

***HorizoNews* mini Edition**

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Welcome to *HorizoNews*' new mini edition. It's fast-paced and filled with useful info about Horizon House and our local area.

Written by the volunteer members of the *HorizoNews* staff, who hope you find it informative and entertaining. Continue to stay safe and well!

IN THE NEWS

New Jersey Primaries Coming Up Soon

The New Jersey primary election will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. All polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voting will be primarily conducted in person but, as always, voters will have the ability to request a vote-by-mail ballot for any reason.

To get the application for a vote-by-mail ballot, visit the NJ Division of Elections' Vote-by-Mail information page at nj.gov/state/elections/vote-by-mail.shtml or call the Bergen County Clerk's office at 201-336-7020.

Your application for a vote-by-mail ballot must be received by the County Clerk seven days prior to the election.

All in-person polling places will adhere to proper health and safety protocols, including face coverings, social distancing, and frequent sanitization.

If you recently moved into Horizon House and need to change your address, the Management office has registration forms. Please call 201-224-6300 to request one.



AROUND THE HOUSE

Get Charged Up

Horizon House now has two charging bays for electric cars. They are located in the outdoor lot off Horizon Road between Buildings 2 and 5. The two chargers are rated at Level II and can deliver up to 6.6 kilowatts per hour to compatible electric vehicles, like Teslas and Prius Primes. There is a phone app car owners can download to view availability and pay for their charging slots. The cost is \$1.75/hr for up to four hours of charging, enough for about 80 - 100 miles of driving.

According to Horizon House General Manager Michael Denker, adoption of the service has been quicker than anticipated. In just the first month of service, 10 Horizon House residents with electric cars started using the chargers. Their fill-ups in February alone translated to a greenhouse gas savings to the environment of about 830 kilograms (when compared to typical gasoline engine vehicles).

If you are a resident of Horizon House who owns an electric car, you can sign up to use the chargers at [chargepoint.com](https://www.chargepoint.com) or download the ChargePoint app to your phone.

Campus Update Plan Afoot

After interviewing several candidates, Horizon House has selected an architect to create a site improvement plan to update various aspects of our campus. Steven Kratchman's bonefides include the renovation of the public spaces at the Briarcliff, now the Apogee, in Cliffside Park and the renovation and expansion of the Ravel Hotel in Queens.

If you've ever had to give directions to someone trying to find your building, you'll be happy to know a couple of the key items Mr. Kratchman has been tasked to tackle are signage and wayfinding. Additionally, the plan is to include recommendations on how to update and improve our outdoor lighting for better aesthetics and safety.

More Amenities Re-Open

The fitness rooms, basketball and tennis courts are all open again, and pool season looks like a go this year!

Get Your Rackets Out!

The Horizon House spring tennis round robin is set for Saturday May 22. Check your mailroom for a flyer with all the registration information as we get closer to the date. Beginners, intermediates and advanced players are all welcome.

It's Déjà vu All Over Again

Horizon House's 2021 Board Election and Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 18, 2021. Virtual Meet the Candidates Night will be held Wednesday May 5.

AROUND TOWN

Free Senior Transport

Did you know that the Fort Lee Parking Authority provides a variety of free transportation services to seniors? Some of the routes make scheduled stops at

Horizon House. Others can be booked for a pick-up right in front of your building. Services include:

Free mall trips and local loops

There are two trips to the malls every Thursday. They depart from the Main Street Senior Center. To make reservations, call 201-592-3500 ext 1518 Monday through Friday after 8:30 a.m. This is the schedule:

[Thursday Malls Bus Schedule](#)

Some other routes do not require reservations and stop right here at Horizon House or on Horizon Road:

[All Around Town Local Bus Schedule](#)

Free medical transport - by appointment only - can be arranged to:

Holy Name Hospital - Monday & Friday morning
Hackensack Hospital - Wednesday morning & afternoon
Englewood Hospital - Monday & Friday afternoon

For further information or to make a reservation for pickup, call 201-592-3500 ext 1518 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Many buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts. Please specify when calling that you require this service. If you would like to pick up copies of all the schedules, you can visit the new Parking Authority office at 231 Main Street on the 2nd floor.

For more information and additional route schedules visit:

fortleenj.org/399/Free-Bus-Transportation

NJ Senior Property Tax Freeze Program 2020

This tax reimbursement program applies to both rentals and coops. Eligible applicants must file the 2020 Senior Freeze application (Form PTR-2) on or before November 1, 2021. To qualify, your total 2020 household income must not have exceeded \$92,969 and you must have been age 65 or older OR actually receiving federal Social Security disability benefit payments on or before December 31, 2020. Application mailings began in mid-February, so if you haven't gotten yours yet, contact the Senior Freeze Line at 1-800-882-6597.

To see a complete list of eligibility requirements, visit: state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml and click on Homestead Benefit Program.



HAVE a LAUGH! (Micro Mini Edition)

Just as the deadline approached for our spring issue (long after it passed, actually), our old friend *Anonymous*, now in semi-retirement, slipped these wretched puns into our mailbox:

- What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.
- I once worked at a pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
- My new band is called "Duvet." It's a cover band.
- Where do you find the Arnold Schwarzenegger action figures in the toy store? Aisle B, back.
- Who are the only people who can predict the movements of sub-atomic particles? Quantum psychics.

HorizoNews Classifieds

Services

Affordable Sciences/History Tutor- 26+ years experience in private tutoring for all levels from middle school to college level. Can help prepare for SAT, MCAT as well as all Sciences, History & Philosophy. Can also help tutor students for RN exams and RN science courses. Please contact me @ 201-400-9814.

Are you a friendly, kind and loving caregiver who would like to work for a very sweet, independent elderly lady? Very light meal prep, help with shower and other day to day tasks. Please call Barbara at 201-768-3988.

Caricaturist- One of the best party caricaturists in the tri-state area also happens to be a neighbor in Bldg 2. For more fun at your next party or event, call Bud Geisenheimer for samples and rates at 201-224-7754. Or email him at: ourwaystudios@gmail.com.

Cat Sitter- Purrfect care when you're not there®. Loving cat care while you work or travel. Insured. Bonded. References. Guaranteed. Call 201-490-4498, email: deborah@YourCatSitter.com or visit us online at www.YourCatSitter.com

Certified Home Healthcare Aide- recently certified by Freedom Home Healthcare. Looking for full-time or part-time work, preferably on Horizon House premises. I live in Bldg #6. Hours are flexible. Also have past work experience and references are available upon request. Please call Rosa @ 201-224-4468.

Certified Home Health Aide (HHA) — Seeking full-time position. Will live in or live out. Light cooking and housekeeping. Has experience and references. Call Mariya (201) 284-0777.

Elementary and Special Education Tutor- I am an experienced educator with a solid academic background and hands-on teaching experience. I have been teaching in the public school system for the past 18 years, and I have been working as a private tutor for the past ten years. I have the ability to interact effectively with students to create a positive and exciting learning environment. I am certified in elementary education, Orton-Gillingham, and special education. If your child is struggling in school, give me a call to discuss tutoring times and rates. Call Rene at 201-410-9450 or email me at renechak@gmail.com

Experienced Health Care Companion or Nanny- looking for employment. Available as a live-in or on a daily basis. Has previously cared for HH resident for the last 3 years and references are available. Please call Juliet -201-310-1084.

Composition, Piano, Improvisation, Theory Lessons - Live the Music! Every lesson is an exciting experience. Individual approach and careful choice of direction in regards to every student. The lessons are always productive, and inspire the students to study on their own. It does not matter whether the student wants to be a musician or study for pleasure and cultural development. I invariably succeed in bringing the very best out of every single person I set my heart on instructing. At our challenging time I am happy to offer the lessons on-line. It can be via Skype, Viber or Facebook Messenger. Stay safe and healthy! Please contact Margarita Zelenia 201-496-6451 mzeleniaia@nj.rr.com

Daughter for a Day – Horizon House resident for 17 years, retired business woman, available to help you with bill paying or organizing your home office, taking you to and from doctor's appointments (and waiting with you), driving you wherever you need to go, grocery shopping, light meal preparation and airport drop-offs. Please call Marlene @ 201-290-8481.

Dry Cleaning, Tailoring and Shoe Repair - Cleaner America Inc, owned and operating by a Horizon House resident provides the following services. Full service Dry Cleaning, Shirt Laundry, Tailoring. Pick up and delivery to your doorman five days a week with one to two day turn around. All work done in my 4500 sq foot plant. Leather, Suede and shoe repair available. Price lists available at front desk. Call 201-998-4106 for service.

Get Your Gold Out.... Turn scrap unused and broken jewelry into cash today. Horizon resident owner has worked in the jewelry business for 30 years. I can top every price on the market. Call 201-314-4711.

Global Visions Travel- Memorable travel experiences designed by a knowledgeable travel professional. Think about a Safari in South Africa, River Cruise in Europe, traversing Asia, discovering the Galapagos or sailing on the Amazon. Expert in designing inter-generational family celebrations worldwide and Bar/Bat Mitzvah Private Car/Private Guide tours to Israel. The world is waiting! Please call or email for a personal consultation: globalvisionstravel@aol.com or 201-280-3015.

Helping Neighbors — professional woman, worked as a computer programmer, fluent in English and Russian available for help with: Organizing your home business, support your website and online presence, any assistance you need on the computer. Childcare, assisting with school homework and virtual learning. Companionship and light household chores, shopping, grocery. Drive you to the appointment, shopping or anywhere else. Please do not hesitate to contact Inna for those or other services @201-410-0182.

Home Improvements — Arthur Esposito, President of A.C.E. General Contracting, has lived in Horizon House for 32 years. He and his team of talented and dependable craftspeople have worked in over 400 Horizon House apartments, handling projects involving electrical, plumbing, painting, kitchen and bathroom, tiling, wood flooring and more. His company is state certified and fully insured to meet Horizon House's high standards. To see a prime example of his work, visit Building 5's lobby — A.C.E. did it! For a free and reasonable estimate, contact Arthur: 201-224-6333 (O), 201-650-4693 (cell), espo924@verizon.net (email)

Horizon Deli in Building 6 offers a wide variety of fresh food and household items. A great place for breakfast, lunch or a snack. Eat in or take out. Try our weekend special: 1/2 dozen bagels, 1/2 lb. cream cheese, 1/4 lb. lox -- all for just \$21.25 (Sat & Sun only). Call 201- 886-8882 for free delivery, no minimum required.

Horizon North Haircutters — Louis has been in the complex for over 25 years. He thanks his loyal customers for their continued support, and looks forward to new ones. The shop now offers women's hair cutting by Norma, who also does highlights, color, keratin treatments, perms, blowouts, updos and more. We also offer a full line of quality hair care products. Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesdays-Saturdays. Call 201-886-7377 to make an appointment with Louis or drop by the shop in the Lobby Level of Bldg. #6. For women's services, please set up an appointment with Norma at 201-888-8988.

Horizons Classic Physique — Fully equipped and conveniently located in Building 5. We cater to all age groups from pre-teen to seniors with all types of medical conditions. In addition to one-on-one training we now offer couples training and half hour sessions for the budget conscious. As always all trainers are degreed and or certified with more than 17 years of training experience. We also have an in house nutritionist/dietician by appointment. For a free consultation contact Michael Esposito at 201-886-9371 to discuss all of your needs.

Legal Services – Attorney admitted in NY and NJ, 30+ years of practice serving individuals & small businesses. General practice, focusing on estate planning & administration; residential real estate; entity formation; commercial and personal leases. Available for consultations in your home. Contact Melinda B. Maidens, Esq.; (201) 321-8166 or gindigar@gmail.com.

Looking for Social Media Promoter- to help promote a new full production quality CD with 26 original songs. Please call Howard at 201-303-1000.

Mortgage Financing/Loans - Experienced licensed mortgage broker (20 Years) NMLS #705682. 2 Horizon House resident. I have the knowledge and expertise needed to explore the many financing options available from Purchase (incl Coops & Condos,), Refinance, Conventional, Jumbo, FHA & VA, Reverse Mortgages & Renovation Loans. I strive to build lasting relationships by providing personalized mortgage solutions, competitive rates, and unsurpassed service. Call or email me for free consultation in your home or on the phone. Jacki Katz (201) 981-4444 Email: talk2jacki@gmail.com

Piano Lessons- Experienced educator and composer who has an original fun approach suitable for all ages and abilities. Free introductory lesson. Music videos can be viewed at You Tube- George Eckhardt Music. Please call George Eckhardt @ 551-265-0102 or 201-969-9593.

Tailoring Services- Horizon House resident with 30 years of experience in tailoring for ladies and gents. Please call 201-224-5822.

Goods

WANTED: LP's/ CD's/ DVD's- all genres of music, movies and TV. Please call Andrew - 551-265-8473.

Community Blogs

Dear Horizon Friends- A beautiful book "My Story" with many beautiful pictures written by resident Marina Firestone- for sale at \$15.00 or 2 for \$20.00. Please call 201-886-3048.

Dear Horizon Friends. My book "Liberal Theology" was just published. The e-book version, costing \$0.99, is available at amazon.com. The free online version is available at: <http://pages.csam.montclair.edu/~kowalski/LIBERAL9.htm>. Please share this link with other potential readers. Would be interested in any feedback and I would be happy to discuss the book, in small groups or at meetings, if invited.

KowalskiL@mail.montclair.edu

Do you have hearing problems? My recently composed essay, about relatively

inexpensive PSAs (Personal Sound Amplifiers) is at: <http://pages.csam.montclair.edu/~kowalski/aps.edu>. Feel free to share this link with those that might be interested. The PDF file with my essay will be emailed to those who request it.
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To Horizon House Music Lovers - Please check out the new posts by Margarita Zelenaia, resident Horizon House composer and concert pianist, on her website: <http://www.margaritazelenaia.com/music/video-gallery/>. I have just finished my 2 act opera named "Caligula's Favorite Play" (based on the Camus' play). Here is a link to the 9 minute DEMO that consists of 7 different arias and monologues: <https://youtu.be/03vv9jSM0Rg>. Also, [click here to visit my YouTube channel](#).

Ads and letters of 300 words or less for the next issue should be submitted no later than May 15. Please include "HN June" in the subject line for both ads and letters to help us filter out spam.

Classifieds Email Address: horizonews.classifieds@nj.rr.com

Letters to the Editor: horizonews.editors@nj.rr.com

Ads must be 85 words or less.

If commercial goods and/or services are offered, the advertiser's primary place of business must be within the Horizon House complex.

Ads must be accompanied by the advertiser's full name, building, apartment, and telephone number. This information is needed by the HorizoNews staff for verification purposes and will not appear in the ad except at the advertiser's request.

Upon acceptance, ads for "Services" and "Community Blogs" will appear indefinitely unless cancelled in writing.

Upon acceptance, ads for "Goods" and "Real Estate" will appear for two issues unless renewed or cancelled in writing. First-issue ads will appear with a single asterisk; second-issue ads, with two asterisks. Classified ads in HorizoNews are provided as a service to the community and are limited to services and goods provided TO Horizon House residents BY residents or commercial tenants in good standing in Horizon House.

Horizon House Home Page

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