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Message from the Mayor & Council



As we begin a New Year, your Mayor and Council and Borough Manager would like to take this opportunity to let our citizens know the progress we have been making. First, however, we would like to wish each and everyone a happy and healthy new year.

We are very optimistic about Lodi's future. For the past six months, we have been diligently reviewing our ordinances and regulations, combing through our budget, and examining policies and procedures, so that we move forward pro-actively with a cohesive, well thought out plan. We are cognizant of our duty to you, to make our government work in a thorough and efficient manner, and have taken this duty seriously.

We have put redevelopment on a fast track. Already, our planning board has approved plans to bring an attractive retail center to the east side of Main Street, where the plumbers' union building is. Kohl's is awaiting final approval from the NJDEP. We have also accelerated the development of the western side of the Saddle River, having met with our planner and developer and putting the project into the conceptual stage.

We have secured grants to begin the process of developing the Saddle River bank, from Market Street to Outwater Lane, into a beautiful park. In addition, we have also reached an

agreement with the owners of this property to donate the land to the Borough at no cost. This area, designated as the Saddle River Linear Park, will be transformed from a raw, overgrown river bank into an attractive, natural walking and recreation area.

As the residents of the South Savoie Street area know, storm water flooding has been a problem for years. We have moved our DPW into the modern age, so that by utilizing the latest technology to navigate our sewers from the inside, they were able to discover and address several problem areas which apparently have been severely impeding the drainage of storm water from the area.

We have also been relentless in our mission to find solutions to our river flooding problems. We have continued to meet with our local, state and federal representatives, to seek solutions and funding, and to prod them into action. Mayor Viscana has led the charge, by forming a coalition of area mayors to take a united stand and to consolidate their influence.

This is not the only area where we have made inroads to work with our neighboring communities. We have already entered into new shared service agreements with Bergen County, Maywood, Saddle Brook and Garfield, and are actively pursuing purchasing equipment on a joint basis.

Wellness Check for Older & Disabled Residents

The County of Bergen is pleased to announce the "Wellness Check Program", designed to check on the well being of residents in need. The program is available free of charge to Bergen County residents living alone, over the age of 60, homebound, or disabled, either on a permanent or long-term basis.

How the Program Works: Enrolees will receive a free daily phone call from the Bergen County Wellness Check Program to check on their well being. The call will begin with the following pre-recorded message: "This is a phone call from the Bergen County Wellness Check Program. Please press '1111' if you are okay." When a resident becomes a participant in the program, he or she will be asked to identify friends or family who may assist in an emergency. When the system cannot make contact with the enrolee after three times in 10 minutes, it will notify the relatives or friends designated to check on the resident. The system will only respond to touchtone telephones or through a TTY, a device for the deaf and hard of hearing

How to Register: To enroll, log on to www.co.bergen.nj.us/bcresources/GuardianApplication.pdf to print the application. Mail the completed form to the address specified. Registrants will

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Another area where the Mayor and Council have spent many hours is addressing the budget. For the first time in years, we were able to obtain discretionary aid from the state, receiving \$200,000.00. We've also addressed spending, finding several areas to significantly cut back. For example, we have negotiated a new contract for garbage tipping fees, which resulted in an 8% price reduction, and a savings of \$65,000.00 annually. And we have become more thrifty, refurbishing several vehicles and obtaining a donated vehicle as well, to reduce the number of new car purchases contained in our current budget. The result of all this hard work has been the leanest, trimmest budget in years, coming in under cap.

However, despite our quest for austerity, we haven't neglected our quality of life or safety. We have been proactive with our emergency services as well. For many years, our police officers' safety has been a concern, with an antiquated radio system. However, thanks to the efforts of our police, fire and emergency management personnel, working in conjunction with our administration, we put a modern radio system on line, eliminating dead zones and enhancing safety. Further, our fire department has just placed a new ladder truck in service, replacing an old, unreliable truck. We've also approved the

purchase of new side arms for our police department, to replace equipment almost twenty years old.

Your safety and quality of life have also been addressed by enhancing our narcotics division, utilizing undercover officers that have made several narcotic arrests, which resulted in over \$140,000.00 in seized funds.

However, we are well aware that there are many other areas in town where the quality of life can be improved. Mayor Viscana has instituted a monthly Mayor's meeting on the last Monday of every month, opening her office to any citizen who may wish to discuss an issue. These meetings have been very productive, bringing many diverse opinions and concerns to our attention. You are all invited to meet with the Mayor in her office on any last Monday of the month, between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

To enhance this concept, we have decided to create a "Quality of Life Committee", to be manned by a broad cross-section of citizens. This committee will enable us to enlist your help in bringing new areas of concern to our attention.

We hope you share in our optimism for Lodi's future. We look forward to working hand in hand with each of you to make a better Lodi.

Lodi Mayor & Council

NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL

Lodi Borough Hall
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Solutions to Stormwater Pollution: Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots, and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep

the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.

- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it. Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.

- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

- Recycle used motor oil.

- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.

- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

- Use newspapers, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.

- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.

- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.

- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.



- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.

- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.

- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn. For more information, please contact the following:

For more information on stormwater related

topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps.

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NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL

From the Office of Borough Manager Tony Luna: Parking Prohibitions

Section 2.01: Parking Prohibited

a. Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is 2 inches or more, no vehicle shall be parked or permitted to remain parked on any of the streets or parts of streets as hereinafter provided. The parking prohibitions herein shall remain in effect from the time the snow has accumulated ts have been plowed sufficiently so that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

b. The following streets are subject to the temporary parking prohibitions:



Name of Street	Side(s)	Location
Adam Place	south	from South Main Street to Prospect Street
Arnot Street	south	from Farnham Avenue to Corabelle Avenue
Church Street	north	from Massey Street to Hoehn Street
Farnham Avenue	east	from Hillside Place to Frederick Street
Grove Street	west	from Paterson Avenue to Mary Street
Hamilton Avenue	north	from Route 46 to Vreeland Street
Harrison Avenue	east	from Route 46 to Frederick Street
Lincoln Place	north	from Prospect Street to South Main Street
Passaic Avenue	west	from First Street to Park Avenue
South Main Street	west	from Lincoln Place to Terrace Avenue
Trudy Drive	north	from Main Street to terminus
Westervelt Place	east	from Frederick Street to Corabelle Avenue
Westminster Place	west	from Route 46 to Frederick Street

Appropriate signs designating the above streets as no parking streets during snow emergencies shall be installed by the municipality.

Wellness Check for Residents *(continued from page 1)*

receive a confirmation call prior to their first wellness check call to let them know their application has been processed. Call the Bergen County Division of Senior Services with questions at 201-336-7400.

The Wellness Check Program is part of a coordinated system of health and human services for older adults and individuals with disabilities over the age of 18 called BERGEN NJ EASE. EASE provides information on a wide variety of community-based services and programs sponsored by the Divisions of Senior Services and Disability Services.

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To plead not guilty to a traffic summons you must call the court to set up a court date and you will be mailed an official court notice.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:
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Residential Parking Stickers

Everyone needs a residential parking sticker to park on Lodi streets between the hours of 1:00am to 5:00am, seven days a week. If you need information in obtaining a sticker, please call 973-365-4005 ext. 415, room 103 8:30 to 4:00pm.

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On health and fitness

by Joann Glussich, owner/trainer of Contours Express

Goodbye, 2007. Hello, 2008.
 Has the New Year gotten to you yet? You know what I'm talking about - that feeling of excitement in your gut as the New Year greets you with the promise that you can turn things around...that you can shake off past mistakes...that you can become better.

The New Year renews hope for your dreams.

And if you are like most people, then your dream for the New Year has everything to do with losing weight.

It makes sense, doesn't it? What better time is there than now to transform your body into the one that you've always dreamed of?

To get you off to a great start, I'd like to share with you some food for thought:

Why do you eat?

Now I know at first glance the answer to that question seems painfully obvious - but I want you to dig deeper. You're probably thinking that you eat when your body is hungry to get the energy you need to sustain life. And you're partially right. But that's not the only reason that you eat.

The truth is that you (along with almost everyone you know) eat too much. Your body simply doesn't need all of the calories that you consume, and it shows in a physique that is less than svelte. If we only ate to fuel our bodies, then we'd all have washboard abs. And that's clearly not the case, right?

So what drives you to eat when you shouldn't? Hmmmm. The answer to this question could be just what you need to see results in 2008.

Here are the four basic reasons that you eat:

1. Because you're hungry.

This one is obvious. You eat when your body tells you that it's hungry and in need of fuel. Just like your car lets you know when it's time to head over to the gas station for a filler up, your body is great at letting you know that energy stores are low.

Eating when you are hungry and stopping when you are full is a healthy thing. Too bad this isn't the only reason that you eat.

2. Because you're emotional.

...but the truth is that you also eat when you are emotional. Think back - can you remember a time when you turned to food after a stressful confrontation? Or how about when you've soothed the blues away by treating your sweet tooth? And it's not just negative emotions that lead to emotional eating - most of us reward happiness with unnecessary calories as well.



Emotional eating adds an untold number of calories to your diet - all calories that are unnecessary and turn into fatty deposits on your body.

3. Because you're social.

Come on, don't just sit there, have a slice of pizza with us. No one likes to eat alone, and so you feel obligated to eat with others. How many times have you filled up a plate just because everyone else was eating?

When eating becomes a social activity with no thought to the calories that are being consumed, only one thing will result: weight gain.

4. Because you're habitual.

At the end of each day you relax in front of the television with a snack, and I'm willing to bet that it isn't because you're hungry. You simply associate sitting down to watch television with eating something. Or maybe you always visit the vending machine on your break whether you're hungry or not - it's just become a habit.

As humans, we love to form habits, and when your habits involve eating extra calories, then your waistline suffers for it.

Here is my challenge to you: **Take the time to examine why you are eating, and choose to only eat when you're truly hungry.**

This small action has the potential to dramatically improve your physique in the coming year.

Remember that improving your diet is only half of the equation when it comes to reshaping your body. The quickest and most permanent results are achieved when good eating habits are accompanied by challenging exercise.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Year 2007-2008 - by Joan Fragala, Principal, Lodi High School

The Administration and staff are off to a great start, and we are all very enthusiastic and eager to this year. What has been going on at Lodi High School? You will be very surprised how busy everyone has been. Our Back to School Night on October 18th was very well attended. Parents and teachers met and discussed the coming school year, curricula, activities and student expectations. Our clubs and organizations are busy planning activities for our students and community in an effort to raise money for scholarships and a variety of many worthwhile causes.

The Science Department has been diligent in getting students excited about science. Mrs. Rozman, the Science Supervisor, along with her teachers, are involved in competitions, design challenges, and poster contests for students of all levels of academic ability. For instance, Mr. Dove and Mr. Fusco and their teams of students have entered two design competitions. Mr. Dove and his students are participating in a program sponsored by New Jersey Institute of Technology called "The Murky Waters Creative Design Contest."

They have been constructing a device that will maneuver through muddy waters while carrying three miniature Lego people. Mr. Fusco and his students entered "Team America Rocketry Challenge" sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Assoc. and the National Assoc. of Rocketry. Mr. Fusco and his students have designed and built several prototype rockets and are testing them for altitude and their ability to carry and deliver two raw eggs unbroken. Mrs. Rozman is the NJ Science League Adviser, and at the January 10th meet the Chemistry I Team tied for first place with Glen Rock HS, the Biology II Team attained second place, and the Chemistry II and Physics I Teams both came in third place. During the latter part of October, the Science Department involved the entire school in the Mole Day celebration. The school was

decorated with signs, and students and teachers were able to enter the Mole Day Contest. Brooke Huarchi was closest to determining how many moles of copper curls were in the beaker and won a gift certificate to iTunes. Mrs. Rozman entered her students in the National Chemistry week Poster Contest "The Many Faces of Chemistry," sponsored by the American Chemical Society. Two juniors, Magdalena Gaska and Ewelina Tkacz, won second and fourth place respectively. For Halloween, Chemistry teacher, Mr. Dove, Mrs. Ho-Phan, and Mrs. Rozman planned a real treat by presenting, "Be Spooked at the Chemistry Den of Horror." These teachers entertained their students by performing chemical demonstrations that mystified all who were present.

Ms. Astor heads the Language Arts Department. Students have been doing comparative studies of the literature they are reading in class with performances in the Media. Seniors have reviewed "Beowulf" in the movies and will be seeing live performances of "Macbeth" and "Hamlet." Freshmen will see "Romeo and Juliet" in March. Ms. Perillo's students created their own video projects after reading "House on Mango Street". Mr. Tarlton's students also learned the tricks of advertising through different media. Berkley College and Lincoln Tech will speak to the senior classes regarding career options.

The Social Studies Department, headed by Mr. Dowson, celebrated U.S. Constitution Day in September. Assemblywomen, Dr. Joan Voss addressed English and History students regarding current issues pertaining to their community, county and state. Many students received a history lesson about Vietnam through a guest speaker from the N.J. Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and these students will visit the museum sometime this spring. "Black History Month" is part of the history curriculum and will be explored in February as part of Black History month. Our Honors U.S. Government class is planning a trip to Philadelphia.

The Special Education Department headed by Mrs. Longo has been seeking many job locations for the

seminar-school to work program, which many of our students participate in and eventually find employment at the training sites. If any local businesses are interested in participating in this program, they should contact the high school. The South Bergen Jointure located in Lyndhurst enlists our students' help with chaperoning their student activities as community service. The Resource Room students have taken a trip to News 12 and others are planned throughout the year to the Aviation Hall of Fame in Teterboro, Meadowlands, Bergen Community College, and Palisades Mall. Their biggest event in the spring is the "Dare to Dream" conference held at Montclair University. Our students meet with many other high schools and demonstrate their ability to promote self-advocacy. They act out scenarios on stage, and help each other with confidence building and public speaking. They do a great job, as I witnessed last year, and it is something they all should be proud of.

The Business Department, headed by Ms. Hipkins, has brought in many guest speakers to discuss various business and technical schools available to our seniors after high school (i.e. Gibbs, Dover Business College, Eastwick Colleges, Cittance, Chubb, Berdan and the Barbizon School). Two new smart boards are operating in the Computer Labs to enhance learning. Ms. Cook's Business Law classes visited the Bergen County Courthouse and observed a court in session and toured the Bergen County Jail. Mrs. Hipkin's senior Work Study heard from a Kearny Federal Savings Bank representative who spoke with our students about the importance of banking knowledge.

The Fine and Performing Practical Arts is also part of the Business Department. The School Band and Jazz Band enter competitions throughout the year. If you ever visit the high school, take a look at all the trophies the band has won through their hard work and dedication, led by Ms. Julie Macri. The choir led, by Dr. Ann Arella-Friere, performs regularly within the community, elementary schools and Teen Arts Festival. Our cooking classes received a cooking lesson from a student chef from Johnson and Wales. The Teen Arts Festival at Bergen Community College allows our students in Fine and

Performing Arts to showcase their talents.

The World Language Department, headed by Mrs. Magarro, takes our students through a cultural experience each year. Mrs. Perez, Mr. Taverns, Ms. LiCalzi, Mrs. Vanwook and Ms. Masi plan a day of activities to celebrate Mardi Gras/Carnivale as an interdisciplinary activity to be enjoyed by all. Ms. Masi presented award winning professional Latin Dancers and the benefits of dance to the Foreign Language students. The Language Department is also planning activities for "Cinco de Mayo." Our French 3 and 4 classes had the opportunity to hear two faculty members, Dr. Arella-Friere and Mrs. Cusimano, demonstrate their talents by singing three French arias.

The Math Department, headed by Mrs. Zampardi, is monitoring our math classes and new math labs, which incorporate HSPA skills. A guest speaker from Spencer Bank spoke with our students in the Senior Applied Math course taught by Mrs. Breitweiser on banking skills and investing, etc. The NJ Society of Public Accountants also provided a guest speaker. The new Study Island computer program is also being utilized in the Math Department with success and enthusiasm.

The Guidance Department, headed by Mr. Longo, is the hub of the school, because every student must pass through to see their counselor for numerous reasons. However, Mr. Longo through the Guidance office offers our students a College/Career Day, Financial Aid workshop for parents, On-site admissions from William Paterson University, Felician College, and Bergen Community College. The mission of the Guidance Department is to challenge every student over the course of four years, especially now with the global competition being greater than any other time in history. Our students are guided along the way to take a high school curriculum that will segue them into their post secondary choices and hopefully take along many well deserved scholarships.

The Physical Education Department, headed by Mr. Tirico, again is planning a fundraiser for February known as "Hoops for Heart." Our students have big hearts when it comes to helping others. Mr. D'Alessio is planning a trip to teach

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School Year (cont.)

the skills of ice skating for the student body and the Physical Education classes saw a demonstration on skateboarding skills and safety. The new cheerleading competition team has been practicing and is ready to compete. Our athletic programs are well underway and going strong. The athletic programs take time and dedication by the players and coaches, and I can never say enough about how hard they work at their sport. Win or lose, they play hard, fair, and demonstrate good sportsmanship which we are very proud of.

Our clubs have raised money for cancer, Make a Wish Foundation, donated blood, donated food to a local church, donated toys to the "Cherub Foundation" a local organization to bring joy to families in Lodi during the Holidays, donated clothing, raised money for Shelter our Sisters Organization, and Operation Smile which helps children born with cleft palates.

A new program currently being used at the high school called Study Island is a computer HSPA program to build and improve HSPA skills in Math and English. The students are able to access this program from home, allowing them to spend more time improving their skills.

This year, we have implemented a "student of the month" program, and every teacher is asked to recommend a student to the Student of the Month Committee. This year's recipients are: September Paulina Olesinska, October Elizabeth DeSmet, November Rebecca Adamski, December Justin Albano, and January Jordan Padovano.

As the Principal of Lodi High School, I am very proud of the hard work the faculty and student body are doing every day. I would like to thank the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Frank Quatrone, for his leadership and guidance; The Board of Education for their dedication to the Lodi school system; the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to share with the community the outstanding education that is taking place in the Lodi School System; and the P.T.A. for their hard work and dedication, especially in offering another safe graduation night for our students by supporting Project Graduation.

Fire Prevention Bureau News

Paul Wanco/Fire Marshal

With this being the first of what is hoped to be a monthly endeavor, I would like to take the time to introduce the Fire Prevention Bureau to the residents and business owners of Lodi.

The Fire Prevention Bureau was enacted through a New Jersey State Fire Code in the late 1970's. In order to keep the burden of the expense from the taxpayers of each municipality, the state allowed these municipalities to adopt registration fees as part of a borough ordinance, which pays to run the Fire Prevention Bureau. Legislature felt the need for Fire Prevention due to costly and fatal fires that were occurring throughout the state.

Our Fire Prevention Bureau here in Lodi has taken on a drastic proactive change under current Fire Marshal Paul Wanco. We are operating full time from room 205 on the second floor of the Borough Hall building located on Memorial Drive. We are currently responsible to conduct inspections on a yearly basis of some 1,430 properties within the borough. These properties consist of Multi Family dwellings (3 or more apartments); non-owner occupied 1 and 2 family homes, and each business property and building within Lodi's boundaries.

In order to assist you with an in depth look at the inspection process and other programs run by the Bureau, I will be covering a multitude of areas in the upcoming issues. In this issue, I would like to inform you of the dangers the winter season brings about.

Extension cords are extremely dangerous instruments to be using in and around your home. Fires are caused by the misuse of so called indoor extension cords. Extension cords have the capabilities of heating up thus becoming the origin of a house or building fire.

Another extremely important note is the candle. By lighting a candle we are introducing the flame into our home, Not that we should all never use a candle again, however we need to remember and exercise certain precautions when using them. Never use candles in an area with drapes. Be aware of pets as they can knock over candles causing fires. As we tell you never leave cooking unattended, the same principle holds true with candles. The flame of a candle is emitting a radiant heat, which can be transferred to other objects. The rule of thumb is a

three-foot circumference of clear space around a candle.

Another fire starter is the electric portable heater. Again a radiant heat producer, a three-foot clear area surrounding the heater is needed. These heaters have been known to cause spontaneous combustion to clothes, bedding, draperies and other items which will heat up to their ignition point should they be placed to close to a heater.

And above and beyond all these areas of concern, please check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on a monthly basis. When we read about people dying in a fire, a misconception that they "burned up" is not, in the majority of instances, true. People who die in fires are overcome by smoke long before the actual flame reaches their body. Smoke nowadays is nothing but toxic fumes. They will overcome you long before the fire gets to you. Thus, enters the smoke detector. Maintaining it may one day save your life. If you think this cannot happen to you, you are sadly mistaken. Just sit and think a minute what is introduced into your home each and every day. Electricity and natural gas. Do you know what is going on behind the walls of your home as you sleep? This is just an example of why it is so important to test and maintain our detectors on a daily basis.

Hopefully though the pages of this circular, you will obtain a better knowledge of the ways each of your public servants and borough departments look to protect you and your family from harm. Should you have any concerns regarding Fire Safety, please contact the office of the Fire Marshal at (973) 365-4005 ext. 428. Any one of our expert inspectors would be glad to answer your questions.

We are in the life safety business. Each and every life to us is a great deal. We assist in making our borough a safe and neighborly community in which to reside.

Next month, we will get a bit more in-depth in regards to the process we follow on a daily basis and to give you some insight into ordinances and fire code laws which you may not be aware of.

Until then, I along with the remainder of the Fire Prevention staff would like to wish you a safe and prosperous winter season.

Library News

SHARE YOUR HOBBIES: The Lodi Memorial Library is looking to have local residents share their hobbies and collections as displays in the library. Usually, people lend their items to the library for one to two months at a time. It is a great way to inspire others to start hobbies and collections of their own. So, whether you collect paper clips or grandfather clocks, consider sharing your collections with the community.

The library has one trophy case and one table top display case, as well as display boards and other means of making your special items viewable to others.

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE LODI MEMORIAL LIBRARY: As mentioned in the last *Lodi Ledger*, people who join the Friends of the Library help support the library in ways that its regular budget does not. Please consider joining the Friends. All membership fees are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

BUY A BOOK CAMPAIGN: Anyone interested in purchasing a book in their own name to be placed in the collection of the Lodi Memorial Library may do so by donating \$25.00 to the library. Anyone who makes the donation will have a book plate placed inside the book showing all who read the book who was responsible for its donation. Books may be inscribed with the donor's name or the name of a special person or persons they wish to celebrate or remember. When the library receives a donation, it will select a new title and inscribe it according to the wishes of the donor. All selections will be made by the library or with the approval of the library. Have your name placed in a book for everyone to see.

AUDIO BOOKS: The Lodi Memorial Library has a vast collection of books on CD and audio tape. Listening to books is a very good way to "read" some of the latest books, even if you have difficulty reading or can't find the time. You can listen to audio books in the car, while preparing dinner, or even instead of radio or television. Catch up on those classics that you never had a chance to read when you were in school or even one of the latest best sellers or mysteries. No matter what you choose, you will find that listening to books may be a wonderful experience.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION: Through the assistance of AARP, local senior citizens and handicapped individual can have their basic Federal IRS and New Jersey State Income Tax forms prepared free of charge. Call the library at 973-365-4044 Ext 4 to make an appointment. Tax preparers are available every Friday from February 8 through April 11, 2008. Appointments must be made in advance, NO WALK-INS will be accepted.

LODI 2008 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

ALL RECYCLING WILL BE PICKED UPTOWNWIDE ON WEDNESDAYS. ALL REGULAR GARBAGE/TRASH IS PICKED UP ON TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS. ALL RECYCLING AND GARBAGE MUST BE PLACED CURBSIDE AFTER 6PM ON THE NIGHT BEFORE SCHEDULED PICK UP, REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER. ALL GARBAGE MUST BE PLACED IN GARBAGE CANS OR HEAVY DUTY PLASTIC BAGS ONLY.

	Wednesday	Wednesday
	Magazines, Cardboard, Newspapers	Cans Alum. & Tin Bottles & Jars All Plastic Bottles (except motor oil)
JANUARY	2 & 16	9 & 23
FEBRUARY	6 & 20	13 & 27
MARCH	5 & 19	12 & 26
APRIL	2 & 16	9 & 23
MAY	7 & 21	14 & 28
JUNE	4 & 18	11 & 25

THERE WILL NOT BE A NEWSPAPER PICK UP ON JANUARY 30, 2008 AND APRIL 30, 2008

Magazines, Cardboard & Newspaper: Include glossy junk mail and brown paper bags. Cardboard must be flat and tied. All three can be bundled together.
Glass & Plastic: All glass and plastic bottles should be recycled. Place in rigid containers, NOT in plastic bags. Do not recycle motor oil bottles or plastic objects such as flowerpots or garbage pails.

Grass, Leaves & Yard Waste: First week in April until the last week in December. Grass can be mixed with yard waste and tree trimmings and placed in rigid containers, **NOT in plastic bags.** Tree branches must not exceed three feet in length and four inches in diameter and must be bundled and tied.

THEY WILL BE PICKED UP ON YOUR RECYCLING DAY.

Household Batteries: Batteries may be dropped off at Borough Hall - Room 108 OR AT THE DPW Yard on Richmond Street on Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Metal or White Goods: Call DPW at (973) 365-4068 for a pick up date. This includes refrigerators, (doors removed), washing machines, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, air conditioners, hot water heaters, steel pipes no longer than three feet. Before a hot water heater will be picked up, you must first obtain a plumbing permit from the Lodi Inspection Department (973) 365-4005 Ext.410.

Bulk Garbage: Carpets, non-metal furniture, mattresses and box springs are picked up on Tuesday and Friday with your regular garbage. **Construction materials will not be picked up. Carpets must be tied in 3 foot lengths. Paint cans must be empty and dry.**

Tires: Can be dropped off at the DPW Yard on Richmond Street on Saturday, April 7, 2008 and Saturday October 6, 2008 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. They will no longer be picked up with the regular garbage pickup.

Christmas Trees: Will be picked up during the first two weeks in January 2008 on your recycling day.

Recycling Center: Recyclables may be brought to the DPW Yard on Richmond Street on Saturdays only between the hours of 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. Recyclables must be dumped in proper containers.

Hazardous Waste: Computers cannot be placed with regular garbage. Please call the BCUA at 201-807-8696.

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