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## Charlie Butrico Chosen as Borough Council Candidate

With Darlene Pinto's announcement last month that she will not seek re-election this year, the Democrats have chosen Charlie Butrico as their candidate to run for her vacated seat on the Borough Council.

Democratic Chairperson Patrick Diegnan commented, "Although we are all disappointed that Darlene Pinto is going to take some time off from the council, we are thrilled that someone of Charlie Butrico's caliber will be a part of the Democratic team this year. Charlie is a life long resident of our borough. His personality, intelligence and knowledge of South Plainfield uniquely qualifies him to serve on the Borough Council."

Butrico has been a resident of South Plainfield for 41 years. He is employed at CSC Consulting, as a consultant, specializing in computer development, as well as application and project management.

Charlie and his wife, Sherry have three daughters, Dana, 17, Kristie, 15

and Michelle 12. They all attended South Plainfield public schools. The Butrico's were very active in the Roosevelt School PTA.

Charlie is a member of the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) Producing Board and a co-producer for the 2001 SDW performance. He coached his daughter's T-ball team in 1995 and was an assistant coach in softball in 1998.

Mayor Daniel Gallagher also expressed his support for Charlie Butrico saying, "I was immediately impressed with Charlie's grasp of the issues and his history of service to our Borough. Everyone knows that the Butricos are one of South Plainfield's oldest and most respected families. Charlie, his wife Sherry and their daughters, Dana, Kristie and Michelle are already deeply involved in volunteer activities. Serving on the council will be a natural extension of Charlie's community spirit. I and the rest of the team look forward to working with him."



## Voters to Decide on Future of Our Schools

Next Tuesday, April 17, voters will be going to the polls to vote in the Annual School Board Elections. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. At stake are three seats on the Board of Education. Six candidates are running for the three seats. The candidates running are Dawn Jefferys and Steven Bohn, both seeking a second term, Patricia DeSantis and Pio Pennisi, who are former board members and running for the first time are Christine Sienkielweski and Tim Morgan.

Voters will also be asked to approve the 2001/2002 School Budget. The \$39.7 million budget has increased this, but the rateables in town have also risen, therefore there will be no tax increase in the school portion of residents tax bills. The school tax rate remains the same at \$2.03 per thousand.

In addition to voting for three Board of Education members and this year's school budget, voters have an additional question on the ballot which asks them to approve a bond referendum. This question should not be confused with the school budget; it is a separate question. The bond referendum vote was originally scheduled for March 6, but was cancelled due to inclement weather and then added to the Annual School Board Election.

The wording of the bond referendum may be a little confusing, because

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## Steven Merkler This Year's Vision 2001 Art Auction Chairman



Steven Merkler

Vision 2001 is gearing up for their Sixth Annual Art Auction. The auction will be held next Friday evening, April 20 at South Plainfield High School. Previewing begins at 6 p.m. and the auction starts at 7 p.m.

Vision 2001 Education Foundation supports South Plainfield's students by seeking ways to encourage them and providing new opportunities and challenges. The annual auction offers art in all media by a variety of artists. Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be awarded. Major credit cards for purchases are accepted. Tickets are \$5.

This year's choice for honorary chairman is Former Police Chief Steven Merkler, who recently retired as South Plainfield Police Chief, after

serving since 1997.

Merkler's career began in 1974 with the East Orange Police Department, rising in the ranks until he became Police Chief in 1997. His 26 year police career didn't end when he retired. He is now working for FBI in their New York Field Office.

During his last year as chief, the South Plainfield Police department received over \$555,000 in federal forfeiture funds. That money has been used to purchase many items for our police department including a prisoner transport van, a traffic safety van, a stealth patrol car, three new detective cars, a traffic speed display trailer, a DWI breathalyzer machine, three personal computers for the detective bureau, five mobile computers for patrol cars and just recently a forensic laboratory to be used in investigating computer fraud.

Vision 2001 is a non-profit organization created to seek financial support of the business community for scholarships and other motivational programs for South Plainfield students. Founded in 1991, the fifteen member group is comprised of nine business leaders, five educators and one PTA/PTSO representative. Among the Vision 2001 projects are the Gold Card program at the high school, Tiger Gold at the middle school, endowment funds for scholarships and co-operative work opportunities for high school students.

## It's Time to Play Ball!

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club held their official opening day ceremonies last Saturday. The Grand Marshal was Robert Vietor, pictured above, receiving congratulations from the other umpires. He has been involved with the club for more than fifty years as an umpire. In his honor the umpires room has been named the "Bob Vietor Umpires Room." This year's Little Miss Junior Baseball 2001 was announced. She is Elizabeth Gratta, pictured left, with last year's Little Miss Baseball 2000 Megan Boyle and runners up, Corey Black and Kelly McCormick. See Page 8 for story and more pictures.

## School Candidates Debate The Issues

Last Wednesday evening a sparse crowd attended the only debate planned for the six candidates running for three seats on the Board of Education. For many residents, this was the first, and only, time they would have a chance to ask questions of the candidates. The debate was sponsored by the John E. Riley School PTSO and moderated by Ann Armstrong from the League of Women Voters.

The six candidates running are Dawn Jefferys and Steven Bohn, both seeking a second term, Patricia DeSantis and Pio Pennisi, who are former board members. Running for the first time are Christine Sienkielweski and Tim Morgan.

Each candidate read an opening statement, explaining a little about themselves and why they are running. Then they began to take questions from members of the audience. Some

questions were addressed to individuals and some directed to all candidates.

All candidates are supporters of the bond referendum. Each stressed how important passing the bond referendum was. They all emphasized that in order to move forward in technology and to keep up with other districts, we must first upgrade our schools. When asked what will happen if it fails again, each said the bond should be brought back before the voters again and it would probably mean higher cost to residents.

The issue of the unfilled vacancies, such as a curriculum coordinator, technology coordinator and assistant superintendent of schools and other vacancies was one of the first questions.

Pio Pennisi explained that it was one of the reasons why he was running. He felt that South Plainfield took too long to address the problem of vacan-

cies and has suffered because of it.

Dawn Jefferys said she has been lobbying very hard to fill these positions. She added that a curriculum coordinator was hired in January.

When the topic of technology was brought up Pat DeSantis agreed that we are not up to standard in technology, but if the referendum passes we will be taking a step in the right direction.

All candidates felt we should have done more to advance technology and up until now it had not been a high priority for the board.

Steve Bohn said he should have pushed more to fill those vacant positions.

The question of rehiring the same law firm was brought up and most candidates agreed that all applicants should be considered and the best one

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**Don't Forget to Vote Next Tuesday  
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meeting agenda

### council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000

**AGENDA MEETING** ..... **PUBLIC MEETING**

Monday, April 16 ..... Thursday, April 19

Monday, May 7 ..... Thursday, May 10

Monday, May 21 ..... Thursday, May 24

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

### planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 14, August 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11 and Dec. 25 (no meeting).

### zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

April 17, May 1, May 15, May 29, June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31, August 7, August 21, Sept. 4 (no meeting), Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 6 (no meeting), Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and Dec. 18.

### taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall at 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m.

### site plan sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22 (no meeting), December 27.

### recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Monday of the month, except July and August

PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

April 9, May 14, June 11, September 10,

October 8, November 12, December 10

### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9, 2002

### board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Formal Budget Hearing, Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Regular Board Mtg., Apr. 10, 8 p.m.

Committee of the Whole, May 8, 7 p.m., Regular Board Mtg., May 15, 8 p.m.

Committee of the Whole, June 12, 7 p.m., Regular Board Mtg., June 19, 8 p.m.

School Board Elections Tuesday, April 17

### business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

### traffic safety advisory commission

Meetings, held at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

Apr. 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28 and Dec. 26.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## In My Opinion

(More Letters and Candidates Backgrounds on page 7)

Dear Editor,

Sadly, on March 15, our father, Patrick J. Crilley passed away. His death was sudden and unexpected. When our mom called 911, the Rescue Squad responded within minutes and did their best.

We want to thank each member of the squad for their kindness and compassion, as well as their concern for our mom's health.

During the days leading to the funeral, we, unfortunately, had to call them again, when our mom was having trouble breathing. They responded with compassionate concern and helped her through a difficult time.

South Plainfield is lucky to have such a wonderful team of caring professionals working for them.

**GRATEFULLY,  
MAUREEN CRILLEY ZACKAY,  
FOR THE CRILLEY FAMILY**

To Jim Lenox,

I am compelled to write you regarding the bus trip to Shea Stadium for the Mets Opening Day on April 9.

You are doing a great disservice to the people of South Plainfield who receive your Adult Education booklets with the prospect of attending a wonderful trip and who call the very day the booklets are received — only to be informed that the trip has already sold out. The public apparently had been asked in your last mailing to put their name on your "waiting list." As a mother of three children (two of whom are school-age) and the wife of a teacher, I personally could not have placed my name on your "list" without knowing a date or time. Also, your brochure requests full payment at the time of registration. May I ask you how many of your "waiting list" tickets have been paid for in full the day after the brochure was received? You have totally gone against your "FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVE BASIS" policy.

Might I also add that your brochure states: *To be finalized...call to put your name on the list for information on the following trips...* Nowhere does it state that there is an actual waiting list forming for these trips.

You have created a double-standard in maintaining a waiting list and having a "first-come" basis. In the process, I'm sure you have disappointed many South Plainfield residents hoping to get a chance to attend this wonderful trip.

**NANCY HOFFMAN**

*P.S. Will YOU be attending Mets Opening Day?*

To the Editor,

On April 17, 2001 we will be voting on the future of our children and our town. The Board of Education has worked hard to keep expenses in line, while not sacrificing any programs. This budget should be passed by everyone to keep the education process going in South Plainfield. Everyone

needs to get out and vote!

By supporting the bond referendum we will be providing our children and our town with a positive step into the future. We need these expansions and upgrades to our facilities so our children can have an equal opportunity at learning. All the children will benefit with technology upgrades. As the computer/internet age continues to move forward, our children must have the opportunity to expand so they can get into their college choices and get good jobs.

We will probably never get a \$6.7 million gift from the state again. This is a great opportunity to maximize our tax dollar. Yes it will cost us ALL a little bit more every month, but aren't our children and the future of our town worth around \$10 a month. If you are thinking of selling your home in the near future, you will not get the full market value of your home if we do not have a good education system. This hurts everyone in town, including young families and seniors alike. Everyone needs to get out and vote!

The budget and referendum are critical to all the student-athletes in town. If the budget and referendum are both passed the board has assured us that there will be money for the track replacement. By getting a new track, this will allow our track team to have home meets and allow us to host the premier state track meets again. The Athletic Booster Club will again be able to make a substantial amount of money, of which 100 percent goes back to ALL the student athletes of SPHS. If every parent of a student-athlete voted yes for the budget and referendum, it would pass with flying colors. Everyone needs to get out and vote!

I would also like to support Dawn Jefferys for her experience, Tim Morgan for his fresh ideas and Chris Sienkiewicz for her abilities as a preschool director.

Make sure you vote YES on April 17 for the budget and the NEEDED referendum.

**NORM LOENSER**

To All Parents,

On April 17th, you will be electing three members to the South Plainfield Board of Education. One candidate, Pio Pennisi, is a graduate of SPHS and a life-long resident who has dedicated his life to educating and nurturing children. Pio has always been involved with the lives of children. He has taught them in the classroom and coached them on the field. There is no arguing, after reading all the endorsements for him these past few weeks, that he is most qualified for the position of board of education

member.

However, even more important than his educational experience, is that he is just good for kids. We at the SPJBC are happy that Pio has joined our family and is coaching our children. Even more excited are we with the prospect of having him serve all the children of South Plainfield on a board of education member. Please join us in supporting a true home-grown child advocate, Pio Pennisi, by voting Line 3, on April 17.

**TONY CASSANO, COMM.**

**SO. PLFD. JR. BASEBALL CLUB**

Dear Editor,

"We all need someone we can lean on" - sounds like a familiar tune, and the realization is we have someone right here in South Plainfield to lean on. That is Dawn Jefferys. She is running for re-election to the Board of Education. Dawn is not only a present Board member, she is also a Taxpayer in our town and *most importantly*, a parent. She is honest and open minded and is readily available to help anyone with a problem or concern. If she doesn't have the answer, be assured she will find the answer for you. Her efforts are for all of our children and their needs. We need her and her voice on our board to represent us and our children. Please vote Line 1 for Dawn Jefferys.

**DAVE & CINDY EICHLER**

Dear Editor,

I have been following most closely the articles and advertisements concerning the upcoming Board of Education elections.

This is an issue which should really be of concern to the citizens of South Plainfield. Outrageous amounts of money are being asked for by the Board and the overall feeling I get is that it is expected, without question. To expect people to believe that a minimum increase in their property tax will be the end result of this election is absolutely absurd. We are not naive.

With reference to the candidates for the Board, I do feel it will be in the best interest to not vote for candidates

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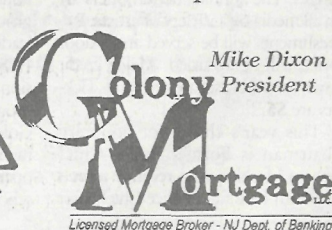
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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

We've got a lot of ground to cover this week, so let's go quickly to news from the South Plainfield Library:

The Library will be closed Good Friday, April 13, and Easter Sunday, April 15. Due to the fact that April 15 falls on a Sunday this year, citizens are receiving a 24-hour stay of taxation. But zero hour arrives on Monday. We still have NJ State and Federal tax forms and related publications available, including extension forms. For further information, our Internet terminals can link you to the State Department of Taxation and the IRS. But, once again, be aware that Library staff members are strictly prohibited from offering tax advice. (That's what accountants are for.) So, if you haven't filed a return yet, you better get to work. You're burning daylight, here!

We're offering an abbreviated schedule of children's Storytime programs next week. The programs will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30 and Wednesday evening at 6:30. The programs are for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. Our usual Thursday program has been cancelled for next week. And there are a couple of special children's programs on the horizon. On Friday, April 20, we'll hold this month's

Kidcraft program at 4 p.m. This program is for children ages six and over; space is limited, so please call (908) 754-7885 to register. And, on Thursday, April 26, our usual Thursday Storytime is being replaced by a program called "Afraid of Clowns?". Moogie the Clown will visit and tell children about clowns and what they do. She'll also show traditional clown props and demonstrate clown make-up. For more information, check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

Once again, South Plainfield Library is the place to go for bargains. The Friends of the Library will hold their Annual Book & Bake Sale on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. We'll be accepting donations of sale items starting April 23. We're looking for slightly used books, videos, CDs, audiocassettes and record albums in good condition. (We're not accepting textbooks or encyclopedias, though.) If you're interested in providing baked goods for the sale, please stop by the main desk for details.

As if all of this weren't enough, there's another special event coming up. On Friday, April 27, we'll be participating with the Friends of the Woods and the South Plainfield Environmental Commission in a program for Arbor Day. There will be a tree planting on the grounds between the Library and the Rescue Squad building. Also, the program will include information for children on the importance of planting and caring for trees. For more information about this program, check with Dorothy Miele, the president of the Friends of the Woods, at (908) 754-3073 or email the group at SPNatureTrails@cs.com.

Speaking of Dorothy Miele, she's presenting the items on our display wall this month. It's an assortment of art created by her students, who range in age from 6 years old to adult. A variety of media are represented, including pastels, watercolors and acrylic paint. The display will be in place throughout the month. Meanwhile, our display cabinet features items provided by local resident Mary Ferraro. In recognition of both Earth Day and Arbor Day, the display is called, "What can we get from a well-managed forest?"

That's all for now. Catch you later.

## Business Assoc. Will Donate to Three Charities

During their regular monthly meeting, the South Plainfield Business Association voted to give a donation to three separate charities. They are the Matheny School located in Peapack, the Valerie Fund and the Cancer Institute.

The Matheny School specializes in the care and treatment of children and adults with complex physical and neurological disabilities. The Valerie Fund aids children with blood disorders and The Cancer Institute helps children who are suffering from cancer.

The Business Association is moving ahead with their golf outing, which will be held on Tuesday, May 1 at the Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor. This year every golfer is guaranteed to win a car! Prizes include a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize.

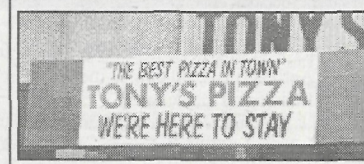
Fundraising, Sunshine and Welcome Committees are in the process of being formed.

The Business Association is looking for new members. President Bill McCriskin is personally inviting any past member to come back and help regenerate this organization. He also said he wants everyone to get involved by welcoming new businesses in town and finding out what our businesses need in the way of support. So plan to attend the next meeting and why not bring a friend along. The meeting will be held next Thursday, April 19 at 9 a.m. in Sherbans.

## AARP Seeking Photographer

AARP Chapter 4144 is in need of a photographer who can volunteer his/her services at the May 18, 2001 meeting, which will be held at the PAL Building on Maple Ave., in South Plainfield, at 12 noon.

If you can help or know someone who can help, please call Mary at (732) 752-3764.



## We're Here to Stay...

Two stores in the Golden Acres Shopping have placed signs above their businesses to let customers know they are still there. Renovations are planned for the shopping center, but no exact date has been set.

## Borough Notes

### Council Notes

• Mayor Dan Gallagher reported that he has met with the owners of Golden Acres Shopping Center. Cassie Construction Co. has been awarded the contract for the renovations of the mall. He also reported that the lease for space that Bradlees occupied has been sold. The renovations will begin as soon as the new tenet decides exactly how much space they will need.

• Halls Trucking will once again pay the lease on the vehicle used by the Fire Chief at a cost of \$4,800. They also leased the last vehicle for the fire chief.

• Theresa Caslow, Carol Hunterdon and Theodore Rubino have all handed their resignation from the Taxpayers Advisory Group.

• Councilwoman Darlene Pinto announced that Code Enforcement Officer Mike Zushma has been very busy. He investigated 106 complaints, issued 22 violations and 30 summonses.

• A grant for \$40,000 has been received to renovate the bathrooms in Borough Hall to become handicapped. Renovation plans are in the works to give the police department more space by using space from the engineering department.

• A new video system will be installed at the cost of \$10,000 to do video arraignments for prisoners. This will free-up the police, who now must transport prisoners here from Middlesex County Jail for arraignments.

## Help Wanted for Spring Trail Maintenance

Friends of the Woods are sponsoring a Spring Trail maintenance at the Highland Ave. Woods Environmental Education Reserve on Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The South Plainfield Environmental Commission and Friends of the Woods are asking for volunteers to come and help with such tasks as pruning, weeding, planting, trail clearing, etc. Volunteers are asked bring garden supplies, such as: pruning shears, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows.

Participants should meet at the Sylvania Place entrance (off of So. Clinton Ave.) Registration is not required. You should wear sturdy shoes.

For more information, call (908) 226-7621.

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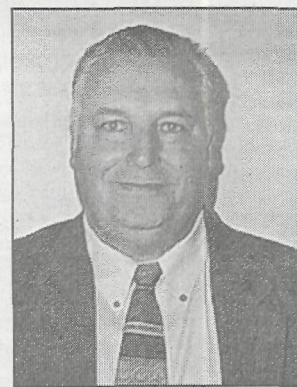
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## PIO PENNISI FOR

SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
BOARD OF EDUCATION



- Life long resident and a graduate of SPHS with two children in the district
- Committed his life to the field of education as a teacher, coach and now principal
- Dedicated his time and energy to South Plainfield and its youth (Traveling soccer coach, little league baseball coach, and former board of education member)

## EXPERIENCE, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT

VOTE LINE 3 ON APRIL 17TH

Paid for by Pio Pennisi, 1401 Cherry St.



# Around Town

## Easter Egg Hunt at PAL Recreation

April 14

The South Plainfield Recreation Department Annual Easter Egg Hunt, has been rescheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. South Plainfield children, up to 9 years old are invited to attend the hunt behind the PAL building. Parents are asked to bring baskets. Harvey the Bunny will be present.

## Workshop on How to Deal With Chronic Pain

April 17

Dr. Patrick Aiello has announced that he will be holding a workshop entitled "How to Deal With Chronic Pain and Arthritis by Natural Means." The workshop will be held at Aiello Chiropractic Center, located at 2201 South Clinton Ave., on Tuesday, April 17 and starts at 7 p.m.

Unfortunately, all too many people suffer from chronic pain and arthritis. With degenerative and chronic conditions, it is important to educate the people who are suffering from these problems as to the best ways to deal with these problems naturally. This informative one-hour workshop will deal with just this topic.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 16 to reserve your seat in this valuable workshop. For more information call Dr. Aiello at 755-2289 or email SoPlfldDoc@aol.com.

## Vision 2001 Annual Art Auction to be Held

April 20

The South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation's Sixth Annual Art Auction will be held on Friday, Apr. 20, at 7 p.m. in the South Plainfield High School Cafeteria.

This year former Police Chief Steven Merkler will be the Honorary Chairperson for this annual Vision 2001 fundraiser.

Vision 2001 recognizes residents who have made an impact on the children of South Plainfield and felt that Chief Merkler's services to the residents of South Plainfield have definitely made such that impact.

## AARP Chapter #4144 Meeting

April 20

The next meeting of AARP Chap-

ter #4144 will be held on Friday, April 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the PAL Building on Maple Ave.

The speaker for the April meeting is Richard Miller, a Certified Elder Law Attorney, from Parsippany, who will discuss the benefits of planning with your children your Power of Attorney, wills, etc., and other matters they should know if you become incapacitated. He will take questions from the audience.

The AARP is also offering a six day, five night trip from July 15 to 20 to Montreal, Quebec City and Lake George to all who are interested. Cost is \$560 double and \$710 single occupancy.

Call Lee at (732) 968-6613 or Mary at (732) 752-3764 for information and reservations. Be prepared to leave a message.

## VFW 55th Anniversary Celebration

April 21

Memorial Post #6763 will celebrate their 55th anniversary with a dinner dance on Saturday, April 21 at the Post located on Front street.

The evening will start off with a cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a hot and cold buffet. There will be an open bar and music by "The Show-Offs," and more. Donations are \$20 per person.

For more information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily and after 12 noon on weekends.

## Recreation Plans Trip to Atlantic City

April 22

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is planning a trip to Atlantic City on Sunday, April 22. The bus leaves the PAL at 11 a.m. Price is \$15 per person with a return of \$14 in coins.

Tickets can be purchased at the PAL Building, located on Maple Ave.

## Vendors Sought for Flea Market/Fair

April 28

The South Plainfield Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council are seeking vendors for their Family Fair and Flea Market to be held on Saturday, April 28 (rain date is May 5). The event takes place at the South Plainfield Middle School

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Set up 7:30 to 9 a.m. Clean up is 4 to 5 p.m.

Registration fee is \$15 for a 15x5 ft. area. Each additional space is \$10. You must supply your own table. Sorry, no food vendors!

For further information, call Debra Krawiec at (908) 757-9432 or Sharon Snogan at (908) 755-7481.

## Elks Planning Annual Comedy Show

April 28

The Elks will be holding their Annual Comedy Show, with a hypnotist on Saturday, April 28 from 7 to 11 p.m. Food and beverages are included in the price of \$30 per person. Only 100 tickets will be sold for this event.

For more information call (908) 668-9750.

## SP Business Association Hosting Golf Outing

May 1

On Tuesday, May 1, the South Plainfield Business Association will host a golf outing, at the Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor.

The event will include green fees and cart, continental breakfast, open bar, BBQ luncheon, and prizes. For additional information, contact Bob Longo at (908) 753-7004.

## Rec Announces Trip to Papermill Playhouse

May 9

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to the Papermill Playhouse to see *Funny Girl*.

The bus leaves the PAL at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. Register at the PAL.

## Columbiettes Plan Trip to Bingo World in Baltimore

June 2

The South Plainfield Columbiettes are sponsoring a bus trip to Bingo World in Baltimore on Saturday, June 2.

The bus will leave the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. at 7:30 a.m. and return after the last game of the afternoon session.

Cost of the trip is \$55 and includes driver gratuity and admission pack for the main session. We will arrive in time to purchase discount early bird packs.

For additional information and reservations, call Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222.

This trip is open to Bingo lovers.

## Trip To See Mets Vs. Braves Planned

June 23

Sacred Heart Church has planned a trip to the Mets vs. Braves on Saturday, Jun. 23. Seats are located in the downstairs loge.

Cost for the trip is \$43, which includes game ticket, transportation and driver gratuity. The trip is open to everyone. Reservations can be made by calling the parish center at (908) 756-0633, ext. 11, or Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222.

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## —Out of Town—

## Alliance Bible Church To perform Passion Play

April 13, 14

*A Day To Remember...A Passion Play*, will be performed at Alliance Bible Church in Warren, on April 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for all performances are free and can be obtained by contacting the church office at (732) 469-1425.

The church is located at 52 Mount Horeb Road in Warren, N.J. just minutes off Interstate 78.

For additional information or directions, contact the church office at 732-469-1425.

## KISMET To Host 'Singles Event'

April 18

"The Basics of Investing: Surviving Market Volatility", a singles event being hosted by KISMET, invites all to attend this event on Wednesday, Apr. 18, from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The event will be held at 109 North Avenue, Westfield, on the third floor. Please be advised that there is ample parking. \$10 at the door includes interactive presentation, refreshments and an opportunity to mingle.

For more information, contact KISMET at (908) 232-8827, or visit [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.com).

## Oak Tree Presbyterian Trash & Treasure Sale

April 21

The Women's Association of Oak Tree Presbyterian Church will hold its annual "Trash & Treasure" Sale on Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include household goods, small appliances, toys, games, books, jewelry, sports items, infant/children's items, holiday decor & many types of baked goods. All proceeds will go to the church. No early birds!

## Children's Health and Wellness Fair

April 21

A Children's Health and Wellness fair will be held on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, located at Park Ave. and W. 8th St.

This free event is sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Plainfield Chapter.

For more information call Veronica at (908) 412-0555

## CHATS To Hold Meeting

April 23

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support), will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, April 23, at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Avenue, North Plainfield. Featured guest will be Betsy Forrest, "I Was a Happy Adoptee—and Then I Was 'Found'!" Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or visit their website at <http://community/nj.com/cc/chats>.

## WOWs To Sponsor Fundraiser Social

April 29

The Woodbridge WOWs will sponsor its fifth Sunday fundraiser social on Sunday, April 29. Festivities will be held at the Elks Lodge, 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, NJ, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 and includes light refreshments. This social is opened to friends and family and everyone is welcomed.

Featured for your dancing and listening pleasure will be "Steve Berger and Debbie."

For more information, call Dot at (732) 634-0059 or Carol at (732) 634-0297.

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Pictured are staff members who received tenure at a recent Board of Education meeting. They are Theresa Tempe, left, secretary and Diane Mandel from Kennedy School.

## School Board Candidates Debate the Issues

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hired. Steve Bohn said he would not vote to appoint the same law firm.

The present grading system, in which a 92 is an A, was discussed. Most candidates said they have no problem with the present system. Pio Pennisi said we should change the mark to a 90, to even the playing field, especially when applying for colleges.

Privatizing school services was rejected by most of the candidates, saying that you lose ownership and take jobs away from people in our community. Pio Pennisi said he was on the board when the custodians were privatized

and voted no. Tim Morgan and Dawn Jefferys said it should be considered on an individual basis, saying that sometimes it is a way to get more professionals.

On improving communications all candidates agreed that we need to listen to our kids more and if there is a problem, report it immediately. Steve Bohn said the newsletter to residents has been a great communicator. Pat DeSantis said would like to see a radio station in the high school.

Each candidate said that they support The Future Stars program.

## John E. Riley School Kindergarten Orientation

Sign-ups for Kindergarten orientation for John E. Riley School will take place on Wednesday, April 25, from 9 - 11 a.m. and 12 noon - 2 p.m. in the main lobby.

The orientation program will be held on Monday, May 14, and Monday, May 21. The A.M. Session will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

and the P.M. session will be 12 noon - 2 p.m.

The program will include meeting the staff at John E. Riley, a tour of the school, activities, story time and a brief school bus ride.

For additional information, please contact Paula at (908) 668-7845.

## Friends of the Woods...

### "Historic Tree" Planting At South Plainfield Public Library

By Dorothy Miele

There will be a new edition at the South Plainfield Public Library this month, but it is not a book.

The Friends of the Woods and the South Plainfield Environmental Commission are donating a Famous and Historic Tree to be planted between the library and rescue squad buildings on Arbor Day, Friday, April 27. Each Arbor Day another native historic tree will be planted forming a historic grove, complete with plaques commemorating the trees and benches for library patrons. Children will learn the importance of planting and caring for trees at each year's celebration, and learn about the event or individual for whom the tree is named.

In addition, the small grove of trees shading the library will reduce its air conditioning costs, save energy, and make the interior environment more comfortable.

The concept of the Famous and Historic Tree Program was begun in

1917 by American Forests, the nation's oldest nonprofit citizens' organization. The group propagates offspring of trees of historical significance ranging from the American Revolution to the US Space Program. These trees, offspring from seeds or cuttings, are living witnesses of historical events.

The first historic tree to be planted at the library will be an Edgar Allen Poe hackberry. The hackberry, *Celtis occidentalis*, is a native species and a member of the elm family. It is a hardy tree that grows well in our USDA climate zone six. It thrives in sunny areas, likes rich, moist soils, but will tolerate dry periods. Hackberry can withstand high heat, dry winds and urban pollution. At maturity, it will reach a height of 70' with a spread of 50'. Forty eight species of birds eat the dark red fruits that mature in late summer or autumn. Among those birds are cedar waxwings, cardinals, mockingbirds, robins, common flickers, northern orioles and titmice, but not ravens.

The library's new tree has been grown from a hand picked seed from the Edgar Allen Poe Hackberry, located in the Enchanted Garden at the Poe Museum in Richmond, Virginia. Poe, who authored "The Raven," "The Pit and the Pendulum," and "The Tell-Tale Heart," was raised, married, and gained national recognition while residing in a house just a few blocks from the Old Stone House that is the Poe Museum in Richmond. The gardens surrounding the mu-

seum have carefully landscaped using the descriptions in Poe's poems, "To One in Paradise," and "To Helen."

The public is invited to attend the April 27 Arbor Day tree planting ceremony, beginning at 3:30 p.m. After an entertaining program that will include music by Tim Lawlor, The Friends of the Woods will distribute free trees. Participants are invited indoors to view the forest products exhibit in the library's display cases.

A second program on trees will be held at Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. Join Mary Ferraro, a forester with the Department of Environmental Protection, for a walk in the woods. Ms. Ferraro is a former high school biology teacher and Shade Tree Commissioner in Bound Brook. She recently completed her masters degree in forestry from the University of Maine. Free trees, tree publications and kid's coloring books will be distributed on a first come basis.

The reserve is located on Sylvania Place off South Clinton Avenue in South Plainfield. Heavy rain will cancel the program. For more information, call Dr. Alice Tempel at (908) 226-7621, or Dorothy Miele at (908) 754-3073. Be sure to check out the Friends of the Woods website at <http://community.nj.com/cc/friends-of-the-woods>.

Dorothy Miele is President of the Woods, Inc. and an associate member of the South Plainfield Environmental Commission.

## Brian M. Taylor, Receives Architectural License

Brian M. Taylor has successfully completed the State of New Jersey's requirements to receive his license as a registered architect. Completion of a three-year architectural internship and the Architect's Registration Examination are necessary to receive the professional license to practice architecture in New Jersey.

Taylor is a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the architects state professional association. He is a graduate of the New Jersey School of Architecture at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, NJ.

As project manager with the firm of Cornerstone Architectural Group, located in South Plainfield, Taylor has designed and managed several significant building projects in central New Jersey. Projects that he is responsible for include; a 128,000 square foot state-of-the-art refrigerated and freezer facility for Preferred Foods in Jersey City; the renovations to the Hampton Inn located in Parsippany, and a 27,000 square foot warehouse building for Crown Plaza Business Center in Hazlet.

He is also the Technology Manager for the firm and is responsible for the firm's computer systems and automated drafting technology. Taylor and his family live in Iselin.

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**Holy Thursday, April 12....** 7 p.m. — Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist.  
Church will be open until 10 p.m. for adoration.

**Good Friday, April 13.....** 3 p.m.—Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross & Communion Service

7 p.m. — Stations of the Cross and Tenebrae Service

**Holy Saturday, April 14....** Blessing of Easter Food: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. at entrance of the church  
7 p.m. — Easter Vigil Mass & Services

**Easter Sunday, April 15....** 8 a.m. — Easter Sunrise Mass  
11 a.m. — Easter Day High Mass

## South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop Scholarship

Applications are now available for the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop scholarship. Applicants must be a graduating senior who has participated in the theatre program, whether on stage, in the orchestra or behind the scenes. Applications are available from the South Plainfield High School guidance office or by visiting [www.spsclw.com](http://www.spsclw.com) and downloading from the site.

The completed applications must be returned by April 30.

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# HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS HISTORY of South Plainfield AT 75th Birthday Celebration

Last month South Plainfield held special ceremonies celebrating our 75th birthday. Hundreds of residents attended this special council meeting and everyone went away feeling pretty good about our town. The mayor and council re-enacted the very first council meeting. The historical society not only displayed pictures of South Plainfield in past years, they also presented the history of our town in a unique way. Four of the members took the part of

a past resident and read a small synopsis what happened during the years that person lived here. The four were Mary Mazepa, Bill Tuthill, Arline Anthony and Scott Culver. For all of those who could not attend, we are going to print the history each person read and also show a few more pictures of the evenings festivities. This 75th birthday celebration was planned by the South Plainfield Celebrations Committee and chaired by Borough Administrator Pat Vargo.



**Abigail Drake**  
**Read by Mary Mazepa**

My name is Abigail Drake. Today is March 19, 1778. Let me tell you a little about my home town. Our little town was founded back in 1664 as a part of Piscataway Township which covers one half of Middlesex County. Our families moved here from New England. My grandfather told me about the Indian tribes that lived here when he first arrived. Since we were Quakers, we got along peacefully with the Lenape Indians who inhabited the area. The Indians loved to hunt around the lake which is right across the way. It doesn't have a name but it is fed by natural springs. There are only about 40 families who live here. My husband Abraham and I own a tavern in what is called the Samptown Area. We earn a living serving travelers on the main road from Elizabeth to New Brunswick. There was a lot of activity in the war around here last year. As you probably know, the British occupied these parts from December of 1776 to June of 1777. They burnt a lot of houses, but thank God they didn't touch our place. General Washington was almost captured by that no good Lord Cornwallis. In fact, Cornwallis and his troops marched right in front of this building last June trying to catch General Washington, but he hightailed it to higher ground. The Continental army did a good counter attack and those Red Coats ran and hid in Staten Island. Hopefully the war will end soon because we are all suffering badly. When the war is over I think we should give that General Washington a special job in our new country. What do you think? Wouldn't he make a handsome King?



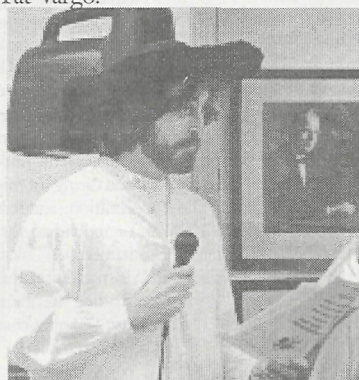
**Mary Blackford**  
**Read by Arline Anthony**

Today is March 19, 1912 and my name is Mary Blackford. Our little town is really changing. We just sold the family farm to a gentleman by the name of Tom Harris and he wants to build a steel plant here. Just last year, The Spicer Manufacturing Company built a plant at the other end of our street, New Market. The Rock Wool Corporation bought the old Elliot farm in the middle of the block. All of these companies are building along the Lehigh Valley Railroad line. Our town is really growing. We have our school and the First Baptist church on Lehigh Street in what we call New Brooklyn. Do you know the story of how the church ended up there?

Well in 1879 some of the congregation wanted to remain in the old church building, which used to be where the Baptist Cemetery is right near our farm. Some wanted to move to where the church is now. Well they couldn't agree, but God works in mysterious ways.

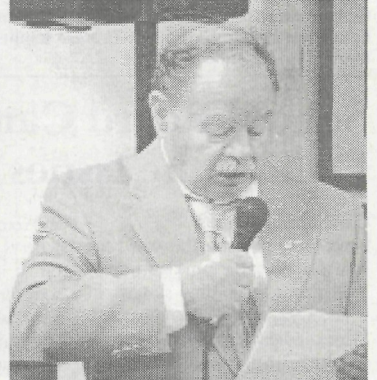
One night a spark from a passing locomotive train set the church building afire. The minister rather than yelling for the fire brigade starting singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" and the church had to be moved. The old Samptown School has been closed and all of the children are now being taught at our beautiful school named after General Grant, the civil war hero. They are now letting the girls attend with the boys, even though, of course, they go in by separate entrances in the morning. A few years back we got our first Catholic Church in town.

A few of the boys just bought the old Webster house on Lehigh Street and they are pooling their money to form a fire fighting brigade. They are going to call it the Lehigh Volunteer Fire Company.



**John Geary**  
**Read by Scott Culver**

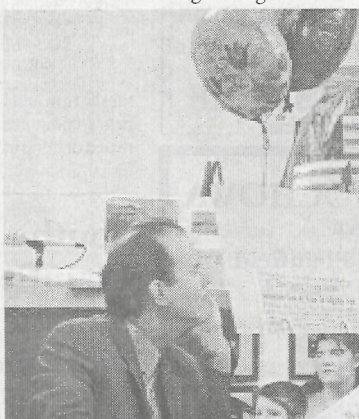
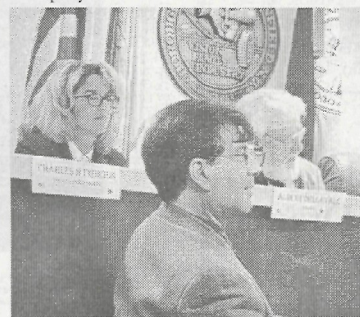
Hello, today is March 19, 1946. My name is John Geary and my family owns the farm on Plainfield Ave. Exactly 20 years ago, we broke away from Piscataway and became South Plainfield, New Jersey. Lehigh Street is now called Hamilton Boulevard in honor of our first mayor, William Hamilton. Now that the war is over, things are really booming in our little Borough. In 1936, Cornell-Dublier took over the old Spicer plant. They make tubes for radios and they are busy as heck. Over half of the people in town work there. The old amusement park on Maple Ave. closed down a few years back, when the water company dried up the lake. I used to have a lot of fun on the old Merry Go Round at Holly Park. In fact I still have some of the post cards saying, "Wish you were here in Holly Park." Well I guess that's progress. My favorite day of the week is Sunday afternoon, when my brothers and I go to Hadley field to see the air shows. You know that young Henry Apgar is talking about running for mayor. He'll never let anyone forget that he was there when the first mail flight took off on July 1, 1925. There were over 1,000 people there last Sunday to watch the air shows. Boy I hope they never tear that airport down. A builder who wants to buy the farm for houses has contacted my dad. You know with the boys coming home from Europe there is going to be a real need for houses. We just hate to lose the family name though. Things are really getting crowded in town; somebody told me that we have almost 5,300 residents. Who would ever thought little South Plainfield would get so big.



**Mayor John George**  
**Read by Bill Tuthill**

It's March 19, 1972 and my name is Mayor John George. Boy, has our little borough grown. We now have this beautiful new municipal building, library, rescue squad building and fire department building, which were all built within the last seven years. We have six schools in town and we will start construction on our new high school building within the next couple of months. The north side of our town is almost totally built and now with the new Middlesex Mall going up—there is starting to be a little development on the south side. I doubt if it will ever get developed, because of the lack of sanitary sewers. What do you think of the beautiful new church they built at Sacred Heart a few years ago? Our population is now over 21,000 people. They are also starting a building fund to construct a new church at Our Lady of Czestochowa. Reverend John Skwara says it will be done by 1976, and if you know Father John, it will be done.

Just think from our early Quaker Days, South Plainfield has grown into a suburban town with 10 churches of different denominations! With the new Route 287, this is a town where businesses will want to locate. Prudential is just the start. I can see a day when South Plainfield will be considered a business hub of central New Jersey. I think we have a bright future and I think we should all be excited about it!







Steve Bohn



Pat DeSantis



Dawn Jefferys

## In My Opinion



Tim Morgan



Pio Pennisi



Chris Sienkiewski

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who are teachers, principals, etc., as though no one will admit it, it presents a conflict of interest, especially when voting on salary increases, budgets, benefits, etc. We do need Board members who are economically realistic and are willing to stand up for these realities.

Hopefully, the citizens of So. Plainfield will seriously consider what is takes in this election and get out and vote, or else some of us might end up being financially forced out of town.

**PATRICIA MCDONOUGH**

Dear Editor,

I was pleased to see that my neighbor, Pio Pennisi, is running for the Board of Education. Pio has lived here in South Plainfield his entire life. He went to school here, and his two children attend South Plainfield schools.

This is a man who gives his time to community organizations, coaches baseball and soccer in town, and knows what South Plainfield is all about. In addition, Pio is an educator himself, having served as a science teacher, coach, athletic director, and now principal, in nearby Duncellen for more than twenty years. Check out his resume! If being on the Board of Education were a paid position, and it's not, could we even find a more qualified candidate? I think not. Join me on April 17 in voting for Pio Pennisi for the South Plainfield Board of Education. Vote Line 3.

**DOREEN CRAIG**

**Residents of South Plainfield,**

It is difficult to believe that three years have passed since being elected to the South Plainfield Board of Education. For those who do not know me, I am a fifteen year resident of this community, married with two sons, Nick, who will enter high school and Michael, who will enter fourth grade at Riley school this fall.

When I asked for your vote three years ago, I expressed my concerns as a parent. I believe it is my duty to keep involved, informed and active in all areas that affect my children. Second only to parents, our educators, and the quality of education has the greatest influence over our children. By participating in the process, keeping informed of all developments and promoting the importance of education, is the only way for our children to succeed.

When I asked for your support three years ago I expressed my concerns in the area of curriculum, the lack of a strategic plan, and back then, the impending development on the south side of our community. I was concerned about our school security, and the safety of our bused students and the lack of communication and approachability of the Board of Ed.

While no one Board of Education member can take credit for the accomplishments of a nine-member board, I can say I lobbied for and have seen accomplishments in the areas I was concerned.

Our bused students are safe because all buses are equipped with seat belts as per our bid specs. All elementary schools now have security systems in place protecting our children from just anyone entering our buildings without the front office's knowledge.

All community members were invited to participate in the plan that is before you now to address our children's needs in technology, classroom space and the need of upgraded electrical service and the replacement of the original boilers, when the building was built, at the Middle school.

Many participated in the process and that recommendation is now before you. Community Contact Newsletters are mailed to each resident keeping the community informed about all district business, newly hired educators are introduced, information about the budget and Bond Referendum objectives have been clearly communicated throughout the process. There is no resident, child, or staff member who has approached me, whether by telephone or out within our community that I have not assisted when asked. I believe most will agree the Board is more approachable and accessible than in the past, this is largely due to active Board members in this community who are willing to hear what you have to say.

A new superintendent has been searched for and found and shortly he will name his assistant superintendent. The Board has approved a Director of Guidance, who will be responsible for all areas of guidance, elementary through high, ensuring that no child will fall through the cracks. This will also ensure our curriculum is continually reviewed, and its implementation will be equal in all schools and in line with the core curriculum standards.

Our children need members of the Board that will represent their interests, the quality of education and the fiscal responsibility of managing a 39 million dollar budget, roughly eighty percent of your local tax dollar. I have been involved in three budgets that have had no increase in your tax dollar, it is a balancing act to manage this efficiently without compromising the quality of education, and we have done this through responsible spending.

I have taken the initiative to attend all NJ School Boards training and workshops relevant to the committees I was assigned as a member of your. I have earned the title of Certified Board Member and Master Board Member in three years. In the three years I have served on your Board of Education, I have missed only one meeting. I follow the code of ethics I have sworn to keep closely.

There is much more to do; it is time to place our children on equal footing with our surrounding communities in the area of technology, we fall below the State average and it is time for change. Our referendum proposal will address the lack of electrical service preventing us from moving forward. Our strategic plan needs to be refreshed and all on board to see its success. Our curriculum has to be continually reviewed and implemented equally through all elementary schools.

I believe I have been an attentive, responsible member of your Board of Education and community.

There is much more to do. I hope you will support my re-election by voting Line 1. I believe Chris Sienkiewski, Line 6 and Tim Morgan, Line 2, will do the same. I hope you will also the two questions before you and invest in our children, our community and our future as a community.

**SINCERELY,  
DAWN JEFFERYS**

**To the Editor,**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for Steven Bohn. As a Senior Citizen and active member of the Sacred Heart Church, I can assure you that Steven Bohn understands the importance of a quality education and the needs of senior citizens like myself.

Steven Bohn made me aware of a program that gives a tax reimburse-

ment to Senior Citizens. This program is the New Jersey Property Tax Reimbursement, (Form PTR-1). It is information like this that helps show that Steven Bohn understands senior citizens on fixed incomes. I hope you join me in supporting Steven Bohn by voting Line 5.

**DOROTHY MERCIER**

**Residents of South Plainfield,**

My name is Chris Sienkiewski and I am seeking election to the South Plainfield Board of Education. I have lived in this community for 42 years and graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1971. After graduating from Jersey City State College with an Early Childhood Education degree, I taught children in West New York, Fairview, NJ, Tacoma, Washington, and South Plainfield. For the past 16 years I have been the director at Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center. My husband, Rich and I have a son, Joseph who is presently a freshman at North Park University in Chicago.

Volunteering became an important part of my life when I became a member of the South Plainfield Junior Woman's Club. I was able to learn leadership skills when I attended Zig Zigler Seminars and worked with organizations who needed to showcase their programs with our organization. In 1996, I was elected Director of the Junior Membership for the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. In that capacity I conducted and chaired meetings with women throughout New Jersey on various issues. I am currently on their Board of Directors as the State Legislative Chairman. My duties include following legislation in both Trenton and Washington and formulating resolutions for the federation. I also serve on the Board of Directors for the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Washington, D.C as their National Resource Conservation Chairman.

The GFWC is the largest women's volunteer organization on an International level. These positions have given me the opportunity to volunteer with women from all over the United States and work with organizations, such as the Valarie Fund, in which I have helped work on advocacy programs, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Association for Humane and Environmental Education, with their Kids and Kindness Program. I have had the opportunity to conduct workshops on public advocacy campaigns, community improvement, and leadership.

As a member of the Referendum Committee, I witnessed a group of volunteers make a commitment to the children of South Plainfield. Individuals with varying ideas and equally varying ways of accomplishing them, decided as a unified group to insure a good education for our children and prepare for their future. And more importantly, the members of this committee put aside their own ideas and listened to one another in order to meet the needs of the children.

It is evident that South Plainfield is growing in ways that require a new understanding of where our children's future is heading. Education and technology is developing at such a fast pace that there seems to be a generation gap in how we were taught in the old days to how our children are learning today. We need to utilize the efforts of an entire team, consisting of teachers, parents, administrators, and the Board of Education who can meet the challenges of our fast paced society and at the same time make decisions in the best interests of all children. Today's classroom curriculum must

meet new guidelines and standards, yet be flexible enough to reach the varying learning styles of its recipients. It is so important that we sit at both sides of the desk; as teachers and parents, to understand what is required by our children and how we can apply new technology, creative methods, and parenting styles, and at the same time keep to budgets and limit unnecessary overspending.

My experiences as a volunteer and a professional educator, have given me the skills to communicate effectively with others, to listen to new ideas and to assist in reaching particular objectives. A member of the Board of Education will require creativity, leadership skills, some imagination, and fortitude and I believe I can bring these qualities to the Board. On April 17, you will have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our children. You will need to decide which three people have the skills to accomplish these tasks. And you will need to make your own commitment to future generations by saying "YES" to the referendum and "YES" to the 2001-2002 school budget.

**CHRIS SIENKIEWSKI**

**To the Voters of South Plainfield**

My name is Steven Bohn and I am running for reelection to the South Plainfield Board of Education. I have lived in South Plainfield for nearly 10 years with my wife, Dorothea, and our three children, Jessica, Jamie and Stephanie. As a parent, I deeply care about the quality of education of our children.

I am also committed to keeping school costs reasonable. I am keenly aware of the need to control taxes so that senior citizens, such as my mother-in-law, are not given an unfair burden.

Having over 13 years experience in law enforcement, I am committed to assuring the safety of both our students and staff. Through my training in law enforcement, I have specialized skills in methods to heighten security without creating a harsh environment in our schools. During my board tenure, I have helped install a security system at all the elementary schools and instituted narcotics control procedures in the high school and middle school.

If I am reelected to the Board of Education, I promise you that I will:

- Be an advocate for excellent and creative programs for our children, as I have in the past years.

- Use my training and expertise to see that the schools are safe for our children.

- Work to assure that senior citizens are not subjected to unfair tax increase.

- Be accessible to any citizen about education services or safety issues.

Thank you for your support in letting me represent you on the board of education. I will not disappoint you or our children. Please vote Line 5.

**STEVEN BOHN**

**To the Editor,**

I attended the Candidates Forum on April 4. It was interesting to see what lengths some would go to be elected.

I am particularly concerned over answers to the teacher attendance and lack of substitutes question. When asked what each candidate would do to improve teacher attendance, I was livid over the answers of some.

Mr. Pennisi, Mr. Bohn and Mrs. DeSantis all answered in various forms of improving the working conditions. Mr. Pennisi said if teachers are not coming to work, we must work to

improve the environment they work in. Mrs. DeSantis and Bohn agreed. What a typical response of another educator! There must be something wrong with the work environment!

The implication that our community, and our children are difficult to work for is insulting. Instead of coming up with excuses, I agree with the candidates I will be supporting, have the principals we are paying to manage each building address and track attendance of those who are abusing or abnormally absent. They should be held to the same standard our children are held to and the rest of the work force is held to.

Do they not realize when absent, the children lose that day of education? A babysitter is sent in, a day or class period is wasted, and an important day of their education is lost.

Let those who criticize our work environment visit a nearby district that does not have parental support and involvement, parents who are aware of the importance of attending school daily.

I will be voting for Dawn Jefferys, Tim Morgan and Chris Sienkiewski, who all answered that the building principal should be aware, and address the problem employee and protect the quality of our children's education.

Isn't it obvious who the others are running to represent? Certainly not children and taxpayers! Vote Lines 1, 2, and 6.

**JOHN T. REINER**

**Residents of South Plainfield.**

My name is Pio Pennisi. I live on Cherry St. with my wife, Lynn, and our two children, Kelly, a junior in high school and Christopher, a fifth grader at Franklin. I am a graduate of South Plainfield High School and a life-long resident. I am currently a principal in a neighboring district, as well as a baseball and soccer coach in town. My life has been, and will continue to be, devoted to kids.

The reason I'm for running for the Board of Education is very simple. I am concerned about the education of our youth. Over the past several years, the Board has been very successful in keeping budgets down and watching spending. Areas that are even more important, have fallen through the cracks. These areas are curriculum, technology and staffing. These three areas directly affect our children. There is no way to skimp on these without having a negative impact on the education of our kids. Some of my concerns are:

**Curriculum**—Why are all the elementary schools not following the same curriculum and class timelines? Why are scores low on state mandated tests and so different from school to school?

**Technology**—Why are we, as a district, so far behind neighboring districts, even though we have more resources? Why did I just come from a Middlesex County Coordinated Services Technology Committee meeting where I was asked why South Plainfield has not been represented this year?

**Staffing**—Why are teachers leaving the district for other districts? Why is it difficult to recruit quality new teachers for South Plainfield?

These are just a few concerns that I have and that I will address if elected. I am not trying to blame anyone or trying to point fingers, I just believe we need to focus on the business we are in—and that is giving the children of South Plainfield the best education possible, second to none. Vote Line 3.

**PIO PENNISI**



# Sports

## South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Begins 2001 Season



Tony Cassano presents the Commissioners Award to Adny Pinto, from Pinto Bros. Disposal for offering both himself and his equipment, many times on short notice, in cleaning and repairing all the ball fields.



The 2001 Lifetime Membership Award was presented to Dave and Cindy Eichler. Dave is now in his seventh year of coaching. He has also served as Trustee and Executive Board Member for four years. He is also entering his fourth year of umpiring. Cindy is the first woman to receive this honor. She has been involved with the Woman's Auxilliary for many years and just served two years as president. The Woman's Auxilliary has donated many items to the baseball complex in the past few years.



John Stallone was also presented the Commissioner's Award for his work as the Booster Chariman. This year the club collected over \$14,000 from their canning program. This is an all time record for the baseball club.



The 2001 Women's Auxiliary Executive Board are President Stacey Lake, Vice President Jancy Jacubik, Treasurer Tammy Cassano and Secretary Kathy Polin.



This new sign marks the entrance to the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Clubs entrance.





# Sports

## Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller



### Opening Day Ceremonies—April 14

Unfortunately, due to the rain, our opening day ceremonies and all games on April 7 were cancelled. Ceremonies have been rescheduled for Saturday, April 14 at 11:45 a.m. Please join us at the Pitt Street Park Complex for the festivities. All games on April 14 will be played according to schedule beginning at 9:30 am

### Softball Jackets-Ordering Deadline—April 15

Sportworld is offering a light, lined, nylon jacket in green with the players name on the front and the ponytail logo on the back. There are two styles available, zip-down and pullover. The jackets are available in both adult and youth sizes. Don't forget to use your discount coupon supplied by the Ponytail Parents' Association. The coupon must be presented to Sportworld at the time you place your order. Please see your coach if you have not yet received your coupon. The last day to place orders is April 15.

### Ponytail Softball Pictures—April 21

There has been a revision to the location of pictures. All individual and team pictures will be taken indoors at the PAL Recreation Center on April 21. Order forms will be distributed by the coaches. Players and coaches need to arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

### College Scholarships - Filing Deadline—May 4

The Ponytail Parents' Association is sponsoring two \$500 college scholarships. Applications are currently being accepted and can be obtained from the South Plainfield High School guidance office. To qualify for the scholarships, the applicant must be a high schools senior graduating this June, a current resident of South Plainfield, and have played for a minimum of three years in the South Plainfield Recreation Department's Ponytail Softball League. The filing deadline is May 4, 2001. All completed applications should be returned to SPPPA, P.O. Box 441, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

### All-Star Try Outs—May 6

Try-outs for the summer All-Star teams will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 1 p.m. at Pitt Street Park for the 12 & under and 14 & under teams. There has been a revision to the try-out date for the 10 and under team. Try-outs will now be held on May 5 at 4:30 p.m. One team per age group will be formed.

### Age Requirements

**C League Team** - Girls must be 10 & under as of 12/31/00. Tryouts will take place on field C.

**B League Team** - Girls must be 12 & under as of 12/31/00. Tryouts will take place on field B.

**A League Team** - Girls must be 14 & under as of 12/31/00. Tryouts will take place on field A.

### Pool Party—June 8

The Ponytail Parents' Association will be sponsoring an end of season pool party. This event is open to all Recreation Ponytail softball players, so please join us on June 8, at the South Plainfield Community pool. In the event of rain, the end of season party will be held indoors at the PAL Recreation Center.

## School Board Elections

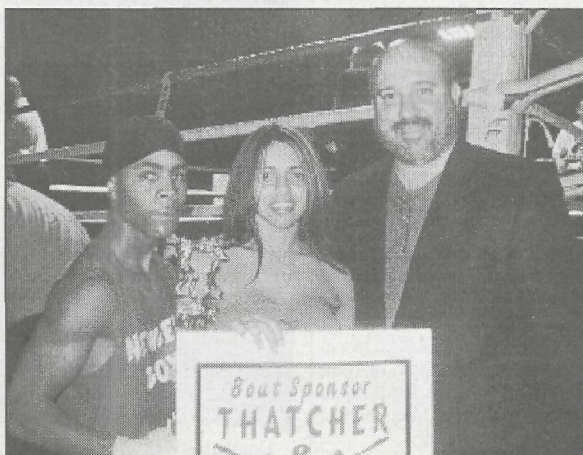
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of the way it is written. Just keep in mind that the total cost of the bond is \$19.3 million, but the state will be kicking in \$6.6 million of that cost, so the cost to taxpayers is actually \$12.6 million. This bond covers a new Roosevelt school, adding eight classrooms to Grant and upgrading all of the schools with electricity and technology. It also includes new boilers for the Middle School.

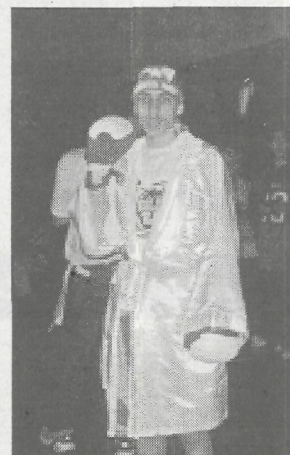
According to Frank Mikorski, the line to get this school construction aid from the state is growing everyday. If

this bond doesn't pass, it unlikely we will get in on this special school-aid funding package the state is making available to the school districts.

The replacement money for the Jost Field track, which was on the previous two failed bond referendums is not on this referendum. Instead the Board has placed funding for this item on the regular budget. However it is not a done deal; if the referendum does not pass, this money will be used to replace the boilers in the Middle School.



Pictured are a few pictures from the Golden Gloves Tournament held last weekend. The event was sponsored by PBA 100 and the High School Athletic Boosters. See next weeks issue for more pictures and story.



## SPHS Winter Sports Awards Presented

On Wednesday, April 4, South Plainfield High School held its Annual Winter Sports Award ceremony, to honor the season's athletes and their teams.

**Girls Soccer:** GMC All-Star Team-Blue Division — *Shannon Bishop*

**Gymnastics:** State Champion Runner-up - Uneven Bars — *Kim Dziomba*

**Girls Basketball:** Most Assists — *Shannon Bishop*; Blue Collar Award — *Cathy Nguyen*; Most Improved — *Erica Parks*; MVP — *Kelly Ritchey*; Offensive Player — *Kelly Ritchey*; 150% Award — *Kristina Cwiekal*; Defensive Player — *Christine Strani*; Most Steals, Most Rebounds, Rookie of the Year — *Jessa Jones*

**Boys Basketball:** Rookie of the Year — *Rodney Jones*; MVP — *Ulysses Russell*

**Girls Bowling:** White Division Champions; Rookie of the Year — *Vicki Boley*; MVP, GMC Champ, All-Division Team, All-Conference Team, 1st Team All-State, Central Jersey Bowler of the Year — *Melissa Jamieson*

**Boys Bowling:** Rookie of the Year — *Jeff Smith*; MVP, All-Area Team, All-Division, GMC Bronze Award Winner — *Roy Tomei*

**Girls Swimming:** GMC Tournament Champion — 50 yd. & 100 yd. Freestyle — *Katy Kacza*

**Girls Winter Track:** Rookie of the Year — *Shannon Dabrio*; MVP — *Danielle Schweers*

**Boys Track:** Rookie of the Year — *Ian Levine*; Iron Man Award — *Michael Edgecomb*; 1st All-White Division Champion — Hurdles — *Brian Wilson*; MVP — *Mike DeSimone* & *Tim Morgan*

**Cheerleading:** Rookie of the Year

— *Jessica Liberty*; MVP — *Joanne Michalski* & *Adrienne Nagy*

**Competition Cheerleading:** National Champions — Rookie of the Year — *Carly Stoeckel*; MVP — *John Tempe* & *Lacey Walter*

**Wrestling:** GMC Champion, District Champion, Region Champion — *John Foscolo* (2 time State Place - 7/8); GMC Champion, District Champion, Region Champion — *Rich Gebauer* (State Place - 4th); 4 time District Champion, Region Champion — *Roberto Ramos*; GMC Champion, District Champion, Region Champion — *Matt Anderson* (State runner - up); District Champion — *Scott Doerr* (region runner - up and state place 7/8); GMC Champion — *Glenn Gross* (region runner - up); District Champion — *Danny DeAndrea* (region runner - up)

Submitted by Debbie Bishop



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## Sacred Heart Church

149 South Plainfield Ave. South Plainfield, NJ  
Rev. John P. Alvarado, Pastor

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

GOOD FRIDAY - April 13

9 a.m. - Morning Prayer  
3 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death  
7:30 p.m. - "The Way of the Cross"

HOLY SATURDAY April 14

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.  
Blessing of Easter Food at 12 Noon  
Solemn Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass at 8 p.m.  
EASTER SUNDAY  
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord  
April 15. 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.



# Terra Nova Garden Club News

The Terra Nova Garden Club will provide Garden Therapy at 1 p.m. on April 18, at the Muhlenberg Adultcare Facility in Plainfield.

The April monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday April 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the North Edison Library, 777 Grove Avenue, Edison. New members are always welcome.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Dorothy Miele whose presentation is entitled "Plant Species and Birds in the Highland Ave. Woods." Dot is a

member of the South Plainfield Environmental Commission specializing in the birds and plants at the Highland Ave. Woods Nature Preserve.

This presentation precludes a planned trip to the woods in May. Reminder: The Terra Nova Garden Club is celebrating our 50th Anniversary with a luncheon on Thursday, November 15.

For ticket information, contact Kay McCormack at 732-548-1976.

## Obituaries

### Margaret (Booth) Flannery, 77

Margaret (Booth) Flannery of South Plainfield, died on Wednesday, April 4, at the JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates in Edison.

She was born in Newark and has been a resident of South Plainfield for the last 45 years.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and a member of the Alter Rosary Society. She was a former member of the Ladies Auxillary of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Francis T. Flannery, six sons, Thomas K. of Bridgewater, Joseph and Kevin of South Plainfield, John and Michael, both of Montville, and James Flannery of Stewartville; six daughters, Frances Flannery and Christine Marks, both of South Plainfield, Mary Ann Lee of Middlesex, Janet Giardino of Waldwick, Eleanor Martin of Rindge, NH and Maureen Barnett of

Dunellen; two sisters, Mildred Moran and Eleanor Booth, both of Point Pleasant; two brothers, James Booth of Point Pleasant, and John Booth of Brick.

Also surviving are 24 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

### Philip A. Mango, 68

Philip A. Mango of Piscataway, died on Thursday April 5, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born and raised in Plainfield before moving to Piscataway 37 years ago.

Mr. Mango was a heavy equipment operator for Sheldon Concrete in Watchung, for 30 years before retiring in 1996.

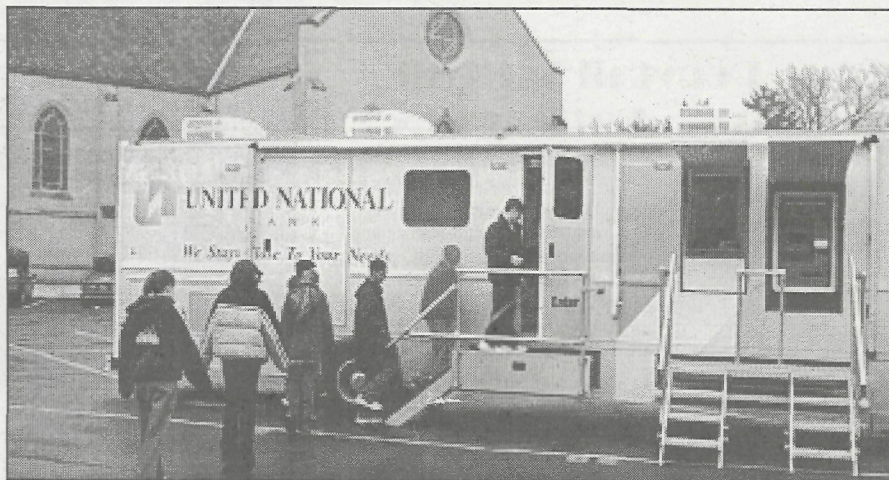
He was an avid bowler and belonged to many leagues throughout the area. In the late 1950's he bowled a perfect 300 game at the former Plainfield Rec. He loved woodworking and home repairs and was the family handyman.

He was a member of Our Lady Fatima RC Church in Piscataway.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Angelina (Sis) (Laquino) Mango; three sons, Phillip Mango Jr. of Summerville, SC; Joseph and Michael Mango, both of Piscataway; a brother, John Mango of Naples, Fla. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Lisa, Jessica, Bryan and Christine Mango.

Funeral services were held at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

# United National Bank Mobile Unit Makes a Visit to Sacred Heart School



United National Bank brought their mobile bank on wheels to Sacred Heart School a few weeks ago. This unit is actually a full service bank.

Students and teachers from Sacred Heart toured the bank, complete with a teller window, an ATM machine and all of the amenities of a regular bank. The mobile unit travels to assisted liv-

ing facilities, corporations in the area and senior citizens housing apartments. It's great for those who have no transportation or can't get out to the bank. This bank comes to them.

The mobile unit is manned by Helena Alparone, Antoinette Lynch, Aguilés Mendoza and Antoniette M. Tamburro.



## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1560

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING ON A PORTION OF MAIN STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, April 5, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk  
\$15.00 Friday, April 13, 2001

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1561

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance # 1561 entitled: AN AMENDING ORDINANCE #1509, OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 13, 2001 and that a public hearing be held on Thursday, May 10, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1561

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1509 OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, which appropriated \$150,000.00 for the expansion of the PAL Recreation Facility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1) the South Plainfield Wrestling Club's \$50,000.00 contribution for the PAL expansion project be deposited into Ordinance # 1509

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with New Jersey Law.

Approved April 5, 2001  
Mayor Daniel Gallagher

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk  
\$36.00 Friday, April 13, 2001

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1564

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance # 1564 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$286,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 13, 2001 and that a public hearing be held on Thursday, May 10, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1564

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$286,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY THAT:

A fully funded Ordinance appropriating \$286,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to resurface various roads throughout the Borough.

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Approved April 5, 2001  
Mayor Daniel Gallagher

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk  
\$34.00 Friday, April 13, 2001

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1562

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance # 1562 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A BUS STOP ON OAK TREE AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 13, 2001 and that a public hearing be held on Thursday, May 10, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1562

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A BUS STOP ON OAK TREE AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The following location is hereby designated as a Bus Stop:

1. Along Oak Tree Road westbound on the northerly side at:

Park Avenue and Woodland Avenue (mid-block)

Beginning 825 feet east of the easterly curb line of Park Avenue and extending 135 feet easterly there from.

Section 2. All Ordinances or part of Ordinances, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law and with the approval of the Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with New Jersey Law.

Approved April 5, 2001  
Mayor Daniel Gallagher

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk  
\$69.00 BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD Friday, April 13, 2001

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1563

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance # 1563 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE YARDWASTE FACILITY, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 13, 2001 and that a public hearing be held on Thursday, May 10, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1563

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE YARDWASTE FACILITY, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The yard waste facility located on Kenneth Avenue is to be utilized for receiving grass, leaves and brush generated by the residents of the Borough of South Plainfield. The method of disposing of grass, leaves and brush will be done in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield. It shall also be subject to any existing or subsequently executed agreements between the Borough of South Plainfield and the Middlesex County Improvement Authority controlling and regulating yard waste recycling and marketing services.

Section 2. PERSONS PERMITTED TO USE THE FACILITY; exceptions

The use of the yard waste facility is hereby restricted to either the owner, occupant or renter occupant of the property assessed as Class II residential and shall be transported to the yard waste facility in their private non-commercial vehicle.

Section 3. PERSONS PROHIBITED FROM USING THE FACILITY.

The following persons are prohibited from using the yard waste facility.

A. Persons who do not reside in the Borough of South Plainfield.

B. Persons wishing to deposit grass, leaves, or brush from places other than their homes in the Borough of South Plainfield

C. Persons depositing grass, leaves, and brush from a business.

D. Commercial firms or landscapers.

Section 4. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following materials shall be accepted in the yard waste facility;

Brush: twigs, branches up to 4 inches diameter, shrubs.

Grass clippings: freshly mown grass, no more than the equivalent of three (3) thirty (30) gallon garbage cans at any one time.

Leaves: in biodegradable paper bags only.

A) The Borough Clerk shall issue a yearly sticker to be affixed on the residents private, non-commercial vehicle which shall qualify the resident to utilize the yard waste facility.

B. The window sticker shall be effective from April 1 of the calendar year until March 31st of the subsequent calendar year.

C) In the event that a resident is utilizing a vehicle not owned by them or a vehicle with commercial plates, they must obtain a one day pass from the Borough Clerk's Office in order to utilize the yard waste facility.

Section 5: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

For each violation of any provision of this Chapter there shall be a fine imposed not to exceed One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars. In addition to the above penalties, the violator will not be permitted to use the yard waste facility for a period of one year.

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Approved April 5, 2001  
Mayor Daniel Gallagher

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk  
\$108.00 Friday, April 13, 2001

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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Michael Czarnik requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 28' x 12' x 48' high above ground pool, proposed pool lacks required a 30' front setback from Norwood Ave., 4' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 211 Lot 10 on the South Plainfield Tax Map. For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on May 1, 2001 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m. The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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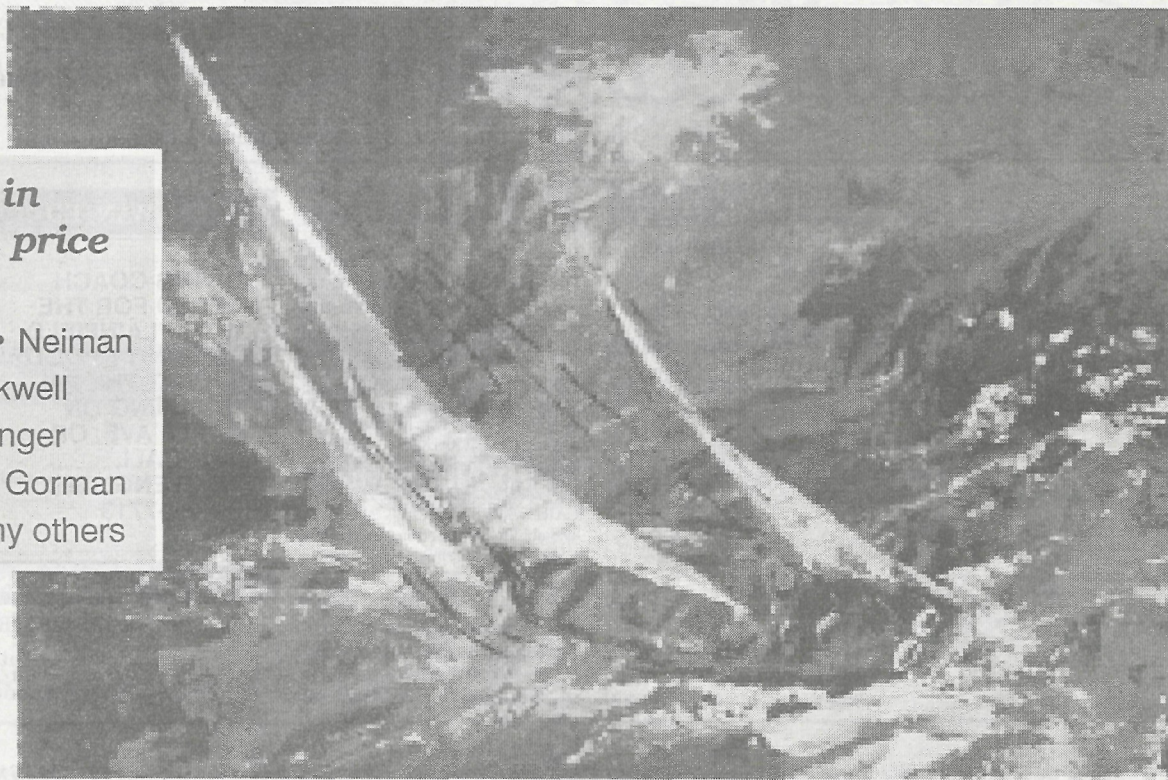
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