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(right, back row, l-r) Linden PAL Director Officer Daniel Kuczynski; Linden 10th Ward Councilman Adam Kuczynski; Assistant Linden PAL Director Daryl Spruill; Volunteer Coach Marvin Burlus; (Middle row, l-r) Karisma Lewis, 11; Alexis Rodriguez, 11; Ramo Julius, 10; Trinity Dorf, 9; (Front row, l-r) R.J. Overton, 9; Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka; Marcus Burlus, 9.



IT'S THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON



(above) A grand performance by Linden High School NJROTC cadets opened up the Chinese New Year celebration in Linden Public Schools celebration of the Year of the Dragon. See full story on pages 12 and 13.

RENOVATED NAPOLI REOPENS



(above) Everest Mulaj Napoli Pizza & Pasta created an intimate dining room to complement his new sit-down dining menu. Napoli also has a full separate menu for take-out, delivery and catering. It is reprinted on page 15.

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Message from the Mayor

I'm asking all Linden residents and community members to support a city wide effort to patronize our local businesses and merchants when you need services or merchandise. Remember, they are the entities that contribute to and support charities, programs and projects run by the City of Linden and the Board of Education.

As we enter 2012, I would like to remind all Linden residents that our economic downturn continues on a city, state and national level. That is why I suggest that all Linden residents consider patronizing our local commercial establishments for the products and services they need.

Please support the people that support us.

Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka

CITY MEETING DATES

LINDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Conference meetings will be held in the Council Office. Regular meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, LindenCity Hall.

Conference Meeting: February 20, 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting: February 21, 7:00 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

February 15

Regular meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Soehl Middle School

300 East Henry St.

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Planning Board Room at City Hall.

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.

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The City of Linden has been notified that it has been selected to receive one of the "Space Shuttle White Pines". The tree is being provided by the NJDEP Forest Service.

The Eastern White Pine seedling was grown from seeds that traveled aboard the space shuttle flight of April 4, 1997. Seeds from the New Jersey Forestry Tree Nursery were provided to NASA for their flight. The seeds traveled at 17,4000 M.P.H. for a distance of 1.4 million miles!

Once the seeds were returned to the New Jersey Forest Service, they were germinated at the program's greenhouse in Jackson as part of the Heritage Tree Program. Of particular note – the germination rate of White Pine seeds is usually 10-14 days. The seeds that traveled on the space shuttle germinated in half that time!

The Linden Shade Tree Commission has also planted fifteen Linden Trees in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the City of Linden. Five have been planted at the Linden Public Library, and one of each of the remaining 10 were planted in prominent locations in each of the 10 Wards of the City.

The Linden Shade Tree Commission is planning to hold an Arbor Day Celebration in early May of 2012 to dedicate these special trees. Plaques will be developed and installed over the next few months for both the 150th Anniversary Trees and the Space Shuttle Tree.

The Shade Tree commission has selected a location at the Linden Public Library to plant the Space Shuttle Tree so that it will be accessible for all citizens to admire and reflect upon.

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This male victim, Arman Choudhry, 28, was crossing East Elizabeth Avenue in front of the Mexican Tropical Restaurant located at 25 East Elizabeth Avenue. The dark-colored sedan that struck the victim was traveling westbound, and fled the scene. It was a dark and rainy evening. Anyone with information is asked to contact Union County Crime Stoppers. No personal questions will be asked.

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FEBRUARY MEETINGS/PROGRAMS

Three luncheon meetings are scheduled for February 9th, 16th and the 23rd at 12:15 pm at

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located at 611 W. Edgar Road in Linden
Programs:

February 16

Topic: Kiwanis Updates

Speaker: June Lazaro

February 23

Topic: Are Generic Medications Safe?

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Vineet Parikh, PharmD – Clinical
Pharmacist

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For information about membership and/or attending Linden Kiwanis Club luncheon meetings, contact Kiwanis Club of Linden President, June Lazaro, at Primerica, by calling (908) 687-9008.

INFINEUM AND OTHERS HELP KIWANIS CLUB SUPPORT CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

Kiwanis Club of Linden members, with the help of Conoco Phillips, Infineum, K- Kid Clubs of Linden Public Schools and of course our Linden community, raised \$2,000 for Children's S pecialized Hospital. Money was raised as a result of the 2011 Halloween Walkathon at the Linden elementary schools. Thank you to all who contributed. Truly a great cause, Children

supporting Children.

Kiwanis Club of Linden provides leadership and service opportunities for youth through its Service Leadership Programs. K-Kids are part of Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs and they are sponsored by the Linden Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.



(above,l-r) Danielle Piscino, Linden School No. 4 K-Kids advisor; Beth Anne Myarick, Community Relations Director of Children's Specialized Hospital; Dr. Rocco Tomazic, Superintendent of Linden Public Schools; Lois I. Bass, Community Relations Coordinator Infineum USA L.P.; June Lazaro, President of Kiwanis Club of Linden, Anthony Cataline, Principal of Linden School No. 4.



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Middlesex County College in January. Linden High School's DECA took 39 students to this competition. The students did very well with 15 of the students qualifying in Cherry Hill, NJ to move on to compete at the State level. Out of those 15 students, 5 placed in the top 3 of their event.

The Linden High School DECA chapter not

only competes, they also help raise money for charities. NJDECA works with the Cancer Institute of NJ to raise money for their wing. This year LHS DECA held a Vendor Night to raise money for the Cancer Institute. The students were very successful in raising \$500 for the cause. This has been something LHS has been doing for many years.



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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS VISITS CHINA

The Superintendent of Schools in Linden, Dr. Rocco Tomazic, was invited to visit China on December 25, 2011 to attend the 30th anniversary of the Xiamen Foreign Language School in Xiamen, China. The Xiamen Foreign Language School is a partner school with Linden High School. Together, Xiamen and Linden are joint Confucius Classrooms under the Confucius Institute at Rutgers University.

During the visit in Xiamen, besides attending the day-long anniversary ceremonies, Dr. Tomazic also made a presentation at a Middle

School Principal Forum for middle school principals from around Fujian Province. He spoke on the topic of managing American schools and the means to select school textbooks. During the stay in Xiamen he also made a presentation at the Confucius Institute at Xiamen University. He spoke on the topic of managing the American classroom to Chinese college students preparing to teach Chinese in the United States, drawing comparisons between Chinese and American classroom practices. Student questions were plentiful and the

presentation was videotaped for wider use in China.

Following the visit in Xiamen, Dr. Tomazic took the train north to Fuzhou to visit Fuzhou High School No. 3. This trip traced out the route for the upcoming visit by Linden High School students this March and April. While at Fuzhou High School No. 3, Dr. Tomazic gave a presentation to the students on applying to American universities emphasizing those qualities desired beyond academic proficiency, including community involvement, athletics and school leadership. A separate session was held with Fuzhou High School No. 3 students who will visit Linden High School later this month during Chinese New Year.

Designated as a model district for the Great Wall Chinese language program, after returning to Beijing Dr. Tomazic met with Dr. Song Jihua of Great Wall Chinese Center and Dr. Liu Bing, the Deputy Director of the Division of Teaching Materials, Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) to discuss the continuing implementation of the Chinese program in Linden and the activities of the Confucius Classroom. Dr. Tomazic also gave a lecture at Beijing Normal University to aspiring teachers on how to run a Chinese language program in America, emphasizing the integration of language and culture.

The Linden School District is in its fifth year of teaching Chinese, providing instruction at all levels from grades 1 to 12, including the high school International Baccalaureate Program. Twenty-five percent of the students in grades 1 through 12 are studying Chinese.



(above) Xiamen Junior High: Dr. Tomazic poses with Xiamen Foreign Language junior high school students at the fan painting craft center set up to help celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Xiamen Foreign Language School.

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LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING

JTG Center, 330 Helen Street, Linden

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Registration will take place between January 11, 2012 and May 25, 2012.

Linden Day Camps will run from June 25th through August 16th this year with hours of operation from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

The fee of \$350.00 per child can be paid all at once or in monthly \$100.00 increments.

You can register your child for a Linden Day Camp by:

A. Going to the City of Linden website at www.linden-nj.org and clicking onto CommunityPass. Follow the directions and include a payment of \$350.00 per child at the time of sign up or in \$100.00 monthly increments by submitting your Visa or MasterCard number. You can sign your child up for camp utilizing this method 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

B. If you do not have a computer, or do not have a community pass account, you may manually register your children at any City of Linden Recreation Center beginning, January 11, 2012 through May 25, 2012, from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Community Center Building, 605 So. Wood Ave. or the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. or from 9:00am to 9:00pm at the Linden Multi Purpose Center, 1025 John St.

Remember, you may only register your own child. When registering manually, you may pay the \$350.00 registration fee all at once or in \$100.00 monthly increments, by cash, check, money order or by Visa or Master Card. Completed applications should include a copy of

your child's birth certificate and parents should be prepared to show 2 proofs of residency such as a driver's license or utility bill.

It is mandatory that each camper's parent/guardian/representative attend an orientation meeting - date given at sign-up.

At the orientation, camper's Day Camp Information and Day Camp Handbooks will be distributed. If you do not attend, your child will not be allowed to begin Camp. Additionally, all necessary medical and release forms will be discussed. You will also be able to have any of your questions or concerns answered. It is important to note that Open House Orientation is a mandatory meeting for each Camper's parent/guardian/representative. Failure to attend Orientation will result in your child not being admitted to Day Camp on the first day.

Campers entering the 1st, 2nd or 3rd grades this fall can attend camp at either the Al Kalla Park or McGillvray Park. Campers entering the 4th and 5th grades this fall will attend camp at Tremley Park on Tremley Point Road; while 6th graders will attend "Sports Camp" at McManus Middle School at Edgewood Road and DeWitt Terr. Kiddie Campers entering Kindergarten this fall will attend camp at School #4, Peach Orchard Park and Girl Scout Camp is located on the hill at Wilson Park.

Any questions concerning the 2012 Linden Day Camp Program should be made to the Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services at (908) 474-8639 or 908-474-8600.

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AVINASH RAMLAKHAN ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Linden High School NJROTC cadet Avinash Ramlakhan, son of Mrs. Chand and Mr. Dru Ramlakhan, received word that he had been selected to receive a United States Navy ROTC scholarship. He is highly deserving of this honor, and will no doubt make a great Naval Officer. Avinash applied for this scholarship, was interviewed at the Navy Recruiting District of New York and was immediately informed that he would receive the Individual Scholarship Reservation. The ISR is granted by the Commanding Officer of the Recruiting District based on superior academic performance.

Avinash has also demonstrated excellence in a broad range of extracurricular activities. He is active in the Learn and Serve Program, played on the Varsity Football Team, and participates in the Youth for United Way Program, as well as the Distributive Education Clubs of America. In keeping with his goal to become an engineer he participated in the Bridge Building Competition, the Panasonic Creative Design Challenge, and Moody's Mega Math Challenge. Avinash also serves as the Treasurer for the French National



Honor Society, and as President of the student company in the Entrepreneurial Management Achievement Program.

He is an all-around great young man. Linden can expect to continue to see great things out of Mr. Ramlakhan in the future.

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR THE ROCK OPERA, THE WHO'S TOMMY

Mystic Vision Players would like to announce auditions for their 20th Anniversary summer production of The Who's Tommy. Auditions will be held at Reformed Church of Linden 600 North Wood Ave on Monday, March 26, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM; call backs will be Friday, March 30 at the same time and place. We are seeking: adults and two young boys ages 6 to 15. Please come prepared to sing 16 bars of a song in the rock and roll style of the show. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes to be able to execute a dance combination that will be taught to you. (The young boys and some adults will not be required to dance.)

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LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL EVENT CELEBRATES CHINESE NEW YEAR

Linden High School celebrated Chinese New Year (Year of the Dragon) on Monday, January 23, 2012. The event was held in the school auditorium and featured Linden students in a variety of cultural and language performances.

Joining the celebration were twenty-six visiting Chinese high school students who were on an exchange visit to Linden High School from January 20-29, 2012. The students are from the Xiamen Foreign Language School and Fuzhou High School No. 3 of Fujian Province, China.

The morning performance featured Linden High School students in a variety of Chinese events including song, dance and music. Of particular interest was the bringing to life of two Chinese lions by Richard Gerbounka, Mayor, City of Linden and Susan L. Hudak, President, Linden Board of Education. Also featured was the Chinese dragon teams performed by the Linden High School Navy Junior ROTC cadets.

Following the morning ceremony a traveling contingent of Linden High School students, together with the visiting Chinese exchange students, toured district middle schools and elementary schools to spark enthusiasm for the Chinese program. The schools had already been decorated with lanterns and other student-made crafts to celebrate Chinese New Year.

The Linden Public School District is in its fifth year of teaching Chinese, providing instruction at all levels from grades 1 to 12, including the high school International Baccalaureate Program. Twenty-five percent of

the students in grades 1 through 12 are studying Chinese, which represents nearly 975 students.

The Chinese students and teachers lived with host families in Linden and had a welcome reception at Linden High School. Linden High School students will be returning the exchange visit to Xiamen and Fuzhou in late March, early April of this year.

The Xiamen Foreign Language School is a partner school with Linden High School. Together, Xiamen and Linden are joint Confucius Classrooms under the leadership of the Confucius Institute at Rutgers University.

The Linden Public School district has signed an official agreement with The Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) for Linden to be a model K-12 school district for the new Great Wall Chinese instructional program. Linden is the first model Great Wall Chinese K-12 school district in the United States. Two Great Wall Chinese Center teachers have already visited the district to set up the computer support and student accounts necessary to implement the program.

Great Wall Chinese is a new Chinese teaching and learning system based on cutting edge network and multimedia technology. Great Wall Chinese mixes direct instruction with courseware technology, and uses a new management system for teachers to electronically monitor student progress over the Internet.

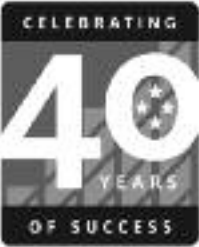
As part of the agreement, the Linden Public School district has already conducted its first

workshop for Chinese teachers from around the Northeast in October 2011.

The workshop attracted Chinese teachers from New Jersey, New York and Delaware. Attendees were introduced to the Great Wall Chinese system, and Great Wall Chinese trained teachers then demonstrated the various techniques using Linden students at the high school and middle school level.

The Linden Public School District is now in its fifth year of teaching Chinese, providing instruction at all levels from grades 1 to 12, including the high school International Baccalaureate Program. The district has over 6,000 students with 4,773 in grades 1 to 12. Of those students, 25%, or 1,195, are studying Chinese.

The Linden Public School District is designated as a model district for Bilingual and ESL education by the New Jersey Department of Education. The District teaches six world languages including Spanish, French, German, Italian, Russian and Chinese. At the high school level, students regularly participate in exchange visits to the language country of origin, and host return visits to Linden. Linden High School has a formal partnership with the Xiamen Foreign Language School in Xiamen, China. Students from Linden have visited Xiamen three times, and students from Xiamen have visited Linden twice. For more information please contact Dr. Rocco Tomazic, Superintendent of Schools 1-908-486-2800




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GRAND PERFORMANCES

A grand performance by Linden High School NJROTC cadets opened up the Chinese New Year celebration in Linden Public Schools celebration of the Year of the Dragon. Two lions awoke from their slumber to welcome in Chinese New Year. With four large traditional drums beating and colorful festive flags flying Linden High School was transformed. The traditional Chinese lion dance is supposed to bring luck and prosperity to the new year.



(above) The Chinese umbrella dances are a part of the Chinese traditional culture. The students of Linden start the dance with the umbrella opened and held over their heads, with the dancer's hands at chest level. As the dance progresses, the umbrella is gracefully moved about.



(above) Linden High School dance students performed the traditional Chinese Fan Dance. The art and tradition of the Chinese fan dance captivated the audience at Linden High School for the Chinese New Year Celebrations.



(above) Linden High School students perform the ancient tradition of Chinese Yo-Yo. This ancient spinning game is simple to learn yet provides endless levels of skill development, challenge and fun. The barbell-shaped, hollow toy is manipulated on a string tied to two sticks which are held by the player. Unlike a regular American yo-yo, the Chinese yo-yo is not attached to the string, which allows it to be tossed, resulting in many dazzling tricks.

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RUHANN PEELE OF LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL SIGNS WITH RUTGERS



Dr. Danny Robertozzi, Principal of Linden High School congratulates Ruhann Peele.



Ruhann Peele of Linden High School signed with Rutgers last week on National Signing Day for High School Student Athletes. Ruhann accepted a full scholarship and will play football in the fall at Rutgers after being offered the chance to play at several other universities.



(above) Dr. Rocco Tomazic, Superintendent of Schools commends Ruhann Peele on his accomplishment.

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Tortellini Soup	4.00
Eggplant Rollatini	7.00
<i>Eggplant stuffed with Spinach & Ricotta, topped with a light tomato sauce</i>	
Calamari Fritti	9.00
<i>Served with Marinara Dipping Sauce</i>	
Portobello Balsamic	8.50
<i>Portobello Mushroom with Gorgonzola Cheese in Aged Balsamic Vinaigrette</i>	
Mussels Fra Diavolo	8.50
Clams Casino	8.50
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<i>Calamari, Mussels, Eggplant & Stuffed Mushroom</i>	
Chicken Fingers with French Fries	6.00

Salads

<i>Add Chicken 4.00 or Steak 7.00 or Shrimp 7.00</i>	
Mixed Greens Salad	3.50
Caesar Salad	4.50
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<i>in a Pink Vodka Sauce</i>	
Ravioli Bolognese	9.95
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Applications may be picked up at the Linden Department of Public Property & Community Services office located in the Community Center Building, 605 S. Wood Avenue, Linden or the Linden Multi-Purpose Center, 1025 John Street, Linden or online at www.linden-nj.org and click onto Recreation. For further information, contact the Department at 908-474-8639.

THE LINDEN LIONS ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF PEACE POSTER CONTEST



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American Legion Post 102, located at 112 W. Elizabeth Avenue in Linden, NJ, will host a spaghetti dinner on February 18 from 4 to 8 pm to benefit the hospitalized veterans of Lyons and Menlo Veterans Homes.

The suggested donation will be \$10.00 and tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the door. A Tricky Tray and bake sale will be held during the dinner. All proceeds will benefit the hospitalized veterans.

TRINITAS CELEBRATES AMERICAN HEART MONTH

"Joyful Heart" Tea Presentation Slated for Feb. 22

In honor of American Heart Month in February, Trinitas Regional Medical Center will host two heart healthy events to help educate the community. Guests are encouraged to wear red to the events to help celebrate.

Women and men are invited to attend a second event on Wednesday, February 22, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Meherwan Joshi, MD, will again speak at the "Joyful Heart" Tea at which a light, heart-healthy dinner will be served. The event is designed to give the entire community

education and information about heart health. The event will take place at Echo Executive Plaza, Suite 1A, 899 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ.

Both events are free, but seating is limited. Please call (908) 994-8939 to RSVP to either program.

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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Department of Public Property and Community Services is currently accepting applications for nominations for this year's Annual Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year. The purpose of the award is to recognize the Linden senior citizen who has displayed exceptional service to the community.

A permanent plaque inscribed with the purpose of the award is displayed at the JTG Recreation Center and is engraved with the name of each year's Outstanding Senior Citizen. A similar plaque will be awarded to the person selected.

The Department of Public Property and

Community Services has appointed a committee, composed of the Mayor's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Recreation Committee and local civic organizations to make the final selection.

The outstanding senior citizen award will be limited to one recipient. If the committee determines that no applicants meet the award criteria, no outstanding senior will be designated. The Department of Public Property and Community Services has contacted all Linden organizations to acquaint them with the project and to invite them to submit nominations on official entry forms. Nominations from the

organizations, naming the candidates and listing detailed reasons for their nomination must be received by the Department of Public Property and Community Services by March 16, 2012. All nominees must have attained a minimum age of 65 by January 1, 2012 and must be Linden residents. The candidate's signature must be affixed to the letter of nomination. The award is presented each year at the Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration in May. Any organization wishing to submit a nomination may do so by contacting the Department of Public Property and Community Services at (908)474-8627 for additional information.



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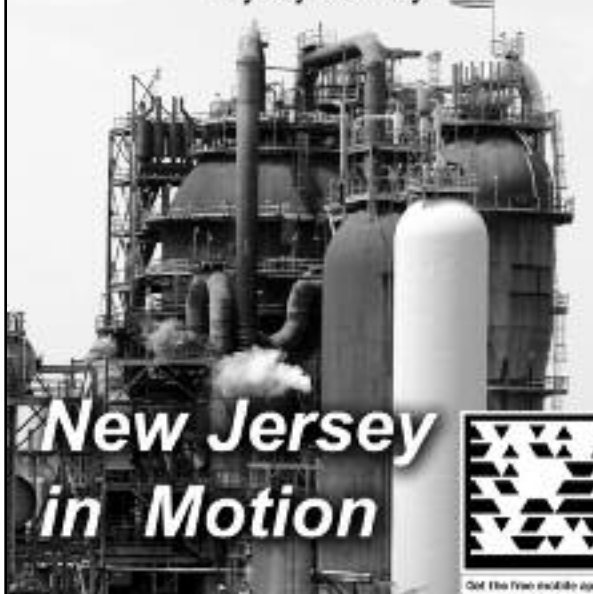
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ADULT SPRING CERAMIC CLASS

Adult Spring Ceramic Class for Linden adults 18 years of age and older. The class will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012 from 7:30pm – 9:00pm at the JTG Center. Pre-registration is required. This is a Large Project- Cost: \$20.00.

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ADULT ST. PATRICK'S DAY CERAMIC CLASS

Adult St. Patrick's Day Ceramic Class for Linden adults 18 years of age and older.

The class will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 from 7:30pm – 9:00pm at the JTG Center, 330 Helen St., Linden. Pre-registration is required. Cost \$20.00.

SENIOR LINE DANCE CLASS

Senior Citizen Line Dance Classes for all Linden senior citizens, age fifty (50) and older, will begin January 6th through March 9th at the JTG Center, Friday mornings, 10:00am - 11:00am.

Participants must be a Linden resident. Instructions will include such dances as the rhumba, cha-cha and line dancing. Besides learning and improving dance steps, dancing is an excellent way to get exercise and make friends.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

The JTG Recreation Center is a Union County Nutrition Site where nutritious lunches are served daily, Monday through Friday, at noon, for anyone 60 years of age or older. A one dollar and seventy-five cent (\$1.75) donation is suggested and reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. If you are under 60 years of age, you are also welcome to have lunch with us, the fee is \$4.00. Call Nate between 9:00am and 11:00am the day before at 908-474-8629.

ADULT ONE DAY EASTER CERAMIC CLASS

The Department of Public Property and Community services announces an Adult One Day Easter Ceramic Class for Linden adults, on Thursday, March 8, 2012 from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the JTG Recreation Center

Deadline for registration is March 7th. The fee is \$10.00 per participant. Payment can be by cash, check or money order made payable to Linden Recreation Department. Class will be limited to 30 adults. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

This is a one day, make and take project. All supplies are included. Each participant will paint and decorate a project to take home.

CHILDREN'S ONE DAY EASTER CERAMIC CLASS

Children's One Day Easter Ceramic Classes for students in Kindergarten through 8th grades, on Thursday, March 8th from 6:00pm – 7:30pm at the JTG Center.

Deadline for registration is March 7th. Registration hours are 9:00am – 4:00pm. The fee is \$10.00 per participant. Payment can be by cash, check or money order, made payable to Linden Recreation Department. Classes will be limited to 35 students. Registration will be accepted on first come, first serve basis.

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