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Lodi Update

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE BOROUGH OF LODI

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Borough of Lodi Celebrating our 125th Anniversary



The Mayor and Council were pleased to bring back the Fireworks Celebration in the Park in 2018. The event was a huge success and remained free for all residents. The celebration included an enormous fireworks display as well as food trucks providing refreshments. The 2019 celebration will be even bigger as Lodi celebrates its birthday of 125 Years !

CVS and LA Fitness opened their doors for business in 2018!



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NEW—LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEMS

Through a grant from Bergen County Open Space, the Borough was able to install Lightning Detection Systems at Voto/Tedesco Field, Memorial Park, Kennedy Park and the Little League. These units will determine in advance if there is approaching lightning storms so participants leave the field.

GARAGE SALE PERMITS

All residents wishing to hold a Garage Sale must obtain a permit through the Borough Clerk’s Office at Borough Hall Room 202. The cut off for same weekend sales is Friday at 12:00 noon. The cost of the permit is \$5.00. As per ordinance, the limit is 3 permits per year per household. Information regarding our very successful “Town-Wide Garage Sale” will be posted on our web site, when it becomes available.



Paws & Play Dog Park—Now Open!

In October 2018 the Borough opened its very first dog park located at 72 Kimmig Ave, behind the Ambulance Corps. building. The park is a fun, safe place for our canine and human residents to enjoy exercising and socializing . Use of the park is by permit tag only and all owners must complete and submit a registration packet with all vaccination records prior to their dog being permitted to use the amenities. The park features two sections for use by smaller and larger dogs as well as benches, waste stations and water fountain. **Registration packets and additional information, guideline and rules can be found on our website at www.Lodi-NJ.org/dogpark**

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Passaic Valley Water in conjunction with the Borough of Lodi is dedicated to making improvements to your water infrastructure. During the spring of 2018, Passaic Valley Water Commission has awarded Water Main Replacement Contract 17-B-25 to Pacific Construction, LLC.

This project consists of furnishing and installing approximately 12,000 linear feet of 4, 6, 8, and 12-inch diameter ductile iron pipe and approximately 1,500 linear feet of 2-inch diameter copper service mains including furnishing and installing new hydrants and blow-offs. The work will include the following streets: St. Josephs Blvd., Massey Street, Stokes Street, Charlton Avenue, Christopher Street, Pasadena Ave., Savoie Street, Clark Street, Barbara Court, Roosevelt Place, James Place, Ford Street, Davis Drive, and Division Street.

The majority of the work will include removing or abandoning the existing main in place and installing the new main. Temporary bypass piping was required to provide continuous water service to all customers while the water main was being replaced.

All water mains to be abandoned in-place will be filled with flowable fill and capped wherever the main has been cut-off from the distribution system. All customer service lines are being transferred to the new water main after the new pipe has been installed, pressure tested, and disinfected. All service lines from water main to curb including curb stops, boxes and lids are to be replaced.

Work includes replacing the service line from curb to customer's meter if the service line is found to be lead. Interconnections with existing piping and the installation of new valves are also included. Work includes restoration of all disturbed surfaces.

We anticipate the remaining work, which includes all pavement and concrete restoration to be completed by May 2019.



Bocce Court

The Bocce Court, located at Warchol Park (Borig Pl & Keasler Ave) is now open to the public. Residents are welcome to bring their own Bocce equipment and enjoy the court.



BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBER IMPROVEMENTS

The Borough's Mayor and Council Chambers were recently remodeled with new carpeting, a new ceiling and a fresh coat of paint. All lighting was also converted to LED fixtures to be more energy efficient and keeping with the Borough's Green initiative.

The Council Chambers are not just used for monthly Council Meetings, but is also used for Planning Board Meetings, Zoning Board Meetings, training sessions, staff meetings and many other publicly accessible uses.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING STICKERS



A residential parking permit sticker is required for any resident wishing to park on a Borough roadway overnight, 1:00am to 5:00am. Vehicles without residential parking permit stickers parked on a Borough roadway during prohibited hours will be subject to a summons by the Lodi Police Department. Permit stickers are available in the Tax Assessor's office, Borough Hall Room 103, during normal business hours. Visitor courtesy passes are also available in the Tax Assessor's office, requests for visitor's courtesy passes must be made in writing with approval from the home owner. Contact (973) 859-7415 or visit Room 103 for information regarding the required supporting documentation.

BERGEN COUNTY TO PLOW COUNTY ROADS

The Borough of Lodi in cooperation with the County of Bergen and the Bergen County Roads Department have agreed the County will be taking over all snow plowing on County Roads, this went into effect in Winter of 2017-2018.

This operational shift will be a cost savings to the Borough including equipment acquisition, maintenance and repair as well as labor savings concerning snow removal on these streets. This will also allow additional manpower to be assigned to secondary streets within the Borough for more efficient operation as well.

IF YOU RESIDE ON ONE OF THE COUNTY ROADS WITHIN THE BOROUGH, PLEASE INSURE YOUR VEHICLE IS REMOVED FROM THE ROADWAY PRIOR TO ANY SNOW EVENT TO INSURE CURB TO CURB PLOWING OF THESE STREETS.

A LIST OF COUNTY ROADS ARE AVAILABLE ON BOROUGH'S WEB SITE FOR REVIEW.

THERE WILL BE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SNOW PLOWED OR SHOVELED INTO THE ROADWAY



KNOW THE LAW WHEN IT COMES TO SNOW!

- **NJ State Traffic Law requires you to clean all snow off of your vehicle prior to operating on roadways, this includes the roof of your vehicle.**
- **It is illegal to put objects in the roadway after cleaning a space where you were previously parked.**
- **It is illegal to throw or snow blow any amount of snow into the travel portion of the roadway.**

CONNECT WITH US

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT ARE NOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

In order to better communicate with and serve our residents the Department of Public Works now has a Facebook page, @BoroughofLodiDPW. The page will be used to communicate important information, photos and updates to our residents.

Our Recreation Department is now on Twitter and Facebook to communicate information regarding Recreation sports, events and activities. Follow the Recreation Department on Facebook by searching @LodiRec and Twitter @LodiRecreation.



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**CLEAN COMMUNITIES
LITTER CLEAN-UP MINI-GRANTS**



"Love Where You Live"

The Borough of Lodi's Clean Communities Program with grant money from the State of New Jersey awarded mini-grants to two groups of

litter clean-up participants in 2018, the Lodi Portuguese Club and the Lodi High School Girl's Basketball Team.

We look forward to awarding more mini-grants in 2019. Mini-grants are available for school groups, civic groups, churches, sports teams and organizations within the Borough that participate in organized litter clean-ups set-up by the Borough's Clean Communities Coordinator.

If you are part of an applicable group please visit the Borough's website www.Lodi-NJ.org and follow the Clean Communities link to view and complete the mini-grant application.

We look forward to working alongside our local groups to make our community a cleaner, safer, more enjoyable place to call home.

Thank you

Lodi Portuguese Club

and

Lodi High School Girl's Basketball Team



WWW.LODI-NJ.ORG/CLEANCOMMUNITIES

2019 BOROUGH RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Recycling Schedule	Wednesday	Wednesday
	Cans Aluminum & Tin Bottles & Jars All Plastic Bottles (No Motor Oil Bottles)	Magazines Cardboard Newspapers
	January	9 th & 23 rd
February	6 th & 20 th	13 th & 27 th
March	6 th & 20 th	13 th & 27 th
April	3 rd & 17 th	10 th & 24 th
May	1 st , 15 th & 29 th	8 th & 22 nd
June	12 th & 26 th	5 th & 19 th
July	10 th & 24 th	3 rd , 17 th & 31 st
August	7 th & 21 st	14 th & 28 th
September	4 th & 18 th	11 th & 25 th
October	2 nd , 16 th & 30 th	9 th & 23 rd
November	13 th & 27 th	6 th & 20 th
December	11 th	4 th & 18 th

PLEASE REMEMBER

**THERE WILL BE NO
GARBAGE PICK-UP ON:
JANUARY 1, MAY 27,
JULY 4 & NOVEMBER 28**

**THERE WILL BE NO
RECYCLING PICK-UP ON:
DECEMBER 25**



*IMPORTANT: Recyclable materials (bottles/cans, paper/ cardboard, vegetation) must **not** be placed in plastic bags when placed curbside. Please use rigid containers only.*

IMPORTANT DISPOSAL GUIDELINES

MAGAZINES, CARDBOARD, NEWSPAPER: Includes glossy junk mail and brown paper bags. **CARDBOARD MUST BE FLATTENED AND TIED FOR DISPOSAL CURBSIDE AND AT DPW RECYCLING CENTER.**

“COMINGLE”-GLASS, PLASIC, TIN/ALUMINUM, BOTTLES, CANS & JARS: All comingled materials must be empty and rinsed, recycled and placed in rigid containers. **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN PLASTIC BAGS CURBSIDE OR AT DPW RECYCLING CENTER.**

GRASS, LEAVES AND YARD WASTE: Will be picked up on Wednesdays with recycling from April 3, 2019 to December 18, 2019. Grass can be mixed with yard waste and tree trimmings and placed in rigid containers or brown leaf bags. **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN PLASTIC BAGS CURBSIDE OR AT DPW RECYCLING CENTER.** Tree branches are to be bundled and tied not exceeding three (3) feet in length by four (4) inches in diameter.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES: Rechargeable and button cell batteries may be dropped off at the DPW Recycling Center on Saturdays ONLY between 8:00am and 12:00pm. Alkaline batteries may be put in the regular garbage. For all other batteries visit BCUA.ORG or call (201) 641-2552 for disposal information.

The following items are NOT recyclable. You must contact the DPW (973) 365-4068 for disposal instructions. METAL AND WHITE GOODS: Including but not limited to refrigerators (doors

removed), washing machines, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, window A/C units and hot water heaters. **Before a hot water heater can be picked up, you must obtain a plumbing permit from the Lodi Inspection Dept., Room 205 or (973) 859-7410.**

TIRES: Will ONLY be accepted at the DPW Recycling Center on Saturday, March 16th and September 21st between 8:00am and 12:00pm as well as curbside on Friday, June 14th and December 20th. Visit BCUA.ORG or call (201) 641-2552 for County Drop-Off dates and locations.

ELECTRONICS: Including but not limited to TV’s, Computers, Printers, can be dropped off at the DPW Recycling Center Saturdays between 8:00am and 12:00pm ONLY. **THESE ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP CURBSIDE.** Visit BCUA.ORG or call (201) 641-2552 for County Drop-Off dates and locations.

LEAF BAGS will be distributed from October 2, 2019 to December 4, 2019 free of charge at **Borough Hall Room 103** between 8:30am & 4:00pm, Monday – Friday or at the **DPW Recycling Center**, Saturdays between 8:00am-12:00pm ONLY. **(Limit 10 bags per family)**

CHRISTMAS TREES will only be picked up on **the first two (2) Wednesdays** in January. NO trees will be picked up after January 9, 2019.

RECYCLING HELPS KEEP COSTS DOWN



In New Jersey and all across the country tipping fees associated with the disposal of solid waste are on the rise. The Borough pays these fees to the transfer station based on the tonnage collected during curbside garbage collection. The Borough of Lodi has always encouraged our residents and businesses to recycle as it is not only beneficial to the environment but it is the law in the State of New Jersey. Now more than ever with the rising cost of collection and disposal our residents are encouraged to separate their recyclable material and take advantage of the services the Borough offers.

Following the old adage “**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**” will result in lower costs for the taxpayers.

REDUCE by preventing the waste before it happens and keeping unnecessary items out of the waste streams and landfills. Donate old or unwanted clothes to those in need, old or unwanted towels and blankets to a local animal shelter instead of throwing them in the garbage. In the landfill it will take 50-80 years for a rubber soled boot to decompose, 50 years for leather, 30-40 years for nylon fabric, 1-5 years for wool clothing and 2-5 months for cotton clothing. Having garage sales throughout the year is also a great way to give unwanted or outdated items a new home other than the landfill while also helping you earn a profit.

REUSE old tires by using your creativity and turning them into a swing or planter. Avoid using single use plastic bags when shopping by bringing your own reusable bags which are beneficial by being larger and sturdier than store bags. Reuse old toothbrushes by using them to clean hard to reach places like tile ground and tight corners.

RECYCLE using the Borough’s weekly curbside collection option for residential plastics, glass, aluminum, paper and cardboard, the schedule is provided on page 7 of this newsletter or by bringing your recyclables to the Lodi DPW on Saturdays from 8am-12pm. In addition to the materials collected curbside the DPW also has a container for household electronics such as computers, printers and microwaves.

Each year the State of New Jersey requires municipalities to submit recycling tonnage information which is collected by our Recycling Coordinator from our hauler, businesses and other sources. The State then awards grants to each municipality based on the tonnage amount. The money is used for such things as the curbside services, public garbage cans throughout town, recycling schedules and communications. By separating recyclable materials from solid waste and disposing of them properly you are helping increase the tonnage amount thus increasing the grant money received by the Borough which is used to educate our residents, enforce recycling ordinances and keep the Borough clean.

FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK

In Summer 2018 the Borough of Lodi released a schedule of our free Movies in the Park. The family-friendly movies were shown throughout the summer on Memorial Field behind Borough Hall. The turn-out for each showing was more than we could have imagined and we were overwhelmed with the positive feedback we received from our residents.

We are looking forward to releasing our 2019 schedule and can not wait to see our residents out enjoying free movies with their families, friends and neighbors.

Be sure to check our website late Spring, early Summer for our 2019 movie schedule.



TRUNK OR TREAT AT MEMORIAL PARK



On Halloween night 2018 the Borough hosted Trunk or Treat in the parking lot of Memorial Park behind Borough Hall. Residents, Borough departments and organizations participated by decorating their vehicles and passing out candy and treats to Trunk or Treaters. The event was attended by more than 1,000 residents and neighbors and was one of our most well-received events to date. Our employees and volunteers worked together to make it a fun, safe and successful night for all. We were so impressed by all of the creative costumes and can not wait to see how we can top the event in 2019.



THE BOROUGH OF LODI IS CELEBRATING 125 YEARS!

As part of our year long celebration of our 125th anniversary of incorporation we would like to show a slideshow during this year's Stars & Stripes Firework Celebration. If any resident has photographs of Lodi landmarks or events throughout the years we would like to see them and include them in our slideshow. Photographs can be submitted using the form on the Borough's website www.Lodi-NJ.org/slideshow.

As we begin scheduling the dates of this year's community events we will post on our Facebook @LodiBoroughNJ as well as on the Borough Calendar which can be found on our website www.Lodi-NJ.org.



UPCOMING BOROUGH EVENTS

Visit our website www.Lodi-NJ.org and follow us on social media for details

April 5th—Easter Celebration

April 20th—Shredding Event

May 7th & 8th—Camp Registration

TBA— Memorial Day Parade

May 27th—Memorial Day Ceremonies

May 28th & 29th—Soccer Registrations

June 28th—Stars & Stripes Celebration

July 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st—Concerts

August 6th— National Night Out

September 15th—Food Truck Festival

October 31st —Trunk or Treat

December 6th—Tree Lighting

And more to be announced throughout the year!

BOROUGH HALL CHILLER REPLACEMENT



In 2018 the original HVAC chillers which are required for air conditioning Borough Hall, were replaced. Both units were original to the building when built in the 1980's. One unit had been beyond repair for several years and the other was taking the full load of two units, which eventually caught up and the unit failed. Both units are exceptionally more efficient in operation and have the latest technology in commercial HVAC components. As part of this project, the entire control system for Borough Hall was upgraded to computer technology to control temperatures and be more efficient especially when Borough Hall is not occupied, giving us a chance to save additional energy cost.

IMPROVEMENTS TO KENNEDY PARK

Kennedy Park is getting a complete renovation and is on schedule for our spring sports activities. The fields at this park were beyond their life expectancy and the artificial turf was in need of replacement. As part of replacing the turf, new fencing, sidewalks, dugouts and other upgrades to equipment will be installed. The cost of this project was funded through surplus and will not include any long-term debt to the taxpayers of the Borough.

The bathrooms located in the recreation building along Kennedy Drive were upgraded and remodeled in 2018. Phase two of this project will be to consider replacing the turf on the smaller multi-purpose area in the Northeast section of the park and to possibly enclose it for year-round activities.

The Borough continues their commitment of providing recreational facilities and its importance to our residents.



NEW—SEWER SYSTEM CAMERA TRUCK



The Borough took delivery of a 2019 sewer system camera truck this winter. The Borough's sewer system often has situations in which blockages occur and there is a need to clear these blockages efficiently, without damaging the aging pipe system. In the past we have had to contract outside vendors for camera services, usually for several thousands of dollars each time. As part of this purchase we will now be able to map our sewer system more accurately and be able to inspect the infrastructure for future planning and replacement when needed.

Several DPW employees are currently in training with the vendor and the truck is expected to be operational shortly.

THE BOROUGH
OF LODI
WOULD LIKE TO
WISH ALL OF
OUR RESIDENTS
A SAFE,
HEALTHY &
ENJOYABLE
2019!

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL

The year 2019 has made its presence felt with some very cold weather and then a change to Spring-like weather. The Mayor and Council continue to work hard focusing on the future of our community. Change is part of our evolution as we focus on moving forward. The people of Lodi are still our most important asset. We continue to reshape our vision of the community as new events happen on the county, state and national level.

We are pleased with the addition of the CVS Pharmacy and LA Fitness to our downtown area. We are happy to see the completion of the new water tower and we are proud of the Lodi Rams insignia, which can be seen on the top of the tower. We continue to address the paving of our streets throughout the community. We want to continue with our tree program, keeping our streets clean and paying close attention to maintenance of all properties in town. Our Library has a variety of programs scheduled for our community this year. We brought back the Memorial Day Parade and the Fourth of July Fireworks for the first time in many years. Our Recreation Department is busy scheduling spring and summer events. Our Police Department continues to upgrade their equipment and technology to keep all of us safe. The Fire Department has received a \$60,000 Federal grant to purchase turnout gear for our firefighters. We continue to search out grants that will help us keep our costs down in the future. We are looking forward to the continuing downtown development. Kennedy Park, which serves our community as a hub for many sports needed to have the turf replaced and is undergoing a renovation to replace the artificial turf and other improvements. We were able to do this through surplus in our budget.

The Council and I have enjoyed getting to know you through phone calls, emails, office visits, and town meetings. We have had open forums on The Opioid Crisis and parking problems in our town. We will continue to reach out to our community as we move forward with issues that we face in our Borough. Please check our website for information on town events and meetings.

We wish all of our residents a safe, healthy and enjoyable 2019!

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