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## MAYOR'S CHALLENGE BENEFITS HIGH SCHOOL'S NJROTC

Twenty-five members of the Linden's NJROTC Unit worked alongside other volunteers to support the Mayor's Challenge, a five kilometer run held to benefit the unit. Attorney Dan Roberts of Charney and Roberts, Gerry Bishop and the Linden Cultural and Heritage Committee were sparkplugs for the event without whom the event could not have succeeded. The event was sponsored by Bella Gina Caterers, RTG Event Management, Mayor Richard Gerbounka, and The Friends of Linden ROTC. The wonderful weather brought out cheering spectators along the race route and in Tiger Stadium. The Mayor's Challenge brought about 150 runners out for the five kilometer run as well as about 30 others who came out for a fun run. Representatives of local running groups, Linden High School faculty were joined by many of Linden's civic and educational leadership cadre's in running the race including Mayor Richard Gerbounka, City Council President Robert Bunk, Councilmen Bob Sadowski, Gene Davis, Joe Harvanik, Rich Koziol and Derek Armstead, Board of Education Member Susan Hudak, several administrators from Linden schools Kathleen Gaylord and Larry Miranda, LHS ROTC faculty members Mike Philibert, Juanita O'Neal and Bernadette Bottino, who heads the LHS International Baccalaureate program.

In today's era of limited funding no educational program can succeed without support from its friends in the business, service and governmental sectors. Linden High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program is no exception and demonstrates the importance of that support. Each week that passes demonstrates that virtually every element of the greater Linden community supports its ROTC program. The weekend of March 20th demonstrated that fact as the unit schedule presented more than a few challenges for the LHS NJROTC Cadet and faculty team. The ROTC unit participated in three different major events in the two day period. The strong support from members of Linden's city officials, veteran's groups, business community and senior community made each of these events a success.

The ROTC Drill Team and members of their Parent Boosters Club left Linden at 0600 and traveled north to participate in a drill competition at North Rockland High School. The team dominated most of the meet taking first place in five events. The team viewed the meet as a warm up for their trip to the Navy National Drill Team Championships in early April. The drill meet culminated a seven month long practice schedule. The Cadets are looking



(above) ROTC Cadet Captain Alexandria Alvarez, ROTC Cadet Commander Lazaro Cecerra, Dan Roberts – Linden Mayor's Challenge planning committee, Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka, ROTC Commander William Murphy, Jerry Bishop - President, Linden Cultural & Heritage Committee.

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forward to getting to demonstrate their skills at the national level. First Sergeant Michael Philibert, Drill Team Coach, has done an outstanding job bringing the team to a fine edge. Many observers from parent booster clubs at North Rockland noted that the team has never looked or performed better. Florida here we come!

Saturday night saw other members of the ROTC unit supporting a Spaghetti fundraiser run by the NJROTC Parent Booster's Club. Mrs. Nicole Frazier, of the Parent Boosters Club, Mr. Ron Stefanowitz, Linden Veteran's Council, and Mr. Gerry Bishop of the Cultural and Heritage Committee of the City of Linden teamed up as their groups provided a team of volunteer chefs (too numerous to mention individually) from their organizations together with Cadets to produce a very successful event. The event brought out 120 Linden residents for dinner, and the food was outstanding. Area merchants who joined in as sponsors to help make the event a success included: Bella Gina Caterers, Kay's Liquors, and Phino's Bakery. The proceeds from this event helped fund the Unit's trip to the National Drill competition.

The ROTC Drill Team departs on April 6 for Pensacola and the Navy NJROTC National Drill Team Championship. George Alvarez of the ROTC Parent Boosters and CDR Bill Murphy noted in remarks at the Spaghetti Dinner and Mayor's Challenge that it was the generosity of the ROTC program's many loyal supporters which made this trip possible.

## MAYOR ANNOUNCES NEW SENIOR HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANT AND CONTINUATION OF THE HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Linden is now offering low income seniors who own and reside in their home a grant of up to \$5,000 to do repairs to their homes. Eligible improvements include the repair or replacement of a substandard heating system, electrical and plumbing systems, and repairs to correct code violations, new roofs, windows and doors, and other improvements that will upgrade their homes. In order to be eligible, senior homeowners must be current on their property taxes and mortgage and meet the income qualifications for the program. There is a one-time payment to the contractor from the program at the completion of all of the repairs under the grant program.

In addition to the senior grant program, the City of Linden has funds available for low and moderate income homeowners who reside in their homes for improvements that include heating system upgrades, electrical and plumbing systems, exterior improvements and

improvements to correct code violations. The Linden Home Improvement Program provides funds up to \$24,999 in an interest free deferred loan to do needed repairs to their homes. As a deferred loan, no payments are made on the loan until the home is sold or title is transferred. Homeowners participating in the program will also benefit from a review of the cost estimates, the preparation of a detailed work write-up and inspections to assure that all work being done is completed in a satisfactory manner.

Both programs have limited funding; homeowners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The programs are being administered by Development Directions LLC, at 2109 St. Georges Ave., Rahway, NJ.

Homeowners who are interested in more information on the City of Linden Senior Grant Program or the City of Linden Home Improvement Program can call the Development Directions offices at 732-382-8100.

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## Message from the Mayor



Each year the Gateway Chamber of Commerce awards a Mayor of the Year award at its annual Mayor's Dinner. The award recognizes the mayor who works best with their business community. This year's award was bestowed upon Linden Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka. The following is his acceptance speech.

"I would like to thank the Gateway Chamber of Commerce for honoring me with the Union County Mayor of the Year Award. It's easy to be a business friendly mayor in Linden because all of the city workers, department heads

and private organizations contribute to a business friendly atmosphere. In Linden we have a Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Construction Code Department that work to accommodate business, not obstruct it.

Linden has a great relationship with business groups, the Gateway Chamber of Commerce, the Linden Industrial Association whose longevity speaks for the quality of this organization as they observe their 75th year, and the Linden Chamber of Commerce, which is a growing, vibrant business organization.

I also would like to commend Mike Bono, of our Special Improvement District for beautifying our Wood Avenue business district and encouraging shoppers to shop in downtown Linden. He has now taken on a new task, which is to work with the landlords to fill the vacant stores on N. Wood Avenue, which every business district in Union County is experiencing.

Our Linden Economic Development Director, Ron Stefanowicz must be recognized for his untiring efforts to promote development in our great city. I have never seen anybody better at networking. In fact, he is so good at it that he will be traveling to Shandong, China to promote Linden, all at the expense of the Chinese government.

Thank you again for this honor, and remember Linden is big enough to lead but small enough to care."

*Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka*

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

### LINDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Conference meetings will be held in the Council Office. Regular meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Linden, New Jersey.

Conference Meeting: Apr. 19 - 6 p.m.  
Prior to Council Meeting: Apr. 21 & 27 - 6 p.m.  
Council Meeting: Apr. 21 & 27 at 7 p.m.

### PLANNING BOARD

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Room, City Hall, Linden, New Jersey.

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Meetings are held at City Hall, normally on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.  
All meetings are open to the public.

### LINDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular meetings are held in the auditorium, Linden, High School  
121 W. St. Georges Avenue.  
No April meetings

## A WEALTH OF LINDEN INFORMATION ONLINE

The next time you need to know what's going on in town, or to look for a municipal phone number, or who to speak to regarding city services check Linden's website.

**[linden-nj.org](http://linden-nj.org)**

Find the Linden Chamber website through the "Affiliates" link on: **[gatewaychamber.com](http://gatewaychamber.com)**

## GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

For additional event information call the Chamber at 908-352-0900 or visit our website at [www.gatewaychamber.com](http://www.gatewaychamber.com)

**8:00 PM APRIL 6**  
**SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL**  
Kenilworth Inn,  
Boulevard & 31st Street, Kenilworth

**8:45 AM APRIL 8**  
**WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
Chamber Office Conference Room,  
135 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth

**8:30 AM APRIL 9**  
**LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
John T. Gregorio Center, 330 Helen Street,  
Linden 07036

**8:00 AM APRIL 13**  
**VETERANS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**  
Food, 339 Springfield Avenue, Summit

**8:30 AM APRIL 14**  
**KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING**  
Kenilworth Public Library,  
548 Boulevard, Kenilworth

**6:00 PM APRIL 14**  
**NJ REAL ESTATE SOCIAL NETWORK**  
The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood  
**11:45 AM APRIL 15**

**GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN LUNCHEON**

La Casa di Martino,  
301 West Clay Avenue, Roselle Park,

**6:00 PM APRIL 20**  
**IRISH BUSINESS ASSOC. MEETING**  
Molly Maguire's Irish Pub & Restaurant,  
1085 Central Avenue, Clark

**8:00 AM APRIL 16**  
**SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING**  
Fiddlers Elbow Country Club,  
811 Rattlesnake Bridge Road, Bedminster

**8:45 AM APRIL 27**  
**LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING**  
Linden City Hall (Planning Room #3),  
301 North Wood Avenue, Linden

**8:30 AM APRIL 28**  
**CLARK CHAMBER GROUP**  
Visit our website for location.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MONDAY, MAY 3**  
**GATEWAY 36th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**  
Suburban Golf Club, Morris Avenue, Union

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### VENDORS NEEDED FOR FLEA MARKET

**SATURDAY, MAY 1 - 9 AM-4 PM**

Elizabeth-Linden Elks Lodge  
228 East Elm Street  
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Spots are \$20.00 if you have your own table,  
and \$30.00 if we supply you with one.

Please contact Vickie at  
ElizabethLindenElks289@yahoo.com

### MARDI GRAS THEMED TRICKY TRAY

**TO BENEFIT THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17**

Doors open at 5 pm, drawings being at 6:30 pm.  
JTG Center, 330 Helen St., Linden

\$8 Admission  
Includes Mardi Gras beads  
25 free prize tickets  
Coffee or tea and cake

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Get your tickets in advance at  
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or by calling Delores Hynes at 908-925-0263  
Limited tickets available at the door.

### PASTA DINNER

**TO BENEFIT LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010 FROM 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.**

The Kiwanis Club of Linden will be hosting a  
Pasta Dinner at the John T. Gregorio Recreation  
Center, located at 400 Helen Street in Linden.  
The Club invites the community to join them for  
a delicious, home-cooked, Italian-style dinner.

The donation is \$10 and can be paid at the  
door. Proceeds from the dinner will fund  
Scholarship Awards for Linden High School  
Seniors.

### MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS ANNOUNCE AUDITIONS

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### JERSEY SOUND TICKETS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17, FROM 7:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT**

St. John the Apostle Church presents an  
Evening with Jersey Sound in the Sr. Donna  
Marie O'rien Auditorium.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Tom  
Dutkiewicz at 732-827-2941 or by going to the  
St. John the Apostle Rectory, located at 1805  
Penbook Terrace, Linden, NJ.

Tickets can also be purchased after Saturday  
and Sunday masses. The price per person is  
\$30.00 and includes light fare food, beer, wine  
and soda. Tickets can be purchased the night of  
the event for \$35.00. Don't forget to bring your  
dancing shoes.

Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the show  
will start at 8:00 p.m.

### Friends of Linden Animal Shelter TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER - APRIL 10th, 2010

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11:00-3:00

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# LINDEN FAMILIES GET ENGAGED, EXCITED AND INVOLVED

A family night out is not uncommon in Linden Public Schools. Having family-focused evenings at our schools is designed to help parents and families help their children thrive both in and out of school. These themed evenings feature guidance from our own teachers or a guest speaker from the community on topics that can help enrich the family unit.



(above) Linden School No. 1 teacher Lori DeMarzo assists Daisy Bermejo on safely navigating the Internet.

Family Technology Nights at Linden school No. 1 are workshops which are free to the families of the community. The sessions introduce parents to how the Internet and computers support learning. Parents and families are taken through the steps of how to use the computer, compose a research paper, and safely navigate the Internet through a series of workshops taught by the teachers of Linden. Parents and families come away with the latest computer technology and terminology that have an impact on learning at school and home. With this new knowledge parents can be more involved in their children's education.

Photos by Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools

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(above) The Bajana family of School No. 9 enjoyed learning math as a family and with friends.

Family Math Night is a way for parents and children to talk and work together while learning. It also provides a time and place where communication can take place between teachers and the family. Parents have the opportunity to speak with teachers about how math is being taught. They are also able to work on math activities with their children, share in their children's learning, and play a variety of games used in class to help develop math concepts. Check with your school for upcoming nights.



(above) Linden High School winners of the Hispanic Artists Painters are 1st place Jeimmy Mendez, 2nd place Arlyn Felix, and 3rd place Jianna Salgado.

Another great way to celebrate time as a family was to come out and learn about World Language artists, cultures and traditions. The Linden High School Hispanic Art gallery was created by Hispanic Heritage students in Mrs. Rodriguez's class. Students studied the lives and works of various Hispanic artists. Each student

replicated the work of their chosen artist with acrylics on a canvas medium. The exhibition was a collaborative effort between teachers of Linden High School who supported the students in the research, writing, painting techniques and the technology used to present the final project. Through this project the rich diversity of Linden High School and the community of Linden were seen through visual art which fostered an appreciation for the heritage and culture of Spanish-speaking people. The exhibition was open to the public and many members of the Linden High School family came out in support.



(above) The Saldanha family enjoyed dinner and played some family games of bingo.

We all know dinner with the family is a good thing. Spending time together keeps the doors of communication open. Linden School No. 10 PTA had the perfect time and place to reconnect and to show our students that they are your priority. All of the Linden Parent Teacher Associations hold monthly meetings and many family events. Dinner with the Linden School No. 10 family and spending time together playing bingo was an even better way to regroup, to take a deep breath and spend some quality time with your family.

These are just a few of the many family and community events that take place through out the year in all of our schools. Community connections and parent partnerships are important for the success of our students. For more information on family events please call your school.

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# CONOCOPHILLIPS, PENN STATE LAUNCH 2010 CONOCOPHILLIPS ENERGY PRIZE

On March 17, 2010, ConocoPhillips [NYSE: COP] and Penn State University launched the 2010 ConocoPhillips Energy Prize, a competition that recognizes original and actionable solutions that can help improve the way the United States develops and uses energy.

The competition, which began in 2008, awards up to \$300,000 and recognizes innovative ideas and solutions in three areas: developing new energy sources, improving energy efficiency, and combating climate change.

The ConocoPhillips Energy Prize will accept entries through May 21 and is open to all U.S. residents who are at least 18 years of age at the time of entry. Entrants must submit a comprehensive proposal via the Internet at [www.conocophillips.com/energyprize](http://www.conocophillips.com/energyprize) or by mail.

Up to five finalists will be selected by a qualified panel of expert judges to present their submissions in October. Submissions will be judged on the basis of creativity, scalability, commercial viability and sustainability.

“Securing the nation’s energy future will require innovative ideas that maximize existing resources, create sustainable and diverse energy supplies, and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” said Stephen R. Brand, ConocoPhillips Senior Vice President, Technology. “For the last two years the

ConocoPhillips Energy Prize has recognized a number of talented individuals and teams, and this year the award will again recognize some of the nation’s brightest minds as they work to address the country’s challenging energy issues.

ConocoPhillips and Penn State awarded the 2009 ConocoPhillips Energy Prize to Scott Anderson and team for their innovation, the ECO-Auger™, a hydrokinetic machine that converts moving water from river and ocean currents to renewable electric energy. Its hydraulic storage pressure compensation system guarantees constant energy output regardless of tidal current strength.

For more information and the official rules of the 2010 ConocoPhillips Energy Prize, please

visit [www.conocophillips.com/energyprize](http://www.conocophillips.com/energyprize).

## ABOUT CONOCOPHILLIPS

ConocoPhillips is an integrated energy company with interests around the world. Headquartered in Houston, the company had approximately 30,000 employees, \$153 billion of assets, and \$149 billion of revenues as of December 31, 2009. For more information, go to [www.conocophillips.com](http://www.conocophillips.com).

## ABOUT THE PENN STATE EMS ENERGY INSTITUTE

The EMS (Earth and Mineral Sciences) Energy Institute at Penn State is a leading research and development organization focused on clean energy technologies that will assist the nation in meeting its growing demands. For more information, go to [www.energy.psu.edu](http://www.energy.psu.edu).

# LINDEN SENIORS CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK’S DAY



The members of Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Academy Forensics Team did outstanding work at the Declamation competition held by the Union County Catholic League of Forensics in February.

(left) David Tibbs (front) won a 2nd place ribbon for his moving rendition of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Pictured with David are Judge, Sara Pender, Christopher Mendoza, Debbie Charles, Jean Charles, Ashley Forbes, and Moderator Lorraine Sarra.

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 2010 INDUCTEES

The selection committee of the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame Inc. has announced the following inductees as their Fourth Class to be enshrined.

2010 Inductees: Harold Carter, Wally Daniels\*, Daryl Devero, Edward Eska\*, Bob Hoffer, Seymour Kaplowitz\*, Frank Krysiak\*, Fred Luongo, Ted Lyons\*, Al Nogi\*, Bob Riesener, Bob Smith\*, Jamall Tate, 1979 Linden High School Baseball Team

\* Old Timers – Participated Prior to 1950

The Fourth Class of the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame will be enshrined at an induction dinner to be held at Amici’s III Ristorante, 1700 W. Elizabeth Avenue, Linden at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 25, 2010. If you are interested in attending the dinner and meeting some of Linden’s most outstanding athletes, you can call Santa Goleme for tickets at 908-486-8250 between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm, Monday through Friday or Chairman Manny Riggi at 732-259-0614. Ticket cost is \$60.00 per person.

# LINDEN SENIORS CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK’S DAY

The Linden Retired Men’s Club held a St. Patrick’s Day Party for members and their guests on March 16th at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden. The hall was decked with Irish decorations including shamrocks, balloons and leprechauns.

There were 93 seniors in attendance. Everyone was dressed in green, the men wore green derbies and the women wore shamrock necklaces.

The event was catered and entertainment included Irish music, songs and Irish dancers from the Davis Academy of Irish Dance and the Shea Deirdre School of Irish Dancers.

Joseph Czajkowski, a Men’s Club member, dressed in Irish kilts and played the bagpipes for the members.

The Retired Men’s Club is the largest and most active club for the senior citizens of Linden, sponsored by the Dept. of Public Property and Community Services. It is open to

all senior men and women of Linden

The Club continues to grow due to the many social events such as themed parties, trips to dinner shows and Atlantic City.

The Club meets every Tuesday at 1:00 pm at the JTG Recreation Center. Anyone wishing to join may call the center at 908-474-8627.



(above) Joseph Czajkowski playing bagpipes

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# SPOTLIGHT ON LINDEN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Linden Emergency Medical Services’ mission is “to deliver the highest quality of pre-hospital emergency medical care to the residents and visitors of the City of Linden through a unified team effort of caring and highly trained medical professionals.”

The Linden EMS was established 66 years ago as a non-profit organization staffed by volunteer members of the community who recognized the need for the City of Linden to establish its own ambulance service. Today, Linden EMS, Inc. remains a non-profit organization governed by a community based volunteer Board of Trustees.



### COMMUNITY’S HEARTBEAT SINCE 1944

	1944	Today
Population of Linden	24,000	47,000
Number of Ambulances	1	4
Volunteers & Career EMTs	12	45
Medical Emergency Calls	200	3,286
Operating Budget	\$25,000	\$650,000
Fund Drive Donations	\$10,000	\$34,000

The combined staff of 45 volunteers and career EMTs respond to medical emergencies in the City of Linden 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Since their inception, the Linden EMS has treated thousands of patients. In 2009 Linden EMS was dispatched 3,286 times; treated 3,038 patients and transported 2,415 patients to local hospitals.

Linden EMS provides free service to: Linden football games; Project Graduation; Tree Lighting; Cultural Festivals; Halloween Festivities; and many other Linden events.

The EMS provides a variety of classes with on-site training to fit your work schedule: Basic First Aid, First Responder, Blood Borne Pathogens, CPR (workplace & healthcare provider), Workplace emergency response team.

Although a large part of the organizations operating budget is funded through Medicare and other insurance companies, they still rely on the community to supplement the funding for many programs.

One of their biggest program achievement is a week-long, comprehensive summer program called “Camp 9 1 1”. CAMP 911 is offered to Linden students. The camp is a comprehensive program in conjunction with the Linden Fire Department, Linden Police Department and other outside public safety agencies.

The students will experience life as an EMT, Firefighter and Police Officer and will participate in CPR and First Aid training as well as watch live demonstrations with the Jaws of Life, tour a smoke filled house and learn fingerprinting techniques. These students will obtain the necessary knowledge of the public safety agencies in their community as well as team building skills and the value of community service and volunteerism. This program is being delivered at NO CHARGE to the students or their parents.

Last year, Linden businesses donated over \$3,600 in financial contributions as well as provided in-kind services such as bus transportation and lunches. The camp was a great success and attended by forty children. Safety N.E.T. Kids: a program designed to promote child safety, and raise awareness of child abuse and abductions; a part of Camp 911.

The budgeted amount for the 2010 camp is \$4,500 to cover the cost of training materials, supplies, lunches, tee-shirts, transportation and staff payroll. Therefore, the Linden EMS is asking for corporate sponsors to offset these costs. Marcelo Adinolfi, Executive Director said “We would appreciate any assistance you can offer us as we kick off this valuable opportunity for our local youth.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our office at 908-474-8623.”

Linden EMS, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization; TIN 226043004; therefore donations are tax deductible.

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(above) EMS hosted the March meeting of the Linden Chamber of Commerce in attendance were Barbara Naia, President of the Linden EMS Ladies Auxiliary, Mayor Richard Gerbounka; Marcelo Adinolfi, Executive Director, and Ben Sheedy, member Board of Directors.

## TENNIS ANYONE?

The Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services is sponsoring Tennis Classes for all Linden residents ages 5 to 13. Classes will be held at the Wilson Park Tennis Courts, Orchard Terrace in Linden on seven consecutive Saturdays starting May 15th and ending on June 26th. The cost is \$20.00 per child and everyone receives a Tee-shirt. Children will be divided into the following age groups and receive instruction at the times listed.

- CLASS #1: Ages 7 – 8 9:00 am -10:00 am
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- CLASS #3: Ages 11-13 11:00 am -12:00 noon
- BIDDI CLASS: Ages 4 – 6 12:00 noon -1:00 pm

Youngsters should wear sneakers and bring water with them. They should also bring their tennis rackets with them. For the BidDI Class (ages 4-6), tennis rackets will be provided to those who need them. Classes are limited to twenty-five (25) youngsters each and are on a first come, first served basis.

Registration begins April 1st and runs through May 7th at any of the Linden Recreation Centers (605 S. Wood Ave, 330 Helen St. or 1025 John St.) or on line at [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org) and click onto CommunityPass.

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## STUDENTS BRINGING LITERATURE TO LIFE

Linden High School held its first “Bringing Literature to Life” contest. Students were encouraged to dress as their favorite literary character or favorite author. The audience at Linden High School saw colorful characters from literature come to life in a lesson designed to promote reading, imagination and an interest in books. By role playing, the students were able to personify the characters, and in turn find the value in the meaning of the literature. The students had conversations and responded to



(above) Harsh Shah & Jerome Batts have evolved into Phantom of the Opera and Langston Hughes.

questions as that character would respond. Role playing became captivating. As educators, the teachers of Linden Public Schools are always looking for ways to spark students' interest to read quality literature. The students went away full of enthusiasm and learned that literature is enjoyable and can come alive. This is one of the many innovative lessons that take place in our classrooms. The students were judged on their knowledge and their ability to portray the character.



(above) Rachel Verinder of Moonstone is being portrayed by Glisban Machado-Rojas of Linden High School.

## ALUMNI ARTIST VISITS HS

Johanna showed her 4th year portfolio work and some professional pieces to the class. She emphasized strong composition as well as solving all her problems in the sketch phase before working on her final piece. This correlates into the work for our International Baccalaureate program as well as the illustrative work for Teen Arts Festival. She also explained her use of unity, perspective, color theory (especially the use of tertiary colors and pseudo blacks), principles of design that are emphasized in the arts program at Linden High School. The program at Linden High School offers an introduction to skills necessary for success in the competitive world of studio and graphic arts.



(above) Johanna Contreras, a graduate of Linden HS came back to speak to art students. Johanna was accepted to the prestigious School of Visual Arts School in N.Y.C. where she earned her BFA in Illustration and is pursuing a career in children s book illustration.

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# HS STUDENTS DECA CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION STATE WINNERS

Advisors Holly Sepulveda, Antoinette Modrak and winners: Kyle Frazier- 1st Place Entrepreneurship; Angelika Drozd and Milena Drozd- 1st Place for Community Service Project; Alex Cerna/Mohammed Hossain- 3rd Place International Business Plan; Mohammed Hossain- 2nd Place Principles of Marketing.

The students now qualify for the national competition to be held on April 24th in Louisville Kentucky. Students will be competing with schools from across the nation, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico.

Linden High School's DECA chapter also won an award for outstanding service in the state civic conscientious project and has raised close to 2,000 for charities such as Cancer Research and NJ4Haiti. Students are involved in after

school activities and excel in academics, leadership and community service.

The following students won the New Jersey Marketing Educators Association (NJMEA) Central Region Scholarship: Bianca Lominy, Joseph Appello, Viviana Montanez. These students were given awards based on academics, involvement in DECA, and community service.

If you would like to support our team please send donations to Antoinette Modrak

DECA Advisor Linden High School Academy  
128 W. St. Georges Avenue  
Linden NJ 07036. She can be reached at  
(908) 486-2212

or email: amodrak@linden.k12.nj.us

All checks are to be written to Linden High School Student Activities Fund attention DECA.

# MIDDEL SCHOOL MATH CLUB COMPETES



(above) McManus Middle School students Robert Borrero and Akash Verma work together as a team to solve the problem.

McManus and Soehl Middle Schools in Linden have added excitement to the mathematics curriculum through an extracurricular academic program known as the Middle School Math Club. This academic club inspires excellence, confidence, curiosity and encourages students to develop a love of mathematics.

The highlight of the club season is the two mathematics competitions between students from both middle schools. This competition fosters social interactions and friendships prior to high school with a special after school day that offers an exciting opportunity for motivated students to explore math as a district wide group.

The competition provides the perfect atmosphere for students to excel and have fun as they work in teams. Pencils and calculators in hand, students work collaboratively to beat the clock answering math challenges in a round robin format. Teams then advance to a final round which includes an electronic Jeopardy format. There is lots of excitement as the students buzz in for their chance to "ask the question". A final Jeopardy completes the competition. Medals for the winning teams and certificates of participation for all are awarded. Proud parents beam as their son or daughter receive awards.

The clubs are led by Ms. Christine Mantz and Ms. Patricia McCarthy at McManus Middle School and Ms. Barbara Sorenson and Ms. Diane West at Soehl Middle School. The teachers of Linden Public Schools provide the tools for our students to obtain the knowledge that makes mathematics enjoyable and relevant in their everyday life.



Photo by Sally Stevens, Linden Public Schools

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David Ventura,  
Mahmoud Shehata,  
Derrick Cosby Hurling,  
Natalia Stypulkowski,  
James Howlett,  
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# LINDEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. CREATING A STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN

The City of Linden is the process of creating a strategic vision that will assist the city to transition from a city of heavy industry to a city of retail business, professional services and light industry. Three years ago, the Linden Economic Development Corp. started the initiative to bring the City of Linden to the attention of federal, state and county elected officials the potential of economic development opportunities in Linden. This was accomplished by a publication that identified a Linden Economic Development Vision that became the basis for the current Linden Strategic Vision project.

The LEDC Director participation in a NJ round table session on Economic Development, caught the interest of Rutgers University, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. Their interest in Lindens Economic Development Corp. business strategy plans was the business elements identified to improve municipal sustainability and quality of life for its residents. Rutgers University thinks the proposed business elements to improve municipal sustainability are original and novel ideas that can produce positive results for municipality sustainability. This strategic plan has also caught the attention of business developers who are looking to establish businesses in Linden.

The NJ Department of Consumer Affairs, Department of Smart Growth has awarded the

City of Linden a grant to formulize a Strategic Vision Plan. This plan will identify the strength and challenges to the City as it transitions from an Industrial City to a different business development opportunities. The Strategic Vision Plan will also identify those critical and essential things that will need to be addressed by the City of Linden as it moves into the future.

The project is co-managed by Ron Stefanowicz the LEDC Director and Professor Leo Vasquez and Martin Robbins who have distinguished credentials in municipal and transportation planning. An essential part of the Project Team is a steering committee comprised of members from Linden's residents, business and professional community. These committee members collectively possess knowledge of the city's needs, resident's desires for a quality of life and the interests of a diverse city.

The successful result of the project will be a living document to assist the governing body with a road map of priorities for municipal sustainability. At this time, interviews with the city notables are being planned, such as the mayor, city council president, superintendent of schools, treasurer, planning board members, etc. There will be a website to report to the public the progress of this project and open public meetings with residents to gather their input to the plan.

Critical elements of the Strategic Vision

Project is traffic volumes, Linden road infrastructure to support business and residential circulation, economic development business support, city sewer and drainage infrastructure, grants, land usage and reclaiming abandoned properties, brownfields, energy efficiency, financial asset planning, shared services, information technology for government cost control and productivity.

For additional Linden Strategic Vision project information contact Linden Economic Development Corp. Office at 908-474-8405.

### MEMBERS OF LINDEN STRATEGIC VISION STEERING COMMITTEE ARE:

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# McMANUS SCHOOL ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

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(above) Matthew Crawford has proven his results and is proud to hold the bowling ball.



(above) The Honorable Mayor Richard Gerbounka participated in the McManus science fair as a judge. Melany Peralta listens to the questions the Mayor asks and explains her discoveries and research results.



(above) Dr. Brooke Maslo interviews students at the McManus Science Fair.



(above) Amy Carcamo and Anastasia Maresco brought samples of their results.



(above) McManus student Chelsea Yates is prepared to be judged.

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