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## Fire Chiefs' swearing-in ceremony on July 7



The Fire Chiefs' swearing-in took place at the Monday, July 7 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Pictured above from left to right: 3rd Assistant Chief Lou Avola; 1st Assistant Chief Greg Telep; Chief of the Department, Joseph Baldino; Lodi Mayor Marc N. Schrieks; 2nd Assistant Chief Anthony M. Maiolo; and outgoing Chief Robert Cassiello.



John Baldino pins the Chief badge on his son Joseph Baldino as the Chief of the Lodi Fire Department



3rd Assistant Chief Lou Avola gets his badge pinned by his wife Cheryl



2nd Assistant Chief Anthony M. Maiolo gets his badge pinned by his wife Diane



1st Assistant Chief Greg Telep gets his badge pinned by his daughter Alyssa Telep

## Spencer Savings raises funds for "Relay for Life"



Spencer Savings Bank was the event sponsor of the 2008 "Relay for Life". The event took place on June 6, 2008 at the 20th Century Park in Garfield. The Bank's team, "Spencer's Boardwalk Stars", was made up of more than 35 employees and family members.

The "Relay For Life" was a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs for the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gathered with unique fundraising booths and took turns walking themed laps around the track. Each team had to keep at least one member on the track at all times during the twelve hours.

"Spencer Savings Bank is very proud to both sponsor and participate in the Relay for Life for the third consecutive year," said José B. Guerrero, President and CEO of Spencer Savings. "Like too many people, many of our lives have been personally touched by cancer and the Bank strongly believes that it is important to give back to the communities that we serve."

Fundraisers were held prior to the event at branches located in Garfield, Elmwood Park, Saddle Brook, and Lodi for a total of eight weeks leading up to the event. During the event, "Spencer's Boardwalk Stars" ran carnival games including a Spin-To-Win Game, a Dolphin Ring Toss, a Bottle Knock-Down Game and a Lucky Ducky Game. There was also a photo booth with the Spencer clown and a raffle for a Nintendo Wii bundle package. "Spencer's Boardwalk Stars" raised more than \$11,500 for this worthy cause.

### Annual St. Joseph Church Feast begins August 29

Come celebrate the tradition of the feast by stopping by for some home-made zeppoles and other specialties, a sausage peppers & onion sandwich, pastries, and plenty of rides and games for the children. There will also be the annual Super 50/50, where last year's winner took home over \$10,000. The feast opens Friday August 29 at 6pm and runs till September 1. St. Joseph Church is located at 40 Spring Street in Lodi.

### August Concert Schedule

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

- AUGUST 6: "KENNY VANCE & THE PLANOTONES"
- AUGUST 13: "JOBONANNO & THE GODSONS OF SOUL"
- AUGUST 20: "THE DUPREES"
- AUGUST 27: "MOVIE IN THE PARK"

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# NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL

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## Outgoing Mayor's Message from Councilwoman and Past Mayor Karen Viscana

This is my last message to you as your Mayor. This year has flown by, and I have trouble believing it's over. It has been my honor and privilege to serve you as Mayor, and my distinct honor to have been the first woman mayor in the history of the Borough of Lodi.

I would like to thank my fellow council members for their faith in allowing me to lead them in our first year together. We have all worked diligently to ensure the safety, health and welfare of all our citizens. While this year seems like it has been a whirlwind, I am very proud of all the accomplishments we were able to bring to you.

Many of these accomplishments have been easily observed by you. For example, we resurfaced 18 streets. We entered into a sharing agreement with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission and surrounding towns to bring you a brand new street sweeper, with a one time savings of almost \$190,000 and an annual savings of approximately \$60,000.

Other accomplishments have been "behind the scenes". We've tried to keep your public safety at the top of our list. A new ladder truck was placed in service this year by the Fire Department. In addition, we have ordered three new vehicles for our fire chiefs and our police department. We have also worked with our fire department in submitting several grant requests in the hope of re-equipping our firefighters with new gear and a new engine. We purchased new weapons for our police officers, who had been using weapons almost twenty years old. Finally, all our emergency services are now working with a new, modern communications system, replacing antiquated radios that had endangered their safety.

We created a parking enforcement position in conjunction with our police department. The position has paid for itself, and then some, while freeing up our police officers for more important duties.

The Borough is also going green. We have solicited quotations for a zero emission, all-electric vehicle to be used on a test basis. With the price of gas spiraling out of control, this vehicle is expected to pay for itself very quickly. The first vehicle will go to our parking enforcement officer. If the vehicle works

out as hoped, we will purchase additional vehicles.

Our DPW has been busy, too. They erected a new salt shed, so that after more than ten years of prodding by the State, we are now in compliance with DEP requirements. The DPW also constructed a portable refreshment stand and press box at Voto-Tedesco Field. Now, when there is a danger of flooding, we will be able to move these structures to higher ground, instead of having to repair them from flood damage.

Speaking of flooding, I am extremely proud that we have been at the forefront of a coalition of state, county and local officials in reinvigorating the federal government to find a solution to our flood problems. I hosted several meetings, and along with my fellow council members, traveled to Washington and met with several key federal officials. As a result, additional federal monies were allocated to accelerate the review and eventual solution of this problem.

Also, we were successful in leading the charge to have the county address the Saddle River flooding caused by the back up of debris at the Marsellus Street Bridge on the Garfield / South Hackensack border. A new, state-of-the-art device has been designed and will be installed to manage this problem.

Finally, after hard negotiations, we were able to convince FEMA to provide us with funds to replace the turf field behind Borough Hall, which had been damaged by the April '07 Nor'easter.

Redevelopment is on a fast track. Kohl's will be breaking ground in the fall. Across the street from Shop Rite, a mini-mall will soon begin construction. We are now looking to the Dell Glen Avenue side of our redevelopment project to bring in needed revenue.

We've also begun an aggressive sewer rehabilitation project. Those of you living near Savoie Street and Route 46 are painfully aware of the urban flooding problems there. Using state of the art cameras, we have located several of the sub-surface problems, and are addressing them.

Our seniors have benefited as well. We have begun a long, overdue rehabilitation of the senior citizen center on Walnut Street, to address and remedy

the decaying building.

Quality of life has been addressed, too. We were successful in securing a grant to allow us to begin planning a park along the western side of Main Street, along the Saddle River, from Essex Street to Outwater Lane. We also established a Quality of Life Committee, composed primarily of our citizens.

Of course, not everything goes according to plan. A methadone clinic decided it wanted to set up shop right on North Main Street, across from a residential neighborhood, and near senior citizen housing and two schools. Fortunately, we have been able to keep them from opening, and are very optimistic that they will never open their doors anywhere in Lodi.

Administratively, in order to make these accomplishments happen, we've also increased the frequency of our council work sessions. In addition, we have restructured our DPW and our building department, to increase both efficiency and accountability. I have begun holding a monthly "Mayor's meeting" with the public. These meetings have been enormously popular, and many residents' concerns were successfully addressed. Starting in September, Borough offices will be open one night a month.

None of this would have been possible without the help of some very special people. I am sure that this past year went by as quickly for me as it did for our Fire Chief, Bob Cassiello. Bob, whose term is expiring along with mine, stepped in to assist the department with a second term as Chief. I want to thank Bob, as well as his entire department for their selflessness and bravery. Of course, our Volunteer Ambulance corps will always hold a very special place in my heart.

I want to extend my appreciation to all our borough employees for the cooperation and dedication they have shown me during my term as Mayor. I would also like to thank the members of the Lodi Senior citizens and AARP for the cordial and welcoming atmosphere whenever I attended their meetings and events.

Just because I won't be Mayor any longer, doesn't mean I won't be around. As a member of the Council for the next three years, I intend to be as involved in all aspects of our community as I have been for the past 9 years. I do want to congratulate our incoming mayor, Marc Schrieks. Marc's commitment and dedication to Lodi has been evident throughout the years.

Finally, I want to thank each of you again for the support and trust you have placed in me and the Council. I also would like to acknowledge all of the residents who have provided me with support, and mostly with their friendship. While my term as Mayor has been immensely rewarding and fulfilling, it's these new friendships I think I will treasure most.

### Note from the Borough Manager

It is only when we go through trying times such as my family just experienced with the passing of my mom, that we realize just how much the kindness of friends means to us. I want to personally thank the residents of Lodi, my friends, who offered so much support at our time of need. Please know that your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Sincerely, Tony Luna

### About Garage Sales

MESSAGE FROM THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE:

Spring and Summer are a great time for cleaning up our homes and holding a garage sale to sell our "treasures". Each household is permitted to conduct 3 sales per calendar year and each sale consists of 3 consecutive days. Permits are required to conduct these sales and are available in the Borough Clerk's office, Room 202, for a fee of \$5.00 during regular business hours.

### From the desk of the Fire Chief

Any resident interested in joining the Lodi Fire Department can do so by visiting any firehouse within the Borough of Lodi. To be a member of the department, you must be at least 18 years old and no older than 45 years old. The Lodi Fire Department has recently added a Junior Fire Fighter Program to our ranks. The required age is a minimum of 16 years old and you must meet the grade point average for academics in school. The Junior Program has also recently elected their officers. The Captain is Steven Cassiello, President is Louis Ruffel, Jr., and the Secretary is Paul Trzeciak. The Junior Program teaches the younger generation basic firefighting, respect and discipline for their future as regular members and

in their lives as upcoming adults. Captain Robert Guyre, 1st Assistant Chief/Training Officer Joseph Baldino and Foam Team Captain Charles Cuccia have been working with the juniors on Friday nights at the Westervelt Place Firehouse.



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Wednesday, August 20: Moose Golf Outing  
Call Frank Moritz or the Lodge for information

August 29-September 2: St. Joseph Feast  
Volunteering at a stand - call Kevin Miller to sign up

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# NEWS FROM BOROUGH HALL (CONT.)

## Mayor's Message - Mayor Marc N. Schrieks

As I begin my tenure as the Mayor of Lodi, I first want to thank those residents who have voted for me in the past and for their confidence and faith in my ability.

You have provided me with a rare opportunity to serve your interests and your interests alone. Elected officials represent the entire community and it is our responsibility to take that oath seriously. Over the past 9 years, I have learned a great deal of what we can and cannot change in government. Making the tough decisions on items that will affect the entire community is not something that I have or will take for granted.

I am firm in my commitment to lead this community with its best foot forward and with a firm understanding that what we do as a council affects all of our residents.

I encourage you to take an active part in helping to shape our community and making it a better place for future generations. I also encourage you to



## Office of the Tax Assessor

Office hours for the Tax Assessor are as follows:

Monday evenings: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The contact person for the Tax Assessor's Office is Virginia Hascup during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

### Resident Parking Permit Requirements

To obtain a parking permit, the resident must supply a driver's license and a valid registration showing a Lodi address. Every tenant must have a Certificate of Occupancy from the landlord.

The resident sticker is to be placed on the rear window of the driver's side, in the lower left corner of the registered vehicle.

When a vehicle is no longer registered (example: if a car is sold), then the resident must return the sticker to the parking enforcement office located in the Tax Assessor's Office - Room 103, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Recreation News

The Lodi Recreation Summer Camp is underway. The children are enjoying a series of arts and crafts and swimming on a daily basis. Some of their favorites are wiffle ball, soccer, and kickball. They are attending field trips to the Powerhouse Studios and to the movies.

The Recreation Soccer intramural (in town only) league is in dire need of coaches and team parents. Children from the grades of kindergarten through 8th grades are eligible, however we do not have enough coaches to begin practices. If you are interested in coaching, please contact the Lodi Recreation Department, 973-365-4005, ext. 425.

After a long spring, the T-Ball Recreation League finished up their season with a pizza party. All players received a trophy and their picture.

The Borough of Lodi Concert Series continues this summer with a concert every Wednesday night. To involve the children of town, we are going to conclude the program this year with a cartoon movie, *Flushed Away*, on Wednesday, August 27.

## Sixth Grade - 11 Year Immunizations

Attention future Sixth Grade parents/guardians:

If you have gotten a notice from your school nurse and do not have health insurance, please do not wait until the last minute to get your child immunized. The immunizations are the TDAP and the Meningitis. The child must be 11 years old to receive the Meningitis vaccine. Please call 973-859-7409 to make an appointment.

Valerie Marut, R.N., BSN  
Public Health Nurse

become active in local organizations that help us strive for that goal.

The Summer Concerts are in full swing, our Summer Camp has a record number of participants, and this year we are offering a new Summer Movie for our children. August 27th will premiere Lodi's "Movie Under the Stars", featuring *The Spiderwick Chronicles*.

The movie, based on the adaptation of Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi's bestselling novel, is set in the Spiderwick Estate in New England and follows the adventures of Jared Grace and his family as they discover a field guide to faeries and battle goblins and other magical creatures. The movie will air on the lawn behind Borough Hall. We encourage all families to join us under the stars for a great movie and a great night out.

On behalf of the entire Council and members of the Borough of Lodi staff, we wish you a safe and healthy summer.

## Summer is the time to examine property . . .

To the property owner, summer means more than barbecues and vacations.

It is the time to examine the exterior of your property, looking for any damage caused by spring weather and making sure weeds are under control, according to Larry Conti, Borough of Lodi Property Maintenance officer.

"Keeping weeds under control reduces pollen for allergy sufferers and eliminates rodent shelters," Conti said. "The appearance of your property also impacts its market value."

As a result of spring rains, grass and weed populations grow quickly. The Borough of Lodi, like most area municipalities, restricts weeds and plant growth to less than 10 inches high.

Cultivated flowers and garden areas are not included in the height restrictions, but all noxious weeds are prohibited.

"Take a walk around your property. Pay particular attention to sheds, fences, trellises and rose arbors that can take a beating from high winds. While walking around the exterior of your home, don't forget to look up", Conti said.

Inspect siding, roofs, gutters and downspouts for damage. Check for peeling paint.

If wooden surfaces are left unprotected, water damage can result in surprisingly high repair bills. Wire brush, sand, and prime or repaint surfaces as needed. Repair or replace loose and damaged aluminum that covers the fascia a flat board, band or face, often used in combination with moldings and located at the outer face of the cornice.

These building components may seem like small matters, however, if left unattended, they can provide a path for the elements to begin the structural deterioration of your property.

If you are planning a new deck, swimming pool or shed, a permit and inspection is required. The Borough of Lodi Building Department is more than glad to explain regulations for decks, pools and other outside property maintenance issues. We encourage residents to call us with questions at 973-859-7410.

Simple measures, Conti said, are key to protecting property and maintaining property values that will ensure a strong return on the time; money and hard work property owners invest in their property.

## Municipal Court Schedule

September 4, 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
September 9, 1:00 pm  
September 11, 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
September 18, 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](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.

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# LODI COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Mayor Marc N. Schrieks presents winners of the Mayor & Council Scholarship Golf Outing held on June 14 at The Architects Golf Course. Over \$12,500 was raised for scholarships and other Mayor & Council charitable organizations. Pictured: Mayor Schrieks, Mike Berliner, Michael Neglia, Thomas Solfaro, John Perkins.



## Wilson School Family Movie Night: "Bee Movie"

In the dictionary the definition of the word "appreciation" is "an expression of gratitude." The PTO Executive Board Members of Wilson Elementary School know exactly what it means.

To us, it means to give credit where credit is due and find a way to show it.

Our general purpose is to raise funds to help the children of our school with their various activities. The funds we raise help to subsidize class trips, assemblies and functions throughout the school year.

This year we have been blessed with very giving and supportive students. They, along with their families, have helped our school to achieve a fund raising goal that we are very proud of. To show our "appreciation," the PTO Board Members thought it best to give back and show how thankful we really are. We put our heads together to come up with an idea that was different.

We researched and planned what we like to call "Wilson School Family Movie Night." With the help of an outdoor movie company,

the students of Wilson School, along with their parents, were invited to an outdoor showing of the "Bee Movie." Nearly 500 guests attended.

We tried to include everything that a movie theater would, including pre-printed movie tickets, fresh popped pop-corn, snow cones, and movie candy. To keep in theme with the "Bee Movie", all of the volunteers wore "Bee" shirts and the children were asked to sign their name on a giant "bee-hive." Even our raffle was movie related: a gift basket of movie candy, popcorn, and \$100.00 worth of AMC Theater movie gift cards.

Thank you students and families of Wilson Elementary School. Thank you to all that have volunteered your time and donated to the cause. Without your generosity and support throughout the year, this event would not have been possible.

We hope you enjoyed the evening and wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Wendy Reginald, PTO President  
Wilson Elementary School

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## Lodi Moose - The Family Fraternity

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### Class of '08 Scholarships

The Lodi Moose scholarship committee would like to announce this year's recipients of the Lodi Moose William F. Masopust Sr. Memorial Scholarships (\$500 each). Any student of the Class of 2008 whose father or legal guardian is a member of the Lodi Moose # 1971 and whose GPA is a 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 or a C+ average or higher was eligible for the scholarship. In addition to the application a 300-word essay is required.

The following have met the qualifications as certified by their schools: Brian Acquafredda; Rebecca Adamski; Mike Annuzzi; D'Anna Avola; Tracy Biegel; Steve Cassiello; Tom Cattafi; Brittany D'Alessio; Kelly Delzell; Elizabeth DeSmet; Kristina DiChiara; Sean Dikdan; Bryana Falato; Tony Francisco; Greg Hastings; Paul Johanneman; Kaitlin Mancuso; Gina Milo; Paulina Olesinska; Nikki Paci; Corey Paladino; Jaimie Rifkowitz; Dan Rinaldi; Kyle Rupinski; Kelly Ruffel; Tanya Staffa;

Shantel Suncar; Ashley Teel; Gabriella Tosto; Alyssa Tummillo.

High Schools represented are: Bergen Catholic; Bergen County Tech. Teterboro & Paramus; Egg Harbor Twp.; Immaculate Conception; Immaculate Heart Academy; Lodi; Mainland Regional; Paramus Catholic; Ramapo & Wallington.

### Moose Sponsors BB Teams

The Lodi Moose continued team sponsorship in the Lodi Minor League. In addition, this year is our 2nd year sponsoring a team in the Hackensack Little League. Come out to cheer all the children on at the respective fields.

### Moose Sponsors Scout Troop

For the 3rd year, the Lodi Moose has sponsored Boy's Scout Troop # 438. Bob Hastings, Scout Troop Leader, thanks all the members of the Lodi Moose for agreeing to be Troop # 438's sponsor.

The Lodi Moose meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7PM. The Women's Chapter of the Lodi Moose meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30PM.

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# LODI COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## News from the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi

### Boys & Girls Club of Lodi unveils Juvenile Intervention Program for local "at risk" youth

Last year, a part-time family counselor working out of "Drop In Clinic" with the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi assisted 40 different families. "We are confident that many serious situations were avoided because of our intervention," said Executive Director Michael J. Nardino. With the help of \$130,000 in additional funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Nardino and his staff will be expanding to include a Juvenile Intervention Program for local "at risk" youth. "It makes sense to build on success," he explained.

The program will work to provide young people with skills in six major areas:

1. Personal education,
2. Social environment education,
3. Health and physical education,
4. Outdoor environmental education,
5. Citizen & leadership development, and
6. Cultural enrichment.

CDBG funds will be used to hire trained professionals to work with the "at risk" youth and through exposure to these six areas, develop them into well rounded individuals. "What we are looking to do is to help these young kids become more aware of who they are and where they fit in society," added Nardino.

The program will also include "Smart Moves and Street Smart" training, which is a drug/alcohol/teen pregnancy prevention program that emphasizes conflict resolution and respect for others.

For 55 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi has been providing a safe haven for Bergen County youth. More than 1,500 children currently visit the site, located on Passaic Avenue.

"In addition to providing some real life skills," Nardino said, "we are giving kids a safe place to go for a few hours each day after school. Currently,

nearly 1 out of every 4 youth in New Jersey between Kindergarten and 12th grade are responsible for taking care of themselves after school.

### "Going Green" comes home with ZipGoesGreen Sale of eco-friendly, zip code-printed products supports local efforts

The Borough of Lodi has partnered with Boys & Girls Club of Lodi in support of the rapidly growing commitment to environmental initiatives being organized at the local level. ZipGoesGreen is launching its online fundraising program and offering of green, zip code-printed products. This unique initiative provides the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi with a way to raise funds to support their local green, civic, team, class and club programs with no financial commitment and minimal effort.

Upon partnering with ZipGoesGreen, the Borough of Lodi & Boys & Girls Club of Lodi's single responsibility is to encourage residents to shop online at [www.zipgoesgreen.com](http://www.zipgoesgreen.com). Once on the site, residents purchase a range of green-oriented products such as reusable water bottles and reusable grocery bags that are printed with the town's zip code and the accompanying "goes green" tagline. In return for generating those sales, ZipGoes Green sends a check for 25% of all sales the partner generates each month. Organizations can also choose a traditional fundraising model where they take orders in person and then submit a bulk order to ZipGoesGreen for processing.

"ZipGoesGreen products are beneficial to a community in several ways. One, the use of them helps minimize waste locally. Two, the sale of them assists in funding the programs of the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi. Three, residents using the product serves as an ongoing, street-level ad campaign for the greening of Lodi," said Mayor Marc N. Schrieks.

## Lodi Senior Club upcoming trips/events

The Lodi Senior Club, located on Walnut Street, is featuring the following trips and events for the remainder of 2008:

SEPTEMBER 27 - The Brownstone in Paterson for lunch and a show entitled "San Gennaro Festival"

OCTOBER 22 - Atlantic City

DECEMBER (DATE AS YET NOT DETERMINED) - Christmas Party

The club holds meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00. Every Thursday, the club is open from 1:00 to 3:00 for line dancing, card playing, chit-chat, bocce when the weather permits, game playing, etc. In addition, there is a Senior Bus which will pick you up and take you to the club if you do not have transportation. Please call 973-472-6994 for information.



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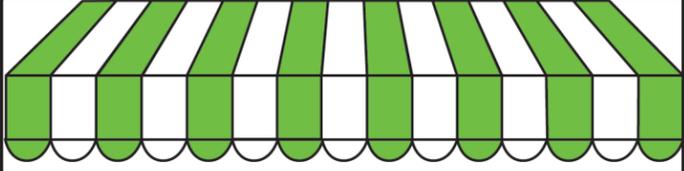
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## News from Columbus School

Everywhere we go these days, people are talking about "Going Green". It's even displayed above the front doors of Columbus School. What does this all mean? It is an issue that is important for everyone to consider, especially our children; how can we save our environment. The students at Columbus School have been learning throughout the school year, easy and fun ways that can help make a difference. These activities include going on a "green" Scavenger Hunt, placing recyclable materials into their correct bins and creating "green" Sock Puppets. We had our first Earth Celebration where the students created projects made out of everyday materials. The students also decorated grocery bags donated from Shop-Rite, displaying their message to help keep our Earth clean and protected. The bags were given back to Shop-Rite for all customers to use and take home our message. Teaching our students to recycle is just one step in helping our planet.

boards of each country were displayed in the hallways of the school for everyone to see and read. The groups also put on a skit for the entire school during our Multicultural Week Celebrations.

As you can see, May was a busy and productive month, and June was even busier. We began with Field Day and continued with the 5th Grade Social and wound down with the last student of the month ceremony. Finally, at the end of the year was the Beach Day celebration, which is our student send off to summer. The entire school participated in an outdoor barbeque with a DJ, games and lots of fun. The 5th grade students said their goodbyes to the other students and staff.

With our wonderful addition of laptops and Smart Boards this year, our fifth graders and their teachers, Mrs. Griffio, Miss Luna and Mrs. Costello, put together a wonderful project for Multicultural Week. The title of the project was Children Around the World. The children were placed in cooperative groups and were given a country to research. Each group's task was to successfully navigate through websites bookmarked for them, and report on what it would be like to grow up in another country. This included school life, games that were played, songs and celebrations in which the children participated. The completed poster

June is also the time when Columbus School honors our students at our awards ceremony. Students were recognized for attaining honor role status along with a variety of extracurricular activities for which they volunteered throughout the school year. The awards ceremony is a time of great pride for students, teachers, parents and guardians alike.

I am honored to have been a part of the 2007-2008 Columbus School year. The accomplishments of the students and staff are a tremendous source of pride to the entire school community. I wish all a safe and enjoyable summer and hope to see the returning students in September refreshed and ready to continue with another successful school year. I hope all parents and guardians encourage reading throughout the summer.

*Principal Vincent DiChiara*

## Mock fire drill at Felician Sisters' Infirmary

On Saturday, May 10 (Mothers' Day weekend), ten agencies collaborated in staging a three alarm mock fire drill for the Felician Sisters' Infirmary in Lodi. Not only did these participants, most of them volunteers, give up a Saturday during a holiday weekend, many of them also spent days and hours before the mock fire drill, drawing up emergency fire plans and discussing patient evacuation with the administrator and plant supervisor of Our Lady of Lourdes Hall Infirmary.

The Felician Sisters is grateful for the outstanding contributions of all involved with the three alarm mock fire drill, including:  
• Sister Aloysia Morelli, administrator, who spent hours in dialogue as well as in drawing up evacuation plans and printing evacuation diagrams

• Sister Mary Lorene Pivinski, plant supervisor, who collaborated with Sister Aloysia and fire officials  
• Our elderly Felician Sisters who were willing to portray "victims"  
• Lodi Volunteer Fire Department  
• Lodi Volunteer Ambulance Corps  
• Lodi Ambulance Fire Rehab Unit  
• Moonachie Fire Department  
• Rutherford EMS  
• Wallington EMS  
• Saddle Brook EMS  
• Rochelle Park Fire Department  
• Wallington Fire Department  
• Little Ferry Fire Department

We thank the above-mentioned elderly and infirm residents of our Felician Sisters' Infirmary. Every day the Felician Sisters pray for God's blessings upon all civil servants to sustain them in their outstanding endeavors!

*Sister Mary Aquinas Szott*

## Lodi Oldtimers Little League Announces 2008 Scholarship Winners

Each year, the Lodi Oldtimers Little League awards a \$500 scholarship to both a male and a female student. The applicants are required to write a 500 word essay on their Little League experience, provide their grades for the current year-to-date and proof of acceptance to a College or secondary school.

This year's winners are Gina Milo and Corey Paladino.

All students who participated in at least 3 years of Little League activities are encouraged to apply in their senior year of high school. More information can be obtained by calling the Oldtimers at 973-591-1137.



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3rd floor of B&GC at 7:30pm. 1st rehearsal will be September 16th and continue throughout October. Production November 3rd and 4th.  
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Call Club for more information at 973-473-7410 x10.

# 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. 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.)

### Lodi Fire Prevention Bureau

The most important thing you can do for your family is to make sure all smoke alarms are in working order. That having been said, it's a fact - having a smoke alarm in the house cuts your risk of dying in a fire in half. If your home doesn't have smoke alarms, now is the time to install them on every level of your home and in each bedroom. If possible, choose one with a 10-year lithium battery. If your smoke alarm uses regular batteries, remember to replace them every year (hint: change your batteries when you change your clock back from Daylight Saving Time in the fall). Test your smoke alarms monthly, and be sure your children are familiar with the sound of the alarm. Almost 60% of all fatal residential fires occur in homes that don't have smoke alarms, so this may be the single most important thing you can do to keep your family safe from fires.

Because smoke rises, smoke detectors should always be placed on ceilings or high on walls. If a smoke detector near the kitchen goes off while you're cooking, do not take the battery out of it - you may forget to replace it. Open the doors and windows instead. Or you might consider installing a rate-of-rise heat detector for places like the kitchen, where smoke or steam from cooking are likely to cause false alarms. These alarms can sense when the temperature reaches a set critical point or when it rises by more than a certain number of degrees a minute.

If you're having a new home built or remodeling an older home, you may also want to consider adding a home sprinkler system. These are already found in many apartment buildings and dormitories.

**Fire extinguishers are now required by law. Keep fire extinguishers handy.** Be prepared for any accidents by having fire extinguishers strategically placed around your house - at least one on each floor and in the kitchen (this one should be an all-purpose extinguisher, meaning it can be used on grease and electrical fires), the basement, the garage, or workshop area. Keep them out of reach of children.

Fire extinguishers are best used when a fire is contained in a small area, like a wastebasket, and when the fire department has already been called. The NFPA says to remember the word **PASS** when operating an extinguisher:

- Pull the pin. Release the lock with the nozzle pointing away from you.
- Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- Sweep the nozzle from side to side.

The best time to learn how to use the fire extinguisher is now, before you ever need it (if you have any questions, the local fire department can help). Fire extinguishers have gauges on them indicating

when they need to be replaced and should be checked regularly to make sure they are still functional.

If you're ever in doubt about whether to use an extinguisher on a fire, don't try it. Instead, leave the house immediately and call the fire department.

**Plan escape routes.** Planned escape routes are a necessity, especially if a fire were to occur during the night. Go through each room in your house and think about the possible exits. You should have in your mind two escape routes from each room, in case one is blocked by fire. Inspect the room to make sure that furniture and other objects are not blocking doorways or windows. Make sure that the windows in every room are easy to open and are not painted over or nailed shut - remember, these may be your only way out in a fire. If you live in an apartment building, make sure any safety bars on windows are removable in an emergency. Be sure to know the locations of the closest stairwells or fire escapes and where they lead.

If your house is more than one story tall or if you live above the ground floor of an apartment building, an escape ladder is an important safety feature. You should have one escape ladder made of fire-safe material (aluminum, not rope) in each upper-story bedroom that is occupied by a person who is capable of using it. Like fire extinguishers, escape ladders should be operated by adults only. The ladder must be approved by an independent testing laboratory; its length must be appropriate for your home, and it must support the weight of the heaviest adult in the house.

Be sure any babysitters in your home know all escape routes and plans in case of a fire.

**Teach children the facts about fire.** Unfortunately, many kids will try to hide from a fire, often in a closet, under a bed, or in a corner. But if taught basic fire facts, they'd be better able to protect themselves. Teach your child that fires spread quickly, that most fire-related deaths are not from burns but from smoke inhalation, and that dangerous fumes can overcome a person in just a few minutes.

- Kids should learn to:
- cover their mouths and noses with a moist towel or an article of clothing to keep out dangerous fumes while evacuating
  - crawl under the smoke to safety, staying as low to the ground as possible (smoke always rises)
  - touch any door (not the doorknob) to see if it is hot, and if it is, not to open it - find another exit
  - locate the nearest stairway marked "Fire Exit" if they live in an apartment building, or a fire escape if the stairway isn't accessible - kids should know to always avoid elevators during a fire
  - never stop to take personal belongings or pets or to make a phone call (even to 911) while evacuating
  - never go back into a burning building once safely outside
  - stop, drop, and roll to extinguish flames if

an article of clothing catches on fire

Kids should also always be dressed for bed in flame-retardant sleepwear.

**Practice fire drills at home.** Kids have fire drills at school and adults have them at work. Why shouldn't you have them at home, too? Fires are frightening and can cause panic. By rehearsing different scenarios, your family will be less likely to waste precious time trying to figure out what to do. Discuss and rehearse the escape routes you've planned for each room of your home. Designate a meeting place outside your house or apartment building that is a safe distance away (a mailbox, a fence, or even a

distinctive-looking tree will do) where everyone can be accounted for after they escape.

Then, every so often, test your plan. Use your finger to set off the smoke detector and let everyone know it's time for a fire drill. See if everyone can evacuate your home and gather outside within 3 minutes - the time it can take for an entire house to go up in flames.

Being prepared is the best way to protect your family from a fire. So know the rules of fire prevention, stock your home with fire-safety items, and make sure your kids know what to do in a fire. A few minutes of planning now may save lives later on.



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