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CADET QUICENO ASSUMES COMMAND

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS JULY 14

The Vacation Bible School Program of the Reformed Church of Linden is set to begin on Monday, July 14th. The theme for the 2025 Vacation Bible School is "Road Trip: On the Road with God."

Vacation Bible School is provided as a free service to the community and dinner is included. Children ages 4-12 are eligible to participate.

Join us throughout the week as the children will gather and we will take a thrilling road trip adventure where kids, as travelers, will explore exciting destinations. We will set the GPS to Biblical truth and embark on a journey of discovering that God's presence is always near. Using the most important navigation guide, the Bible, kids will learn how Biblical heroes followed God and how they can too.

Through engaging Bible stories, interactive games, and fun challenges, they'll discover that God is always with them. Road Trip VBS is more than just fun — it's a journey of faith, friendship, and unforgettable memories!

The children will learn five stories from the Bible through music, songs, mission stories and activities, crafts, drama, drawing, painting, puppet shows, and games. The puppet show will feature Scout the Dog, who will take the children on an imaginary journey each day.

The colors of the day will be red, yellow, purple, blue, and green, respectively, Monday through Friday. The mission project will be a collection of supplies for the animal shelter.

"Road Trip: On the Road with God" will be held at Linden's community church on 600 North Wood Avenue, on July 14th through 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will close the week with a Friday Night Celebration for family and friends at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18th.

To register or obtain more information, call the church office at 908-486-3714.

By Michael A. Watkis, Public Info Officer

Linden High School, the largest navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) unit in the world, marked a powerful and emotional leadership transition on June 9 as Cadet Daniel Quiceno officially assumed the role of Regimental Commanding Officer, relieving Cadet Captain Josue Carpio during the program's 39th Annual Change of Command Ceremony.

With over 600 cadets enrolled, Linden NJROTC holds the distinction of being the largest unit of its kind globally—a reflection of its deeply rooted tradition of excellence, discipline, and student leadership.

But the night's most emotional moment came not with the passing of the guide-on flag—but with a surprise tribute to Chief Mark Velez, who is retiring after 13 years of service to the program and a 24-year career in the U.S. Navy.

As Chief Velez prepared to take center stage after a number of heartwarming tributes, the towering black curtains of the auditorium suddenly parted to reveal nearly 100 former cadets - graduates from over a decade of NJROTC classes who returned to honor the man who had helped shape their lives. The audience rose in a standing ovation as Velez climbed onto

the stage to hug and chat with the tear-eyed former cadets who packed the stage—a powerful display of gratitude and love.

A CEREMONY ROOTED IN TRADITION

The Change of Command itself was conducted with the time-honored naval precision that has defined the NJROTC program since its inception. Outgoing Cadet Captain Carpio delivered his farewell remarks and read his official relief letter, formally relinquishing command. Cadet Daniel Quiceno then stepped forward to read his appointment letter, followed by the traditional exchange of command:

"I relieve you," said Quiceno.

"I stand relieved," replied Carpio.

Commander Boyd Decker, Senior Naval Science Instructor, affirmed the change and offered congratulations. The ceremonial guide-on flag was passed from Carpio to Quiceno, completing the official transition of leadership.

Quiceno addressed the audience - which included cadets, families, school officials, local veterans, and elected leaders such as Superintendent Dr. Atiya Perkins, Board President Dr. Marlene Berghammer, Principal Charles Koonce, and City Council President Michele Yamakaitis.



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TWIN RIBBON CUTTINGS AT SCHOOL NO. 9 AND SCHOOL NO 1

Linden Public Schools

With big smiles, giant scissors, and joyful cheers, Linden Pubic Schools marked the grand opening of two vibrant new playgrounds on Jun 5 - first at School No. 9 and later at School No. 1. The back-to-back ribbon cutting ceremonies brought together students, staff, and city leaders celebrate the district’s continued investment in student wellness and outdoor play.

These weren’t just any playgrounds - they were bright, whimsical worlds of towers, tunnels, sliders, and swings. Painted in bold hues and built for children of every age and ability, each playground is a joyful reminder of Linden’s unwavering commitment to educational equity and whole-child development.

“These celebrations are about more than slides and swings,” said Superintendent Dr. Atiya Y. Perkins. “They’re about creating joyful, inclusive spaces where our children feel free to play, grow, and discover what they’re capable of.”

PLAYGROUNDS WITH A PURPOSE

The newly opened playgrounds represent a significant portion of the district’s ongoing capital improvement campaign, with more than \$3.5 million allocated to upgrades at all eight elementary schools. The projects were constructed by Ben Shaffer Recreation.

“We didn’t spare any money when it came to taking care of our children,” said Derek Armstead Mayor of Linden at School No. 9. “This is what happens when we put our dollars to good use. Linden students deserve the best—and this is just the beginning.”

At School No. 9, in the absence of Principal Angela A. Principato, the program was proudly led by Danie Orelie, Director of the Multilingual Learners Department.

At School No. 1, students were treated to not just one—but two play zones: one for younger students and another for older children.

LEADERSHIP, LAUGHTER, AND LEGACY

“This is a milestone for our district,” said Board President Dr. Marlene Berghammer, who joined the School No. 9 ceremony. “These playgrounds are equity in action - because every child, at every school, deserves joyful places to learn and play.”

At both ceremonies, Superintendent Perkins delivered remarks that resonated deeply with the children and adults alike, thanking the Board of Education, Business Administrator John A. Serapiglia, and the facilities and maintenance teams for their role in bringing the vision to life.

“This playground belongs to you, students,” she told them. “It’s your space to laugh, explore, and just be kids. We’ll continue to invest in your joy, your health, and the magic of your childhood.”

And in a surprise twist that brought the loudest cheers of the day - Mayor Armstead and Dr. Berghammer both joined students in sliding down the sides at each playground. There spontaneous, childlike joy delighted the students and showed that fun belongs to everyone.

MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

Students in bright orange Linden t-shirts surrounded their teachers with wide eyes and beaming smiles. As the countdown began to the ribbon-cutting, they leaned in closer. When the ribbon was finally snipped, a cheer erupted—and they were off. Like a wave of pure joy, the children ran, climbed, spun, and swung through their new playgrounds, creating memories that will last long after the last bell rings this school year.

“Play is an essential part of your journey,” said Dr. Perkins. “And today, we’re celebrating what it means to be a child—free, joyful, and full of possibility.”

With new playgrounds now completed at School No. 2, School No. 4, School No. 8, School No. 9, and School No. 1, only School No. 6 remains, with a ribbon cutting expected this fall.

These playgrounds are more than just physical structures—they’re colorful cornerstones of a district-wide vision to ensure that every child learns, thrives, and ROARS inside and outside the classroom.

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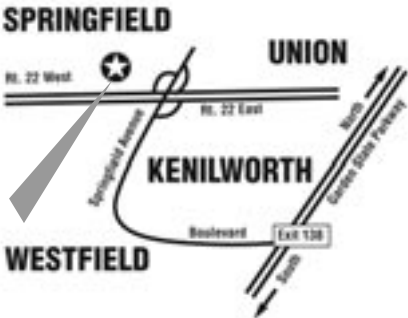
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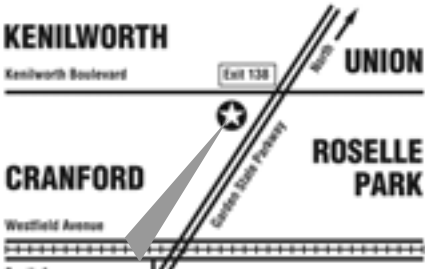
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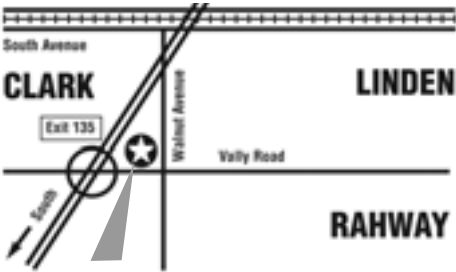
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Two Suns of Georgia delves into the vastly different approaches taken during the Civil Rights era by two great leaders of the movement: the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. Both were born and raised in Georgia and a private meeting between the men in 1966 is at the heart of this film, which was produced by Foremost Productions.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Hafiz Farid is a noted, award-winning documentarian who has been making films for 40 years. He serves as the executive director of NoCane, Inc., a non-profit organization which Hafiz founded. It has been providing art-based seminars, workshops, projects and documentary films for over 25 years to promote the well-being of the community.

The Linden Public Library is pleased to announce our lineup of adult programs for July. All programs are presented free of charge. Space is limited so advance registration is recommended. To register for events please go to LindenLibrary-NJ.gov/events, call 908-298-3830, or email adultprograms@lindenpl.org.

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Cookbook Creations: Pasta Making

7/7 at 2:30 pm

Advance registration is required.

Registration opens 6/16.

Two Sons of Georgia (The Untold Story) film screening & producer Q&A

7/8 at 7 pm

7/9 at 6:30 pm, De-Stress Fest

7/11 at 2:30 pm, Beach Reads Bingo

7/15 at 7 pm, Trivia

7/16 at 6:30 pm, Adult Craft Club: String Art

Advance registration is required.

Registration opens 7/1.

Morning Makers: String Art

7/17 at 10 am

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Game Night: Bunco!

7/23 at 6:30 pm

Project B.E.S.T. Vision Screening

7/24

Registration required.

Bingo at AristaCare

7/24 at 2 pm

Deni Bonet & Chris Flynn Concert

7/30 at 6:30 pm

In addition to these, movies will be held Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 pm.

Chair Yoga

every Tuesday at 10 am

Project Healthy Bones

every Wednesday at 10 am.

CHILDREN

Minecraft: Castle Attack- 1 pm

7/7

Dances of India Bollywood Music Program

7/14 - 1 pm

Color Your World: Bracelets

7/21 - 2 pm

Minecraft: Island Survival Test

7/28 - 1 pm

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July 22	Dzieci PRL-U & SOVA	Rock/Metal
July 24	House Music	House
July 29	Pipe Smoke & Gasoline	Rock
Aug. 5	Frontiers - Journey Tribute	Soft Rock
Aug. 12	Jo Bonanno and the Spirit of Asbury Park	Rock
Aug. 19	80's Revolution	80's Genre
Aug. 21	After Work House Music	House
Aug. 26	3D Rhythm of Life	Latin Rhythm
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Sept. 19	Blues People	Blues
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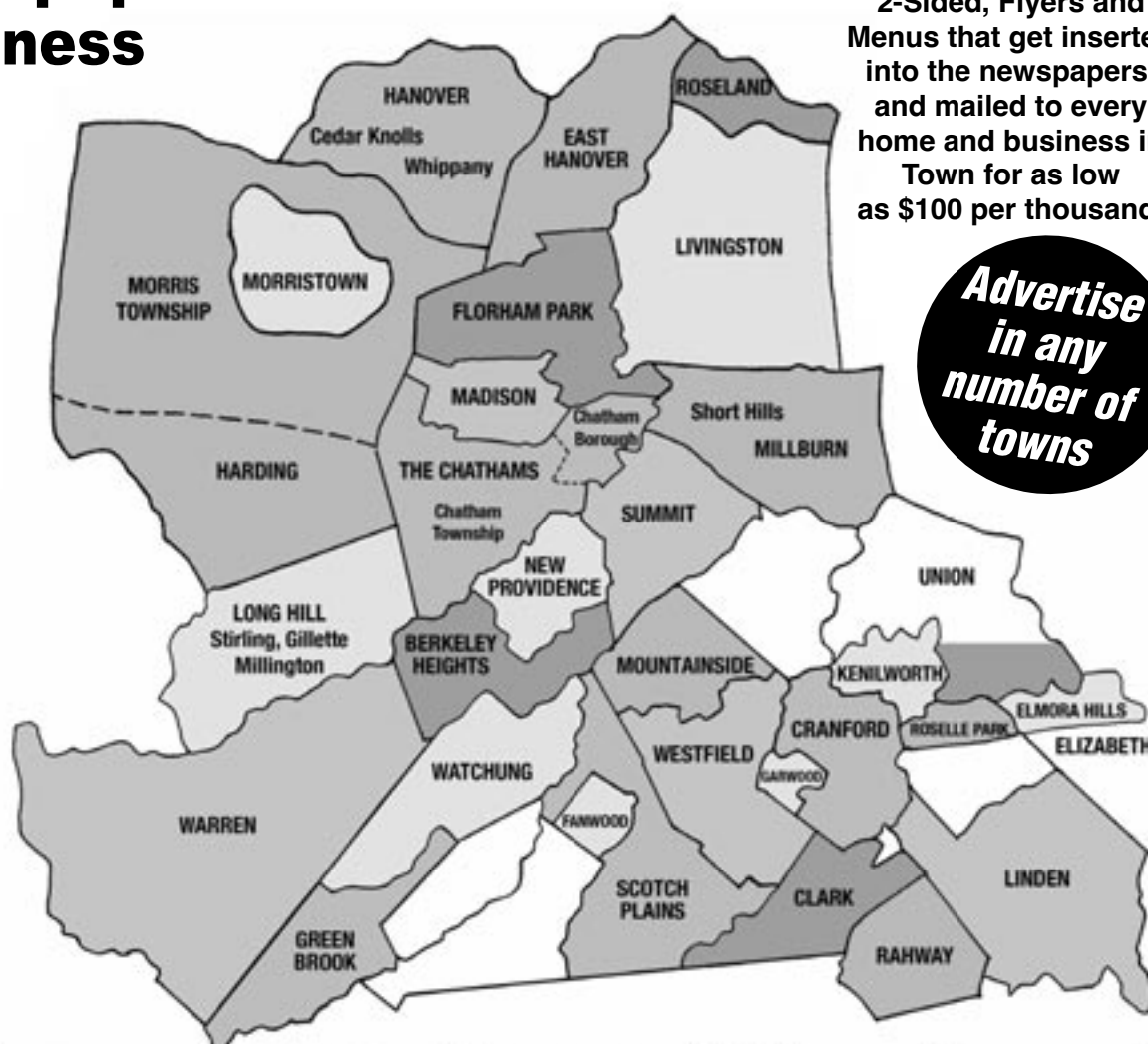
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