

The Linden Police and Fire Departments took to the field

in a friendly flag-football competition to determine bragging

rights for the upcoming year. Police won the rights on a last

The game and day's events were held on September 11,

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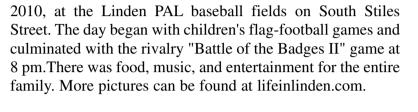
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#### NEXT CHAMBER MEETING OCTOBER 26 8:30 am COX PRINTING 1634 E. Elizabeth Ave., Linden, NJ

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Octoberfest Sponsored by the . Linden & Člark **Chambers of Commerce** OCTOBER 14TH • 5:30 TO 9:30 **DEUTSCHER CLUB, CLARK, NJ** Featuring Bernie's Band sponsored by Epicor, Inc. Ticket price \$40.00 includes food, beer, wine, soda, desert, and entertainment. Further information please call Helen at 908-352-0900. All proceeds go to the Chamber's high school scholarship funds.









(above) Abbie Matlosz, age 3 and Mcgruff.



LINDEN PAL HOSTS SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE EVENT

(above) Volunteers Joyce (above) DJ Mozart Sheehy & Stephanie Sibilski. with The Rookies Music.





(above) Brianna Banks Miss Garden State Jr. Teen.

#### **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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### **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, City Hall, Linden, New Jersey.

Conference Meeting: Oct. 18 at 6:00 p.m. Prior to Council Meeting: Oct. 19 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting: Oct. 19 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 October 20th at 7:00 p.m. School # 4

Located at 1602 Dill Avenue, Linden

#### **RENT LEVELING BOARD**

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



### 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** 

#### FARMERS MARKET

The Linden Cultural Committee's Farmers Market, held every Monday from Noon to 6:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade between June and October, has been a huge hit with Linden residents. Fresh-grown produce is available, ranging from lettuce and tomatoes to beets and okra, carrots, apples, oranges and beans. You'll also find homemade specialty foods including cakes, pickles, olives and peppers, gourmet items, baked goods, and flowers. One taste and you'll be back for more!"

#### **SENIOR CITIZEN BOWLING LEAGUE**

The Senior Citizen Mixed Bowling League, sponsored by the Department of Public Property and Community Services, will begin their 2010-2011 bowling season, Thursday, September 9th at 9:30am, at the Linden Lanes on Stiles Street, Linden.

Any Linden senior citizen interested in joining the league as a team member or substitute bowler, please call the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center at (908) 474-8627.



## NORTHFIELD BANCORP, INC. NAMED TO FORBES "MOST TRUSTWORTHY COMPANIES"

Northfield Bancorp, Inc. (Nasdaq:NFBK), the holding company for Northfield Bank, was named among the top "Most Trustworthy Companies" in a list compiled for Forbes by Audit Integrity, a Los Angeles-based independent financial analytics firm.

Audit Integrity looks beyond the raw data reported in companies' income statements and balance sheets to more than 100 factors that help it assess the true quality of corporate accounting and management practices.

Using its Accounting & Governance Risk (AGR) rating, Audit Integrity assigns scores based on a company's accounting and management practices to rank companies on trustworthiness.

We are honored to be recognized by Forbes and to be included on the list of most trustworthy companies," stated John Alexander, Chairman and CEO of Northfield Bancorp, Inc. "We remain committed to high ethical standards and sound corporate governance practices as we focus on our company's strategic objectives."

Northfield Bancorp has been on the Forbes "Most Trustworthy Companies" list for the past 24 months and is one of only 66 banks included on the list nationwide. Overall, fewer than 5% of public companies make Audit Integrity's list of Most Trustworthy Companies.

Northfield Bancorp, Inc. is the holding company for Northfield Bank. Northfield Bank was founded in 1887. Including a branch located at 501 N Wood Ave in Linden, operates 19 full service banking offices in Staten Island, New York, Brooklyn, New York and Middlesex and Union counties, New Jersey.

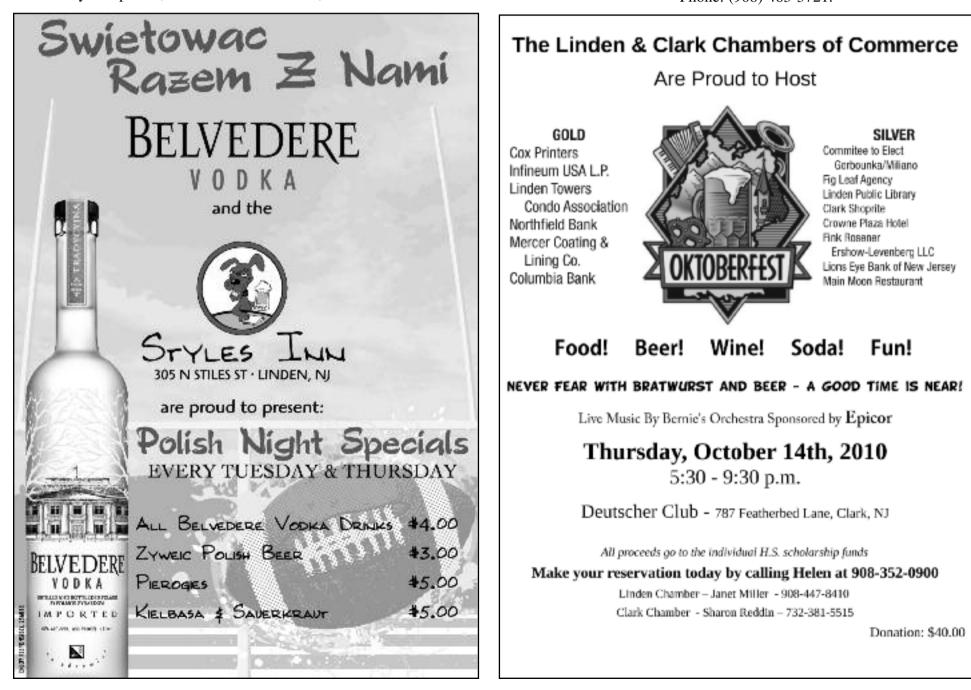
For more information about Northfield, please visit www.eNorthfield.com.

## ARMS IS IN NEED OF YOUR HELP

With so many of our troops deploying to Afghanistan in November and December, we are in need of supplies to ship to them. ARMS sends over 50 boxes a week to our troops who are already deployed and in about a month we will not have much to send them. CAN YOU HELP? The Veterans are asking that if you can help, the American Legion Post 102, Linden will be accepting the items listed below to be shipped to our troops. They would be so grateful.

ITEMS NEEDED: Hygeine products, and snack foods are most requested items.. Thank You for Your Support, God Bless America -

Jeff Kennedy, Commander, Union County American Legion Anytime 8:30A.M. - 10 P.M. Mon - Sat 12 Noon - 10 P.M. Sun 112 W Elizabeth Ave. Linden, NJ Phone: (908) 463-3721.



## **RECREATION PROGRAMS** To register, sign up or for more information visit our website at www.linden-nj.org,

or call the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center at 908-474-8627, Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm.

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

For adults over the age of 18. This is a whole body workout using kick boxing, high and low aerobics, cardio and body toning. Classes are held Tues. & Thurs. Evenings starting Sept 14th through Nov, 30th, from 6:30 - 7:30pm. Registration deadline is Sept. 13th The Cost is \$75.00. Classes held at Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St.

#### **KNITTING & CROCHETING FOR A CAUSE**

Meetings are held Tuesday mornings from 10am - 12 noon at the Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. Come out and meet new friends and donate to a worthy cause.

#### YOGA

Classes held Thursday evenings September 9th thru Nov. 18th from 7:30 - 9:00pm at the Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. Cost is \$55.00. Registration deadline is Sept. 8th. .

#### FREE SENIOR CITIZEN LINE DANCE

Classes will begin on Friday, Sept. 17th at the Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. from 10 - 11 am.

#### **KARATE CLASSES**

For Linden students ages 5 through 15. Classes are held Friday afternoons, 4 - 5pm starting October 1st through November 19th at the Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. Cost is \$55.00 and registration deadline is Sept. 30th.

#### **SENIOR CITIZEN BOWLING LEAGUE**

Mixed bowling league will begin on Thurs. Sept. 9th at Linden Lanes.

#### HALLOWEEN NEWS

There will be no Halloween Parade this year . All Halloween Meetings have been cancelled. The following Halloween Programs will still be in effect.

#### **PUMPKIN PAINTING CONTEST**

The Linden Halloween Committee and the Department of Public Property and Community Services announces a Halloween Pumpkin Painting Contest for students, pre-kindergarten through fifth grades, on Friday, October 8, 2010 from 3:30pm B 5:30pm, at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street.

Registration fee is \$5.00, payable by cash, credit card or money order. Registration will be at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center or you can register online at www.linden-nj.org. Deadline to register is October 1, 2010. Preregistration is required.

Everyone is a winner! Each participant will receive an award. Pumpkins, paints and brushes will be supplied.

#### **CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN CERAMIC CLASS**

The Department of Public Property and Community Services announces Children's Halloween Ceramic Classes for students in Kindergarten through 8th grades, Thursday, October 14th from 6:00pm B 7:30pm, at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street, Linden.

Deadline for registration is October 13th. Registration hours are 9:00am B 4:00pm. The fee is \$10.00 per participant. Payment can be by credit card, cash, check or money order, made

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

#### **HALLOWEEN POSTER CONTEST**

The Linden Halloween Committee and the Department of Public Property and Community Services announce their annual Poster Painting Contest.

This contest is open to Linden school students grades kindergarten through 12. The theme is Halloween and all entries must be received by either your art teacher or the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street, Linden, no later than October 18th.

SIZE - 12" x 18" - grades 9 -12 and SIZE 9" x 12" - grades K-8. NO POSTERS EXCEEDING THIS SIZE WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Pictures can be made from construction paper, cardboard, or any other related materials.

ENTRIES MUST HAVE NAME, ADDRESS, SCHOOL, TEACHER AND GRADE IMPRINTED ON A SMALL CARD SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE BACK. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!

Any materials can be used to decorate: glitter, fringe, or fabric. The poster is to be done in school, if you have art this semester. If you do not have art, posters may be done at home. You can use paint or chalk, there are no limitations. NO FACTORY MADE HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS TO BE PLACED ON THE POSTER. Judging will be done on October 19th.

#### **ADULT 1 DAY HALLOWEEN CERAMIC CLASS**

The Department of Public Property and Community services announces an Adult One Day Halloween Ceramic Class for Linden adults, on Thursday, October 14th from 7:45pm B 9:30pm, at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street, Linden.

Deadline for registration is October13th. The fee is \$25.00 per participant. Payment can be by cash, credit card, check or money order made payable to Linden Recreation Department or register online at www.linden-nj.org. Class will be limited to 30 adults. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

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## **BOXING NIGHT SET IN LINDEN**

The Linden Boxing Association, in conjunction with the Linden Public Property and Community Services Department presents the 77th Annual New Jersey State Finals of the Diamond Gloves Boxing Tournament on October 8, 2010.

The full night of championship boxing entertainment is being sponsored by the Conoco Phillips Bayway Refinery and will be held at the Linden High School Gymnasium, located at 121 W. St. Georges Ave. The first fight is scheduled to begin at 8:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.00 each. Doors open at 7:30pm.

Expecting to be in attendance at this year's

championship bouts are, Bobby Czyz, Former World Light Heavyweight and Cruiserweight Champion; Emile Griffith, Former World Welterweight, Junior Middleweight and Middleweight Champion; Chuck Wepner, former heavyweight contender and Lou Duva, the Hall of Fame Boxing Trainer and Manager who has handled some of the greatest fighters in the world including 19 World Champions. Don't forget your autograph books!

For further information on the Diamond Glove Finals, please call the Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services at 908-474-8600.



## LINDEN LIBRARY DEDICATES MEETING ROOMS

When the Linden Free Public Library opened earlier this year several meeting rooms were named in recognition of community member's generous support.

### THE COLUMBIA BANK ROOM

Columbia Bank was recognized for their support of the Linden Free Public Library by naming a meeting room after them.

## THE BERNICE BEDRICK ROOM

Bernice Bedrick started the Friends of Linden Library, Inc. The Friends are the "fund raising arm" for the Library Board of Trustees.



(above, l-r) Dennis Purves, Library Director, Joseph Schweikert, Columbia Bank Financial Services Officer, Mayor Richard Gerbounka, and Marilyn Coplan, Library Board.



(above, 1-r) *Dennis Purves, Library Director, Marilyn Coplan, Library Board President, Bernice Bedrick and Mayor Gerbounka.* 

#### THE CONOCOPHILLIPS BAYWAY REFINERY COMPUTER LAB

A computer lab was named for ConocoPhillips Bayway Refinery to acknowledge their ongoing support of the Library. Computer classes are in the process of being scheduled.



(above, l-r) Dennis Purves, Library Director, Michael Karlovich, Manager of Strategic Communication at ConocoPhillips, Marilyn Coplan, Library Board President, and Mayor Richard Gerbounka.



## LINDEN LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB PARTY

A fun time was had by all on August 24th for the Summer Reading Club party. Entertainment at the party was a concert starring Big Jeff and the Bouncy People.



(above) Mayor Gerbounka is pictured with the children who attended the event.

# **"THE NIGHT THAT SHOCKED AMERICA"**

The Linden Public Library presents a Lecture "The Night that Shocked America" by Henry Morse, The Old Time Radio Man on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

This is the exciting Mercury Theater of the Air broadcast of H.G. Wells "War of the Worlds" as told by Orson Welles and originally aired on October 30, 1938.

This lecture includes discussion of the events before and after the broadcast.

Don't miss this one!

## CHICKEN & RIBS DINNER TO BENEFIT LIBRARY

The Linden Library and the Friends of the Linden Library are holding a Chicken & Ribs Dinner on Friday, October 22nd from 5:00pm to 7pm in the JTG Center located at 330 Helen Street in Linden. The cost is \$10.00. For more information call Mary at 908-298-3830 ext 14.



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## FALL INTO BUSINESS WITH THE LINDEN CHAMBER

of Commerce held its first monthly meeting on September 28th at the Linden Public Library. Over two dozen businesses and community leaders attended.

The Linden Chamber of Commerce works to provide support for new and current businesses, advocates site development and promotes a forward thinking and carefully planned business environment in Linden.

Our meetings and seminars are designed for sharing information and experiences. You get the information you need and your job is easier when it is time to make your next business decision.

The Linden Chamber is actively involved in the community. Each fall the Linden Chamber teams up with the Clark Chamber to sponsor an Octoberfest to raise money for the scholarships the chambers give out to graduating seniors at an Annual Awards Dinner. More information on this year's Octoberfest can be found on the back cover of this newspaper.

Representatives from the Linden Government are always in attendance at meetings, which

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After a summer hiatus, the Linden Chamber allows for an open and communicative offer other members savings on produces and relationship between business owners and the municipality.

> Linden Chamber of Commerce members are automatically members of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce. The Gateway organization facilitates our local chamber along with several other communities. With 1,500 members it is one of the largest business organizations in the state. You are encouraged to get involved at the regional level. The exposure has had proven success for many local businesses.

> The Gateway Chamber also maintains a Member Discount Program in which businesses

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Please make an effort to learn about what the Linden Chamber of Commerce is doing and take advantage of the opportunities we offer. Get involved, come to a meeting (you don't have to be a member to attend) or just give us a call if you have any questions.

Meetings take place at 8:30 am, on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Meeting date, time and location always appear in the upper left hand corner of this paper. For more information on joining the chamber and for meeting locations, please contact Helen Durish at the Gateway Chamber office at 908-352-0900.

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### LINDEN CHAMBER IN ACTION



(above) Ron Stefanowicz, Director of Linden *Economic Development Corp., gave a report at* a recent Linden Chamber meeting.



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Linden Chamber of Commerce membership committee chair Tom Boland gives a report. For more information on joining the chamber please contact Helen Durish at the Gateway Chamber office at 908-352-0900.



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(above) Linden Chamber members manned a table at Networking Outside the Box – Supersized" – A Networking & Tabletop Show, a Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce event held in September at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel in Elizabeth.



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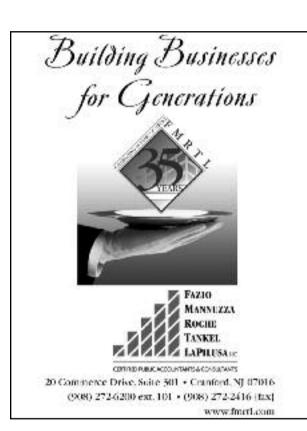
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### **GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS**

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

OCTOBER CALENDAR 8:30 AM OCTOBER 8 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Plainfield City Hall, 515 Watchung Ave., Plainfield

8:00 AM OCTOBER 12 VETERANS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOOD, 339 Springfield Avenue, Summit 07901

8:30 AM OCTOBER 13 KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING Visit our website for location

6:00 PM OCTOBER 13 NEW JERSEY REAL ESTATE SOCIAL NETWORK The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood 07027

8:00 AM OCTOBER 14 WORKPLACE WELLNESS EXPO 2010 presented by the Gateway & AmeriHealth NJ Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel, 1000 Spring Street, Elizabeth 07201

5:30 PM OCTOBER 14 LINDEN & CLARK CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE "FALL OKTOBERFEST" The Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark 07066

8:00 AM OCTOBER 19 GATEWAY CHAMBER BREAKFAST SEMINAR "STOP ENABLING SALES FAILURE – SHUT DOWN THE SALES COUNTRY CLUB" presented by Andy Gole of Bombadil LLC Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road, Clark 07066 6:00 PM OCTOBER 19 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (IBA) Molly Maguire's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 1085 Central Avenue, Clark

8:00 PM OCTOBER 20 EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & South 31st St., Kenilworth

11:45 AM OCTOBER 21 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS

**WOMEN LUNCHEON** The Garden Restaurant, 943 Magie Avenue, Union

8:00 AM OCTOBER 22 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

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8:30 AM OCTOBER 26 LINDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING Cox Printers, 1634 East Elizabeth Avenue, Linden

8:30 AM OCTOBER 27 CLARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING Lions Eye Bank of NJ, 77 Brant Avenue, Suite 100, Clark 07066

8:00 AM OCTOBER 28 GATEWAY CHAMBER BREAKFAST SEMINAR -"GETTING AHEAD IN A SHIFTING MARKET" presented by Joshua Wenner, a peak performance strategist from the Anthony Robbins Co. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 26 Valley Road, Clark



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(above) Mayor Richard Gerbounka and Chief Michael Boyle presenting valor awards to Police Officer Daniel Turon, Police Officer Rick Bachmann, and Police Officer Gavin Sheehan at the September 10, 2010 Inspection and Awards Ceremony.



## **LINDEN POLICE PHOTO GALLERY**

These and many more photos are available to download at http://www.linden-nj.org/police/photo\_gallery.htm.



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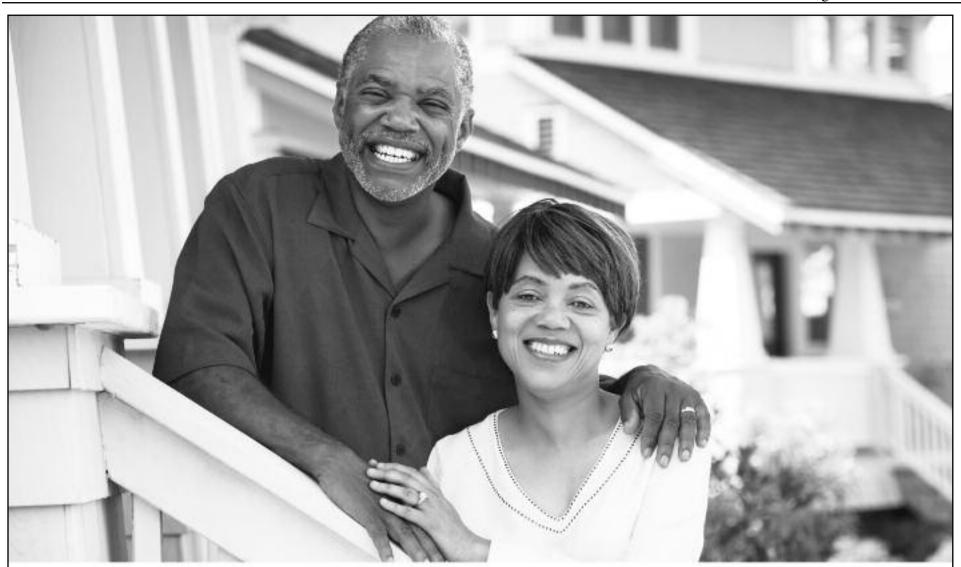


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## **CONOCOPHILLIPS PRESENTED 2010 "NEW GOOD NEIGHBOR" AWARD**

The New Jersey Business and Industrial Association (NJBIA) presented ConocoPhillips and its contractors with a 2010 "New Good Neighbor" award for safely building a new water treatment facility and creating 150 construction jobs at its Bayway Refinery in Linden. Lead contracting companies included Jacobs Engineering of Mount Laurel, and Furino & Sons of Plainfield.

(right) Representing ConocoPhillips at the awards ceremony (seated from left): Ray Wuertz, Carl Hess, David Jones, Mike Kenney, Michael Karlovich, Mark Bianco, John Ferris, John Allen, Mary Phillips, and Doug Lafavette.



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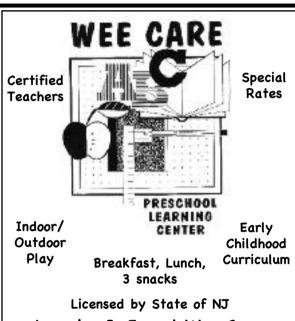
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