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## Message from the Mayor & Council and Borough Manager: Lodi Jr. Rams sweep the beach!



On February 23, the Lodi Jr. Rams Pee Wee, Junior, and Senior Cheerleading Teams participated in the 10th Annual REACH THE BEACH CHEER AND DANCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS!

This event was held in Ocean City, Maryland and consisted of teams from the entire east coast of the United States. The first team to perform was the Lodi Jr. Rams Pee Wee team; they competed against five other teams, and came in first place - NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

The second team to perform was the Lodi Jr. Rams Senior Team. They competed against six other teams, and *also* took a first place - NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

The final team to compete was the Lodi Jr. Rams Junior Team, which also competed against six other teams and came in first place - NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to all three teams for an outstanding season, and for making history by being the first group of teams to all win a National Championship.

The Lodi Jr. Rams Pee Wee Team is coached by Chelsea Mella and Janelle Guido. The squad consists of the following girls: Hannah Arp, Desiree Bermudez, Bryanna Bigica, Erika Cake, Ashlyn Caraballo, Cydney Gamido, Alija George, Brianna Giordano, Kailynn Laureano, Rachel Leto, Gia Manno, Jenna McQuade, Deztiny Menyhart, Alexandra Pontillo, Julia Prisco, Kaitlin Reagan, and Brittany Zottarelli.

The Lodi Jr. Rams Junior Team is coached by Sara Barbato, Vanessa May, and Jaclynn Sepede. The squad consists of the following girls: Brittany Benanti, Samantha Cattaneo, Alyssa Delatorre, Christine DeNobile, Kayla Fiscina, Marie Giordano, Morgan Guarino, Katlyn Heykoop, Megan Kelly, Sarah LoRusso, Kassie Luna, Alexis Miller, Kaina Palacios, Jordyn Piparo, Samantha Pontillo, Amanda Regan, Jenna Russo, Nina Russo, and Laura Zottarelli.

The Lodi Jr. Rams Senior Team is coached by Krystle Russo and Jamie Luna. The squad consists of the following girls: Alyssa Bene, Maria Cocoz, Tanisha Coleman, Alyssa Conroy, Allison Correales, Alexis Guadros, Gianna DeNobile, Alyssa DiPaolo, Nicole Johannemann, Francesca Lio, Nichole Locascio, Chelsea Nichols, Brianna Quatrone, Maria Rivadeniera, Josette Rodrigues, Bridget Shirinian, Brianna Ucci, and Courtney Weite.

The Executive Board of the Lodi Jr. Rams Bleacher Club organized and sponsored many fundraisers to offset the cost of the trip for each girl. President Ron Marino, Vice President Erick Baker, Secretary Al Russo, President Marge Grant of the Women's Club, Kim Marino, Treasurer and Commissioner Dave Grant are truly proud of their coaches and cheerleaders on their excellent achievement.

In the six years that the Junior Rams Cheerleaders have been competing, they have won at least one championship in five of the six years. But, this year was the first time that they ever won a championship on all three levels.

Congratulations, girls, on a job well done!



# NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL

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## Senior Preferred Prescription Savings Card

We are all keenly aware of the skyrocketing cost of drugs today. Fortunately, many of us have some degree of insurance or other program to help underwrite the high cost of drugs. However, many people do not have coverage and must pay for prescription drugs out of pocket, sometimes causing a great deal of financial stress. Many go without drugs for this very reason.

We here in Lodi found a way to help those who have no other assistance. The Borough of Lodi Senior Preferred Prescription Savings Card is designed to give those eligible a savings on all prescription drugs. A simple annual fee of \$20.00 per household is all you need to begin realizing savings of up to 10% to 20% or as much as 50% on your drugs.

Residents age 55 or older are eligible, also residents of any age who are disabled and receiving Social Security Disability Benefits. There are no income requirements or exclusions for pre-existing conditions. The Senior Preferred Prescription Savings Card is not a supplemental insurance program or a managed care program. It is simply a program designed to provide a savings on prescription drugs for Senior and Disabled citizens.

We are proud to be able to present this program to our senior citizens. Information brochures with applications are available at Borough Hall. We hope those who enroll will be better able to afford their medications. As always, please feel free to contact the Borough offices with any questions.

## Recreation News

We are in the process of registering boys and girls for the Lodi Recreation tee-ball League. You must be a Lodi resident between the ages of 5-7 years of age.

Registration for girls 7th, 8th and 9th grade softball is taking place at the Lodi Recreation Department, room 105 in the Lodi Borough Hall. We currently have two teams that play in a league with Elmwood Park.

We are also accepting registrations for Boys Babe Ruth baseball, ages 13 through 15.

Our Lodi Recreation Travel Soccer teams will begin their season at the Lodi Memorial Park on Sunday, March 30, at 1:00 pm. We currently have seven teams from the U-8 division through U-14 division.

For any questions regarding the Lodi Recreation Department, please call (973) 365-4005, extension 425.

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## Blood Screening Program

### S.M.A.C. Blood Screening Program April 4, 2008

Registration for the annual SMAC program (blood screening) began March 14th in the clinic room 106 at Lodi Borough Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost of the test is \$20.00. The cost of the PSA (for men only) is an additional \$30.00. C reactive protein is an additional \$20.00.

The date of the test is Friday, April 4th. Appointments are given at the time of registration. Early morning appointments are available to accommodate those who work.

Participants are asked to bring 2 stamped envelopes, one with the name of their primary care physician and one addressed to themselves.

For further information, please call the nurse at (973) 859-7409.  
Contact person: Valerie Marut, R.N., B.S.N., Public Health Nurse

## Fire Department 100th Anniversary and more . . . .

On March 29, 2008, the Lodi Fire Department Fire Co. #1 is celebrating its 100th birthday at the Kennedy Drive firehouse.

We will also honor the Fire Department's past members who have served the town for many years, including two members who have 60 years of service who are still in the Department: Lou Franco, Sr. of Hose Co. #2 and Frank M. Corso, Jr. of Fire Co. #1. We also are celebrating our new apparatus, a 2007 Pierce Velocity 100' ladder truck - the "wet down" is scheduled for June 28 at Kennedy Drive.

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# NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL

## Chief's Corner - Chief Vincent J. Caruso

As many of us are all too familiar with seeing in the news media, there has been a continued increase in mass shootings: going back to the horrific incident that occurred at Columbine High School in Colorado, to the more recent incident occurring in a shopping mall in Omaha Nebraska.

This has forced law enforcement across the country to prepare for these types of incidents and hope it never happens in your own community. The problem is that you never know where this may happen. It can be a major city, or it can be a rural community such as happened in the Amish country of Pennsylvania.

The best that we all can do is work with our school systems and as a law enforcement agency prepare in the hopes you never have to use the training you receive, The Lodi Police Department continues to train our officers and improve on this training with new technology and training resources in order to protect our schools and the community we serve. Although I cannot describe the specific training and resources we have secured to accomplish the task or responding to an active shooter, we are prepared. Training scenarios and drills are conducted quarterly with specialized resources available during school hours to insure we have a quick response and are prepared once we get there for whatever we may face.

Although this has become a national response by communities and law enforcement across the country, I am confident in stating that we have been ahead of the curve for a long time going back to 2004 when we conducted our first full scale drill in response to these types of incidents, which is long before many of the incidents happened post Columbine.

Additionally and directly related to these types of programs is our School Resource Officer Program. Starting in September of 2006, we

assigned a full time police officer to the Middle School and High School. At the present moment, there is one officer assigned to this position which is Detective Vincent Martin. He has been splitting his time between both schools. In the near future, we hope to have staffing levels in the department in a position where we can add another officer to this program and therefore have an officer full time in each school.

The intelligence, teaching, and safety of our schools with this program have been invaluable to the school system, our community, and the students themselves.

The Lodi Police Department and I personally have taken the initiative to be at the forefront of preparation for these types of incidents. We may not want to discuss it or we may want to say that it could never happen in our own community, but when it does, we must be prepared. If we are not, it will be too late and innocent people will be the ones who suffer.

The Police Department, school district leadership, governing body, and the community as a whole can rest a little easier knowing that we take the safety of our children very seriously, and will continue to be prepared to insure that safety.

*Chief Vincent J. Caruso  
Lody Police Department  
vcaruso@lodipd.org*

### Municipal Court dates for April:

April 3, 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
April 10, 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
April 16, 1:00 pm

Effective March 1, 2008, the new cell phone law makes it a primary offense for motorists to talk on or text message with a wireless telephone or other device while driving. Statute 39:4-97.3. \$130.00 fine is payable through violations bureau or NJMCDirect.com.

## About the Lodi Municipal Court

**Hours of Operation: 8:30am to 3:30pm (window) 4:00pm Office  
Court: Two Thursdays per month 2:00pm and 5:00pm**

Payments for tickets, fines and bail can be made by cash, check, money order and credit card.

Payments of any kind cannot be taken at window past 3:30pm. There is a website available for paying traffic tickets and fines at [www.NJMCDIRECT.com](http://www.NJMCDIRECT.com).

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.

## Certificates of Continued Occupancy

*From the Department of Building & Inspections*

Certificates of Continued Occupancy, or better known as CCO's, for residential homes or apartment buildings make up a great deal of work in the Building Department. They are required when selling a home, as well as renting an apartment.

When it comes to CCO's, the Building Department works very closely with the Fire Prevention Department. A CCO and a fire certificate are both required, and applied for together in the building Dept., Room 204. They consist of filling out the applications, paying two separate fees (\$50 for the CCO and \$50 for the fire certificate), and setting up an inspection. The inspections are done on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. Our Zoning Officer/Building Inspector and our Fire Marshal go out on these inspections together, so it is all done at one time. They are inspecting for smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers.

When selling a home, the CCO determines the legality. It will specify one family home, two family home, etc. and is written in the buyer's name. The bank usually will not let you close without it.

When it comes to an apartment rental, the tenant's name is reflected on the Certificate of Continued Occupancy. This must be done every time that you change tenants. Any person, who comes in for a parking sticker and does not have a CCO, will

not be issued the permanent sticker. However, they may go to the Police Department for a temporary pass, which is good for thirty days, allowing more than enough time to apply for the CCO. This is causing a lot of confusion around town lately. Residents think that they are paying for the parking sticker, when in reality they are paying for the certificates that are needed to occupy the apartment to begin with.

Anyone seeking additional information on this matter can feel free to contact Dina Pernice in the Building Department at (973)859-7410.

## RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

1. No person shall park a vehicle between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. without the required resident parking permit upon any street within the Borough of Lodi.
2. The Police Department must be notified at (973) 473-7600 prior to any visitor parking in the Borough of Lodi between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
3. The resident sticker is to be placed on the rear window of the driver's side, in the lower left-hand corner of the registered vehicle.
4. When a vehicle is no longer registered, (example: if a car is sold), then the resident must return the sticker to the Tax Assessor's Office.

### ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

Anyone receiving a bill for ambulance services please call 973-546-1069 before paying the bill

## Residential Parking Stickers

Every resident needs a Resident Parking Sticker to park on Lodi streets between the hours of 1:00am to 5:00am, seven days a week.

Stickers are available at Borough Hall, Room 103, between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm. All residents need to have DL and Registration for a Lodi address to obtain a sticker.

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## About the Lodi Moose

*Moose – The Family Fraternity*  
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The Lodi Moose meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 PM.  
 The Moose Women’s Chapter meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM  
 For information, talk to any lodge or chapter officer, or call the lodge 201-342-7778.

### Lodi Moose from 1960 to Present

The Lodi Moose was chartered on May 1, 1960 making this our 48th anniversary year. The first Governor was James Tufaro. Since then, there have been 30 men who have led the lodge. A picture of the 2nd slate of officers is hanging in the lodge. After hanging its shingle at various locations like the American Legion and “old sneaker man building” on Main Street, the members purchased a property on Garibaldi Avenue with a house on the front of it. A building was put up behind the house and the house was torn down. This location is now a House of Worship at the intersection of Garibaldi and Wisse.

The Moose had many, many successful years through the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. Long-time members tell us about the Moose Picnics, the breakfasts, the dinner-dances and the many activities that took place at the lodge. To get a better idea, you can ask long-time members Stanley Cislak, Mike Baldino, Tony DeRosa or Al Negro. One charter member is still active in the Lodge, Jerry Inserra, the only member that has continually paid his dues from the inception.

During the late 80’s and early 90’s, many of the old time members died off or moved away and membership began to dwindle. A few members paid the bills out of their pockets. The building was sold off in 1988 and the money invested. The Moose met in the American Legion, the Little League, and the Boy’s Club. Six years ago, we merged with and moved into the building of the Hackensack Moose.

In 1994 at a NJ Moose Convention in Atlantic City, Rich Holmes and Gary Stramandino met with the highest ranking Moose International Official, Director General Frank Sarnecki, and State Director Jim Seymour. They were told at that time that the Lodi Moose had only 33 members and would be dissolved if it could not meet the Moose International mandate of 100 members. 10 guys decided to make it work; Hank & Rich Homes; Dale & Russ Walters; Bill, Billy & Bruce Masopust; Jerry Inserra; Augie DeFalco and Gary Stramandino. With the help and hard work of the officers, chairmen and members over the past 13 years the Lodi Moose, now over 500 strong, has received many awards from Moose Int’l.

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# LODI COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



**ON THE ROAD WITH DR. SEUSS:** Reference Librarian Barbara Frank (above) and Library Director Anthony Taormina (left) went on the road on February 29 to perform Dr. Seuss' "Green Eggs and Ham." Each year, the Lodi schools celebrate *Read Across America* by inviting various community leaders to read books written by Dr. Seuss. Librarians from Lodi Library have been performing at Washington School for many years. Notice, the eggs and ham in the dish are really green!

## American Legion News

On February 3, 2008 Rochelle Park's American Legion Post 170 sponsored a pancake breakfast to help out their fellow veterans and neighbors at the Lodi American Legion Post 136, whose Post home was leveled by a devastating fire. The breakfast was held at Post 170's home and featured juice, eggs, pancakes, sausage, and coffee or tea.

Future breakfasts are scheduled for the first Sundays of each month. Dates are subject to change, so please call Post 136 (973) 614-0100 to confirm the dates.

Post 136 Commander, Dan Wesch thanked Commander Bob Salvini, and the officers and members of the Rochelle Park Post for sponsoring the breakfast and their past efforts to help the Lodi Legion's rebuilding program. Commander Wesch observed that the fire insurance on the building covered less than half of the estimated cost to replace the Post home. Those wishing to help rebuild the Post home may send their tax-deductible donation to The American Legion Post 136 Rebuilding Fund, P.O. Box 36, Lodi, NJ 07644-0036.

On Saturday, February 16, 2008, Dan Wesch, Commander of the Joseph M. Lane Post 136, American Legion, and the Post's Membership Committee were at

the new Lodi Shop Rite on North Main Street where they offered free 2008 membership to the Borough of Lodi residents who are currently on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. "This is our way of saying "Thank you" to our Borough's citizens who are putting their civilian lives on hold while they serve our Country in active military service.

Additionally, at the Shop Rite display during the membership drive, the Post presented local families of active duty service members with blue star flags. "We want to recognize these families for the sacrifices they are making while their sons or daughters are away from home putting themselves in harms way to protect our way of life," said Wesch. The Post 136 Commander explained that the display of Service Stars came about during World War I when most flags were hand made by mothers across the nation. Each Blue star on the flag represents a service member on active duty. A gold star is displayed if a service member is killed in action or dies in service. "We also want to remind these families that the American Legion Support Network stands ready to take care of the unforeseen needs of the families of those on active military duty," said Wesch.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB OF LODI

The Senior Citizens Club of Lodi meets 1:00pm the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Thursday is a social day with line dancing, card playing, and, weather permitting, bocce playing. Lodi residents 62 years of age and over are welcome to join. Enrollment will be accepted before 12:30pm on meeting days at the Senior building on Walnut St. Membership is still \$10.00 per year and the membership chairperson will be accepting dues through March 2008. Come join us at our meetings!

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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SCHOOL NEWS: News from Hilltop School, by Glenn Focarino, Principal

As we reach the month of March, Hilltop School is gearing up for the upcoming NJASK State Exam! Our teachers and students have been working tirelessly preparing for the test. Hilltop School is now finishing up its second year incorporating the new Study Island program.

Study Island is a web-based program that our students can use to sharpen their academic skills. Hilltop School, however, has taken it one step further! We have turned it into a fun, incentive-filled learning experience for our students.

I am excited to announce that the Study Island Company has recognized some of our creative approaches in using their program, by including them in one of their nationally distributed

brochures. We are now "famous" for our "Weekend Challenges", which our students absolutely love!

Every weekend, we challenge our students to complete assignments on the Study Island program. These challenges are fueled by incentives that have proven to maximize student participation. These challenges are given special names that the students really seem to enjoy. The "Back to School Bash", "Yankee Playoff Blue Ribbon Special", "Cranberry, Stuffing and Gizzard Assembly Special", "Holiday Night Classic", and the "Multiplication and Division Scramble" are just some of the titles that we have completed during this school year.

On February 1, 2008, the 3rd, 4th,

and 5th grade students participated in the "Multiplication Bowl 2008". Students were encouraged to practice their multiplication facts and participate in smaller classroom playoff rounds. After the playoff rounds, the student finalists were asked to compete in the Multiplication Bowl in front of their classmates on the auditorium stage. All of the students were focused and ready for the challenge. The bowl proved to be very exciting and it was also a huge success!

Both the students and teachers are thoroughly enjoying the new technology that has been infused into our curriculum. The teachers have been trained and are utilizing the Smart Boards and Laptops in all

subjects. I have seen first hand how this new technology helps to make learning fun.

Hilltop School has recently received its NJASK scores from last school year. I am very pleased to announce that our scores have increased significantly in all of the areas and grade levels that were tested. A special congratulations to all faculty, staff, and students for a job well done.

Please visit us at <http://www.lodi.k12.nj.us/>. Our website is updated regularly and it displays our programs throughout the school year.

*Educationally yours,  
Glenn Focarino, Principal*

## Fire Prevention Bureau News: About Fire Safety and Inspections

*Paul Wanco/Fire Marshal*

In this issue, I would like to begin educating the public as to what the Lodi Fire Prevention Bureau is all about.

Fire Prevention is different than the Fire Department, as we do not fight fires; we try to prevent fires before they start. We do this through an inspection process, visual observation, and complaints received from the public. We are currently inspecting 1,463 premises throughout the Borough of Lodi. These inspections include all local businesses, multi family homes and apartments, and one or two family homes, which are not occupied by the owner of title. Above and beyond these inspections, the Fire Marshal is responsible to inspect rental units or home sales to insure they contain smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and a fire extinguisher prior to any sale or tenants moving in. On a normal business day, the fire prevention office also responds to complaints received from citizens of the borough regarding all types of health, safety and welfare issues.

Presently, a major issue circulating throughout not only Lodi but also neighboring towns is the issue of basement apartments. In conjunction

with the New Jersey State Fire Code, the Fire Marshal is empowered to enter any premise in which a fire code violation is believed to be, and inspect such premise for compliance of these codes. Basement apartments have been, and will continue to be, considered a "death trap" to occupants. Without a minimum of two means of egress from the basement, it is against the fire code for any person to sleep in a basement. By means of egress, we are referring to window and door size. The window must be 5 square feet to allow firefighter access while wearing protective gear and self-contained breathing apparatus. The door must be a regulation 6'8" in height.

When a complaint is received regarding these types of apartments, the Fire Marshal and Construction Code Official will investigate the complaint. It is not mandatory to notify the owner in title of the ensuing investigation. If a basement apartment is found, the occupants will be removed immediately and placed in a motel for a maximum of 30 days, which the homeowner is responsible to pay. In the event the homeowner fails to pay, a tax lien is then levied against the property. Should the tenant take the case to the Tenant/Landlord Rights Bureau in Hackensack, there is a good chance the homeowner will also be

responsible to return any security deposit and pay back an additional 6 months back rent - not to mention the penalties the homeowner will receive from both investigating departments involved. I will agree with the fact the cost of living is soaring at a rapid rate; however, we cannot

begin to put a price on that of a life.

I would also like to take some time explaining our inspection process. As stated, we inspect what are known as Life Hazard Uses (LHU), local businesses, apartment complexes, multi family homes, and one and two family homes, which are not occupied by the owner of title. Life Hazard Use buildings are the larger and more dangerous buildings located within the borough. Factories and warehouse facilities are just a few types of the LHU's we deal with on a daily basis. These buildings are considered to be life threatening should a fire emergency occur within. Places of assembly are in this category, as well as such places as nightclubs, restaurants, and school auditoriums, to name a few.

This is where you have either a heavy volume of fire due to materials stored on the property, or a stampede due to the occupancy load of the building. You may recall this scenario in the recent nightclub fires where persons were actually trapped in the exit doorway and lost their lives.

The current staff of inspectors are dedicated individuals, all having a firefighter background. They must attend 24 classes of N.J. State Fire Code training in order to be able to inspect premises within the borough. Each inspection regardless of type, big or small, is given the utmost attention by these inspectors. Our goal is to achieve a Fire Safe Community. To do so, however, we need your help.

During Fire Prevention Week, which is observed in the month of October, we conduct seminars, show videos, and answer questions from the students in each of our public schools. The children are given gifts complementary of the Fire Prevention

Bureau within the fire safety theme. The children are reminded they are all part of the fire prevention team, as they can bring the information they gain through our programs home with them and pass it on to their parents. We have been very fortunate in Lodi, as our actual working fires have been diminishing yearly. We attribute this to our proactive stance in fire safety.

One area of inspections people are not quite aware of is the inspection of Non-Owner Occupied one and two family dwellings. This means if you own a home, one or two families, which you as the owner do not live in, this home becomes subject to yearly fire inspections. This is not only to benefit the tenant who lives in the home, but also the homeowner. Many homeowners do not have the time or live close enough to keep a watchful eye on their property. Our yearly inspection brings us in contact with your tenant so we may explain various fire codes, which may be violated within your home. The inspection then becomes documented and a notice is sent to the homeowner. In many instances, the inspection process also helps with the homeowners insurance premiums simply due to the fact the home is inspected on a yearly basis. There are certain fees, which are collected for inspecting homes, which vary depending on the type of home it is. Should you have any questions on any of the fire programs, do not hesitate to contact us here at the Fire Prevention Bureau at (973) 365-4005 x428.

In next month's issue, we will bring you up to date on some important recall information regarding regular household items. We are looking forward to serving your needs in fire safety.

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# LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

**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.

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT "STIMULUS PAYMENT" FILING:** Information for those who do not normally file an Income Tax return and need to file so that they can receive the Federal Government's "Stimulus Payment" check can pick up the proper information at the Lodi Memorial Library. Just ask at the Reference Desk during normal library hours. (Mon. 10-5; Tue-Thur. 10-8; Fri & Sat. 10-5).

**ADOPT A MAGAZINE:** Due to recent budgetary restrictions, the Lodi Library had to reduce the number of periodicals subscriptions down to fifty titles. Unfortunately, many popular titles could not be renewed. If you are interested in donating a subscription of a particular title, which is not on the current list of magazines, it would be most appreciated. Anyone wishing to donate a magazine title to the library may do so by contacting Anthony Taormina, Library Director, by calling 973-365-4044 Ext. 7. Thank you for considering the library as a place to support in your community.

**USED BOOK SALE DONATIONS NEEDED:** The Friends of the Lodi Memorial Library are once again preparing for their semi-annual Used Book Sale. Donations of used books will be accepted starting April 1 through May 15, 2008. The Used Book Sale begins on Saturday, May 17, 2008. Condensed books, encyclopedias, magazines, and textbooks are not accepted. Books should be in good conditions, with attached covers and no signs of mildew or mold.

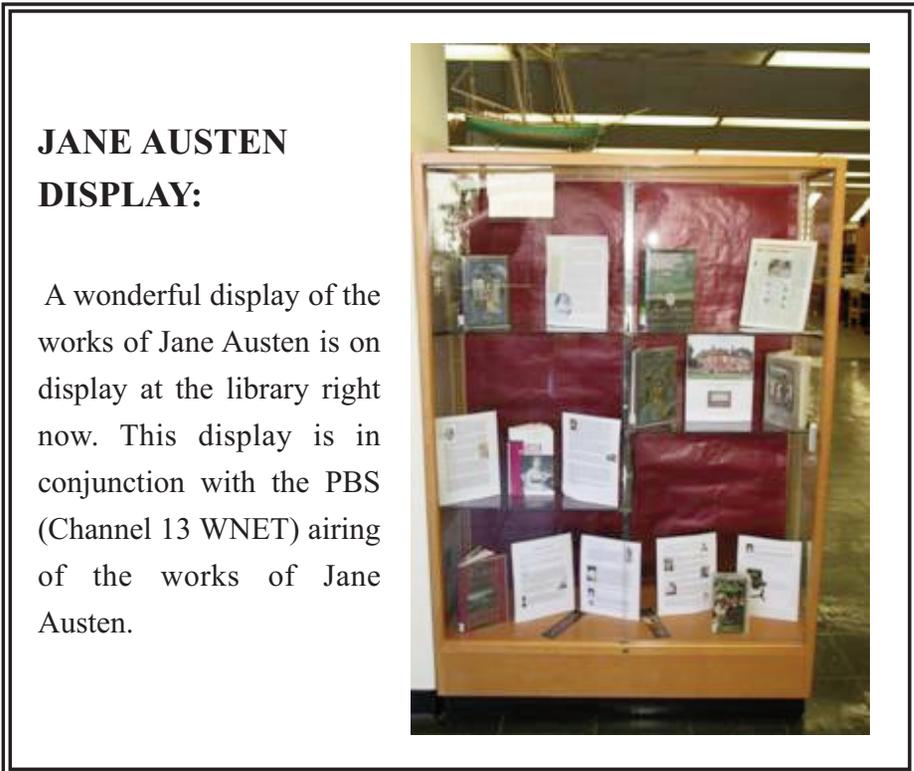
**FOOD FOR FINES DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

**(APRIL 13-19):** The Lodi Memorial Library will sponsor "Food for Fines" by waiving overdue fines on library materials for donations of food items in the following categories: paper products (plates, cups, napkins, plastic utensils); canned goods such as tuna fish and vegetable; coffee; juice, jelly, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese. Food donations of non-perishable items and paper goods will be accepted for overdue items returned from April 13-19, 2008 according to Library guidelines. Lodi Library will accept one item of donation for each item with an overdue fine on it. Library users with fines of less than \$1.00 in total may donate one item in order to have their fine waived. The Food-for-Fines program will cover all old and new fines owed to Lodi Library only, but will not cover lost books or other items. Fines owed to other libraries are not included in this program.

All donations made will be given to a local food pantry and will be distributed to needy people in the Lodi area. So why not help someone in need and at the same time have your library fines waived during National Library Week. Anyone wishing to make a food donation, even if not in lieu of fines may bring items in during the same week. Food items that are expired should not be donated.



**BERGEN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL DISPLAY:** A display from the Bergen County Environmental Council is currently on view at the Lodi Memorial Library. Information on environmental issues and projects in Bergen County as well as literature may be seen through March 2008.



**JANE AUSTEN DISPLAY:**

A wonderful display of the works of Jane Austen is on display at the library right now. This display is in conjunction with the PBS (Channel 13 WNET) airing of the works of Jane Austen.



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# 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 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 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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