

Bulletins

• FORT LEE MAYOR AND COUNCIL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES:

As the nation celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) it is time to notice the contributions of borough resident Roberta "Bobbi" Wailes. Ms. Wailes has been a volunteer on the Fort Lee Mayor and Council's Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities for over 18 years, and has worked tirelessly first as a board member and presently as chairwoman. The Fort Lee Mayor & Council's Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities was established in 1993. It is comprised of 17 members including a Council liaison, Borough Department Heads, residents with disabilities, and other interested residents of Fort Lee.

The Committee identifies needs and problems, advises and helps develop services and programs, and recommends solutions to meet the needs of Fort Lee's residents with all type of disabilities. Among the Board's activities under Ms. Wailes are outreach to the community at such events as the annual Fort Lee Arts & Music Festival and the annual Fort Lee Health Fair.



Roberta "Bobbi" Wailes

• THE ANNUAL FORT LEE FARMERS MARKET:

The Market opens Sunday, June 28th and runs each Sunday through November 22nd from 8 am. to 2 pm. in the plaza area of the Jack Alter Fort Lee Community Center at 1355 Inwood Terrace. Vendors include Sunden's Stone Pointe Farms, Vesco Foods, J&R Cookies, Caribbean Delight, Mortgage Apple Cakes, Cagi Foods, and Rick's Roaster Coffee. For info contact the Fort Lee Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs at (201) 693-2763 or visit www.fortleenj.org.

• KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL SERVICE JUNE 25th 2015:

June 25, 2015 was the 65th Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War honoring war veterans from Korea and the United States. President of the Korean American Association Paul Yoon of Fort Lee was the MC and participants at the Korean War Memorial on Abbott Boulevard included the Fort Lee Mayor & Council, the Korean War Veterans Association of NJ, the Korean American Association of New Jersey, the Fort Lee VFW, the Fort Lee Police Department, 475 and 505 Korean Senior Citizen Association, KPAC (Korean American Parents Association of Fort Lee) and the Palisades Park Senior Center Director Kay Song.



• 21st ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR PRESENTED BY THE FORT LEE HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Saturday October 10, 2015 from 9 AM to 12 PM • Jack Alter Community Center • 1355 Inwood Terrace

The very popular Fort Lee Health Fair is back for the 21st year! Enjoy a fun day, improve your health, and learn about prevention. Participate in fun activities, free refreshments and participate in our door prize raffles. Featured activities are: Seasonal Flu vaccine to anyone 6 months of age and older. Free for Medicare Part B card holders. \$15 for all others Blood work: \$15 for seniors and veterans, \$30 for all others. Screenings: Oral & skin cancer • Body fat analysis • Eye & hearing screening



Ask the pharmacist • Chiropractic • Blood pressure Pulmonary function • Diabetes Screening • Nutrition advice • Make up advice • Massage • And many more! Face painting, dance and exercise demonstrations. Door prizes and raffles at 11 am. Call the Fort Lee Health Department for more information 201-592-3500 x1510. See our web-site at www.fortleenj.org or e-mail us at Health@fortleenj.org. Note: Pre-registration is required, and must be done in person at the health dept. for flu vaccine and blood work. The health department is located at 309 Main Street behind Borough Hall. Their hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

• NEW BOROUGH TAX OFFICE OPENED:

Recently the Borough of Fort Lee Tax Collector's Office moved to the second floor of Borough Hall. On hand for the opening of the new office are (left to right) Borough Administrator Al Restaino, Councilmen Peter Suh, Harvey Sohmer, Mayor Mark Sokolich, Councilwoman Ila Kasofsky, Assistant Tax Collector Angela Napolitano, Councilman Joseph Cervieri, Data Processing's Maria Cafasso, Deputy Treasurer Charles Hangle, Tax Clerk Cathy Blue, CFO Joseph Rutch and Finance Department's Jay Scheiner.



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FORT LEE THEN AND NOW



Celebrate Fort Lee's History

The Fort Lee Riviera Nightclub pictured on this page was the second Riviera Night club in Fort Lee. The first one, opened in 1931 by Ben Marden in the former Villa Richard Restaurant, was located atop the Palisades in the Coytesville section of Fort Lee. This club operated until a fire destroyed it on Thanksgiving night 1936. Among the performers who entertained here were Bing Crosby & Bob Hope who performed together at the club in August of 1936.

The second Riviera Nightclub was built and opened in 1937 by Ben Marden and was located south of the old site closer to the George Washington Bridge. This nightclub operated successfully until World War II when it was closed for the duration. Marden



sold the club to Bill Miller in 1946 and Miller operated it successfully until he was forced to sell it in 1954 due to the construction of the nearby Palisades Interstate Parkway. Among the celebrities to entertain at this nightclub were Dean Martin & Jerry Lewis, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr, Joey Bishop, Pearl Bailey, Bud Abbott & Lou Costello. Right: Riviera house barber, Rocky Vitetta and Frank Sinatra.



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Main Street Parking Deck



Parking Garage, Southwest Tower

The Fort Lee Mayor and Council enthusiastically announce the plan to construct a 4 level parking garage in the already existing Guntzer Street Parking Lot to better serve the patrons of our new business district, Fort Lee residents and commuters alike. The Mayor and Council have been working diligently with the Parking Authority to come up with an efficient, aesthetically pleasing, but cost effective structure that will be funded by the Parking Authority. This parking deck will create an additional 428 spaces to the lot. There will be 138 open surface parking spaces, at least half will be facing Main Street for short term parking. The garage is expected to break ground within the next six months for a total of 847 spaces upon completion.



Parking Garage, Northeast Tower



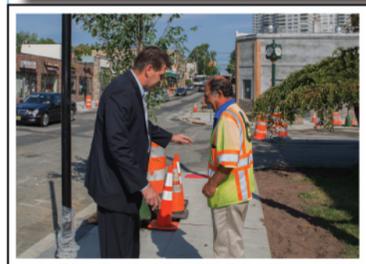
From the Mayor's Desk by Mark Sokolich

Fort Lee --- we are almost there!!!! Our new Main Street on the verge of completion. In the very near future our primary business district will be completely replaced and for the first time in many, many years we can all take pride in our downtown. Sidewalks have been replaced and widened, trees have been planted, new receptacles and benches have been installed. Our new borough-wide LED streetlights are also on their way. Soon, very soon, Main Street will be an area of our community to brag about.

The final step in the rejuvenation of our downtown district is the installation of a *state-of-the-art* parking facility at our existing municipal parking lot. The parking facility will accommodate all of our residents and businesses and will relieve a parking burden in many areas of our community. This facility will be like no other...it will boast an attractive facade

and also be the home of our Parking Authority, Business Improvement District a coffee shop or two and hopefully a new Post Office facility... correct, a new Post Office!!!!!!

Our existing Main Street Post Office is tired, old and not handicap accessible. We are presently in negotiations with the US Postal Service to relocate their existing post office into our new parking facility. Once



Meet the New School Superintendent Kenneth Rota



On July 1, 2015 Kenneth Rota began a new chapter in his exemplary career as an educator and administrator. The Fort Lee Board of Education seeks

stability long term for the school district and has extended Mr. Rota a five-year contract. Fort Lee School Board President David Sarnoff fully supports Mr. Rota. "The Fort Lee Board of Education believes Ken is the right person with the right skill set, experience, temperament for our district and for our community." Mr. Sarnoff said.

Mr. Rota was the principal of Glen Ridge High School for nine years, the Superintendent of Schools for East Rutherford for two years and most recently he was the Paramus Superintendent of Schools. "I am a Bergen County native who grew up in New Milford and who lives with my family in Ridgewood and I intend to stay in Bergen County. The next five years in Fort Lee offers me the ability to work with students, parents, school educators, administrators, Borough officials and the community at large to build a

relocated, the existing post office on Main Street will be converted to a passive park for our residents, business patrons and anyone looking to take a break, meet friends or enjoy a beautiful day.

We are hopeful that in the near future our new modern Main Street and public park will be the focal point of our community. Hang in there Fort Lee!!!!!!

Bergen County Clerk Hogan, Visits Fort Lee



Mayor Sokolich greets Bergen County Clerk John Hogan as he visits the Fort Lee Municipal Building to offer the services of his office to Fort Lee residents such as Young Kim, pictured with Mr. Hogan.

Meet the New School Superintendent Kenneth Rota

district that will offer opportunity to our children in the 21st century," Rota said. He adds "I already am meeting with the students of the district to get their input and to connect their concerns with my vision for the future."

Mr. Rota indicates he will be here for five years and potentially beyond as he understands the need for continuity in a district that has seen at least 10 superintendents since 2000. He is excited with the projects underway supported by the voters of Fort Lee including upgrades to the High School athletic field, the Middle School addition and the additions to Public School Number 2, all of which are on schedule and on budget.

Rota adds "I hope to provide consistent, solid leadership and keep the district running in a stable way and to recruit the students of Fort Lee to stay in Fort Lee public schools through High School."

October Is Fort Lee Fire Prevention Month

Fort Lee Fire Department: A History of Service to the Community
Support our Volunteers and Donate During the Fire Department's Annual Fund Drive in October

A Call for Volunteers



The Fort Lee Volunteer Fire Department seeks volunteers. For information, contact the office of the Dept. Chief at (201) 592-3500 ext 1013 or visit www.fortleefire.org.

Recruitment:

This past July the Fort Lee Fire Department celebrated its 127th anniversary. Since the inception of the Department on July 18, 1888, volunteer firefighters have been providing fire protection and many other services to our community. The Fort Lee Fire Department currently consists of 130 men and women serving as firefighters and auxiliary firefighters. As in years past, the Fort Lee Fire Department is looking for volunteers to join its ranks. Some of the benefits of joining include a clothing allowance, scholarship program, retirement benefits after 25 years of service, a stipend program, community service credit for high school students, and life insurance. The Fire Department also provides a Junior Auxiliary Firefighter Program to any individuals between 16 to 18 years of age. For any additional information please contact us via our website at www.fortleefire.org or contact the Fire Chief's Office at (201) 592-3500 ext. 1013.

Annual Fund Drive:

Throughout the month of October, members of the Fort Lee Fire Department will be collecting donations on the streets of Fort Lee. Since the Fort Lee Fire Department is 100% volunteer, your generous donations will help fund the day to day operations of each of the four individual fire companies for the upcoming year. The Borough of Fort Lee is protected by four fire companies, which will be out collecting in their perspective



districts, as well as sending their annual mailing notices requesting donations for our annual fund drive.

Fire Prevention Month:

October is National Fire Prevention Month. This upcoming school year, the Fire Department and the Fort Lee Fire Prevention Bureau will be providing educational materials through our continuing school initiatives targeted towards young children ranging from

pre-kindergarten through grade school.

Time to Change Your Batteries:

The members of the Fort Lee Fire Department would like to remind all residents to change their batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when daylight savings ends on November 1. When you set the time on your clocks please change the batteries in the detectors in your home.

Save the Date For the Annual Fort Lee Tree Lighting

The Annual Fort Lee Tree Lighting takes place on December 3rd at 7 pm at the outdoor stage/green of the Jack Alter Fort Lee Community Center at 1355 Inwood Terrace. The event will include music, refreshments and a visit from special guests. For information, visit www.fortleenj.org or call the Community Center at (201) 592-4699.



The Police Chief's Corner



Safety has been and always will be the Department's top priority. The 11th Annual Junior Police Academy was a huge success in July and now the beginning of the school year is upon us. Residents are reminded to be mindful of their surroundings when walking and driving. Children will again be walking to school, riding bicycles, and participating in outdoor activities. Drivers are asked to slow down, share the road, and be mindful of School Zones. Our Crossing Guards are dedicated to keeping our children safe as they walk to and from school. Parents are asked to discuss safety with their children and encourage them to use marked crosswalks where a Crossing Guard is present. Please follow the safe drop-off practices established for each

school. Double parking and blocking a crosswalk increases the danger for students. Drivers are reminded that NJ law requires vehicles to stop for School Buses. The work on Main Street is quickly reaching completion and everyone's cooperation is appreciated. The Fort Lee Police Department is continuing our Pedestrian Safety Campaign including the "Cops in the Crosswalk" decoy program. Since daylight is getting shorter, pedestrians should wear bright clothing. Pedestrian Safety lights are available for residents at HQ. We are participating in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" initiative to remove dangerous drivers from the roads. Additional enforcement details will be conducted especially during holiday periods. Together we can continue to make Fort Lee even safer. Please visit www.fortleepolice.org and sign up for our new "Nixle 360" update system, follow us on Facebook: Fort Lee Police Department, and Twitter: @FortLeePoliceNJ. Have a safe Fall.

Keith Bendul, Chief of Police

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation



Pictured left to right are SAAFE members Dian Gilmore, Ria Sklar, Fort Lee Councilman Harvey Sohmer and SAAFE member Joan Alter.

The Fort Lee Mayor & Council this past June presented members of SAAFE with a proclamation in support of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). WEAAD was launched on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organ-

ization at the United Nations. The purpose of WEAAD is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. Fort Lee resident Joan Alter, widow of the late Jack Alter, who served as Fort Lee Mayor from 1992 to 2007, is an active member of SAAFE here in Bergen County. Joan is a retired social worker from Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx and she specialized in geriatrics. Alter said that people who are concerned a loved one may be suffering from elder abuse should call Adult Protective Services right away at (201) 368-4300; Jewish Family Services at (201) 837-9090 or Catholic Charities at (973) 266-7941 or get in touch with SAAFE at (551) 795-0471.

Historic Jitney Tour

There will be a historic jitney tour of Fort Lee out of the Farmers Market at the Community Center Plaza on Sunday, Nov. 1st. Sign up time is from 9 am. to 11 am. at the Film Commission table. Tours are free but on a first come first serve basis. Buses will run on the hour from 11 am. through 2 pm. This tour will include historic film locations, sites such as the former Riviera night club and the Woodland Cemetery where Fort Lee's first Mayor John C. Abbott is buried. For further information call the Fort Lee Film Commission at (201) 693-2763, or visit the websites: www.fortleefilm.org or www.thefortleehistoricalsociety.org.



Annual Fort Lee Senior Citizens Picnic

The Annual Fort Lee Senior Citizens Picnic - Sunday, Sept. 27th in the Fort Lee High School Parking Lot (3000 Lemoine Avenue) - picnic begins at 1:00 pm. For further info contact (201) 592-3500 ext. 1003.

Fort Lee Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, Borough of Fort Lee and Fort Lee Artist Guild presents

Sept. 27th
10 am.
to 3 pm.

Annual Fort Lee Outdoor Art Show

In the Plaza of the Fort Lee Community Center at the Fort Lee Farmers' Market (1355 Inwood Terr.)

Join us for this day long celebration of the arts brought to you by the Fort Lee Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs and the Fort Lee Artist Guild.

Call (201) 693-2763 for further info or visit www.fortleenj.org.