wait until I'm a senior to play baseball on the new field. The outfield now will be just as good as it was during the football season. In the past it never recovered from the torture it gets from football," JS, junior baseball player, said. "It will be a different type of baseball game for us because the game will move faster. I will like having turf because it will definitely save us from more injuries."

The fans will also benefit from the renovations with the addition of new bleachers.

"New bleachers are necessary. The old ones now are really dangerous, and I don't like the concrete. It is falling apart. Even the black hole will improve with the new bleachers and field," MM, sophomore, said.

When the renovations are done, Depken Field will be handicapped accessible, and all the fans will sit on one side of the field instead of the current arrangement of home side and visitor's side.

"I think it's a great idea to fix the field because the quality of the field will now be equal to the quality of great teams," KP, sophomore, said. ###

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# Teterboro Airport Runway

Before there is a chill in the air, the Teterboro Airport Maintenance Department is thinking about winter snow and ice removal.

The snow-removal crew at Teterboro Airport provides safe runways with few interruptions of service by maintaining high standards when it comes to snow and ice management.

Their top priority is to provide safe runways, taxiways and emergency vehicle access.

Since the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PA) assumed Teterboro Airport operations in 2000, closures due to winter-related storms have been minimal.

According to Ronald Petrella, AvPorts Airport Maintenance Manager, "This is a testament to the work ethic and teamwork of the snow removal crew, which includes field maintenance personnel operations staff as well as Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) tower personnel."

## Planning

A snow event is like a military operation. Success depends upon planning.

The primary objective of the plan is to maintain maximum safety at all times on runways, taxiways and other areas of the airport.

Before developing its annual snow plan, the Port Authority Teterboro Airport Maintenance Department critiques the previous season's winter operations, reviews its procedures and prepares for harsh weather.

During the month of September, airport crews order snow-removal equipment parts, broom bristles and plow blades, and they begin to formulate a revised annual winter-operations plan.

Maintenance of snow-removal equipment begins in earnest the third week in September as every vehicle is given a bumper-to-bumper inspection and preventive maintenance.

The snow equipment must be operational by October 15th.

The FAA approves the Teterboro Airport Snow & Ice Control Plan -- which is part of the Airport's Annual Certification Inspection and is updated by October 15th. The Airport Manager holds the master plan.

The plan outlines staff responsibilities, snow removal priority listings, runway de-icing procedures, inspection and reporting techniques, communications techniques and equipment inventory.

This plan is also presented to the FBO's & tenants during the Airport Manager's winter operations meeting held in October.

Areas of responsibility: AvPorts airfield operation areas -- runways & taxiways; FBO's & tenants - de-icing aircraft, snow removal for areas within their leasehold; the Port Authority oversees all activities.

The Port Authority uses outside contractors for non-aviation areas such as Lindbergh Drive, Fred Wehran Drive, etc.

## Information

The airport maintains 24-hour contacts with several weather services, in addition to its satellite feed of weather updates.

The airport utilizes state-of-the-art sensors on the runway which provide real time conditions for both runways.

Runways are zoned into touch-down, mid-point and rollout areas. Embedded runway sensors relay conditions and surface temperature to a constantly monitored computer at AvPorts (airport operations.)

In addition, Teterboro Airport uses continuous friction measuring equipment (CFME) and decelerometers to conduct runway friction surveys.

The airport uses two FAA approved Saab testers (CFME)

to measure painted runway stripes. It is programmed for each runway, measures continuously in a straight line and produces an EKG-type printout for each pass, with the average friction value for each zone being reported to ATCT (air traffic control tower) if under a predetermined reading.

Runway friction surveys are conducted the entire length of the runway, in the same direction as landing aircraft and about 10' off the painted center runway line.

These vehicles report friction values rather than braking actions. There is no correlation between the two and they are not interchangeable.

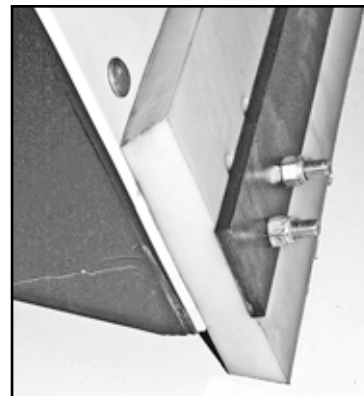
A friction survey is conducted for the entire length of the runway to determine the average friction value for each zone.

Friction tests are done anytime conditions of the pavement change -- as in the snow removal and de-icing. The friction value determines the frequency of snow removal and treatment.

Also, friction testing is done



Inside the snow plow's cab.



Special poly blades are used on the snow plow.



## How the SARSYS Friction Tester Works:

The measuring system consists of a measuring wheel which is mechanically geared to one of the rear main wheels of the base car. The gear ratio is such that when moving along the runway the measuring wheel cannot follow the runway surface freely but rolls with a certain, fixed slip ratio.

The friction against the runway surface, in combination with the vertical load on the measuring wheel, creates forces on the measuring wheel mechanism and these forces are continuously measured by the electronic sensor system.



# Snow and Ice Management

when pilots report a braking action of "fair."

The presence of snow & ice runway conditions and time of test is reported for the airport through NOTAM (notice to airman) which alerts the aviation community.

A typical report would be as follows: "Friction for Runway 6R, 27, 25, 29 (each zone), compacted snow with patchy ice at zero nine three zero (time)."

During a winter snow/ice event, the airport focuses on communication.

When the snow-removal crew is in action, the FAA tower communicates directly with the operations snow-removal leader on the airport's private radio channel.

By making communications one-on-one: FAA to operations leader, ensures accurate communications so runways can be cleared safely and swiftly.

## Snow Removal

At Teterboro Airport, the access and fire department roads, in conjunction with the runways, receive first priority for snow removal, followed by

appropriate taxiways and holding aprons.

Teterboro Airport has two active runways 6-24 (6,000 feet) and 1-19 (7,000 feet), with seven ramps and 4.2 miles of taxiways.

Generally, the two runways allow crews to close a runway without having too much crossing traffic.

This lets crews concentrate on the runway at hand with minimal interruptions.

During a snow event, Runway 6 becomes the primary runway and used for landings because of the ILS (instrument landing system) and Newark Airport's traffic patterns.

It takes 45 minutes to clear a runway and corresponding ramps.

A runway can't have over 1/2" of snow or it is closed.

Brooms with blowers are used only if there is less than 1/2" of dry snow or a dusting.

Four giant plows (24' and 28'), working in formation, handle the runway and smaller plows clear taxiways -- with both activities happening at the same time.

Plows have special poly blades that remove snow only, not ice, with the main concern to protect runway lights.

Teterboro's arsenal includes three snow blowers to remove snow when it is over two feet.

Teterboro maintenance crews also remove snow from the ILS antenna sites and the arrestor beds.

If needed, sand, liquid de-icer or sodium acetate is applied before the runway is reopened.

This entire process, which starts on the runways and works its way in to the taxiways and, ultimately, the FBO gates, gives the pilots the safest conditions possible on the ground.

## Ice Treatment

Constant communications with the weather service allows the airport snow-removal crew to be prepared if and when an ice storm hits.

When a severe ice storm is predicted for the New York area, that is a signal to prepare Teterboro's two de-icing trucks.

One 4,000 gallon truck has a 75' boom for runways and a second 1,500 gallon truck

sprays the taxiways.

They spray liquid potassium acetate on runways and taxiways.

This is done when the sensors indicate the runway surface temperature has reached 35°F or colder.

The liquid potassium acetate is a protective coating for the runway and prevents ice and snow from bonding to the surface.

It is a process that crews must repeat throughout the day if it is raining and freezing rain is still in the forecast.

Preventive measures with freezing rain and ice are imperative, because ice is a bigger threat to an airport than any snowfall.

After the snow and ice are treated, the friction vehicles again test the runways and advise the tower who announces the current friction value.

It is up to each pilot to decide whether this value is sufficient for landing and take off.

## Environment

The Port Authority uses only the safest available non-

corrosive materials regulated by the FAA.

Rock salt is not used as it is corrosive. Regular sand is not used. A special aviation grade sand is used.

When the snow and ice melt, the water goes into the soil, the overflow goes into the storm water system, then into the soon to be completed \$6 million Teterboro Pump Station (paid for by Port Authority).

## Resources

Mr. Petrella emphasized, "Our most important resource is our knowledgeable, experienced, hard-working eight man crew.

When a snow event is imminent, our crew is pre-positioned on-site or at local hotels.

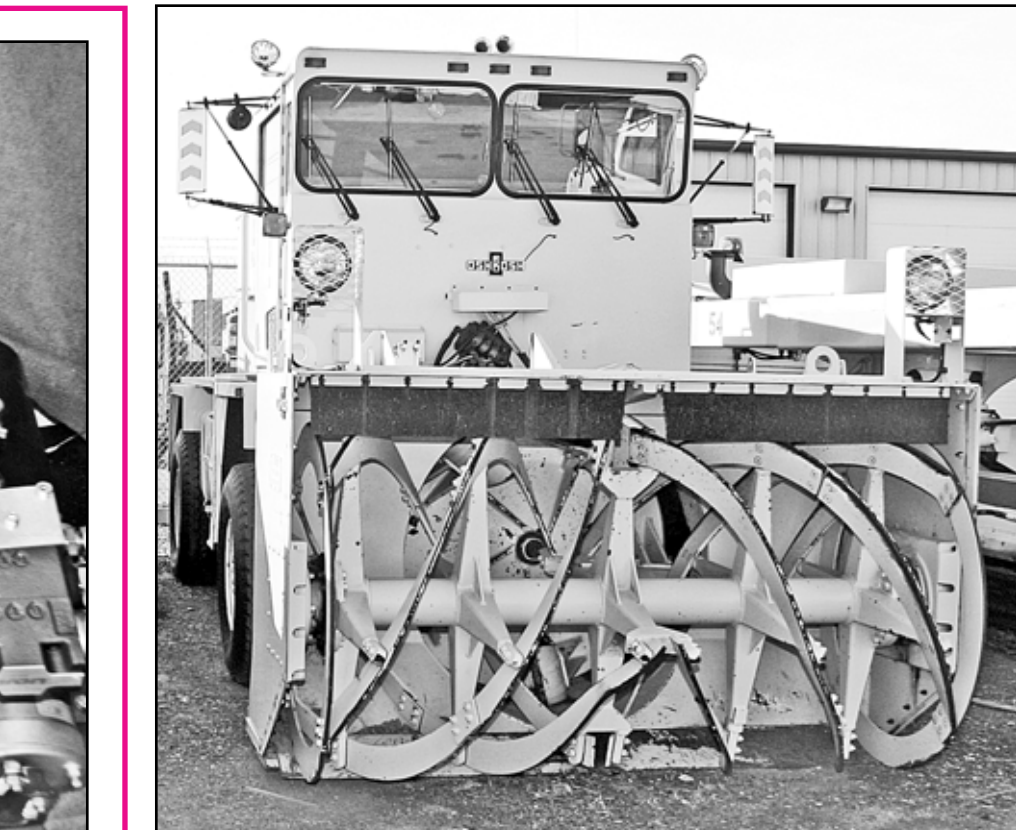
It's 'all hands on deck,' with everyone working 12-hour shifts until the snow/ice event is over.

## Awards

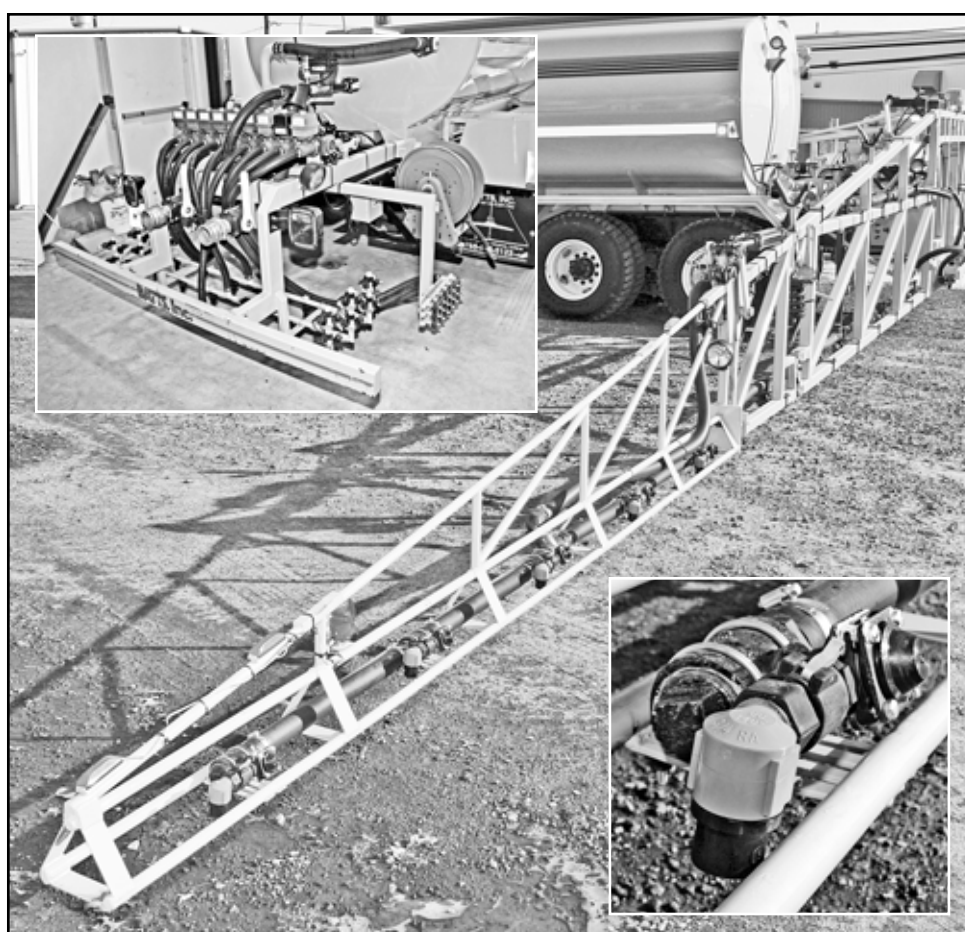
Teterboro Airport earned the Balchen/Post Award for Excellence in the Performance of Airport Snow and Ice Control in 1996. ###



The Teterboro Airport Maintenance Yard hosts a complete arsenal of snow removal and ice management equipment.



Snow blowers used during heavy snow.



Main photo: De-icer vehicle has right and left booms with sprayers. When fully extended, it covers the runway in one pass. Lower inset photo: Close up of spray nozzle. Top inset photo: Back of smaller de-icer vehicle used for taxiways.

### Ladies Auxiliary Hosts Sweetheart Dance at VFW

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 4591 in Hasbrouck Heights is holding a Sweetheart Dinner-Dance on February 17th from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Dinner includes open bar, fruit cup, salad, pasta, entree, dessert & coffee.

Live music is by "Jimmy Ray." The dance is open to the public. Cost is \$30 per person.

For more info call Debbie at 201-866-4854 or the Post at 201-288-1112. ###

### St. Patty's Day Dinner-Dance

VFW Post 4591 is holding their Annual St. Patty's Day Dinner-Dance on Saturday, March 17, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Dinner includes green pea soup, salad, pasta, corned beef & cabbage, dessert and open bar. There will be live music. Cost is \$30 per person. Reservations are requested by March 10th so that the appropriate amount of food can be ordered. Call Mike at 201-288-3654, Astrid at 201-288-5612 or the Post at 201-288-1112. ###

### AHOF Open Cockpit Day

On Saturday, April 7, 2007, the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum will open all aircraft and their cockpits to the public for visitors of all ages to sit in and pretend to fly.

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### St. John's Holds St. Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine is holding their 10th Annual Spaghetti Dinner at **A Fresh Affair Restaurant** (280 Terrace Avenue) on February 18th and 19th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Menu includes spaghetti, meat balls, salad, dessert and fresh bread. Beverage is extra. Reservations required.

Cost is \$12 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are only available at St. John the Divine -- 201-288-0002. ###

### Turnverein Sponsors Mardi Gras Dance

The Carlstadt Turnverein will sponsor a Mardi Gras Dance in the Turn Hall, 500 Broad Street, Carstadt, on Saturday, February 3rd from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Bud Grammer and the Melodies will play for dancing.

Donation is \$30 and includes platter of continental food, coffee, cake and open bar. For reservations call 201-652-0968 or 201-943-9466. ###

### Healing Oils of the Bible

On Thursday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m., Care on the Corner will sponsor "The Healing Oils of the Bible" workshop. The program will be presented by Vicki Avila, LCSW, Executive Director, Sojourners Family Resource Center.

Oils discussed will include: aloe, cassia, frankincense, galbanum, hyssop, balm, spike-nard, cedarwood, myrrh, etc.

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### Roast Beef Dinner Saturday, March 10

The Guild of Reformed Church Women will hold their Annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 10, 2007, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at The First Reformed Church.

Cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Take-outs are available upon request.

For tickets and reservation call Pat at 201-288-0534 or Estella at 201-288-0378 before March 8. ###

#### Meeting Notice

The Junior Women's Club meets the second Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m. in The First Reformed Church. ###

#### Meeting Notice

Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex. ###

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Unlike the movie, the Club will have only one evening to raise funds. From 6:00 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Contemporary Club will get 10% of the sales at the **Quiznos Sub** on the Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights. Fun, prizes and games will be the activities of the evening.

Proceeds will be used for high school scholarships. ###

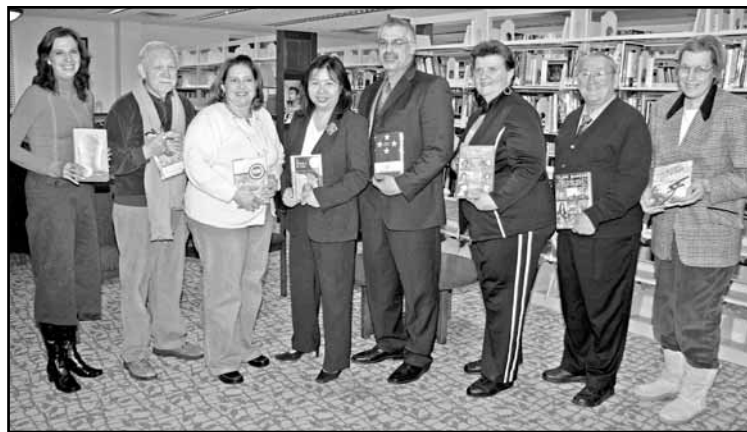
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(l-r) President Lisa Traina, Treasurer Dr. Burnett Eglow, Sonya Buckman, Library Director Mimi Hui, Councilman Stephen Altobelli, Secretary Patricia Link, Peter Gallo Jr., Edwinna Carroll.

### Library Trustees Reorganize

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights held its annual reorganization meeting on January 10, 2007.

Trustee Lisa Traina was re-elected president, Patricia Link was elected secretary and Dr. Burnett Eglow was elected treasurer.

President Traina thanked all who served with her during the last year. She especially thanked Thomas Verrastro, Mary Jones and Donna Mi-

kulka who leave their positions as trustees.

She also extended her thanks to former Councilman Thomas Meli who served as council liaison for the past three years after serving as a trustee for many years.

Traina greeted Sonya Buckman, Mayor's alternate, and Edwinna Carroll, HH BOE Superintendent's alternate. She also greeted Councilman Stephen Altobelli who will serve as Council Liaison.

At the meeting the trustees approved the appointment of David Mc Millian to the position of Supervisor of Reference Services/Young Adult Librarian.

Approval was given to the Friends of the Library to install a coffee machine in the library; to accept a Harmon Quartz Wall Clock offered by the Rozmus Family; and to make the display area in the Children's Room.

President Traina reported that the "Friends" will sponsor a Chinese New Year Luncheon on Saturday, February 24th at Taos in East Rutherford. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###

### Celebrate Chinese New Year with Friends

On Saturday, February 24, 2007 at Noon, The Friends of the Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will hold a Chinese New Year's Luncheon at Taos Wok & Restaurant, 356 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, NJ. Dining will be family style and a small talk will be given about Chinese New Year traditions.

The price of \$30 (payable upon registration) covers meal, soft drinks, tax and gratuity and supports the Friends of the Library. Seating is limited. No tickets will be sold the day of the luncheon. Sign up at the Library Circulation Desk or call 201-288-0488 for details. ###

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## "Suzie's Ques"

Practical Tips for a Healthier You

Dear Suzanne,  
I work in an office, sit at a computer most of my day, and I find it hard to find the time away to exercise and stretch. I do get a morning/afternoon break and a lunch, but I'm usually catching up on phone calls. Business seems to take priority over my health these days which I know is not good.

When I go home, I'm too tired. Any suggestions would be great.

Mirna Montejo, Hasbrouck Heights

PS. My family loves your column in **The Gazette**!!!

Dear Mirna,

Thank you for writing! I am glad you shared your concerns about fitting in some exercise during your day. I'm sure you are not the only one out there with time factors. I can suggest to you the following:

Perhaps you can take that 10 minute "coffee" break and put some steps into your day.

Stair climbing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise. You can use the stairs instead of the elevator.

Park away from your office so you must walk to the building. Try a stroll around the parking lot for 10 minutes. Do this 2 times/day and you have your 20 minutes! This can help rejuvenate those muscles yearning for movement.

Or at lunch, eat a lite meal and perhaps walk then. Even if you do this 3 out of the 5 days a week, you will feel much better. Start with a couple of days a week as a commitment to yourself and see how it goes.

In your office chair, you

can try to de-stress by doing the following flexibility exercises.

a. Slowly roll your head around, breathing easily.

b. Shrug and roll your shoulders forward, then backwards.

c. Extend your arms shoulder height and circle them forward and backwards.

d. Sit tall and squeeze abdominal muscles and then release.

e. Sit and extend your legs at the knees lifting them up and down.

f. Like a rag-doll, roll your chin towards your chest and stretch your arms downward towards floor and feet. Hold stretch. Slowly roll back up with a curved back till you are sitting straight and tall again.

g. Remember to breathe and relax thru these easy chair exercises.

h. Don't forget to consult your doctor before starting any exercise program.

Hope these tips help!

Suzanne

Questions? Email me SuzanneKinzler@aol.com

*Hasbrouck Heights resident Suzanne Kinzler is a Health/Physical Ed Certified Educator and author of, "A Multicultural Approach to Physical Education," 2002 Human Kinetics Publishing Co. ###*

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## Dog License Renewal Info

Laura French, Secretary to the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health, reminds all dog owners that their 2006 dog license expired on January 31, 2007.

Licenses renewed between February 1, 2007 and June 1, 2007 are subject to a \$10 administrative fee in addition to the cost of the license. After June 1st, the late fee is \$20.

Fees for the year 2007 will remain the same: \$7.00 if altered; \$10.00 unaltered.

All licenses are issued in number order as they are received.

Owners are reminded that the dog(s) must be immunized against rabies for the first 10 full months of 2007. Dogs with rabies immunizations which will expire prior to October 2007 should receive a booster prior to applying for the new license.

Licenses can be obtained by mail by enclosing a copy of the current rabies certificate, proof of spaying or neutering along with the license fee with checks made payable to: Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and sent with a self-

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# February 2007 Senior Calendar

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

**Monday, February 5, 26**

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

**Monday, February 12, 19**

Center is closed

**Tuesday, February 6, 13, 20, 27**

10:00 a.m. Line Dancing \$1.00

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

**Wednesday, February 7, 21, 28**

2:00 p.m. Senior Paced Aerobics \$1.00

**Thursday, Thursday February 1, 8, 15, 22**

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

**Friday, February 2, 9, 16, 23**

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

1:00 p.m. Movie Day

- Keep 'Em Flying ..... February 2  
Bud Abbott & Lou Costello
- The Saint Takes Over ..... February 9  
George Sanders
- The Saint's Vacation ..... February 9  
Hugh Sinclair
- Please Don't Eat the Daisies ..... Feb. 16  
Doris Day & David Niven

## CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, February 7**

10:00 a.m. Leisure Club Executive Meeting

**Wednesday, February 14**

1:00 p.m. Leisure Club General Meeting

Entertainer: Dave Zwengler

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## UPCOMING 2007 EVENTS

**Thursday, April 19** Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Dinner, play and transportation \$65 per person

"Catch Me, If You Can." Mystery/comedy

Contact: Claire @ 201-288-3308 or Bertha @

201-727-1730

**Wednesday, May 23** Brownstone Restaurant Trip

More information to come

**Third Week in September**

Five day trip to Canada now in the final planning

stage. Details will be announced at the next

regular meeting.

The Leisure Club welcomes all Senior Citizens who live in Hasbrouck Heights and are 60 years of age or older. Annual membership is \$12 per year.

# Leisure Club January Meeting



At the first meeting of the New Year, the Leisure Club was entertained by the charismatic and talented Ken Lelen.

Mr. Lelen played on his 1940's vintage acoustic guitars and sang songs that were hits during that decade.

He sang songs made popular by such performers as Hildegard, Peggy Lee, Rosemary Clooney, Bing Crosby, Ted Weems and The Weavers.

It was a pleasure to hear such songs as "Heartaches," "Heart of My Heart," "As Time Goes By," "I'll Be Seeing You," and "Goodnight Irene."

Mr. Lelen enhanced his performance by the many accompanying tidbits regarding his life during the '40's, or information about the song or the performer who recorded it. All in all, the members of the club were well entertained.

During the meeting part of the day, President John Fitzin welcomed six new members to the club. He stressed the importance of all seniors to be familiar with, and get involved with, those political decisions that concern us.

Claire Happe and Bertha Spada are co-chairing the trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Claire reported that the date is Thursday, April 19th. The \$65.00 per person covers the transportation, dinner, show and tips. She reviewed the dinner choices offered. The show is, "Catch Me If You Can." The bus will leave the Municipal Complex Parking Lot at 9:45 a.m. Claire reported that there are still tickets available.

Alice Shenloogian discussed the preliminary plans for the trip to Canada. The

final dates have not been determined. The trip would either be from Monday, September 17th to Friday, September 21st or from Tuesday, September 18th to Saturday, September 22nd. The cost is in the vicinity of \$620 per person for double occupancy. More information will be presented at the February meeting. Deposits will be required at the March meeting.

Florence Ray will chair a

trip to The Brownstone. It is planned for Wednesday, May 23rd. The trip will include transportation, dinner, tips and a performance by the "Ace in the Hole Players." More information will be available at future meetings.

Seniors have been invited to view a complimentary senior citizen matinee performance of the Hasbrouck Heights High School production of Disney's "High School Musical." The musical is based on a Disney Channel original movie. The performance is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th at 1:00 p.m. in the Kiefer Auditorium.

The meeting ended after the refreshments were served. This month there were delicious danishes from **Regina Bakery**. Photo and story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###



(l-r) Claire Edelman, Mrs. Joan Neuwirth, LTC Task Force Coordinator AARP New Jersey, Michael Cahill and Betty Heuser

## AARP Members Learn About Long Term Care

At the last meeting of the Central Bergen Chapter 418, AARP, President Michael Cahill introduced three state representatives of the organization. They presented a program on Long Term Care.

Mrs. Joan Neuwirth, LTC Task Force Coordinator AARP New Jersey, and speakers Claire Edelman and Betty Heuser, defined temporary long term care and ongoing long term care. They elaborated on where this service may be provided and what Medicare covers if

the care is provided at home, at a nursing home or through hospice care.

The AARP Chapter, whose members come from Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Maywood, Rochelle Park and South Hackensack, meets on the second Friday of each month. They meet at 12:00 p.m. at the M&M Building, 116 Holt Street, Hackensack, NJ.

Their next meeting is Friday, February 9th. New members are always welcome. Photo and story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###

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## Winter -- Came in Like a Lamb, but Changed Into a Lion!

By Meteorologist  
Dan Ventola

Residents of Hasbrouck Heights and Teterboro area have certainly changed their tune from... "Where the heck is winter?" to... "When will winter end?"

The pendulum of temperature has swung the other way as the polar express has emptied lots of cold air from Canada down into the northeastern United States over the past few weeks.

Although not much snow accompanied the change to much colder air in January or at least through the mid-part of the month, a more active storm track promises to bring a better chance of snow in these parts

### Borough Asks Public's Help With Snow Clearing Operations

The DPW reminds residents not to throw their snow into the streets thinking that the traffic will dissipate the snow.

Actually, the snow often re-freezes, causing hazardous driving conditions.

The DPW also asks that residents not park in the streets until the plowing has been completed.

Keeping the streets clear facilitates the DPW to provide curb to curb snowplowing service.

Residents and businesses are reminded that they are responsible for clearing their sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow stops.

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department also asks residents and businesses to keep the fire hydrants cleared of snow. ###

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Mother Nature has a way of making up for lost time and I think she will be doing so during this second half of winter.

Temperatures as low as the single digits were experienced in parts of the region early on Friday morning, January 26th with wind chill values down around zero to 10 below zero.

We can expect occasional severe bouts of cold for another few weeks at least.

And, for those of you screaming global warming, well, you will have to hold off until our next warm spell, which may not be for awhile, perhaps in the Spring!

*Hasbrouck Heights resident Dan Ventola is President of The National Weather Station, Weather Consulting, Forecasting & Analysis, 1-877-447-6699, "Serving Clients with Expert Weather Services Since 1985," www.national-weatherstation.com ###*

## National Weather Station Moves to Teterboro Airport

The National Weather Station, a private weather consulting service, has relocated its operations to Jet Aviation at Teterboro Airport.

"We have found more suitable office space for our operations" said Dan Ventola, meteorologist and owner of The National Weather Station.

Dan says, "The new space offers a more visible business atmosphere and is a good location to promote our services.

We can now better offer our aviation weather services to local aviation interests at Teterboro Airport. We continue to provide our storm warning services to DPW's, school districts, private companies such as landscape companies, facilities management firms, etc."

For more information, please visit their website: [www.nationalweatherstation.com](http://www.nationalweatherstation.com), email Dan at [dan@nationalweatherstation.com](mailto:dan@nationalweatherstation.com) or call 201-288-1824. ###


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## DPW Announces Spring Clean-up Schedule for 2007

DPW announced the annual spring clean-up schedule.

Zone 1 pick up schedule is March 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Zone 2 pick up schedule is March 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Residents should place leaves in paper sacks or upright

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# Fire Department Holds Installation Dinner

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department held their installation dinner for Chief Angelo Roccamo and the Department Officers at The Venetian on January 13, 2007.

Master of Ceremonies was former Fire Chief Tony Greco. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by First Assistant Chief Michael Ratkowski and a Benediction was given by Fire Department Chaplain Rev. Joseph Pickard.

The traditional toast was made by Second Assistant Chief Kevin Todd, followed by comments from Chief Angelo Roccamo.

Speakers included Mayor Ronald Jones and Fire Commissioner Carol Skiba.

Recognition and presentations were given to the immediate past Chief Joseph Taylor Jr., to include the ex-Chief's badge.

Former Fire Commissioner, Thomas Meli, made comments, highlighted with fun gifts, to fulfill the Department's fantasy wish list -- to Taylor, he presented a boat -- and to Roccamo, a helicopter.

Various Department personnel made presentations of ex-officer badges, etc.

Floral bouquets were given to the Chiefs' wives, Fire Chief's Secretary, Nancy Haloran and Mrs. Meli.

Mutual Aid Officials from Carlstadt, Little Ferry, Lodi, Moonachie and Wallington made presentations to Chief Roccamo. Wood-Ridge Fire Department also held their installation dinner on January 13th.

Boro officials and other dignitaries attended.

DJ entertainment was provided by Eddie Bouknight. ###



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Pledge of Allegiance was led by First Assistant Chief Michael Ratkowski.



Benediction was given by Fire Department Chaplain Rev. Joseph Pickard.



Traditional toast was made by Second Assistant Chief Kevin Todd.



Chief Angelo Roccamo addresses the Department and dinner guests.



Below: Former Fire Commissioner Thomas Meli making his presentations.



The Department always wanted a boat, a helicopter and Donald Duck as mascot.



This should help with the water.



Below: Mutual Aid Officials from Carlstadt, Little Ferry, Lodi, Moonachie, Wallington and guests, made presentations to Chief Roccamo.



Presentations were made to ex-Chief Joseph Taylor Jr.



Floral presentations were made to Chiefs' wives. (l-r) Mike and Lisa Ratkowski, Angelo and Renee Roccamo and Kevin and Dena Todd.



Chief Roccamo sharing the celebration with his family.

# New Fire Chiefs & Officers Take Oath of Office



Mayor Ronald R. Jones administers the Oath of Office to Chief Angelo Roccamo with his wife, Renee, holding the Bible while their family looks on.

During the 2007 Reorganization Meeting on January 1, 2007, Angelo Roccamo was sworn in as the new Fire Chief of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department for the first year of his two-year term. The Fire Department also serves the Borough of Teterboro.

Chief Roccamo will oversee a volunteer department of

54 men and women who operate two engine companies, ladder company, rescue company and ambulance squad.

In 2006, the Department responded to 575 fire and emergency calls and 1,350 ambulance calls.

During a fire emergency, the Fire Department performs

many activities simultaneously under the Fire Chief's command — equipment is deployed, rescue teams search the home/business, hoses are connected, activated and brought in to attack the fire from the inside, ladder companies vent as needed, and search for victims and fire. ###



Mayor Ronald R. Jones administers the Oath of Office to First Assistant Chief Michael Ratkowski while his wife, Lisa, holds the Bible.



Mayor Ronald R. Jones administers the Oath of Office to Second Assistant Chief Kevin Todd.



Mayor Ronald R. Jones administers the Oath of Office to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Officers.

**Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department 2007 Officers**

Fire Chief..... Angelo Roccamo  
 First Assistant Chief..Michael Ratkowski  
 Second Assistant Chief..... Kevin Todd  
 Secretary ..... Thomas Rubino  
 Treasurer ..... Patrick Hayes

**Engine Company One**  
 Captain ..... Edmund Carter III  
 Lieutenant..... Bernardo Valente  
 Secretary ..... Justin Watrel  
 Treasurer ..... Christian Semenez

**Engine Company Two**  
 Captain ..... Patrick Hayes  
 Lieutenant..... Robert Jones  
 Secretary ..... Michael Thomasey  
 Treasurer ..... David Gumbrecht

**Hook & Ladder Company One**  
 Captain ..... Brian Morrow  
 Lieutenant ..... Michael Christensen  
 Secretary ..... Michael LeSane  
 Treasurer ..... Laurence Donohue

**Ambulance**  
 Captain ..... Ronald Botelho  
 Lieutenant ..... Elizabeth Waring  
 Secretary ..... Patricia Thomasey

**Rescue Company**  
 Captain ..... Michael Thomasey  
 Lieutenant ..... Christopher Halloran  
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After taking the Oath of Office, Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Officers formalized their Oath by completing the paperwork.

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# Meet The New Fire Chief



*Then-First Assistant Chief Roccamo on the scene at a mutual aid fire call on Huyler Street in Teterboro, at 3:25 p.m., August 1, 2006, where street level temperatures hovered at 98 degrees.*

An interview with Chief Angelo Roccamo by Justin Watrel

On January 1, 2007, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department swore in its 57th Fire Chief, Angelo Roccamo, a 25-year veteran of the Department, who previously served as First Assistant Chief.

Chief Roccamo is the son of Joseph and Theresa Roccamo of Hasbrouck Heights, who have lived in town for over 40 years.

Originally born in South Philadelphia, home of his father, Chief Roccamo moved to New Jersey to be closer to his mother's relatives.

"My mother is from Italy and as her family moved to the States they settled in the New York area, so we moved from Philly to be closer to her family. We found a two-family house in Hasbrouck Heights that my parents liked. My brother, Peter, and I moved in when I was in the Third Grade."

Chief Roccamo attended Lincoln School, Franklin School and is a Hasbrouck Heights High School Alumnus '77. He is the father of Angelo Jr. and Alyssa and stepfather to Matthew and Miranda.

"My wife Renee and I met at the Meadowlands Sports Complex years ago and we just hit it off. We've been lucky that our kids are similar in ages, so we have a really nice blended family."

When asked how he became interested in the fire service, Chief Roccamo told this story: "I was about five years

old. We had a plumber come to the house to do some work and he started a fire on the roof. We had to get out of the house fast. I got all excited when the fire truck pulled up to the house. I don't know what made my mother more upset, the fact that we had a fire at the house or the fact that I got excited that there was a fire truck outside our house."

"When I got older I wanted to become a cop, but my mom was dead set against it. I wanted a job where I could get involved in the community, so at 21, I became a firefighter," Chief Roccamo explained.

"It was the same with my job as well. I started off in the printing business and really wasn't happy with what I was doing. I took a job with the Hasbrouck Heights DPW and I enjoyed it much more. I wanted something where I could meet the community I was serving."

He now works as a machine operator for our town's DPW.

"What I like about the jobs I hold in town is that I can get out and meet members of our community. I like the fact that I can be there when I am needed and feel that I am making a contribution to the town. I've met many longtime members of the community, who in all my years living here, I had never met before."

In the time that Chief Roccamo has served in the Fire Department, he has held many positions.

He has been Lieutenant and Mechanic of the Ambulance, Mechanic, Lieutenant

and Captain of the Hook & Ladder, Department Treasurer, Fire Inspector and Second Assistant Chief, First Assistant Chief and now Chief of the Department.

When asked what the most challenging part of his current job is, Chief Roccamo remarked, "Keeping up with the paperwork. People don't know how much we have in the Department. Also, there are many phone calls and involved meetings that we have to attend. We have a budget and have to figure out how best to use our resources and see what equipment is needed. We have to determine what is the most important thing for the Department. The most important thing I feel is making sure that all members are safe. When we go out on a call, I want to be sure that everyone comes back

from that call safely."

Some of the goals the new Chief has for the Department are keeping morale up and unifying the Department.

"The community has to understand that this is a volunteer department. The economy has done a number on all volunteer departments. People are working two jobs and don't have the time to volunteer like they used to. The time factor is something people can't fit into their lives. Our members have to be available 24/7 and during all holidays. We have to stop what we're doing in our lives and help members of our community and the surrounding towns as well."

"The Department faces the challenge of retaining members and recruiting new ones.

"It's rough when everyone has to stop what they are doing and make the call. The problem with manpower is becoming a challenge that we are facing in the future.

"Sometimes I don't think people have a clue what goes into being a firefighter. We have schooling, intense training and drills to keep up all our members with new developments that are happening in the industry.

"Our job is to look out for everyone. We encourage our members to take as many classes as they can. The day you stop learning is the day you should not be a firefighter. There is always more to learn."

"There's been a lot of talk about regionalization and paid departments, but these things cost money and I don't know how many towns can handle

the financial burden. It's rough all the way around.

"In the end though, I know the community cares about us and we are very grateful to them for their continuing support.

"It's not my Department, it's our Department. In the generation before I got on, the Fire Department had a full roster and people had to wait to get on the Department.

"Today we are trying to work with the youth squads and getting more teenagers involved in our Juniors Program (See *The Gazette*, October 2006). This way they get more hands-on training to see if they really want to pursue firefighting as a career."

Some of the memorable things that the Chief remembers from his own experiences with the Department are answering past ambulance calls.

"It really is self-satisfying when you save another person's life. I have had several saves throughout my career and that is a good feeling. You get someone's heart working again and it is the greatest feeling you can have.

"On fire calls it's putting that fire out. You really have to sneak around and find the fire before it finds you first."

When asked about his own experiences on 9/11 and his contributions on that tragic day, the Chief explained, "I was home that day. When I saw what was going on in New York, we stood by at the firehouse.

"Our ambulance was called first and went to the staging area in Jersey City to await victims. We sent our engine (615) next and we got as far as the GWB and then awaited instructions.

"Myself, now ex-Chief Joe Taylor and firefighters Pat Hayes and Bob Pietz (See *The Gazette*, September 2006) were sent to Overpeck Park, where we stood by in our bunker gear for six hours awaiting instructions. We were released later that day.

"Later, several members of the Department went over to help with the recovery."

"I, myself, didn't go over. I was still so angry that something like this happened in the USA. I knew that they had enough help. I just didn't want to see what I saw on TV."

In February 2005, during the time that he was First Assistant Chief, Angelo was in command of the aircraft incident at the Strawberry clothing warehouse in Teterboro.

"Looking toward the future for my next two years as Chief, I want to continue improving the morale in the Department and working with the members.

"I want to get younger people in the community involved with our Juniors program and train the next generation of firefighters.

"There is no better feeling than knowing that you saved someone's life or prevented a fire from getting out of control and saving people's property. You've then done something not everyone can do.

"I also want to work with the town in finding ways for us to be more efficient in the Department; also, looking into new equipment to better serve the community."

The Chief stated, "We want to utilize our members the best way possible and have the equipment to back that up.

"Our goal at the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department is to protect and serve our community the best way we know how and keep everyone safe.

"I'll try to be at as many meetings as I can and get to know as many members of the community as possible.

"Lastly, we want to thank everyone in the community for their constant support. Everything they do for us is greatly appreciated."

Best of luck to Chief Roccamo in his next two years as Chief and the best of luck to First Assistant Chief Michael Ratkowski and to Second Assistant Chief Kevin Todd. ###



*Then-First Assistant Chief Roccamo commanded the scene at Strawberry Warehouse at about 8:10 a.m. on February 2, 2005, when a twin-engine Canadair Challenger 600 skidded off the runway, through the fence, across Route 46, striking several cars and injuring 20 people. Photos by Fritz Rethage*



**Hasbrouck Heights  
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**LOVE IS Enough**

*By Reverend Carole J. Suraci  
Community United Church of Christ*

In February our thoughts turn to Love. Valentine's Day is one of the biggest celebrated days, although it is not "yet" a holiday. Maybe we need to give Love a day to celebrate.

You may have heard the phrase, "Enough Love Heals," "Love is all there is," or even, "Love 'em or Leave 'em."

There are many schools of thought on Love. There is romantic Love, and there is existential Love.

Romantic Love is interested in "how do I feel."

Existential love does not need an object of Love or even one to make him or herself feel better. Love is freely received and freely given.

Maybe once we get Love figured out and seen in the right light, our world will be in a better place -- not all for me and none for thee attitude.

Man is never happier than when he is freely giving from his heart, freely responding to life through a whole different way of viewing reality.

We see life from a perspective of getting. If I get this (*whatever it is*) I will be happy. If I just lose enough weight, I will be happy. If I get the "right job" I will be happy.

But, happiness doesn't come from anything on the outside. Happiness is a state of mind.

If we realize that Love is all there is, we have found the reason for living. And, if we know where to look for it, our search is ended.

"God is Love, and we are made in His image and likeness of Love." So, where do we look? We look within our own mind and heart. "Be still and know that I am God."

When God told Moses when he asked, "Who shall I say sent me," God said, "Tell them "I Am that I Am hath sent you." Where does this I Am reside? -- Right within our conscious mind and heart. "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you."

It's real simple. Once I went to an off-Broadway play

in a church and I remember praying; may I really learn something from this night.

I heard, as if for the first time, "God is simple."

This was a very meaningful statement and I went away with a great pearl.

God Is Simple. God is not complex like we would like to make religion with many rules and regulations. God lives within the heart of man.

When they asked Moses, "How did God speak to him, he said, "He spoke to me as no man, "He came to me in my mind and now I know he lives in the heart of every man."

So we don't have to think about how to impress our mate, our friend, a special someone, or our children or grandchildren on Valentine's Day.

We just need to find that Love within our heart and let it express in kindness and compassionate words, and deeds or, just like a sunbeam radiating God's goodness out into the world.

It is not what we know

about or even "do," but what we realize in our heart and mind. Do you have peace in your heart, or anxiety?

All we need is to quiet our mind and let God's love enter in.

There is a wonderful verse in the Bible that says, "It is in returning and rest that we are saved." It is in resting the mind from all its should's, and have-to's that makes us think that whatever we do is not enough.

The world's way of thinking is that more or bigger is better, but they forgot about the "pearl of great price."

That "pearl" is the Love of God that cannot be bought.

However, it can be received as we humbly seek to let God's Love flow through us letting God bless us with the realization of His love. We let this Love flow through us and thereby be a blessing to our world.

Yes, Love Is Enough. Love Is All There Is. ###


**Rummage Sale**

The Guild for Christian Services will hold their Spring Rummage Sale at the First Reformed Church on April 20th and 21st from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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# Rosary Society

The January General Meeting of the Rosary Society marked the beginning of a very busy New Year. Our focus on membership is bearing fruit as we welcome new faces at our meetings and functions.

The evening's Brown Bag Auction raised funds for our Child in Need program, and we thank our parish family for their generous donations for the Corpus Christi Christmas cards which raised an additional \$193 for the program.

Ladies of the Rosary Society...**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

- Thursday, February 8 – General Meeting in the school cafeteria beginning at 7:15 p.m. with recitation of the Rosary (program is Paper Bingo)

- Sunday, February 11 – Host Hospitality Sunday after 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. masses

Members of our Parish and Hasbrouck Heights Community...**SAVE THE DATES!**

- Friday, March 2 – Fish 'n Chips Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria (*take-out from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.*). Ticket price is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Contact Karen McDowell at 201-288-5738.

- Friday, April 13 – Scholarship Luncheon (details to be released at a later date).

Looking to the upcoming months, Rosary Society meeting dates and programs are: March 8 (Guest Speaker is Rev. Joseph Kukura, and we remind our members to bring household cleaning items for the Friendly Neighbors appeal); May 10 (*Installation of New Members*); June 7 (*Annual Baby Shower*). We invite and encourage the women of the parish to join us at our meetings. For information on our programs and activities, please contact President Karen McDowell at 201-288-5738. ###

## Annual Ecumenical Epiphany Procession

An Ecumenical Procession was held Saturday, January 6, 2007, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The public was invited to attend and many joined the procession at any participating Church.

Participants followed the path of the star and followed the

angels' herald. Selected players were costumed. At each Church sanctuary there was a tableau to recount the Journey of the Magi, and included a brief reciting of liturgy.

The walk began at 6:00 p.m. at The Community United Church of Christ, proceeded to Corpus Christi Church,

The First Reformed Church, St. John The Divine Episcopal Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and concluded at the First United Methodist Church.

The star was lit and there was the "Gathering of The Shepherds" as the procession began. At each stop along the

way, participants were invited into each Church's sanctuary and called forth one of the participants in the Epiphany story tableau.

"La Befana" visited and told her story (*an Italian tradition and legend*) at the end of the journey. ###



## Gospel Art Service

This painting was created by Rev. Matthew Labriola in the church sanctuary during a Christmas Program sponsored by our United Methodist Women's group in December. Harold Jacobus provided the frame and glass. The painting will be on display at the Methodist Church, and possibly in other locales in town, in the next few months. ###



(l-r) Silvio Sartori and Charlie Figeroua working their last Corpus Christi Bingo on December 30, 2006

## Their Last Bingo!

Sixteen years ago, Charlie Figeroua started to volunteer at Corpus Christi School to help out with Bingo. He volunteered while his children attended Corpus Christi School.

Then in 1993, Silvio Sartori began to volunteer helping out with Bingo.

In June of 1999, when Charlie first retired from bingo, Silvio took over as the chairperson of Bingo.

Then in October of 1999, when help was needed to run Bingo again, Charlie greatly accepted to help again.

Some of the players' most memorable bingo nights were when Charlie would return from Mardi Gras with tons of beads and other goodies that he handed out to the players.

Over their many years of

service, Charlie and Silvio were able to get donations of a new bingo machine, a new bingo board, and a new refrigerator for the kitchen staff.

Their over 25 years of service was and is, greatly appreciated.

They now pass the torch of running Bingo to Dennis and Eileen Duzgay on Tuesday night Bingo and Craig DeFelicé and Ed O'Donnell on Saturday night Bingo. *Story and photo submitted by Douglas Sartori* ###

**Pray for Peace**

## Guild Assembles Health Kits

From February 25th through April 8th, The Guild of Reformed Church Women will be collecting and assembling items for health kits.

These kits consist of washcloth, hand towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, nail file, comb and band-aids. Donations of any of these products in any quantity would be appreciated. These items are assembled in zippered plastic bags and distributed by Church World Service throughout the world wherever the need arises due to forced relocation of families because of disasters.

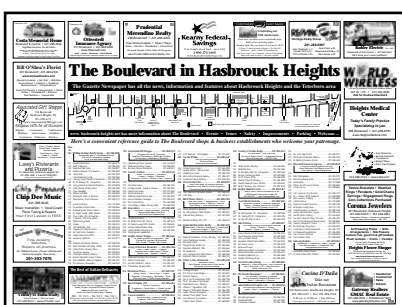
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*l-r: Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilman-elect Stephen Altobelli, Councilman-elect Anthony DiNanno, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Thomas E. Meli and Councilman Ronald F. Kistner (composed photo)*

The dissenting council persons did not have alternate candidates at this time but stated that they will make them after the statutory 30 days when the Council will present their own appointments.

The Mayor delivered his State of the Borough Address which reviewed the accomplishments of each department.

Each Council member then had an opportunity to make comments.

The meeting was open to the public for comments.

The concluding Benediction was provided by The Rev. Dr. Katherine Ellison.

The meeting was adjourned and light refreshments were served in the Senior Center. ###

**2007 Mayor & Council Meeting Schedule**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights will hold two regular meetings a month at the Municipal Building, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., at 8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- January 9 and 30, 2007
- February 13 and 27, 2007
- March 13 and 27, 2007
- April 10 and 24, 2007
- May 8 and 22, 2007
- June 12 and 26, 2007
- July 10 and 24, 2007
- August 14 and 28, 2007
- September 12 and 25, 2007
- October 9 and 23, 2007
- November 13 and 27, 2007
- December 11 and 27, 2007

The Mayor and Council will also hold a work session immediately following the conclusion of the first regular meeting of each month. ###

# Heights 2007 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2007 at 11:45 a.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2006 business.

Councilmen Ronald Kistner and Thomas Meli were presented a Proclamation, Plaque and Key to Hasbrouck Heights by Mayor Ronald R. Jones.

Councilmen Kistner and Meli made departing comments.

The Mayor and Council conducted business concluding 2006 and adjourned.

The beginning of the 2007 year began with NJ Senator Joseph Coniglio administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Anthony DiNanno while his wife, Angela, held the Bible.

NJ Senator Joseph Coniglio administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Stephen Altobelli while his wife, Jackie, held the Bible.

Senator Coniglio and Assemblyman and Freeholder David Ganz, made presentations to Councilmen DiNanno and Altobelli.

Upon the seating of the new council members, Mayor Ronald R. Jones declared the 2007 Reorganization Meeting in session.

The Sunshine Law Statement was recited and roll call made.

There was a Salute to the Flag and an invocation by the Reverend Lewis V. Papera, Pas-

tor of Corpus Christi Church.

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Angelo Roccamo, First Assistant Chief Michael Ratkowski and Second Assistant Chief Kevin Todd.

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to the 2007 Fire Department Officers.

There was an announcement of council assignments.

The Council elected Leonard Introna as their Council President and named Maryetta Saccomano their representative to the Planning Board.

The Mayor read a pre-appointment statement.

Mayor Jones made his appointments and requested

Council confirmation.

The Council rejected many appointments to include: Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer, Borough Auditor, Public Defender, Alternate, Prosecutor, Zoning Board, Board of Health, plus various positions on the Planning, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Board of Health, Free Public Library, special law enforcement, etc.

The full text of the Mayor's State of the Borough Address, along with a list of council committees and Borough appointments, is available at: [www.hasbrouck-heights.com](http://www.hasbrouck-heights.com)



**HASBROUCK HEIGHTS \$459,000**  
**CHARMING COLONIAL**

Great family home, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, FDR, enclosed porch, finished basement/rec room. Large yard, detached garage. This home is in prime location with walking distance to school and NYC transportation.

*Call Rosemarie Today!*



**HASBROUCK HEIGHTS \$519,000**

3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Custom Stone Front Colonial, 50 x 112 property in prime loc.! Stately 1938 Dutch style home with open front porch boasts of charm; gorgeous in-lay hardwood flrs, stone FPL, French doors to FR, FDR, Cen. a/c, newer roof & gas heat sys., 200 amp elec., part finished bsmt, plus 1car gar. Don't miss this special home.

*Call Chris Today!*



**LODI \$439,000**  
**TWO FAMILY**

Live & earn under one roof! This home offers: 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, wood deck, vinyl siding, newer roof and more!

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**LODI \$639,900**

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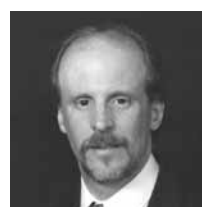
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**Wood-Ridge \$380,000**  
Charming Tudor Colonial. 2 BR, 2 baths, formal living room & dining room, den, detached garage, newer roof, low taxes. Tour: [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2628757](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2628757)



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**Lodi \$659,900**  
Young 2 Family. Main floor w/large LR, FDR, EIK w/granite & tile, 3 BRS, 2 bath & office, lower level has 2 BR apt. Amenities incl, C/A, sprinklers, deck, 2 car gar. Tour: [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2639973](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2639973)



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**Hasbrouck Heights \$539,000**  
Magnificent turn-of-the-century Colonial on over-sized property. 1st floor: lg. 3 season porch, E.F., updated EIK, .5 bath, FDR, lg. LR w/gas FPL & a built-in book case. Beautiful hand-nailed HWfloors in the FDR & LR. 2nd floor: spiral banister staircase, MNR, 3 addit'l BRs & bath. 3rd floor: finished heated room for a den or 5th BR. Tour at: [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2647740](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2647740)



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**Hasbrouck Heights \$899,000**  
NEW! To be built 4 bedroom 2.5 bath Victorian FLR & DR, EIK w/granite & tile, family room/fpl, patio. MBR suite w/whirlpool tub, large lot. Tour: [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2641936](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2641936)



**Maywood \$524,000**  
Expanded Colonial on quiet tree lined street. A decorator's dream. Gleaming H/W floors throughout. Large LR w/ white stone FPL, FDR, large mod. kit. has built in work desk. 2nd floor: 3 nice sized BRs w/ample closets, MBR has walk in closet, full bath has whirlpool tub, well arranged office. The basement is finished with a family room and full bath. A beautiful yard. All newly remodeled!!! Close to NY transportation and shopping. Tour at: [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2529233](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2529233)



**Hasbrouck Heights \$849,000**  
NEW! To be built, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial, FLR & DR, EIK w/granite & tile, FR/fpl, patio. MBR suite w/whirlpool tub, large lot. Tour: [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2641941](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2641941)



**Wood-Ridge \$525,000**  
Immaculate 3 BR, 1.5 bath Split-level. FLR, FDR, kit. Grade level FR, sun-room, .5 ba. Fin. basement w/2nd kit. C/A, 6 mo. old roof, oversized lot. Tour [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2634202](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2634202)



**Wood-Ridge \$389,000**  
Lovely Cape Cod set on corner lot in the nicest part of town. House offers 3 BR with potential for 4th BR. Fully renovated w/new h/w floors, carpet, new kitchen, new bath and garage. Tour at: [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2647475](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2647475)



**Wood-Ridge \$449,900**  
Well maintained tri-level split on beautiful tree lined street. 1st level: large LR, FDR, & EIK. 2nd level: lrg BR w/ 2 double closets, addit'l BR & bath. 3rd level: large MBR. Grade level: .5 bath, den which leads to patio & ample backyard. 1 car att gar and full, high basement, which could easily be finished. Add'l features include, h/w flooring, 2 zone gas, hw BB heat, cac, brick front and vinyl siding exterior. [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2642516](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2642516)



**Lodi \$444,000**  
Custom 3 BR, 2 bath, Cape. Large fenced prof. landscaped lot. Offers LR, modern kitchen w/dining area, family room w/entrance to large patio w/hot tub. Tour at: [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2638868](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2638868)



**Lodi \$479,900**  
Spacious 3 BR, 2 bath, Brick Ranch. New kitchen w/granite & SS appliances, sun porch, finished basement w/ FR, large private yard & garage. Tour: [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2637523](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2637523)



**Hasbrouck Heights \$359,900**  
Colonial in lovely residential area. 2 BR, 1.5 baths. living room, dining room, kitchen and 2 car garage. Tour: [www.gatewaytohomes.com/2644943](http://www.gatewaytohomes.com/2644943)



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