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Frank M. Corso, Jr. honored for 60 years of service to Lodi



Frank M. Corso, Jr. was honored with a plaque by the Lodi Mayor & Council at the March meeting, for his 60 years of service to our community. *Pictured above from left to right:* Councilman Bruce Masopust, Mayor Karen Viscana, Deputy Mayor Paula Fiduccia, Frank Corso, Councilman Thomas DeSomma, Fire Chief Robert Cassiello, and Councilman Marc N. Schrieks.

Frank Corso is a lifelong resident of Lodi, New Jersey. He joined Fire Company #1 on February 10, 1948, and is currently the Lodi Fire Department's Secretary and Assistant Chaplain. Frank also serves as the Fire Prevention Specialist in the Lodi Fire Prevention Bureau.

Frank held many positions in Fire Company #1 over the years, including Chief, Assistant Chief, President, Treasurer, Secretary, Trustee, Captain, Lieutenant, and Chief Driver. In addition, Frank has served on many company committees and is a member of a number of area firefighters associations.

Frank was previously honored as *Volunteer of the Year* for 1987 in the 38th District, Bergen County. He was also named *Fireman of the Year* in 1987 by the Lodi Mayor and Council.

In addition to serving sixty years in the Lodi Fire Department, Frank has served as Fire Marshal and Senior Fire Alarm Inspector in Lodi. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. A life member of the Knights of Columbus, Frank has been an usher at St. Frances de Sales Church for the past 59 years.

Frank has had the following training over the last 60 years:

- Firefighting at NJ State College, 1951
- Company Training, 1966
- Firefighter 1, 1966
- Advanced Company Training, 1967
- Firefighter 2, 1982
- Field Training refresher - Foam, 1987
- Field Training refresher - Ropes and Knots, 1987
- Field Training Refresher, Fire Behavior, 1987
- Emergency Response Level 1 Awareness, 1990
- Haz Mat Awareness Level 1, 1990
- Positive Pressure Vent, 1990
- Firefighter Safety and Building Collapse, 1990
- Fire Safety House - Train the Trainer, 1993
- Right to Know Retraining, 1993
- Fire Inspector, 1993
- Firefighter 1, 1995
- Level 2 First Responder Operations, IMS 100, 1998
- Haz Mat Operations, 1999
- Fire Police, 2004
- Haz Mat refresher, 2005
- Building Construction for Fire Suppression Forces, 2005

Lodi Fire Department receives new fire apparatus for Rescue Truck Company #1 Old ladder tower to be auctioned off



On January 15, 2008, the Lodi Fire Department's Rescue Truck Company #1 received a new piece of fire apparatus. Pierce Manufacturers delivered a 2007 Pierce Velocity Ladder Tower. The new piece of equipment will be housed at Fire Headquarters on Main Street.

This truck will replace a 1987 LTI Tower Ladder which is to be auctioned off at a later date.

Anyone wishing to view all of the fire apparatus, and general Fire Department information, can visit the Lodi Fire Department's web site at www.lodifire.com. If you wish to volunteer, please visit your nearest firehouse or come to Lodi Borough Hall and see the Fire Official for an application. The Borough of Lodi, and the Lodi Fire Department, continually appreciate all of your support.

Swim meet at the Lodi Boys & Girls Club



On March 22, 2008, the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi held a competitive swim meet with members of the Boys & Girls Club of Newark, Passaic and Paterson. This was the first time that Lodi children ever competed in a swim meet, and with the coaching of lifeguard Joey Draper, the Lodi swimmers did very well.

There were over 100 children in the event including 25 from the Lodi club. The next meet is in Newark on Saturday, April 26. The 3rd Annual Swim-a-Thon will be held on May 17, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Come swim, and help support the Club.

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NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL

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Mayor's Message - by Mayor Karen Viscana

(The following Letter to the Editor was recently submitted by Mayor Viscana to the *Record* newspaper:)

Dear Editor:

I read your recent editorial and preceding article regarding Lodi's exploration of merging our police department and the county's with great interest. Unfortunately, I came away extremely disappointed with your summation of the "facts", that the County's failure to purchase a sweeper was the primary cause for our decision not to go forward at this time.

Our decision not to go forward with the merger was predicated on one issue and one issue only: the best interests of the citizens and taxpayers of the Borough of Lodi. Unfortunately, the County, while promising some savings, could not back this up with facts.

We certainly understand that shared services can save taxpayers substantial sums of money, and we are absolutely for saving our taxpayers money. However, we need to remind you, as we did the County Executive, that our obligation as elected officials of the Borough of Lodi is to Lodi Citizens and taxpayers, not the constituency of greater Bergen County.

Bergen County is facing financial hardship, as are most of the local and county governments, as well as the state as a whole. It was the County Executive's chief of staff who admitted this to us, and that the County was planning massive layoffs of its workforce. The County attempted to sell the people of Lodi a "bill of goods", and when we wouldn't fall for the smoke and mirrors, the County thumped its chest and said "We tried, but Lodi wouldn't play ball." Nothing is further from the truth.

We approached this possible merger with the hope that it would make fiscal sense for the Borough, because while we are loathe to lose our identity, and also to lose the familiarity and sense of family our police department has garnered with our citizens, we realized that if there were significant savings to be had, we knew that we would have to consider such a

merger.

Unfortunately, the County was not able to prove its case when we pressed them for specific and pointed information. The County's proposal was for an initial, five year agreement. However, there were to be escape clauses for either side to pull out of the agreement, should either side feel that it wasn't working out. While we understand this, we had significant concerns, for if the County pulled out, we would then have to reconstitute our police force.

How would this work, and who would bear the costs? The County couldn't, or perhaps wouldn't, answer us.

For example, if we were to merge, our officers would then go onto the County Police pay scale, which is much, much higher than that of the Borough's. What salary would we then, have to pay to bring our officers back? The higher County pay? What would happen if the officers didn't want to come back to a lower pay? Who would pay for the cost of acquiring a whole new fleet of police cars, radio system, weapons, uniforms, computers, desks, etc., etc? The cost for such an undertaking, should it occur, would be catastrophic.

We also had questions whether the County really had the resources to make this work. They already admitted that they were planning large layoffs. How then could they make this work? They really could not provide us with a cogent answer to this question either.

We also wanted to know why this hadn't been attempted with some of the smaller towns in the County first. Lodi is the eleventh largest municipality in the county. Previous attempts at consolidating the County's police with Emerson, back in 2004,

had failed. Why? Executive McNerney's then Chief of Staff, Bob Ricardella, a Wood Ridge Councilman, was a driving force in trying to get this to move forward. Why hadn't he been a proponent for this arrangement in his own town?

The Borough of Lodi has always had a good working relationship with the County, and we have utilized its assistance and resources in many instances.

The promise of shared services is alluring, and the potential for savings is promising. We are all for savings, and when there is solid and demonstrative way of accomplishing this goal, the people of Lodi will be ready. Unfortunately, that time has not yet arrived.

Mayor Karen Viscana



Notice regarding methadone clinic:

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ON MARCH 26TH, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ASKED THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO EXPLORE THE LEGALITY OF THE PROPOSED METHADONE CLINIC ON MAIN STREET. THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY DETERMINED THAT CERTAIN PROCEDURES HAD NOT BEEN FOLLOWED, AND ISSUED A LETTER TO THE BOROUGH CODE OFFICIAL DIRECTING HIM TO REVOKE THE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS FIRM IN ITS RESOLVE TO ENSURE THAT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF OUR RESIDENTS ARE PROTECTED.

From the Fire Chief

On February 23, 2008, the Lodi Fire Department honored Chief Robert Cassiello at its annual chief's dinner. Chief Cassiello is currently serving his second term as Chief of the department. He also served as Chief in 1991. The function was held at the Venetian restaurant on River Road in Garfield. During the night's festivities, Ex-Chief Lou Franco, Sr. and Ex-Chief Frank M. Corso, Jr. were recognized for their 60 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Lodi. Congratulations to both men! All who attended the event had a wonderful time.

Turning to other news, the wetdown for the new ladder truck will be held at the Municipal Complex at 1 Memorial Drive on June 28, 2008.

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NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL

From the office of Lodi Borough Manager Tony Luna: Saddle River Flooding and Department of Public Works Update



Saddle River Flooding

Spring is now upon us, and what that means, beside warmer weather, is an anticipated increase in rain. The Mayor and Council have increased efforts to have Federal, State, and County agencies address the never-ending problem of flooding. Last summer, a meeting was held in Washington with Congressman Steve Rothman and the Army Corp. of Engineers. The purpose was to obtain the necessary funds required to finish the study for the cleanup of the Saddle River. It is our understanding that Congressman Rothman is addressing that issue.

Recently, the Mayor held a meeting with surrounding communities and representatives from Federal and State governments to put into place a plan to bring the State of NJ and the Federal government together. Representatives from Congress, the State Assembly, and the State Senate were all there to represent their Legislative and Congressional districts. Their goal is to try to secure funds for a DEP cleanup of the contamination in the river before the Federal government can start its dredging.

During the week of March 23rd, the Borough Manager and the Mayor of Saddle Brook met with the Freeholder Director, Freeholder Gantz, and the County Executive's Chief of Staff. The County has agreed to look at the problem of the bridge bordering Lodi, Garfield, and South Hackensack with the possibility of trying to eliminate the back up of water that is caused by a center support which impedes the flow of water when jammed by debris.

To address the expected spring rains, we have solicited the help of Passaic Valley Sewer Authority to clean up all the debris along the banks of the Saddle River from Wallington through Garfield, Lodi, Saddle Brook, South Hackensack and Rochelle Park.

The problem that all the above communities face is that when we have excessive rains and the river is high; trees along the banks are washed downstream along with other debris and create blockages under bridges which in turn cause backups and water overflows the banks. All of the above communities are very thankful to Passaic Valley Sewer Authority for their help at no cost to the communities.

DPW Update

The Department of Public Works has spent most of the first quarter of the year working on indoor repairs and improvements. Repairs have been completed throughout the Borough Hall as well as the DPW Building and numerous Sewer Pump Stations. On a daily basis, an employee has been assigned to picking up litter throughout the town. We have also been repairing and replacing signs throughout the town. The DPW has also been maintaining Borough vehicles in a timely manner. Also, time has been spent filling potholes. This will continue until all potholes have been completed. Currently, we are in the process of cleaning (leaves, branches, etc.) Borough properties and preparing ball fields. This will continue for the most part until the end of the month.

April through June, 2008

Major changes have been implemented in the DPW. To better utilize manpower and equipment, the DPW has been broken down into sub departments. Each sub department has a supervisor and assigned employees.

In this quarter, a big effort will be made to "Clean Up Lodi" and to be visible doing it. An employee will be assigned daily to clean trash throughout the town. A crew will be assigned daily to cut and maintain Borough owned properties. To better

keep this crew accountable, a daily checklist documenting their time and location has been implemented. A new enclosed trailer has been purchased, as well as new equipment. Ball fields will be cleaned, lined, and maintained on a daily basis using another crew of employees.

In this quarter, another major area that will be addressed will be the cleaning and maintaining of our storm water and sanitary sewer systems. The goal is to have every storm water catch basin checked and cleaned by fall. Also, mapping of our storm water system will continue, with the goal to have mapping completed by the fall. Currently there is no mapping of the storm water system.

Other projects that will be started this quarter will be the repairs to Jet Age Park. This is the area that was damaged with the last flood. Repairs to the walkways around the amphitheater will be completed. Improvements to the Voto/Tedesco field will be started. The goal is to have this completed by the fall. The improvements will include new restrooms as well as a refreshment area. Also, improvements will be made to the ball fields. New training facilities will be constructed for baseball and softball.

There will be a continued effort to replace, repair, and straighten parking and street signs throughout the town. The DPW has purchased a piece of equipment that will allow the department to make their own signs. Also, the DPW will be doing the lettering to new vehicles, this saving the town a substantial amount of money. Another area that will be addressed immediately is the cutting and trimming of trees. An effort will be made throughout town to trim all trees along the curb line. A big problem in town is the overgrown trees along the curb line. Unless this trimming is accomplished, the street sweeper will not be able to perform its job properly.

Vehicle/Equipment

A new enclosed trailer has been delivered as well as the new Ford pickup truck. A new ball field grooming tool has been ordered and should arrive any day. Plans and specs have been prepared for a new skid loader. This piece of equipment will be

utilized to assist in a number of areas including the mulching of properties, spreading of clay on ball fields, and loading of debris. This equipment with attachments will also assist in the repairs and installation of fencing, trees, and signs. It also will be utilized for snow removal. Plans and specs have also been prepared for a conversion to one of our existing International Trucks. With this conversion, the existing truck will be utilized in a number of different ways. The truck in the future will be utilized as a dump truck, roll off dumpster truck, flat bed truck, utility truck, as well as a spreader. The changing from one type of truck to the next can be accomplished in just minutes using the "Hook Loader Technology".

Lodi Drug Alliance

Since its inception in 1988 by various police officers, school officials, and citizen volunteers, the Lodi Drug Alliance continues to address the various community needs regarding substance abuse.

From a \$13,500 annual grant received from the Bergen County Health Department, the Alliance, along with the Lodi Police Department and the Lodi School System, offer various programs to all students of Lodi.

Together with the Lodi Police Department, Lodi School System and the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi, we are again offering such programs as conflict resolution, teen prevention clubs, and student safety programs. Most of the safety programs are offered by Tom Patire, creator and author of the *Personal Protection Handbook*, which includes programs on bully guard and stranger danger.

The Committee also helps to fund the Lodi Police Department's Junior Police Academy, which is coordinated by Police Captain John Scimeca. This program teaches our children leadership skills and gives them the necessary skills to combat the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and violence. "This program allows children to face issues in a non physical manner" said Captain Scimeca.

In addition, the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi provides facilities for Family Services Counselor Resa Villani, who is working together with the Police Department and School Officials providing free counseling to families in conflict.

Michael J. Nardino, Chairman, indicated that juvenile arrests in 2007 are down 50 cases from 2006. "I would like to think that in some way the Lodi Drug Alliance programs helped to lessen our juvenile problems".

For more information regarding the Lodi Drug Alliance, contact Michael J. Nardino at 973-473-7410 ext 12. We are looking for volunteers to help us help your kids.

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A number of professions grant special recognition to members upon completion of specified academic and professional programs, and "CFSP" is funeral services's national individual recognition.

The Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, since its 1976 founding, has had as its goals: 1) to recognize those practitioners who have voluntarily entered into a program of personal and professional growth, 2) to raise and improve the standards of funeral service, and 3) to encourage practitioners to make continuing education a life-long process in their own self-interest, the interest of the families they serve, and the community in which they serve.

To initially receive this award, the practitioner

must complete a 180 hour program of continuing education activities and events. In addition, the practitioner is required to accumulate 20 hours per year to recertify. Credits are awarded by the Academy for work leading to personal and/or professional growth in four areas:

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- Community and Civic Activities

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Information about Academy membership and certification may be obtained by contacting Kimberly A. Gehlert, Executive Director, Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, P.O. Box 2275, Westerville, OH 43086, (614) 899-6200, www.apfsp.com.

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Boys & Girls Club of Lodi swimming upstream

After suffering through the Nor'easter last April, the Club has come back with gusto. The aquatic department has been working to welcome people from all over to join in many pool activities and American Red Cross Health & Safety courses. The Club started a swim team which has not been in existence in over 20 years. People of all ages and abilities can come to the club for: First Aid & CPR/AED classes, water exercise (morning & night), lap swimming, scuba and snorkeling classes, National Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Exercise classes, swim team ages 6-16, competitive water polo and even "Learn to Swim" lessons (group & private). April 2008 is the anniversary of the terrible flooding which devastated the club and took over \$800,000 worth of donations and volunteer hours to refurbish.

The club is hosting a Swim-A-Thon on Sunday May 18th, which offers the participants the opportunity to swim for cash donations, play a fun but serious water polo match, and even participate in an invitational swim meet. A WSI class, (Water Safety Instructor course) is anticipated to begin in May as well. Ongoing 5-week swim lesson programs are available for children and adults. The next swim session will start the week of April 28th

for children and adults. Come down to register. In June, there will be 2 life-guarding classes. Any child who is interested in joining the swim team and can commit themselves to training, please contact Debra Rodriguez. There will be competitions at the Lodi pool as well as other facilities.

Summer Adventure Camp is now accepting registrations. Campers are involved in many activities, including water programs. There will be swim lessons during the camp day as well as in the evening and Saturdays. This summer, a 10-week "family swim" program will be offered twice a week for those interested. Remember, the pool is handicapped accessible with a motorized chair lift. In addition, the water is set at a comfortable temperature at all times, which is great for warm water therapy. Private groups can also rent the pool area for parties and approved programming.

Now is a great time to find out more about what is going on at the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi. People who want to participate in any club activities are welcome. Membership is required for most youth programming. Join in the fun. Try a class or come for lap swimming. You will truly be impressed at what is available. For more information, call 973-473-7410.

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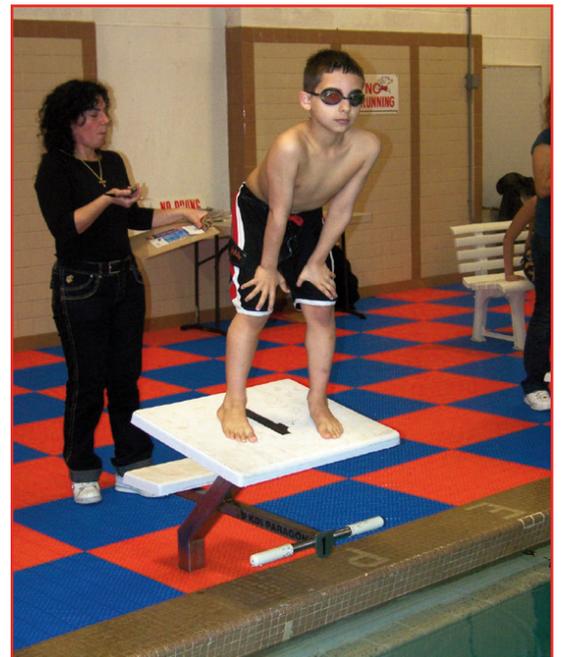
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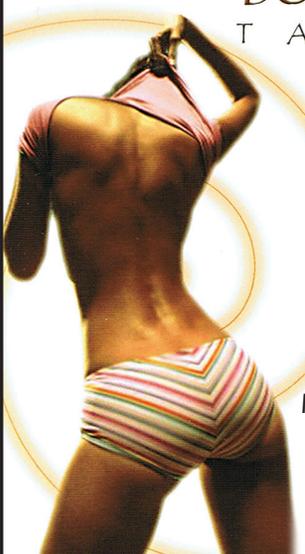
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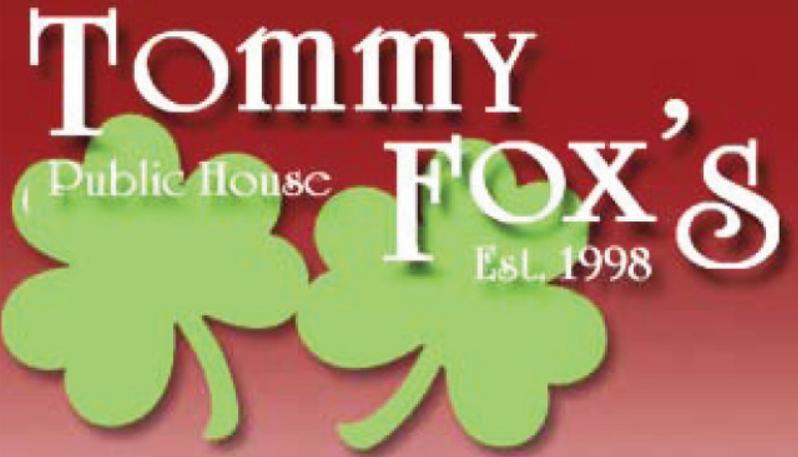
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SCHOOL NEWS: News from Washington School

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Our school, along with the other grammar schools in Lodi is enjoying our new language arts program, Reading Street. Reading Street is designed to help teachers build readers through motivating and engaging literature, scientifically research-based instruction, and a wealth of reliable teaching tools. The program incorporates differentiating instruction for our students. In addition, Reading Street prioritizes skill instruction at each grade level, so teachers can be assured they will focus on the right skill, at the right time, and for every student. The program encompasses reading, English, spelling, phonics, grammar, writing skills, and technology across these disciplines.

Our students are engaged throughout the school day to express their thoughts,

feelings and what they learn through their writing. Topics that are explored across the disciplines are part of their daily writing activities. Our students wrote and illustrated over thirty-five books last year with a program called, "Studenttreasures." This program had each class develop and write their own books (fiction/non-fiction) from kindergarten to grade five. Students worked in groups to produce the books. They are proudly on display in our school. This year the students are involved in a variety of writing experiences. They read their original writings at our "Writers' Café," which is held three times a year. They will produce one act plays and commercials on topics such as, public safety, health and nutrition. The students in grades two through grade five start their day with a "Word of the Day." This is a three to five minute lesson from the teacher, which engages the students to learn a new word and incorporate it into their school day. This becomes their journal topic for the day. We post a word of the week on our announcement board outside the school to let the school community join in on our quest for new words. Our younger students explore new words through immersion into the literature that they hear in their classrooms, the Beginning to Read, Write, and Listen Program and the Carden reading program. Our Pre-k and kindergarten classes investigate new concepts and ideas in the learning centers, which are placed around the classroom.

Reading, art, math, technology, pretend play, sand/water, home, block and puzzle centers are investigated on a daily basis under the supervision of the teacher. These centers reflect the concepts being taught during the week. They are associated to the theme. Themes that are explored are Community workers, the Museum, the Farm and many others.

Technology has become an integral piece of how our students learn at Washington School. The infusion of smart board technology into the presentation of lessons has been evolving during this school year. Students are able to be actively involved in the lesson using this new technology. Our computers on wheels, along with our computer labs have been able to expand the access to the World Wide Web for all of our children and staff at Washington School. Some of the programs being used are Accelerated Reading, Accelerated Math, and Math Facts in a Flash, Study Island for Reading, Writing, Science and Math, and a multitude of other programs. Our curriculum

series offers a variety of CD/DVD discs, audio discs, and online support to enhance instruction across the disciplines.

A variety of events, assembly programs, field trips, and classroom and school assemblies have been planned for this school year. Storyteller, Jonathan Kruk, has enchanted the students by telling them stories of Halloween Tales and New Jersey Folklore. Each grade level completes an in-class assembly with HighTouch/HighTech, a "hands-on" science company. They discover cells, dinosaurs, weather and living habitats in their classrooms. The students enjoyed an assembly by Slim Goodbody called, "Lighten Up!" This show focused on good eating habits and obesity. This show will help students develop proficiencies established by the Joint Committee on National Health Education Standards. Students from Pre-K to grade two enjoyed the live production of Aesop's Fables. During International Week, the school enjoyed a performance from Chinese Acrobats. Our school enjoys hearing our High School Choir and Band perform for them during the school year. "Read Across America" is celebrated each year at our school. Many people from the community, county and state come and read their favorite Dr. Seuss books to our students. The Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2 also spend the day at Washington School. There are many activities planned throughout the day from original writings being read to the school and our third grade classes performing Dr. Seuss songs. The students enjoyed special treats provided by the Washington School PTA.

Washington School continues to receive strong support from the school community. Our Parent Teacher Association continues to grow on a yearly basis. The PTA sponsors a variety of educational activities to support and expand our curriculum. Field Trips, assembly programs, and a variety of other activities are presented throughout the year. Our students are enjoying trips to the Liberty Science Center, Philadelphia, and Trenton State house, the Circus and an apple and pumpkin picking trip every fall. The PTA sponsors our field day, beach party and a variety of assemblies. We are very grateful for their continued support to our school.

Character Education is an integral part of the school day at Washington School. Many programs are coordinated through the guidance counselor to instill positive character qualities in our students. Our students strive to become Wildcats. This is a program, which recognizes students who are P.R.O. They receive a P.R.O. AWARD. (People Respecting Others) They are recognized for showing courtesy, kindness, consideration and respect for their fellow students, teachers and staff at our school. They receive a wildcat paw pin. Their picture is placed on the Wildcat Wall, and they have breakfast with the principal and guidance counselor. Our students are involved to make positive contributions to our community. They raise money for the American Heart Association, St. Jude's Hospital, The

Lymphoma Foundation, and Diabetes Research. We collect food during the holidays and donate it to a food pantry. Our students will be planting a flower garden this year at our school. An extension program from Rutgers University has done five in class programs for grades four and five called the Master Gardener. This program instills the love of gardening in our students and lets them explore the importance of greening our society.

Learning should be an adventure, which continues to ignite a child's mind to investigate and explore. We are very fortunate for the outstanding work that the teacher, students and support staff does at our school. As principal, I am proud of their commitment to education. At Washington School we pride ourselves in our ability to empower our students to succeed at our school and to prepare students for the challenges of our middle school and high school programs.

Quality of Life Committee Beautification Weekend

The Lodi Quality of Life Committee has made a recommendation to the Governing body and the Borough Manager to hold a "Beautification Weekend" on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18. This event is to stimulate community pride by involving residents and businesses in a program to improve their local environment.

The committee encourages residents and businesses to clean-up, fix-up, paint-up and green-up to help keep Lodi beautiful. They also ask residents to lend a helping hand to a neighbor who may need assistance in this effort.

The Lodi Public Schools will also be involved in this community endeavor. One area will be a poster contest in Grades 3 and 4. Posters will be displayed at Borough Hall and in the Library.

This committee's mission is to support civic action to improve the quality of life in Lodi. They believe we have a lot to gain in this united approach.

Up-to-date information concerning the Beautification Weekend and other projects will be aired on Channel 77.

Pancake Breakfast

Lodi Little League
Sunday, May 18th
8am to 12 noon

Lodi High School Cafeteria

Pancakes, eggs, sausage,
hash browns, coffee & tea
will be served

Cooking will be done by the Lodi Moose

Donation is \$5 and will be used to support the two Annual High School Scholarships awarded by the Little League each year



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TEXAS HOLD 'EM Tournament

Saturday, May 10, 2008

Doors Open 5:30pm • Sign in by 6:00pm • Games begin at 6:30pm

\$75 Buy-in for \$2,000 in Chips

Re-buys on the First Four (4) Rounds - 9 Players Per Table

Top 9 (Final Table) will receive prizes of \$3,000 in Bank Debit Cards plus other Gifts

Enjoy a fun evening that will include:

Mini Tournaments - 50/50 Raffles, Food, Beer, Wine, Soda & Cash Bar

No one under the age of 18 can attend - Proof of age required

Come see our newly renovated facilities and see all that the Boys & Girls Club has to offer. . .

FREE Singing Lessons!!

4 - one hour sessions & stage development available for boys & girls ages 8-14 Limited Space - call now!

American Red Cross (WSI) Water Safety Instructor Training

Become an instructor of swimming for all ages and abilities. You must be a competent swimmer 16 or older.
Work at any pool complex all year long! Call for more info. Costs \$350.00

Adult Swimming Lessons - Thursdays, May 1st - May 29th, 6:15pm to 7:00pm - \$65.00 for 5 week session

Parent Child Class - Ages 6 mos - 4 yrs • Tuesdays 2pm - 2:30am or Saturdays 11am to 11:30am

Red Cross Certified Instructors • 5 week session \$65/1st child - \$55/2nd child - \$45/3rd child

2008 Summer Adventure Club

June 30th - August 29th, 9 Week Program • Choose Any or All Weeks - 8:30am - 5:30pm

Junior Adventure Club - ages 5 - 7 • Intermediate Adventure Club - ages 8 - 10 • Senior Adventure Club - ages 11 - 13

REGISTRATION: Now - June

1st Child - \$175.00 per week • 2nd Child \$165.00 per week • 3rd Child \$155.00 per week

Any sign ups after June 5th will result in a \$190.00 per week fee

FREE lunch to all members of our Summer Adventure Program.

The lunch will be nutritious and provided to us by the State of New Jersey.

New this year, FREE snorkeling lessons for children over 8 yrs old
and critical thinking science projects for all members.

A deposit of \$25.00 is required to reserve your weeks. Deposits are non-refundable. Your child must also pay a membership fee of \$60.00 annually. We will provide your child with two free t-shirts. Call for more info.

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.

NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL (CONT.)

Spring & summer fire safety precautions

From the Lodi Fire Prevention Bureau, Paul W. Wanco, Fire Marshal

With spring upon us and summer quickly approaching, I would assume everyone is gearing up for the warm weather and to spend time outdoors. A portion of your time during summer I am sure will be used for the back-yard barbeque.

As a reminder, propane grills are covered under the fire code, which states "no propane barbeque should be placed on a deck, nor should it be within 15 feet of a structure". As for charcoal barbeques, do not attempt to start the charcoal fire by pouring gasoline on the briquettes. You should only use a liquid specifically designed to assist in starting a charcoal fire. Many people have been severely burned by using gasoline to start a fire. The gasoline vapors reach the match before you even get close to the barbeque.

Many of us use outdoor lighting for the summer season. Check all wiring for frayed or damaged wires. If found, they should be replaced at once to avoid a fire or electrical shock. Also make sure the wiring is suitable for the capacity you are expecting it to handle. Obviously, you would not use an indoor/outdoor extension for a pool filter. This wire would heat up rapidly and either trip a circuit breaker or cause an electrical fire. To avoid electrical shock, make certain

all pool filters are properly grounded.

Another extremely dangerous summer utensil is the bug torch. New Jersey has a fire code law, which states "there is no open burning within the state without obtaining a permit from the local enforcing agency". I am not saying you need a permit for a bug torch, however, certain precautions should be taken when in use. First of all, the torch should never be placed within 15 feet of any combustible materials. By combustible material we are referring to anything capable of burning. Small children should be observed at all times when torches are being used. The child could tip the torch over spilling the torch fuel on him or herself causing burns to their bodies.

There also seems to be some confusion over open fire pits and chimenias. Let's clear this area up by saying this: providing there is a vent stack on the chimenia, it becomes legal to use, providing you are burning wood or charcoal and it is again at least 15 feet away from any structure. Fire pits, even though they are sold at retail outlets, are considered an open burn as embers can easily be transported by the wind to a near-by structure.

Hopefully, these areas we have covered are helpful information for your safe summer season.

Recreation events

Summer Camp Registration: The Lodi Recreation Department will be registering children for summer camp on Tuesday, May 6th and Wednesday, May 7th, from the hours of 9:00am to 3:30pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The Recreation Department is located in the Lodi Municipal Building on 1 Memorial Drive, room 105. To be eligible for camp, the child must have completed kindergarten this year (June 2008), the parent must show two forms of identification, and the fee is \$100 per child for the entire camp.

Summer camp will be held at Lodi Memorial Park (behind the Municipal Building), from Wednesday, June 25th through Friday, August 1st. The hours of camp are Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm and Friday 9am to 12 noon. If it rains, camp is cancelled for the day.

Baseball: Boys Babe Ruth baseball began their season on Saturday, April 12. Games during the week begin at 7pm and are played at Kennedy Park. (Babe Ruth Baseball is for boys from 13-15 years of age.) The Lodi Recreation T-ball and Tot League will begin their season April 26th at Kennedy Park, and will continue to play every Saturday into June.

Soccer: The Lodi Recreation Soccer Travel League season commenced on Sunday, March 31. Games are every Sunday at Memorial Park from 1pm through 6pm (unless the teams are playing out of town that particular week). For further questions or information, call Anna Belli at the Lodi Recreation Department, 973-365-4005, ext. 425.

Municipal Court May Schedule

May 1, 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm
May 22, 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm

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.

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.

AARP
Meets every third Tuesday at 1PM
at the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi
BUS TRIP: August 6, Atlantic City

AT THE LIBRARY:
Book Club discussion: *The Plot Against America*, by Philip Roth -
May 1, 7PM
Used Book Sale: May 17
(donations welcome through
May 15)