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Spotlight On Our Community OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 1998, as part of the Library Referendum, the Library Growth Foundation was established and charged with the task of raising \$250,000 in private donations that would be used for non-capital expenses incurred in connection with the expansion and renovation of the Oakland Public Library. To date, over \$170,000 has been raised. To help raise the additional funds, the Library Growth Foundation sponsors two on-going fundraisers that offer something for everyone in the Borough.

The first on-going fundraiser is the "Tree of Remembrance," which gives people an opportunity to honor the memory of the most cherished people in their lives by purchasing a personalized leaf on the Tree. For a donation of \$100 per name, people can have the name of the person they choose to remember, as well as their own name, inscribed on a plaque that hangs in the lobby of the new library.

The second fundraiser, "The Pathway of Stars," gives everyone a chance to celebrate the special children in their lives. Whether it is your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or neighbor, the stars are a perfect way to delight all your favorite youngsters, and help the library at the same time. For \$50 per star, you can have any young person's name inscribed on a beautiful 5-inch gold star that is prominently displayed in the Children's Library.

Applications for both fundraisers can be obtained at the Library. For more info: Gerri Schrier, 201-337-3472.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE ... OAKLAND'S BUSY FALL

Much has happened since the last Crossroads edition. The Flood Control Project is finally reaching completion and we anticipate that the flood control gates will be operational within the next few weeks. The major unresolved issue remaining is that we still lack a signed agreement between the NJDEP and the North Jersey Water District Supply over the operations and maintenance of the gates. This remains a major concern for the Borough, as responsibility for the operations and maintenance of the gates is paramount to its success as a flood mitigation measure. I will continue to press both agencies to bring this issue to a satisfactory conclusion.

The library is open for public use and enjoyment. The renovation of the old library wing is still held up pending the satisfactory conclusion to the litigation we instituted against the builder. As I have stated many times before, it was vital to the interests of

this community for the Borough to call in the bond to complete this project according to specifications and on budget. We could not afford to continue on the path the project had taken, which was marred by cost overruns and questionable construction quality. Although the ultimate completion of the project will be delayed as a result, in the end we will gain the project that we expected for the price we were willing to pay.

The Oak Street paper street has opened. To a large extent, this will enable vehicles to safely circulate within our downtown area and has helped eliminate the traffic hazard of left turns occurring at the Bank of New York and Rt. 202. The larger issue of even safer traffic patterns will be addressed with the Downtown Improvement Plan.

Speaking of which, the Downtown Improvement Plan is complete. There have been numerous meetings and presentations of the plan and I thank all of you who have offered comments and suggestions. The Plan will be presented one final time in October for public hearing and adoption by the Planning Board as a master plan element of the Borough's master plan. Upon adoption, the Borough will proceed to adopt ordinances amending our zoning ordinance to implement the plan and the Borough will aggressively seek grants to begin the process of improving the downtown. A critical element to the downtown improvement project will be securing sewers that will foster the redevelopment we are seeking and then finding

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Mayor John Szabo

Jack Tauber Retires as Chair of Municipal Alliance; Tina Albrecht Steps In

Jack Tauber recently retired as Chairperson of the Oakland Municipal Alliance after serving for more than six years. The Oakland Municipal Alliance is a volunteer organization that provides funding for programs to increase awareness and prevention of alcohol and drug abuse.

At the September 27th Mayor and Council meeting, Councilman Don Burns presented Mr. Tauber with a plaque of appreciation to extend the gratitude of the Community and to recognize Mr. Tauber's many contributions. To commemorate Mr. Tauber's work with the Alliance, Mr Burns read from the plaque and stated that the "Community has no greater riches than the service of its people."

Mr. Burns then went on to list some of Mr. Tauber's accomplishments including: serving on the Council for four years; establishing Oakland's first community-wide recycling program; member and Chair of the Environmental Commission; organizing member and Senior VP of VOCCAL; and member and chair of the Flood Commission. Mr. Tauber will continue his public service career in Oakland as he was recently installed as the President of the Oakland Seniors Club. While accepting the plaque, Mr. Tauber, in the true spirit of volunteerism, thanked the Council and stated that he "...couldn't do this job without the support of the Council and of the other volunteers who supported me."

Tina Albrecht takes over as the

Long-time Oakland resident Jack Tauber hands over the reins of the Municipal Alliance to Tina Albrecht.



Chairperson of the Oakland Municipal Alliance with over eight years of public service experience, including assistant to the Bergen County Executive handling Constituent Relations and Special Projects. During her tenure in that position, Ms. Albrecht contributed to the development of numerous social and community programs. Ms. Albrecht is a graduate of Ramapo Regional High School and holds

a Bachelor's Degree from Lehigh University as well as a Graduate Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She has been an adjunct professor with Fairleigh Dickinson since 2002, and continues to provide consultation to local municipalities with respect to managing and organizing community programs. She and her husband live in town with their two young sons.

Helmet Safety: Do You Know What You Are Risking?

Your son has been involved in a bike accident and is in a coma in the hospital. I felt like the floor had just dropped out from under me when I heard those words 10 years ago. I had been vacationing in Florida with my 10-year-old son during winter break. I had just put Michael on a plane the day before to return home a few days before returning myself. "This can't be happening," I said to myself! I felt like I was in a dream...a nightmare. "I have to get home." "Will he wake up?" "Will he be the same child when he wakes up?" "Will he be OK?" I kept thanking God that I had taught Michael to wear a helmet.

Severe brain injuries can require learning how to sit up, eat, walk, talk and control bodily functions all over again, sometimes taking months or even years of rehabilitation. Complete recovery isn't guaranteed. Major, permanent personality changes can occur, such as experiencing uncontrollable and even violent outbursts. This happened to my uncle as a result of an accident. His outbursts eventually became so violent that he had to live separately from his family and could no

longer hold down a job. My aunt and her three children forever lost the husband and father they once knew and loved.

The inside of Michael's helmet was cracked in half from the impact. I shuddered imagining what could have happened to his head had it not been protected by a helmet. Michael remained in a coma for four long days. We could only wait and pray. Much to everyone's surprise, he was back in school five weeks later. Thankfully, today, Michael is doing well, attending his junior year in college.

My name is **Karin Kennedy Dubowick**, Secretary to the Oakland Board of Health. Unfortunately, it's an all too common occurrence to see children riding bicycles throughout Oakland with no head protection. Accidents happen. Do your children wear properly fitted helmets? Are you willing to risk such serious consequences when wearing a helmet is such a simple thing to do? I'm so glad I didn't. Insist your children wear their helmets or don't let them skate, ride their bikes or skateboard. Better yet, teach them by setting an example.



DPW IS Ready For Winter

The new salt storage building located near the DPW is up and running. The building, under construction since the spring, can store 1200 tons of road salt. It also keeps the Borough in compliance with the recently enacted State of New Jersey Stormwater Management Regulations.

Oakland Historical Society is Alive and Well

Although the property around the Van Allen House looks quiet, the Oakland Historical Society has been busy this Summer, and will continue so into the Fall. A local Girl Scout, **Rachel Frank**, has been busy, with the help of her troop, tending to the gardens around the Van Allen House, and in the Spring all passers-by can expect to be thrilled by a burst of colorful tulips at various spots around the House. Rachel has long been a member of **Irene Maletsky's** junior quilters group, which has been meeting faithfully at the Van Allen House each week for several years. Many thanks to you, Rachel, and your entire troop, from the OHS and the Oakland Garden Club.

On Friday, August 25, the crowd that was gathered at the Van Allen House was a welcoming group for the historic re-enactors who are still on their walk from Rhode Island to Yorktown, VA, to take part in a recreation of the historic Battle at Yorktown, which brought final freedom from England to the American Colonies back in 1781 — 225 years ago. We had the three troops who started originally in Rhode Island, plus a group of scouting camp-followers who joined them along the way on their walk from Suffern to Pompton Plains on that Friday. The Society and guests welcomed the marchers with cookies, tea and juice after an afternoon of a paper, quill and ink-making demonstration for all visitors as we waited for the troops to arrive. Luckily we did not see the original several thousand troops and supply wagons which actually marched by the Van Allen House on August 25, 1781. That would have been a bit much for us to handle.

Coming up on October 25th at 8 p.m., we are looking forward to hearing from a re-enactor who is planning to be at the upcoming Battle at Yorktown. He should be bringing a program on the event from Virginia back to the Van Allen House. It should be a fascinating evening.

November is the month for the local second grade school classes to visit the House, and we also hope to have a program on the history of the local Native Americans. December 3rd we are planning our usual Dutch Christmas with "Sinter Klaas" visiting the House in the afternoon, bringing treats for all the chil-

dren. Be sure to look for signs of our upcoming events. You can call Klaus or Jerri at 201-337-9652 if you would like to help us plan for further activities. — *By Jerri Angermueller*

Re-enactors stopped at Oakland's historic Van Allen House on their way from Rhode Island to Virginia to take part in the recreation of the historic Battle at Yorktown.



Recycling Department Decries Lack of Cooperation

According to Oakland's Recycling Department, even though New Jersey has mandatory recycling laws, the recovery rate for paper in this town is only 50% — poor by any standards.

Recycling Coordinator **Eugene MacMahon** says that many businesses in town still do not recycle and, as a result, most recyclables are ending up in the trash. "Businesses as well as individual should feel good about recycling," says MacMahon. "Everyone's efforts not only reduce our dependence on landfills, but they also preserve natural resources. Recycling and compliance is not only the law, it is well worth the effort."

Mayor's Message

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developers who may have an interest in investing in our downtown. The Council recently hired Crew Engineering to fully evaluate and prepare a Borough-wide master water management plan that will provide us with recommendations and guidance in implementing this plan. My sincere thanks to Councilwoman Stagg for her efforts in moving this forward.

The Borough has filed grant applications with the County for the preservation of the former Pleasureland property (also known as Heritage Hills), as well as seeking funding to preserve the ridgeline along the southern boundary of the Borough. We have also engaged the State in seeking their partnership in helping us to preserve the character of our town. This is a commitment I made to this community and as promised will continue to be a cornerstone of my administration. Councilwoman Stagg has been at the forefront of this effort and I thank the entire Council for the support they have provided in filing the necessary applications.

The Borough has also filed an applica-

tion with the County seeking historic preservation of the Van Allen House and Stream House. Both structures are in dire need of renovation and we are doing everything we can to seek the preservation of these important historic structures.

Finally, nationwide, schools are being victimized by terrorists. Recent tragic events have demonstrated just how vulnerable schools are to attack. In response to this I will be meeting with our respective local and regional school officials to discuss how we can best respond to potential threats to our children to ensure that everything is being done to secure their safety. Unfortunately, there is no clear answer on how to best protect our children from the actions of unbalanced individuals, nor can we substitute government responses for involved parenting. Nevertheless, I will be working very closely with our school officials to ensure that all is being done to make our schools safer. I personally know that this issue is taken very seriously by our local and regional school officials.

And please remember, school is in session. Slow Down and watch out for children. We are each responsible for our own driving. — *Mayor John Szabo*

Public Library Updates Video Collections and More

Public Library interim director **Carolyn Stefani** may only be with the Library for a few months, but she's working hard to bring Oakland's favorite book nook up to speed and into the 21st Century. In the past two months, many changes have taken place.

For instance, color printer/scanner/copiers have been installed in both the Children's and the Adult areas, allowing students and others to copy color illustrations for their school and other projects. Also, every computer has been upgraded from 256 megabytes to 1 gigabyte.

• On the movie front, the library has created its own DVD collection and has revamped its DVD/VHS procedures. The new collections include over 250 general viewing and 220 children's titles and are circulated as follows:

- Rental DVDs that cost \$1 each for two days.
- Older, non-fiction and children's DVD titles that circulate free for seven days.
- All VHS titles now circulate free for seven days.

Stefani notes that there are no reserves or renewals on any entertainment videos or DVDs.

Flu Season Is Coming ... Get Your Shots!

The Valley Hospital and the Oakland Board of Health will be offering flu and pneumonia vaccines to all residents over 65 years old. Vaccines will be given from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 2nd, at the Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive. Registration is required and can be made by calling 201-291-6090.

Shots are free for Medicare Part B recipients who present their card. For non-Medicare patients, flu shots are \$23 and pneumonia shots are \$30. Flu shots are encouraged for those aged 65 and over and those with chronic illness.

First Aid Squad Is Calling All Oaklanders

The John Robert Walker Memorial Oakland First Aid Squad is in desperate need of members. Over the past year they have responded to more than 625 emergencies in Oakland and surrounding towns and, according to **Jeff Marcheso**, squad captain, it's getting tougher every day. "Our services are entirely free," he says "and the squad is entirely volunteer. We survive solely on generous donations from the Borough on down to the town households. Our supplies, equipment, ambulances, uniforms, training and maintenance are supplied by these donations – and for that we are grateful."

Marcheso also points out that free services provided by the First Aid Squad include ambulance travel to and from hospitals and standing by for community events, along with loaning out crutches, wheelchairs, canes and walkers. "We love being a small town volunteer organization," he says. "But what we need are more bodies! When someone is in need of help, our feeling is that it's much more comforting to see a friendly and familiar face than that of a stranger."

Anyone interested in training (FREE) to become a certified first aid squad member can call 201-337-7385.

First Aid Squad Celebrates Founder's 90th Birthday

The John Robert Walker Memorial Oakland First Aid Squad celebrated Vivian Walker's 90th birthday at their October business meeting. **Vivian Walker**, along with her husband John E. Walker, founded the Oakland First Aid Squad in 1954 in honor of their son John Robert who passed away at the age of 10 from leukemia.



Oakland's Finest Welcomes New Lieutenant

As of July, the Oakland Police Department welcomed a new Lieutenant into its ranks. **Lt. Douglas Eldridge** isn't new to the force, though. Hired in 1990, he completed his studies at the Bergen County Police Academy that same year and started on the force as a patrol officer. Six years

later, Eldridge married and became the father of two boys, now ages five and three. Presently working the evening shift as patrol commander, Lt. Eldridge is also the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer.

"I realize that in a small department such as Oakland's, opportunities for advancement are often few and far between," says Lt. Eldridge. "It is because of this that I feel honored and especially gratified to have been able to attain the status that I have thus far in my career. And, with the imminent retirement of Chief O'Connor ... I look forward to being a part of what will inevitably be a major restructuring of the administration of the Oakland Police Department."



News From Oakland Schools

Schools Open Safer, More Secure – And On Time!

It was a summer of massive – and much needed – renovation in the Oakland School District. Projects included asbestos abatement at Valley Middle School; reroofing at Manito and Valley Middle Schools; the installation of a new heating/ventilation system at Valley Middle School; window and door replacements at all schools; installation of security systems; and the renovation of space to house the increased number of students.

Oaklanders who passed by the school buildings during July and August observed cranes, dumpsters, kettles, windowless buildings, and work crews at all hours as a frenetic schedule was pursued to meet the deadline of a September opening. Our custodial and maintenance crew virtually worked around the clock during the hot summer months, and we are proud to report to the community that schools opened for Oakland's children safer, more secure — and on time!

The facilities' work that was completed this summer was a result of Oakland's continuing

commitment to our schools, to our children, and to education. We thank residents for passing the budget and approving the bond proposal that provided the funding for this necessary work.

As the renovations were underway, staff prepared for another school year. Teaching and support staff candidates were interviewed and employed. Committees of teachers continued to update curriculum. New textbooks and instructional materials were selected and ordered, and the District continued to address its technology needs. This work assured that the school program for Oakland's children will continue to be of very high quality.

Last spring, as the 2005-2006 school year came to a close, students in Grades 3 through 8 were administered the State's testing program. Once again, our students performed very impressively and demonstrated mastery of the required standards. This means that our students are well-prepared for their high school studies. This accomplishment, too, is a result of school, home, and community working together for

children and for our schools. By emphasizing the importance of education to children, we are making a commitment to their future and to our future.

As our schools' doors opened in September, there was excitement in the air as we saw young children enter. It has been said that, "America's future walks through the doors of our schools every day." This is so true. The Oakland School District continues its commitment to every child, and our work is to help each child become the best student and best person he or she can be. With the support of all in the Oakland community, we can achieve that goal.

On behalf of the Board and our schools' staff, thank you for your help and your partnership.

Sincerely, Dr. Richard G. Heflich
Superintendent of Schools



Technology: Taking Oakland Schools Into The Future

The Oakland Public Schools have been striving to improve the district's technology both inside and out of the classroom. The targeted areas for improvement have included curricula, teachers, support staff, software and hardware. Some great strides have been made in these areas.

Overall, the focus for instruction has changed from one or two laboratories with desktop computers to carts with multiple laptop computers, wireless internet access, printers and projectors. In 2005-2006, donations from our PTOs, Education Foundation, and Board of Education allowed us to make significant upgrades as well as purchase a number of computer carts. In order for these carts to be optimized, the district went through an extensive upgrade of the wireless access points and infrastructure during the school year. Classroom teachers began to utilize these new carts and computers, and a plan was put into effect to begin teaching the faculty methods for using this technology in their classrooms. This past year a number of computer workshops were offered to our teachers focusing on utilizing the portable computers in the classroom, developing the "Teacher Web" sites.

During the summer of 2006, another large purchase was made with funding from the PTOs, the Oakland Education Foundation, private donations and the Board of Education. Additional carts and laptop computers along with color and black and white printers were purchased to replace older equipment. Every building received at least one new projector. Also this past summer, our elementary curriculum was rewritten with a focus on using the computers to enhance the other subject areas. The elementary classes will be taught collaboratively, with the regular

classroom teacher and the district elementary computer specialist sharing the duties.

Finally, the district has hired a technology specialist with expertise in repairing all of the hardware and infrastructure around the district. This will save time and money by having many of our problems repaired in-house.

The Band Is Back!!!

After many years, and with the persistence of IHHS parent Diane Guthrie and support of Principal Al Evangelista and the Regional Board of Education, Indian Hills High School has finally revived its marching band. Pictured with the band is Director Gordon Fisher (far left), Student Staff Assistant William Fisher (left), and Assistant Director Mike Celia (far right).



Thank You, Oakland

Dear Members of the Oakland Community:

Last April, the voters of Oakland approved a project that gave their Board of Education the go-ahead to begin various projects that would upgrade our school buildings' infrastructure. This year's projects build upon those completed last year, and will provide our students with buildings in which they can safely and comfortably learn.

Manito School and Valley Middle School's lower building have been reroofed, and the heating and ventilation system in the middle school has been totally replaced. Additionally, the District has undertaken a window replacement program that will enhance safety, security and efficiency, as well as a door replacement program that ensures that all doors of all our school buildings meet current code requirements. Safety has been further protected by the District's brick restoration project at Valley Middle School.

With these building improvements, the 2006-2007 school year has begun with the District's continuing commitment to be a learning community committed to excellence. We thank the Oakland residents for their support of these necessary projects by passing the school budget and the bond proposal last April. Thank You. — *The Oakland Board of Education*



Oakland's beautiful Ramapo Mountains can be viewed from the new roof at Valley Middle School. This reroofing project has stopped rain - water from pouring into the school's 200 and 300 wings.



The new heating/ventilation system at Valley will ensure that students benefit from dependable heat on cold winter days.



New windows at both Heights and Valley Middle Schools ensure safety while increasing thermal efficiency.



Aged, inefficient radiators and unit ventilators at VMS have been replaced with energy efficient heating system components.



The Manito School entrance overhang has been totally renovated, which will keep the children protected from the elements when they enter their school.



The District's door project has replaced aged, wooden doors at all schools with steel doors that meet fire code and are energy efficient.

Making Our Schools Safer: Oakland's School Safety Initiative

When you visit any of our schools, you may notice electronic devices attached to overhangs or secured to brick surfaces. What you are seeing are security cameras that have been installed in strategic locations to monitor school grounds.

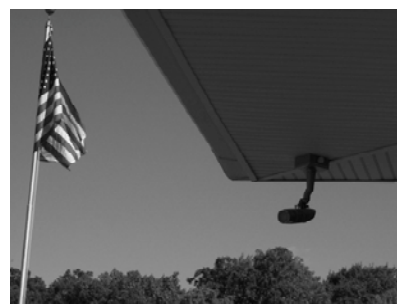
Last year, the Oakland Board of Education introduced its own "safe schools initiative." The security cameras are part of this effort to ensure the safety of our students and to discourage vandalism to our school buildings. Phase I of the project began during the 2005-2006 school year, and, during this summer, additional cameras were installed at all schools.

The high performance GE Security digital cameras capture detected images and store them on a CD-R drive. As images are being

recorded, they can be simultaneously viewed on a monitor. Stored images may be retrieved as evidence or information in investigations.

This security system works twenty-four hours a day, and signs are posted on school buildings informing anyone on school grounds that the cameras are operating. This notice, alone, will hopefully deter potential intruders or vandals.

Another phase of the District's "safe schools initiative" has been the introduction of identification badges. School staff now wear photo badges identifying them as members of the staff and designating the school in which they work, as well as their position. Additionally, all volunteers, business associates, parents, and other visitors must obtain a "Visitor" badge from the school office for use



High performance digital security cameras have been installed to protect students and property.

while in the schools. Staff members have been instructed to route any adult in a school building without a badge to the Main Office for registration.

Oakland Welcomes New Teachers

(Seated from left) Ms. Jane Eliya – Manito Resource Center; Ms. Lauren Iandoli – Valley Middle Resource Center; Mr. Michael Raniere – Valley Middle Physical Education; Ms. Heather Meyers – Manito Grade 5; Mr. Leonard Parra – Valley Middle Science; Ms. Joanna Aliha – Heights Grade 3. (Standing from left) Ms. Janice Ponacky – Spanish; Ms. Lindsay Cribier – Heights Resource Center; Ms. Ravit Gilletti – Valley Middle Resource Center; Ms. Ellen Mihovics – Valley Middle Counselor; Ms. Jill Fisher – Valley Middle Art; Ms. Sarah Cespedes – School Social Worker/Counselor; Mr. Jerry Battifarano – Heights Grade 2; Ms. Cindy Hansen – Valley Middle Language Arts; Ms. Barbara Verga – Dogwood Hill Nurse; and Dr. Barbara Tillman, Manito School Principal. (Not Pictured: Mr. Jason Clark – Valley Middle Instrumental Music; Ms. Maria D'Avirro, Heights Grade 4; Ms. Jeanine Osterlof, Dogwood Hill Resource Center; Ms. Letitia Santaniello – Valley Middle Grade 6.)



Newsweek's Peg Tyre To Visit With Oakland's Staff

Peg Tyre, *Newsweek* editor who captured national attention last January with her cover article, entitled "The Trouble With Boys," will discuss her research with Oakland School District Staff on Election Day, November 7. Tyre's research spotlight, on the disconnect between many boys and existing school structures, rules, and expectations, has motivated education professionals to learn more about how schools need to be more supportive of the uniqueness of boys.

In her acclaimed article, Ms. Tyre reported that, "By almost every benchmark, boys across the nation and in every demographic group are falling behind. In elementary school, boys are two times more likely than girls to be diagnosed with learning disabilities and twice as likely to be placed in special-education classes. High-school boys are losing ground to girls on standardized writing tests. The number of boys who said they didn't like school rose 71 percent between 1980 and 2001."

What are we to do to address this situation? "We need to find answers to this educational dilemma," said Dr. Richard G. Heflich, Oakland's Superintendent. "More than a decade ago, the research of the American Association of University Women informed us of the changes that schools needed to make to provide girls with opportunities to reach their academic and leadership potential, and schools responded responsibly. Today, we are being alerted to another problem, and concerted action is again required."

Welcome To New School Staff Members

Oakland Schools welcome three new District staff members for the 2006-07 school year (left to right): **Mark Romme**



assumes the position of District Maintenance Specialist; **Marybeth VanEeuwen** has been appointed as Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools; and **Paul Santiago** will be the District's Computer Technology Specialist.

Save The Dates ...

On Friday, October 20 the **Garden Club** and the **Senior Center** are hosting a concert by the Oakland Senior Center Gals & Guys Chorus under the direction of Barbara Heitmann. Come to the Senior Center at 2 p.m. and enjoy tea sandwiches and other treats in the main room, which will be transformed into an elegant tea room by Garden Club Members. The concert is FREE and open to all!

Once again, the **Public Events Committee** is sponsoring end-of-the-year fun family activities:

- Tell your little ones to don their Halloween costumes and bring them down to the library parking lot on Saturday, October 28th at 1 PM. Children up to grade 3 are welcomed to participate in a parade and costume contest.

- On Sunday, December 3 at 6 PM the traditional lighting of the Christmas tree and Holiday Menorah will take place in Veteran's Park, located on Rt. 202 in front of the Library.

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