

1. Livingston Police: LCDI partnership on discussion series involving policing and community relations to help proactively improve relations with community and to show that LPD holds more of a public service role within the community than other people may think. Please send name suggestions for this event by 2nd Friday of March, there were a couple of names suggested that did not get written down, so please follow up. All recommendations can be sent to LCDI e-mail

2. Shout outs, upcoming events

- Lunar New Year Celebration was a great success, we look forward to partnering with this event next year.
- Mar 2, 8:30am - Lions Eye Research Foundation of New Jersey sponsored event "Doctors Speak" talk focused on eye care by Rutgers Ophthalmology University. Buses will leave from Community Center at 7:30am, Breakfast will be served. Free event.
- Holi (Indian Festival of Colors) Celebration TBD
- April 5 (6-8pm) - Hillside School TREP\$ Marketplace - this year over 100 enthusiastic Hillside students are eagerly developing their innovative products and services. It's a great opportunity for kids to develop their entrepreneurial skills
- April 4 - "Aiming High" with Darren Prince, talk and book signing by Livingston High School alumnus Darren Prince, now CEO and President of Prince Marketing Group and author of the international bestseller Aiming High: How a Prominent Sports and Celebrity Agent Hit Bottom at the Top. Details [here](#)
- March 13 – Keith will present at Kiwanis Meeting showcasing LCDI and volunteer opportunities.

3. MLK Day - several accomplishments on this day, including Mikie Sherrill's presence at MLK day in Livingston featured on the Friday cover of Politico ([link here](#)). A few more highlights:

- Billy Fine - "Excellent Team work, Great camaraderie, Very well managed event - this was honored at the Council meeting"
- Keith Hines - "Best event in 21 years since the Committee was founded"
- All time high participation
- Special Guest Speakers attending the event - Congress member, Council, Board of Education, two freeholders, many other community leaders from other committees and organizations in town
- Brian O'Shea speech
- Photographer Jerry was at actual MLK events
- Food was a big success thanks to Blaze Pizza and Ike's Bagel Cafe
- Areas of improvement in the future:
 - Move speeches in the middle to keep participation high
 - Start the planning process earlier to fit with the traditional schedule which was used for planning this event
 - Advertise and promote more
 - Double check that articles are submitted and published in time (Tribune had an error publishing the article the week before the event)

4. Flag Raising events (Israel, India, Pride) - Request to the council to have the flags raised for 1 month this year, 15 days from next year pending approval

5. Communications and Media update

- Diversity now has access to Livingston website and publishes all diversity meetings, events, agenda and minutes (example [here](#))
- New email address will be added soon
- MLK day pictures will be posted soon

6. New LCDI Email address

- Admin password is now given to co-chairs of the committee (Billy, Keith) and Township Clerk - Communications Coordinator ([Judith Heller](#))

- Unanimous vote on lcdi@gmail.com as the new email address (This was changed slightly since LCDI was too short). Full Committee name should appear when email is sent

7. Flag events

- May 9 - Israel
- Aug 15 - India
- TBD - Pride - need to finalize from following dates - May 15, 19, 23, 29; June 5, 6, 9

Billy Fine asked for meeting with Sanskriti Leadership next week to discuss level of involvement for India's flag raising

8. LCDI By-laws

- New By-laws to be published that include requirements for attendance, & the fact that all electronic accounts are now considered township property
- Suggestion to run the by-laws by Walter Levine (Legal) and possibly rewrite them from scratch

9. The Committee will be having a presentation on March 13 for Women's Veterans Day - Ava Reinfeld explained the key focus on highlighting the significant contribution of women in the military and the proposal for an additional special day for women (in addition to Veterans day). Texas is on board, New Jersey is making rapid strides This will be at **7:00 at Town Hall during the Council Conference Meeting, please come support!**

10. Presentation by Danny Bastien (Amazon) - Danny visited specially for the meeting as building bonds within the community and supporting diversity is one of the things Amazon strives to do and is keen to be part of the community. Danny is responsible for Amazon's accounts in New York and New Jersey. Danny is looking at hiring talent from NY/NJ - he explained the following:

- Amazon provides Flexible time, Medical Benefits
- Requirements - background check, drug test. Amazon also has a "second chance" policy which is different than other companies

11. Next meeting on March 21 7:30pm in Craft Room 1, [Livingston Senior/Community Center](#)