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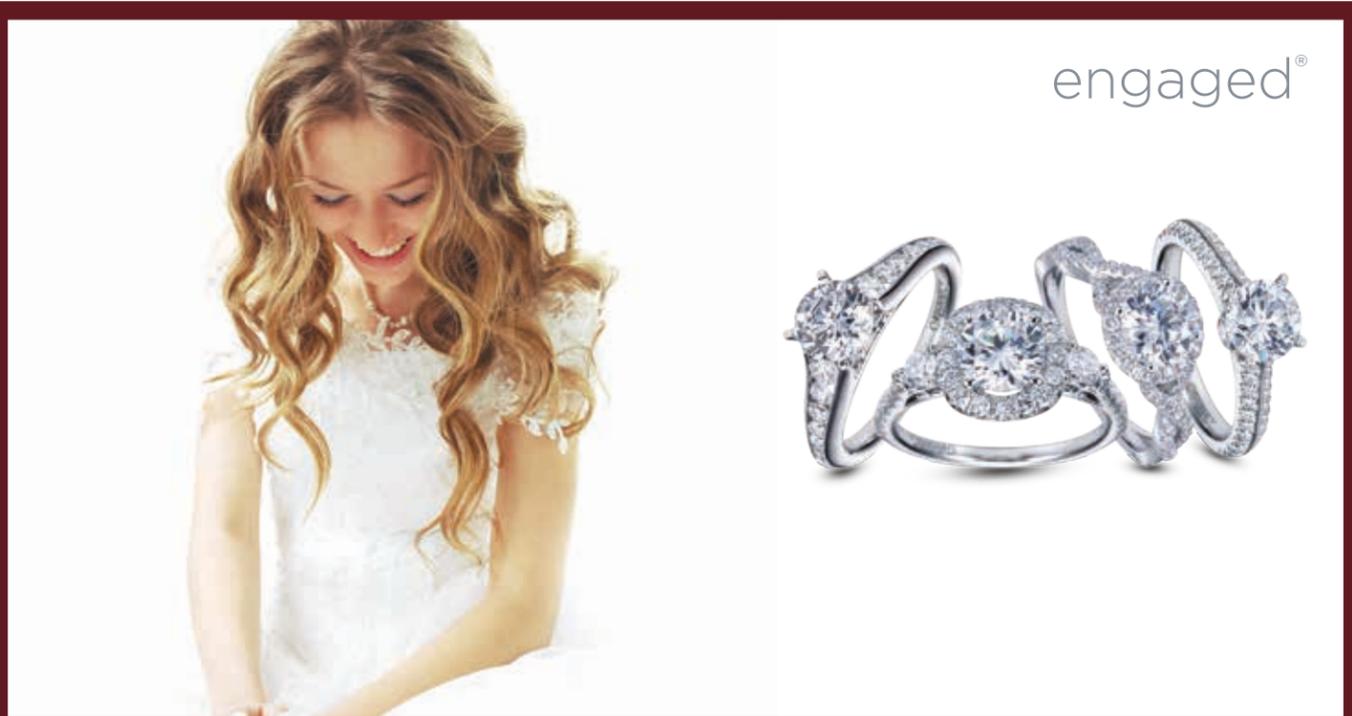
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I hope your New Year's resolutions are still on the forefront of your mind, and that you are sticking to your goals that you have set. I have made the commitment to stick to mine!

I have a lot of fun North Caldwell resident events planned for the upcoming year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Here's to lots of LOVE the whole month through!

Happy Valentine's Day.

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Coming Up for Air

3.2.1. BANG! The starter's gun fires. They leap into the pool, headfirst. Hands pointed in an arrow, they glide through the water like dolphins: graceful, with minimum fault. They come up one by one to take a breath, and then start to swim. They paddle and paddle in hopes of reaching the end first. They only come up for air when they need to, taking huge breaths each time. It's down to the last five meters. One swimmer stands out; Abigail Ortman. She gives it her all and keeps going. She takes the lead at the last second. Her fingertips graze the wall. First place! Intense situations like these are common for Abby, a swimmer for Mount St. Dominic's Academy, and a resident of North Caldwell.

Abby Ortman is currently a senior at Mount St. Dominic's Academy. She swims for the Mount St. Dominic Lady Lions and the Cougar Aquatic Team. Abby has been swimming since she was 5 years old, and she started to swim competitively in 8th grade. The reason she started swimming was that her parents had encouraged her to participate in an extracurricular activity. She chose swimming, and worked hard to get where she is today. Her favorite stroke, she said, is backstroke. She currently holds the 4th fastest times in the state for the 100-meter

backstroke events and the 200-meter individual medley (an individual medley is a combination of the freestyle stroke, the backstroke, the butterfly stroke, and the breaststroke). Unquestionably, Abigail has come a long way as a swimmer.

In addition, Abby has been a role model for her teammates, working hard with her coaches to become a better swimmer. Abby said that her teammates and coaches have pushed her to become a top-flight athlete. They have given her the help and motivation to improve her swimming abilities and inspire her to work hard. Abigail's teammates and coaches have said that she is a joy and pleasure to work with. Colleen Mason, the Lady Lions' assistant head coach, said Abby is always cooperative and does everything to the best of her abilities. In turn, Abby is known to be one of the role models on the team, and she is always "one of the first people in the water". Abby's role models are Missy Franklin and Michael Phelps, and she aspires and hopes to live up to their greatness. Without a doubt, Abby is a hardworking role model that gives everything her all.

Equally important, Abby has had much success on both the Lady Lions and the Cougar Aquatic Team. Last year, as a junior,



Abby had set 2 state records. Also, the Lady Lions were able to win the New Jersey State Championship, with Abby contributing to the team's success. The Cougar

Aquatic Team has also benefitted from having Abby on the team, earning titles like "Silver Medal for 2014 Club Excellence". With swimming for multiple teams, Abby says that juggling the teams and schoolwork can be really difficult. Sometimes she has four hours of swim practices, and then she has to do homework, so she isn't able to get much sleep. Performing with little amounts sleep is a motivator for Abby to see how well she could perform with a good amount of sleep. Also, she received a scholarship to

swim at James Madison University, which she plans to attend next year. In summation, Abby is successful in being able to juggle swimming and school.

Undoubtedly, Abigail Ortman is a swimmer that has worked hard to get where she is now. She can balance her academic career and swimming, which she does so with good effort and dedication. But for right now, all she has to worry about is her next breath and coming up for air.

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A tribute to Woody Walker

Photos submitted by Chelsea Richardson Walker

Woody Walker, for many a North Caldwell legend, was remembered by the North Caldwell Historical Society at their November meeting in Borough Hall. Woody, who recently passed away at the age of 91, was a founder of the Historical Society. Historical society members plus Woody's family shared anecdotes and memories of Woody, a man who cared deeply about North Caldwell. Additionally, his granddaughter-in-law, Chelsea, shared a collage of photos of Woody's life.

Woody was born and raised on a farm in Iowa. In 1949 he came to reside in the then rustic North Caldwell, where would he spend the rest of his life. Living on eighteen acres with his beloved wife, Carlee, an artist and active town volunteer, he raised four children. While working at Curtiss-Wright in Fairfield doing aeronautical research, he tested jet engines to evaluate their safety and endurance. He would later go on to pursue other endeavors with his own company.

Much of the quality of life residents enjoy in North Caldwell today was forged by Woody who was totally devoted to the town. Woody served on the North Caldwell Town Council and various Boards throughout the years. He served on the volunteer fire department and was its fire chief. During this period its members began the Annual Firemen's Picnic held every year on Labor Day and members built a picnic grove complete with picnic tables for this event. Individual members of the fire department would travel to the shore to get clams and serve them as part of the BBQ menu. Woody's son, Bryon, recalled how that day was made special for the children with games and races. He also described how the Walker family would ride the tractor at the end of the day and make a "garbage run" throughout the area. Taking care of the environment and preserving the land were always key goals in Woody's life and in the lives of his children.



Ken Bechtold, Historical Society Treasurer, recounted that a major house fire in North Caldwell caused multiple losses of life. After this tragedy, Woody and fire department members strove to make North Caldwell one of the first towns in the nation to have mandatory CO2 detectors installed in homes. They then promoted a mutual aid agreement among the neighboring towns to help fight fires.

Ken recalled that when the Boy Scout camp in New Jersey, Glen Gray, was being sold for nonpayment of taxes, Woody organized a campaign to save the camp. The money he helped raise kept the camp functioning until it was able to continue its own operation. Woody served on the North Caldwell Board of Education where he was instrumental in acquiring the land for Gould School. While a member of the original West Essex Board of Education, he helped acquire the land for West Essex Middle School and High School and was given a lifetime pass to the West Essex schools in appreciation for all of his efforts. While town officials were planning the construction of sewers in town, Woody went door to door to explain to townspeople why this expense was imperative for the development of North Caldwell. Woody was the "spark plug" getting things going Ken recalled. Ken remembered how in those days everyone worked together on an improvement project without needing to be given credit for their efforts.

Every winter the North Caldwell community would gather for ice skating at Walkers' Pond on Mountain Avenue. Once the ice formed, townspeople would appear with shovels to prepare the ice for skating and to build the campfire to keep people warm. Generations of North Caldwell children learned to ice skate and play ice hockey on the pond recalled Joyce Pisani, Historical Society President. Woody and Carlee delighted in bringing hot chocolate down to the pond for the skaters



to enjoy. Until recent years the pond area was the site of the Annual Town Tree Lighting Ceremony in December. This year, to honor Woody, his son Bryon and his grandson Nick lit the Holiday tree by Borough Hall.

Woody's daughter-in-law, Ruth, recalled how Woody enjoyed giving slide shows and speaking to the Grandview and Gould School children about the history of North Caldwell. Maria DeFazio added she will always remember Woody's slide presentation to new home owners at New Residents' Night. The show was complete with a lighted pointer for emphasis as Woody strove to instill his pride and knowledge of the history of North Caldwell to all ages.

Anita Johnson, a former neighbor of Woody's, recalled how he was devoted to garage sales. Always thoughtful of people he knew, it was common that Woody would bring someone a "treasure" he had found for them at a garage sale. Anita got a bag full of matchbooks, enough to last a lifetime, since Woody knew she collected them. He sincerely worked to make others happy. Ken and Barbara Bechtold recounted Woody's love of rummage sales. The only problem was that for every five items he donated to a rummage sale, he would buy and bring home ten new items. He loved taking items to a scrap yard on Bloomfield Avenue in his station wagon. He would come back with the wagon filled with new pieces he discovered there. When Woody did not have a part or a tool someone needed, he made it for them. He would never refuse to help someone in need.

Every person attending the meeting agreed that Woody had a true passion for the history and well being of North Caldwell, and anyone who had had the pleasure of knowing him will never forget him or his legacy.



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Resident Recipe

By: *Bunny Jenkins*
 Crispy Veggie Pancakes

1. START WITH A VEGETABLE

You can make these healthy fritter with ½ cup carrot, zucchini, corn, or beet

- CARROT- Peel and grate 1 large carrot.
- ZUCCHINI-Grate 1 medium zucchini. Sprinkle with salt and let stand 30 minutes
- CORN-Cut kernels from 1 large ear of corn
- BEET-Peel and grate ½ medium beet

2. MAKE PANCAKES

Stir your prepped Veggies with 3 Tablespoons of flour, ¼ cup grated parmesan, 1 Tablespoon Grated Vidalia onion, and

a pinch kosher salt in a medium bowl. Warm 1 Tablespoon olive oil, cast iron or non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. When oil is hot, stir 1 large beaten egg into Veggie mixture. Drop heaping spoonful's of batter into the pan: Flatten slightly with back of spoon and cook until golden, about 2 minutes each side. Serve with lemon-mint dripping sauce (see below) makes 5-6 pancakes.

3. MAKE DIPPING SAUCE

Whisk 1/3 cups 2% Greek yogurt, juice of lemon, 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh mint, and 1 pinch of kosher salt in a bowl. SERVE and ENJOY!!



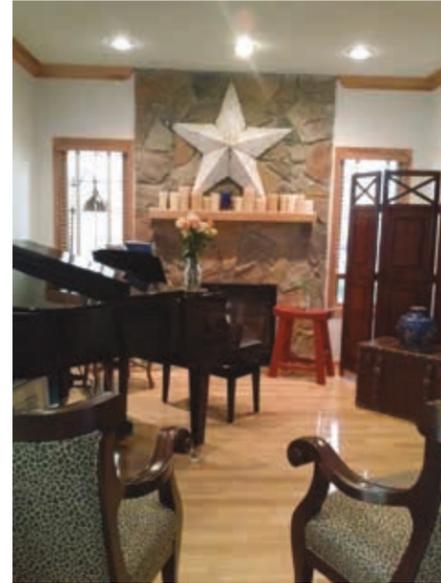


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Toni Russo Piano Instruction

Written by Michelle Piekarus
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Music is primal, it is universal. It stirs our emotions and shows us the commonality of our emotions. It belongs to no one and so it belongs to everyone. It is a language without words which blazes past our thoughts and strikes the heart directly. "It moves us," Toni Russo says. "Music is the language of life." Russo is fluent in this language, and she is eager to teach her students how to speak it.

Toni Russo has been playing the piano since she was seven years old, and she is no less captivated by the instrument now than we she was a young girl. "It's more than just developing the ability to play," she says. "It's art. It's expression. It's fulfilling." After mastering the piano, she recast herself from student to teacher. By continuing to teach others how to play the instrument, Russo helps her students build a bridge from a simple appreciation of music to a rich comprehension of it. There is no wrong time to embrace music's pull; whether three years old or ninety years old, you are ready to learn, and Russo is ready to teach you.

Russo teaches private piano lessons from her home, where there are no distractions, where teaching can claim all of her attention. Her home is warm and inviting. Down the hall from the entrance, a grand piano rests comfortably in a room of its own. There is nothing daunting or affected here; it is a room where friends meet.

Over the 25 years that she has been teaching piano, Russo has acquired a keen understanding of the instrument and how to help others approach it. To guide those who have no formal knowledge of the piano, Russo first familiarizes them with the basics. "I try to introduce it a little bit at a time," Russo says. "So that it's not overwhelming; so that fear can fade away and a sense of ease and clarity can replace it." The beginning to understanding the piano is learning how to read notes. If the piano is intimidating at first, it becomes much less intimidating once a student knows that every song can be broken down into this most basic form. For those who have already played the piano and know its basics, Russo provides advancement: "Along with a lesson method book, material which will present a bit of a challenge will be introduced, encouraging the student to broaden their talent and understanding."

With so many years of experience behind her, Russo has learned how to best teach musicians. "My students teach me how to teach," she says. And patience, she has learned, is key. This is true for both herself and her students—but when her students

“ I like you to know that this—the piano—you can do this. It’s amazing.”

lack the patience they need, Russo extends her own. When a song is too difficult or a student lacks motivation, Russo is there to breathe life into her lessons and make sure that her student does not feel defeated. Often, what drives Russo as a teacher is the friendships she forms with those who come to her. It is in these friendships that she finds the patience she needs to guide her students through the challenges of learning the piano.

Russo appreciates the individuality of each student, and engages each lesson with this in mind. She recognizes that each student is approaching the music differently, is motivated by different inclinations, that each day is particular and each mood is shaped by particular experiences. It would be unreasonable to expect such different people to find use in the same exact lessons. Instead of applying the same lesson to all of her students, Russo ensures that each person receives the individual attention they deserve, so that the lessons are tailored to address each student's needs and talents, and build from there. Over the years, she has also learned how to more creatively address her students' needs, so that she can help her students overcome any difficulties while they are at the piano together. Yet no matter who is at the piano, she always treats each student with respect, and makes each lesson as fun and interesting as possible.

Russo is happiest while she is listening to her students play. Seeing the joy that comes from learning different songs, or mastering different techniques, Russo is a witness to music's spell. "I'm proud of them," Russo says. "Not because of what I've done to help them, but because of what they've done." Eventually, as notes are strung together, her students learn to speak through the tips of their fingers. Tentatively at first—and then, as they continue to practice, their fingers speak more fluently, and their notes become more expressive.

Each Spring, Russo gives her students the chance to present their accomplishments by organizing a recital for them. At the recital, in a special venue, students have their moment to articulate their wordless language. Here is the culmination of each student's efforts, and the recognition of the musician that each student is becoming. It is a chance for each student to perform in front of an audience, for families and friends to indulge in the offering of music that their loved one is providing for them. And when it is done, the student is almost always eager to play more.

"I love teaching," Russo says. "I like you to know that this—the piano—you can do this. It's amazing."

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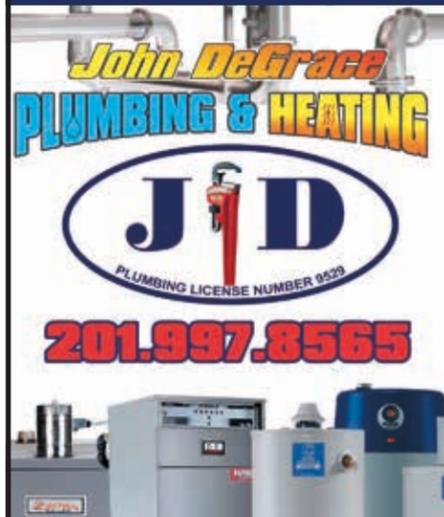
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Anthony Rubino, a sophomore from North Caldwell, decorates the tables with poinsettias for the breakfast.



Amanda Wolfson, a senior from North Caldwell, welcomes Muriel Mota from West Caldwell to the West Essex High School senior citizen breakfast.



Photo by John Paul Endress
Joe Piel of West Caldwell, the first principal of West Essex High School, when it opened in 1960, was happy to return to West Essex for the breakfast.



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No Girls A-loud choir: left to right, Michael Bachmann, a freshman from Fairfield, Ali Karacay, a junior from Fairfield, Mitchell Epstein, a junior from North Caldwell, Stephen Schmidt, a senior from Roseland, Michael Colavita, a senior from Roseland, and Cameron Perez, a senior from North Caldwell.



Front row, Mia Cana, a Roseland junior, Diana Petrovski, a Fairfield senior, Sammi LaPare, a North Caldwell junior, Dina Kolesar, a North Caldwell sophomore, Kira Shababb, a Fairfield freshman, Alexis Alexander, a junior from Roseland.

Back row, Caroline Lanfrank, a freshman from Roseland, Heather Downey, a sophomore from Roseland and Kaitlyn Kerr, a senior from Roseland



Angelica Turano, a sophomore from North Caldwell, serves breakfast to Terry and Hyman Izraeli of West Caldwell at the senior citizen breakfast.

On December 18th, 120 senior citizens were treated to the annual holiday breakfast and winter concert. The guests are from our sending towns and mostly involved with area churches or Senior Citizen groups. This is the eighth year they have been treated to a homemade feast prepared by the students in Mrs. Caren Maw's Food and Sports Nutrition

Classes and her Culinary Arts II class. The menu included individual quiches, roasted potatoes and fresh fruit cup. Fresh baked goods included crumb cake, carrot cake muffins and banana cake, to be topped only by the goodie bag that had homemade cookies and a candy cane! During the breakfast the guests were entertained by various musical

groups and the highlight was the popular kick line by the varsity dance team!! At the conclusion of the breakfast the guests were then invited to the auditorium for a fabulous concert put on by the West Essex choir, band and orchestra. Everyone had a great day and is looking forward to the next event!!

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After Cleveland completed his second term his friends organized to acquire his birthplace and establish a suitable memorial. They began negotiating with the Church to purchase the old manse, originally built in 1832. President Grover Cleveland passed away in 1908, but interest in memorializing his legacy continued to grow. After several years of negotiation, in 1912 the Church agreed to sell the manse and Cleveland's supporters organized the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association (GCBMA). The deed to the manse and key to the front door were formally passed to the GCBMA on the late



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President's 76th birthday, March 18, 1913 in a celebration that involved the whole town. Businesses and schools were closed and the Cleveland family and his supporters from all over the country came to the newly designated Grover Cleveland Birthplace Museum.

In the 1930's the Birthplace was transferred to the State of NJ, but has operated as a museum for a century. The GCBMA, recognized by NJ as a "Friends Organization," works to develop and support public programs at the Birthplace.

Three years ago the GCBMA was awarded a planning grant by the NJ Historic Trust to examine the need for enlarging public facilities at the Birthplace. Five items were identified as priorities for improving visitor experienced: Creating a large activity room for assembling groups of visitors for educational presentations, increasing exhibit space, adding a conference room, providing rest room facilities, and moving Grover's Corner Gift Shop from the Birthplace lobby to a larger, secured space with adequate storage. A complete archeological survey of the property, required prior to the start of any construction, and development of architectural and engineering studies were completed as well as a Heritage Tourism marketing study for future development of the site as an economic engine for the area. These studies and the continuing support of the GCBMA and the community convinced the NJ Dept. of Parks to allocate resources for additions to an existing Carriage House to create a Visitor Center. The total cost for construction and furnishing has been put at a million dollars, with the GCBMA responsible for a portion. Contributions or requests for more information should be sent to:

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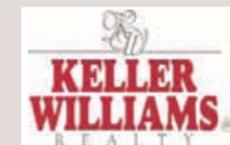
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At the time I am writing this we have just had our first big snowstorm of the year January 2nd-3rd, 2014. As usual our Department of Public Works salted the roads on New Year's Day to be ready for the storm that dumped between 8 to 10 inches on our town the following day. Our Engineer and Director of Public Works Frank Zechelli and our DPW crew produce brine in house. Brine a pretreatment for ice or snow before it is formed. It is applied as a liquid, evaporates and produces a coating of salt on the road surface. Later it is sprayed again on to rock salt to improve effectiveness. Frank and the crew on their own initiative researched, designed and built a brine manufacturing system which produces it at 1/8 of the normal cost and makes 300 gallons in 30 minutes. Thanks to their ingenuity the town saves a great deal of money and time.

Frank, Public Works Foreman Bill Stickle and our DPW crew John Intili, Rob Miscia, Tony Romano, Joe Mautone and Jake Armstrong worked through the night to plow our streets. I remember somebody saying to me they could tell when they left North Caldwell after a snowstorm from the way our roads were plowed. This is not done in a vacuum; Frank, Billy and the rest of the men are the reason why our streets are so well-maintained in a snowstorm and throughout the rest of the year. On Friday a few hours after it stopped snowing at around 2:00 P.M. two (2) of our neighbors Ron Davison and his wife Joanne sent the following email to Frank.

"Thank you very much for the excellent and prompt job the town has done in clearing the streets following this latest snow

event! Best wishes for a happy new year! Cordially, Ron and Joanne Davison (proud residents for over 33 years)."

I'm sure a lot of you feel the same way as Ron and Joanne. When you see the guys on the street say something I'm sure that they will very much appreciate it. They work hard and by no stretch of imagination can you say that they are overcompensated. Kind words are an important compensation of another kind.

They are truly one of the reasons *New Jersey Magazine* ranked North Caldwell the Number 1 Best Place to Live in Essex County and Number 3 throughout the State. I know some of you may get tired of hearing that but I never will. It's a credit to our residents, volunteers, staff and employees.

THE COMMERCIAL

Another thing that sets us apart is our generosity and community spirit. This is a great segue into the Mayor's Ball. The ball has always been a great time to get together with neighbors and have a good time. It's like a big indoor block party with a band and a bartender. This time it will be user friendly. It will not be black tie and the tickets will be under \$100.00. And speaking of bands, in order keep our costs down I asked one of our residents, Peter Schwartz who plays with the Lenox Underground if they would play for us gratis. I am happy to say they have generously agreed to do it. Besides being a musician, Peter is the Chairman of our Zoning Board and in his spare time is a partner in the New York law firm of Graubard Miller where he specializes in real estate law.

We have not had a Mayor's Ball in several years. This year we will be commemorating the contributions of former Mayor Mel Levine who still serves in the capacity of our Business Administrator and former Council President Jim Campbell who unfortunately chose to retire from public office. BUT the main reason for having it is to raise money to install a turf field in town. We are one of the few municipalities in our area without one. All of the proceeds earned will be going to this project. This is for our kids. Athletics is a very important factor of the fiber of North Caldwell and this will greatly improve our sports programs, benefit our youth and increase the value of our town.

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North Caldwell Police

OFFICER CREDICO

By Melissa Faragasso



Fortunately for us, there are numerous men and women who enter into local law enforcement to keep North Caldwell a safe place for us all to live, Officer Michael Credico is another one of those brave and altruistic individuals that we are lucky to have serving our community.

Officer Credico originally grew up in Bloomfield and later moved to Cedar Grove where he attended Cedar Grove High School. After graduation, he enlisted into the Coast Guard Reserve and served on active duty for several years. During his time in the military, he completed a degree in Fire Science from the American Military University.

After completing his Active Duty in the Coast Guard, he worked in the Borough of North Caldwell as a dispatcher for the police department. He loved working with a small group of professional people and when he was given the opportunity to join the department as an officer in

2008, he gladly accepted. When asked why he wanted to become a police officer, Officer Credico responded, "I became a police officer to have the opportunity to help others, to work in a small community allowing me to get to know the citizens on a personal level, and to make a difference in everyday situations". Since then, Officer Credico has loved each day he spends on the job.

Officer Credico says that the hardest part of his day is when people thank him for just doing what he feels is his duty. "People thank me for doing something they think is special," he explains, "but I'm just happy to do it as a regular part of my job". Officer Credico clearly loves being a police officer and serving the community. He finds great pride in committing his time to service and the greater good.

In his spare time, Officer Credico loves to spend time with family and friends. He is still an active member of the United

States Coast Guard Reserve, where he serves as a Firefighter/Damage Control man. For the last 13 years he enjoyed patrolling the waterways of greater NY while stationed at Coast Guard Station New York on the Hudson River. He recently welcomed a transfer opportunity to serve at the Coast Guard Training Center located in Cape May, NJ, where he will be serving as an active Fireman.

To any young kids out there who are thinking about exploring a career in law enforcement, Officer Credico recommends enrolling in college and receiving a degree. "A college experience will better prepare you to fully enjoy a career in law enforcement", he adds.

Thanks to brave and dedicated men like Officer Michael Credico, North Caldwell continues to be a safe and great environment for people to live in. If you ever see Officer Credico around town, don't hesitate to say hello!



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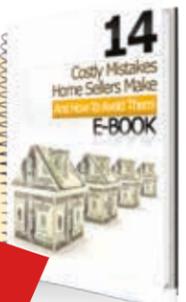
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Beautiful: The Carole King Musical

Where: Stephen Sondheim Theatre, 124 W. 43rd St. (bet. Broadway and Sixth Ave.)

Broadway phenom and Tony Award nominee Jessie Mueller stars as singer-songwriter King in this biographical musical, which uses the singer's most beloved songs to chart her journey—from humble Brooklyn beginnings to her years as a Brill Building songwriter alongside husband Gerry Goffin, through the release of her seminal album Tapestry and her rise to become one of the most successful female singer-songwriters of all time.

For more information: 212-719-1300

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Where: Astor Place Theatre, 434 Lafayette St (bet. Astor Pl. and E. 4th St.)

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Saturday, Feb. 15

Ebb and Flow: New Jersey and Its Rivers

Where: The New Jersey Historical Society, 52 Park Place, Newark, New Jersey

When: 10am-5pm

Ebb and Flow will specifically explore the topics of food supply, settlement, transportation and industry. Hands-on activities allow visitors to "dredge" for oysters, create a Dutch-style tile, listen to excerpts from canal and oyster boat songs, and solve puzzles about the state's industries.

For more information: 973-596-8500

Sunday, Feb. 16

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Where: Tierney's Tavern, 136 Valley Rd., Montclair, New Jersey

When: 7:30pm

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Wednesday, Feb. 26-March 30

Aladdin

Where: New Amsterdam Theatre, 214 W. 42nd St.

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For more information: 866-870-2717

Saturday, March 1

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When: 1pm

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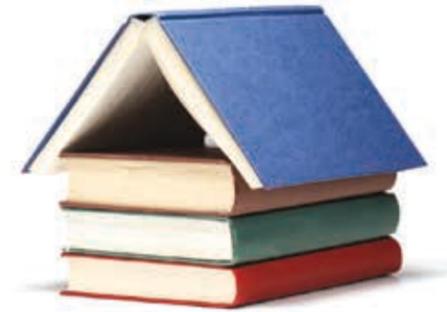
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10 Essex Road	Essex Fells Twp.*	\$599,000	\$599,000	28	3	1	2.1
4 Barberry Way*	Essex Fells Twp.*	\$850,000	\$860,000	21	4	2	3.1
27 Andrea Dr*	North Caldwell Boro*	\$293,000	\$315,000	14	3	1	2.1
140 W Greenbrook Rd*	North Caldwell Boro*	\$399,000	\$399,000	70	4	0	3.1
1 Four Seasons Drive	North Caldwell Boro*	\$569,309	\$542,950	350	2	2	2
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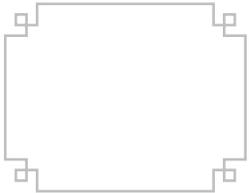
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