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LINDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEANS BUSINESS

The Linden Chamber of Commerce is one of the more active chambers in Union County. It also has a unique mission in that it is committed to serving the residential community as well as its industrial and retail businesses.

The Chamber has awarded over 20 scholarships to enterprising students seeking higher education. They conduct promotional activities for existing members and actively recruit new businesses.

Funds are raised through events such as an annual Scholarship Award and Business of the Year Dinner, Expos, Martini and Wine Tasting Parties, and an Octoberfest Celebration. The degree of activity in a chamber is directly associated with the quality and dedication of its volunteers.

The strong membership in the Linden Chamber of Commerce provides access to city officials and company executives. Representatives from the Linden government are always in attendance at meetings, which allows for an open and communicative relationship between business owners and the municipality.

Kenilworth 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 1,800

members it is one of the largest business organizations in the state. Your business will be networked across the entire Gateway marketplace. You are also encouraged to get involved with them at the regional level. The exposure has had proven success for many local businesses.

The Gateway Chamber also maintains a Members Discount Program in which businesses offer other members savings on products and services.

Please make an effort to learn about what we are doing and take advantage of the opportunities we offer. Get involved, come to a meeting 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. For more information on meeting locations, please contact Helen Durish at the Gateway Chamber office at 908-352-0900.



(above, l-r) Linden Chamber of Commerce 2009 Business of the Year Award winners: Rose Bussiculo and Michael Powers of Mercer Coating & Lining Co., Executive Director of Linden Economic Development Corporation Ron Stefanowicz, Chamber co-chair Janet Miller, Mayor Gerbounka, and Michael Kaufman of Cox Printing.



(above, l-r) Volunteers Linda Hundley, Carolyn Pabon, Angie Tsirkas, Janet Miller, Courtney Villani and June Lazaro dress as "Men in Black", the theme of the Linden Chamber's 2007 Expo.



(above, left) Linden Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Scholarship recipient Magdalena Kovilas, Chamber co-chair Janet Miller, recipient Hilarey Wojtowicz and Chamber co-chair Courtney Villani.

LINDEN POLICE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR



(left) "Police Officer of the Year" Award recipients, Police Officer Michael Burnette and Police Officer Jimmy Solano. Both recently returned from their second National Guard deployment to Iraq. Each received the "Police Officer of the Year" Award for their service and dedication to the City of Linden, State of New Jersey, and the United States of America. Mayor Gerbounka and Chief Boyle are pictured with them at the 9/11/2009 Awards Ceremony.

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Message from the Mayor



As Linden's Mayor, I would like to welcome you to the first edition of Linden's Chamber of Commerce newspaper. Although the Linden Chamber is comprised of local business entities that are not affiliated with Linden government, the City of Linden is proud to assist them in their efforts to promote business in our great city.

Linden has always had a proud tradition of working closely with the business community. Our chamber is a vibrant and active organization that partners with my office, City Council and the

Linden Economic Development Corporation to foster a close working relationship between private enterprise and municipal government. They know that the City of Linden is there for them, just as they are there for the City of Linden.

Linden government has always been a strong supporter of our Chamber of Commerce, and I am excited about this new endeavor. I wish them well and much success. .

Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

LINDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

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

Conference Meeting: Dec. 14 at 6 pm

Prior to Council Meeting: Dec. 15 at 6 pm

Dec. 29 at 6 pm

Council Meeting: Dec. 15 at 7pm

Dec. 29 at 7pm

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 7pm.

All meetings are open to the public.

LINDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular meetings are held in the auditorium, Linden, High School

121 W. St. Georges Avenue.

Next meeting: Dec. 16, 2009 at 7 P.M.

CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES:

Nov. 12

GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

- 12/01 "7 WAYS TO SLASH COLLEGE COSTS" BREAKFAST WORKSHOP**
8:00am Presented by Ian Welham of Complete College Planning Solutions Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & 31st Street, Kenilworth
- 12/03 NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS OF NEW JERSEY**
7:30am Perkins of Green Brook, Route 22 East, Green Brook
- 12/03 WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
8:45am Chamber Office, 135 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth
- 12/04 "THE POWER OF EMAIL MARKETING" BREAKFAST SEMINAR**
8:00am Presented by Wendi-Caplan Carroll of Constant Contact
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Rd, Clark
- 12/08 GATEWAY CHAMBER NETWORKING OUTSIDE THE BOX**
6:00PM StoneHouse @ Stirling Ridge, 50 Stirling Road, Warren, NJ 07059
- 12/09 KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING**
8:30am Check our website for location
- 12/10 LINDEN CHAMBER HOLIDAY PARTY**
5:30pm American Legion Hall, E. Elizabeth Avenue, Linden

DECEMBER 23 SCHOOLS CLOSE EARLY FOR WINTER RECESS. SCHOOL REOPENS JANUARY 4.

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 service check Linden's website.

You'll find Linden resources and information including Linden's history, demographics, and recreation offerings for city youth, adults, and senior citizens, current city projects and community life.

linden-nj.org

Find the Linden Chamber website through the "Affiliates" link on:

gatewaychamber.com

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- 12/11 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
8:30am Kenilworth Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth
- 12/11 SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER MEETING**
8:30am Springfield Office of Emergency Management, Mountain Avenue, Springfield
- 12/15 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (IBA) HOLIDAY PARTY**
6:00 pm Molly Maguire's, 1085 Central Avenue, Clark
- 12/16 EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**
8:00am Lana's Fine Dining, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark
- 12/16 CLARK CHAMBER MEETING**
8:30am Hosted by Columbia Bank Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road (GSP exit135), Clark
- 12/17 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN LUNCHEON**
11:45am La Casa di Martino, 301 West Clay Avenue, Roselle Park
- 12/18 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING**
8:00am Old Mill Inn, 225 Route 202, Basking Ridge

LINDEN NJROTC WILL COMPETE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Isn't it time that Linden High School brought home a national championship trophy? Wouldn't you like to help make that happen? You can. Next spring Linden High School's NJROTC Drill Team will travel to the Navy and Marine Corps National Drill Team Championships at Pensacola, FL. They earned their spot at the National competition based on a successful performance at this year's Area 4 Drill Championship. The team has already become known as the team to beat at regional drill meets, and they frequently cause a groan from competing teams when they show up at area meets. The team is putting together its practice schedule, and is committed to doing its best at Nationals. The cost of travel and hotel accommodations to Pensacola will probably run about \$30,000, however. The Navy will contribute about \$5,000 of the total cost. We would like your help raising the funds to cover the balance of the cost of the Drill Team's travel to the National Championships.

As you probably observed at the recent Halloween Parade / Salute to Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans, our NJROTC Cadets routinely stand out from their peers when in uniform. The truth is they also stand out in terms of self discipline, community service and academics. Disciplinary problems are rare with our cadets. Community service is second nature to them; with some Cadets performing more than a thousand hours of unit and community service during their high school years. Last year alone the Unit as a whole performed over 6500 hours of community service. Some observers would say the cadets stand out simply for their sharp appearance, good manners and self

discipline. Some would say they simply have their act together. This past year's graduating class certainly did. But, the fact is that this has been true for a while. How you ask?

Linden High School's ROTC has been working on building a record of achievement for many years. The Navy has recognized the Regiment as a Distinguished Unit with Honors based on its achievements during the 2008-2009 school year. Cadets stand out as members of cultural programs, service clubs, sports teams and in extracurricular activities. In each of the last three years, one third of the members of the LHS National Honor Society selectees came from the ranks of LHS ROTC unit, despite the fact that the unit then made up less than 15% percent of the student body. Similarly a third of the unit is routinely included on the Honor Roll. Four cadets earned Navy or Marine Corps ROTC scholarships this past year. One third of the students enrolled in our academically demanding International Baccalaureate program are ROTC Cadets.

ROTC Cadets are also scholars and athletes. This year of the five LHS students who earned the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma all were ROTC cadets. And remarkably, the 63 NJROTC cadets who graduated this year collectively won \$2.5 million in scholarship, service and achievement awards. The underlying reason for these achievements and this success, however, is the sound grounding these students have obtained at home and in school. It is a fact that these students are more disciplined, more organized and more focused on their academics and on service to others than many of their peers.

The LHS NJROTC Drill Team would like your help as they attempt to achieve a similar level of success on the Drill field at the National level. We believe we can do this by allowing them to focus on their performance on the drill field and on their academics. How? Because we believe that academics must continue to come first, we need to continue to stress academics while allowing the team to devote time to drill practice.

Please consider helping the LHS NJROTC Drill Team with a financial contribution. We understand that times are hard and that we all have to dig deeper. Any contribution no matter how small will be greatly appreciated.

By relieving them of some of the fund raising burden, we will be freeing them up to concentrate on improving the drill skills they already have and protect the time they devote to their academics. I ask your help by asking you to invest in these young leaders and to help them by sending them to the National Drill Championships next April.

Checks can be made out to LHS Student Activities Fund / NJROTC. They should be mailed to: Linden High School NJROTC 128 W. St. Georges Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036. Please note on check memo line that your contribution is for the ROTC Nationals Fund Drive.

If you have any questions or suggestions please e-mail Linden's Senior Naval Science Instructor Commander William Murphy wmurphy@linden.k12.nj.us or call 732 552-7555. Thank you for your continuing support for the ROTC program it is greatly appreciated.

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SEASONAL ADVICE FROM THE LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the year end holidays, people are often busy, excited, and sometimes a little bit careless. The following crime prevention tips can go a long way towards ensuring a safe and happy holiday season...

Test your smoke detectors!

Avoid leaving boxes from purchases (especially TV's, VCR's, computers, etc.) out at the curb or visible for trash pickup.

Shopping!

Shop before dark if possible. Try to coordinate shopping trips with a friend. Never park in an unlit lot or area, no matter how convenient it is!

Lock your packages and gifts in the vehicle's trunk. Keep your doors locked and windows closed.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check, credit card, or debit card when possible.

To discourage purse-snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages. Have purchases delivered whenever practical.

Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm. Keep a wallet in an inside jacket pocket, not a back trouser pocket.

Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated. They should never go into parking lot alone.

At Home!

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your house or apartment, even for a few minutes.

Don't display holiday gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway. Store gifts before you go away on a holiday trip.

If you go out for the evening, turn on lights and a radio or television so the house or apartment looks occupied.

If you take a holiday trip away from your home, have some interior lights activated by an automatic timer. Have a neighbor or family member watch your house, shovel new snow, pick up the mail and newspaper and park his or her car in your driveway from time to time.

Be wary of strangers soliciting for charitable donations. They may attempt to take advantage of people's generosity during the holidays. Ask for identification, how donated funds are used, if contributions are tax deductible, etc. If you aren't satisfied with the answers, don't give.

Immediately after the holidays, mark new gifts with an identification number and/or record new serial numbers.

Holiday Party Safety!

Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests.

Serve something to eat before serving alcoholic beverages. High protein foods stay in the stomach longer and slow absorption of alcohol into the system.

Have alternative transportation for intoxicated persons. Don't let guests drink and drive!

Pickpockets!

Pickpockets like to take advantage of crowds in stores, on the street and on public transportation. Many work in teams with one distracting the victim while the other does the actual pick pocketing. Beware of anyone who jostles you. It may be accidental but, then again, it may not. For women who carry a purse, one that has a flap which folds over the opening and fastens at the bottom is preferable to one that opens simply by turning a clasp at the top. Men who carry wallets or a money clip should keep them in inner or side pockets rather than rear trouser pockets.

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LINDEN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Submitted by Marcelo Adinolfi Executive Director / COO

The Linden Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (formally the Linden Volunteer Ambulance Corporation) was founded in 1944 by a group of dedicated community volunteers who recognized the need for the City to establish its own ambulance service. While serving the City of Linden these past 65 years, many changes have taken place within our organization. The most notable of these changes occurred in 1996, when our name was changed to Linden Emergency Medical Services, Inc. A few years later, we began migrating career staff into our organization to supplement insufficient volunteer manpower. Despite these changes, the principals on which our organization was founded remain the same.

Today, Linden EMS remains a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. This Board consists of members deeply rooted in our community, such as: accountants, doctors, emergency medical technicians, paramedics and police officers. These individuals are committed to the fulfillment of this mission. When the organization was established, we responded to

approximately 200 emergency calls per year. Since then, the population of Linden doubled to 47,000. Along with this population increase, our call volume has reached a staggering 3,000 emergency calls per year. Aside from answering emergency calls, we provide EMS stand-by services to most community events such as: Linden High School football games, Project Graduation, Multi-Cultural Festivals and many more. In order to accommodate the enormous growth of our City, Linden EMS became a 24 hour, 7 days a week operation with a combination of volunteer and career staff members.

Many of our members, both past and present, participated in the rescue efforts at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Our career and volunteer staff spent countless hours searching for survivors, treating the injured, and providing rehab services to fellow members of the EMS, Fire and Police community. Our staff also participated in the rescue efforts after Hurricane Floyd, which placed many of our New Jersey communities under water.

Our entire organization takes great pride in



providing you with the most professional and advanced ambulance services available and will continue to provide this exceptional service for many years to come. If you have any questions about the organization or would like to visit our facility at 12 North Stiles Street, please feel free to contact our office to make these arrangements at 908-474-8623. We encourage each and every citizen and business to invest in our organization, as you are investing in yourself. Donations should be addressed to P.O. Box 1165 Linden NJ. Your support will allow us to continue providing the necessary care that you and your loved ones have come to rely on.

LINDEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GIVES HEADS UP TO WINTER WEATHER Snow and Ice - Salting - Plowing - Removal

Note: All scheduled DPW collections and services may be delayed or suspended due to weather emergencies.

Swirling winds and blowing snow can play havoc on unsuspecting garbage cans and bags. Please take notice of weather reports and if severe weather is forecast, do the sensible thing and hold your items until the next scheduled collection day. Your neighborhood will thank you!

Snow events are stressful to everyone. A little communication can go a long way in helping to understand our role during these events.

1. The DPW is responsible for clearing the snow so emergency personnel can traverse

the streets.

2. Our job is to start in the center of the Street and clear the snow to the curb.

Here is a list of things you can do to minimize the effects of snow in your neighborhood.

1. If you live on a street marked Snow Emergency Street, you must not park any vehicles on that street. They will be towed.
2. If at all possible, remove your vehicles from all streets until we have plowed to the curb. Utilize driveways and lots. Ask a neighbor if you can share a driveway prior to winter weather arrival.
3. Keep in mind that it may take us until after the storm to clear the snow to the curb. We

must pass by your house an average of eight to ten times before we will reach the curb.

Therefore, although you can clear your driveway apron during the storm, we will likely block it again until we reach the curb. We do not do this to have fun or to annoy you. We must clear the snow to the curb.

TO SAVE YOURSELF AGGRAVATION DO NOT CLEAR YOUR APRON UNTIL WE GET THE SNOW TO THE CURB.

4. Do not leave furniture in the street to "mark your parking space". Our job is to reach the curb and your furniture will be destroyed.
5. Please do not venture out during a storm unless absolutely necessary.
6. Please, please do not build snow forts for your children by the curb.
7. Please do not shovel or throw snow into the street. We will just move it back to the curb.

As you may have noticed, We Must Plow All Snow to the Curb. Please, let us perform our duties in a safe and efficient manner. We guarantee clean, clear and easily navigable streets after the storm, if you stay out of our way during the storm!

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LINDEN EXCHANGES STUDENTS WITH GERMANY

Lt. Aslin provided all students with items from the GREAT (Gang Resistance, Education and Training) Program courtesy of the Linden Police Department to commemorate their trip to the City of Linden.



(above) Mayor Richard Gerbounka, Detective Lieutenant Keith Aslin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Diana Braistad, LHS student, German Exchange student, at the Linden High School GAAP Reception (German American Partnership Program).

ABOUT TRINITAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Trinitas Regional Medical Center (TRMC) is a major center for comprehensive health services for those who live and work in Central New Jersey. Offering 541 beds, Trinitas is distinguished by no less than ten Centers of Excellence, which include: the Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center; the Trinitas School of Nursing; the Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine; the Trinitas Comprehensive Sleep Disorders Center; cardiology services, maternal/child health services; diabetes management; women's services, renal care; behavioral health services, and senior services.

The Department of Behavioral Health & Psychiatry offers one of the most comprehensive services in the state for the psychiatric treatment of children and adults.

The Trinitas School of Nursing, the second largest nursing school in the nation, offers a diploma in nursing as well as an Associate in Science Degree and has a diverse student body of more than 2,000 students.

The National League for Nursing has designated the Trinitas School of Nursing as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education. TRMC serves as the Center for End-Stage Renal Care for Eastern Union County. TRMC is a Catholic teaching medical center sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in partnership with Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation.

For more information on Trinitas Regional Medical Center, visit: TrinitasRMC.org or call (908) 994-5138.

TRINITAS TAKES PRECAUTIONS TO FIGHT THE FLU

In order to help prevent the spread of the flu to patients and staff, Trinitas Regional Medical Center announced recently that it is restricting visitors to adults who are age 18 and older and those who do not have flu symptoms. Additional information on the H1N1 flu is available on the Trinitas website: www.TrinitasRMC.org

H1N1, like other communicable diseases, is contagious and can be easily transmitted from one person to another. The spread of H1N1 can be prevented by vigorous and repeated hand washing with soap and water. Use of alcohol-based gel is also recommended. In addition, the spread of the virus can be reduced by covering the mouth when sneezing or coughing by using a tissue, handkerchief or the elbow, not the hands.

If you believe that you may have symptoms of the flu, it is recommended that you avoid close contact with others as much as possible to avoid the spread of the virus.

A BOUNTY OF BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED



Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive Eases Strain on Families Elizabeth, New Jersey Sister Marion Scranton, Director of Community Initiatives, and Gary S. Horan, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer of Trinitas Regional Medical Center, stand in the midst of only some of the baskets that Trinitas employees collected in the medical center's fifth Thanksgiving Basket Drive to benefit the needy in the hospital's service area. More than 100 baskets, many in large wheeled shopping carts and all festively decorated, were collected at the three major campuses of Trinitas in Elizabeth and Cranford. All of the baskets were blessed during Thanksgiving prayer services before they were distributed to appreciative families in Elizabeth and surrounding communities.

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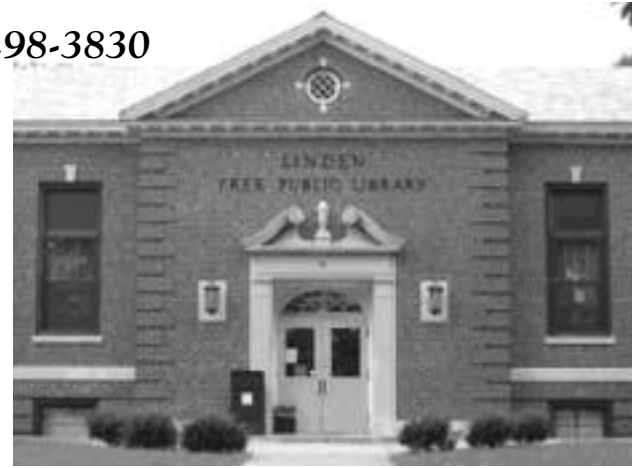
The Main Library will be closed to the public beginning November 30th and will reopen when the new library is completed sometime in January/February 2010. The Children's room will remain open for the time being.

The construction of the new Linden Library began in July, 2008, and the project is finally nearing its end. The new building will offer state-of-the-art computers, wireless Internet access, three meeting rooms, a teen center, and much more.

The library has managed to remain open and offer service throughout the construction, but now the main building at 31 E. Henry Street will need to close for moving into the new structure. Saturday, November 28th will be the last day we are open. Previously borrowed materials can be returned in the book drop, which will remain open at least until the old building is demolished. They can also be returned at the

Children's Room, which has been temporarily relocated to the JTG Center. They can be reached at 908-862-0131. The Children's Room is expected to remain open for most of the month of December, after which it will be closed so its materials can be moved into the new building as well.

In the meantime, the Linden Library Card is accepted at all other Union County Libraries, with the exception of Woodbridge.



LITERACY VOLUNTEERS CONDUCTING REGISTRATION FOR NEW TUTORS

Literacy Volunteers of Union County is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization that improves the lives of adults by teaching them to read, write and speak English so they can participate more fully in family, workplace and community life.

Tutors meet with their students one hour a week at public libraries throughout Union County. You do not need any teaching experience and it is not necessary to know a foreign language to become a volunteer. Through the program, adult learners have been able to obtain a driver's license, earn a high school equivalency diploma, and increase their ability to get better jobs and be more productive workers.

Other adult learners are giving back to the community by facilitating a support group, teaching a computer skills class at a local library to adult learners and conducting conversation

groups to enable students to become more comfortable in speaking and writing English.

Registration has begun for the Winter Session of the New Tutors Training Workshop Series. This 15-hour workshop will be conducted over three Saturdays. The three sessions will take place at the Rahway Public Library located at 2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, on January 30, February 6, and February 13, 2010. This is a change to previously announced dates and locations. All three sessions begin at 9:30 am and conclude at 2:30 pm. There is a \$40 Registration Fee to cover the cost of materials used for training. Need based scholarships are available to cover the registration fee.

Literacy Volunteers recently launched a new website, www.lvaunion.org. Visit the website and click on "Become Involved" to register for the New Tutors Training Workshop. You may also register by calling Susan at 908-755-7998.

HELP MAKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON HUNGER FREE

The Linden Library, in conjunction with the other libraries of Union County is holding a food drive until December 18, 2009. Items can be dropped off at the Children's Room, located in the JTG Center at 330 Helen St. Food will be given to the Linden Interfaith Network for community services (LINCS) for distribution.

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- The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is the largest business association in the New York Metropolitan Area with about 1,800 members. We hold approximately 150 events per year from large 600-person dinners to small 10-person breakfasts, and everything in between, with a great emphasis on networking and business promotion.
- The Gateway Chamber has a long history dating back to 1911 when it was founded as the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce by John D. Rockefeller and other New Jersey industrialists.
- Today, the Gateway Chamber serves as the umbrella organization for 13 regional and local chambers and networking groups including:
 - Union County Chamber of Commerce
 - Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce
 - Route 22 Chamber of Commerce
 - Springfield Chamber of Commerce
 - Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce
 - Roselle Park Chamber of Commerce
 - Clark Chamber of Commerce
 - Linden Chamber of Commerce
 - Somerset Hills Business Network
 - Networking Professionals of New Jersey
 - Gateway Association of Business Women
 - Gateway After Hours
 - Irish Business Association

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- The Gateway Chamber operates in Union, Essex, Middlesex and Somerset Counties, making it the only multi-county association in Northern and Central New Jersey. The Chamber also has many members in other states, and a growing number outside the United States.
- The Gateway Chamber is a strong advocate for its members. It works at the federal, state and local levels on both legislative and regulatory issues.
- The Gateway Chamber publishes its own monthly newspaper, *Inside Business*, which has an estimated readership of 75,000.
- We consider it to be core to our mission to help our members grow their businesses, and as a result our retention rate has averaged 95% over the last five years. This focus on membership services is at the center of our philosophy.
- Members of the Gateway Chamber run the gamut from large corporations like Merck, Schering-Plough, Verizon and Continental Airlines, to small and medium-sized businesses, to a very active home-based business group.

HOW AND WHY TO BECOME A MEMBER

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Your investment in dues as a Chamber member is tax deductible as a business expense.

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6 - 10	445.00
11 - 25	515.00
26 - 50	700.00
51 - 75	845.00
76 - 100	1,080.00
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Home-Based Businesses (< 2 employees)	\$235.00
Charitable Organizations	\$360.00
Sales Representative (Admin. fee waived)	\$395.00

Businesses with over 200 employees should call Gateway Chamber Office for rates.

Contact Gateway Chamber for with questions or to get an application.

KATE CONROY
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