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From the Desk of Mayor David Runfeldt

2008 will be remembered as a extremely challenging year in so many ways for the Borough of Lincoln Park. The economic crisis which has been termed an event of global proportions has filtered right down through our nation and state and has landed squarely on our municipality (as it has every town) and all of its businesses, employees and residents.

2008 began with the prospect of an unwelcome tax increase due mostly to the rising costs of fuel, insurance and pensions along with the many state mandates that are forced upon us at the municipal level without any state relief. The Governor then attempted to control state spending by decreasing the aid that it sends to each municipality. Complicating matters was the fact that the state was so sluggish in getting information to the towns, that a tremendous amount of uncertainty was created, leading to delays in passing our budget and the hampering of being able to budget appropriately.

In the midst of our budget process, administration was able to uncover an apparent theft of nearly \$20,000.00 by our former CFO. Through the efforts of my office and staff, Borough administrator Joe Maiella and the Police Department, an arrest was made, indictments were handed down and prosecution is ongoing.

As if all this wasn't enough adversity, we rolled right into our tax board mandated property re-valuation. Making matters worse was the fact that the process was begun at a time when real estate prices were close to their peak and the new assessments were delivered to our residents in the midst of the market's nose dive. The new numbers now seem almost as skewed over value as the undervalued numbers which were trying to be corrected.

In light of all this difficulty, I am happy to say that Lincoln Park was able to flourish in many ways this year.

The borough continued to improve and increase the various programs and events run by Administration, Recreation, Health and Police Departments for the benefit of our residents. Much of the success of these programs must go to Parks and Recreation Superintendent Janet Cassidy, Health Officer Pat Pignatelli, Police Chief Sean Canning, DPW Superintendent Tom Piorkowski and Ellen Ross who are gifted at being able to take my visions and put them into practice. More importantly, each of these individuals has their own vision and a great passion for improving the quality of life for the residents of town. Most importantly, however, is that these borough officials listen to the ideas of the residents which has lead to the formation of many of these new programs. The newly formed Lincoln Park Runner's Club, the first ever town wide garage sale and several of the newly offered recreation programs started as ideas of residents and have been implemented, promoted and/or funded by the borough.

I would also like to give my sincere thanks to the Borough Council for supporting these programs through endorsement or funding. In harsh economic times, being able to provide low or no cost recreational and social opportunities for our residents is one of the many things that make our town so extraordinary.

We have continued to enhance Lincoln Park's participation in the New Jersey Mayor's Wellness Campaign. This campaign is supported by nearly every volunteer organization in town...Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTO, PAL, Police, Fire and First Aid along with many others including regional organizations like the Rotary Club and individual citizens who help to make this a great program for increasing awareness for fitness for our populace. A good amount of the businesses in town give support to this program through donations of time, money and resources.

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Library Corner

Submitted by: Rhett Bennett, Reference Librarian

The Lincoln Park Public Library welcomes our new Children's Assistant, Brianne Acocello. She is the mother of two young daughters and hopes to help children find "enjoyment and knowledge in books." Brianne will begin her Story Time and Craft Programs in January.

Story Time: Join Brianne Acocella's Story Time. Children three years of age will meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 am and at 1:00 pm January 7th – February 4th. Children aged 4 – 5 will meet at 11:00 am and at 1:00p.m on Mondays January 5th – February 2nd. There are sign up sheets in the library. Space is limited.

Beginner Basics Computer Classes:

An Introduction to Basic Computer Skills will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, January 9th at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 17th, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 23rd. This is a free service to those with a Lincoln Park Library card in good standing. You must pre-register for the classes in person at the reference desk or call 973-694-8283 and ask for the Reference Librarian.

Friends of the Lincoln Park Library meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm in the library. New members are always welcome.

New Fiction: **The Treasure** by Iris Johansen; **Scarpetta** by Patricia Cornwell; **Dying for Revenge** by Eric Jerome Dickey; **Arctic Drift** by Clive Cussler; **Your Heart Belongs to Me** by Dean Koontz; **The Bone Garden** by Tess Gerritsen; **Devil May Care** by Sebastian Faulks writing as Ian Fleming;

Where Serpents Sleep by C.S. Harris

New DVDS: National Treasure 2;

The Osmonds 50th Anniversary Special; **The Dark Knight;** **Horton Hears a Who;** **Space Chimps;** **The New Adventures of Old Christine;** **PBS Home Video True Whispers the story of the Navajo Code Talkers.**

New Music CDS: Hootie – Cracked Rear View; **Brian Wilson – That Lucky Son;** **John Mellencamp – Life Death Love and Freedom;** **Pretenders Breakup the Con Crete.**

News From The Police Desk

Submitted by: Chief Sean Canning

Welcome to 2009! With the start of the New Year we have also started to initiate goals for the coming year. Some goals we obtain from our own observations and needs that must be addressed. We also get suggestions from the public, which are always welcome.

A major concern from many residents is always **speeding and traffic enforcement** in their neighborhood on the busier thoroughfares. For several years now we have been conducting speed surveys and enforcing of roads where there is identified a speeding problem as well as the times of greatest violations in an attempt to work more efficiently.

This months concerns: Throwing snow on roadways/ Failure to clear sidewalks

- With the arrival of wintry weather also comes some of the common problems we face as a community. One of the most fielded complaints we receive from citizens is the act of throwing or blowing snow into plowed roadways. While there certainly is no criminal or malicious intent by persons doing this, there is a real danger of causing a serious accident that could inflict injury or even claim a life. When clearing sidewalks and driveways please make every effort to direct the snow onto other portions, such as a yard, or any area away from a plowed roadway.

The effect of putting the snow onto the roadways is a possible freezing over and the potential for a motorist to lose control of a vehicle with disastrous results. Not only is this dangerous it is against [Borough Ordinance 185-1](#), "Placing of Obstructions in Streets". As a side note it is also important to clear all sidewalks within 12 hours of daylight after a snowfall. Oftentimes children walking to school have had to walk in dangerous icy roadways due to impassable sidewalks. This ordinance is covered under [Borough Ordinance 185-2](#). We ask your cooperation in this to keep the children and other pedestrian's safe.

Please feel free to contact the officers or myself with concerns or ideas you may have and help keep Lincoln Park the safe community we all strive for. Thank you and happy New Year.

Health Department Clinic Dates

January, 2009

***January 8, Thursday:** Child Health Clinic; 9am-12 pm (HD)

***January 9, Friday:** Podiatry Clinic; 9am-12pm (HD)

January 26, Monday: Blood Pressure Screening 10am-12pm (HD)

January 28, Wednesday: Seniors Blood Pressure Screening, 12pm-1pm (St. Joe's)

February, 2009

***February 6, Friday:** Podiatry Clinic 9am-12 noon, (HD)

***February 12, Thursday:** Child Health Clinic 9am-12pm (HD)

February 23, Monday: Blood Pressure Screening: 10am-12pm

February 25, Wednesday: Seniors Blood Pressure Screening 12pm-1pm (St. Joe's)

March, 2009

***March 6, Friday:** Podiatry Clinic, 9am-12 pm (HD)

***March 12, Thursday:** Child Health Clinic 9am-12 pm (HD)

March 16, Monday: Blood Pressure Screening, 10am-12pm (HD)

March 25, Wednesday: Seniors Blood Pressure Screening 12pm-1pm (St. Joe's)

* Please call the Health Department at 973-270-2040 to make an appointment.

Dog Licenses

Submitted by: Karen Noonan, Registrar

All dog licenses should be renewed by January 31st. Any dog license issued after February, 2009 will be charged an additional late fee.

The Rabies shot must be valid for the entire year through October 31, 2009.

You must bring proof of rabies vaccination to the Health Department (second floor), 34 Chapel Hill Rd., Lincoln Park, for license.

Board of Education News

Submitted by: Kimberly Florit

Visit our website at www.lincolnparkboe.org to stay updated on what's happening in the Lincoln Park School District. While on the website, check out eBoard, where you'll find updated information from the district, schools, and individual teacher's classrooms.

The Lincoln Park Board of Education office will be closed on January 1st. Schools reopen from Winter Recess on January 5th and will be closed for students only on January 19th.

Lincoln Park Board of Education meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th & Tuesday, January 27th at 7:30pm in the Lincoln Park Middle School Media Center.

LINCOLN PARK SENIORS

Submitted by: Rich Williams

The Lincoln Park Seniors continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 12 noon in Halloran Hall, below St. Joseph Church, 216 Comly Road.

The dues are \$16 per year.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 14: Luncheon – Lincoln Park Renaissance

Feb 11: President's Day/Valentines Day Luncheon

Mar 16: Saint Patrick's Day - luncheon dinner and entertainment @ The Brownstone

Apr 29: Viva Las Vegas @ The Brownstone

June: Cookout at Lincoln Park Lake

July: Platzl Brauhaus, Pomona, NY – Luncheon/Picnic with Entertainment

Aug: Ice Cream Social

Sept: Overnight to Cape May – details to follow

Oct: Oktoberfest at Mt. Haven, PA – breakfast, lunch, entertainment

Our club has grown to over 147 members and we are always looking for new members and new ideas. For more information, contact Rich Williams at rwilliams@bolp.org.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

January 2009—Cut Out and Save

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Years Day, Borough Offices, Yard & PAL Bldg. Are Closed	2	3
4 Council Re- Organization Mtg., 12 Noon (CC)	5 Council Work Meeting 7:30 pm (CC) Newspapers & Bulk Rt. 1	6 Christmas Trees ALL ROUTES	7	8 Rec. Adv. Bd. Mtg. 7 pm (PAL)	9 Podiatry Clinic 9- 12 (HD)	10
11	12 Newspapers & Bulk Rt. 2 & Con- dos	13 *Bd. Of Adj. Mtg. 8 pm (CC) *Christmas Trees ALL ROUTES *Girl Scout Leaders 7-9 pm (CMR)	14 Seniors Lunch- eon-LP Renais- sance	15 Planning Bd. Mtg. 8 pm (CC)	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Borough Offices, Yard & PAL Bldg. Are Closed	20 Council Reg. Meeting 7:30 PM (CC) Newspapers & Bulk Rt. 3 CERT Mtg. (CMR) 7- 9pm	21	22	23	24 Budget Hearing 8 am (CC)
25	26 Blood Pressure Screening 10-12 noon (HD)	27	28 Seniors Blood Pressure Screen- ing 12-1 pm (St. Joe's)	29	30	31 Budget Hearing 8 am (CC)
<p>CC:Council Chambers; CMR: Community Meeting Room; CCR: Council Conference Room; HD: Health Department; St. Joe's: St. Joe's Hal- loran Hall; PAL: PAL Bldg. Mtg. Room. Call Health Dept. to make appointment for their clinics 973-270-2040.</p> <p>Please Note Recycling: the dates listed are starting dates for your route.</p>						

New Laws & Pending Legislation

Source: NJLM Legislative Bulletin, November 18, 2008

New Laws:

S-103: Requires local government officer to file financial disclosure statement within 30 days of taking office

A-2867: The "Permit Extension Act of 2008"

A-1908: Requires DHSS and DHS to establish autism and intellectual and other developmental disabilities awareness program for certain first responders

A-844: Allows certain local public entities to enter into contracts of up to 15 years for energy conservation or provision of renewable energy production buildings owned by such entities

S-1962: Makes changes to PERS and TPAF concerning retirement age, eligibility, purchase of service credit; makes various changes to SHBP administration; merges Washington and Lincoln Holidays for State employees in Presidents Day

S-241: Exempts certain renewable energy systems from real property taxation

Pending Legislation:

A-827: The "Second Unit Housing Authorization Act."

A-3112: Requires investigating law enforcement officer to contact next of kin of unconscious motor vehicle accident victim who has been transported to hospital emergency room

A-3126: Requires State provide description of services to be provided if local unit must pay for services

A-3215: "Water Resource Lands Protection Act"

A-3246: Requires NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency to create program to assist municipalities in purchasing foreclosed properties for affordable housing use.

A-3247: Allows corporation business tax credit to foster donation of foreclosed real property to municipalities for use as affordable housing.

A-3255: Requires designation of one position for PERS membership by person holding more than one PERS-covered position

A-3301: Requires certain appointed public officials to work 35 hours or more per week to be eligible for PERS and SHBP; requires termination of PERS and SHBP participation of certain appointed officials whose terms of appointment expires

A-3304: Provides increased time frame for issuing summons pursuant to traffic control signal monitoring systems and for destruction of records; establishes certain payment methods

A-3308: Protects property taxpayers by requiring removal of certain property tax deduction and credit information from documents available for public inspection

A-3318: Requires DEP to notify municipality of environmental violations by a local entity

S-1623: Prohibits municipalities from setting minimum fees for employment of its off-duty police officers

S-2086: Requires installation of automatic rain sensors on lawn sprinklers

S-2090: Requires that appointee to office or position whose term begins after effective date work 35 or more hours per week to qualify for PERS membership on basis of appointment

S-2109: Requires all elected officials and candidates and certain other public officials to file financial disclosure statement

S-2150: Grants roadside diesel bus and truck emissions inspection authority to municipal police; grants authority to police for random inspections for size and weight

S-2199: Provides for adjustment and notice of date on which certain elections can occur if date coincides with period of religious observance

S-2209: Requires certain public restrooms to be equipped with baby-changing stations

Lincoln Park Lions Club's 21st Annual Beefsteak Dinner Dance

Submitted by: Wayne Arvidson

Saturday March 7, 2009 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Music by DannyC.

American Legion Hall Main (Rt. 202) St., Lincoln Park.

Donation: \$40.00

Contact Walter at 973-696-1905 for tickets or additional information.

Recreation Department

Submitted by: Janet Cassidy, Sup. Of Recreation

Janet Cassidy Recreation Superintendent
973-694-6100 ext #2206. Mailing Address
is: 34 Chapel Hill Road, Lincoln Park, NJ
07035. Recreation Office is located at 10
Boonton Tpke/Rt 202. Please e-mail all
information requests to me at
janetc@bolp.org.

Kinder-Rec – NEW & IMPORVED:

space is still available for our Tuesday /
Thursday session, 9:30am – 12:30pm at a
cost of \$15/week.

Mommy & Me: meets Thursday morn-
ings from 9:30-11am at the Community
Center. Open to infants/toddlers up to
kindergarten age and their mommies for a
group play-date!

Running Club: Anyone interested in
joining the LP Running Club should send
an e-mail to www.beenthererunthat.com.
ALL LEVELS OF RUNNERS ARE WEL-
COME!!

Men's Basketball League: Games
continue on Tuesday evenings at 9pm.
Schedule changes to 7pm April 1, 2009.
There is still room on some of the teams,
so please e-mail your contact info.

Co-Ed Aerobics: Lincoln Park Adult
Aerobic classes held at the PAL building
every Tuesday and Thursday evening, 6:00
– 7:00 p.m. 20 classes for \$60.00, regis-
tration is ongoing. The class format con-
sists of a warm-up, dancercise aerobics,
muscle strengthening floor work, and cool
down.

Pilates & Yoga Classes: New sessions
scheduled to begin in January, start the
new year off right with an exercise plan!
Scheduled will be posted on Channel 77
and the web-site.

Please log onto www.lincolnpark.org for
updated news. If you have an idea or
suggestion for a special event or trip,
please e-mail Janet Cassidy at
janetc@bolp.org.

Pequannock UNICO

Trips

Submitted by: Frank Elefante

February 18: Mt. Airy Lodge, Casino & Resort, Mt. Airy PA

March 15: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Music of America", Hampton, NJ

April 22: Mt. Haven Resort "Italian Feast", Milford, PA.

May 6: Sight and Sound Theater "Behold the Lamb", Strasburg, PA

June 15-20: Maine, Nova Scotia & New Brunswick, Canada, New England Cruise.

June 30: Trump Casino Trip, Atlantic City

July 8 & 9: Tour of Gettysburg Museum/ Battlefield, Gettysburg, PA

July 29: Mt. Airy Lodge, Casino & Resort, Mt. Airy PA

August 23-26: White Mountain Hotel & Resort, Lincoln, NH

September 8-14: Mackinac Island & Michigan Northern Peninsula, Michigan

September 23: Mt. Airy Lodge Casino & Resort, Mt. Airy PA.

October 28-30: Woodloch Pines Resort, Hawley, PA

November 11: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "The Christmas Show", Hampton, NJ

December T.B.D.: West Point Christmas Concert & Lunch, West Point, NY

Please feel to contact any committee member for additional information regarding rates, dates, etc.

Chairman: Joe Carabello 973-835-0208; Co-Chairman: Len Remus 973-831-1970; Committee Members: Joe Veltre 973-839-3530; Sam Ciresi 973-839-4185; David Nafie 973-248-0328.

Or write to: Pequannock UNICO, PO Box 176, Pequannock, NJ 07440.

Pequannock UNICO is a service organization of Americans of Italian heritage, dedicated to charity and philanthropic endeavors.

A part of the trip proceeds is allocated to helping other.

YOUR PARTICIPATION

IS A LARGE PART!

- Every trip has been planned with your comfort and enjoyment as our prime objective
- Your special trip requests are always investigated!
- We use only new and modern coaches which accommodate all your needs!
- You never overpay on a Pequannock UNICO trip! And we proudly make that statement.

Does Your House Need Work?

The Morris County Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Morris County Housing Rehabilitation Program provides funds to income eligible homeowners to address major system failures in their primary residence.

General Requirements:

1. Are you a permanent Morris County resident (except Dover and Parsippany)?
2. Do you own and have you lived in the house for at least one year?
3. Is this the **only** house you own?
4. Is the total assessed value of your house under \$400,000?
5. Do you fall within the income limits in the chart below?

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Income Limits</u> <u>Gross Income</u>
1	\$43,050
2	\$49,200
3	\$55,350
4	\$61,500
5	\$66,400
6	\$71,350
7	\$76,250
8	\$81,200

Program Requirements:

- Funds are to be used for major repairs or conditions related to health or safety
- Examples of Work; roof replacement, furnace replacement, upgrade electrical, construct new well or septic, sewer or water hook-ups, provide handicapped access, etc.
- Type of assistance: No Interest, No Payment 6-year or 10-Year Forgivable Loan (Term is dependent on amount of assistance)
- Contact Community Development **BEFORE** any work is done or contracts are signed.

INTERESTED?

If you have answered YES to the questions above, and you are in need of our help, call or write:

Morris County Community Development

PO Box 900

Morristown, NJ 07963-0900

973-285-6030

1-800-852-7897 (TDD) Hearing/Speech Impaired

2009 N.J. DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

Dog Licenses are due for renewal by January 31, 2009, but cannot be renewed before January 1, 2009. check your rabies information and neuter status. If there are changes, be sure to enclose the required copies of certificates. The fees are: \$15.00 (neutered/spayed) or \$18.00 (non-neutered/spayed). After February 2009 a late fee of \$10.00 per dog will be imposed. **WE MUST HAVE PROOF OF RAVIES GOOD THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2009 INORDER TO IS-SUE A NEW LICENSE.**

Return this form with a check in the appropriate amount payable to the Borough of Lincoln Park. Your 2009 Tag License will then be mailed to you. Please notify the Health Department (973-270-2040), if you no longer own your dog. Please do not send cash through the mail.

Sex: _____

Owners Name & Address:

Age: _____

Breed: _____

Color: _____

Hair: Long _____ Short _____ Telephone # _____

Spay/Neut: Yes _____ No _____

Rabies Exp.: _____

Vet's Name: _____

Dogs Name: _____

Previous License #: _____

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules. An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick-up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other peoples property.

Make sure you know your town's or Agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law! And remember to: Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick-up wastes. Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet. Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Local Church News

First Reformed Church

Submitted by: Carol Anderson

We are committed to living and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with everyone, everywhere, every day. . . .Welcome! Located at 60 Chapel Hill Road, next to Borough Hall. Contact us at 973-694-4336 or e-mail, office@frc-lpnj.org. Our website is frc-lpnj.org. We are completely handicap accessible.

Jacksonville Chapel

Submitted by: Lauren Katona

JANUARY 2009 SCHEDULE

Submitted by: Lauren Katona

www.jacksonvillechapel.org or call the Chapel office at 973-334-6657

Lincoln Park Campus LP: Jacksonville Chapel, 264 Jacksonville Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035

Wayne Campus W: Jacksonville Chapel 270 Parish Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470

WEEKEND SERVICES: Main Campus

Sunday 9:00 AM Auditorium (Traditional);

Sunday 10:15 AM Auditorium (Blended);

Sunday 11:30 AM Auditorium

(Contemporary); **Emergence Sunday**

9:00, 10:15, 11:30 AM & 6:30 PM. Join us for a progressive and casual church service in the **Ministry Center South.** Come as you are. www.emergencenj.org

Wayne Campus W: Sunday 9:20 & 11:15 AM Auditorium (**en Español**); **Children's Programs 9:30 AM** Nursery thru 6th grade **11:15 AM** Nursery thru 5th grade

SUNDAY: LINCOLN PARK CAMPUS (LP) **Infants thru 2 yrs., LP** (all services) ; **Children's Programs, LP** 9:45 & 11:15 AM, 3 yrs – 5th grade; **Student Classes, LP** Edge X (Grade 6-8) 9:45-10:55 AM; Edge PM 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Sept. thru June); OSC (High School) 6:30 – 8:30 PM (Sept. thru June). **Adult Bible Fellowships** 9:45 & 11:15 AM **LP** 11:00 AM **W. Singles Bible Fellowship** 9:45 AM **LP** (Adult Singles).

SUNDAY EVENING: Choir, LP 6:30-8:30 PM (9th grade – Adult) (Sept. thru June). **Nxt-Gen Ministries, LP** www.NXT-GEN.org Middle School (grades 6-8). **"Edge X"** 9:45 - 10:55; **"Edge PM"** 6:30 – 8:30 PM (Sept. thru June) High School (grades 9-12) **"OSC PM"** 6:30– 8:30 PM (Sept. thru June).

MONDAYS: Women's Ministries, LP 7:00 PM (Sept. thru June). **Life Givers, LP** Living with life-threatening illness Support Group 7:00 PM (2nd & 4th Monday) Ministry Center South. **Pioneer Girls, LP** (1st – 8th grade) 7:00 PM (Sept. thru June). **Divorce Care, LP** (for parents) 6:00 PM, Parker Ministry Center (Sept. thru June). **REAL, LP** **7:00 PM Nxt-Gen Building LP** for youth with wounded spirits (Sept. thru June). **Band, 8:00 PM LP** (9th grade adult). **Grief Share LP** 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:00 PM Parker Ministry Center.

Abundant Life Worship Center

Submitted by: Rosemarie Orsita

Abundant Life Worship Center; 103 Jacksonville Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035, www.lincolnparkalwc.org

ALL WELCOME! If you need additional information, please call our church office at 973-694-9998.

Weekly Services: Sunday Worship

10:00 am: Our Sunday morning worship is a time for the entire family to come to church and be ministered to. There is a complete children's church program for infants thru 12 years of age. These programs are designed to make attending church both fun and educational for children while also allowing the parents the freedom to enjoy worshipping without any distractions. Our Sunday service consists of lively and inspirational music and the dynamic preaching of God's Holy Word, the Bible. There is also prayer for the sick and the belief that God is still able to do wonderful and miraculous things for his children today. Warning: these services have been known to change people's lives. You may leave them filled with the power of God, his unspeakable joy, a renewed sense of hope & faith, a better marriage, and a smile on your face. People may not recognize you.

Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm:

Our mid-week Bible study is a chance to learn and to ask questions about the word of God in a casual and informal setting. Coffee is available in this classroom setting. Detailed studies of biblical themes along with practical topics such as: marriages, the family, finances and dealing with emotional hurts are just some of the subjects that we openly discuss. There is a complete children's church program for infant thru 12 years of age every Wednesday.

The Bible is the most purchased book of all time; it is also the most unread book of all time. Most people claim to believe in the Bible yet have no idea what it says. Are your spiritual beliefs in line with the scriptures?

Tuesdays: 5:30 am Men's Morning Prayer for information call church office

Thursdays: 9:30 am Women connecting to Women Bible Study at the church

St. Joseph's

Submitted by: Lorraine Thierry

We are located at 216 Comly Road across from Beaver Brook Gardens. Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Parish Office: 973-696-4411 Religious Education: 973- 694-8289. Fax: 973-305-8466, stjoelp@optonline.net www.stjosephsonline.org

We invite you to celebrate the Eucharist:

Saturday Evening: 5:30 pm. Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon. Monday: 7:00 pm followed by a Miraculous Medal Novena. Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am Holy Days Times will be announced in the bulletin as well as from the altar. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:30 to 5:00 PM.

STEWARDSHIP MONTH: The month of January has been designated Stewardship Month in the parish. Parishioners will be able to sign up for various ministries during the last Sunday of the month, January 25th, at all the Masses.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There will be an important meeting for all First Communicants' parents on Sunday February 1 during the children's class sessions (either 9 am or 11 am).

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM: The Confirmation Class for February **will not** be held on the First Sunday, February 1st; it will be held on Sunday, February 8th.

Questions regarding the Confirmation Program for high school students, Grades 9-12 should be directed to jen-shirkey@hotmail.com

WHY CATHOLIC?? During the 6 weeks of Lent, our parish will begin a wonderful process called *WhyCatholic?* This process will provide an opportunity to build community, deepen our faith, pray with the Scriptures, learn about our catechism, and grow spiritually. After we do all this together, we will be prepared to share our faith with others, whenever the opportunity arises. This process will occur mainly through small faith communities.

Why would you want to sign up for this Program? Well, for several reasons:

- **To grow in your faith.** To learn truths about your Catholic faith and deepen your understanding of God.

- **To meet new people.** Praying with others and reading the Bible together brings people closer. New relationships are formed and deepened.
- **To talk about God.** Society and the pressures of the day offer little opportunity for us to stop and reflect on our spiritual life. Small Communities give us the time, the community, and the direction to reflect on our God.
- **To improve yourself.** Whatever stage we are at in our relationship with Christ, there is always room for improvement. Being in a small community encourages us to grow with the support of others.
- **To put faith into action.** Through Baptism, we are called to reach out to others, to help improve the quality of life for all. Small communities help us to identify ways to reach out as well as give community that supports us in our efforts.
- **To find community.** We meet people with the same values and hungers.

We are hoping that as many of you as possible will be interested in *WhyCatholic?* We are also looking for people to lead these groups and to offer their homes to host these small faith communities. These communities can be at any time – day, evening, weekend, whenever it is convenient. Training will be provided for small faith community leaders.

We will be having a sign up weekend in the near future. Please sign up! Take these 6 weeks of Lent, dedicate them to the Lord, and watch yourself grow in your faith! Please call the parish office at 973.696.4411 if you would like more information.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES:

- The Franciscan Sisters of Peace invite you join them in a "Peace Cell" they've formed. The focus of the "cell" is to counter the threat of terror cells and terrorism by praying for peace and trusting in the power of prayer. In this time of fear and terror, the Sisters believe that prayer is an untapped source needed in our world. The Peace Cell meets each Sunday at 5:00 pm in church for 24 minutes – one minute of each hour in the day – of supportive presence in quiet prayer. One need not make a commitment to attend every week, or be a member of St. Joseph Parish. Everyone is welcome to be a silent but powerful agent in the cause of world peace.
- The Legion of Mary Ministry meets each Saturday @ 1PM in Room 10 of the school.

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Submitted by: Kathy Nardone

211 Main Street - Lincoln Park. The church is located in the middle of Main Street (across from Lincoln Park Hardware) Parking is in the rear of Thorpe Hall on Station Road. Our Interim Rector is The Rev. Richard Louis. Church Office 973-694-5915; Nursery School 973-694-2358; Thrift Shop 973-694-2854.

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday - 7:15 p.m. in the church. **ECW: (Episcopal Church Women)** 1st Tuesday of each month in Thorpe Hall after Morning Prayer service at 11:45 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: 9:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Our Sunday worship services are linked with The Church of the Transfiguration in Towaco (COTT) at 9 Two Bridges Rd. **9:30 a.m.** - Holy Eucharist celebrated at St. Andrew's **9:20 a.m.** - Church School begins in Thorpe Hall **8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.** - Holy Eucharist celebrated at COTT.

St. Andrew's Thrift Shop: Our Thrift Shop will re-open after the holidays on January 7th

We are located in Thorpe Hall and there is a large parking lot in rear of building off Station Rd.

The Thrift Shop hours are: Weds - Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fridays the shop is open til 4 p.m.

Consignments are accepted Thursday through Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon **only**. A *limit of 10 per week/per account* may be brought in on consignment. Due to space limitations, large items such as furniture, dressers, tables, etc. and items in poor condition will not be accepted. Donations are accepted during regular shop hours.

Busy Beaver Nursery School OPEN HOUSE JAN. 26 - JAN. 29: Busy Beaver Nursery School will be accepting registrations for the 2009/2010 school year during our annual Open House. Our state licensed nursery school program includes a two-day program for 3-year-olds on Mondays and Thursdays and a three-day program on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday for 4 year olds from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. **Starting in the fall 2009 we will also offer an enrichment program for our four year old students extending their day until 2:30 p.m.** We invite all prospective students and parents to stop by our preschool during the following times to visit the class appropriate to your child's school age.

Three-year-old classes: Monday, January 26th and Thursday, January 29th 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Four-year-old classes: Tuesday, January 27th and Wednesday, January 28th. 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Classes are filled on a first come first serve basis and registrations are accepted in the order they are received. (Please note: children must be 3 or 4 years of age by October 1, 2009) If you wish to register during the open house, we will need a photocopy of your child's birth certificate and payment of a \$30.00 non-refundable registration fee.

Busy Beaver is located in the center of Lincoln Park at 211 Main Street in Thorpe Hall. Parking is in the rear of the building off of Station Road. Please call 973-694-2358 for further information.

St. Andrew's...“A Place to Belong”

Please join us on Sunday for worship and fellowship. We look forward to meeting you.

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TUESDAYS: Battalion, LP 7:00 PM (boys in 7th- 12th grade (Sept. thru June). **Overcomers in Christ, LP** Addiction Recovery Program 7:00PM Ministry Center South.

THURSDAY: Women's Ministries, LP 9:15 AM (Sept. thru June) **Tree Climbers, LP** 7:00 PM (boys 1st & 2nd grade and their dads) (Sept. thru June). **Stockade, LP** 7:00 PM (boys in 3rd-6th grade) (Sept. thru June) . **Prime Time** (seniors), **LP** 1:00 PM.-3rd Thursday of the month. (Sept. thru June).

SATURDAY: The Olive Branch, LP Ministry for Singles 7:30 PM on the 3rd Saturday of each month. If you are single & over 30 check us out. Call for event info.

Jacksonville Chapel Nursery School, MC JACKSONVILLE CHAPEL NURSERY SCHOOL For 2 ½ - 5 year old children; State certified; For more info. go to the nursery school website at jcnurseryschool.org or call 973-334-2798.

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- The Knights of Columbus collect aluminum cans every Saturday morning between 9 am and 11 am in the church parking lot.
- The Warming Bee Ministry meets weekly on Tuesdays at 1 PM in the school. If you love to crochet or knit, this ministry is for you. The group provides items to local hospitals and nursing homes.

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Earlier this year, the Lincoln Park Police Department achieved the superior status of National Recognition and State Accreditation due to their efforts in setting a high level of operating standards and procedures. I would like to recognize Chief Canning, Deputy Chief Tom Andrascik, and every member of the PD for not only reaching this objective, but for adhering to the achieved level of quality every day.

The borough was the recipient of several state and federal grants in 2008 for emergency services and communications. In addition to public grants, Lincoln Park was the grateful beneficiary of two private gifts from an anonymous resident which were designated by the donor to re-construct our aging tennis courts and for the use of our recreation department.

I like to think that one can always find good in a bad situation. One truly great thing for the Borough of Lincoln Park in the wake of the troubles of our former CFO has been the addition of Ms. Kerry Giesler as our new CFO. In less than a year, Kerry has been instrumental in saving the borough thousands of dollars that would have otherwise been lost. She has brought a new level of professionalism to the borough and an already great finance team which excels in their service to the town.

Although we were not challenged by any severe natural or other catastrophic event this past year, it is comforting to know that our emergency services stand at the ready 24/7/365. Along with the police and Office of Emergency Management, I would like to thank our volunteers in the Fire Department under the guidance of Chief Sal Marino, the LPEMS led by Chief Richard VanOrden and the C.E.R.T. members who protect us whenever they are called upon.

Special recognition must be given to the following organizations for their contributions to our community this year: The Pequannock Valley Rotary Club, the Pequannock UNICO, and the Lincoln Park American Legion for donations to our food pantry. This year, more than ever, these donations along with borough funding enable us to provide assistance to residents who may be having a difficulty making ends meet. The Rotary Club also established the Morris County DWI Victims Memorial on the grounds of our municipal complex. The Lincoln Park Lion's Club for their installation of a new flag pole at the clock tower on Chapel Hill road. The S.A.L. of the LP American Legion for their placement of United States Flags and flags representing each of the branches of U.S. Armed forces along the Veteran's Memorial Bridge on Comly Road.

Of course, one of the most impressive events to happen this year was Lincoln Park being named one of the top 5 places to live in the entire state of New Jersey by New Jersey Monthly magazine. Once again, congratulations to every one of us for achieving such a lofty position.

I would like to thank Councilman Ray Kerwin for his year of service as Council President and welcome Councilman Jim Wild to the position this year. I would like to also thank Councilwoman Ellen Harrigan who leaves council this year after many years of service to the borough. Welcome to Matt Petracca who will now be representing Ward 2 on the council. As a former councilman from Ward 2 myself, I hope you find the position as enjoyable as I did. To all of the council members I look forward to 2009 serving the borough with you.

I would like to thank my wife Andrea and my children Brielle and Camryn for allowing me to take away from them the time this position demands.

Finally, before we get back to business, I would ask that when you have a moment, you join me in wishing for the health and well being of each of us in the coming year and especially for the safety of those who are serving overseas.

David Runfeldt

Municipal Budget Hearings

Are tentatively schedule for

Saturday, January 24th, 2009 8:00 am

Saturday, January 31st, 2009 8:00 am

Saturday, February 7th, 2009 8:00 am

And

Saturday, February 14th, 2008 8:00am (if needed)

All Budget Hearings are held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Call the Clerk's Office to verify after January 5th, 973-270-2050 or 973-270-2051.