

South Plainfield Observer

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Hometown Paper Is Launched!!



The **Observer** is a new newspaper dedicated to informing the local community about events and businesses. Articles and advertisements will inform readers about news, events, organizations, groups, products and services.

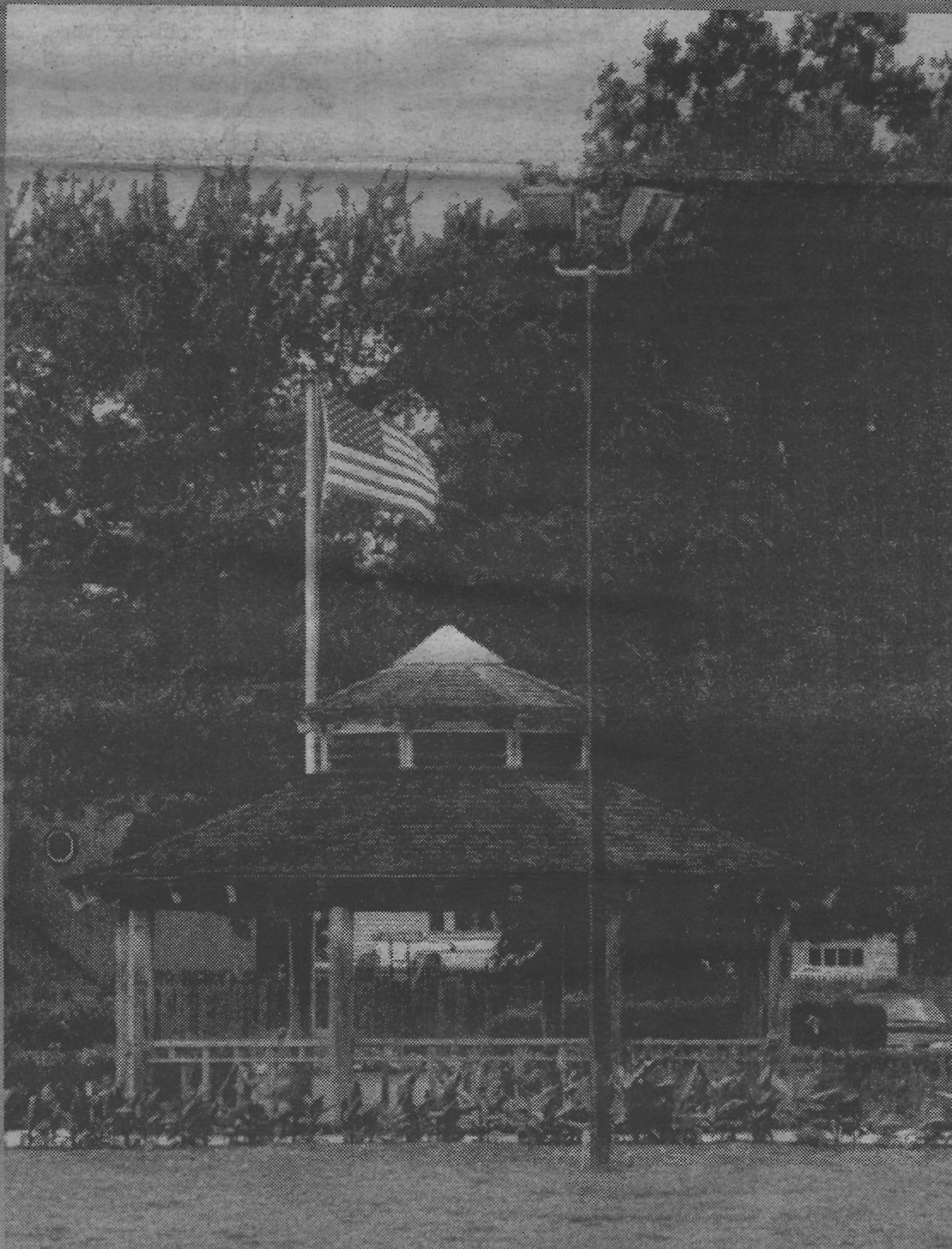
Our goal is to inform the community specifically about South Plainfield organizations, groups and government

and to promote community pride and support.

We invite residents and advertisers to submit information about individuals, organizations, groups and businesses. Pictures and press releases are welcome and will be used whenever possible. When you submit information please include a number where we can reach you if we have additional questions.

The **Observer** is published in response to residents' requests for news and information specifically about South Plainfield. We ask for the support of the local organizations and groups.

For more information, please write or call **The Observer**, 530 Union Ave Ste 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846, Phone (732) 469-4380 Fax (732) 805-0815.



LABOR DAY PARADE, 5K RUN & CIRCUS INFORMATION.....PAGES 4 & 5

PUBLISHERS NOTES

To the Residents:

The birth of this newspaper has been an inevitable event for us for quite some time. For the past year, South Plainfield has been seeing less reporting on local news events, as well as less local advertising.

The *South Plainfield Observer* is the result of many residents' hints, suggestions, complaints and even begging: "Where is the news about our town?" We are about to see the beginning of "news from our town."

We believe South Plainfield deserves its own newspaper, with LOCAL news, LOCAL sports, and LOCAL advertising. There are many volunteers who work tirelessly on all kinds of projects and should be recognized for their efforts. There are many business and professional people who want to get their message to you. That's why we need a newspaper and the reason the *South Plainfield Observer* was born.

We will be publishing a paper every second and fourth Thursday. Our goal for the future is to publish every week. As this paper grows, South Plainfield can only benefit from the information and news that is reported in each issue.

This issue has lots of information about the town. The back page has a September calendar of events, with meetings and times. It also has a list of direct dial phone numbers to Borough Hall, the various boards and commissions and who is on them. The centerfold has information about Labor Day festivities. There is a schedule of the High School sports for the fall season. Save all of this for future references.

So wish us LUCK! Send us your suggestions and criticisms. We welcome objective news from everyone around our town. Read the ads that will appear in the paper and support the advertisers. Patronize their shops and stores and say you saw their ad in the *Observer*.

It's good thing for South Plainfield!

SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES

We look forward to hearing from all of you and encourage you to send in your stories and photos. The *South Plainfield Observer* is your paper, and you have the right "not to remain silent" but to let us know what you want to see in it.

To get an article published in *South Plainfield Observer*:

1. Type (double spaced) the article you wish published.
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Include your name, address, telephone number.

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Members of the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 receive the "Glitter Award" on August 21, 1997. Pictured from left to right: Louis DeFillipo, Walter Janus, Joe Diegnan, Darren Junge, Joe Penyak, Sr., and Jim Duffy.

American Legion Wins "Glitter Award"

Mr. Joe Penyak, Sr., Vice Commander of Grounds and Buildings for the American Legion Chaumont Post 243, accepted the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Glitter Award recently from Joe Diegnan, CBA President. The Post, located at 243 Oak Tree Avenue, recently completed a major face-lift.

Also on hand to accept the award were a few of the many members who contributed to the renovation of the 33-year-old building: Louis DeFillipo, Walter Janus, Darren Junge and Jim Duffy. Mr. Penyak noted that the work, which included waterproofing and replastering as well as repainting the exterior, and new ceilings and a new ballroom inside, took a year and a half of volunteered, part-time labor. The landscaping was also improved, with an ornamental stone and evergreen garden bordering the picnic area next to the building. The landscaping is being maintained by Bruce Star of B&R Trucking and Landscaping, and Commander Donald "Doc" Austin.

Commander Austin was credited by the members as the driving force behind the renovations, but he insisted that nothing could have been done without the help of Joe Penyak, Sr. and Joe Penyak, Jr. of Penyak Roofing, Dim Duffy, Jack Denaya, Carmen Pacifico, Rick

Magri, Louis of the Metuchen Post, "Uncle Bob" and the numerous others who dedicated their efforts and time into Chaumont Post 243 American Legion.

According to Mr. DeFillipo, the post was organized shortly after World War I, and was named for the French town of Chaumont, where the founding members were stationed. Originally, the group met on Plainfield Avenue, where Borough Hall is currently located, and later moved to a building across from the Fire Station before finally constructing the present building, which was dedicated in 1964.

Standing near the flower display around the American flag on the front lawn, the members said they are glad to have been able to contribute to improving the appearance of the Borough's downtown. Mr. Penyak thanked all those who were involved in the project.

The Clean Business Association gives "Glitter Awards" to South Plainfield businesses that are unusually well maintained or have recently improved their appearance through renovation or landscaping. Membership in the CBA is open to all businesses that share its goals of enhancing the appearance of commercial districts through property maintenance and litter control. For more information, contact A. Temple at 226-7621.

South Plainfield Police Department Accepting Applications

The South Plainfield Police Department is currently accepting applications for full- and part-time public safety telecommunications. Public safety telecommunications work in the communications center dispatching police, fire and rescue squad units to calls as well as answering 9-1-1 calls.

The requirements that will be considered for these positions are: you must be 18 years or older; have a high school diploma or equivalency; be a citizen of the United States; pass a typing test of 20 words per minute or higher; be a resident of New Jersey; pass a physical, drug and psychological exam and pass a criminal background check.

Residents will be considered before non-residents. Non-residents may be required to establish residency to be hired.

Starting salary for full-time is \$23,984 and \$10.76 per hour for part-time. A listing of job benefits may be obtained with the application.

Applications can be obtained anytime from the Communications Center at the South Plainfield Police Department. A brief summary of duties and responsibilities may be obtained with the application.

If you need further information call Sgt. Mike Grennier 226-7673.

Subscribe to the *South Plainfield Observer*

Enjoy reading a local paper dedicated exclusively to South Plainfield. Every page of the newspaper will feature local news, school events, information regarding recycling, meetings etc., Senior Citizens news, Borough Hall extension numbers, the proper person to contact when you need help, road work and closings, feature articles on South Plainfield, and guest editorials.

To subscribe to *The South Plainfield Observer* send your check or money order of \$13.00 for 26 issues to: *The South Plainfield Observer*, c/o G & G Graphics, 530 Union Ave. Suite 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846, or for more information call 469-4380.

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Phone Number _____

Rail Car Renovation Feature of Downtown Revitalization

The future of the downtown area is what the South Plainfield Business Association is attempting to deal with in a unique way. An old-fashioned train car, Victorian-period lamps and Belgian block curbing are planned for the business district.

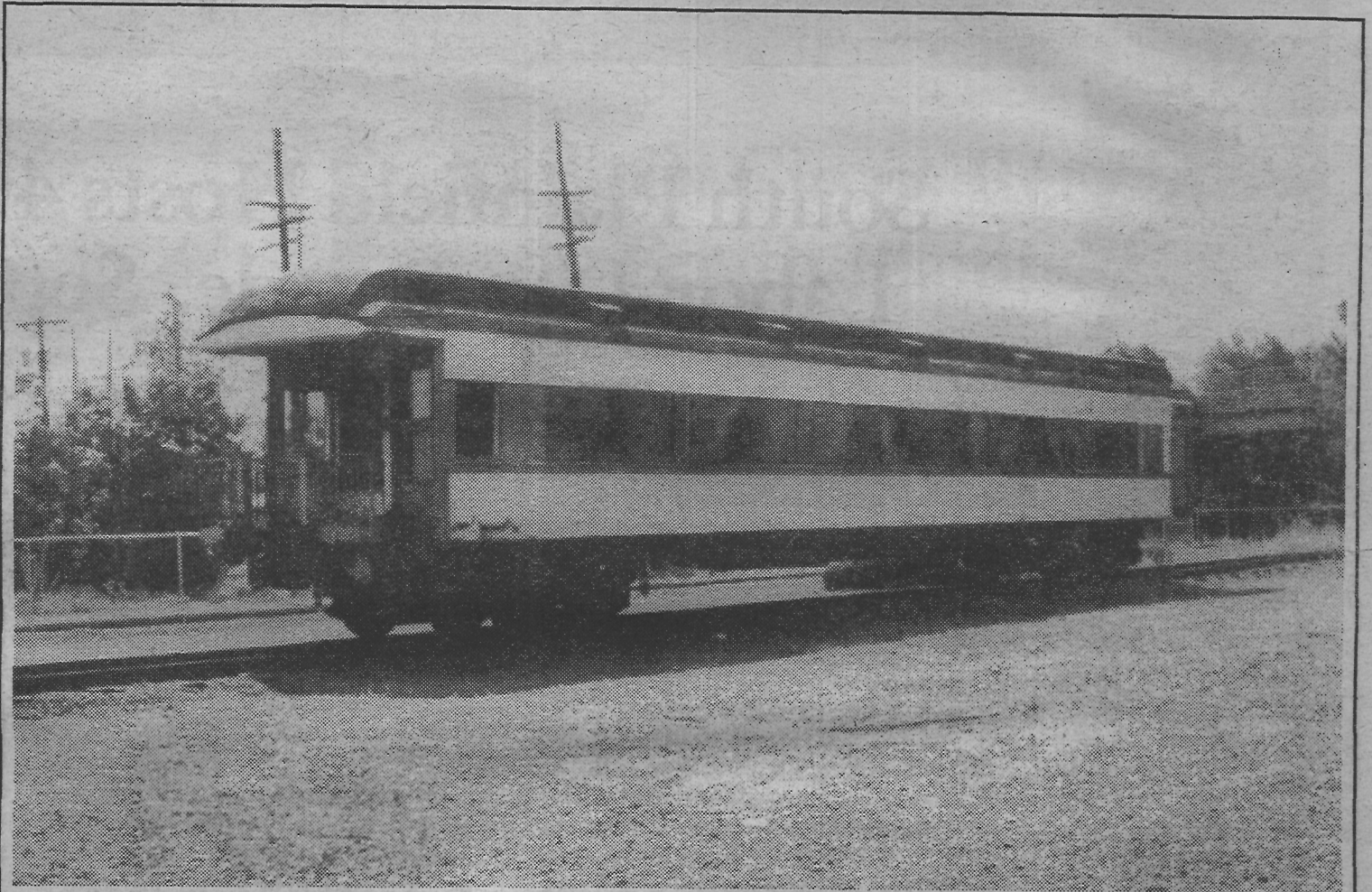
The Association's Downtown Revitalization Committee is attempting to lure business back into the downtown area by dressing it up in Victorian fashion, the way it may have looked in the early 20's when the borough was incorporated in 1926.

Shopping in the downtown area has moved to huge shopping malls and fast food stores.

South Plainfield's business district is comprised of about 25 businesses in the downtown area. The Business Association Committee has decided to renovate the area to make it more attractive to the residents, in an effort to draw shoppers back to the area.

Businesses are sprucing up their store fronts and the areas around them. The Senior Citizen's building, at one time a bank, has been cleaned up, painted and added lighting, to improve its appearance.

A rail car called "the Blue Comet" is parked next to Sherban's Diner. It ran between



Rail car slated for renovation.

Newark and Atlantic City in the early 20's. It is the future home of a museum that will exhibit some of the town's history. A park is also planned in the area, with a bridge to connect it to

Hamilton Street.

A construction firm will soon begin to install Victorian-style lighting fixtures and new sidewalks in the downtown area.

As part of the revitalization

effort, South Plainfield Avenue, Front Street and Old Hamilton Boulevard will be resurfaced and Belgian block curbing will be installed to provide more room for parking in the downtown

area.

The Association is looking for volunteers to assist in rail car renovation. If you would like to help, please call Anthony DeCosta, 755-1117.

South Plainfield Recreation Department FALL CLASSES

For a complete listing of Fall classes, call (908) 226-7713.

STRIKE 'EM!

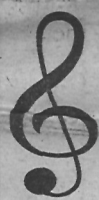


This Junior Bowling Program is open to residents from ages 9-18. It will take place at Edison Lanes, Edison on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. from September 13 to February 15.

The registration fee is \$22. The weekly cost is \$6.50. You must register by September 13th. Fees includes lane fees, awards and end of season pizza party. Bowling is one of the great life long sports available to us. Start today for a lifetime of enjoyment!

LINE DANCE!

Finally, a class that teaches all the great, popular line dances! What a great way to socialize and stay in shape! Participants will learn a great variety of popular dances — some examples include...New York, New York; the Achy Breaky; the Electric



Slide; the Macarena and many, many more!

Open to South Plainfield Residents aged 55 and older, the classes will be held on Thursdays from September through December from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the P.A.L. Building. The instructor will be Pat Suk. Residents pay \$15; non-residents pay \$23.

For more information call the Recreation Office at 754-1047. Register in person at the Recreation Office located inside the P.A.L. building, on Maple Avenue, or mail your registration to: South Plainfield Recreation Department, 1250 Maple Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

CRAFT MANIA!

A whole new concept in crafts! Imagine a craft program for children, where crafts are actually usable. Imagine a craft program where children actually learn how to make lovely crafts, not just cut paper, finger paint and glue! If this sounds like the per-

fect program to you, send in the registration form below and enter the world of Craftmania!

The program is open to South Plainfield residents in grades K-5. It will be held at the P.A.L. Recreation Center on Maple Avenue on Tuesdays, September 16, 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 4, 18, 25; and Thursdays



September 18, 25; October 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 20; December 4, 11. K-1 will meet from 4:00-4:45 p.m. and grades 2-5 from 5:00-5:45 p.m. Class size are limited so register early to secure a spot in class!

AEROBICS BODY TONING!!

Shape up beautifully with exercises and dance routines choreographed to popular music. Aerobics is designed to condition the heart and lungs, and Body Toning will trim and firm the body, as well as promote flex-

ibility. Step combines the two for a total workout!

Aerobics and Body Toning are ongoing programs. Each session is made up of 20 classes and limited to 50 participants. Maureen



Noll, Certified Aerobics Instructor, will be the instructor.

Open to South Plainfield Residents, ages 18 and over. Classes will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call for schedule of various sessions. Aerobics will be held 9:00-10:00 a.m. or 7:00-8:00 p.m. and Step 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the P.A.L. Building.

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SOUTH PLAINFIELD

SOUTH PLAINFIELD LOVES A PARADE!!

South Plainfield Hosts 40th Annual Labor Day Parade, Sept. 1, 1997

The 40th annual Labor Day Parade plans are complete and the fun is about to begin. The theme of this year's parade is "South Plainfield Loves a Parade." This parade has been designed for the entertainment and enjoyment of the citizens, their guests, as well as all the participants.

The day will begin with a 5K race at 9:25 a.m. starting at Veterans Memorial Park. A noncompetitive Fun Walk will held at the same time as the 5K race. The race is sponsored by Ricochet Health and Racquet Club and the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance abuse. Bill Beegle serves as race coordinator. Registration for the 5K race

will begin at 7:45 a.m. and cost \$12. Prizes and trophies will be awarded following the race.

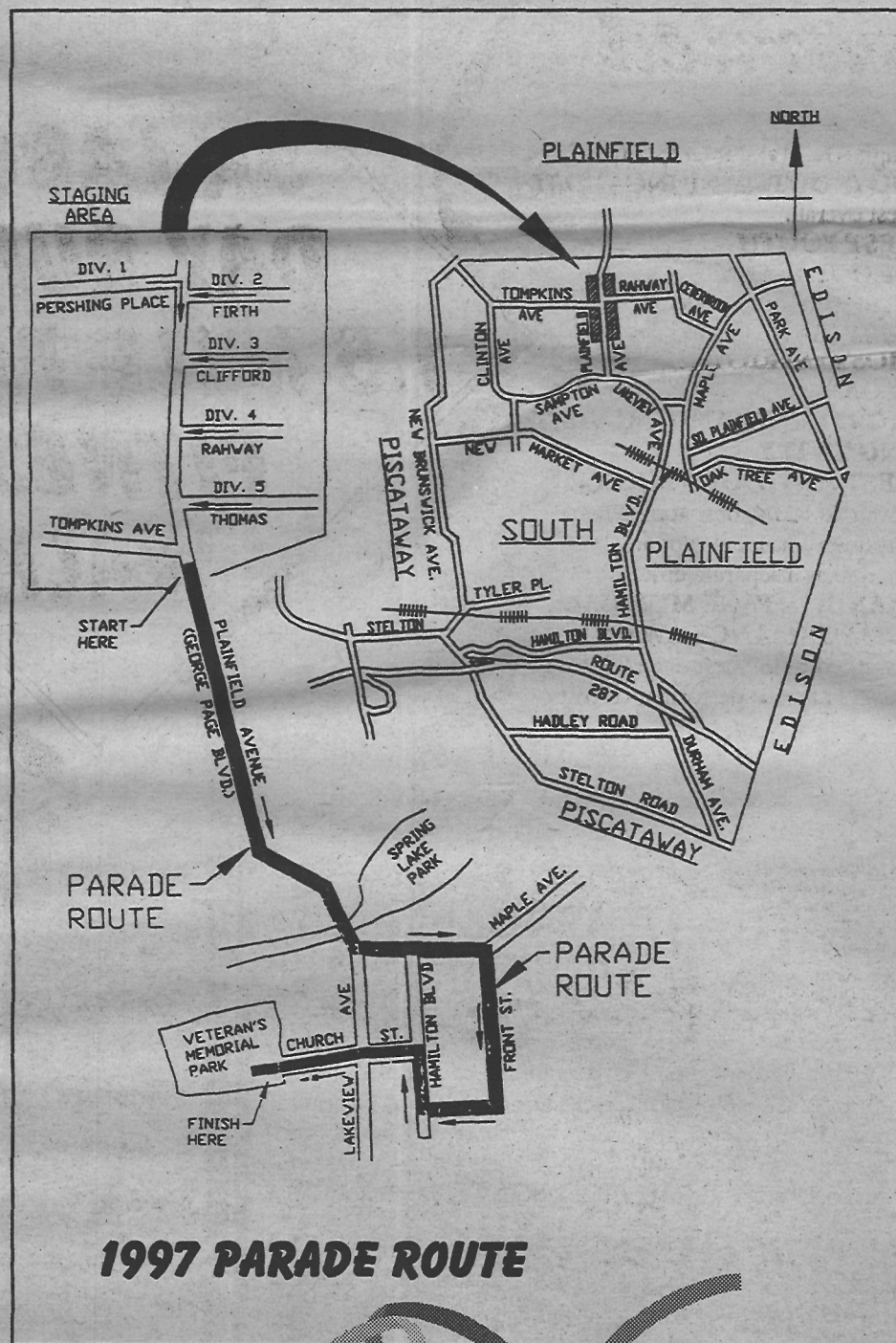
The Grand Marshal this year will be former mayor and high school teacher, Michael English. Mr. English was chose because of his involvement in all the many things that have benefited South Plainfield. About 50 floats, McGruff the crime dog, a recycling robot and lots of bands and marchers are scheduled to participate.

The parade will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. from Plainfield Avenue at Tompkins. Anyone marching in the parade is asked to be in the designated marshalling areas off Plainfield Avenue

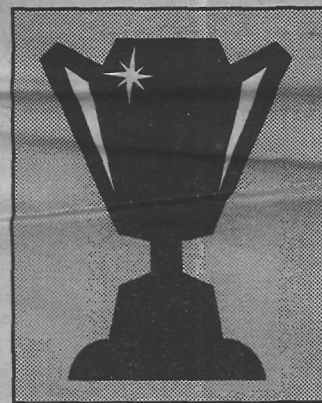
no later than 9:15 a.m. The parade will proceed down Plainfield Avenue via Maple Ave. and Front Street and end at Veterans Park. (See map) Trophies will be awarded at the park following the parade. Sixteen awards are scheduled to be handed out.

Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus will give two performances at Veteran's Park and 2 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance from B&C Deli, Belmont Ave; Vail Hardware, Front St.; and the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. The cost is \$6. If you purchase your tickets on Monday at the park the cost will be \$8.

The day will end with a fireworks display at Spring Lake Park at 8 p.m.



Parade Tro



1. HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL TROPHY
Given by Honorary Grand Marshal to best overall entry in his/her opinion

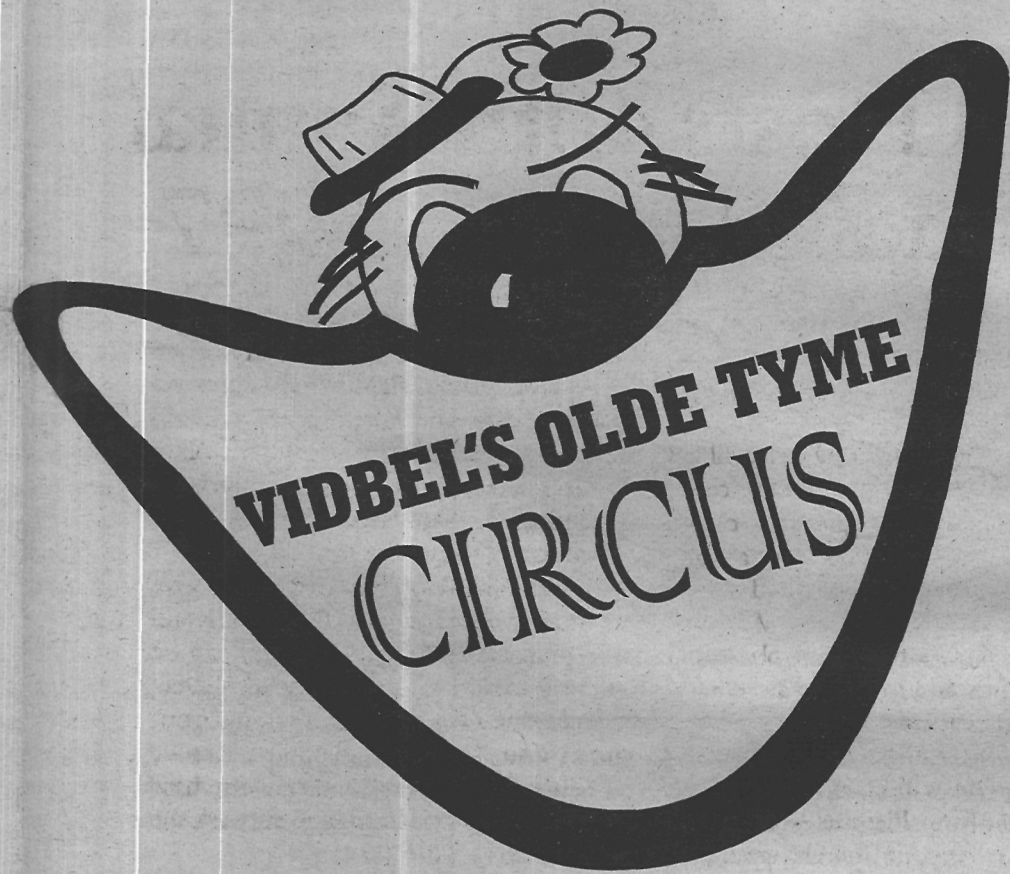
2. **JUDGES' TROPHY**
Best overall entry as determined by judges
3. **GEORGE W. L. PAGE TROPHY**
Given to the best civic entry.
4. **BEST YOUTH MUSICAL GROUP**



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Buy-Rite Auto Parts
The Bagel Stop
Casablanca Is Hair
Ciccio's Pizza

LOVES A PARADE!!



Vidbel's Circus Returns To South Plainfield

Portion of proceeds to benefit volunteer rescue squad

Vidbel's Olde Time Circus will set up its tents Labor Day in Veterans Park, South Plainfield. Each two-hour performance will feature aerial acts, clowns, trained birds, Russian Cossack riders from the Moscow Circus, a comedy canine review and more.

Show times are 2:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Tickets sold in advance are \$6 per person (adult or child). Tickets sold the day of the performances cost \$8 per person. Children ages 2 and under will be admitted free.

For every ticket sold before circus day, the South Plainfield Rescue Squad will receive 50 percent of the proceeds. The circus will donate 10 percent of the proceeds from each ticket sold the day of the performances to the volunteer organization.

Tickets are available now at B&C Deli, 100 Belmont Ave., and Vail Hardware, 189 Front St., South Plainfield. Purchases also can be arranged by calling South Plainfield Squad, Capt. Michael Zushma at 753-5612.

Trophies to be Awarded

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| <p>Awarded by judges to the best youth (high school and under) musical performing group.</p> <p>5. BEST ADULT MUSICAL GROUP Awarded by judges to the best adult musical performing group.</p> <p>6. BEST APPEARING MARCHING GROUP</p> <p>7. BEST MUNICIPAL GROUP Given to the best overall entry connected to the borough government.</p> <p>8. BEST NON-INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMING GROUP Awarded to the best appearing drill team, twirling group, gymnastic group, etc.</p> <p>9. BEST YOUTH GROUP Awarded to the best appearing youth</p> | <p>(high school and under) entry.</p> <p>10. MOST OUTSTANDING FLOAT Best overall.</p> <p>11. BEST YOUTH GROUP FLOAT High school and under.</p> <p>12. BEST CIVIC FLOAT</p> <p>13. MOST PATRIOTIC FLOAT</p> <p>14. MOST OUTSTANDING VISITING ENTRY</p> <p>15. BEST ANTIQUE VEHICLE Awarded to the best appearing antique vehicle entry of any kind entered as a separate unit.</p> <p>16. MARIE D. PAGE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AWARD Awarded to the best overall instrumental musical performance entry.</p> |
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5K LABOR DAY RUN & 1.5 MILE FAMILY FITNESS WALK

Ricochet SPASA 1997 Labor Day 5k Race Sponsors

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Ricochet Health and Racquet Club
Rodolfo's Pizza
Sherban's Diner/Restaurant
South Plainfield Liquor Store

South Plainfield Middle School
Graphics Department
Sportworld
Spring Lake Texaco Service Center
T.C. Screen Printers
Twin City Pharmacy

South Plainfield Adult School Hosts Trips

Attention Travelers:

If you would like to register or need any further information regarding these trips, please feel free to contact the Adult School at 754-4620 Ext. 213.

001. Chicago, Tuesday, September 16, 1997. Price \$93.00. Bus leaves 5:45 p.m.

015. Steamtown, USA, Saturday, September 20, 1997. Price \$64.00. Bus leaves 8:00 a.m.

986. Tavern on the Green & Museum of Natural History, Sunday, September 21, 1997. Price \$71. (INCLUDES LUNCH AT THE TAVERN)

018. Grease, September 23, 1997. Price \$68.00. Bus leaves 5:45 p.m.

010. Meadowlands Pegasus (Thoroughbred Racing) Friday, October 1, 1997. Price \$58.00. Bus leaves 6:00 p.m. Includes admission, program and International Buffet.

955. Whale Watching (Columbus Day Weekend), Friday, October 10-13, 1997. Price \$469.00 (CALL FOR ITINERARY)

954. Hawaii 3 Island, October 14-23, 1997. Price \$1699.00 (CALL FOR ITINERARY)

988. Connecticut River Valley Railroad and Boat Ride, Sat-



Jim Lenox, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, accompanies South Plainfield residents to the 1997 US Open, an annual event sponsored by the Adult School.

urday, October 18, 1997. Price \$45. (LUNCH INCLUDED)

016. Walking Tour of Soho & East Village, Saturday, October 25, 1997. Price \$39. Bus leaves 9:30 a.m.

017. Salem Boston Halloween, Thursday, October 30, 1997. Price \$389.00 per person based on Double occupancy. Bus leaves 7:00 a.m.

952. Kykuit, Saturday, November 1, 1997. Price \$57.00. (LUNCH INCLUDED)

012. Jekyll & Hyde, Tuesday, November 4, 1997. Price \$86.. Bus leaves 5:45 p.m.

951. Walt Disney World (Teachers Convention), Thursday, November 13-16, 1997. Prices starting at \$449.00 (For Adults) \$289.00 (Child) (CALL FOR ITINERARY)

989. Yule Tide Winterthur, Saturday, November 15, 1997. Price \$54.00 (LUNCH INCLUDED)

Volunteers Needed for Fall Trail Maintenance

Volunteers are needed for Fall Trail Maintenance Day at the Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve, Saturday, September 13 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Tasks include raking, pruning, and litter clean up. Call Alice Tempel at 226-7621 to register. Indicate if you have a rake, pitch fork, wheelbarrow, or pruning shears. Drinks, gloves, and litter bags will be provided.

947. Alpine Austrian Christmas, Friday, November 28, 1997. Price \$1329.00 (CALL FOR ITINERARY)

964. Niagara Falls - Festival of Lights, Friday, December 5-8 1997. Price \$399.00 (CALL FOR ITINERARY)

968. Radio City Music Christmas Show, Sunday, December 7, 1997. Price \$75.00

002. Lion King, Sunday, December 7, 1997. Price \$93.00. Bus leaves 5:45 p.m.

969. Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, Wednesday, December 10, 1997. Price \$59.

991. Christmas in Bethlehem, Saturday, December 13, 1997. Price \$64.00 (LUNCH INCLUDED)

006. Christmas At Longwood Gardens, Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997. Price \$52. Bus leaves 9:00 am

971. San Antonio New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 30-January 3, 1998. Price \$999.00 (CALL FOR ITINERARY)

009. Lion King, Thursday, January 7, 1998. Price \$93.00. Bus leaves 5:45 p.m.

014. Myrtle Beach, Sunday, March 8-14, 1998. Price \$539. per person based on double occupancy. \$100.00 deposit per person. (CALL FOR ITINERARY)

003. Mystic Seaport & Foxwood Casino, Saturday, March 28-29, 1998 Price \$139.00 per person based on double occupancy. \$ 50.00 per person deposit required. Bus leaves 8:15 a.m.

001. Washington, DC, Satur-

day, April 4-5, 1998. Price \$159.00 per person based on double occupancy. \$50.00 deposit is required per person. Bus leaves 8:00 a.m.

975. Ireland, Friday, April 10-18, 1998. Price \$1529.00 (CALL FOR ITINERARY)

005. Australia & New Zealand, April 17-May 1, 1998 Price \$3999.00 per person based on double occupancy, \$250.00 deposit required.

997. World Championship Figure Skating, Saturday, May 16, 1997. Price \$73.00. Bus leaves 11:30 a.m.

011. Bermuda "Song of America", Sunday, June 28-July 5, 1998. Price (Outside Cabin \$1399.00 per person) (Inside Cabin \$1299.00 per person.) \$250.00 deposit per person. Insurance \$89.00. (CALL FOR ITINERARY)

981. "Noah" Sight & Sound, Saturday, September 12, 1998. Price \$80.00

Blood Drive Scheduled

The Ricochet Health & Racquet Club will hold a blood drive on Thursday, September 4, 1997 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Racquet Club is located on St. Nicholas Ave. For more information please call 753-2300.

SENIOR NEWS

Pal Seniors

The South Plainfield PAL Senior Citizens Club will hold their first meeting on Sept. 9th at the PAL Building, 1250 Maple Ave., 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All South Plainfield residents age 60 and over are invited to join. Dues are \$6 annually. Features include Bingo, card games and friendly conversation.

Adult Seniors

The Adult School Seniors group will hold their monthly meeting on Friday, September 5th in the Administration Building at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and cake will be served after the meeting. All residents over the age of 60 are welcome to attend.

A craft group meets every other Monday at the Administration Building from 10:00 to noon.

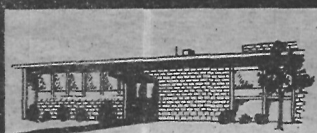
Seniors can sign up for the trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Dec. 10th for the Christmas Show. Price is \$40.00 and includes bus, food, and show. Please call Mickie at 755-2487. Transportation is available, call 754-1047.

Twice is Nice Starts 2nd Season

Twice is nice will be reopening their doors for a second season on September 2, 1997. Twice is nice is a consignment boutique for women and children clothing. This year they will be expanding to crafts on consignment. They will have bottled herbal vinegar, potpourri, wreaths and wooden crafts. They also carry a Kim Anderson gift line, which consists of frames, decorative containers and gift baskets.

Twice is nice is a recent recipient of the Glitter Award. "I was honored and flattered to be recognized by the Clean Business Association," said Darlene Pinto, owner and operator. Darlene is very active in the South Plainfield Business Association, which has spearheaded the Downtown Revitalization, under the direction of Art Muglia and Dr. Anthony DeCosta, with the combined efforts of the Mayor and Council.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



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| Monday | 10 am to 9 pm |
| Tuesday | 10 am to 6 pm |
| Wednesday | 10 am to 9 pm |
| Thursday | 10 am to 9 pm |
| Friday | 10 am to 6 pm |
| Saturday | 9 am to 5 pm |
| (July & August 9:30 am to 1:00 pm) | |
| Sunday 1:30 pm to 5 pm (except July & August) | |

MEETINGS

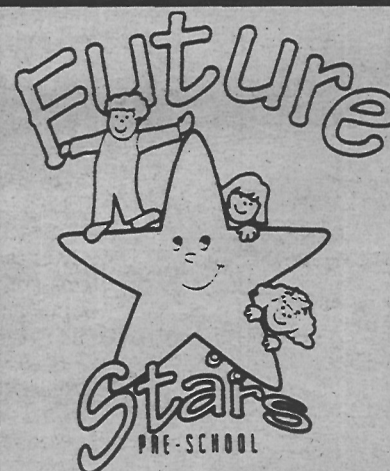
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South Plainfield 1997 Fall Athletic Schedule



(Subject to Change)

VARSITY FOOTBALL 1997

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| Sat/Sept 6 | Colonia (Scrim) | Away | 10:30am |
| Tues/Sept 9 | Hightstown (Scrim) | Away | 3:45 |
| Sat/Sept 13 | Blair Academy (Scrim) | Away | 1:00 |
| Fri/Sept 19 | Manville (Scrim) | Home | 3:45 |
| Fri/Sept 26 | Metuchen | Home | 7:00 |
| Fri/Oct 3 | Carteret | Home | 7:00 |
| Fri/Oct 10 | South Brunswick | Away | 7:00 |
| Fri/Oct 17 | Spotswood | Home | 7:00 |
| Fri/Oct 24 | Monroe Township | Home | 7:00 |
| Fri/Oct 31 | New Brunswick | Away | 7:00 |
| Fri/Nov 7 | J. F. Kennedy | Home | 7:00 |
| Sat/Nov 15 | South River | Away | 1:00 |
| Thurs/Nov 27 | Dunellen | Away | 10:30am |

JR. VARSITY FOOTBALL

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| Mon/Sept 29 | Metuchen | Away | 3:45 |
| Mon/Oct 6 | Carteret | Away | 3:45 |
| Mon/Oct 13 | South Brunswick | Home | 3:45 |
| Mon/Oct 20 | Spotswood | Away | 3:45 |
| Mon/Oct 27 | Monroe Township | Away | 3:45 |
| Mon/Nov 3 | New Brunswick | Home | 3:45 |
| Mon/Nov 10 | J.F. Kennedy | Away | 3:45 |
| Mon/Nov 17 | South River | Home | 3:45 |
| Mon/Nov 24 | Dunellen | Home | 3:45 |

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

| | | | |
|--------------|------------------|------|------|
| Fri/Oct 3:45 | Carteret | Away | 3:45 |
| Fri/Oct 10 | South Brunswick | Home | 3:45 |
| Fri/Oct 17 | Spotswood | Away | 3:45 |
| Fri/Oct 24 | North Plainfield | Away | 3:45 |
| Fri/Oct 31 | New Brunswick | Home | 3:45 |
| Fri/Nov 7 | J. F. Kennedy | Away | 3:45 |

VARSITY & JR. VARSITY—BOYS SOCCER

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------------------|------|---------|
| Wed/Sept 3 | Hackensack (Scrim) | Away | 3:45 |
| Thurs/Sept 4 | Princeton (Scrim) | Away | 3:45 |
| Tues/Sept 9 | Edison (Scrim) | Home | 3:45 |
| Thurs/Sept 11 | New Brunswick | Away | 3:45 |
| Sat/Sept 13 | J.P. Stevens | Away | 10:30am |
| Wed/Sept 17 | Metuchen | Home | 3:45 |
| Fri/Sept 19 | South River | Home | 3:45 |
| Tues/Sept 23 | Spotswood | Away | 3:45 |
| Thurs/Sept 25 | Carteret | Home | 3:45 |
| Sat/Sept 27 | Highland Park | Away | 6:00v |
| Mon/Sept 29 | J.F. Kennedy | Away | 3:45 |
| Tues/Sept 30 | North Plainfield | Home | 3:45 |
| Fri/Oct 3 | Our Lady of Good Counsel | Away | 3:45v |
| Mon/Oct 6 | Metuchen | Away | 3:45 |
| Wed/Oct 8 | South River | Away | 3:45 |
| Fri/Oct 10 | J.P. Stevens | Home | 3:45 |
| Mon/Oct 13 | Woodbridge | Home | 3:45 |
| Tues/Oct 14 | Spotswood | Home | 3:45 |
| Thurs/Oct 16 | Carteret | Away | 3:45 |
| Tues/Oct 21 | J.F. Kennedy | Home | 3:45 |
| Thurs/Oct 23 | Perth Amboy | Away | 3:45 |

VARSITY & JR. VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|------|---------|
| Tues/Sept 9 | Edison (Scrim) | Away | 3:45 |
| Sat/Sept 13 | J.P. Stevens | Home | 10:30am |
| Wed/Sept 17 | Metuchen | Away | 3:45 |
| Fri/Sept 19 | South River | Away | 3:45 |
| Tues/Sept 23 | Spotswood | Home | 3:45 |
| Thurs/Sept 25 | South Brunswick | Away | 4:35 |
| Sat/Sept 27 | Highland Park | Away | 4:00v |
| Mon/Sept 29 | J.F. Kennedy | Home | 3:45 |
| Fri/Oct 3 | St. Peters | Away | 3:45v |
| Sat/Oct 4 | Roselle Park | Away | 10:30am |
| Mon/Oct 6 | Metuchen | Home | 3:45 |

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|--------------|------------------|------|-------|
| Wed/Oct 8 | South River | Home | 3:45 |
| Mon/Oct 13 | Carteret | Away | 3:45v |
| Tues/Oct 14 | Spotswood | Away | 3:45 |
| Thurs/Oct 16 | South Brunswick | Home | 3:35 |
| Tues/Oct 21 | J.F. Kennedy | Away | 3:35 |
| Thurs/Oct 23 | Linden | Home | 3:45 |
| Fri/Oct 24 | Woodbridge | Home | 3:45 |
| | GMC Tournament | | |
| | State Tournament | | |

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

| | | | |
|--------------|--|------|------|
| Tues/Sept 16 | Perth Amboy/ North Brunswick | Away | 3:45 |
| Tues/Sept 23 | J.F. Kennedy/Edison/ Piscataway | Away | 3:45 |
| Fri/Sept 26 | South River | Away | 3:45 |
| Tues/Sept 30 | Woodbridge | Away | 3:45 |
| Tues/Oct 7 | Colonia/Carteret | Home | 3:45 |
| Tues/Oct 14 | Bishop Ahr | Away | 3:45 |
| Fri/Oct 17 | Middlesex (Pleasant Valley Park) | Away | 3:45 |
| Tues/Oct 21 | Monroe Township | Home | 3:45 |
| | GMC Meet—State Sectionals Shore—Coaches Invitational | | |

GYMNASTICS

| | | | |
|---------------|------------------|------|------|
| Tues/Sept 16 | Old Bridge | Home | 5:30 |
| Thurs/Sept 18 | Bishop Ahr | Away | 4:30 |
| Tues/Sept 23 | Piscataway | Home | 5:30 |
| Thurs/Sept 25 | South Brunswick | Away | 5:00 |
| Tues/Sept 30 | North Brunswick | Home | 5:30 |
| Tues/Oct 7 | East Brunswick | Away | 4:30 |
| Tues/Oct 14 | Sayreville | Away | 4:30 |
| Thurs/Oct 23 | GMC Tournament | | |
| | State Tournament | | |

VARSITY & JR. VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

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|---------------|------------------|------|--------|
| Mon/Sept 8 | Pingry (Scrim) | Away | 4:00v |
| Fri/Sept 19 | Piscataway | Home | 3:45 |
| Mon/Sept 22 | Union | Away | 6/7:30 |
| Thurs/Sept 26 | Metuchen | Away | 3:45 |
| Mon/Sept 29 | East Brunswick | Home | 3:45 |
| Wed/Oct 1 | Old Bridge | Home | 3:35 |
| Fri/Oct 3 | Sayreville | Away | 3:45 |
| Mon/Oct 6 | Monroe Township | Home | 3:45 |
| Wed/Oct 8 | Piscataway | Away | 3:45 |
| Tues/Oct 14 | Metuchen | Home | 3:45 |
| Thurs/Oct 16 | East Brunswick | Away | 3:45 |
| Fri/Oct 17 | Old Bridge | Away | 3:45 |
| Tues/Oct 21 | Monroe Township | Away | 3:45 |
| Thurs/Oct 23 | Sayreville | Home | 3:45 |
| Tues/Oct 28 | GMC Tournament | | |
| Tues/Nov 4 | State Tournament | | |

GIRLS TENNIS

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|--------------|---------------------|------|------|
| Thurs/Sept 4 | Bound Brook (Scrim) | Home | 3:45 |
| Mon/Sept 8 | Colonia | Home | 3:45 |
| Wed/Sept 10 | Bishop Ahr | Away | 3:45 |
| Fri/Sept 12 | Monroe Township | Away | 3:45 |
| Wed/Sept 17 | Mother Seton | Away | 3:45 |
| Fri/Sept 19 | J.F. Kennedy | Home | 3:45 |
| Mon/Sept 22 | North Brunswick | Away | 3:45 |
| Wed/Sept 24 | South Brunswick | Home | 3:45 |
| Fri/Sept 26 | Woodbridge | Home | 3:45 |
| Mon/Sept 29 | Colonia | Away | 3:45 |
| Wed/Oct 1 | Bishop Ahr | Home | 3:45 |
| Mon/Oct 6 | Monroe Township | Home | 3:34 |
| Fri/Oct 10 | Mother Seton | Home | 3:45 |
| Mon/Oct 13 | J.F. Kennedy | Away | 3:45 |
| Wed/Oct 15 | North Brunswick | Home | 3:45 |
| Fri/Oct 17 | South Brunswick | Away | 3:45 |
| Mon/Oct 20 | Woodbridge | Away | 3:45 |
| Thurs/Oct 23 | Middlesex | Home | 3:45 |

GMC Tournament—State Tournament

Obituaries

Anna Versuk Gordon, Machine operator

Ann Versuk Gordon, 83, died Thursday, Aug. 21 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Born in Palmerton, Pa., Mrs. Gordon had lived in South Plainfield since 1934. She was a machine operator at the Itran Corporation for five years before retiring in 1977. Previously, she was a machine operator for the former Gindoff & Grunthor Pocket Book Factory in South Plainfield for 30 years.

Mrs. Gordon was a member of

the First Baptist Church, and the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

Surviving are her husband, John W. Gordon, of South Plainfield; a son, John R. Gordon of Morristown; a sister, Mary Molnar of Palmerton, Pa.; three brothers, Michael Versuk, Theodore Versuk and Harry Versuk, all from Palmerton, Pa.; and a grandson.

Services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals and burial was at Hillside Cemetery.

Darren Yednak, Business owner

Darren J. Yednak, 30, died Saturday, Aug. 23, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center from injuries received in a motor-vehicle accident.

He was born in New Brunswick and was a lifelong resident of South Plainfield.

He was a 1985 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

He owned and operated AABCO Towing Co. in Bound Brook, which he co-founded three years ago.

He was a street stock-car-racing enthusiast, and built and drove his own racecars. For the past two years, he had been a

championship driver at East Windsor Speedway.

Surviving are his fiancée, Barbara L. Pawlikowski of South Plainfield; his parents, Joseph W. of South Plainfield and Mary Ann of Piscataway; a sister, Debra Matzek of Winter Park, FL, and a niece and a nephew.

Services were under the direction at the McCriskin Home for Funerals, followed by a mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, 105 Amboy Ave., Suite 104, Edison, NJ 08817.

Jack R. Sanzalone, bronze medal recipient

Jack R. Sanzalone, 72, of South Plainfield, died on Sat., Aug. 16, 1997 at Green Brook Nursing Home, in Green Brook.

He was born in Cranford and had been a resident of South Plainfield for the last 41 years. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

Mr. Sanzalone was an Army veteran of WWI where he received four Bronze Service Stars and he participated in the Normandy invasion.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Connelly Sanzalone;

two sons, John H. of Shreveport, LA and Richard Sanzalone of Scotch Plains; three daughters, Dorothy Ann Kanady of Port Charlotte, FL, Mary Kay Pope of South Plainfield, Susanne Szczepanik of Jamesburg;

one brother, Edward Sanzalone of Toms River; four sisters, Mary Coffey, Angela Wilson, and Frances Cheety all of Port Charlotte FL, and Alice LaBraccio of Mendham; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were under the direction of Conroy Funeral Home.

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| | 1 5K Run 9:25 a.m. Parade 10 a.m. Circus 2 & 4:10 p.m. Fireworks 8 p.m. Recreation Comm. 7 p.m. | 2 Board of Adjustment 8 p.m. Friends of Library 7:30 p.m. (at Library) | 3 Court 9:30 a.m. Public Celebration Committee 8 p.m. Business Advisory Group 6:30 p.m. | 4 Tax Payer's Advisory Group 7 p.m. | 5  | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Council Agenda Meeting 8 p.m. | 9 Board of Health 7:30 p.m. Planning Board 8 p.m. Library Board 7:30 p.m. (At library) Senior Citizens 10 a.m. (Pal Building) | 10 Court 9:30 a.m. Court 7 p.m. Cultural Arts 8 p.m. Environmental Commission 8 p.m. | 11 Council Meeting 8 p.m. | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Land Managment Advisory Commission 7:30 p.m. | 16 Board of Adjustment 8 p.m. | 17 Court 9:30 a.m. Court 7 p.m. | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21  | 22 Council Agenda Meeting 8 p.m. | 23 Planning Board 8 p.m. Recycling Comm. 8 p.m. | 24 Court 9:30 a.m. Court 7 p.m. Traffic Safety Advisory Commission 7 p.m. | 25 Council Meeting 8 p.m. | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | To add your listing to the next calander, send date and time to the South Plainfield Observer, c/o G & G Graphics, 530 Union Blvd, Suite 3, Middlesex, New Jersey 08846, or fax to 805-0815 | | | |

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