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#### **NEXT CHAMBER MEETING JANUARY 25**

6:00 pm Sam's Club 1900 E. Linden Ave. LINDEN

#### **LINDEN'S AMERICAN LEGION POST 102 MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

will be served between 8:30 am & 12:30 pm

#### SUN, JAN 16

A special is featured monthly. The all you can eat buffet also includes eggs, sausage, bacon, toast, juice and coffee.

The cost is \$6 for children over 10 and adults. \$5 for children under 10 and seniors. Post 102 is located at 112 West Elizabeth Ave.

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#### LINDEN CITY COUNCIL REORGANI

Wednesday, January 6 with the swearing in of Linden city council members and Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka who was sworn in to serve his second term as mayor. Mayor Gerbounka's first elected position was in 1994 as 10th Ward Councilman. He served the residents of the 10th ward for 12 years and resigned position to assume that responsibilities of Mayor.

2nd Ward Councilman Richard Koziol

Councilman Peter A. Brown Jr.,

3rd Ward.

Sheehy were both sworn in to serve second terms.

Newly elected council members

The city greeted the New Year on and 7th Ward Councilman Jack include Council President James D. Moore, 3rd Ward Councilman Peter A. Brown Jr. and 5th Ward Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby Hurling.



Council President James D. Moore.



2nd Ward Mayor Richard Councilman J. Gerbounka. Richard Koziol.



Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby Hurling, 5th Ward.



Councilman Jack Sheehy, 7th Ward.

#### NDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLIDAY PARTY



(above) Linden HS NJ ROTC members introduced themselves and spoke about their future plans at the Linden Chamber of Commerce holiday party.



(above l-r) Linden Chamber of Commerce members enjoyed networking with friends and colleagues at their annual holiday party held at the Cavalier Restaurant.

## LifeinLinden.com CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

The website features up to date articles, a calendar of events, archives of KBL and photo albums of events, along with advertising opportunities. Businesses and residents are encouraged to submit items for publication through the site.

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#### **LINDEN CITY COUNCIL**

MAYOR:

Richard J. Gerbounka
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
James D. Moore – Council President
Christopher Kolibas, 1st Ward
Richard Koziol, 2nd Ward
Peter A. Brown, Jr., 3rd Ward
Derek Armstead, 4th Ward
Rhashonna Cosby Hurling, 5th Ward
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#### Message from the Mayor



I would like to wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a happy and healthy New Year.

Unfortunately, 2010 was not kind to the City of Linden; we were clearly not immune from the greatest recession since the "Great Depression.

Last year's budget was unacceptable and waiting 9 months into the budget year before city council passed it and made it impossible to make any significant savings since ¾ of our monies were already spent.

This year, we have a new council president, 2 new councilpersons and a new mindset on council determined to hold down costs and reduce spending.

I have never in my 16 years on this governing body been more optimistic about a unity of purpose on city council.

Special interest and unions will no longer have influence on our governing body. I can assure you that decisions reached will be based on the interest of the taxpayer and what is best for the common good.

Although 2011 still holds economic pitfalls, I am extremely optimistic that Linden will emerge from this year well positioned to benefit when our national economy recovers.

Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka

#### **TOWNSHIP 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: Jan. 17 at 6:00 p.m. Prior to Council Meeting:

Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Council Meeting: Jan. 18 at 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**

Regular meeting January 19 at 7:00 p.m. School # 10

Located at 2801 Highland Ave, Linden, NJ

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

#### **ADVERTISING & PRESS RELEASES**

Inquiries concerning advertising and submissions of press releases can be made to the Linden Chamber of Commerce via email or fax to:

TINA RENNA

Email: TinaRenna@RennaMedia.com

Phone: 908-418-5586 Fax: 908-709-9209

#### **GATEWAY CHAMBER EVENTS**

For additional event information call the Chamber at 908-352-0900 or visit www.gatewaychamber.com

8:30 AM JANUARY 12

KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING

Access Self Storage, 750 Boulevard, Kenilworth

6:00 PM JANUARY 12

NJ REAL ESTATE SOCIAL NETWORK MEETING

The Westwood, 439 North Avenue, Garwood

8:30 AM JANUARY 14

LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Hosted by Linden Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka The JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden

8:00 AM JANUARY 18

#### GATEWAY CHAMBER BREAKFAST SEMINAR "SOCIAL MEDIA IN AN HOUR"

presented by Don D'Alonzo,

American Insurance Services Agency

Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & S. 31st Street, Kenilworth

IRISH BUSINESS ASSOC. NETWORKING EVENT

Molly Maguire's, 1085 Central Avenue, Clark

8:00 AM JANUARY 19

EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMM. MEETING

Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & 31st Street, Kenilworth

11:45 AM JANUARY 20

GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS

WOMEN LUNCHEON MEETING

Garden Restaurant, 953 Magie Avenue, Union

8:30 AM JANUARY 25

LINDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

Sam's Club, 1900 East Linden Avenue, Linden

6:00 PM JANUARY 25

GATEWAY CHAMBER 100TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS DINNER

Newark Airport Marriott Hotel, 1 Hotel Road, Newark

8:30 AM JANUARY 26 CLARK CHAMBER GROUP

Hosted by Traci Powers at Hotel Indigo @ Rahway,

1 Carriage City Plaza, Rahway

8:00 AM JANUARY 28

SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK

Royce Brook CC, 201 Hamilton Road, Hillsborough

#### DR. MLK, JR. PROGRAM

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee is extending an invitation to the public to attend Linden's 26th Annual Ceremony commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program will begin at 11am on Monday, January 11, 2011 at the Morning Star Community Christian Center located at 1009 Chandler Ave., Linden. The guest speaker for this observance will be Imam Abdul Razaq, President of the Roselle Clergy Coalition of Roselle, N.J.

## KNITTING AND CROCHETING FOR A CAUSE

Do you have free time that you would like to donate to a worthy cause? Would you like to meet new friends? The Department of Public Property and Community Services announces, they have formed a "Knitting and Crocheting for a Cause" group and would like to invite all ages, young adult through senior citizens to join.

All you need is a basic knowledge of knitting or crocheting and a set of knitting needles or a crochet hook. We'll teach you the rest.

Meetings are held Tuesday mornings from 10:00am – 12:00 noon at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street. Projects are distributed to charitable causes.

For more information please call Department of Public Property and Community Services 908-474-8627 or visit our website at www.linden-nj.org.

#### **LINDEN REC JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

The Linden Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for the upcoming 2011 Summer Playground and Day Camp season. In order to apply, you must have completed at least one year of college and possess a knowledge of sports, games, arts and crafts and other playground activities. The salary range will be \$10.00 to \$11.00 per hour.

The Summer Playground and Day Camp season is an eight week program that begins on June 27th and runs through August 18th, Monday through Friday. This is a great opportunity to work outdoors, in a fun environment, with youngsters of all ages.

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. For further information, contact the Department at 908-474-8600 or go to www.Linden-NJ.org and click Recreation to download and application.

## 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

Find the Linden Chamber website through the "Affiliates" link on: **gatewaychamber.com** 

If you like this paper, thank an advertiser.

#### **2010 INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

Program celebrates 33rd Anniversary

The Department of Public Property and Community Services, for 30 years, has provided free tax assistance for Linden residents earning less than \$50,000. Assistance will be offered February 5th through April 15, 2010.

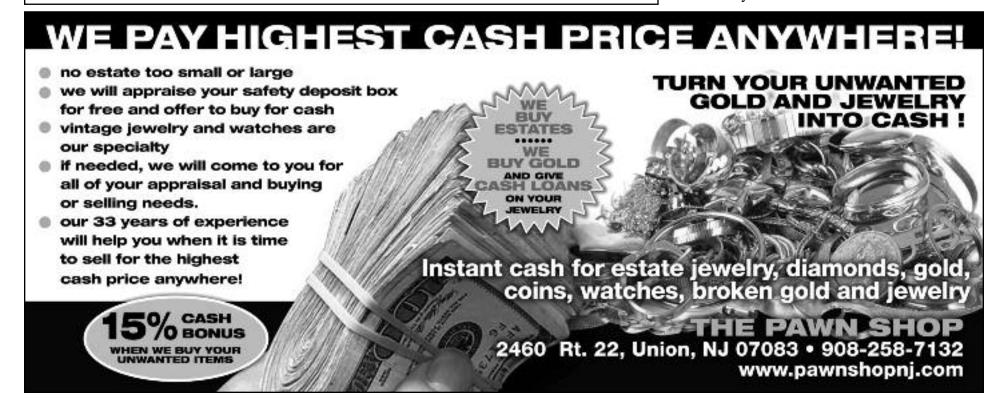
To better serve the residents of Linden, trained tax volunteers will prepare taxes at the following sites: Seventh Ward Recreation Center, Tremley Point Road - Tuesdays - 9:15am- 11:30am. JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street - Friday mornings from

9:30am – 3:00pm.

Appointments are necessary for all sites and can be made through the JTG Recreation Center at 908-474-8627. Please bring in all statements of income at the time of the appointment, including W-2 forms; all 1099 Forms for interest, dividends, stocks and bonds; social security and railroad retirement; brokerage statements; IRA letters; last years income tax; property tax bills from 2008 and 2009 and all booklets received from the IRS and state.

Tax Assistance is also available for Linden residents that are homebound due to a physical disability or frail condition. Call the JTG Center at 908-474-8627 to set up an appointment.

All the volunteers assisting with the taxes have been trained in tax law and tax return preparation by the Internal Revenue Service and are capable of assisting persons in completing forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ. Volunteers have also been instructed in the correct procedures regarding pensions, interest, itemized deductions, credits for the elderly and New Jersey State Tax Forms.



#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES / RECREATION PROGRAMS

Check our website at www.linden-nj.org (click on Recreation) and the Local Access TV station 36, for updated events and programs.

#### **COMPLETE FITNESS EXERCISE CLASS**

The Department of Public Property and Community Services announces Complete Fitness Exercise Classes for adults over the age of 18.

Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, January 19th through March 25, from 6:30pm-7:30pm and throughout the year. The cost is \$75.00- no refunds. For more information call- 908-474-8600 or check on line at www.linden-nj,.org and click onto recreation. Classes are held at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St.

#### **SENIOR CITIZEN CRAFT CLASSES**

Senior Craft Classes are held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings – 10:00am-12:00pm at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. and the 4th Tuesday of each month at the 8th Ward Recreation Center, Bedle Place from 12:30-2:30pm.

For more information call 908-474-8627.

#### YOGA/TAICHI/QIGONG

Yoga/Tai-Chi/Qi Gong classes for Linden adults. Classes are held Thursday evenings, January 21st through March 25th, 2010 at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. Cost is \$55.00 per participant.

For more information call: 908-474-8627.-Classes are also held through out the year.

#### **CHILDREN'S SOCCER**

Children's Soccer is open to Girls and Boys from 4 to 14 years of age throughout the year. Call 908-474-8600 for more information.

#### **SR. CITIZEN LINE DANCE CLASS**

Senior Line Dance Classes for Linden seniors age 50 and older will start on January 22 through March 26 at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street on Friday mornings from 10am-11am. Call 908-474-8627 for more information. Additional classes available throughout the year.

#### **WRESTLING**

Wrestling is available for boys and girls grades 1 through 6. Call 908-474-8600 for more information.

#### **CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES**

Children's Art Classes are available in the fall and winter of each year for a fee of \$10.00. Call 908-474-8600 for 2011 information.

#### **BUILDING & REPAIRING COMPUTERS**

Classes on Building and Repairing Computers are available for Linden students in grades 4 – 12 each year. Call 908-474-8600 for 2011 dates.

#### **NUTRITION PROGRAM**

The JTG Recreation Center is a Union County Nutrition Site where lunches are served daily Monday through Friday at noon for anyone 60 years of age or older. A donation of \$1.75 is suggested and reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Call 908-474-8627 for more information.

#### **CHILDREN'S CERAMIC CLASSES**

Children's Ceramic classes are offered throughout the year for students in Kindergarten through 8th grades at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. The Fee is \$10.00. Classes are as follows: Valentines Day - Feb 4, Easter- March 18, Mother's Day - April 29, Surprise-May 20, Fathers Day June 10. Other classes will be available for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Holiday. Call 908-474-8627 for more information.

#### ADULT VALENTINE CERAMIC CLASS

Adult Valentine Ceramic Class on Feb. 3 at 7:45pm (deadline to register is Feb. 2) at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. The Fee is \$10.00. Adult ceramic classes are offered throughout the year. Call 908-474-8627 for more information.

#### **CHILDREN'S SOCCER**

Children's Soccer is open to Girls and Boys from 4 to 14 years of age throughout the year. Call 908-474-8600 for more information.

#### **BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATION**

Boating Safety Certification Course is given each year for a fee of \$75.00- Watch for 2011 date. Call 908-474-8600 for more information.

#### **HYPERTENSION SCREENINGS**

Jan. 14	May 13	Sept 9
March 11	June 10	Oct 14
April 8	Aug 12	Dec. 9th

At Linden City Hall Council Chambers, 301 N. Wood Ave. from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Call the Health Department at 908-474-8411 for more information and date changes.

#### **CHILDREN'S KARATE CLASSES**

Karate Classes for Linden students 5 through 15 are held throughout the year at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. on Friday afternoons from 4:00pm-5:00pm. The cost is \$55.00 per child. Call 908-474-8627 for more information.

#### ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

on Sundays January 17 through May 2 at the PAL Building, 400 Maple Ave. Call 732-735-2945 for more information.

#### **EXERCISE ROOMS**

Exercise Rooms are available at the JTG Recreation Center (Call: 908-474-8627) and the Multi-Purpose Center (Call: 908-474-8639)

#### **MORE FOR SENIORS**

Woodshop, Bowling, Pinochle Social Clubs, Computer Classes and Bus Transportation is available for Senior Citizens. Call 908-474-8627 for more information.

#### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM**

(wireless device to transmit signal in case of an Emergency to a receiving station) is available for senior citizens. Call 908-474-8627 for more information.

#### **LINDEN LIBRARY**

Vocalist and guitarist Presley will be performing a concert on January 27, 2011 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Linden Public Library, 31 E. Henry Street. It is designed especially for the music lovers who enjoy the variety and diversity of the eras. Presley will take you down memory lane to revisit classic favorites of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Nat King Cole. You will reminisce the 60's with selections from Elvis, The Beatles, Rolling Stones and more. For the Country Music Lovers - you will enjoy hits from Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, Toby Keith and Kenny Chesney, and Presley can't leave out the famous New Jersey artists: Bruce Springsteen, Bon Jovi and Southside Johnny. For more information, or to sign up for the program, please call Dennis Purves at 908-298-3830, extension 11.

#### LINDEN PBA #42 IS COLLECTING FOOD FOR LINC'S PROGRAM

The Linden Police Department PBA #42 and Superior Officer's Association are collecting food to help supplement the city's LINC's program, which is currently serving more than 130 city families. The food donation containers are strategically placed outside of the courtroom in the city hall and in the vestibule outside of the police department near the elevator. Everyone is invited to participate with the food drive. Nonperishable food items in unbreakable containers are being accepted.

For further information contact Det/Sgt Marianne Aslin 908-474-8527 or Det Joseph Birch, PBA Local #42 president 908-474-8520.



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#### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE BOOST PEDIATRIC CENTER AT TRINITAS

House Charities will allow the Trinitas Pediatric Health Center to extend staffing and hours of operation to accommodate an overwhelming number of phone calls and walk-ins from parents requesting an appointment either for a sick or well child visit.

"The economic downturn has left a growing number of families without insurance, and in just the last several years, four local hospitals have closed their doors. This has resulted in many more families looking to our Pediatric Health Center for care," explained Nadine Brechner, Chief Development Officer and Executive Director of the Trinitas Health Foundation. Approximately 9,000 families from communities including Elizabeth, Linden, Carteret, Hillside, Roselle, Roselle Park and Union seek care for their children at the Center.

According to Maribeth Santillo, Director of preventive care. There will be a long-term

A \$24,000 grant from Ronald McDonald Nursing, Emergency and Ambulatory Care, "In addition to this large number of visits, every month the Center's nursing staff receive and handle approximately 750-800 phone calls which may include questions about a sick or injured child requiring an appointment or general health issues which may require guidance or referral."

> "The generous support of Ronald McDonald Charities will allow Trinitas to build on the Pediatric Health Center's capacity. This grant will expand office hours at least three days per week and enable the staff to arrange 60-70 additional patient appointments per week," Brechner explained. "With increased hours of operation, patients and families can expect reduced wait times. In addition, the Center's staff will be able to tend to children before their illness reaches a critical level. There will also be more opportunities to educate parents on

benefit and positive impact on the number of children who need our care, the frequency of their visits, and the overall health of the children in our region."

"All of us at Ronald McDonald House Charities are so pleased that these grant dollars will make such a dramatic difference for the children of Union County. This is what we're all about," explained Janice Mulligan, Coordinator of the New York Tri-State Area Chapter of Ronald McDonald House Charities, at center presenting a check to Gary S. Horan, President & CEO of Trinitas. Also at the checkpresentation ceremony was Elke De La Cruz, owner/operator of the McDonald's restaurant on North Broad Street, Elizabeth, third from right.

According to Brechner, "We are very grateful to Elke, whose long-time support of Trinitas included assistance in obtaining this grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities. She has been a true champion for our patients."

#### LINDEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LECTURES AT KEAN UNIV. INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

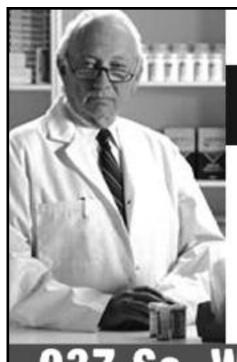
for Chinese Government officials and business people in U.S. Public Administration and organizations. The Chinese delegation at the invitation of various NJ government officials and agencies attended the training sessions presented at Kean University, Nathan Weiss Graduate School.

Ron Stefanowicz, LEDC, Executive Director, received an invitation to lecturer to the Chinese delegation on the subject of understanding

Kean University conducted training sessions Chinese Macro and Micro Economic policies needed to move China from a totally government-controlled planning system to a market-oriented capitalist system. Since 1978, China has successfully implemented various reform policies to increase economic growth and to improve the quality of public life.

Stefanowicz is a retired Principal of an International Business and Technology Consulting firm. He assisted U.S. Fortune 50 Corporations to establish Global business

operations in sixty countries. Stefanowicz spent over eight years in China working with the Chinese government to establish U.S.corporate operations and market presence in Hong Kong, Taiwan and China Mainland. In May of this year, he received an invitation by the Chinese Government to participate in an international seminar on China-US Economic, Business and Technology Exchange. The seminars were conducted in several municipalities in the Shandong province.



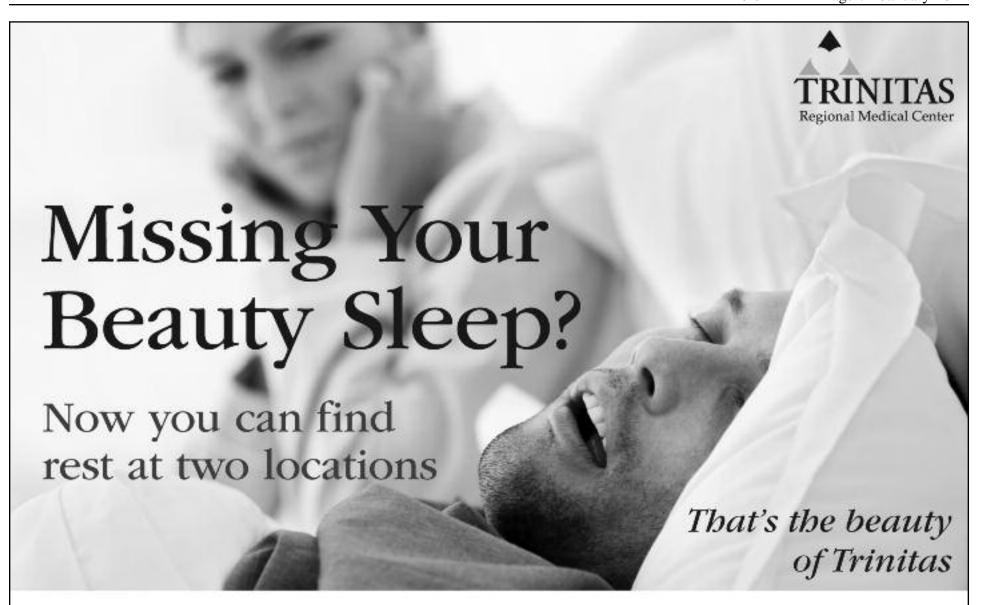
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#### CITY OF LINDEN RECEIVES TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT DESIGNATION

The Commissioner of NJ Transit has informed the City of Linden that the application for Transit Village designation is approved by the State of NJ. Linden is the 23rd municipality to receive TOD designation. The Transit Village Initiative is an excellent model for Smart Growth because it encourages growth in areas where infrastructure and public transit already exist. Municipalities must meet the Transit Village Criteria and complete a Transit Village Application in order to be designated a Transit Village.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and NJ Transit spearhead a multi-agency Smart Growth partnership known as the Transit Village Initiative. The Transit Village Initiative creates incentives for municipalities to redevelop or

revitalize the areas around transit stations using design standards of transit-oriented development (TOD). TOD helps municipalities create attractive, vibrant, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods where people can live, shop, work and play without relying on automobiles.

In addition to community revitalization, the Transit Village Initiative seeks to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality by increasing transit ridership. Studies have shown that adding residential housing options within walking distance of a transit facility; typically a one-half mile radius, increases transit ridership more than any other type of development. Therefore, one of the goals of the Transit Village Initiative is to bring more housing, business and people into the neighborhoods around transit stations.

The City of Linden TOD Committee has been working on this project with the State for over 4 years. The Committee members are Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka, LEDC Executive Director and TOD Committee Chairman Ron Stefanowicz, Planning Board Chairman Joe LaPlaca, Planning Board member Armand Fioretti, City Engineer George Vircik, Linden SID Director Mike Bono, and, T&M City Planner Rich Cramer.

Mayor Gerbounka is extremely pleased with Linden's Transit Village designation. This will give developers a major incentive to build residential housing around our train station, therefore encouraging local business and restaurants to establish themselves in our transitoriented development area to service this population.

#### LINDEN CATHOLIC VETERANS BRING CHRISTMAS SPIRIT TO DISABLED VETS

Linden Catholic Veterans Post #497 delivered Christmas spirit to Disabled Veterans in Menlo Park Veterans Home.

Every Month the Catholic War Veterans visit the Menlo Park Veterans Hospital to play Bingo with wheel chair bound veterans. The Veterans enjoy Bingo and use cash prizes to purchase personnel items from the commissary or snacks from vending machines.

The Veterans Christmas party is a special event, the veterans receive a special made shirt that reads, "If you love your freedom, Thank a veteran". In addition to the Bingo prizes and shirt, the Ladies Auxiliary of CWV Post # 497 distributed soft drinks, juices, cookies, snacks and fruit.

Linden CWV, Post # 497, hosted the party, CWV Dietz from Rahway and CWV from the Assumption Church, Roselle Park, also participated in the Christmas party.





(above) Ladies Aux. Rose Stefanowicz & Joan Baudalis distributing snacks.



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#### REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR LINDEN DAY CAMP---NOW!

Registration will take place between January 11, 2011 and May 27, 2011

Linden Day Camps will run from June 27th through August 18th this year with hours of operation from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

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

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

Going to the City of Linden website at www.linden-nj.org and clicking 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.

If you do not have a computer, you may manually register your children at any City of Linden Recreation Center beginning Tuesday, January 11, 2011 through Friday, May 27,2011, from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Community Center Building, 605 So. Wood Ave. or the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. or from 9:00am to 9:00pm at the Linden Multi Purpose Center, 1025John 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 Open House Orientation at 7:00pm at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street, Linden. The dates for the mandatory meeting are

Children registered for Kiddie Camp: Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Children registered for Al Kalla Camp: Friday, June 10, 2011

Children registered for McGillvrary Camp: Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Children registered for Memorial Park Camp: Monday, June 6, 2011

Children registered for Tremley Camp: Thursday, June 2, 2011

Children registered for McManus Camp: Friday, June 3, 2011

Children registered for Girl Scout Camp: Wednesday, June 8, 2011

At the orientation, camper's T-Shirts, Day Camp Trip Information and Day Camp Handbooks will be distributed,. Additionally, all necessary medical and release forms will be discussed. You will also be able to meet the Staff and 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, the McGillvray Park or Veteran's

Memorial 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 2011 Linden Day Camp Program should be made to the Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services at (908) 474-8639

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House dressing added to any entrée or Pizza \$4.95 by itself \$7.95 ***All Subs topped with lettuce, tomato, onion,
CLAM BAR oil & vinegar and served with potato chips & pickle.
Linwood Drunken Clams (dozen) \$11.95 HOT SUBS AND SANDWICHES
Zuppa Di clams (dozen) \$10.95 Italian Hotdog - 2 dogs smothered
Steamed Clams (dozen) 510.95 with sautéed onions, peppers, potato's on an Italian Roll \$8.95
Clams Casino (half dozen) \$7.95 Italian Sausage Sub - smothered
New Zealand Green Shell Mussels Marinara (dozen)  Clams on the Half Shell (dozen) w/ cocktail sauce & Lemon  \$10.95  \$10.95  With onions, peppers, cheese & marinara sauce\$8.95
Philly Cheesesteak - thinly sliced Ribeye smothered
WINGS, WINGERS & FINGERS with onions, peppers, marinara sauce and cheese \$8.95
Jumbo Buffalo Wings - Eggplant Parmigiana \$8.95
Hot, Medium or Mild w/Celery and Bleu Cheese \$8.95 Meatball Parmigiana \$8.95
Wingers - Boneless Chicken Breast Strips,  Lightly Dusted and Fried. Served Hot. Medium or Mild  The Big Bubba Sandwich -  Grilled Chicken, Bacon, Ranch Dressing, lettuce and tomato  \$8.95
Lightly Dusted and Fried, Served Hot, Medium or Mild w/ Bleu Cheese, Celery & Carrots Says Beefeater - Roast Beef dipped in au jus & topped with \$8.95
Chicken Fingers served w/ Fries melted cheddar cheese, sautéed onions & mushrooms \$8.95
& Choice of Honey Mustard or BBQ sauce \$9.95 Roast Beef Thunderdunk, Roast Beef on a hard roll totally
Buffalo Chicken Fingers immersed in Au Jus our Knife and Fork Special \$8.95
served Hot, Medium or Mild w/ Fries & Bleu Cheese \$9.95 French Dip w/ melted provolone & au jus \$8.95
BRICK OVEN THIN CRUST PIZZA  Chicken Parmigiana - breaded chicken breast topped with marinara sauce & melted mozzarella cheese \$8.95
Plain Cheese Pizza topped with marinara sauce & melted mozzarella cheese \$8.95  Grilled Chicken - topped with lettuce, tomato & mayo \$8.95
Plain Sicilian Pizza \$14.95 Chicken Tuscany - Grilled Chicken topped with reasted red
White Pizza w/Ricotta & Mozzarella Cheese and Fresh Garlic \$14.95 pepper, melted mozzarella, lettuce, tomato & balsamic vinegar \$8.95
Marinara Pie (Spicy, Garlicy & Cheesy) \$12.50 Grilled Cheese, Bacon & Tomato on rye \$7.95
Plain Slice (\$.50 per additional topping) \$1.75 Taylor Ham & Cheese \$7.95
additional topping \$2.00 ***All subs and sandwiches served with Fries and a pickle
½ toppings \$1.00 Choices are Extra Cheese, Pepperoni, Sausage, Meatballs, Bacon.  FLAME GRILLED BURGERS
Choices are Extra Cheese, Pepperoni, Sausage, Meatballs, Bacon, Ham, Tomatoes, Onion, Peppers, Mushrooms, Broccoli, Sauteed The Star Ledger's Munch Mobile Choice for "Best Hamburger"!
Spinach, Black Olives, Fresh Garlic and Anchovies.  Hamburger w/ lettuce, tomato and raw onion  \$8.50
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The Heart Attack Papparoni Saucage Magthalls and Rocon \$17.50
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Philly Cheese Steak Pizza - Peppers & Onions  S15.95  Mushroom Swiss Burger  topped with sautéed mushrooms and melted Swiss  \$8.95
The Aloha - Pineapple and Ham \$14.95 Jersey Burger
Pizza Melanzana - Eggplant Parmigiana & Ricotta Cheese \$14.95 topped with Taylor ham and American cheese \$8.95
Nonna's Pizza - Fresh Tomato, Basil, Garlic and Mozzarella \$14.95 California Burger topped with American cheese.
Hold on Special, Pepperoni, Hot Peppers and Black Olives \$14.95 roasted red pepper and mayo \$8.95
Bambino Special, Grilled Chicken, Roasted Peppers and Sautéed Onions  \$15.95  Yosh's Specialty Burger
The Big Rubba with Grilled Chicken topped w/sauteed officials, sauteed finds from \$6.95
Recon and Panch Dressing \$15.05
Chef Dave's Super Pie w/Peppers, Chili Cheese Burger, Our Jumbo Burger  \$8.95
Onions, Pepperoni, Sausage & Mushrooms \$17.00 topped with Chili. Cheddar Cheese and Raw Onion \$9.50
Vegetarian Super Pie w/ Peppers,  Double Beef Burger, Our Jumbo Burger topped with fresh Roast
Onions, Mushrooms, Broccoli and Spinach  \$17.00  Beef dipped in au jus with American Cheese and sautéed onions \$9.50  ****All Burgars sarred with Fries and a pickle

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PLAIN PIE WITH PITCHER OF
DOMESTIC BEER.....\$16.99
PLAIN PIE WITH PITCHER OF SODA.....\$14.99
2 SLICES AND A PINT OF DOMESTIC.....\$4.99

(noon till 2 pm)

PLAIN PIE WITH BOTTLE OF WINE.....\$24.99

Sensational Sundays

3 LARGE PIES.....\$21.99

Sunday and Monday LINWOOD JUMBO BUFFALO WINGS, LARGE PIE & PITCHER OF DOMESTIC BEER.....\$21.99

Tuesday Special 2 PLAIN PIES.....\$16.99

Wacky Wednesdays WINGS.....\$.75

ALSO: 2 LARGE PIES AND BUFFALO WINGS.....\$23.99

Thursday Clam

& Corona Night \$3 BOTTLES OF CORONA

DOZEN CLAMS ON THE HALF SHELL.....\$6.99

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

### Special THE BIG RICK.....\$29.99

Dozen Drunken Clams, Dozen Zuppa De Clams (can sub Mussels), Cheese Pizza, Pitcher of domestic beer and bowl of Salad served family style with our own delicious

#### house dressing IN HOUSE FAMILY SPECIAL.....\$29.99

2 Large Cheese Pizzas, 2 baskets homemade Potato Chips, Choice of Chicken Fingers or Buffalo Fingers, Pitcher of Soda and bowl of Salad Served family style with our own delicious house salad dressing

18% Gratuity added for parties of 6 or more.

## THE LINWOOD INN Catering menu

#### PIZZA PARTY

BUY 5 PIZZA'S WITH ANY TOPPINGS AND GET ONE FREE.

OR

**BUY 10 PIZZA'S WITH ANY TOPPINGS AND GET 2 FREE** 

#### **TAILGATER**

4 PIZZA'S UP TO 2 TOPPINGS EACH,

**50 BUFFALO WINGS.** 

CELERY,

**RANCH DRESSING** 

AND CHOICE OF HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD:

FEEDS 10 TO 15 PEOPLE.....\$100.00

#### **EXECUTIVE TAILGATER**

4 PIZZA'S WITH UP TO 2 TOPPINGS EACH,

**MUSSELS MARINARA**,

**GARLIC BREAD,** 

50 WINGS.

**CELERY, RANCH DRESSING** 

AND CHOICE OF HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD:

FEEDS 10 TO 15 PEOPLE.....\$135.00

#### SUPER BOWL PACKAGE

**5 PIZZA'S ANY STYLE,** 

CHOICE OF MUSSELS OR CLAMS (Drunken or Zuppa),

**GARLIC BREAD**,

**50 WINGS, :** 

**HOTSY TOTSY SHRIMP** 

AND CHOICE OF HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD:

FEEDS 15 TO 20 PEOPLE.....\$175.00

#### ANTI PASTA, COLD SALADS

CEASAR SALAD: HALF TRAY.....\$15.00 / FULL TRAY.....\$30.00

**GARDEN SALAD WITH OUR FAMOUS HOUSE DRESSING:** 

HALF TRAY.....\$15.00 / FULL TRAY.....\$30.00

ANTIPASTA SALAD: HALF TRAY.....\$40.00 / FULL TRAY.....\$70.00

COLE SLAW: HALF TRAY.....\$15.00 / FULL TRAY.....\$30.00

**POTATO OR MACARONI SALAD:** 

HALF TRAY.....\$15.00 / FULL TRAY.....\$30.00

#### **SUBS**

**3 TO 6 FOOT ITALIAN SUB OR** 

**BUILD YOUR OWN 3 TO 6 FOOT SUB:** 

\$14.95 PER FOOT

#### HOT PASTA TRAYS

PENNE ALA VODKA PLAIN: HALF.....\$35.00 / FULL.....\$65.00

PENNE ALA VODKA W/ SHRIMP OR SCALLOPS:

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#### **LINDEN LIONS "VISION OF PEACE" CONTEST WINNERS**

The Linden Lions club hosted the winners of their Vision of Peace poster contest at their January meeting.

The next Linden Lions meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1st at 7 pm at the JTG Recreation center. At this meeting there will be a presentation by the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project. This free event is opened to the public and will feature a short film about detailed works of Korean art and industry and Korean history and culture. Free Korean traditional deserts will be provided.

Anyone interested in joining the Lion's Club can call president Teru Coleman ay 908-884-3380 or vice president Helen Dombrowski at 732-815-3280. Interested parties are also invited to attend the club's monthly meetings held at 7:00pm on the first tuesday of each month at the JTG Community Center.



(above) Winner Angelica Merced of St. Mary's & Elizabeth Academy and mom Carmen.



(above) Helena Marchwinski of St. John the Apostle School with parents Joseph and JoAnn and brother Adam.



(above) Viktoria Maciaga of Soehl Middle School with parents Magdalena and Jerzy and sister Isabelle.

#### **LINDEN SCHOOL NO. 9 HOLIDAY FAIR IS A PTA TRADITION**

There were no idle elves to be found at the bustling Holiday Fair. Linden School No. 9 Holiday Fair is a tradition that the PTA has been doing for many years. The students and community look forward to it for months. The School No. 9 volunteers enjoy helping the students find that special treasure. The students are thrilled to shop without the help of their parents.

(right, l-r) School No. 9 students Hubert Polchlopek, Ashton Armstead, Ellis Reid III, Angelina Bigler, Carlos Barreto take a

break from their shopping.



(above, l-r) Melissa Menzel and Emily Sznurkowski browse at the School No. 9 Holiday Fair.

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#### LINDEN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REPORTS ON AUTISM

Over 1.5 million Americans live with an through the eyes of someone with an ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorder, yet most of us don't truly understand what Autism is. Autism Spectrum Disorders or ASD's are commonly referred to as Autism, even though that is just one disorder that falls under the spectrum. ASD's are complex neurological disabilities that affect normal brain function, development and social interaction. They vary vastly in how they appear and affect a person with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Autism Spectrum Disorders include but are not limited to Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Rett Syndromes and Pervasive Development Disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS). The differences from a diagnosis of one disorder to another may be dependent upon the severity of the impairment, the onset or time of diagnosis, or in what areas the disability may occur. The major areas of impairment are noticed in sensory perception, language and communication and/or cognitive ability.

What does this all mean? The words commonly used to describe ASD's are all just words; words that are studied and not experienced. If one were to put aside their perception of the world and experience it

In the grocery store, fluorescent lights are bright and flickering, packaging is brightly colored to draw the consumer's attention, a baby is crying, the smells from the seafood and produce are intoxicating, a voice booms over the loudspeaker to announce the specials of the day, and the man in line is wearing too much cologne. All of this is very overwhelming. The brain cannot take in all of these sensory signals. As a result, physical pain shoots throughout your body. You respond the only way your brain knows how, you scream and thrash, hoping that the pain will stop.

You are at school and find it difficult to function. You can read the entire book but can't tell the teacher what sound the letter "B" makes. You excel at puzzles but have little or no interest in playing with other children. You perceive one-on-one communication as a constant threat, always anxious and about to overload. You don't understand personal space and emotion expressed in voices and body language. You may talk too long about one particular topic and not talk of anything else. You may not have the ability to answer a question and your only response is to repeat what is said to you. Phrases

used make no sense to you, Johnny says, "That test was a piece of cake," and you picture him trying to eat his test. You exhibit repetitive behaviors like shaking your hands, snapping, or jumping in place when you get nervous or excited. Which seems like odd behavior and most people don't understand. All of this puts you on edge and you respond the only way you know how.

This is what 1 in every 110 children born may face, as that is the current prevalence of ASD's being diagnosed in the US. The challenges faced are extraordinary to fathom and yet many cases are much more severe than described here. 25% of patients diagnosed with an ASD do not have the ability to verbally communicate at all. Autism Spectrum Disorders are the fastest growing developmental disability. Annually the cost of care in the US is \$60 billion a year and estimated to grow to \$400 billion a year in ten years from now.

It is not known what the cause is, although there are many theories available. There is no cure. The statistics are overwhelming as ASD's are more prevalent than juvenile diabetes, AIDS and Down's Syndrome combined. Yet very few have a good understanding of what ASD's are.

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#### **B&N READ-A-LONG**

Linden School No. 9 PTA held its 5th annual Barnes and Noble Read-A- Long.

This is one of the many initiatives of the PTA to promote reading and made it fun for the children to read in a different environment. The children came in their pajamas and got cozy as the teachers, the principal and other community members read all different genres. With their eyes opened wide, they were thrilled to listen to the educators outside of school.

This year Santa made a surprise visit and helped Mrs. Harris with the holiday sing a long. Santa was pleased with what he saw and rewarded each of the 50 children in attendance with a candy cane and a homework pass.



(above) Natalia Goralyczyk and Claudia Rusin of School No.9 are eager to listen to the next story.

(right) Linden School No. 9 aide Connie Moreno read to the children at the Barnes and Noble Read- A- Long. Photos by Christine Hudak, LInden Public Schools







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#### "THE HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD" GOES TO STEPHEN T. ZIELINSKI

Marybeth Strano, acting president of the Linden Historical Society, and Michael Demkowicz, Society vice president, presented "The Historian of the Year Award" to Stephen T. Zielinski at the Linden City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 21st.

Steve's dedication to spending months researching 50 years of the Linden Retired Men's Club and creating a Power Point presentation that also included historic photographs for the Club's Anniversary and for the City's residents, earned him the Linden Historical Society's "Historian of the Year Award".

Steve is Vice President of the Linden Retired Men's Club and the Linden Chapter of AARP where he and his wife, Mary Ann, serve on the Board of Directors. Together they plan and decorate the Retired Men's Club for social events that are so popular, they have led to increased membership.

The Linden Historical Society is proud to have Steve's presentation "The Linden Retired Men's Club, The First Fifty Years" in its library.



(above, l-r) Micheal Demkowicz, Mary Ann Zielinski, Steve Zielinski, Marybeth Strano and Linden City Council President, Robert Bunk.

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#### **SCHOOL 9 CONCERT**



(above) School No. 9 Student Christine Marti-Millward adds some music to the holiday season. Photo by Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools (right) Austin Mille



t Christine Marti- (above) Haley Tomasso, Alyssa Peters, Jaclyn Beviano, and the holiday season. Kayla Richardson sing holiday songs at their concert. (right) Austin Miller puts some jazz in the holiday tunes at the School No. 9 concert.

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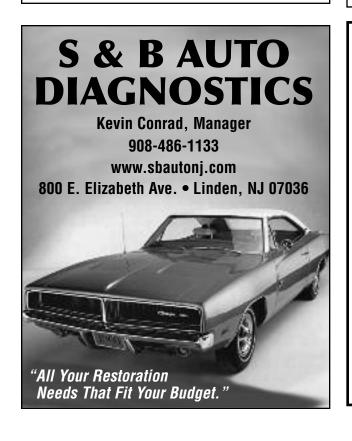
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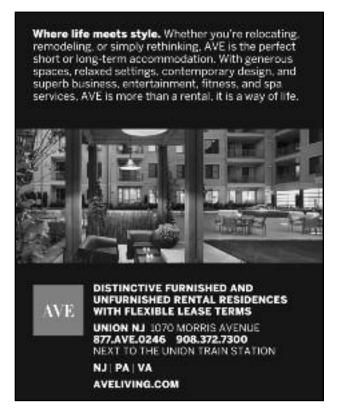
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(above) Dylan Garcia and his family spend some family fun time making a gingerbread house at Linden School No.9.



(above) Linden School No. 10 pre-k student Keyon Tanner and Angel Pineda add some sweets to the class gingerbread house.



(above) Erica Conde of School No. 9 has an awsome time making the gingerbread house. Photos by Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools

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#### WINTER WONDERLAND AT LINDEN SCHOOL NO. 4

Santa's working elves were sent on a special assignment to visit Linden Public Schools. Linden Public Schools are a popular stop for the elves to visit because of the good boys and girls, and this year they were very well behaved and displayed good character.

The elves worked through the night to create a Winter Wonderland at Linden School No. 4. This was a way for family and friends of the School No. 4 community to come together and see the beauty of a winter wonderland by participating in various learning stations.



(above) Who knew hanging out with Frosty the Snowman would be such fun? Families and students learned to hoola-hoop, play hockey, and tic-tac-toss. Janeesa Martinez and Frosty have fun being active.





(above) A math station was disguised to look like the elves workshop where families were able to shop for holiday items and put their everyday math skills to the work. Sara Barcelos is enjoyed browsing the items.

#### It's a great way to make special memories for the entire family!

Photos by Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools

(left) Santa's elves stopped at Linden School No. 6 to sneak in a quick game of snow ball throw. The pre-k students Christian Roman, Edilberto Aguilar, Sade Therjuste, Kelvyn Vasquez, Ja Kair Pride, Keven Vasquez and Jesiah Gonzalez of School No. 6 were made honorary elves and joined in the fun.



(above) Kayla Silva and Tyree Jordan become part of the snow making process by creating special snowflakes at the fine and performing arts station. Afterwards students cozied up by the imaginary fire and listened to a holiday story read by the School No. 4 Reading Coach.

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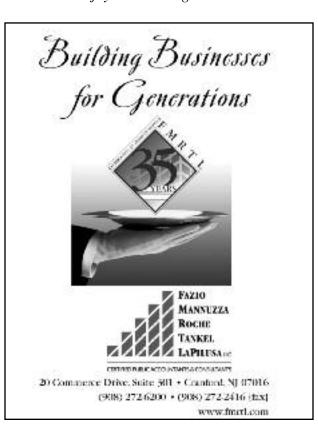
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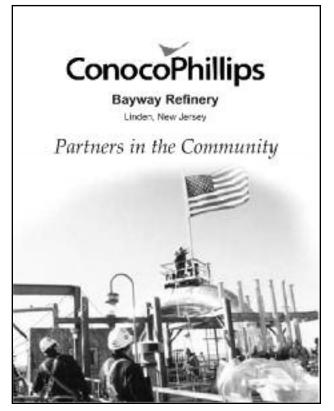
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