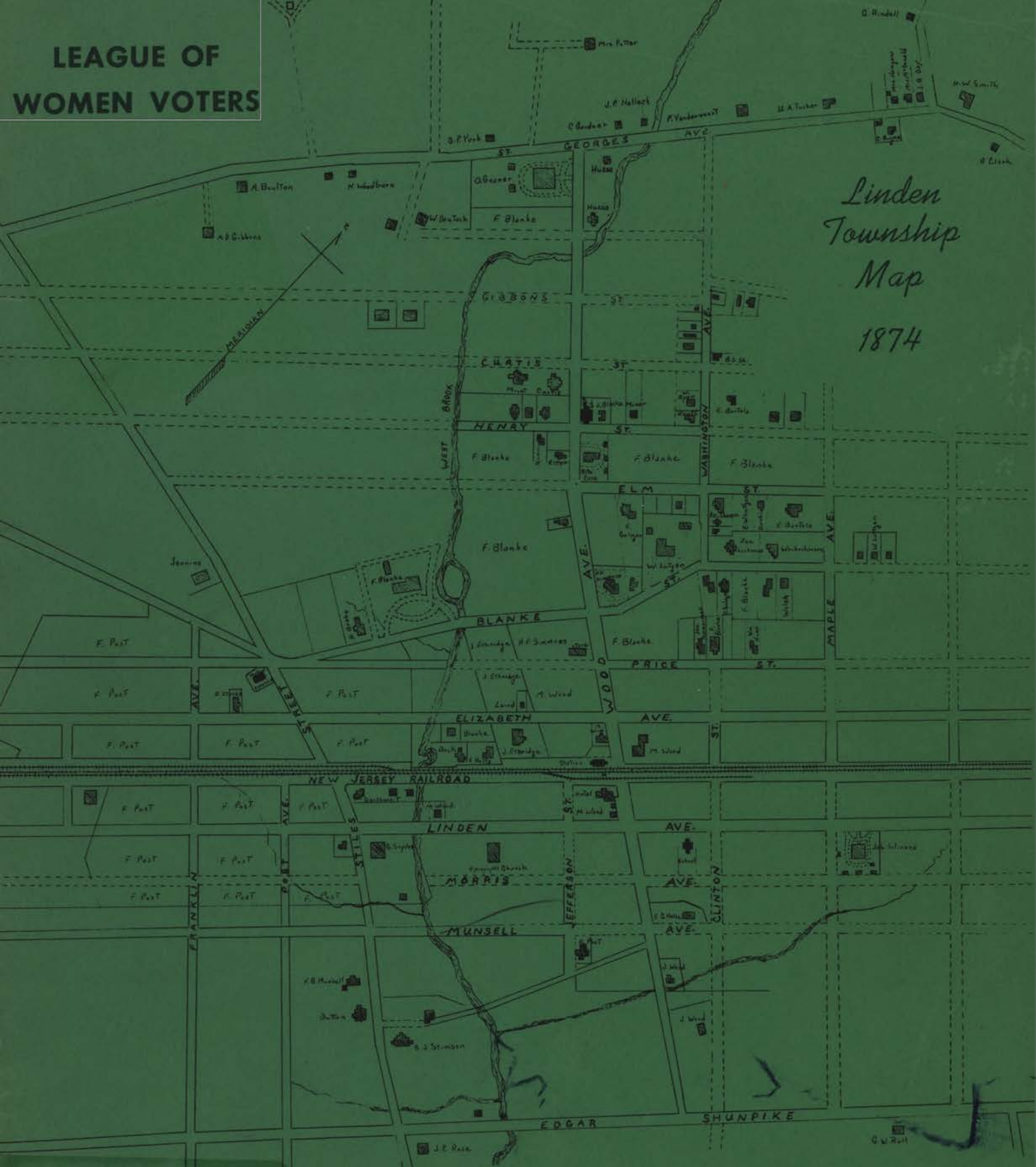


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## *Purpose of the League of Women Voters*

The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through active and informed participation of citizens in government.

The League does not support or oppose parties or candidates. However, after study, research, and group discussion, it does take positions on selected issues.

Through our Voter's service, we urge every eligible citizen to register and vote, and we offer to the public information on voting procedures, facts about candidates for elective office, and educational and civic background on their opinions on governmental problems.

Any woman of voting age who wishes to participate in or support the work of the League of Women Voters is welcome to become a member.



## *Foreword*

This is the revised edition of the handbook, THIS IS LINDEN, first published by the Linden League of Women Voters in 1951. It was revised in 1961, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Township of Linden in March, 1861.

To be informed citizens of our community we must know how our local government works, what jobs it does and what services it offers.

To be intelligent and responsible voters in our community we must take an active part in our local government by voting at every election, and by making our opinions known through the channels provided by our representative form of government. It is our earnest hope that THIS IS LINDEN will serve to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in our local government.

We have tried to make this a factual account, objective and non-partisan. We have consulted published sources and have interviewed city officials and other persons in a position to give us authoritative information. Our purpose is to report, not to evaluate. The League has tried to be as accurate as possible, but we shall be glad to be informed of errors so that they may be corrected in a future edition.

We are aware that no handbook of this size can hope to include all of the data concerning our City and its government. We have made every effort to include all of the important facts.

The material has been assembled and compiled by members of the Linden League of Women Voters. We have been assisted by several citizens who are not members of the League, but who were interested in the project. We have consulted many citizens and public officials. These officials and their staffs have been unfailingly patient with our efforts to assemble complete and accurate information.

The cover for THIS IS LINDEN was adapted from a map made available by Mr. Morton Weitzman. The map on the last page, as well as the zoning map and voting ward map, were adapted and made available through the cooperation of City Engineer John Ziemian. The pictures were taken by Marion C. Vath.

To all of the people who have given us information or assistance, we wish to express our sincere thanks.

Mrs. Robert J. Tierney and Mrs. Jan Buseman,  
Co-Chairmen





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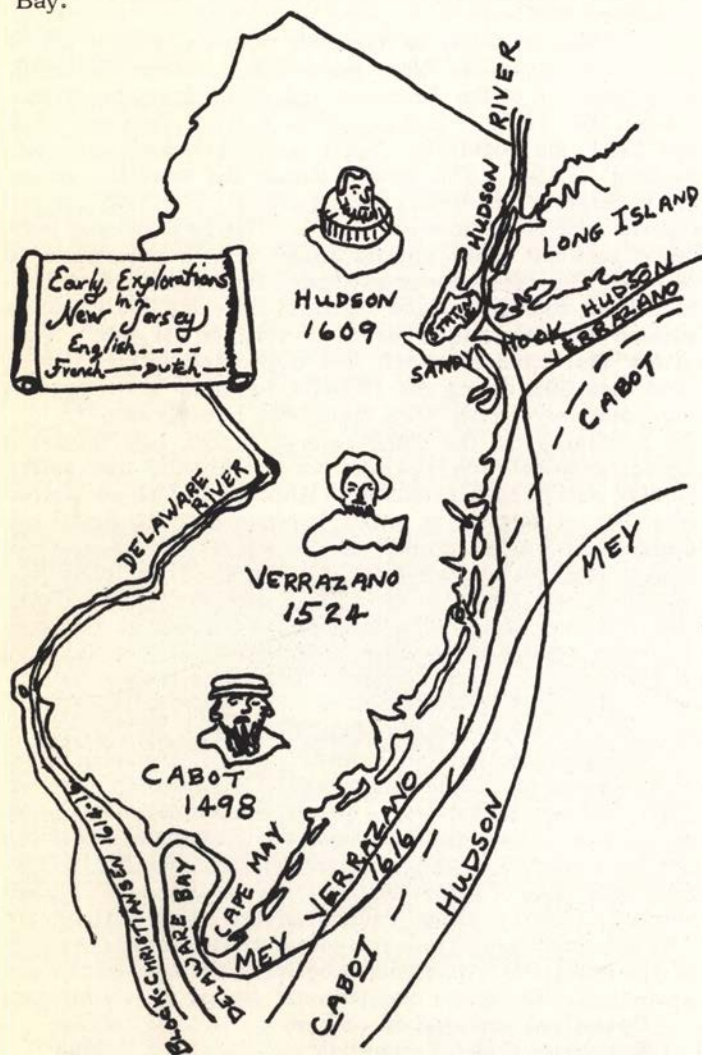


## LINDEN THEN AND NOW

The community from which the present city has developed is one of the oldest in the land, and its heritage is not only historic, but honorable.

Although Linden was not formed until 1861, there were people living in this territory long before that date, as residents of Elizabethtown. The earliest inhabitants of New Jersey were Indians, members of the Lenni-Lenape Tribe of the Delaware Nation.

One of the first encounters with white men by the Indians of this region came in 1609 when seamen, from Henry Hudson's ship the "Half Moon", stopping in their search for a passage to China and India, made an exploratory trip in a small boat through Kill von Kull and Arthur Kill (between Staten Island and New Jersey) to Raritan Bay.



Dutch settlers followed, only to be conquered by the British.

In 1664, the English King Charles II decided to give the land to his brother, James, the Duke of York. James gave the land to two of his favorites, Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret. One confusion over land titles was to make trouble for years to come. The Duke of York had not been able to inform his deputy governor, Colonel Richard Nichols, that he had given the New Jersey piece of land to Berkeley and Carteret. Governor Nichols made a grant of the land to four Long Island residents: John Baker, John Bailey, John Ogden and Luke Watson, and their associates.

To still further complicate matters, about a month before Governor Nichol's action, Luke Watson, John Bailey, and Daniel Denton had bought this same area from the Lenni-Lenape Indians who then occupied New Jersey. Apparently, these three men wanted to make sure that when they secured the land from Governor Nichols, they would be free from Indian attack. The facts of the transfer are most interesting as recorded in the "Calendar of New Jersey's Records":

*In 1664 October 28 16th Charles 2d. Indian Deed, Mattano, Manamowacons and Cowescomen of Staten to John Bailey, Daniel Denton and Luke Watson of Jamacica, Long Island, husbandmen, for land bounded South by the Raritan River, East by the river dividing Staten Island from the mainland, and running Northward up After Call Bay to the first river settling Westward (In and about Elizabeth Town) consideration 20 fathoms of Cloth, two made cotes, two guns, two kettles, ten bords of lead, twenty handfults of powder and 400 fathoms of white or 200 of black wampum, payable one year after taking possession.*

The total value of the articles paid to the Lenni-Lenape has been estimated at \$154.

Today the Lenni-Lenape are gone from New Jersey. They are remembered chiefly through the many Indian place names in our state, such as Hoboken (Tobacco pipe), Raritan (Forked River), and Passaic (Peaceful Valley).

The tract which the three Long Islanders purchased from the Lenni-Lenape and which included Linden was named, "The Elizabeth-Town Purchase" in honor of Lady Elizabeth Carteret, the wife of Sir George.

Most of the colonial settlers of this region were Puritans, principally Presbyterians, who predominated in New Jersey as far south as the Raritan. Many of them came from Massachusetts after settling for a while in Long Island. Some came directly from Massachusetts Bay and others from the British Isles. All were attracted by the liberal land policy of the "Concessions and Agreements", New Jersey's first constitution. According to that document a man was given free land in proportion to the number of people he brought with him, including his family, servants and slaves. The land policy also attracted many indentured servants who were sold, or who sold themselves into slavery for a number of years until they paid back their passage money to the colony. Slaves were numerous here well into the nineteenth century. A law passed by the state legislature in 1804, however, provided for the gradual emancipation of Negroes in New Jersey. By 1840 there was but one slave in the Borough of Elizabeth-Town (which then included Linden).

Technically, Linden did not exist during the Revolution. Nevertheless, by virtue of its physical location, it was the scene of fierce struggles and numerous skirmishes. Staten Island, directly across from Linden, was the headquarters of the British and Hessian troops for much of the war.

In October 1776, when Washington began a retreat south across New Jersey with the British in pursuit, the Chairman of the Essex County Commission (Union County was not created until 1857) warned "the inhabitants who live near the water, or the great roads...to remove... their stock, grain, hay carriages and other effects into some place of safety back into the country".

One of these "great roads" was King George's Highway (now St. George's Avenue). Happily, in January 1777, after many encounters on both sides of the Rahway River, the British were forced to retreat to Staten Island.

Now began a series of raids on New Jersey from Staten Island. At Trembley (now Tremley) Point the ferry cross-



ing kept by Peter Trembley was much used by both British and American raiders.

Wheatsheaf Inn, built in 1745, was a famous stopping place of Colonial times. It stood on lands at about Chestnut Street beside "King George's Highway". The highway was once an Indian trail. It was the main road between New York and Philadelphia.

In the early nineteenth century, because of economic disturbances in the British Isles, immigrants came to this country in an increasing stream.

Thousands of these immigrants, according to William Nelson, New Jersey historian, landed at Castle Gardens, New York, and many settled in the rich farming land which then characterized the area of the present city of Linden. Linden remained chiefly a farming district until 1900.

The intense industrial activity in the New York area, however, had one notable effect on our community. Persons engaged in business in downtown New York found it pleasant to live in the suburbs. Among the new families coming to Linden were the Blanckes, the Luttgens, the Knopfs, Miners, Coles, and Zieglers who, together with the older inhabitants--the Woods, Winans, Rolls, Stimsons and others--were chiefly responsible for the development of the community around the Pennsylvania Railroad Station.

As Linden changed from a farming district to an industrial area, immigrants from all parts of Europe took up their abode here.

In the territory now comprising Linden originally, there were a number of small villages including Wheatsheaf, Tremley, Mulford and Upper Rahway.

Linden was considered part of Elizabeth Town until 1861 when, during the Civil War, it became a separate community, and the Township of Linden was formed.

Tradition gives us two explanations for the choice of the name Linden. One is that it was suggested by Mr. Abram Aaron Ward. He had noticed a sign hung out by a Mrs. Tenney who had changed the name of her road from Dark Lane (now Park Ave.) to Linden Road, after the many beautiful Linden trees in the vicinity. Another is that the early German residents, for whom the Linden trees had a special appeal, suggested the name.

When Linden became a city in 1925, Wood Avenue was the center of business as it is today. The Lotery Building across the street from the City Hall was built in the mid 1930's by an English business organization. In the early part of the century that area was farm land and estates. Late into the 1930's, too, the District Court met in the Wood Office Building on the west side of Wood Avenue.

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Linden has a land area of 11.4 square miles or approximately 7,300 acres. One-fourth of its boundary is on Staten Island Sound and nearly as much on the Rahway River. Linden is bounded on the north by Elizabeth and Roselle, and on the west by Rahway, Clark, Winfield and Cranford. In area, Linden ranks sixth among cities in New Jersey, and second in Union County, Elizabeth having 2 square miles more.

The highest point in Linden is on Wood Avenue at 9th Avenue, with an elevation of 90 feet above sea-level. There is no blighted area, although some of the eastern section bordering on Staten Island Sound is marshland.



### POPULATION

The remarkable growth of the city of Linden in the last seventy years, as well as the change in the character of its population, are readily discernible in the following statistics:

In 1900, scarcely a thousand persons, nearly all of whom were American born, resided in Linden. By 1910, the population of the Township and Borough combined was 6,598. By 1920, it had grown to 8,368. Between 1920 and 1930, the population figure more than doubled itself, totaling 21,196. The growth during the next ten years, the depression years, was more gradual. The 1940 census reported the population as 24,115. The 1950 census indicated another sharp upward trend with a population of 30,644. The 1960 census estimated the population of Linden to be 40,000 in round figures, while the 1970 census showed the population of Linden to be 41,409. This means that Linden, which had a population increase of more than 30% during the 1950-1960 period, had a population increase of only 3.7% during the last decade.

According to the 1970 census, about two thirds of Linden's population (24,588 out of 41,409) are native born of native born parentage. Another 12,202 are native born but of foreign or mixed parentage while 4,615 are themselves foreign born. Of the 16,817 who are either foreign born or of foreign or mixed parentage, 4,283 are from Poland, 2,057 are from Italy, and the remainder are from scattered nations, with more than 1,000 persons from Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Russia residing in Linden.

### MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS

According to the 1970 census, the City's labor force is made up of 12,023 males and 7,342 females sixteen years of age and older. These figures include 11,664 males and 7,039 females employed in the civilian labor force, with 71.9% of the total working within Union County. More than half of the women in the labor force (4,256) are married, with husbands present in the home. There are 730 women in the labor force with children under six years of age and 1,745 with children between the ages of six and seventeen. The major occupational groups are as follows:

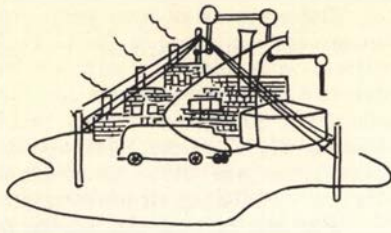
Operatives and kindred workers . . . . .	4,006
Professional and Technician . . . . .	1,984
Clerical and kindred workers . . . . .	4,060
Sales people . . . . .	1,155
Craftsmen and Foremen . . . . .	3,033
Service workers, ex. household . . . . .	1,735

Remaining workers include managers and administrators, transport equipment operatives, laborers and private household workers.



## LOCAL INDUSTRY

Since its early days, Linden has been an industrial hub. Our proximity to the large markets of the New York and Philadelphia area, and access to all forms of transportation have made this so.



The first industries to locate in Linden were oil and chemical plants, and these two categories are still leaders here today. The most important industries in Linden are: Oil and petrochemical, manufacturing, chemical and research.

In 1972, there were 190 industries in Linden employing five or more persons. The largest industries, in terms of people employed were:

General Motors Corp. ....	8,689
Esso Research and Engineering.....	3,000
Simmons Company .....	1,184

Industry contributes a large share of our local taxes. In 1972 approximately 69% of the total property tax was paid by industry. In addition to the property tax, the city receives approximately \$3,444,000 in gross receipt taxes from the Public Service Generating plant and Elizabethtown Water Co. and Elizabethtown Gas Co., and approximately \$520,000 in franchise taxes from these same companies and N.J. Bell Telephone Co.

The industrial community contributes to the city in many ways. According to the Director of the new Vocational and Technical School, industry representatives have helped organize courses and select equipment so that the

students will have the most up to date training possible. Many pieces of equipment have been donated to the school by local industries. Some local companies sponsor Junior Achievement firms. A few firms give scholarships and awards to high school graduates.

Industry also brings problems. People are becoming increasingly aware of pollution, noise and traffic. In recent years, City Council has acted to minimize the adverse impact of industry. In 1970, the Industrial Development Committee was formed. It consists of four members of City Council, and its goal is to see that any new industry locating here is of a clean, safe, non-polluting nature. In addition to this committee, Council as a whole, joining with representatives from industries holding four or more acres of unused land in Linden, have formed the Industrial Development and Real Estate Committee. The purpose of this committee is to insure that future expansion and development of unused land will be consistent with the goals listed above.

In late 1972, a new zoning ordinance was passed for the city. The Planning Board and its consultant assisted in the drawing up of this ordinance. Heavy industry is limited to the area where it now exists. Restrictions on the size of buildings and signs, area of land covered, and height of buildings are included. There are also provisions concerning off-street parking for employees, off-street loading and unloading of trucks, and buffer zones between adjacent residential or commercial areas.

The city has both an anti-noise and an air pollution ordinance. At present, the city has a contract with the Central Jersey Regional Air Pollution Control Agency to monitor air pollution in the city and assist in the enforcement of the air pollution ordinance.





# FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The City of Linden, as is true of all the other 566 municipalities in New Jersey, is a "creature" of the state. All municipalities operate under a charter from the state government and have only such powers as may be granted to them by the state.

Linden has what is known as a "weak-mayor" council form of government. The "weak-mayor" designation applies because under this form the mayor shares executive powers with the council.

The "weak-mayor" council form is characterized by a mixture of responsibility and the lines of responsibility are sometimes difficult to establish. The mayor makes some appointments of officials and boards and the council makes others. The mayor, for instance, appoints the Police Chief, with council approval, and the council appoints the Fire Chief.

## Office of the Mayor

The mayor's term of office is 4 years and he draws a salary of \$15,582 per year. Besides his responsibilities as chief executive officer of the city, he has many ceremonial duties and the job is considered to be full-time.

The mayor appoints members to the several autonomous boards such as the Board of Education and the Library Board of Trustees. He is an ex-officio member of the Board of School Estimate and, as such, plays an important part in formulating the school budget. He appoints the Industrial Relations Committee and serves as its head. The Committee was created in 1936 to encourage new industries to locate in Linden.



The mayor may form special committees to fill particular needs; for example, MECON (Mayor's Educational Committee on Narcotics), and the Heritage Committee for the purpose of making plans for the local celebration of the country's 200th anniversary in 1976. The Cultural Affairs Committee, Citizens Advisory Board and Human Relations Committee are other committees designed to cope with special conditions or problems.

The mayor has the power to veto ordinances passed by the council.

If the office of the mayor becomes vacant, even temporarily, for any reason, the city council president becomes Acting Mayor. A vacancy in the mayor's office is filled for the unexpired term at the next general election.

## City Council

The city council consists of 10 ward councilmen (one man elected from each of the 10 wards) and the council president, who is elected at large. The term of office for councilmen is 2 years and the salary is \$3,200 per year. The council president has a 4 year term at a salary of \$3,700 per year.

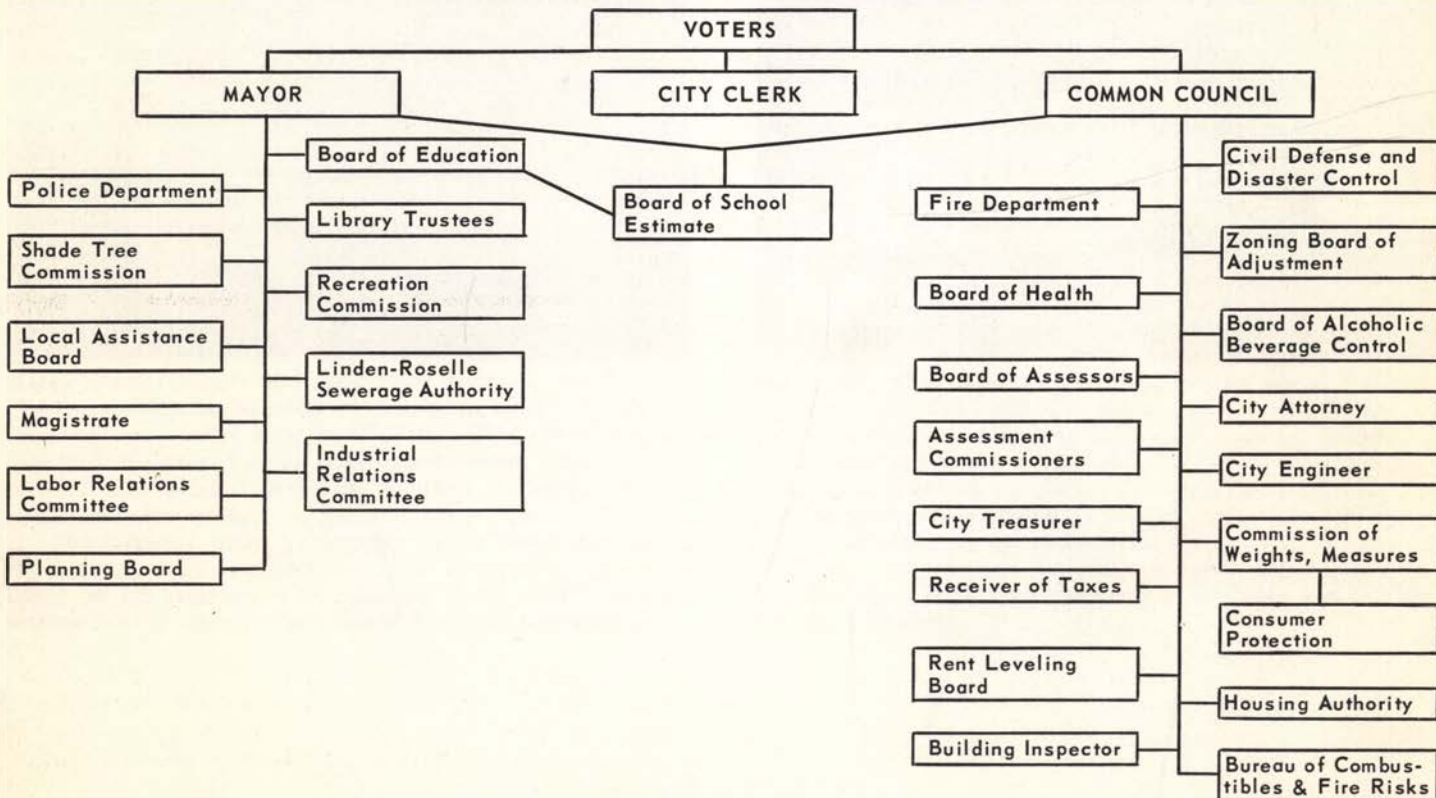
Ward realignment was accomplished in 1973 and, as a result, each ward councilman represents approximately 4,200 residents with about a 10% deviation in either direction. (See ward map on page 32.)

## Duties of Councilmen

The council is the legislative body of our city government, passing ordinances and resolutions governing local affairs. The mayor may veto an ordinance but the council may override the veto by a 2/3 vote.

City council also holds many appointive powers, appointing the fire chief, city treasurer, city attorney, city engineer, receiver of taxes and members of many official boards. (See table showing the organization of Linden city government below.)

## ORGANIZATION OF LINDEN CITY GOVERNMENT





Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 8 p.m. in the council chambers in City Hall and are, of course, open to the public. Members of the public attending are always invited to ask questions or express views after the official part of the session is finished.

### Councilmanic Committees

Business of the council is carried out through committees which oversee the many departments and functions of the municipality, and each councilman serves on several committees as well as acting as chairman of one committee. Reports from committee chairmen are given at each council meeting. Committees are:

- Board of School Estimate;
- Building Department;
- Buildings, Grounds & Airport;
- Emergency Relief;
- Engineering;
- Finance and Insurance;
- Fire;
- Industrial Development & Real Estate;
- Licenses, Permits: Weights & Measures;
- Light;
- Liaison: Linden Housing Authority;
- Personnel, Job Evaluation & Labor Relations;
- Public Revenue & Assessments;
- Public Works, Parks & Playgrounds, Sewers, Rivers;
- Purchasing;
- Safety & Accident Review;
- Scout Activities;
- Liaison: Shade Tree Commission;
- Transportation: Parking Facilities & Street & Highway Signs; and
- Vehicles & Equipment.

### Autonomous Boards

Other important features of our city government are the autonomous boards, notably the Board of Education, the Board of Health, the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Recreation Board, Sewage Authority, Library Board, Local Assistance Board, the Housing Authority, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. These autonomous boards run the departments under their jurisdiction independently of the mayor and council. The Board of Health and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board have the power to pass ordinances.

### Procedure for Change of Government

Under the Optional Municipal Charter law (known popularly as the Faulkner Act) passed by the state legislature in 1950 there are two methods available if a municipality wishes to change its form of government--through a charter commission, or by petition and referendum. In the first instance an election is held (either as the result of a citizens' petition or an ordinance passed by the governing body) to determine whether a charter commission should be created. Charter members are chosen at the same time. If the question is decided affirmatively, the charter commissioners who were elected are required to make a study of the alternatives available and make a recommendation within 9 months. If an optional plan is proposed, the question is submitted to the voters of the municipality in a referendum election.

The second permissible procedure--petition and referendum--does not require the election of a charter commission. Upon petition of a prescribed percentage of the registered voters of the city, a direct election may be held upon the question of adopting any of the optional plans of government authorized.

If one of the optional forms available under the Faulk-



ner Act is not proposed, it is possible to petition the legislature for a special charter, presumably tailored to fit special local needs.

### The City Clerk

The City Clerk, after the Mayor and Council, is perhaps the most visible city official. His duties and responsibilities are manifold. He is elected for a three-year term but gains tenure of office after having served for five consecutive years. The salary is \$13,950.

### Duties

The duties of the City Clerk, for the most part, are prescribed by state laws. He is subordinate to the members of the governing body and carries out the orders and duties imposed by them. As Clerk of the Council he handles all communications on their behalf. He takes and records the minutes of council meetings, receives bids, and files ordinances and resolutions passed by city council.

The office of the City Clerk is generally the information bureau for the city to which residents may look for answers to various matters.

The City Clerk is the official charged with carrying out the duties relating to elections. He is required to accept registrations of new voters and transfers of eligible registered voters. He has complete charge of the election machinery on election days.

The City Clerk is responsible for the safe keeping of most of the city's records. He is the Keeper of the Seal for the city and affixes this seal on documents and papers which require it. He also administers oaths of office.

The Deputy City Clerk assists with the duties of the office and serves in the absence of the City Clerk. In Linden the Deputy Clerk also serves as Registrar of Vital Statistics.



## The City Attorney

The City Attorney is appointed by the Council for a term of three years. His duties include rendering legal advice to the Mayor and Council and to the various boards (except the Board of Education). He drafts ordinances, prepares deeds, contracts and other legal instruments as required. He also prosecutes actions brought by the city of Linden and defends actions against the city and its various boards when directed to do so by the Council. He is aided by an Assistant City Attorney.

## COURTS

The Municipal Court, located in City Hall, is presided over by a Municipal Court Judge appointed for a three-year term by the Mayor. He has no tenure. The position is a part-time one and the judge, who is required to be a lawyer, may continue his private practice.

### Jurisdiction of the Court

Persons who are accused of a crime within the municipality are brought before the municipal court judge within a reasonable time after their arrest. The judge conducts preliminary hearings to determine whether there is probable cause to refer an indictable offense to the grand jury. He may also issue warrants authorizing arrest or search by a law enforcement officer.

The municipal court judge conducts trials, without a jury, of non-indictable offenses involving violations of motor vehicle and traffic laws, local ordinances and fish and game laws, punishable by fines or jail sentences of six months or less. The judge is authorized to conduct preliminary hearings on charges of serious crimes brought before him, after which -- if he believes that a crime has been committed -- he may hold the accused person in bail or in custody for the grand jury. If he finds evidence of the crime to be insufficient, he may discharge the accused person, but must send a



copy of the complaint endorsed with the Court's findings to the Prosecutor.

## FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY RELATIONS

The Federal and State governments provide many services to municipalities in the fields of education, health and welfare. The Federal government operates three Post Offices and provides the services of such divisions as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Agriculture, and the Income Tax Division of the Treasury Department, Civil Defense and the regulation of money and banking. In 1973, for the first time, the Federal government provided funds directly to municipalities to meet local needs under a plan called "revenue sharing".

The State government, as mentioned, is the source of authority under which municipalities function. The State supplies a part of local relief funds and funds for schools (amounting to approximately 40% of the total local costs of education). The State also supplies the services of many institutions and boards, such as the State Police, the Milk Control Board, the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and State Health and Welfare services.

The County provides and maintains county parks, courts, roads, bridges, hospitals; defines election districts, designates polling places and conducts all elections except those of the local government. Wheeler Park, which includes a swimming pool, is a county park which lies within the City of Linden.

The County is governed by a Board of Chosen Freeholders whose nine members are chosen from the county at large, three a year, to serve terms of three years each.

Union County is represented in the State Legislature by three Senators and six Assemblymen. Under the new district lines drawn in 1973, Linden is in the 21st District comprised of Elizabeth, Linden, Winfield and Carteret. One state senator and two assemblymen are chosen from each legislative district.

Linden is in the 15th Congressional District and is represented by one congressman. Two senators, elected from the State at large, represent New Jersey citizens in the United States Senate.

## MAJOR CITY OFFICIALS

Official	How Chosen	Term of Office	Salary
Mayor _____	Elected	4 years	\$15,582
Council President _____	Elected	4 years	\$ 3,700
Councilmen _____	Elected	2 years	\$ 3,200
City Clerk _____	Elected	3 years*	\$15,187
City Attorney _____	Appointed by Council	3 years	\$14,204
Assistant City Attorney _____	Appointed by Council	3 years	\$10,282
City Treasurer _____	Appointed by Council	4 years	\$14,734
City Engineer _____	Appointed by Council	3 years	\$21,525
Receiver of Taxes _____	Appointed by Council	4 years	\$14,363
Municipal Magistrate _____	Appointed by Mayor	3 years	\$10,473

\*Gains tenure of office after serving for five consecutive years.



# FINANCES - PURCHASING AND PERSONNEL

## Financial Organization

The Finance and Insurance Committee consists of five members of the City Council appointed by the President of the Council. In consultation with the City Clerk, City Treasurer and the Mayor, they prepare the budget.

The City Treasurer is the financial officer of the City, appointed by Council for a term of three years. He is under bond. He has custody of all money received by the City, supervises its banking and signs all checks. He keeps accounts of all appropriations. The Treasurer furnishes the figures needed in connection with all financial operations. He also serves as custodian of Board of Education funds.



The City hires an independent registered municipal accountant, licensed by the state, for the annual audit. He presents an annual report to the City and sends a certified copy to the State Auditor. The Auditor's report is published in the local papers.

## 1973 Municipal Budget Calendar

	1973 Earliest Date	1973 Latest Date
Approval	January 1	February 10
File two (2) certified complete copies with Division	Three (3) days after approval	
Publication (at least once) (must be at least 10 days prior to hearing)	January 2	March 10
Hearing (must be at least 28 days after approval)	January 29	March 20
Adoption	January 29	March 20*
File two (2) certified complete copies with Division	Three (3) days after adoption	
File one (1) certified copy with County Board of Taxation	January 29	March 31

*\*Notwithstanding this latest date, the budget may be adopted after such date "any time within ten days after the Director of Local Government Services shall have certified his approval thereof and returned the same, if such certification shall be later than the date of the advertised hearing".*

## Budget

The City of Linden operates on a budget based on estimated operating costs and capital expenditures. Capital expenditures include payment of amortization and interest on notes and bonds. The budget lists all sources of revenue, actual expenditures of the previous year and appropriations for the coming year. These amounts are broken down to give as much detailed information as is required by State Law.

The City Clerk requests all department heads to submit their estimated budgets for the following year to the Finance and Insurance Committee on or before December 1. The Committee screens these budgets, which are broken down to give detailed information, and conducts hearings with department heads. Some time between January 1 and February 10, the proposed City Budget must be presented to the Council for approval. Within three days after Council's approval, two certified copies of the budget must be sent to the Division of Local Government Services in Trenton. At the same time it must be published at least once in the local newspapers. It appears among the legal notices. Approval of the budget must be received from Trenton. The date and time for a local public hearing is announced in the published budget and is held not more than 28 days after Council's approval. The budget is then formally adopted.

## Taxes

The City Council levies taxes based on the requirements of the budget. The State Constitution limits local taxation to real and business personal property. State law also limits the City's bonded indebtedness. There is no limit to a municipality's current budgetary expenditures, and hence to local taxes, other than the good judgment of the elected officials.

Taxes are collected by the Receiver of Taxes, who is appointed by the Council for a four-year term. He performs all duties connected with the collection of assessments for personal and real property taxes and public improvements, and keeps records of money received. He is the designated official for making all tax searches. The money collected, together with a statement, is turned over monthly to the City Treasurer.

Taxes are payable quarterly, February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, at the office of the Receiver of Taxes in City Hall. The tax rate for the year 1973 was \$3.05 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

The volume of tax delinquencies for the year ending December 31, 1972, amounted to \$152,594.92. Collection was made on 99.48% of the tax levy.

All real estate on which taxes, assessments and municipal liens of prior years remain unpaid on July 1 must be advertised and sold for the amount due with interest and cost added, subject to redemption within two years. This is handled by the Office of Receiver of Taxes. Under State law the rate of interest charged on unpaid taxes shall not exceed 8%, unless the delinquency is in excess of \$1,000, in which case a charge of 12% is allowed.

State auditors inspect the books of the Receiver of Taxes and make spot checks on tax payments.

Under the New Jersey State Constitution, tax exemption may be granted only by general laws. Under State law, property used exclusively for religious, educational, charitable or cemetery purposes and not operated for profit, is exempt. Veterans are allowed a deduction of \$50.00 from their total tax bill. Senior citizens who qualify are allowed a deduction of \$160--\$80.00 of which is returned to the City from the State.

## Assessed Value of Real and Personal Property - 1973

Residential . . . . .	\$172,701,500.00
Apartment Buildings . . . . .	9,641,500.00
Commercial . . . . .	59,283,400.00
Industrial . . . . .	253,132,800.00
Vacant Land . . . . .	6,222,900.00
	<u>\$500,982,100.00</u>

Telephone, Telegraph and Messenger Systems . . . . .	4,223,100.00
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Total Assessed Value . . . . . \$505,205,200.00

## Assessments

Property assessments are made to determine the value of real property for tax purposes. This is done by the Board of Assessors, composed of three men who devote part of their time to the work. There is also a secretary to the Board of Assessors who is a full-time employee.



The Assessors are appointed by the Council for a term of four years. Each is required to hold a Tax Assessors Certificate. This is granted by the State of New Jersey after passing an examination upon completion of required courses.

There are also four full-time employees in the office of the Tax Assessor whose duty it is to maintain the required assessment records.

The law requires an Assessor to examine all property and assess or fix a value consistent with the true value of all such property, as of the taxing date, October 1. In 1957 the State Supreme Court ruled that all municipalities must assess all property within a municipality at the same ratio. In accordance with this ruling, Linden underwent a re-evaluation in 1960 and again in 1973 by independent assessment firms. Under the law the ratio of assessment is determined on the County level, and the Union County Board of Taxation has fixed the ratio at 100% of true value, to be used by all municipalities within this County.

Any taxpayer may appeal his assessment to the local Board of Assessors and then to the Union County Board of Taxation before August 15. An appeal of the County Board's decision may be made to the State Board of Taxation.

The Linden tax books are open for public inspection at all times to persons with a bona fide reason for examining them. State law requires that they be open for one day early in January after the new assessment lists are completed, and before they are sent to the County Board of Taxation on January 10. This date is advertised in the local papers.

The County Board of Taxation makes any necessary adjustments in assessments based on appeals. Its approval fixes the legal figure for ratables.

#### Revenue and Expenditures

The total anticipated income of the local government for 1973 is \$23,857,106.22 of which \$15,399,952.04 or approximately 64% comes from local taxes. The remainder comes from other sources such as licenses, fees and permits, fines, state aid, rentals, interest on taxes, gross receipts taxes and the City's share of state sales taxes and monies.

#### Municipal Debt

The City's debt as of December 31, 1972 amounts to \$8,023,000.00 for School purposes and \$4,761,000.00 for the City. State law limits municipal debt to 3.5% of average assessed real estate valuation for the three preceding years, plus 4% for school debt. The percentage of net debt as of December 31, 1972 was 1.53%. Net debt is defined as total debt minus the school debt which falls within the 4% limitation and any self-liquidating debt, such as for municipal utilities.

Capital improvements are decided upon by the City Council and ordinances are passed. The work is usually financed by temporary bank notes, and when the work is completed these notes are converted to bonds issued by ordinance of City Council. Under State law, bank notes for city improvements must be decreased after three years and retired by the end of five years; bank notes for school purposes must be retired by the end of five years, or bonds must be issued to cover them. State law also provides that bonds issued for an improvement must be paid off by the end of the life of the improvement.

Under State law, after November 1 the City Council may transfer surplus funds from one City department to another department which has used up its appropriations for that year. Or, to meet an emergency, the City may borrow from a bank, after obtaining the approval of the

State Auditor. The loans must be repaid out of the following year's budget.

#### Purchasing

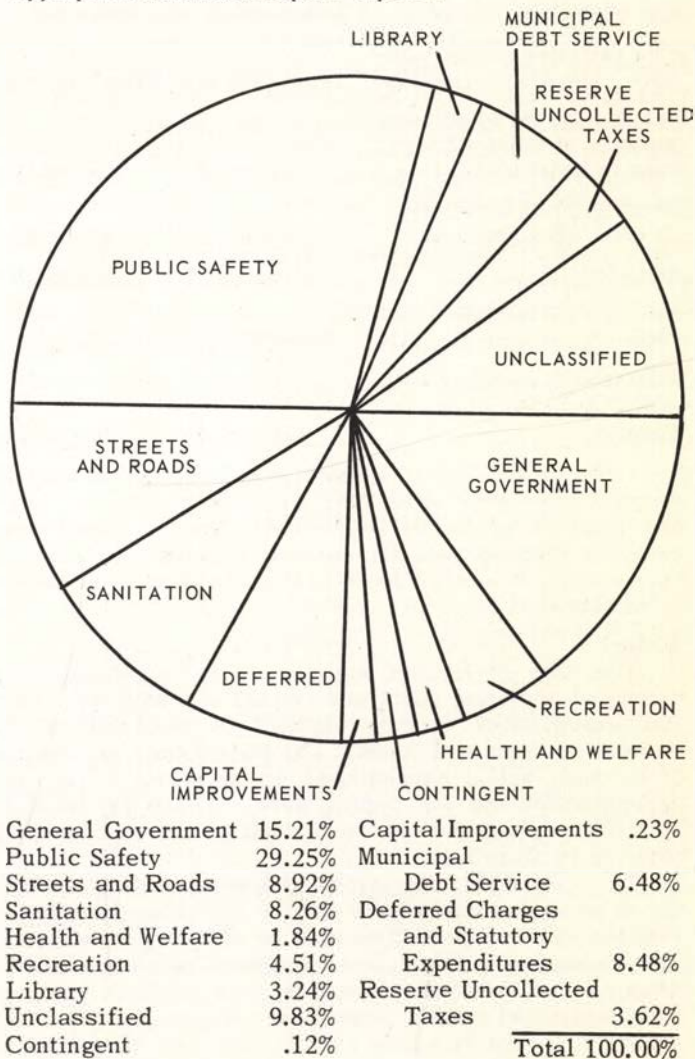
Purchasing for all City departments, except the Public Library and the Board of Education, is done by the Purchase Agent. Departments send requisitions to him regarding their needs in materials, supplies, service and equipment. He then buys with quality in mind, at the lowest possible price, through quotations, if there is no contract with a regular supplier. He is responsible for his actions to a three-man committee of Council.

Under State law, single items costing \$2,500.00 or more (with some exceptions) must be advertised for sealed bids. These bids are advertised by the Purchase Agent. After receiving the approval of the City Council, and a committee thereof, the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. On equipment of a specialty nature, State law permits the City to name the make of equipment desired in the advertisement with the notation "or equivalent".

Bids for fire apparatus are requested by the Fire Committee, which is composed of the Fire Chief and four members of the City Council. This committee makes recommendations to the Council, and the Council authorizes the Purchase Agent to put out bids for the equipment.

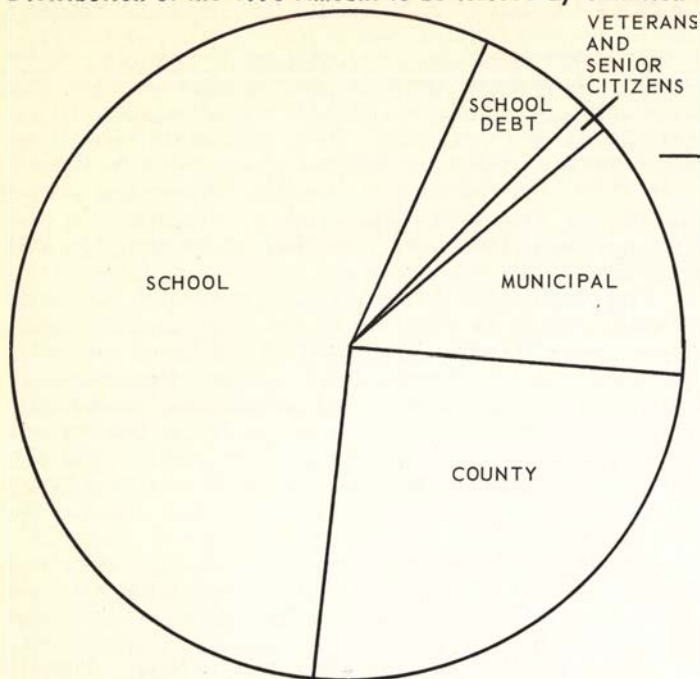
The Purchase Department keeps a running inventory of all City equipment purchased in excess of \$10.00.

#### Appropriation for Municipal Purposes





# Distribution of the 1973 Amount to be Raised by Taxation



School Taxes . . . . .	54.87%
School Debt Service . . . . .	5.91%
Municipal . . . . .	12.94%
County . . . . .	24.68%
Veteran and Senior Citizen Deduction . . . . .	1.60%
	<u>100.00%</u>

## Personnel

As of July 1, 1973, the City of Linden employed approximately 662 persons, not including employees of the Board of Education or the Public Library.: 147 permanent full-time, City Hall and Community Center; 125 Fire Department; 122 Police Department; 92 Streets and Sewers; and 176 part-time and seasonal, Recreation Department and City Hall.

Linden has operated under the provisions of the State Civil Service law since 1944. Employees then in office received Civil Service status automatically. Applicants for positions now must pass a Civil Service test to gain employment and there are further tests for promotions. Disabled veterans receive preferential status. City Civil Service employees are covered by the State Employees Retirement system. Provisions of the State Pension Act for Firemen and Policemen have been adopted. Group insurance was provided by the City for employees as of November 1, 1949.



# PUBLIC HEALTH

The State Department of Health publishes a Sanitary Code which has the effect and force of law. Local Boards of Health may make additions to this code but their local codes may not conflict with the State code. The State Sanitary Code requires that each local Board of Health must appoint a secretary, a Registrar of Vital Statistics, and an "executive officer" or "health officer". The State Department of Health also functions in a supervisory capacity. It regulates certain kinds of licensing (boarding homes, nursing homes, camps, etc.). The County government concerns itself primarily with tuberculosis control. Tuberculosis patients requiring hospitalization are sent to the Glen Gardner Sanatorium which is run by the New Jersey State Department of Institutions and Agencies. The Health Department works in conjunction with the Union County Health League regarding tuberculosis control.

The Linden Board of Health consists of seven members, appointed by the Mayor, for a term of 4 years. All serve without pay. The only requirement for members of this board is residence in the City. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. and are open to the public.

The programs of the Board of Health are administered by the Health Officer, who is appointed by the Board at a salary of \$14,350.00 a year. The Health Officer must be licensed by the State of New Jersey. He has Civil Service status as do all members of his staff. The staff includes five trained nurses who must be registered in New Jersey and live in Linden, a Sanitary Inspector 1st Class, and two Field Representatives for Housing Inspection. Two clerks serve the office.

## Codes and Inspections

The Linden Board of Health has adopted, in conjunction with the Linden Sanitary Code, the retail foodhandling establishment code whereby food establishments are required to obtain a license which is \$5.00 a year, and mobile units are required to have a license which is \$10.00 a year. Violations of the Linden Sanitary Code are dealt with by the Health Officer, with the aid of the City Attorney through the Municipal Court, when the infraction is a local and minor one. Offenses involving State Law come before the District Court.

The Health Officer and the Sanitary Inspector 1st Class make routine inspections of food handlers, milk processing plants and stores handling food. Retail and wholesale food handling establishments are inspected in accordance with a comprehensive inspection program which has been developed by the State of New Jersey. Copies of all inspections of food handling establishments must be sent to the State Health Department in Trenton. The local code states that anyone suspected of having any disease that is transmissible by food can be required by the Board of Health to be examined by a medical doctor and, if not found satisfactory, they can be kept from working in a food establishment. The Health Department also inspects the distribution and checks the food value of milk. All milk in the City of Linden must meet the standards of the New Jersey State Department of Health.

Air pollution is checked by the Linden Board of Health in close cooperation with the Department of Environmental Protection, which has developed new laws and set forth standards controlling air pollution in the State of New Jersey. The Linden Health Department has a contract with the Central Jersey Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, which is separate and apart from the State Department of Environmental Protection. It is considered

a supplemental agency. Air pollution complaints can be phoned into them at any time, day or night, at 634-0290. Radio equipped cars proceed to any place against which a complaint has been lodged. They also issue summonses to violators. Linden has adopted an air pollution control code which was approved by the State Department of Environmental Protection and is also enforceable by the Linden Health Department and Central Jersey Regional Air Pollution Control Agency.

The program for the control and prevention of communicable disease is regulated by the State Sanitary Code. Every physician must report to the local Board of Health any communicable disease listed in the Code within 12 hours after his first professional call. Furthermore, every householder or house-owner who has reason to believe that any person living in a building under his control is affected with a communicable disease must report to the Board of Health in writing when no physician has attended the sick person.

Quarantine regulations are set up by the State and enforced by the local Health Officer, who is the ultimate authority in Linden on all quarantine regulations and restrictions.

The Board of Health checks on all dog bites. Animals are quarantined for a period of 10 days at the expense of the owner. At the expiration of the ten-day period, the owner of the dog must take the dog to a veterinarian who, in turn, fills out a form indicating the health of the dog, and who mails the form to the Board of Health office. The Health Department runs an Anti-Rabies Vaccination Program every year. All the expenses for the Anti-Rabies Vaccination Program are paid for out of the monies collected for dog license fees.

Water for Linden is purchased from the Elizabethtown Water Company directly by the consumer. Water is tested by the Linden Health Department about every three months and always at a point nearest to the last complaint.

Plumbing is regulated and inspected by the Plumbing Inspector under the requirements of the Linden Plumbing Code. The Plumbing Inspector functions independently of the Health Officer, although there is a close cooperation in the department.

Barber shops and beauty parlors are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's office.

Factories are inspected by the State Department of Health in conjunction with the Department of Labor.

Slaughterhouses are inspected by the Federal government. Any establishments that do any wholesale meat preparing are inspected by a resident inspector of the New Jersey State Department of Agriculture.

## Services

School health services for the parochial schools are provided by the Board of Health. It supplies a nurse who goes to each of the three Linden Parochial schools for a total of 27 hours a week. The nurse attends the doctor during medical examinations and does necessary follow-up. She examines eyes for visual acuity and examines all ears every other year. Audiometer tests are given every other year. An optometrist examines for gross defects of the eye. Dental service for six hours a week is also provided. In keeping with the laws of the State of New Jersey, tine testing is done for tuberculosis in the parochial as well as in the public schools. The State law requires this to be done in the 1st, 5th, 9th and 12th grades. Since the parochial schools do not have any high schools, this is done in the 1st and 5th grades in the parochial schools.

The Linden Board of Health conducts a Child Welfare



Program. Five graduate nurses make prenatal visits on request of patient or physician and advise new mothers in infant care as prescribed by the personal physician. They instruct and, if necessary, supervise making of formulas and bathing new babies. They conduct Baby Keep Well Stations to which mothers are encouraged to bring well babies regularly for weighing and advice. The schedule for these clinics is given in the Directory of Health Clinics at the end of this chapter.

The Board of Health subscribes to other clinics whose services are thus made available to Linden residents. These include venereal disease clinics (see Directory of Clinics) at which fees for patients' care are paid by the Board of Health.

The Union County Tuberculosis Clinic conducts clinics for chest x-rays for only known cases of tuberculosis and known contacts. John E. Runnell's Hospital at New Providence does routine x-rays of anyone in Union County for a fee of \$5.00. The hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and, on the first Wednesday of each month, in the evening from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

The Union County Psychiatric Clinic is located at Elizabeth General Hospital, 925 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Office hours are by appointment only. The Clinic is staffed by a psychiatrist and a psychiatric social worker. The fee is determined by the ability of the patient to pay, depending on income and number in family.

Linden has no free medical clinics for people of small means. Such services are available at the three hospitals in Elizabeth. Needy patients must be referred to clinics by the Department of Public Welfare or by the nurses working in the district. These clinics are maintained by public subscription, municipal contributions and county support. Children (minors) attending clinics must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The Outpatient Clinic of Runnells Hospital of Berkeley Heights will offer glaucoma, diabetic and pap testing to residents of Union County age 60 and over. This service will not require any cash payment by the recipients and will be given every Friday morning from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Persons desiring appointments should call 322-7240 between 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. and ask for the Outpatient Clinic.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Eastern Union County provides skilled nursing care in the home for all persons who are sick and do not need a full-time registered nurse. All Visiting Nurses are professional nurses with special education in public health nursing, and work under qualified nursing supervision and medical direction.

## Equipment

The Linden Board of Health has no laboratory facilities. Cultures are examined by the State Laboratories in Trenton. They also check foods for contamination, dog heads for rabies and water specimens for purity. Milk samples are tested at a private laboratory, paid for by the Board of Health.

In addition to the equipment at the Baby Keep Well Stations, there are nine automobiles which are used by the nurses, the Health Officer, the Plumbing Inspector, the Sanitary Inspector and the Housing Inspectors. The Board of Health uses equipment such as a black light, which is used in making sanitary inspections of food establishments, thermometers for checking temperatures of water in food establishments and, also, recording thermometers for checking the temperatures of homes where tenants have complained of insufficient heat.

## Funding

All funds for this department are appropriated in the annual City Budget. License and permit fees received (food establishments, mobile units, milk, ice and plumbing) are turned over to the City Treasurer. Parochial schools pay no fee for health services.

### BUDGET FOR 1972

Salaries and Wages . . . . .	\$115,820.00
Other Expenses . . . . .	18,279.00
State Aid . . . . .	13,320.14

## Vital Statistics

The Registrar of Vital Statistics is appointed by the Board of Health at an annual salary of \$800. All births, stillbirths, deaths and marriages occurring in the City are recorded and each month all these original certificates are forwarded to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics in Trenton. Copies of these original records are made on a copying machine and retained by the City. The Registrar of Vital Statistics submits a monthly report as well as a yearly report to the local Board of Health, relative to Vital Statistics.

Following are the Vital Statistics for Linden for 1972:

BIRTHS	508	(508 born in hospitals)
STILLBIRTHS	4	(4 occurred in hospitals)
DEATHS	365	(286 died in hospitals 71 died at home 8 non-residents, died in Linden)
MARRIAGES	438	(280 in Linden 158 outside of Linden)

The Registrar also issues marriage licenses. The latter are always issued in the community in which the bride resides if she is a resident of New Jersey. Pre-marital blood tests are given by the participating parties' private physicians.

## Hospitals and Emergency Services

Linden has no hospital. Linden residents use the facilities of the Rahway Hospital in Rahway, the Elizabeth General, St. Elizabeth's or Alexian Brothers Hospitals in Elizabeth, and the Memorial General Hospital in Union.



The Linden Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Inc. was organized in 1945 by 11 people who had been active in local Civil Defense during World War II. It is a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-partisan, volunteer organization prepared and trained to answer emergency calls within the city twenty-four hours a day, to give first aid and provide transportation for the sick or injured. Since the Corps. was organized, it has increased from eleven members to forty; it has built its own building on West Price Street and is now planning to break ground for a new building



on North Stiles Street and West Elizabeth Avenue; it has progressed from a reconverted hearse-ambulance to three modern, well-equipped ambulances; it has acquired wheelchairs, crutches, hospital beds and other equipment which can be borrowed, at no charge, by Linden residents; it answers an average of 180 calls a month. The work of the Corps. is financed through an annual fund drive supplemented by an annual allotment from the City of Linden. Requests for loan of equipment or routine ambulance service are made through a physician. Emergency calls are made to police headquarters and directed from there to the crew on duty. The Corps. also has speakers available to give programs to interested organizations.

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the Osceola Presbyterian Church, Raritan Road, Clark, at 9:00 P.M. every Thursday evening.

#### **MECON**

The Mayor's Educational Committee on Narcotics (MECON) was formed in 1966. There are presently 18 non-salaried members of the committee who are appointed for an indefinite time. These members are drawn from all areas of the City population. The committee holds monthly meetings in the City Hall, normally on the 1st Thursday of the month. These meetings are open to the public.

In 1973, \$1,000 was allotted in the municipal budget for the committee. This will be used to cover expenses involved in attending seminars and training sessions, for educational material such as films and brochures, in conducting seminars and educational meetings for the citizens of Linden, and for guest speakers, postage and administrative costs.

#### **ANIMAL SHELTER**

A new animal shelter, a stray holding kennel under S.P.C.A. Kindness Kennels supervision, is located off Lower Road near the Rahway City Line. It was opened on May 1, 1972. The building conforms with the S.P.C.A. Kindness Kennels requirements. It was constructed by city employees at a cost of \$13,465 for materials. Under terms of a contract with S.P.C.A. made by City Council at an annual cost of \$12,300, Linden will be patrolled daily and the S.P.C.A. will be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The shelter will be open each week from 1-3 P.M., Monday through Friday, to allow rightful owners to claim their animals that have been picked up running loose. Dogs will be held for seven days and then,

if unclaimed, sent to the Rahway Kennel for adoption. Cats are held for 24 hours. If unclaimed, only special breeds such as Persians, etc., are kept for adoption.

The fee for reclaiming animals is four dollars for the first day and one dollar for each additional day the animal has been held. There is no charge for picking up strays that are reported. Animals for disposal may be picked up at home by the S.P.C.A. by appointment at a fee of five dollars or, if brought to the Kennel, the fee is three dollars.

The S.P.C.A. Kindness Kennels can also be called on squirrel complaints. If the animal is outside the home or in the upper house and has access inside and out, the householder is given a trap to set and the S.P.C.A. will remove the animal when caught. If the squirrel is within the house, the warden will be sent to try to remove the animal.

#### **HEALTH CLINICS**

##### **Baby Keep Well Stations - Staffed by the Board of Health:**

D.P.T., preschool D.P.T. Booster, Mumps, Rubella, Measles inoculations, Sabin and Tine Testing are done by the doctor at each Baby Keep Well Station.

Location, days and times:

P.S. #2 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month  
3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

P.S. #3 1st and 3rd Monday of each month  
3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

P.S. #6 2nd and 4th Monday of each month  
3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

PAL Building 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesday of each  
month - 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

McManus Every other month - 1st Wednesday of  
that month - 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

##### **Union County Psychiatric Clinic**

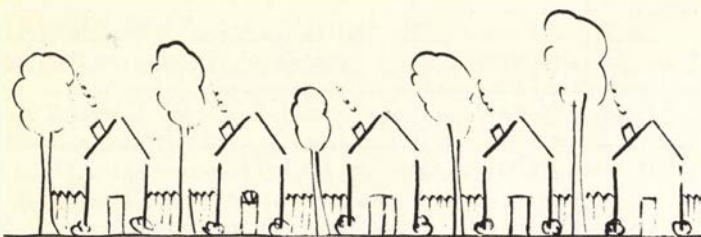
Location:  
Elizabeth General Hospital Office hours  
925 E. Jersey Street by appointment only  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

##### **Venereal Disease Clinics**

Location and days:  
Elizabeth General Hospital Thursdays-10:00 A.M.  
St. Elizabeth Hospital Fridays-10:30 A.M. to Noon



# PUBLIC WELFARE



At the present time, the agency concerned with public assistance is the Department of Public Welfare, supervised by the Local Assistance Board. The latter is composed of three persons appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. This Board is established under State law and is mandatory. It must consist of at least one woman, and may not have more than one member of the local governing body. The members of the Board, with the exception of the Councilman, are appointed for a two-year term; the Councilman is appointed for a one-year term. All serve without pay, but their legitimate expenses may be paid. The Department of Public Welfare operates under the supervision of the State Department of Institutions and Agencies and abides by their rules and regulations.

The Department of Public Welfare provides shelter, food, clothing, fuel, gas, electricity and medical attention to all needy persons residing in the city (with the exception of persons falling into the special categories of Dependent Children, The Aged (65 years), The Blind, and The Disabled—these cases are not aided by the Department of Public Welfare). The Department makes all necessary investigations of applicants, and may provide temporary assistance pending completion of investigations. Standards for assistance are set by the State Department of Institutions and Agencies. Linden Welfare maintains a voucher system for assistance.

The Board of Freeholders handles the hospitalization of tubercular persons and commitment of mentally afflicted persons and the County and Municipal Welfare initiate court proceedings against children for failure to support their needy parents, and render assistance for burials.

The Welfare Department is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the Local Assistance Board for a five year term. The salary is \$11,000 per year. Under the present State law, there is no tenure of office. However, the Municipal Welfare Association of N.J. is working on having legislation passed to grant tenure after ten years of service by the Director after the second five year appointment.

State requirements for the position of Municipal Director of Welfare are as follows: He must be a graduate of a recognized university or college and must have majored in Social Service subjects, and must have served for at least two years in a public or recognized private welfare agency, one year of which must have been in a supervisory capacity.

In Linden, the Director's staff consists of a case worker who is a registered nurse and a physician. All members of the Department, except the Physician, have Civil Service status.

## Dependent Children

Aid to Dependent Children is administered by the Union County Welfare Board. The Linden Welfare Department refers such cases to the Board in Elizabeth, 7 Bridge Street.

The New Jersey State Board of Child Welfare program includes guardianship of delinquent children, and those who are abused, neglected, abandoned or orphaned; how-

ever, many of these cases are often in the realm of the County Welfare Board. The State Board provides foster home and adoption services. Foster home or institutional care is provided for State Board wards. The "Home-Life" program is administered by the County Welfare Board, and provides care for children in their own homes. These children are provided for until the age of twenty-one while in school and, otherwise, until the age of eighteen.

Costs for these programs are met with Federal, State, and County funds.

## Old Age Assistance

Old age assistance is administered by the County Welfare Board. The Bureau of Assistance of the State Department of Institutions and Agencies supervises the Board and sets policies. Applications are made to the County Welfare Board at 7 Bridge Street, Elizabeth. Applicants must be sixty-five years of age or over. There are no residency requirements.

Costs for this program are met with Federal, State and County funds.

## Aid to the Blind

Aid to the Blind is administered by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind in Newark. Applications are received and investigated and need is determined by the County Welfare Board at 7 Bridge Street, Elizabeth. In addition to financial assistance, the program includes educational services, both in the home and in school, and remedial treatment of the eyes whenever possible. Psychiatric service, vocational training and job placement are included.

Costs for this program are met with Federal and County funds.

## Totally and Permanently Disabled Persons

In 1950, the Federal government made funds available for assistance to totally and permanently disabled persons. In 1951, the State Legislature passed a bill which makes it possible for New Jersey residents to secure this aid through their County Welfare Boards.

Costs for this program will be met with Federal, State and County funds.

## Hospitalization and Medical Care of Needy Persons

Indigent patients in need of hospitalization may be sent to the Elizabeth hospitals or to any hospital within the United States, according to their particular needs.

In 1973 the County Board of Freeholders apportioned a sum of \$1,397,500.00 toward the cost of maintaining indigent patients in hospitals within Union County. On a per-diem basis this amounted to \$62.57 per patient for the year 1973. The Linden Department of Public Welfare pays an all-inclusive \$14.00 per day to the hospitals, plus the county contribution of \$62.57.

If persons are hospitalized at the John E. Runnels Hospital, a County hospital, or are committed to any State institution such as Marlboro, Skillman, or Vineland, the cases are investigated by the County Adjuster, an official of the County Court. An order is then issued either absolving such persons of any payment because of indigency, or deciding that they shall pay part or all of the maintenance costs.

Outpatient treatment is given to welfare clients, at the Elizabeth hospital clinics, without charge. Transportation, if necessary, is provided by the Welfare Department.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Eastern Union County makes visits to the homes of needy patients who are referred to them by the Welfare Department, the Board



of Health, or Linden physicians. The Department of Public Welfare pays annually from its budget for this service.

Appropriations are made in the annual City Budget for public assistance. The funds of the Department of Public Welfare, unlike those of other City departments, are deposited in a separate account. At the close of the fiscal year, any unexpended funds do not revert to the City surplus revenue fund, but remain in the Public Assistance Trust Fund Account and are included in the budget for the ensuing year. Welfare Board funds can not be transferred to other municipal departments. Extra budget needs must be approved by the State Director of Local Governments Services and a budget increase must be appropriated the following year to retire a previous loan.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE 1972

Public Assistance . . . . .	\$35,000.00
Salaries and Wages . . . . .	21,231.00
Mental Health . . . . .	4,000.00
Other Expenses . . . . .	2,000.00 plus
	3,300.00

by contract for V.N.A.

The State of New Jersey reimburses the City of Linden for 75 per cent of the cost of public assistance administered by the Welfare Department.

The Board of Health, the Board of Education and the Municipal Court refer cases of need to the Welfare Department.

During the year 1972, the Department of Public Welfare gave assistance to an average of 50 cases a month, and expedited the transfer of county cases.

Linden Welfare provides Social Services, Counselling and guidance to many individuals with problems, and refers them to proper agencies for help.

Private Organizations

The Family and Children's Society, a United Way organization with offices in Elizabeth, provides foster home and adoption services. The Associated Catholic Charities, the St. Vincent De Paul Society, the Mt. Carmel Guild, the United Hebrew Charities, and several Protestant organizations also cooperate, with the local assistance agencies. Also, the Linden Children's Camp Fund, Inc., a non-sectarian United Way organization, was established in 1937 for the purpose of sending needy Linden children to summer camps. The Department of Public Welfare and the school nurses refer cases to this organization. The combined Girl Scout Troops of the City of Linden give Christmas Baskets.



# PUBLIC PROTECTION

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Duties and Responsibilities of the Police Department:

The major duties of the department are to preserve the peace, prevent crimes, detect and arrest offenders, protect life and property, enforce laws and regulate traffic. Our Linden Police Department cooperates with the County, State and Federal Police Bureaus.

The mayor, as chief executive of the City, is charged with the duties of enforcing the laws. He is the head of the Police Department and has the power to appoint or suspend members, as well as promote superiors subject to Civil Service Regulations and Council approval.

The Police Department is administered by the Chief of Police, who is appointed by the Mayor with approval of Council. He, as well as other department members, must have Civil Service status. He has the responsibility for all personnel and activities of the department. The current salary of the Chief is \$18,000.



### Personnel

The starting salary of the patrolman is \$10,650. There are no policewomen on the Linden Police Force as of now. The number and rank of the men on the force is as follows:

1 Chief of Police	1 Supervisor of Police
5 Captains	Signal Systems
12 Lieutenants	17 Detectives
12 Sergeants	74 Patrolmen

Employed also are a number of civilian personnel:

1 Police Physician	2 Police Matrons
3 Clerk-Typists	

### Qualifications of a Policeman

A new law was passed in 1972 concerning the qualifications of age and residency of an officer. A prospective policeman must be between the ages of 18-35 and reside in the State of New Jersey. He need not live in Linden to be a Linden policeman. To become an officer, one must pass the required physical examination and Civil Service exam. Promotions are based on Civil Service Examination.

### The Five Divisions of the Department

There are five distinct divisions in the department. They are the Administrative, Patrol, Service, Investigative and Traffic Divisions.

1. *Administrative*—The Chief of Police directs the activities of this unit. The tasks are to formulate plans, procedures and general organization of the force. They establish the policies, the yearly budget and the policies affecting the officers.

2. *Patrol*—The patrol or uniformed division composes the largest number of men. Their job is the protection of life and property of the residents of Linden. Foot patrolmen are found in the business and heavily populated areas generally. They are equipped with walkie-talkies so they are in constant communication with headquarters. The patrol cars are well equipped with the latest in police emergency equipment. Found in each car are the following: shotgun, Scott-air-pack, hand radio and car radio, inhalator, and bulletproof vests and helmets. Radio cars are assigned by districts and coverage is maintained twenty-four hours a day.

3. *Investigative Division* (Detective)—This bureau handles a wide variety of complaints and crimes. They

fingerprint and photograph all criminal offenders. This division completes all follow-up investigations and criminal complaints. The Detective Division has its own facilities at Police Headquarters.

4. *Traffic Division*—This unit cooperates directly with the schools in safety education for children. Traffic safety programs are scheduled at the start of each year. The unit supervises some 40 school guards employed by the department. Motor vehicles warrants are maintained by this bureau. Officers apprehend juvenile violators. Qualified officers supervise the use of a Stephenson Breathalyzer to test the sobriety of drivers suspected of drunken driving. Superior Officers in the division must always be present to investigate serious and fatal accidents, as they present reports to the Union County Prosecutor when needed.

5. *Service Division*—This division is responsible for the recording and filing of all records. They prepare reports for the Grand Jury presentations. All information of criminal offenses and corrective action taken are recorded here.

### Juvenile Bureau

This bureau, founded in 1957, is handled by three officers. They are involved with investigative and rehabilitative work. They cooperate with the Linden School System, Bureau of Childrens Services and Probation Offices.

### Narcotics Unit

Officers are given a comprehensive in-training course in narcotics recognition. The Linden police are members of the Union County Narcotics Strike Force and take part in raids on narcotics in the entire county. Members of our narcotics unit are dedicated to the education of the public on the problem of drugs and supply literature and speakers to the schools and community groups. A group of officers work closely with MECON, the Committee on Narcotics, formed by the Mayor, which is composed of aware citizens in Linden. They dedicate themselves to making Linden citizens aware of the drug problem.

### Retirement Provisions

Two retirement plans are in effect. Men who entered the police department before July 1, 1944 may retire after 25 years on the force. Upon retirement, they receive half pay based on salaries received during their last three years of work. Men who have joined the department after the 1944 date may retire after 25 years of service on a pension stipulated under the Police and Firemen's Retirement Act of N.J.

### Budget

For 1972, there was a budget of \$1,800,000 which covers salaries and other expenses.

### Jails

In the Police Department, located in the municipal building, there are twelve cells. They are financed by the municipality. Offenders are held for short periods until they are arraigned and are then sent to the Union County Jail or released.

## CONSUMER PROTECTION

### Weights and Measures Department

This department is a one-man office. The Superintendent of Weights and Measures deals with checks of supermarkets and stores, refinery checks for fuel and industry checks relating to weights and measures of goods. Inspection of equipment in stores is done with frequency to



protect the consumer purchases. Warnings are given and, if not heeded, the Superintendent may initiate prosecution through the municipal courts. On January 1, 1972, a non-paying job was added to the duties of the Superintendent. Consumer protection was initiated to handle complaints of local consumers.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department is under the direct control of the Fire Committee, which consists of the Chief and four Councilmen appointed by the President of the Council. The Department is administered in accordance with City ordinances.

The Department is headed by the Fire Chief, who is appointed by the Council at a salary of \$18,000 and serves during good behavior. He and all members of the department have Civil Service status. There are 127 men in the Department who deal with fire suppression and 2 who are concerned with fire alarm maintenance.

The manpower deployment is as follows:

1 Chief	2 Fire prevention bureau
5 Deputy Chiefs	8 Operators, fire alarm bureau
29 Captains	82 Firefighters

All applicants for firemen must be between the ages of 21 and 30. After passing the required physical examination and meeting scholastic requirements they must take a Civil Service examination, after which they are accepted for a 90-day probation period. After passing this period they become Class E Firemen at a starting salary of \$10,650.00. After passing this period of Class E, each year they advance until they become Class A Firemen. Additional Civil Service tests are required for further advancement. For the retirement program, see discussion under Police Department.

## Fire Stations and Equipment

The fire stations are located as follows:

#1 House, built in 1916 at Wood and Morris Avenues, remodeled 1960;

#2 House, built in 1946 at St. George Avenue and DeWitt Terrace; and

#3 House, built in 1929 at Elizabeth and Chandler Avenues - Fire Chief Headquarters.

The Fire Department has the following equipment:

- 5-1,000 GPM Pumps (active)
- 2-1,000 GPM Pumps (reserve)
- 1-1,000 GPM Pumper-Foam Truck (reserve)
- 1-100 ft. aerial ladder truck (active)
- 1-75 ft. aerial ladder truck (reserve)
- 1-Special Service unit
- 1-Van type vehicle, training and communications
- 1-Fire alarm system maintenance truck
- 5-Station Wagons

All fire alarms are received at the St. George Avenue station in a fire and shatter-proof room which is called the nerve center of the Fire Department. Calls are received on a 10-circuit switchboard, which covers 45 miles of wire and cable, and then relayed to all stations and police headquarters. A running card system in each station designates which equipment is to answer the alarm and the location of box. There are 220 City Fire Alarm Boxes and 79 private Alarm Boxes.

Emergency calls are answered by all fire stations, which are supplied with first aid and resuscitation equipment. All firemen are trained in first aid. Several of the firemen are trained first aid instructors.

In addition to fighting fires, the Department runs the Fire Prevention Bureau. This Bureau was established in 1937 to carry out a City Fire Prevention Ordinance regulating the keeping, storage, use, manufacture, sale, handling and transportation of inflammable materials, explosives,

firearms, ammunition, etc. It also regulates dry cleaning establishments, garages, fire exits, fire extinguishers, oil burning equipment and storage of inflammable liquids. This Bureau issues one-year permits in cases where a fire hazard exists. Periodic inspections are made of private and public property.

The Fire Prevention Bureau cooperates with the building department and Board of Health in matters relating to construction, alterations, fire safety and zoning variances. Complaints are investigated by them and special inspections are made throughout the city. "NO SMOKING" signs are hung in stores, industries, and places of public assembly. Special plastic signs are distributed to gas stations. Other Fire Prevention activities consist of distribution of Fire Prevention literature to schools and industry, lectures and demonstrations at some of the schools, and attendance by Bureau personnel at informational meetings, sponsored by government agencies and private groups. All Public and Parochial schools are inspected regularly and fire drills are conducted.

## Fire Protection Rating

The Fire Insurance Rating Organization of New Jersey classes municipalities from A to F according to their fire protection facilities. Insurance rates are based on their classifications. Linden acquired a Class B rating in 1948. It presently has a Class C rating.

## Fire Department Budget

Salaries and wages . . . . .	\$1,691,000.00
Maintenance and other expenses . . . . .	88,400.00

In addition, the City appropriates a sum for water for fire hydrants. There are 599 City-owned hydrants. In 1972, \$234,169.25 was paid to the Elizabeth Water Company and the Plainfield Water Company for maintenance of pipe lines and water supply owned by these companies.

## CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER CONTROL

In 1949, the New Jersey State Legislature passed a law vesting responsibility for civil defense in the Governor, and requiring all local chief executives to appoint a Director of Civil Defense and Disaster Control and a Civil Defense Council.

During severe local disasters, the Mayor is empowered to declare a state of emergency and assume total leadership of all municipal departments. The local Civil Defense and Disaster Control Director is his principal advisor and resource coordinator.

The local Director is responsible solely to the local chief executive but must maintain liaison with the County Director and State Director.

A Deputy Director of Civil Defense-Disaster Control is appointed by the Director with the concurrence of the local chief executive.

The local program is financed by local government and matching funds from Federal and State agencies. Secretarial, administrative, and communications are on a 50% local and 50% Federal basis. There is only one paid employee - a full-time secretary, who is responsible in all aspects of office procedure and record maintenance.

## The Linden Civil Defense and Disaster Control Council

The Linden Civil Defense and Disaster Control Council (staff) is organized into 13 areas of responsibility. Staff members or their designee meet periodically with the Director to provide continuity for the Civil Defense-Disaster Control effort.





The duties of the 13 staff areas:

1. Planning: headed by the Director; to provide ways and means for organizing and carrying out all necessary activities.

2. Personnel and Administration: headed by the Director; to recruit volunteer personnel, keep records of personnel and equipment, maintain liaison with the American Red Cross, and provide for publicity and public education,

3. Police: headed by police chief or his designee to train civilian personnel to act as an auxiliary to the regular Police Department. Each member completes a 17-week course in basic police procedures and is designated an auxiliary policeman upon successful completion of the course. The police also provide an opportunity for practical training by permitting auxiliary policemen to accompany regular policemen on tours of duty.

4. Fire: headed by the Fire Chief; to train civilian personnel for any fire duties proscribed by the Chief, in order to augment and assist the regular Fire Department.

Dispatching is done from the Control Center by the Director and his staff, which is made up of representatives of the various divisions.

5. Transportation: headed by an expert in the field; to supervise all transportation of personnel, injured and dead. Through the cooperation of industry, merchants, and others, all types of vehicles have been offered to the Council for these purposes.

6. Medical: headed by a Chief Physician, assisted by doctors and trained personnel, including hospital and first aid staffs. First Aid Stations are to be established in all schools and churches to provide for any emergency that requires immediate treatment. These are staffed by teams who are provided with suitable equipment such as litters, blankets, and medical supplies. After casualties are treated by these teams, they are transferred to the hospital units. An important duty of the division is collection, identification and burial of the dead. The Medical Division includes a sub-division on Public Health which locates and tests possible sources of supplementary water supply.

7. Public Works: headed by the City Engineer; responsible for road clearance, demolition of buildings, and maintenance of public utilities, including gas, electricity and water. This division has under its direction bulldozers, cranes and any other heavy-duty vehicles needed for road clearance or demolition.

8. Disaster Analysis: responsibility of Deputy Director to collect all data regarding disaster damage, casualties, etc., and assess needs regarding resource allocations.

9. Radef: this is a group of chemists and engineers who go further than the Decontamination group. In addition to the duties of the Decontamination Division, this organization keeps a daily chart of the fallout. This report is sent daily via teletype from a major air field, giving the fallout at the different heights.

10. Rescue: this group is organized to aid in rescue work. The City of Linden has acquired a rescue truck. This truck is completely equipped with an emergency generator, ladders, industrial first aid kit, stretchers, blankets, ropes, etc.

11. Welfare: headed by the local Director of Public Welfare; to provide for housing, feeding and the general welfare of all affected persons. This division will work closely with the American Red Cross. In case of a general emergency, Linden is prepared to care for about 3,000 evacuees, which is in excess of the quota of 2,412 which was assigned by the State.

12. Communications: the City of Linden has a group of radio operators under the leadership of 2 coordinators, or co-chairmen.

This group meets weekly in the Control Center and participates in local and County drills. They participate in State and National tests, and are available in the event of a real emergency. In the Control Center we have an emergency generator to supply power in the event of a power shortage. Both coordinators are members of the Communications Division. All are Red Cross first aid trained.

13. Shelters: headed by a shelter manager who is responsible for assigning spaces and organizing evacuation to shelters in the event of nuclear attack.

The defense system established in New Jersey provides that requests for supplementary aid be made to the Union County Director in Westfield, who will assign suitable equipment and personnel from neighboring towns.

#### **Linden Industrial Mutual Aid Council**

Local industry is organized under the title of "Linden Industrial Mutual Aid Council" (LIMAC). The purpose of this organization is to cooperate with the city in an emergency, and also to aid other plants when and if needed. This organization meets monthly at alternating sites and has regular officers. Civil Defense, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Squad representatives attend these meetings. The larger local industries have their own plant Civil Defense organizations, which function in cooperation with the City program.

#### **The Mayor's Executive Seed Cadre**

This is a program nearing finalization, authorized by municipal ordinance, to provide a continuous emphasis to the recovery of a critical facility after a nuclear, man-made or natural disaster. This cadre consists of the Mayor, Civil Defense Director, Superintendent of Schools, and a representative from the critical industry.

#### **To Volunteer for Civil Defense -**

Communicate with Civil Defense Headquarters at the Old City Hall or apply at Police Headquarters, any fire station, or at the Public Library.



# MUNICIPAL SERVICES, UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

## United States Postal Service

The United States Postal Service is now a private corporation within the government. Salaries are paid by the government. Linden has three stations--the main station is at 400 Wood Avenue North. The other stations are Grasselli at 928 Wood Avenue South, and Station A at 340 St. George Avenue West. The hours at the main office are 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily, and 8 A.M. to 12 noon on Saturday. The other stations are open from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily and are closed on Saturday. The main office lobby is open until 7 P.M. daily, until 4 P.M. on Saturday and until 6 P.M. on Sunday.

Presently Linden has a Postmaster and an acting Assistant Postmaster. Appointments are made by a recommendation by the Sectional Center, then to the District Office in Hackensack, then to the New York Regional Office. Appointments last until retirement or removal. There are presently 123 employees in Linden of which 12 are women. A Civil Service test is required for any appointment. If there are sufficient funds, students are sometimes hired during the summer.

There is one regular delivery daily and Saturday and special delivery service on a continuing basis from 8 A.M. until 7 P.M. Post Office Boxes are available at a charge of \$9, \$12, or \$21 according to size of box. Mail can be picked up from a box whenever the lobby in the main office is open. Mail is picked up from every public mail box daily, but starred boxes have more pickups. Linden's mail is routed through Newark.

## Public Works Superintendent

The Public Works Superintendent is appointed by the City Council. He has Civil Service status, as do all employees working under him. His staff includes an Assistant (vacant), six Public Works foreman, one vehicle foreman, one administrative clerk, and two clerk-typists. There are at present 95 employees of the City working on streets, sewers, park maintenance and garbage collection.

The Public Works Superintendent supervises road repairing, street cleaning and snow removal. He is in charge of collections and disposal of garbage, trash and ashes. Collections are made twice a month for trash (chairs, sinks, etc.) and twice a week for garbage (remains of food, papers, wrappers, etc.). The schedule may be obtained by telephoning 862-2444. All material is disposed of at Linden Landfill site--on Lower Road in Tremley Pt.

A city sanitation ordinance of 1943 requires that all garbage must be stored in covered metal containers (garbage cans not oil drums) and must be stored so that it cannot be scattered by domestic animals or by wind. It must be placed near the curb, but not into the roadway. Weight of each filled receptacle is limited to 50 lbs. Receptacles should be put out just prior to collection time, and removed as soon as possible afterward. Empty boxes, wrappings and papers must be flattened and tied securely. Branches and shrubbery should be tied in bundles. No garbage or trash may be thrown in the street or vacant lots. Maximum penalty for violation of this ordinance is \$50 or 30 days or both.

In 1950, the City Council passed an ordinance banning the littering of streets on penalty of a \$25 fine or 5 days in jail or both.

## Sewers and Water Supply

To meet the requirements of the Interstate Sanitation Commission (made up of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey) concerning the pollution of tidal waters, Linden and Roselle joined in 1950 to establish the Linden-Ros-

elle Sewerage Authority. A sewage disposal plant was constructed on Tremley Point Road south of the Central Railroad of New Jersey tracks, as a result.

The Linden-Roselle Sewerage Authority is an independent body under the Sewerage Authority Law, State of New Jersey, for the purpose of protecting the public safety, health and welfare.

In accordance with parallel ordinances of the two municipalities, the governing body of the Authority, which establishes and controls its policies, consists of four members, of whom one is appointed by the governing body of Roselle, and three by the governing body of Linden.

The Budget for 1973 for the total cost of operating the Sewage Disposal Plant -- Linden's share will be \$246,948.00 and Roselle's share will be \$106,862.00. The ratio may vary from year to year as the amount to be paid by each municipality is decided yearly on the basis of use.

Plans have been completed for upgrading the facilities for secondary treatment. At present awaiting Federal funding.

The present Superintendent of the Linden-Roselle Sewerage Authority is on the Advisory Board of the Union County Technical School, Scotch Plains, where they are developing programs in the field of Sanitary Engineering in anticipation or more qualified people to work in the new upgraded facilities planned for the Authority. There are two programs now in progress at Rutgers.

## The Sources of Linden's Water Supply

Water for Linden is purchased from the Elizabethtown Water Company directly by the consumer. Water is tested by the Linden Health Department about every three months and always at a point nearest to the last complaint.

## Streets and Sewers

The City Engineer is appointed by Council for a three-year term. He must be a professional engineer licensed to practice in New Jersey. All engineering problems are referred to his department. He plans and builds all new roads, streets, sanitary sewers and sidewalks. He handles all new construction work, such as the laying of storm sewers and the planning and developing of the City parks. The State exercises supervision in the case of a large project such as a sewage disposal plant and all streams which have a drainage area in excess of 0.5 sq. mile.

The Engineer's Office also prepares the tax atlas and all official maps of the City, including sewer, paving, zoning, ward and assessment maps.

New streets, sewers and sidewalks are financed through appropriations in the City Budget and by assessment of affected properties. They are maintained by City appropriations.

Property owners are assessed the full cost of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and sanitary sewers. The City pays one-half the cost for paving streets, the other half being assessed equally against the property owners affected. The full expense of constructing storm sewers is met by the City.

In June, 1972, at Council's request, the Army Corps of Engineers held a public hearing to ascertain what Linden's flooding problems are. They subsequently conducted a survey and study of Linden's brooks. A public hearing was held in April, 1973, to present alternate schemes to the present one. These included dam regulations, flood walls and channel improvements.

Several other areas of concern have been the replacement of old bridges and the installation of a relief sanitary trunk sewer in the Lower Road area. Future plans call



for working out a program to minimize infiltration in the sanitary sewers, which will be in conjunction with the construction of the new treatment plant.

Some "lengthy facts":

There are 110.0 miles of roads in Linden, of which 9.2 miles are county roads, 9.8 miles are state roads, 91.0 miles are municipal roads, and 2.08 miles are unimproved roads.

There are 274 streets in Linden, 98.0 miles of sanitary sewers, and 20.0 miles of storm sewers. The Linden land surface is 11.05 square miles, and the water surface is .36 square miles. There are 31 municipal parks.

## TOPICS

The Linden TOPICS Study (Traffic Operations Program to Increase Capacity & Safety) is a documentation of present and anticipated traffic problems and recommended solutions to eliminate or minimize these deficiencies. The intent of the TOPICS Program is reflected in recommended improvements involving all principal streets in Linden as follows:

Intersection widening or channelization at eight locations along Stiles Street;

Upgrading of Traffic Signal Display to meet minimum standards;

Removal of traffic signal control at eight locations and replacement of stop sign control with traffic signals at some locations; and

Modifications to existing roadway operation including one-way operation of two streets, curb parking restrictions, and relocations of stop signs to cross streets.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Department of Transportation and Parking

The Transportation Inspector is appointed by City Council to check all busses for schedules and service.

He is in charge of all parking meters and parking facilities; the installation, upkeep and maintenance of all traffic and street signs; and traffic markings, such as crosswalks, street markings and safety center aisles. He has two assistants (with extra help hired for summer work) who repair, install and collect from parking meters; repair and install traffic and street signs; and paint necessary markings on roads.



### Bus Facilities - Local Service:

*Beviano Bus Co.* - #44 runs very often along Wood Avenue and Edgar Road from Winfield to Elizabeth and return.

*Transport of New Jersey* - #62 runs along Route #1 from Newark to Perth Amboy and stops frequently at Route #1 and Wood Avenue. #34 makes six daily runs from Elizabeth along St. George Avenue and Wood Avenue to Tremley Point. #38 makes one daily run from Elizabeth to Rahway each morning along St. George Avenue and one run back each evening. Neither is a round trip. #132-134 (combined) has frequent service along St. George Avenue from Newark to Menlo Park.

### Interstate Bus Service:

*Transport of New Jersey* - #135 runs very often along St. George Avenue to and from New York.

*Somerset Bus Company* - #15 runs to New York and stops in Linden only at Raritan Road and Wood Avenue.

### Shore Bus Service:

*Lincoln Transit Co. Inc.*, located in New York City,

runs from New York to Atlantic City via Lakewood and Toms River.

*New York-Keansburg Bus Co.*, located in Weehawken, N.J., runs from New York to Long Branch, N.J.

*Consolidated Shore Lines*, located in East Paterson, runs to Asbury Park.

Linden's only charter service is Villani Bus Co.

As of January, 1973, as a result of national legislation, bus companies are no longer required to pay taxes to municipalities. However, if a municipality makes a claim, the state will reimburse the taxes to the town.

There is presently a special discount student fare on busses, and discussions are being held regarding a discount for senior citizens.

## Taxicabs

There are 9 taxicabs owned by 3 independent companies, which operate on a 24-hour schedule. Each cab is licensed annually by the city for a fee of \$10.00. All drivers are photographed and fingerprinted and must undergo a physical examination.

## Railroads

There are three railroads which serve Linden. These are:

*Penn-Central Transportation Co.*, which serves passengers from New York to points south, including Perth Amboy, Trenton and shore areas. The passenger station is located at 2 South Wood Avenue. Freight is now handled at the Stiles Street yard on Stiles Street.

*Central Railroad of New Jersey* handles freight only, servicing the local industries such as Public Service, DuPont and Warners plant of American Cyanamid.

*Baltimore and Ohio Railroad* (Staten Island Railroad Co.) carries freight only. This is a spur line from Cranford to Staten Island and crosses St. George Avenue at Baltimore Avenue. This is the only grade crossing in the city and is protected by gates, signal bells and flicker lights.

Since 1966, no railroad tax has been received.



## Airports

The Linden Airport is owned by the City. It was established during World War II as a test field for Navy planes made at Eastern Aircraft (General Motors). At present it is leased and operated by Skyservice, Inc. This land can be used only as an airport. If Linden decides not to use it as such, ownership reverts back to the U.S. Government.

Aircraft is rented and student instruction is available. A charter service provides air-taxi service with a range of 1,000 miles.

The field is used by non-scheduled freight planes,



private planes and executive planes. The Liaison Group of the 50th Armored Division of the New Jersey National Guard is based here.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

There are four public utilities serving Linden residents. They are: Elizabethtown Water Co., New Jersey

Bell Telephone Co., Elizabethtown Consolidated Gas Co., and Public Service Electric and Gas Co.

Linden receives a franchise tax and a gross receipts tax from Elizabethtown Water Co., Elizabethtown Consolidated Gas Co., and Public Service Electric and Gas Co. However, it receives only a franchise tax from N.J. Bell Telephone Co.



# SCHOOLS

## LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

School	1	2	3	4	4-Ann.	5	6	7	8	9	10	Soehl	McManus	H.S.	Voc. School
Location	North Wood Avenue	South Wood Avenue	Grier Avenue	Cranford Avenue	Dill Avenue	Bower Street	East Morris Avenue	Tremley Point Road	West Blancke Street	Deerfield Terrace	Highland Avenue	Coke Place	Edge-Wood Road	West St. Georges Avenue	
Year built	1911	1913	1912	1915	1964	1921	1923	1924	1930	1957	1957	1926	1949	1924	1973
Additions to Original	1972	1919 1967	1927		1969	1965	1967	1929				1959 1971		1932 1960	
Grades	K-6	K-6	K-6	4-6	K-3	K-6	K-6	K-6	K-6	K-6	K-6	7-9	7-9	10-12	10-12
Number of Classrooms	20	21	15	16	18	25	18	9	17	22	22	46	46	66	13
Enrollment 1972-1973	324	360	229	232	333	432	339	118	353	355	411	917	778	1729	-
Gymnasium Auditorium	Comb.	Comb.	Comb.	Comb.	Combined	Comb.	Yes Yes	No Yes	Comb.	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	
Lunchroom Cafeteria	Yes	Yes	Lunch-room	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Library	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Average Class Size	+ -----21----- +														

### History

Linden's first school of record was Wheatsheaf School (1750). Wheatsheaf School was built on King's Highway, the main highway between New York and Philadelphia in colonial times, at the junction of what is now St. Georges Avenue and Roselle Street. It was a wood structure 16 by 20 feet. The schoolroom, 7 feet high, was heated by a box stove in the center. This was followed in 1786 by the Tremley Point School.

In 1973, Linden has 11 elementary schools, 2 junior high schools, and a senior high school with a new vocational annex. This vocational school, built at a cost of 3 million dollars, is a centrally air conditioned 3 story structure.

### Board of Education

The local Board of Education sets policy within the framework of state laws and regulations. A major feature of New Jersey School Law is that the local school board is an autonomous body. The school district is "separate, distinct, and free from control of the municipal governing body except to the extent the education law provides".

Linden is a Type I district. School Board members are appointed rather than elected, and the school budget is not voted upon directly by the electorate.

The Board of Education is made up of 5 members appointed by the Mayor, without confirmation by Council, for 5 year terms. One member is appointed in January of each year. The Board elects its own president each year, and all 5 members serve without pay. The Board is respon-

sible for the overall supervision and policy making function for the school district.

The Board employs a Secretary who also serves as Secretary to the Board of School Estimate.

The Board of Education's regular public meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at Linden High School at 8:00 P.M. Executive sessions are held on the Monday night prior to the public meeting. Minutes of the meetings are available to the public and are on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

### School Staff

Professional personnel are employed in the schools in the following capacities: 1 Superintendent of Schools; 2 Assistant Superintendents; 14 Principals; 4 Assistant Principals; 1 Vice Principal; 3 Directors; 8 Supervisors; 1 Department Head; 3 Coordinators; 3 Psychologists; and 448 Teachers, including specials, librarians, nurses, and guidance counselors.

The professional training of the personnel is as follows:

	Administrators and Supervisors	Secondary Teachers	Elementary Teachers
Doctorate	2	-	-
MA plus 32	28	25	18
MA	10	47	47
BA	-	146	165
Non-degree	-	-	-

The 1972-73 Salary Schedule for teachers was as follows:



	Minimum	Maximum	Number of Steps
Doctorate	—	—	—
MA plus 32	\$9,950	\$16,900	15
MA	9,200	15,700	15
BA	8,500	14,300	14

The Superintendent of Schools has full responsibility for all phases of the educational program with the exception of the business functions performed by the Secretary of the Board of Education. The Superintendent also recommends the appointment and promotion of all teachers and other school employees. He makes recommendations as to the construction, operation and maintenance of school buildings and grounds. The superintendent submits monthly reports on the conditions and progress of the schools to the Board of Education.

There are two Assistant Superintendents who are responsible to the Superintendent. One is in charge of curriculum and instruction and the other is in charge of personnel and contract negotiations.

Applicants for substitute teachers certificates must have completed successfully sixty credit hours from an accredited college or hold a New Jersey Teachers certificate. Applications are approved by the Board of Education.

#### State Regulations

The State Board of Education sets standards and certifies teachers, approves building plans for new schools and supervises the execution of state requirements with respect to curriculum, transportation, etc.

The State Board of Education has prescribed certain minimum requirements to which every school must adhere. Such regulations include: school sessions of 180 days per year; health and physical education (including drug and alcohol education) required in the curriculum of grades 7 through 12; two years of United States History required in the high school curriculum; and History of the Negro in America required to be incorporated into the curriculum.

State law also demands attendance at school of children between the ages of 7 and 16 unless they are physically or mentally unable to participate. School attendance officers, in cooperation with the principals, enforce school attendance laws.

#### Requirements for Registration

In Linden, a child who is five years old on or before the first day of November of the same year may enter Kindergarten in September.

The following certificates must be presented at the time of enrollment: birth certificate, diphtheria toxoid certificate, and polio vaccine record (either three Salk shots or complete Sabine immunization).

#### Transportation Facilities

All students who meet the state requirements are given transportation. State requirements are as follows: In Kindergarten through Grade 8, students must reside two miles or more from school; in Grades 9 through 12, students must reside 2.5 miles or more from school. All special education students who need transportation are transported to school. Parochial and private school students who meet state requirements are given transportation.

#### School Finance

The financing of public schools in New Jersey is a responsibility shared by the state and local school district. However, the costs are primarily covered by local property taxes. In the 1972-73 budget, which totaled \$9,438,544, the estimated revenue from local tax was 87%, from state aid was 12.5%, and from other sources was 5%.

The constitutionality of using property tax monies for educational funding has been contested in the New Jersey Supreme Court. The Court ruled that New Jersey School Districts must find other means of financing education.

#### The School Budget

The fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. The school budget is drawn up by the Board of Education by its January meeting. Following a public hearing, the Board of School Estimate (composed of the Mayor, two members of the Board of Education and two members of the City Council) either revises or approves the budget. If the school tax levy should exceed 1.5% of the valuation of assessed ratables, the budget must also be approved by the City Council.

ACCOUNT	1972-73	1973-74
Administration	\$ 269,332	\$ 285,213
Instruction	6,860,261	7,272,539
Attendance	20,063	21,443
Health	175,008	186,756
Pupil Transportation	260,368	280,251
Operation	716,816	828,334
Maintenance	262,343	317,847
Fixed Charges	653,148	679,216
Food Services	10,700	13,000
Student Body Account	79,339	101,029
Civic Services	30,275	50,500
Work Study	7,000	7,000
Summer School	55,000	55,000
Current		
Expenses - Subtotal	\$9,399,653	\$10,098,128
Capital Outlay	38,891	5,200
Total Budget	\$9,438,544	\$10,103,328

#### Curriculum

The Linden elementary school program (K-6) includes reading, English, mathematics, social studies and sciences. Special subject teachers provide art, music, physical education, health, sewing and industrial arts. The Department of Special Services provides special assistance where needed. Various innovative programs have been instituted on the elementary level such as individually guided education, team teaching and pilot programs in reading, humanities, art, math and science.

The curriculum of the secondary school includes Language (English and Foreign), Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Business Education, Vocational, Industrial and related Arts, Music, Health, Safety and Physical Education, and a vocational-cooperative industrial education program. This cooperative industrial education program consists of a division of students' time between school and gainful employment in a trade position related to their studies. Successful participants receive a regular certificate of graduation upon completion. The requirements for graduation from Linden High School are a minimum of 57 credits.

The high school offers four programs: college preparatory, business education, general and vocational. These programs are not restrictive, and students may select courses in any program. All graduating students receive the same diploma.

A new vocational school is scheduled to open September 1973. Its purpose is to provide shared-time vocational and technical programs to Linden High School and Union County High School students on the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade levels. Twelve areas of learning are included in the program: Auto Mechanics, Baking, Carpentry and Cabinetmaking, Commercial Art, Cosmetology (for Grades 11 and 12 only), Drafting, Electrical Trades, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Machinist Trades, Graphic Arts, Radio and TV, and Welding. All





facilities are air conditioned and are equipped with modern machines, tools, testing apparatus, and furniture of the latest design. These programs are for students who are planning to enter the world of work or continue in a technical program upon graduation from high school.

#### **Special Services**

**Attendance service:** Officers check absences as reported to them by the school and work with parents and the school to maintain good attendance.

**Remedial reading:** Teachers provide remedial help for pupils of average intelligence who are below level in reading.

**Speech correction:** All kindergarten children are screened, and all classroom teachers are encouraged to listen for defects and refer pupils to this service for evaluation and placement with a speech teacher.

#### **Special Education Classes and Programs**

Under the provisions of the Special Education Law, the classifications and recommendations for all special classes are made by the child study team after careful study and evaluation, and only pupils so classified may be placed in special classes.

Linden has six classes for educable mentally retarded pupils and two for trainable retarded. These classes all have special programs adapted to the needs of the pupils.

There are programs for children with special learning disabilities involving neurological and/or perceptual impairments. The children are registered in regular classes and receive supplementary instruction and training from a special teacher.

There is also a class for elementary age emotionally disturbed children who are not able to adjust to a regular classroom situation. Another program for passive emotionally disturbed children assigns children to regular classrooms but provides daily tutorial services and counseling on an individual or small group basis.

Other children with various handicaps who are enrolled in regular classes throughout Linden are given supplemental instruction by special arrangement as their needs require.

Children who have serious defects in sight, hearing, and orthopedics and who need special programs are sent to special classes in other school districts.

Handicapped pupils who are unable to attend school at all receive their school work through Linden's home instructional program.

**Social Work, Psychological, Learning Disability, and Psychiatric Services:** The functions of these services include diagnosis of problems, the classification of serious handicaps as required by law, and the educational planning and followup for these maladjusted and handicapped pupils.

#### **Guidance Program**

Each junior high school has three guidance counselors, and there are six at the high school. In addition, there are people who are not guidance counselors as such, but who are involved with such things as the work/study programs.

The purpose of the guidance program is to work out with each student and his parents an educational program fitted to his goals and abilities. In the elementary schools, this is accomplished primarily through the classroom teacher and principal. In the secondary schools, the guidance counselors work directly with the students.

#### **District Wide Testing**

District Wide Testing, scheduled by the supervisor of Guidance, takes place in the Linden public schools every year. Tests administered include Standardized Cooperative Tests in English and Reading (grade 9), Differential Aptitude Tests (grade 8), Kuhlman-Anderson Mental Ability Tests (grades 2, 4 and 6), and School and College Ability Tests (grade 10). Students in grades 1 through 8 are given the Stanford Achievement Tests, the Stanford Reading Diagnostic Test and the Houghton-Mifflin Diagnostic Mathematics Test. Kindergarten children are given the Metropolitan Reading Readiness Test. The Statewide Testing Program has been used in grades 4 and 12. High School juniors and seniors are scheduled by request or when needed to take the College Boards, the National Merit Qualifying Tests, the College Board Advance Placement Test, the Airman's Aptitude Test, the N.J. Employment Test, and any other test which may be required by a college selected by the student.

The results of all these tests are used to help guide students into situations comparable to his potential achievement; the school's policy allows flexibility which permits students to change if their performance warrants it.

#### **Health Services**

Health services in the public schools are provided by the Board of Education. Medical and dental examinations are given once each year. This includes an eye screening examination given by the nurse. Any student who is suspected of having a visual defect is referred to the school ophthalmologist. An audiometric test is administered every other year. A tine test for tuberculosis is given to all students in grades 1, 5, 9 and 12.

A dental clinic is maintained at School 6, and the school dentist is present one day a week. Indigent pupils have dental work done free of charge.

Complete health records are kept of each child while he attends the Linden public schools.

School nurses are on duty from the time school opens in the morning until after the close of the school day. They also make home visits when necessary. The school medical department employs only registered nurses who also hold a Bachelor's degree. They must also be certified teachers with a Health Education certificate for grades K through 12.

Drug education classes are given in grades 4, 5, 6 and all the secondary grades.



### Summer School Program

The Linden High School summer program is available to all Linden residents enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Repeat and advanced subjects are offered. The program runs for thirty school days from 8:00 A.M. to 12:10 P.M.

An elementary tutorial program is offered to students entering grades 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Reading and Mathematics are offered for thirty school days from 8:15 A.M. to 12:10 P.M.



### Adult Education Program

The Linden Adult School is a non-profit organization which was founded in 1959 by a group of public-spirited citizens. It is completely separate from the Linden Board of Education.

The Adult School holds classes one night a week (Monday) for a ten-week term in the fall and again in the

spring at Linden High School. Approximately fifty courses are offered each semester. Special programs at other schools and public facilities are also offered.

The enrollment of the school is about one thousand.

A nominal tuition is charged. However, most of the adult school classes are free to Linden residents who are 65 years of age or older.

The school will arrange courses other than those listed in their brochures if a group of ten or more persons so desire.

### School and Community

Parent Teacher Associations and the "Our Schools" Committee are the primary organizations involved with the Linden Public Schools. Other organizations such as OENS and the League of Women Voters become involved with the schools for specific projects or issues.

When not in use for school purposes, school facilities are available to the public, and organized groups must apply to the Office of the Superintendent for permission to use the facilities.

School notices such as closings for inclement weather are broadcast over radio stations.

Parochial and Private Schools in the Linden Area:

St. Elizabeth's School, Linden;  
St. Theresa's School, Linden;  
St. John the Apostle School, Clark;  
Bender Memorial Academy, Elizabeth;  
Jewish Educational Center, Elizabeth;  
Solomon Schechter School, Union;  
Vail-Deane School, Elizabeth;  
Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark;  
Girls' Catholic High School, Roselle;  
Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle;  
Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains;  
St. Mary's High School, Elizabeth; and  
St. Patrick's High School, Elizabeth.

Nursery Schools:

Noah's Ark, Linden;  
Magic Carpet, Clark;  
Busy Bee, Rahway;  
Sleepy Hollow, Roselle;  
Featherbed Lane, Clark; and  
Congregation Anshe Chesed, Linden.



# LIBRARIES

Main Library  
31 E. Henry Street  
Mon.-Fri.-9AM-9PM  
Sat.-9AM-5PM

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|---|---|
| 1. Sunnyside Branch<br>100 Edgewood Road<br>Mon. & Wed.-1-9PM<br>Tues. & Thur.-9AM-6PM<br>Fri. & Sat.-9AM-5PM | 2. East Branch<br>1425 Dill Avenue<br>Mon. & Wed.-9AM-6PM<br>Tues. & Thur.-1-9PM<br>Fri. & Sat.-9AM-5PM |
| 3. Grier Ave. Branch<br>2500 Grier Avenue<br>Mon.-1-9PM<br>Thur.-1-6PM  | 4. South Wood Avenue Branch<br>1709 South Wood Avenue<br>Monday-1-9PM<br>Thur.-1-6PM                    |

## General Information

Anyone who lives, works, owns property or attends school in Linden is entitled to a free borrower's card; non-residents may get a card by paying a \$10.00 annual fee. To obtain a borrower's card, application can be made at the Main Library or at any branch, giving name, address and appropriate identification.

Most books may be borrowed for 28 days; 7 days for new books (fiction), and 7 days for recordings. Fines for overdue adult items are 5¢ per day.

The Public Library is supported by local taxes and some state funds. Appropriations are subject to the approval of the council. Monies taken in by the library for fines and lost or damaged books, amounting to \$5,194.48 in 1972, are deposited in the bank and are absorbed in the budget.

The long range plan of 1955 for the erection of 2 branch library buildings (Sunnyside and Dill Avenue East Branch) have been completed. In 1964, Linden was designated as an Area Reference Center. Clark, Roselle, Winfield, Rahway and Garwood residents can borrow books from Linden through inter-library loans. Forms may be obtained from local libraries. A branch opened in 1969 for South Wood patrons.

The Board of Trustees is planning, in the next few years, to build a modern central facility for the library system. A feasibility study was completed in early 1973 covering the need for such a building and suggesting new avenues of library service.

Consideration is being given to expansion of the library's holdings in non-book materials, such as film, filmstrips, microfilms, recordings, and cassettes. Also, plans are underway for intensified outreach to various community groups such as senior citizens, ethnic groups, and various cultural and service organizations.

In general, the library plans to reach and maintain a pinnacle of outstanding and modern library service to all its patrons.

## Resources

The total number of books in the library system in 1972 approximates 135,000. In addition, there is a collection of 5,792 recordings: musical, historical, and dramatic; a variety of pamphlets and pictures; a collection of 413 filmstrips, 736 filmslides, 36 films and 151 cassettes; and 443 current magazines, with files dating back

7 to 10 years. A complete file of the local newspapers is available on microfilm. Nine Daily/Weekly newspapers are received. A complete file of data on the City of Linden is being collected by the library. Also, material on New Jersey is available.

The library sponsors a variety of programs such as lectures, book reviews, musicals and exhibits. It provides a meeting place for other groups engaged in similar activities. Rooms for these activities are available at the Main Library, Sunnyside Branch and East Branch.

## Services

The library provides the following services for its readers:

### *General Services:*

Advice in selection of books;  
Reader's Guidance;  
Reference Service;  
Instruction in the use of the library and its materials to classes and other community groups;  
Compilation of lists of special interest for both adults and children;  
A copying service for a nominal sum;  
Telephone reference service;  
Provision of meeting room facilities for educational and cultural programs according to library regulations;  
Interlibrary loans for books;  
Microfilm and microfilm readers;  
Reserves for books and recordings;  
Special Movies; and  
Special Collections: Civil Service, New Jersey, Police, and Large Print Books.

### *For Special Groups:*

A pre-school program consisting of programs for the child and an adult program for the parents accompanying child;

Special programs for children, such as story hours and instruction in the use of the library;  
Group talks in elementary and junior high school;  
Cooperation with youth groups;  
Book talks to adult groups; and  
Special programs and materials for Senior Citizens.

## Library Board

The Board of Trustees consists of 7 members, including the Mayor and Superintendent of Schools, ex-officio. They are appointed by the Mayor for 5 years, one being appointed each year.

The Library Board selects the Library Director, subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

## Personnel

All the personnel of the library are subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission. The library staff normally consists of 13 professional librarians, 2 to 3 librarian interne/trainees and 19 clerical workers. These are supplemented by a minimum of 12 part-time workers who shelve and mend books. The library has a well-defined classification and pay plan for all of its employees.



# RECREATION



(1) If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's a profession. —*Bob Hope, Readers' Digest, Oct., 1958, or*

(2) Increased means and increased leisure are the two civilizers of man. —*Benjamin Disraeli, April 3, 1872.*

Regulated by seven Board of Recreation Commissioners who serve without compensation, the Linden Recreation Department is administered by the Superintendent of Recreation, operating under Title 40, Chapter 12, of the New Jersey Statutes. The Board appoints personnel under New Jersey Civil Service regulations from certification lists.

The Superintendent of Recreation has a full-time staff consisting of an Assistant Superintendent of Recreation, a Supervisor of Women's and Girls' Activities, and a Recreation Center Director (for the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center). During the summer, this staff is supplemented by seasonal and part-time employees, such as two Playground Supervisors, 57 Playground Leaders, and 19 Recreation Center Directors and Leaders. In addition, 9 recreation maintenance personnel and 5 clerical employees are on the full-time staff.

Outdoor recreational facilities include 18 supervised playgrounds, 1 day camp and 24 parks with a total aggregate of 81 acres. Two school playfields are also utilized for recreational programs; these are at McManus School and the High School Athletic Field. Wheeler Park, located in Linden, has a playground supervised by Linden Recreation supervisors. Both Wheeler Park and Warinanco Park, in Elizabeth, are County Parks, which are available for Recreation Department activities. These outdoor facilities offer programs primarily in summer.

Memorial Park, comprised of 25.79 acres, is the largest city-owned park, and is located at Wood Avenue and Lower Road. Most of the other parks are below the 3 to 4 acre minimum established as a standard by the National Recreation Association.

For a table listing outdoor recreational areas, and facilities provided, see end of this chapter.

Indoor recreational facilities include 12 schools used as recreation centers, the Community Center Building, the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center Building, the Eighth Ward Park Shelter, and the Sunnyside Recreation Center.

School Recreation Centers are primarily for teenagers, with programs including basketball, active games, table tennis, dancing, and handicrafts.

Programs for adults, other than senior citizens, are centered at the Community Center Building and the Sunnyside Recreation Center.

Adult participation in leisure time activities continues to increase in programs such as women's social clubs, Hitchum and Pitchum Trailer Camping Club, Linden Ceramic Club, Garden Circle, Linden Arts Association, sewing classes, Badminton, painting classes, basketball, bowling and softball leagues, and handicraft classes.

All Senior Citizen activities, and many teen programs, are conducted at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center. It is open six days a week—during the day for the senior citizens, and in the evenings for the teens. Conveniently located on Knopf Street, off Wood Avenue, and in the main business district, the Center is equipped with a multi-purpose room with color TV, Stereo System, Tape and Phonograph Players; kitchen facilities; a lounge room; a crafts workshop with equipment for ceramics, leathercraft, and other handicrafts; and a game room with 3 pool tables, 2 table tennis tables, 3 bumper pool tables and 1 shuffleboard table. Completely air-conditioned, the building is leased on a long-term basis.

Linden residents using these facilities in 1972 were as follows:

Adults—2,347 and Children—6,502.

Additional services include loans of motion pictures, picnic kits, and Santa Claus suits, at no charge. Also, game equipment for indoor parties and speakers are available.

## Looking Forward

Since no vacant land is available for new parks and outdoor recreation facilities, the Board of Recreation Commissioners is planning to expand use of existing facilities by lighting the areas for night play—particularly softball and tennis courts. Further improvements of parks and playgrounds are also planned as monies are available. Construction of bicycle paths, construction of additional tennis courts at Memorial Park, and the addition of indoor neighborhood recreation centers are among the prime needs for improved recreation services.

## Other Recreational Services

Additional organized recreational opportunities are available for youngsters throughout the city. The Police Athletic League provides active programs with football, baseball and basketball leagues and maintains 2 Little League fields by Linden Airport, as well as a Center on E. Blancke Street and Maple Avenue, which provides indoor recreation of miscellaneous types, including bumper pool, table hockey, ping-pong, and indoor basketball courts. Except for Pop Warner football, the PAL sports are intramural. The PAL has recently formed a mother-daughter section.

Church, club and independently sponsored Girl and Boy Scout Troops are active throughout the city, as well as Sea Scout Ship #157. For further information on scouting in Linden, contact the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Washington Rock Council Headquarters in Westfield, or the Boy Scouts of America, Union Council, Union County, in Elizabeth.

Adult recreation is presented by various civic, fraternal and ethnic groups. Two bowling alleys are located within the city limits, and golfing, miniature golf, and pool centers are in the vicinity, for individual outings.



## LINDEN OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES – 1973

### PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

*WHEELER PARK—UNION COUNTY	South Wood Avenue and Route #1
*WOODROW WILSON PARK	Summit Terrace
*CPL. R. KNOSKY MEMORIAL PARK	North Stiles Street
*JAMES DOBSON PARK	E. Blancke Street and Maple Avenue
*FOURTH WARD PARK	McCandless Street and Dill Avenue
*FIFTH WARD PARK	Adams Street and Dill Avenue
*TWELFTH STREET PARK	East 12th Street
*SEVENTH WARD PARK	West 17th Street and South Stiles Street
*EIGHTH WD-MC GILLVRAV PL. PK.	Bedle Place and Park Avenue
*ST. MARKS PARK	St. Marks Place and Essex Avenue
*TREMLEY PARK	Tremley Point Road
*H.N. JOHNSON PARK "Tot Lot"	Lincoln Street and Union Street
*MC MANUS SCHOOL PLAYGROUND	DeWitt Terrace and Edgewood Road
*C. LAWSON MEMORIAL PARK	Walnut Street
*TENTH WARD PARK	Wickersham Avenue and Verona Avenue
*SGT. A. WALES PARK	W. Curtis Street near Wood Avenue
*NEWTON STREET PARK	Newton Street and Pallant Avenue
*LEXINGTON AVENUE PARK	Lexington Avenue
*SCHOOL #6 PLAYGROUND	Morris Avenue
*CHARLES STREET PARK	Charles Street and Middlesex Avenue
HAGEL AVENUE PARK	Hagel Avenue and Alberta Avenue
JAMES DUNN PARK	Rose Parkway, near Seymour Avenue
GEO. T. FARAWELL PARK	Ziegler and Bergen Avenue
BUCHANAN STREET PARK	Lower Road and Buchanan Street
BACHELLER AVENUE PARK	near Urbanowitz Avenue
SUNNYSIDE PARK	between Melrose Terr. and Edgewood Rd.
MEMORIAL PARK	between Wood Avenue and Lower Road

\*Denotes supervised playgrounds

## LINDEN OUTDOOR SPECIAL FACILITIES – 1973

### DAY CAMP

TENTH WARD PARK	Highland Avenue (adj. School #10)
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### TENNIS COURTS

WILSON (4)	Orchard Terrace
MEMORIAL (4)	South Wood Avenue
FOURTH WARD PARK (2)	McCandless Street

### BASEBALL FIELDS

MEMORIAL #3	South Wood Avenue
ST. MARKS PARK	St. Marks and Essex Avenue

### SOFTBALL FIELDS

MEMORIAL #1	Lower Road
MEMORIAL #2	Lower Road
TREMLEY	South Wood Avenue and Main Street
MC MANUS	DeWitt Terrace
TENTH WARD (2)	Wickersham Avenue
FIFTH WARD	Adams and Dill Avenue
FOURTH WARD	Bower Street
EIGHTH WARD	Bedle Place
DEERFIELD	Deerfield Terrace

### HANDBALL COURTS

WILSON PARK	Orchard Terrace
ST. MARKS PARK	St. Marks Place and Essex Avenue



**PICNIC AREAS (May be Reserved)**

MEMORIAL PARK \_\_\_\_\_  
FOURTH WARD PARK \_\_\_\_\_  
TENTH WARD PARK \_\_\_\_\_  
CAPT. JAMES DUNN PARK \_\_\_\_\_  
SGT. A. WALES PARK \_\_\_\_\_

South Wood Avenue (Shelter Provided)  
McCandless Street  
Highland Avenue  
Rose Parkway  
Curtis Street

**SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS**

SUNNYSIDE PARK (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Melrose Terrace

**MULTIPLE-USE PAVED AREAS (15)**

*Include paddle tennis, volleyball, tetherball and basketball courts*

JAMES DOBSON PARK (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
WOODROW WILSON PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
SEVENTH WARD PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
BUCHANAN STREET (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
C. LAWSON MEMORIAL PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
CPL. R. KNOSKY MEMORIAL PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
EIGHTH WD-MC GILLVRAV PL. (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
MC MANUS SCHOOL PLAYGROUND (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
FOURTH WARD PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
TENTH WARD PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
ST. MARKS PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
FIFTH WARD PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
TWELFTH STREET PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
NEWTON STREET PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_

E. Blancke Street and Maple Avenue  
Summit Terrace  
West 17th Street and So. Stiles Street  
Lower Road and Buchanan Street  
Walnut Street  
North Stiles Street  
Bedle Place and Park Avenue  
DeWitt Terrace and Edgewood Road  
McCandless Street and Dill Avenue  
Wickersham Avenue and Verona Avenue  
St. Marks Place and Essex Avenue  
Adams Street and Dill Avenue  
East 12th Street  
Newton Street and Pallant Avenue

**OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS (26) - In addition to those above**

TREMLEY PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES STREET PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
CLINTON STREET (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
SUNNYSIDE PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
LEXINGTON AVENUE PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
HAGEL AVENUE PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
BACHELLER AVENUE PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Tremley Point Road  
Charles Street and Middlesex Avenue  
Clinton Street  
Melrose Terrace  
Lexington Avenue  
Hagel Avenue and Alberta Avenue  
near Urbanowitz Avenue

**SHELTER HOUSES (3)**

WOODROW WILSON PARK (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
EIGHTH WD-MC GILLVRAV PL. (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
ST. MARKS PLACE (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Summit Terrace  
Bedle Place and Park Avenue  
St. Marks Place and Essex Avenue

**FISHING POND**

WOODROW WILSON PARK (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Summit Terrace

**ICE SKATING AREAS (4)**

WILSON PARK (1) - Natural \_\_\_\_\_  
EIGHTH WARD PARK (1) - Flooded \_\_\_\_\_  
MEMORIAL PARK (1) - Flooded \_\_\_\_\_  
MUNSELL AVE. AREA (1) - Flooded \_\_\_\_\_

Summit Terrace  
Bedle Place and Park Avenue  
South Wood Avenue  
W. Munsell Avenue



# PLANNING, ZONING, AND HOUSING

## Planning

The Master Plan is a central document of agreed upon policies which will guide the physical development of the city, both private and public. It is the key instrument from which all other planning functions are derived, including the physical improvements to be undertaken by various municipal agencies. It was drawn up in 1965 by a firm of professional consultants. There have been no changes since then in the plan.

The objectives of the plan are:

1. To establish reasonable goals for future development of the city.
2. To assist in providing a basis for gradual improvements program.
3. To encourage the proper relationship between residential, commercial and industrial land uses.
4. To provide ample public facilities throughout our city in relation to population concentrations and in anticipation of future population growth.
5. To present proposals for encouraging safe and convenient traffic circulation.
6. To indicate reasons for current problems in building conditions, land use development, traffic circulation and public facilities, and to present proposals for the gradual elimination of these problems.
7. To encourage the adoption and enforcement of modern codes and ordinances in order to preserve safe, sanitary and decent building conditions.
8. To urge for continuous review of local conditions in order to keep the Master Plan up-to-date and to utilize the plan as much as possible in rendering advice and recommendations.

There are nine non-salaried members of the Planning Board, appointed by the Mayor, plus an attorney, a consultant and a part-time clerk, appointed by the Planning Board with approval of Council, who are salaried. The mayor serves as an honorary member.

The Master Plan has been projected to 1981. The Planning Board budget for this year is \$11,900.

## Zoning, Map and Category List

The City of Linden Zoning ordinance of 1972 was passed with the intent to establish a precise and detailed plan for the use of land in Linden. This ordinance is based on the Master Plan and enacted in order to promote and protect the public health, safety, morals, comfort, convenience, and general welfare of the people. It is intended to regulate the use of land within zoning districts, promote orderly development, regulate intensity of use and the location of buildings, establish standards of development, prohibit incompatible uses, regulate the alteration of existing buildings, limit congestion in the street, protect against hazards, and conserve the taxable value of the land.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five members and two alternates, appointed by Council, who serve for five-year terms without pay. There is a salaried secretary and attorney, appointed by the Board with Council approval. The Zoning Board hears appeals of decisions of the Building Inspector pertaining to the Zoning Code. Adjustments in prohibitive use are subject to approval by Council.

The zoning categories in Linden are:

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| R-1a Single Family 50' | C-1 Central Business District |
| R-1b Single Family 40' | C-2 Retail Commercial         |
| R-2a Two family 50'    | L-1 Light Industrial          |

- R-2b Two Family 40'  
R-3 Apartment

H-1 Heavy Industrial

## Housing

The Linden Housing Authority was created by the local government in 1965 and formed in compliance with a State Statute. There are five non-salaried Commissioners appointed by Council, one each year for a term of five years, and one State appointee, who serves at the pleasure of the State Commissioner of Community Affairs. There is a full-time Executive Director, appointed by the Commissioners, who supervises the operation of the Authority according to the policies established by the Commissioners.

The Authority maintains and operates the Senior Citizen Housing Complex, Peach Orchard Towers, on Dill Avenue. It contains 201 units, one of which is reserved for a resident maintenance man or superintendent. The program was funded by the Federal government. The administration and the maintenance of the complex are now sustained by rentals. There is, by cooperation agreement, for city services rendered, an annual payment made in lieu of taxes. This is calculated on a formula whereby 10% of the shelter rents make up the payment.

Eligibility for initial occupancy is based on meeting age, income and asset requirements with a graduated scale for continued occupancy.

## Building

The office of the Building Inspector functions under the supervision of the Council. The Building Inspector has Civil Service Status, as do all employees working under him. His staff includes an Assistant Building Inspector and a Senior Clerk Stenographer.

Electrical installations are inspected by the Electrical Inspector, who works out of the office of the Building Inspector. Work must conform to the National Electrical Code.

Plans for new plumbing installations or alterations must be filed with the Plumbing Inspector and must conform to the City's plumbing code. Inspections are made as required. The Plumbing Inspector works out of the Board of Health.

Linden's building code was adopted in 1967, and is amended from time to time. Building permits must be obtained from the Building Department for construction of new buildings, additions, alterations, remodeling, re-roofing, and re-siding. Certificates of occupancy are automatically issued when the building under construction is completed and all building code requirements and zoning ordinance requirements have been met.

The Building Department makes at least four main inspections during the course of construction of all buildings. In between the main inspections, other inspections are made to check on the course of framing, nailing and the type of materials used. The builder is given the opportunity to rectify any infractions or violations of the Building Code before revocation of the permit, or a fine is imposed, by the local Municipal Court.

## Trailer Camps

Trailer camps are limited to two designated areas according to a 1955 ordinance. Licenses for the camps are issued by Council. The camps are inspected by the Sanitary Inspector and the Fire Prevention Bureau. Under the new zoning ordinance, these properties are now zoned and cannot be expanded without a variance.



# ZONE KEY

- R-1a Single Family 50'
- R-1b Single Family 40'
- R-2a Single Family 50'
- R-2b Two Family 40'
- R-3 Apartment
- C-1 Central Business District
- C-2 Retail Commercial
- LI Light Industrial
- HI Heavy Industrial

## ZONING MAP

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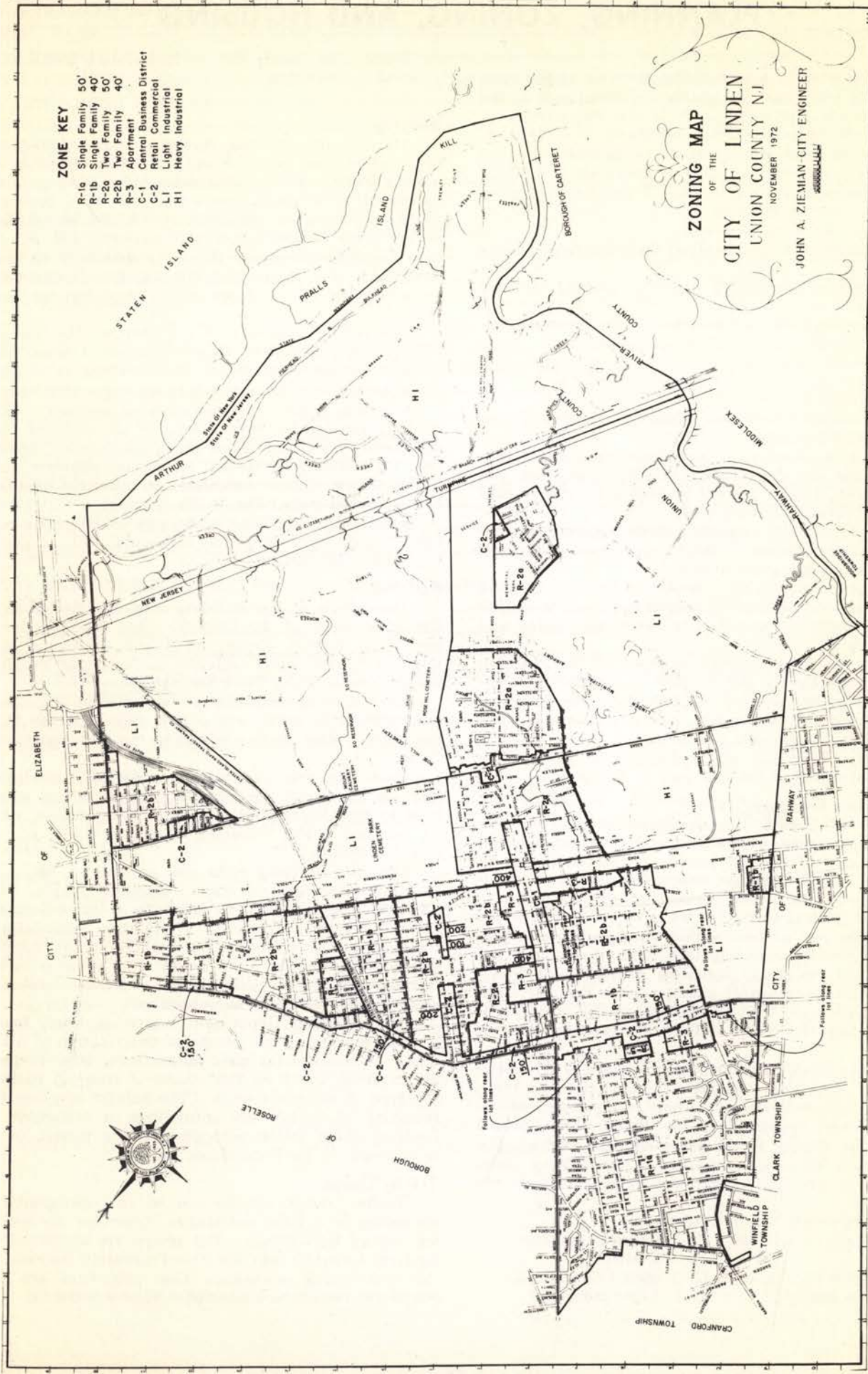
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# ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

## Registration

### *Voter registration requirements:*

In order to vote on any election day, a person must be registered. You may register if you:

1. are a citizen of the United States;
2. are 18 years old on or before Election Day;
3. have been a resident of New Jersey for 40 days by Election Day;
4. have been a resident of Union County for 40 days by Election Day; and
5. are a resident in the district in which you expect to vote.

You may not register if you have been declared insane or an idiot, or if you have been disqualified under certain criminal statutes. You must register in person at least 40 days preceding an election at the Union County Board of Elections in the Court House, Elizabeth, New Jersey (office hours 9-4), or at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Linden, New Jersey. The office hours of the City Clerk are 9-5, Monday through Friday. Special evening hours are provided near the end of the registration period.

If you are ill or incapacitated, you may write to the County Board of Elections enclosing a doctor's affidavit.

Registration in New Jersey is permanent unless: You fail to vote in four consecutive years, change your name, move out of the county, or are disqualified for certain crimes. If you move to another address in the same county, the County Board of Elections or your municipal clerk should be notified by mail at least 40 days before the next election. If the move is within 40 days before election, you may vote in your former election district for that election only. If you move to another county, you must register in person.

All registered voters receive in the mail a sample ballot containing the following information:

1. Where to vote;
2. Hours when polls are open;
3. Offices to be filled;
4. Candidates;
5. Public Questions; and
6. How to use a voting machine.

## Who May Vote

Anyone who has complied with the registration requirements may vote at the polling place in the ward and district in which they reside. Polls open from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M., Standard Time.

### **By Absentee Ballot: (Civilian Absentee Voter)**

A registered voter who cannot vote in person because of illness or who is absent from the state may apply for a ballot by mail no later than 7 days preceding election. Emergency provision: within the 7 day period and until 3 P.M., the day before election, one may vote at the office of the County Clerk; or, if incapacitated, one may send someone with written authorization to secure the ballot and return it to the clerk's office.

A registered voter who moves to another county and is unable to meet the residency requirements of 40 days may use a Presidential Ballot to vote for President and Vice-President only.

### **By Absentee Ballot: (Military Absentee Voter)**

Any person on active military service, including spouses and dependents, or who is confined in a Veterans' Hospital, who is qualified to vote, whether or not he has registered, may apply by mail or have a friend make application for him at the Township or County office, well in advance of Election Day. A ballot will be mailed to him

with full instructions.

## Primary Elections

Primary Elections are so called because they are the first elections of the year. These elections are the party elections. They are held so the voters may decide which party candidate running in the primary will be the one to represent the party in the general election. Primary election date has been changed several times by the State Legislature. It has been held in June for the past several years. Political parties, which polled ten per cent of the vote in a preceding election of members of the General Assembly, may nominate their candidates in the Primary Elections. Other candidates may be placed on the ballot in the General Election by petition.

Date of filing petitions for Primary Elections shall be no later than 4 P.M., 40 days prior to the primary election.

Filed with the Secretary of State shall be:

- 1,000 signatures for President;
- 1,000 signatures for Vice-President;
- 1,000 signatures for Senator;
- 200 signatures for Congressman;
- 100 signatures for Delegates to National Convention;
- 1,000 signatures for State Governor;
- 100 signatures for State Senator; and
- 100 signatures for General Assembly.

Filed with County Clerk:

- 100 signatures for all County officers.

Filed with Municipal Clerk:

- 50 signatures for all offices in municipalities over 14,000.

Petitions for City offices—See Municipal Clerk.

Petitions for County offices—See County Clerk.

Petitions for State offices—See Secretary of the State.

## General Elections

General Elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Polls open from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. Standard Time. At that time, you vote for National, State, County and local officials, on bond issues and public questions. Local officials elected in Linden are:

1. Mayor—4 years;
2. Councilman at Large—4 years;
3. Members of Council—3 years (one for each of 10 wards); and
4. City Clerk—3 years (if elected for two successive terms he establishes tenure).

You do not have to vote for all candidates in the same party. You may select the candidates from any line or column in which their names are listed; i.e. If three candidates are to be elected, select any three names for the position, regardless of the location of the name. There is a place for a personal choice or write-in candidate. You should not open this slot unless you intend to write in a name, as this will register as a vote and cannot be changed.

## Instructions to Voters

The voting machine is provided at your polling place. To vote, you must sign your name in the registration book and get an "authority to vote" slip. Upon entering the voting machine:

1. Move the red handle of the curtain lever to the right as far as it will go, and leave it there. (This closes the curtain and unlocks the machine for voting.)

2. Turn *down* a pointer over the word "yes" or "no" in the public questions, and over the name of each candidate of your choice, and leave it *down*. You may change your mind but leave final choice *down*.







3. After turning down all the pointers you desire – *LEAVE* them down and move the red handle of the curtain lever to the left as far as it will go and leave it there. (This records your vote, returns all pointers to their unvoted position, and opens the curtains.)

4. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, push up slide at top of machine over corresponding number and write in name of person for whom you wish to vote.

#### City of Linden – Polling Places – 1973

- 1W 1D Library Building, 31 E. Henry Street – Ashwell Room.  
 2D Sr. High School, St. George Ave. – Main Entrance Foyer.  
 3D Sr. High School, Ainsworth Street – New Wing Foyer.
- 2W 1D School #8, Spruce Street – Room #2 (Bag Lunch Room).  
 2D School #8, Spruce Street – Court.  
 3D School #8, Lafayette Street – Court.
- 3W 1D Soehl Jr. High School, E. Henry St. – Room #8.  
 2D Soehl Jr. High School, E. Elm St. – Room #7.  
 3D Soehl Jr. High School, E. Elm St. – Room #6A.
- 4W 1D School #5, E. Curtis Street – Gym.  
 2D School #5, Middlesex Street – Gym.  
 3D School #5, Middlesex Street – Gym.
- 5W 1D Columbian Club, 118 Park Avenue – Reception Room.  
 2D Columbian Club, 118 Park Avenue – Reception Room.  
 3D Library Building, Dill Avenue – Meeting Room.
- 6W 1D School #6, Morris Avenue – Boys' Court.  
 2D Community Center (Old City Hall Bldg.), 605 Wood Ave. – Recreation Room.  
 3D School #6, Morris Avenue – Boys' Court.
- 7W 1D School #7, Main Street – Girls' Court.  
 2D School #2, 18th Street – Girls' & Boys' Court.  
 3D School #2, 17th Street – Girls' & Boys' Court.
- 8W 1D School #3, Bachellor Avenue – Auditorium.  
 2D School #3, Dennis Place – Library.  
 3D Firehouse, E. Elizabeth Ave. & Chandler Ave. – Equipment Room.
- 9W 1D Library (Sunnyside), 100 Edgewood Rd. – Greenberg Room.  
 2D Library (Sunnyside), 100 Edgewood Rd. – Greenberg Room.  
 3D Presbyterian Church, Harvard Road – Room #4.
- 10W 1D School #10, Highland Avenue – Gym.  
 2D School #9, Deerfield Terrace – Front Corridor.  
 3D School #9, Deerfield Terrace – Front Corridor.

Inquiry as to polling places may be made at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Linden, New Jersey, Phone 486-3800, every weekday except Saturday, between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., and on Election Day from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

#### Election Machinery

Union County Board of Elections sets up machinery for voting. It consists of two Democrats and two Republicans appointed by the Governor upon nomination by party officials. Term of office is two years. It is responsible for the administration of the elections and has the authority to settle controversial questions connected to the elections. This board is responsible for the whole procedure from registration of votes to counting of ballots. The City Clerk is in charge of elections in Linden. Local Election Boards serve at the polls on election day. For each election district there are four election officials: two Democrats and two Republicans.

Election Board Members are selected by the County chairperson, vice chairperson, State chairperson and State committeeman and committeewoman.

#### How Local Political Parties are Organized

Each year each political party is entitled to elect (at the Primary) one committeeman and one committeewoman from each election district. This constitutes the County Committee for each party. The Municipal Committee consists of the members of the County Committee resident in the municipality. Each Municipal Committee elects its own Municipal Chairman. Members of the municipal party committees promote party interests by working to increase party membership, getting out the vote, checking voting lists, and acting as challengers at the polls.

#### Election Districts

There are at the present time ten wards in Linden, all of which are divided into 3 districts. The wards are approximately equal in population. A report submitted by a city charter study commission in 1970, recommending a redistricting plan for Linden to conform with the "one-man, one-vote" concept, was introduced thru an ordinance and had a public hearing in February, 1973. It was approved and became effective on March 12, 1973.

#### General Elections

	<i>Number Voting</i>	<i>Registered Voters</i>
1968	18,922	21,396
1969	16,050	20,868
1970	16,092	21,143
1971	12,976	21,467
1972	18,902	22,340

#### How to Address Elected Officials

Our President: The President of the United States  
 Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President

Senators:  
 (National and State) *National*  
 The Hon. John Doe  
 Senate Office Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20510

*State*  
 The Hon. John Doe  
 State House  
 Trenton, N.J. 08625  
 (or home address)

Dear Senator Doe

Representatives or  
 Assemblyman: *Representatives*  
 The Hon. James Jones  
 House Office Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20515

*Assemblyman*  
 The Hon. James Jones  
 State House  
 Trenton, N.J. 08625  
 (or home address)

Dear Mr. Jones

The Governor: The Honorable John Smith  
 Governor of New Jersey  
 Trenton, N.J. 08625

Dear Governor



# DIRECTORIES



## HOUSES OF WORSHIP

First Baptist Church of Linden  
1301 Lincoln Street - 486-4937

Mount Moriah Baptist Church  
24 14th Street E. - 862-7766

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church  
417 McCandless Street - 486-6570

Grace Episcopal Church  
Robbinwood & DeWitt Terr. - 925-1535

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
45 Elm Street E. - 486-4090

Linden United Methodist Church  
323 Wood Avenue N. - 486-4237

First Pentecostal Church of Linden  
31 18th Street E. - 862-0888

Congregation Anshe Chesed Synagogue  
Center  
Orchard Terr. & St. George Ave. W. -  
486-8616

Suburban Jewish Center  
Kent Place & Deerfield Terr. - 925-2283

White Rock Baptist Church  
Chandler Avenue & St. George Ave. E.

Mt. Zion F.B.H. Church  
1222 St. George Ave. E. - 925-6886

Morning Star United Holy Church  
1009 Chandler Ave. - 925-7979

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic  
Church  
407 Ziegler Ave. - 486-3624

Calvin Presbyterian Church  
128 Arthur Street - 862-5446

Linden Presbyterian Church  
1506 Orchard Terrace - 486-3073

Reformed Church of Linden  
600 Wood Avenue N. - 486-3714

St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic  
Church  
1805 Penbrook Terrace - 486-6363

St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church  
179 Hussa Street - 486-2514

Linden Assembly of God Church  
416 Bower Street - 925-0938

St. Theresa's Church  
131 Edgar Road E. - 862-1689

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### *Business*

Linden Industrial Association  
Linden Merchants Association  
Linden Tavernkeepers Association

### *City Employee Associations*

Exempt Fireman's Association  
Fireman's Mutual Benevolent  
Association Local 34  
Linden Auxiliary Police Association  
Linden Custodial Association  
Linden Fire Department Superior  
Officers Association  
Linden Police and Firemen FCU  
PBA Local 42

### *Civic and Service*

Boosters Club  
Boy Scouts of America  
Business and Professional Women's  
Club  
Committee of Concern  
Deborah Hilda Gould Chapter  
FISH  
Girl Scouts of America Community  
Association  
Hallowe'en Parade Committee  
Jaycees  
Jaycee-ettes  
Kiwanis  
League of Women Voters  
Linden Rotary Club  
Lions International Club and  
Auxiliary  
National Association for the Advance-  
ment of Colored People  
Open Enrollment Neighborhood School  
Committee  
Rotary Club  
Urban League

### *Cultural*

Cultural Affairs Committee of Linden  
Members of the Heritage Committee  
The Linden Debutante Scholarship  
Organization

### *Educational*

Our Schools Committee  
Parent Teacher Associations  
St. Elizabeth's Home and School  
Association  
St. John the Apostle Parent-Faculty  
Guild  
St. Theresa's Mothers-Teachers  
Association

### *Ethnic*

American Italian Mutual Association  
and Ladies Auxiliary  
American Lithuanian Beneficial and  
Political Club  
Ancient Order of Hibernians Linden  
Div. #5 and Auxiliary  
Daughters of Scotia  
Federation of Polish Societies

Hungarian Round Table Charitable  
Association

Lithuanian Central Committee  
Lithuanian Liberty Park Club Inc.  
Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance  
of America  
Lithuanian Sun Sick and Benefit Society  
Mme. Pilsudske Social Group  
Polish Benefit Society  
Polish National Home Inc.  
Polish Women's Alliance Group  
Slovak National Benefit Society  
Slovonic Citizens Club, Inc.  
Tow "Sztandag-Wolnosc" Group  
Ukrainian-American Social Club

### *Fraternal*

BPO Elks and Auxiliary Lodge #1960  
Cornerstone Lodge #229 F & AM  
Craftsmens Club  
Fraternal Order of Eagles  
Moose Auxiliary #595  
Moose Lodge #913  
Order of Eastern Star

### *Health and Welfare*

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Alcoholic Treatment Center (9-5)  
527-0166  
Linden Children's Camp Fund  
Linden Volunteers Ambulance Corps

### *Other Clubs*

Linden Hunting and Fishing Club  
Sea Scout Ship 157 Inc.  
Union Squadron Sea Explorers

### *Political*

Democratic Ward Clubs  
Linden Democratic Club  
Linden Ladies Democratic Club  
Linden Republican Club  
Linden Republican Womens Club  
Polish American Democratic Club  
Republican Ward Clubs  
Young Democrats Club

### *Professional Organizations*

Linden Association of School  
Secretaries  
Linden Bar Association  
Linden Education Association  
Linden Ministerial Association  
Linden Schools Administrators and  
Supervisors Association

### *Recreation*

Needlework Guild  
PAL  
PAL Mothers Club

### *Religious and Faith Affiliated*

B'Nai Brith Lodge #1986  
B'Nai Brith Women - Tabor Chapter  
Catholic Daughters of America  
Catholic Youth Organizations  
Hadassah  
Holy Name Societies  
Intra Faith Council  
Jewish Community Council of Union  
County



Knights of Columbus Council 2859  
and Ladies Auxiliary  
Knights of Pythias  
National Council of Jewish Women  
Rosary Societies  
Sisterhood Congregation Anshe Chesed  
Suburban Jewish Center  
Suburban Social and Civic Club  
Synagogue Center  
Women's Association Presbyterian  
Church

Young Men of Zion and Auxiliary  
*Social Clubs*  
Columbian Club  
St. George Social Club  
Thursday Social Club  
Twins and Triplets Club  
*Veteran and Patriotic*  
American Legion Post #102 and  
Auxiliary  
Catholic War Veterans and Auxiliary

Cooties Pup Tent  
Daughters of America  
Jewish War Veterans Post #437 and  
Auxiliary  
Martin Danowski Detachment and  
Auxiliary-Marine Corp. League  
St. Theresa's Catholic War Vets and  
Auxiliary #497  
Veterans Council of Linden  
VFW John Russell Wheeler Post  
#1397 and Auxiliary

*The Linden Public Library keeps an up to date list of current officers and/or the club meeting time and place.*

### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police ————— 486-3200

Fire ————— Operator

Ambulance ————— 486-3200

#### Hospitals:

Alexian Brothers ————— 351-9000

Elizabeth General ————— 289-8600

Memorial General ————— 687-1900

Rahway Memorial ————— 381-4200

St. Elizabeth ————— 289-4000

Poison Control Center - 24 Hours ————— 289-4000

Union County Psychiatric Clinic ————— 352-9570

Alcoholics Anonymous ————— 763-1415

Alcoholic Treatment Center (9-5) ————— 527-0166

#### Post Office:

Main ————— 925-6420

Grasselli ————— 862-4122

Station "A" ————— 486-8900

#### Public Libraries:

Main ————— 486-3888

East Branch ————— 486-3994

Grier Avenue Branch ————— 486-3999

South Wood Avenue Branch ————— 862-8113

Sunnyside Branch ————— 486-1888

City Hall ————— 486-3800

Board of Health ————— 486-3800

#### Kindness Kennels

To pick up strays ————— 382-6100

To reclaim pets (1-3 P.M. only) ————— 862-3688

Garbage Disposal ————— 862-2444



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