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## Boys & Girls Club comes back strong after storm damage



*Message from Boys & Girls Club of Lodi Director Michael J. Nardino*

For the past 11 months, our entire facility has undergone extensive renovations from damages sustained by the Nor'easter storm that slammed into the Northeast region on April 15, 2007.

This storm closed more than roads when New Jersey's Saddle River raised fifteen feet above its banks. The storm also closed the doors of the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi. Our pool was filled with sewage; our gym floor cracked in half; our games room was void of any table games, and, for that matter, any board games. Damages totaled in excess of \$800,000.00.

Although the Club was temporarily closed, not once did we think we would not be back. Our facility services over 1,700 children, of which 350 visit the Club on a daily basis. No matter how much money or work it took, we would never abandon our kids. Quickly, our Board Members and I began to contact donors. Immediately, our benefactors Paul Patti, Louis March, Sr., and Board Trustee Bob Bonanno came to our rescue. Over the years, all three of these individuals made many contributions to the Club, and all our members of the very prestigious Jeremiah Milbank Society of the Boys & Girls Club of America.

A strong commitment from our Board of Directors was to rebuild the Club better than ever. We have a brand new gym, games room, technology center, arts & crafts, and aquatic center. Each room was completely rebuilt and refurbished with state of the art equipment. We completely renovated the men's locker room. Our gym floor was donated by the NJ Nets Basketball Team and Toyota Motors, while Wyatt Pharmaceutical donated and installed our 15' x 20' rock wall. In addition, from a grant received from the Bergen County Community Development Office, we now have four new IHVAC

units that keep temperatures all year round at a comfortable level in our gymnasium.

Our Summer Adventure Club has been redesigned to include a free nutritious hot lunch, critical thinking science projects, and an introduction to snorkeling, in addition to regular scheduled events. Registration is limited and applications are currently being accepted.

Our Aquatics Center is bustling with activity. Along with our standard open adult and children swim hours and swim lessons, we have added a new Aquasize Swim Program for seniors, water polo tournaments, and lifeguard training. Although, 2007 was difficult, it was still filled with superlatives; from record number of youths served to the advent of new programs in music and the arts. For the third consecutive year, of the 26 Clubs in NJ, our facility was selected as one of the top five clubs in the State.

The months of February and March were full of excitement at the Club. Our 48th Annual King & Queen of Hearts Dance was a huge success. The Middle School students enjoyed dancing to the music of DJs Tom & Chris Viso and the night was ended on a high note: Amber Santos was crowned Queen while Garrett Luna was crowned King. The Club has already begun planning for the 50th King and Queen of Hearts Dance that will be held February 2010. I intend to invite every person I can locate that was crowned King & Queen since 1960. We are really looking forward to this event.

The Club also chose their Youth of the Year, Staff Members of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year at the Annual Awards Dinner held on March 17 at the Club. 15 year old Melissa LoCasio was named 2008 Youth of the Year and will represent the Club in State competition to be held May 22 at the Trenton Marriott. Senior Counselor Sonia

### Memorial Day Ceremonies Monday, May 26, 2008

- 8:45 a.m.: Lodi Ambulance Corps Ceremony
- 9:15 a.m.: Lodi Fire Department Ceremony
- 10:00 a.m.: VFW Ceremony
- 10:30 a.m.: American Legion Ceremony
- 11:00 a.m.: Lodi Police Department Ceremony
- 11:30 a.m.: Dedication of Iraqi War Memorial
- 12:00 noon: Dedication of Hamilton Avenue  
(Route 46 east side) to Romeo Way

Verdade was Program Staff Member of the Year, while Administrative Assistant Linda Ingenito was named Staff Member of the Year. Debra Rodriguez was voted Volunteer of the Year for all her efforts and time devoted to our Aquatics Program.

Our Aquatics Volunteer Director held a competitive swim meet with members of the Boys & Girls Club of Newark, Passaic and Paterson. This was the first time Lodi kids ever competed in a swim meet and with the coaching of Lifeguard Joey Draper, the Lodi swimmers did very well. Our 3rd Annual Swim-A-Thon was held on May 17. Come swim, and help support the Club in future events.

The Club recently formed a partnership with the Lodi Library to teach English to non-English speaking parents of members of the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi. The course will be facilitated by Lodi Library Director Anthony Taromina and ESL Specialist Tina Sheldon of Lodi.

The Club recently retained Musical Arts Director for the City of Hackensack, Greg Liosi, to head up our Music, Theater & Arts programs at the Club. Lodi High School student Jenna Ravenda will teach singing lessons to any members of the Club. The Boys &

Girls Club of Lodi are in the planning stages of building a recording studio. "This will enable the kids to record their efforts, and maybe we have the next American Idol in the Club", said Mike Hosier, Program Director. Meanwhile, Greg Liosi has already scheduled a musical production to be held in mid November 2008. An open casting call will be offered to all members of the Club.

The Club also held their first Texas Hold-Em-Tournament on Saturday, May 10 at the Club, with \$3,000.00 in bank debit card and other prizes offered to the final nine winners. The champion received a prize bank card in the amount of \$1,000.00. There was a \$75 buy-in exchange for \$2,000.00 in chips; the buy-in included a cocktail hour and free beer, wine and soda for the evening.

For information or tickets on any of Club programs or events, please call the Club at 973-473-7410 ext.10.

I would like to thank the Board, Staff, Coaches, and Volunteers of the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi for their hard work and commitment to have our Club remain "The Positive Place for Kids and Teens". So, come visit the Club - I know there is something here that will interest you and your child. (See inside at p. 4 for more photos.)

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# NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL

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## From the Fire Prevention Bureau: Home fire safety checklist

In our last issue, the Lodi Fire Prevention Bureau discussed fire safety hazards and the effects of spring and summer activities. We would like to take that discussion one step further by providing our borough residents with a room by room checklist for fire safety. This room by room checklist is just a simple checklist with basic information that all family members should be made aware of.

### Living Rooms:

- Keep all flammables at least three feet away from the fireplace.
- Place a sturdy fireplace screen in front of the fireplace.
- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional at least once a year.
- Keep candles and lamps at least one foot away from your curtains.
- Have an electrician inspect and tighten any loose electrical connections at least once a year.
- Use safety caps to cover all unused outlets.
- Use large, deep ashtrays. Never leave a burning cigarette unattended.

### Bedrooms:

- Never use candles in your bedroom.
- Keep all lamps free of flammable materials.
- Don't run electrical cords under rugs.
- Replace and repair loose or frayed electrical cords.
- Don't allow permanent use of extension cords.
- Don't staple or nail electrical cords.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Never leave heavy objects on the bed when an electric blanket is in use.
- Install a carbon monoxide alarm near bedrooms.

### Bathrooms:

- Don't overload outlets with cords from too many appliances. Plug them in one at a time.
- If an outlet or switch feels unusually warm, stop using it and call an electrician.
- Never set hot appliances on

flammable materials.

- Unplug all appliances when done using them.
- Make sure cords from appliances are not getting pinched in drawers.
- Keep towels and other flammables at least three feet away from space heaters.

**Hallways:**

- Install ceiling-mounted smoke alarms that are at least four inches away from the walls on every level of your home.
- Ensure smoke alarms are UL listed.
- Wall-mounted smoke alarms should be installed four to 12 inches away from the ceiling.
- Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors or ducts.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month.
- Vacuum your smoke alarms every six months.
- Change your smoke alarm batteries at least once a year. Make sure batteries are always in smoke alarms.

**Kitchens:**

- If you have a fire extinguisher, be sure you are properly trained to use it.
- Make sure the fire extinguisher is for multipurpose use.
- Keep the fire extinguisher in a place where it is easy to access.
- Never leave anything on the stove or under the broiler unattended.
- Keep the cooking area clear of items that can burn.
- Maintain a three-foot kid-free and pet-free zone around the stove.
- Avoid wearing loose-fitting clothing while you are cooking.

**Basements:**

- Have your heating and cooling systems serviced once a year before cold weather begins.
- When buying a new unit, have a qualified technician install it or check that it was installed properly.
- Choose a heating device with an automatic shutoff feature.
- Make sure your clothes dryer is installed and serviced by a professional.
- Have a gas-powered dryer inspected

by a professional at least once a year to check flexible gas lines for damage and proper connection, and to ensure all piping is free of leaks.

- Keep areas around heating sources clear of debris and insulated from the heating source.
- Be sure to clean the lint tray in your dryer before each use and check around the drum for any accumulated lint.
- Have a professional clean the inside of your dryer every one to three years.
- Do not store clothing or other combustibles any closer than one foot from the dryer.
- Do not let your dryer continue running when you leave your home.

**Outdoors:**

- Keep your grill at least three feet away from your home.
- If you live in a place where it snows, remember to keep all exhaust vents from your home clear and shovel out hydrants near your home.
- Develop and practice a home evacuation plan.
- Make sure every family member knows two ways out of each room in your home.
- Practice escaping, staying low to the ground and not opening doors that are hot to the touch.
- Assign a family member to assist anyone with a mobility issue.
- Choose a place outside your home for all family members to meet. Get out of the home first and then call the fire department from a neighbor's phone. Make sure everyone knows not to return inside the home.

All firefighters will stress the importance of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. And although this information may often be ignored, most people think it can never happen to them. As we say in Fire Prevention, "it's better to be safe than sorry." The after-effects of a fire can be devastating. Be smart, be aware, and be protected.

## About the Lodi Building Department

The Lodi Building Department, located in Room 204 on the second floor of the Municipal Building, is dedicated to serving the needs of residents and business owners with courtesy and professionalism. Meeting legal, safety and local requirements, this department provides guidance for all construction issues in the municipality.

The primary function of this office is to review applications and issue permits for any work performed on town properties.

For homeowners, there are basic guidelines to be followed. Electric and plumbing work in a one-family house may be performed by the homeowner, providing the homeowner lives in the dwelling. Electric and plumbing work in a two-family house must be performed only by a licensed electrician or plumber. All contractors providing services for any type of residential dwelling must be licensed by the state of New Jersey. For commercial properties, an application must be completed with proof of insurance and fee remittance of \$50.00. If approved, a license will be issued.

Please note the following is all work requiring permits: above ground pool, addition, air conditioner, bath remodel, boiler, burglar alarm, curb and curb cut, deck, demolition, detached garage, driveway, driveway repaving, dumpsters, electric service, fence, finished basement, fire alarm and sprinkler, furnace, gas fireplace, hot tub, in-ground pool, kitchen hood suppression, kitchen remodel, lawn sprinkler, new house, patio, radon system, roof, shed, sidewalk, siding, tank installation or removal, tenant fit up, water heater, wood burning fireplace, wood burning stove.

Please contact us at 973-859-7410 for any questions you may have. We look forward to servicing your needs.

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# NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL (CONT.)

## About the Lodi Zoning Department

Before most permits are issued for the construction of residential homes, additions, construction of any commercial building, or as little as a new sign, new driveway, curb cut, sidewalks, sheds, swimming pools, dumpsters, or storage containers, the Zoning Official will check to see if it conforms to the Borough of Lodi 195-11 Zoning Laws or any of the Borough of Lodi's local ordinances.

Zoning refers to the assignment of land, by a municipality (typically a city or county) for a particular use. Common zoning designations are residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial. Regulations of the individual municipality dictate what kinds of structures and activities, and what size of lots, maintenance of types of pets or livestock, or other activities are allowed in certain zones.

Combinations of zoning designations can also be applied to the same area. This means you might find a mixture of businesses and single family homes in an area zoned for both residential and commercial use.

Zoning laws can also change from time to time. It is important to know before you buy or lease space for your own use to check with the Borough of Lodi to see what the use is or how it can be occupied.

For many reasons, homeowners, particularly ones that live in a quiet, residential area, don't like the idea of having a busy business move in next door. Just the thought of a constant parade of customer cars coming and going all hours of the day or night, the clatter and noise coming from a repair shop or out of a garage, or the vision of partly assembled cars littering the driveway is enough to send many homeowners into a fit of concern or even anger. And indeed, when people buy their homes, they generally expect to get a measure of peace and quiet along with them.

Zoning Laws are a way of trying to keep residential areas residential, and business areas business, making everyone happy in the process. And in general, zoning laws do work. After a citizen makes a complaint, most jurisdictions follow an established procedure to determine if a business owner or homeowner is breaking the rules or not-taking action only when necessary.

Unfortunately, however, the very same zoning laws that attempt to ensure that someone doesn't decide to build a warehouse or a car wash across from your house are also the same laws that may restrict (and in some cases prevent) your ability to start a business in your own home.

If you have any further questions, you may contact the Building Department at (973-859-7410) Monday through Friday from 8:30a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## RESIDENTIAL PARKING STICKERS

**Reminder:** Every Lodi resident needs a resident sticker to park on the streets of Lodi between the hours of 1:00AM through 5:00AM. Stickers are available at the Municipal Building, Room 103, between the hours of 8:30AM and 4:00PM. All residents need to bring DL and registration in a Lodi address to obtain a sticker. If you have guests staying overnight, the Police Station at 973-473-7600 to let them know the make and year of the vehicle so that they may log it on the call sheet to prevent a ticket on the car for that night only.

## 2008 Concert Schedule

Concerts will be held in the Amphitheatre behind Borough Hall, One Memorial Drive, at 7:30 p.m.

- JULY 9: "THE INFERNOS"
- JULY 16: "LOU CHRISTIE"
- JULY 23: "BIG SHOT" Billy Joel Tribute
- JULY 30: "SOMERS DREAM ORCHESTRA"
- AUGUST 6: "KENNY VANCE & THE PLANOTONES"
- AUGUST 13: "JOBONANNO & THE GODSONS OF SOUL"
- AUGUST 20: "THE DUPREES"
- AUGUST 27: "MOVIE IN THE PARK"

## From the office of the Tax Assessor

Anyone coming in for stickers for their vehicle must have a driver's license and registration. You must have a Lodi address.

The hours to come in for stickers are 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is closed during lunch hour from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

If you are a tenant, you must make sure that the owner of the property has a certificate of occupancy for his or her tenants.

## Recreation Department updates

The Lodi Recreation Tee-Ball League has begun their season at Kennedy Park. The schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, May 24: Memorial Day Weekend - no games
- Saturday, June 7: 10:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.

Summer Camp registrations are ongoing at the Recreation Department in the Borough Hall, room 105. Each registration for one child is \$100.00 and two forms of identification are needed. This program permits K-8th graders and is a great way to keep your child active. We have various activities including trips to the movies, amusement parks, and ice skating, magic shows, arts and crafts and much more.

We will be registering for summer and fall soccer recreation leagues. The child must be in kindergarten by September 2008 to be eligible. We will have more information on this program at the time of registration, which will be June 9th, 10th, and 11th.

## Relay for Life

The Borough of Lodi is teaming up with Garfield and Saddle Brook to raise money for the American Cancer Society. "Relay for Life" is a community gathering where everyone can participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people will camp out at Century Field in Garfield and take turns walking around the track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event-because cancer never sleeps. The Relay is Friday, June 6th to Saturday, June 7th. Come join our team!

For further information, please call Anna Belli at the Lodi Recreation Department, 973-365-4005, extension 425.

## Municipal Court June Schedule

June 12, 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
June 19, 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

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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.

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](http://NJMCDirect.com).

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## Lodi Moose News

### Moose - the Family Fraternity

An international organization of men and women, dedicated to caring for young and old, bringing communities closer together and celebrating life.

### Flight 93 Memorial

Moose International has undertaken a program nationally to help the Flight 93 Memorial being built in Pennsylvania at the site of the crash. So far, the Moose Fraternity has donated more than \$540,000 to this project. Currently, we have Flight 93 ties and scarves on sale for \$10 each. The profit from the ties and scarves goes directly to help fund the memorial. Please get behind this worthwhile fundraiser and show our respect for the people who perished on that September day back in 2001. To purchase a tie or scarf, see any Lodi Moose Officer.

### Community Service

We, the brothers of the Lodi Lodge #1971, can be very proud of the community service we performed during the last fiscal year. Between working and cooking many events, generous donations made and scholarships given, we have greatly impacted the communities we live in. Thank you to all the members for giving their time and money to support all causes. Here is just a partial list: Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; Boys & Girls Club; L.H.S. Band; Project Graduation; LHS Basketball; Columbus School; Washington School; L.H.S. Football; Key Club; Middle School; Little League; Drug Alliance; Ambulance Corps; and many Police programs. A point of information: we cook about 15 events a year for other organizations. These organizations make \$1,000 to \$2,000 per event. You do the math. Our manpower generates \$15,000 to \$30,000 for the groups we help. Remember, all the monetary donations we make and scholarships we award. This is in addition to our manpower helping the Borough of Lodi by serving as members of the Lodi's Community Emergency Response Team. Brothers, we can be very proud!

### Blood Drive

The women of the Moose sponsored a blood drive at the lodge on Saturday, April 5th. A special thank you to those people who came out to give a gift of life!

*The Lodi Moose meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Women's Chapter of the Lodi Moose meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For information, talk to any officer or call the lodge at 201-342-7778.*

## Lodi American Legion decorates graves for Memorial Day

American Legion Post 136 has placed over 1,800 American flags on the graves of veterans at Lodi, St. Nicholas and St. Francis de Sales Cemeteries over the past several weeks in preparation for Memorial Day.

Post Commander Emil Daniel Wesch said that with each passing year, the task becomes more burdensome, but not less important. Our membership is aging and we are not as spry as we used to be, but we continue to decorate these graves to remind the living of the many departed men and women who honorably served their country to preserve our democratic way of life.

Commander Wesch noted that the Post's Sons of the American Legion Squadron would assist the Legionnaires.

An added difficulty is that all of the cemetery maps and books that recorded the locations of each veteran's grave were destroyed in a fire that ravaged the American Legion's Union Street home two years ago. Without these locator books, we simply replace worn flags we placed the previous year. Hopefully, we will be able to successfully decorate all the veteran graves in our jurisdiction.

Family members of newly departed veterans buried at the above noted cemeteries or those Lodi residents who need a flag for an undecorated veteran's grave should contact Commander Wesch at the Post's temporary trailer home located at 41 Union Street, or call 973-614-0100.

### In spite of the fire, Post 136 membership continues to grow

Frank M. Callandrillo, Jr., American Legion Department of New Jersey Commander, awarded a 2008 Membership Citation to the Joseph M. Lane Post 136 Legion Post for surpassing last year's membership. The citation was presented to Post 136 Senior Vice Commander Howard F. Sowle at a recent Bergen County American Legion meeting.

In accepting the award, Vice Commander Sowle noted that since the Post 136 home was totally destroyed by fire, it had been very difficult. We are meeting in a trailer, and without a hall to rent. Our only operating income is severely limited, yet we still have much to offer our membership and our membership is growing. Within this year, we hope to break ground on a new Post home which will be here to welcome returning veterans from the Middle East conflicts, just as our previous Post homes were here to welcome back World War II, Korean Conflict and Viet Nam era veterans.

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Above: images of the newly-renovated Boys & Girls Club of Lodi

# LODI COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Boys & Girls Club Summer Adventure Camp

**June 30 - August 29, 9-week program**  
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 3 CHILDREN \$155.00 per week, per child  
 Any sign ups after June 5th will result in a \$190.00 per week fee

The *Summer Adventure Club* offers your child the chance to experience summer in a structured and educational, recreational and fun filled environment for the inexpensive cost of \$4.00 an hour. We will provide indoor activities such as arts and crafts that allow a chance to express creativity and learn while stimulating imagination. Our air conditioned gymnasium is fully equipped for a variety of games that will keep your child active during their summer vacation. Also included in our gymnasium is our newly installed 20ft high Rock Wall. Our computer room gives an opportunity to explore technology while playing games suitable for all age groups. Your child will be able to swim in our Olympic style pool and spend time in our games room. There are weekly films and trips to various places of interest outside of our facility. There will be constant supervision by a trained counselor and children will be grouped by age. Not only will your child have a summer filled with various character building

experiences, but also they will have a chance to create lifelong memories. *Junior Adventure Club* is for children ages 5 to 7. *Intermediate Adventure Club* is for children ages 8-10 and *Senior Adventure Club* is for children ages 11-13.

The Boys & Girls Club of Lodi will be providing a 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.

No child will be allowed to leave the building without a counselor. The first week of summer Adventure Club must be paid in full upon registration. A deposit of \$25.00 is required to reserve your weeks. Deposits are non-refundable. The balance must be paid at the beginning of each week either by cash, check or credit card. Your child must also pay a membership fee of \$60.00 annually. We will provide your child with two free t-shirts. It is mandatory that children wear their camp shirt every day. Additional shirts can be purchased at the time of registration. Our program operates from 8:30am to 5:30pm. If you need to drop your child off earlier than 8:15am the fee is \$180.00 for the entire summer or \$25 per week. Summer Adventure Program ends at 5:30pm. A late fee of \$20.00 per 1/2 hour will be assessed for any pick up after 5:30pm. In the event of a late pick-up, a phone call must be made prior to 5:30pm. Call 973-473-7410 for more information.

## State recognition for American Legion Post 136

Doris Neibart, Chief Executive Officer of New Jersey's Department of Military and Veterans Affairs awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to American Legion Post 136 in recognition of the Post's outstanding meritorious volunteer service at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Paramus.

In accepting the award, Post 136 Commander Emil Daniel Wesch noted that the Post's Rehabilitation Chairman, Eugene McVeigh, was the force behind the award. Gene has worked countless volunteer hours at the Paramus Veterans Home. He has long made the confined and hospitalized veteran his number one priority.

## AARP Bus Trips for 2008

*August 6:* Atlantic City

September 10-12: Lancaster Trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts and 2 shows (American Theater and Sight and Sound)

*October 15:* Little Taste of Germany (Oktoberfest) at Blackhead Mountain Lodge, Roundtop, NY

*December 3:* Christmas at Platzl Brauhaus

Anyone 50 years old and over wishing to join the Chapter is invited to be our guest at a meeting. We meet every third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Lodi Boys & Girls Club on Passaic Street. Our programs, trips and events will be explained to you. If you like what you see, you are welcome to join. Dues are only \$7.00 per year. You must belong to the National AARP.



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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## News from Wilson Elementary School by Linda Masullo, Principal

A warm welcome to what is happening at Wilson Elementary School! Our school prides itself on successfully celebrating the past, the present, and the future.

Wilson School first opened its doors as a neighborhood school in 1927. In fact, we recently celebrated its 80th birthday! Eighty years ago, Wilson School students only studied the 3r's: "Reading, Riting, and "Rithmetic". Wow, have things changed! Today, our students enjoy a broad-based comprehensive elementary Pre K - Grade 5 curriculum in general education, as well as special education., designed to adequately meet the developmental, social, cultural, and academic needs of each individual student. Such programs as Title I, Gifted and Talented, ESL, and Speech and Language provide remediation, assistance in speech and language development, instruction in English as a Second Language, and enrichment. Our full range of specialized areas in Art, Music, Media, Physical Education, and World Languages not only expose our students to sports, the fine and performing arts, and cultural awareness, but also afford them opportunities to develop their talents.

Curriculum in all subject areas focuses on preparing our students to meet grade level standards and ultimately prepare for the challenges of society in the 21st century. Course offerings, materials, and instructional strategies are continuously evaluated and revised to respond to new research and reforms in educational philosophy and methodology. One such change has been the Lodi School District's commitment to

implementing the new educational trend of differentiated instruction at all grade levels. Our new Language Arts series, "Reading Street", is currently helping our teachers better recognize the diverse skill differences and learning preferences of their students. This is enabling them to build successful readers through motivating/ high-interest/engaging literature, reliable teaching tools, and research-based differentiated instruction resources.

Faculty members keep abreast of new trends through professional development training, higher-level education programs, and workshops. They apply this knowledge to planning their instructional activities and programs. Their strong commitment to meeting individual student academic and social needs has resulted in the creation of intervention committees, tutoring programs, cooperative learning activities, service projects, and literacy programs such as our Grade 5 /K Book Buddies program and our Kindergarten Mystery Reader program.

Our school also prides itself on placing a strong emphasis on developing and nurturing an appreciation of the fine and performing arts, a sense of tradition, respect for the environment, and respect for each student's cultural heritage. This past year, our students enjoyed numerous hands-on activities such as the Masterpiece Program in Grade 2, Art Appreciation courses in Grades 3-5, our annual Recyclable Project Contest, a Dinosaur Interactive Fair, a SMARTboard interactive "Cat in the Hat" celebration in honor of Read Across America Day, and the annual holiday

theatre production which featured students in Grades 2 and 3. We are looking forward to our Kindergarten Music Show and our "Pre-K is Simply Out of this World!", an interactive program featuring Star Labs, a portable planetarium.

Students in all grade levels explore New Jersey history through a series of local historical society lectures, museum outreach programs, and "Social Studies Alive" projects. such as the annual Grade 5 Colonial Williamsburg Living History program, in which students dress in colonial garb and recreate what life was like in the Town Hall, Schoolhouse, and Tavern. They also explore various colonial trades and crafts - shoemaking, silversmithing, etc.

Due to our diverse ethnic student population, we sponsor many multicultural events such as International Week which features a Mexican Fiesta, French Mardi Gras, international cooking lessons, music, and an international bilingual lunch menu - all designed to promote multicultural awareness. Our Grade 1-5 students expand this awareness through the study of French or Spanish. Not only does the World Language Program teach them to speak, read, and understand a foreign language, but it also explores its cultural aspects and traditions.

Annually, Wilson School students enjoy many live performances of theater, puppetry, dance, and music funded by a supportive Parent Teacher Organization. This year, we were pleased to have live performances of Aesop's Fables and the fabulous Chinese Acrobats. Health and Physical Education programs such as

Sugarless Day, Field Day, Jump Rope for Heart, and a Walk-a-Thon strengthen and promote proper diet, exercise, and dental health. Programs such as Red Ribbon Week, DARE, and Here's Looking At You provide supplemental instruction in drug/alcohol abuse education. Our Student of the Month program, Math Master of the Marking Period program, and June Awards program provide student recognition for academic achievements.

Technology education is expanded through our Internet-connected classrooms and computer lab. This year, we are proud to report that we increased our use of technology in the classroom by utilizing Study Island, an Internet-based preparatory course in Grades 2-5 to help prepare our students for NJ Ask 3,4,5 and NJ Pass in Grade 2. We've also increased our use of Power Point presentations and SMARTboard presentations as motivational devices. Students are really enjoying using the SMARTboards!

At Wilson School, parents are always welcome and are encouraged to visit and share their experiences through membership in our PTO, career speaker program, Open House, and invitations to all events. Our active PTO helps fund field trips and sponsors our Student of the Month. Our students also benefit from a variety of programs sponsored by local community organizations such as the Lodi Police Department and Lodi Fire Prevention Bureau.

We hope you've enjoyed your armchair visit to our school. We at Wilson consider our students our top priority and a true investment in America's future.

*Linda Masullo, Principal*



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**Parent Child Swim Class - Ages 6mos - 4yrs • Tuesdays 2pm - 2:30pm 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 8yrs 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 UP TOWNWIDE 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)
JULY	2 & 16	9 & 23
AUGUST	6 & 20	13 & 27
SEPTEMBER	3 & 17	10 & 24
OCTOBER	1 & 15	8 & 22
NOVEMBER	5 & 19	12 & 26
DECEMBER	3 & 17	10 & 24

**THERE WILL NOT BE A RECYCLING PICK UP ON JULY 30, OCTOBER 29, AND DECEMBER 31**

**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 not exceeding three feet in length and four inches in diameter must be bundled and tied. **WILL BE PICKED UP ON YOUR RECYCLING DAY.**

**BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST UNTIL OCTOBER 29TH – LEAF BAGS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE AT THE BORO HALL ROOM 103 – 973-859-7415 – 10 PER FAMILY. BAGS CAN ALSO BE PICKED UP AT THE DPW YARD ON SATURDAY MORNING UNTIL NOVEMBER 27TH.**

**Household Batteries:** Batteries may be dropped off at Borough Hall – Room 108 or at the DPW Yard on Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

**Metal or White Goods:** Call DPW (973) 365-4068 for a pick up date. This includes refrigerators, (doors removed), washing machines, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, air conditioners, hot water heaters only. All other metals can be brought to the DPW Yard on Richmond Street and placed in the dumpster marked metals only. Before a hot water heater will be picked up, you must first obtain a plumbing permit from the Lodi Inspection Department (973) 859-7410.

**Bulk Garbage:** Carpets, non-metal furniture, mattresses and boxsprings 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, October 4, 2008 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. They will no longer be picked up with the regular garbage pick up.

**Christmas Trees:** Will be picked up during the FIRST TWO WEEKS in January 2009 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 noon. Recyclables must be dumped in proper containers.

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

## NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL (CONT.)

### From the Office of Vital Statistics: Marriage, Civil Union, Remarriage, & Reaffirmation Requirements

*Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 9:30AM to 3:00PM (except holidays)*

#### Marriage, Civil Union, Remarriage and Reaffirmation of Civil Union Application Instructions

- \$28.00 fee
- Witnesses must speak and understand English

The first page of the application can be completed by the couple; page two must be completed in front of the licensing officer and the couple's witness. If the couple cannot appear together, they are permitted to apply separately but must appear with the same witness.

The application must be made in the municipality in which either applicant resides, if the applicant(s) are a New Jersey resident, and the license is valid anywhere in the State of New Jersey. If neither applicant is a New Jersey resident, the application must be made in the municipality where the ceremony will take place; the license is valid only in the issuing municipality.

The applicants must bring documents that establish their identity, age, gender, residency, and Social Security Number if a U.S. resident.

In applying for a Remarriage/Reaffirmation of Civil Union, you must bring a certified copy of the previous Marriage/Civil Union.

Once the application is made, there is a 72-hour waiting period prior to the issuance of the license. A Superior Court judge has the authority to waive all or part of the 72-hour waiting period. If the couple applies separately, the 72-hour waiting period begins after the first applicant has completed the application. There is no waiting period for a Remarriage/Reaffirmation of Civil Union. A couple that has previously entered into a Civil Union or a Same-Sex Marriage shall apply for a Reaffirmation of Civil Union.

Indicate at the top of the form the type of

license for which the application is being filed.

- To file for a Marriage license, the couple must be of the opposite sex; to file for a Civil Union license, the couple must be of the same sex.

• To file for a Remarriage license, the couple must already be in a marriage with the same spouse, have a certified copy of the existing marriage (translated to English if it is in a foreign language), and meet the requirements for marriage as established by New Jersey law.

• To file for a Reaffirmation of Civil Union license, the couple must already be in a Civil Union with the same partner, have a certified copy of the existing Civil Union (translated to English if it is in a foreign language), and meet the requirements for Civil Union as established by New Jersey law.

#### Acceptable Forms of Identification

- A valid photo driver's license or photo non-driver's license OR
- A photo ID and an alternate form of ID with address OR
- Two alternate forms of ID with address

#### Alternate Forms of ID:

- Non-photo driver's license
- Vehicle registration
- Insurance card
- Voter registration
- Passport
- Green card
- County ID
- School ID
- Utility bill

Questions regarding other forms of identification should be directed to (609) 292-4087, and hold for an operator.

### From the desk of the Lodi Fire Chief

On March 12, 2008, Fire Company #1 celebrated its 100th year of dedicated service to the residents of Lodi. Chief Maiolo, Captain Guyre, and the members of the Fire Department would like to thank the community for their continuous support through the years. The company will celebrate with a dinner of all the current members and past members during the Christmas holidays. Anyone interested in purchasing a 100th Anniversary hat or shirt can contact an Officer of Fire Company #1 on any Tuesday night of the month at the Westervelt Place Firehouse.



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