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State Gives $220K Back to District

By Libby Barsky

With the help of Assemblyman Pat Diegnan, the Board of Education has recovered $220,000 in reimbursement funds from the State of New Jersey.

"It was a remarkable accomplishment, because I don't think that a year ago anyone had any hope of recovering this money," said Superintendent Robert Rosado.

The $220,000 amount comes from the employer's portion of the social security payments. There are two sections of Social Security, with payments made by the employees and employer. The employees' portion is withheld by the district for payroll taxes and that check is forwarded to the state department of taxation. The employer–the BOE–also sends a check to the state and when an application is made, that amount is reimbursed to the district.

"The board in 2002 didn't file for reimbursement and the state department told us that in 2003 it would be impossible to give us the money back because their books were closed and it would be next to impossible to get the funds back to us," said Rosado.

Assemblyman Pat Diegnan was called on for his help. "It was something I've been working on for a while," said Diegnan.

"What I had to do was to intercede with the State Treasurer John McCormac and explain the circumstances. It took a little bit of work but I am happy to say that McCormac and Acting Governor Richard Codey were good listeners and sympathetic to South Plainfield's situation and they realized that this was a unique situation, because it was money that the Board would have received if they had applied for it," said Diegnan.

"That's the nice part of the job: to do things for your hometown. If you aren't there, you are not aware of these things and therefore the municipality doesn't get what it otherwise would have gotten," Diegnan added. Diegnan with the help of State Senator Barbara Buono were also instrumental in obtaining a grant for the district's World Language program.

"The $200,000 will go to our fund balance," said Rosado. "It helps tremendously for emergencies - if anything breaks down," he added.

This statue dedicated to firemen has been placed at the South Plainfield Fireman's Memorial. Watch for a story on its construction in a future issue of the *Observer*. Contributions made be made by calling (908) 756-4761.

Left to right: Officer Matthew Mahoney, Sgt. James Parker, Lt. Peter Arancio, Officers Shaun Clifford, Wayne Diana, Gov. Richard Codey, Lt. Charles Siedenburg, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Officer John Petriello and Police Chief John Ferraro. Not pictured is Officer Mark Bullock.

Eight Honored by 200 Club

The 200 Club of Middlesex County honored eight South Plainfield Police Officers at their Awards Banquet held on May 19 at the Forsgate Country Club. The event was attended by Gov. Richard Codey, South Plainfield Mayor Dan Gallagher and Police Chief John Ferraro.

The 200 Club recognized Officer Wayne Diana, who received two awards: the 2004 Valor Award and a 2004 Meritorious Award. Also receiving Meritorious Awards were Lt. Peter Arancio, Lt. Charles Seidenburg, Officer John Petriello, Officer Mark Bullock, Sgt. James Parker, Officer Matthew Mahoney and Officer Shaun Clifford. The awards were based on two incidents which took place in South Plainfield.

Diana, Arancio, Siedenburg, Petriello and Bullock were recognized for the professionalism displayed in handling a potential suicide attempt in March of 2004. After receiving a call

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Five Chosen for High School Hall of Fame

Five candidates have been selected for this year's South Plainfield High School Hall of Fame. They are Richard Conklin, Roger Catarino, Dr. Walter Kozumbo, Thomas McCreesh and Clifford Smith. Acknowledging these successful graduates recognizes them as leaders in their fields and provides current high school students with positive role models from their own community.

The Hall of Fame was established at South Plainfield High School to honor graduates for achievements in business, government, academia, community service and the humanities.

Richard Conklin, who was killed while on police duty in 1972, will be honored posthumously. He attended Sacred Heart and Grant School and graduated SPHS in 1963. After completing his military service, Conklin joined the South Plainfield Police Department in 1967. During his five-year career, Conklin received numerous commendations and had earned the respect of his fellow officers, his superiors and the citizens of South Plainfield. On January 21, 1972, while escorting a mentally ill patient to the hospital, Conklin make the ultimate sacrifice, when he was shot and killed with his own service weapon by that patient. Conklin was nominated by former Police Chief

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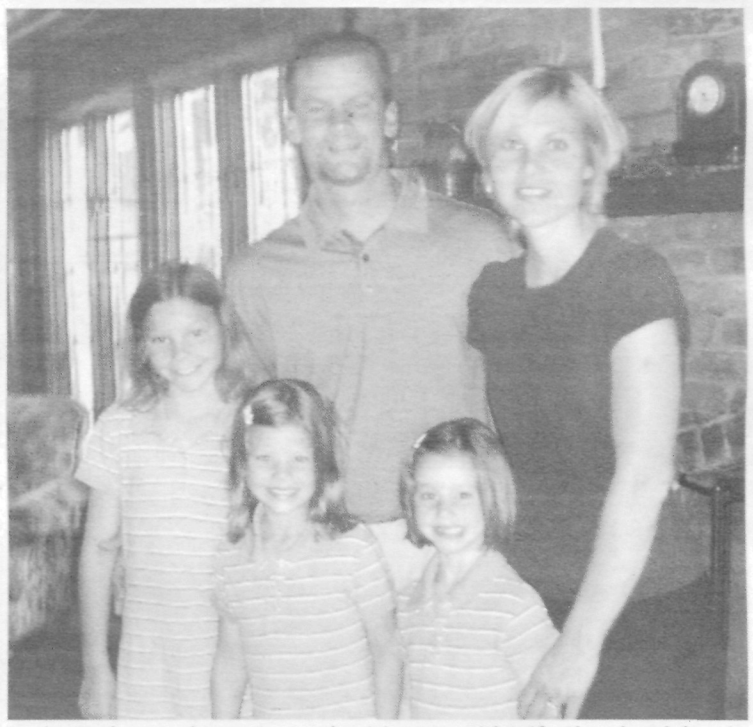
Officer Vincent Campagna congratulates Jimmy Schulkes after winning a bike at last weekend's annual bike rodeo. He is pictured here with his mom June and Ron Sward of Physical Therapy of South Plainfield who donated the bike. For story and additional photos see page 8.



Kevin Hughes, Assistant Recreation Director, with wife Cheryl and daughters, Shanon 9, Meghan 7 and Caitlin 5, starts his new position June 1.

Hughes Joins Rec Dept.

By Libby Barsky

Kevin Hughes, who has taught health and physical education for 10 years, will be taking on the position of assistant recreation director beginning on June 1.

Accepting the position will be a career change for Hughes and he will also be taking a salary cut. But Hughes has no qualms about the position. "My career goals were always to be an administrator. Indian Hills is a phenomenal district, I would not have left there for another teaching position. I would have sought an administrative one. Now I have the chance to do that and live in the town that I work in. This is a unique opportunity and I wanted to take advantage of it. I'm really excited about it," said Hughes.

Another advantage for Hughes is ending the daily two-and-one-half-hour drive to get to Indian Hill High School in Oakland, located in Bergen County.

Hughes decided to leave his teaching position at Indian Hills

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council meetings

Borough Hall Council Chambers

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
June 7	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
June 21	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
July 12	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
June 14, June 28, July 5*, July 19*, Aug. 16*, Aug. 30*,
Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 29*, Dec. 13, Dec. 27.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
June 9, June 23, July 14, July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 25,
Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10*, Dec. 8, Dec. 22.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. June 7, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, 2006, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.
Regular Board Meeting Tuesdays at 8 p.m. June 14, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, 2006, Feb. 21. March 21 and April 4.

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the last Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
June 28, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 7 and Dec. 13.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621
June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, 2006

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

traffic safety advisory commission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.
June 20, July18, August 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. and March 20.

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IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend South Plainfield Middle School Cultural Arts teacher, Dale Salisbury and his assistant, Ellyn Schwartz, for the outstanding performance of "Holder Posey" on May 5 and 6. The show was full of humor and many fun-filled clues to who the real Holder Posey was. The players were excellent in their roles. These children have been practicing for this show since October 2004 and their performance was nothing short of great. Thumbs up to the cast and crew.

I would also like to commend Cultural Arts/Music Teacher Joan Stasio and teacher Lori Stolz at Grant Central School for your outstanding performance of "Fiddler on the Roof." The show was full of dialogue, humor and wonderful singing performances. This was a great feat for such young children to perform so well. Hats off to you, the performers and the crew.

Riley School third and fourth grade students will be performing a mini-musical called "Forever Summer" directed by Joanne Gurske, music teacher and myself. Mini-musicals were performed in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. The children really enjoy the stage and singing for the audience. Please come and see their delightful performance on June 10 at 1:15 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

SINCERELY,
DEBBIE BOYLE, CO-DIRECTOR,
RILEY DRAMA PROGRAM

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to inform everyone of an unfortunate situation in the high school. Last Sunday, an ad appeared in the paper advertising for the high school band position. This means that Mark Tweed will no longer be directing the high school bands. I believe that this is a great misfortune, seeing what Mark has accomplished with the students and the program. This is a man that, in my estimation, has gone above and beyond what he was hired to do. Why someone, who is running a successful program, would be removed from a position for no apparent reason is beyond me! He has been a great teacher and mentor to my son and I will be sorry to see him leave. I only hope that this decision to do this has only the best interest of the kids in mind and no personal agendas! Let's remember that we are only here for the kids and to do what's best for them!

SINCERELY,
JOHN ROESCH,
MUSIC BOOSTER PRESIDENT

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the residents, business owners, players, and parents of the local communities for their participation and generous contributions to the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Clubs annual booster weekends held in April and May.

Special thanks to Al Liszewski, Jerry Harris, Debbie Boyle, Charlie Huber, Bill Cochrane, Lee Flanagan and John Papa as well as all of the other board members, coaches and parents who contributed their time. Their combined efforts contributed to a very successful fundraiser which will be used to subsidize the cost of uniforms, equipment and maintaining the playing facilities for the youth of South Plainfield.

BUDDY HUTCHISON, CHAIRMAN
– BOOSTER COMMITTEE, SPJBC

Dear Editor,

This year has been an extremely positive year for our Special Olympians in South Plainfield. There is a specific group of individuals that need to be recognized for their continued dedication to our athletes throughout the past years.

I would personally like to thank the South Plainfield Elks for their numerous monetary donations to the Area 5–Middlesex/Union County Special Olympics. Without their donations, the athletes would not have been able to participate in this year's regional event hosted Saturday, May 7 in Carteret.

Also, these wonderful individuals donated 40 shorts so that our athletes would all match this year while they were competing in their events. Thanks also to Coach Aroneo and her husband Frank, who donated brand new uniforms for our athletes to wear on the day of the event. With the support of the South Plainfield Elks and Mr. and Mrs. Aroneo, our athletes looked sharp and represented our town like true athletes. This was one of their requests last year and these generous individuals made their request reality.

We also appreciate the Elks' hospitality when they host our end of the season parties every year. The athletes always look forward to celebrating with them at the lodge. All I can say is thank you for all that you do for us! You are all commended for what you do for these dedicated athletes. Thank you!

KEVIN HAJDUK

Dear Editor,

For the past ten years I have been chairperson for the Family Breakfast at Kennedy School. I recently served my last breakfast with my last child moving on to Grant.

At this time I would like to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has made this a wonderful experience. From the office staff, to the cooks and Sodexho, the maintenance staff, the teachers and principals, all the parents and kids who have helped me put it together and the PTSO for allowing such a wonderful event to take place. Also, a thank you to the businesses that have worked with us to bring us good eats. As with all events that take place at school, they can never be done single-handed.

I have enjoyed doing this breakfast immensely and will miss it. Thank you again for allowing me to have been a part of it and I'm sure it will continue to be a wonderful part of the school's events.

DONNA KASMER

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Dear Editor,

If the ad in the Sunday, May 15 issue of the *Star-Ledger* for a band director for South Plainfield High School is filled, Mark Tweed will no longer have that position.

For ten years, Mark Tweed has been the high school instrumental music teacher and director of the marching band. During that time, he brought the marching band from a pep band to a very successful, competitive band. Under his direction, the marching band has won many trophies and awards. After marching band season, his after school pace of rehearsals does not diminish. To increase participation in the concert band, he volunteers his time to have an after school session on Mondays so students who could not fit concert band into their class schedule can participate in all of the yearly concerts.

To prepare students for participation in this prestigious jazz band, Tweed volunteered his time, once again, to start a lab band, which provides students the opportunity to get their feet wet in jazz. This band meets every Wednesday after school.

Tweed is a dedicated teacher who begins his school day at 7 a.m. when jazz band rehearses and most days doesn't leave school until after 5 p.m., due to the many after school programs he is involved in.

Another program Tweed started was winter guard. Winter guard begins practicing after marching band season is over and runs until May. The winter guard attends many competitions during the course of their season and has won numerous awards.

According to John Roesch, who is currently president of the Music Boosters, "Everything Mark does is for the love of these kids. My son, who is a senior and graduating this year, has been in the band program with Tweed for the past four years. He has been such an influence on his life that he is going into music for his career." This is just one of the many success stories that have been apart of Tweed's career at the high school. Because of his nurturing support, he has had many students go on to careers in the music area. Tweed not only supports his students in their musical endeavors, but also supports them academically and emotionally. If students in his music program are having trouble in a particular class, he will go out of his way to find help for the student to succeed. The students in Tweed's

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Scotchbrook Gets Parking Variance OK

By Libby Barsky

For almost a year of making appearances before the Planning Board, Scotchbrook Associates received what it asked for - a parking variance to have 30 parking spaces on its site and preliminary and final approval with conditions to use its existing building for restaurant, commercial/office and storage uses.

Built in the 1950's on the corner of Park and West Golf Ave., the building was purchased by Bill Gazi's father for his business, Graphic Printing, in 1970 from Toll Brother's cabinet business. For a time, Lean Line (before they moved to New World Way) was a tenant that used space on the second floor. Currently the tenants are on the first floor and include a Chinese takeout restaurant, an auto parts store, a kitchen cabinet store and a periodical distributor.

As one of the conditions for approval the Board is restricting the 1800 sq. ft. of space on the second floor to storage for tenants only.

Initially, Scotchbrook's site plan use included using the 1800 sq. ft. on the second floor for office space.

Zoning officer John Pabst noted that there weren't enough parking spaces planned for additional tenants, saying that in his opinion, only three tenants should be accommodated at this site. At earlier Planning Board sessions, Pabst had made a determination that 70 parking spaces should be on the site and when Scotchbrook appealed to the Board of Adjustment to lower the number of spaces, the Board backed Pabst.

Stating that there were only seven employees in the building, some employees didn't own cars and that most of the existing spaces weren't used, traffic engineer Harvey Yesowitz initially requested a variance for 24 parking spaces at the June 8, 2004 hearing. The May 10, 2005 revised plan called for Scotchbrook to tear down a garage and use the area to add seven additional parking spaces with one space not used for parking but to allow for turning in a driveway that only permits large trucks to enter then back out. The new plans also call for the paved areas to be stripped, with wheel stops facing into the building and being signed and dedicated to the user, curbing the parking areas and replacing the wooden railroad tie on the western end of the property with a concrete curb all the way to the end of the pavement. Three additional 14-16 ft. high shoebox fixtures will be installed for lighting in the parking lot. Also, the broken drain pipes and roof drains will be replaced so rain water will go to the sanitary sewer laterals.

Jersey Oil, a gas station on Park Ave., adjoins the Scotchbrook building and its tenant, a takeout Chinese restaurant. Jersey Oil owner Alex Stasenko stated that the drivers for the restaurant will often use his driveway, making it difficult for his customers to see the road if exiting. Stasenko also noted that although there is no parking on Park Avenue, cars will park on the street in front of the restaurant. To prevent this in the future, the Board will have Scotchbrook place barriers in front of their building to prevent parking on the sidewalk.

Resident Barbara Morris of West Golf Avenue stated that she had been blocked from her driveway and called police because a customer who had purchased windshield wipers at the auto supply store and was parked in front of her house installing them.

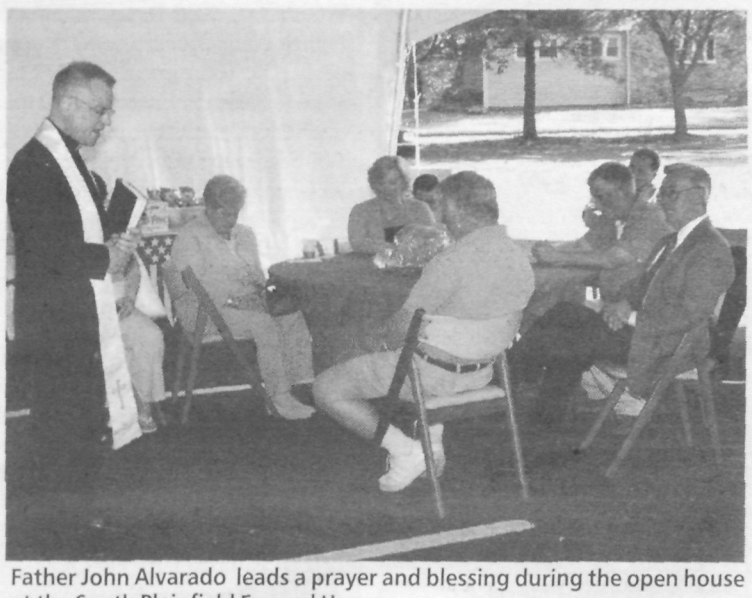
"They see that we are a dead end street and somehow that makes it ok for them to work on their cars here. I've even seen a car left here for a few days," said Morris.

Morris also noted that after making their car repair, the customers would leave boxes, batteries, oil containers-all manner of debris-on the street and on lawns.

Kevin Keane, another West Golf Ave. resident, brought in pictures showing tractor trailers in the middle of West Golf Ave. blocking driveways. To reduce the problem, the Board is imposing the requirement that delivery trucks be no larger than step vans.

The vote for the variance and site plan approval was close, with Mayor Daniel Gallagher voting against while a slim majority voted for approval.

"I appreciate the problems in the neighborhood," said member Charlie Butrico, "but (by voting to approve) we have an opportunity to make improvements in the neighborhood."



Father John Alvarado leads a prayer and blessing during the open house at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

South Plainfield Funeral Home Shows Off New Renovations

The South Plainfield Funeral Home, which has under gone a complete renovation during the winter months, held an open house recently and they invited everyone in town.

The funeral home, which has a 50-year history in town, has been completely renovated, from top to bottom. Renovations include new ceilings, wallpaper, carpeting, lighting, doors and fixtures throughout the building. The outside of the building has also undergone a facelift and the successful renovations were well received by all who toured the building and grounds.

The entire afternoon visitors were personally escorted on tours of the building by either Tamara Hawbaker, manager or Paul Chickene owner/operator. The building now contains state-of-the-art handicapped bathrooms and newly renovated viewing and sitting rooms. The entire building now has a much brighter and more modern look over all.

As people toured, a slide show continually played in the viewing room showing pictures of the 50-year history of the building.

A huge tent was set up outside where visitors could enjoy refreshments while they visited and paged through old photo albums.

Father John Alvardo of Sacred Heart Church led the group in prayer and gave his blessing to the building.

Mayor Dan Gallagher also spoke, saying that he couldn't recall ever speaking at the opening of a funeral home before. Smiling, he added that he didn't know if he should wish the funeral home would have a lot of business, but he did wish them luck.

school board briefs

Accepting the Magna Award on behalf of the Board of Education are Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado and Board members Sue Peck and Steve Bohn. The Magna Award was given in recognition of the Board's efforts to change the law for preschool, which allowed every school in the state the right to run a nonprofit fee-based preschool. The law was changed with the help of Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and Senator Barbara Buono.

At the May meeting of the Board of Education, President Mike English (center) presented plaques of appreciation to past Board members Dan Smith (left) and Ken LaFreniere (right) for their dedication and service to the community and students of South Plainfield.

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American Legion Installation of Officers

May 27

The American Legion, located on Oak Tree Ave. will hold their Annual Installation of Officers ceremonies on Friday, May 27 at 7 p.m. A buffet will follow. All are welcome. For information call (908) 668-9414.

Annual Memorial Day Service

May 30

VFW Post 6763, 155 Front St., will be holding a Memorial Day service to honor those who gave their lives in service to our country on Monday, May 30 at 11 a.m. at the VFW. Refreshments will be served. The public is welcome. For more information, call (908) 668-9751.

Trip to 42nd Street at Performing Arts Center

June 2

The South Plainfield Senior Center is running a bus trip to the NJ Performing Arts Center on Thursday, June 2 to see the fabulous musical, *42nd Street*. Bus departs the Senior Center at Noon and returns around 5 p.m. Cost for the ticket and transportation is only $45. You don't have to be a senior or a member to attend.

GOP Comedy Nite

June 3

The South Plainfield Republicans' Comedy Night, back by popular demand, will be held on Friday, June 3 at 8 p.m. at the Ramada Limited on Hamilton Blvd. The cost is $60 per person and includes hors d'euvres. A cash bar will be available.

To reserve a seat, call Dawn Jefferys at (908) 755-3986 or Bob Jones at (908) 222-9435. Proceeds benefit the Anesh-Bengivenga council campaign.

VFW Breakfast

June 5

The VFW Post 6763, located at 155 Front St., will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, June 5 from 8-11 a.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call (908) 668-9751.

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

June 7

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located on Oak Tree Rd., will hold an open house on Tuesday, June 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Limited space available. Everyone who registers on or before the open house receives free registration and two free months of ParentWatch. Offer for new customers only and expires June 7. In order to receive this offer just mention the *South Plainfield Observer*.

For directions and information, visit their website at rainbowacademy.com.

Elks Plan Bus Trip to Dover Speedway

September 25

The Elks will be sponsoring a trip to Dover International Speedway on Sunday, Sept. 25. Seats are still available. Cost is $130 per person and includes ticket, bus, food, beverages, prizes, coffee and donuts at the lodge. A deposit of $65 per ticket is required. Make checks payable to South Plainfield Elks. Contact Barbara Muller at (908) 757-5734 or email: mullerjb@comcast.net.

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SPJBC Chinese Auction

June 10

The Junior Baseball Club Women's Auxiliary will be holding a Casino Royale and Chinese Auction on Friday, June 10, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Italian American Club.

Price of $50 p.p. includes an open bar and buffet. Each guest receives $500 in play money. Money must be redeemed for Chinese Auction tickets.

For information and tickets, contact Stacy Lake at (908) 757-9531. Tickets are limited to the first 100. Get your tickets early! They are available now and on opening day through June 1.

SDW Audition Dates Changed

June 14, 15 and 16

Auditions for the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SPSDW) play *The Pajama Game* will be held June 14, 15 and 16, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Middle School. Auditions are open to anyone completing sixth grade through their first year of college residing in South Plainfield. For more information, please call (908) 561-5255.

Living Will and New Probate Law Seminar

June 15

A program on Elder Law will be presented on Wednesday, June 15 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. Attorney Kenneth Vercammen, Esq. will be the guest speaker and discuss such topics as the new probate law, preparation of wills, living wills and advance directives, power of attorney, administering estate and much more.

For information, call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047.

Mets Vs. Phillies

June 22

Recreation is sponsoring a trip to see the Mets vs. Phillies on Wednesday, June 22. Game starts at 7:30 p.m. in Philadelphia. Bus leaves PAL at 4:30 p.m. and returns around 11:30 p.m.

Cost is $25 p.p. Only 45 tickets available. Purchase your tickets now at the PAL hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday; first and third Mondays of the month- 6-8 p.m.

Knights Sponsoring Acoustic Concert

June 25

On Saturday, June 25 at 7 p.m. the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will be hosting a live acoustic concert with pop recording artists Billy and Rose Falcon. Billy Falcon, a well respected major label recording artist, singer/songwriter and producer will perform with his daughter, recording artist Rose Falcon in this live event.

Tickets are limited and by advance sales only. Price is $25, which includes concert and after show party. It includes hors d'oeuvres and beer, wine and soda. Doors open at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m. Afterward performers will mingle with the guests.

For tickets call Brian Cargill at (908) 755-9717.

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D.A.R.E. Carnival

May 31-June 5

D.A.R.E. New Jersey Inc., the largest drug/violence prevention and school safety program taught in NJ schools, is having its First Annual North Jersey D.A.R.E. Carnival on May 31 through June 5 at Westfield Shoppingtown Garden State Plaza. For more information, call (201) 843-2121 or visit www.westfield.com.

Aljira Art Auction

June 2

On Thursday, June 2 from 5:30-9:30 p.m., Aljira will present "Raising the Spirit: The Aljira Fine Art Auction 2005" at its downtown Newark location. A silent auction will be held from 5:30-7 p.m., followed by a live auction. For more information, call Paula at (973) 632-2165.

Blackrose, The Band Performing at Kerwins

June 3

Blackrose, the band will be performing at Kerwins Pub on Rt. 28 in Middlesex on June 3 at 9:30 p.m. Blackrose performs classical rock & roll music and today's hits. There is no cover charge.

For additional performing dates go to: blackroserocks.com.

Canoe and Kayak Fair

June 4

The Jersey Shore Canoe and Kayak Fair will be held June 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ocean County Park on Route 88 in Lakewood. Over 100 models of canoes and kayaks will be available to test paddle and purchase for adults and children. Free admission. Held rain or shine. For more information, call (609) 971-3085.

Janice Garbolino Memorial 5K Classic

June 4

The Metuchen Branch YMCA is holding the Janice Garbolino Memorial 5K Classic at Roosevelt Park in Edison on Saturday, June 4. Walkers are welcomed.

Walk starts and finishes by the lake at Lakeview School in Roosevelt Park. For information and to register, call Beth Helsby at (732) 548-2044.

Opening of "Phantasmagoric"

June 5

The opening of the statewide juried exhibit "Phantasmagoric," is Sunday, June 5 from 3-5 p.m.at the Sheraton Edison Hotel, located at 125 Raritan Center Pkwy. For information, call Nina Hand at (908) 753-ARTS or visit our website at www.edisonarts.org.

Golf Classic for Juvenile Diabetes

June 6

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Mid-Jersey Chapter's Fourth Annual Golf Classic will be held at the Tournament Players Club at Jasna Polana in Princeton on Monday, June 6. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Silent auction will begin at 5 p.m., the awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Call (732) 296-7171.

Kayak/Canoe Fair

June 11

The Central Jersey Kayak and Canoe Fair will be held June 11 from 9-3 at Lake Mercer on Lake Rd. in West Windsor. Free admission. The event will be held rain or shine. For information call (609) 585-5450.

Metuchen Artwork Artist Reception

June 11

Metuchen Artworks, located on Station Pl., will hold an artists reception featuring Wendi Cohen on Saturday, June 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. Exhibit dates are June 1 through 30.

For information, contact Madeline Tolins-Schlitt: (732) 662-7403.

WOWs Meeting

June 14

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold a business meeting on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center in Carteret. Light refreshments and socializing will follow. For more information, contact Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515

Moonrakers Meeting

June 14

The New Jersey Moonrakers Tall Club, Inc. will hold its monthly meet and greet social at the Saddle Brook Marriott hotel in Saddle Brook on Tuesday, June 14 at 8 p.m.

For more information. please call (973) 267-3648 or visit our website at : www.njtall.org.

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Longtime borough resident Charlie Haus, second from right, was honored for his many years of service to both South Plainfield and the South Plainfield Republicans on May 18. Presenting him with the GOP's "Award of Excellence" are council candidate Matthew Anesh, Jake Cataldo and council candidate Robert Bengivenga, Jr. Haus was elected to the council in the mid-1960s and for many years, served as the borough's tax collector and chief financial officer. He's been active with the South Plainfield Republicans for over 40 years and according to GOP Chairman Bob Jones, is one of the group's biggest supporters. "Anybody who knows Charlie, knows how dedicated he is to our town," said Jones. "We're lucky to have him in South Plainfield and we're especially lucky to have him as part of our organziation."

Middle School's Marking Period 3 Honor Roll

High Honor Roll - 8th Grade

Francesca Bayak, Allison Clawans, Audrey Cupo, Rebecca Deffler, Stephanie DiCindio, Lindsay Fredericks, Kelliann Friday, Christopher Fulton, Caitlin Herriott, Joseph Lacerda, Anthony Louise, Alyssa McCreesh, Eric Nuber, Michael Pachytel, Allyson Paterek, Kathryn Paterek, Christopher Seesselberg, Nicole Soisson, Victoria Tran, Gina Viola and Isabel Vordzorgbe.

High Honor Roll - 7th Grade

Jimmy Bijlani, Justin DeOliveira, Bianca DiDolce, Elizabeth Fasullo, Matthew Galinsky, Steven Grzenda, Alexander Horn, Arham Jain, Kyle Kaczka, Philip Longo, Jessica Napolitano, Christopher Oprysk, Emily Piekarski, Frederick Reichert, Michael Romano, Manraj Singh and Jonathan Sukenik.

Honor Roll - Marking Period 3 Grade 8

Daphne Aguinaldo, Jorge Alvarez, Arielle Armand, John Barry, Samantha Barthel, Lindsay Barton, Michelle Bello, Cori Black, Kenneth Breslau, Kyle Buck, Michael Bumback, Maxwell Butler, Danielle Butrico, Ashley Capparelli, Suneet Chandler, Jared Christopher, Sean Coffey, Ian Collins, Jared Czech, Ann Dang, Jeannine DeAndrea, Michael Dezmin, Lauren Diana, Steven Diaz, Jennifer Disch, Quynhnhu Doan, Tina Foscolo, Jaime Giannakis, Viktoriya Glushko, Maricela Gonzalez, Keri Gould, Ashleigh Gray, Jennifer Gustafson, Jessica Handwerger, Joseph Hernandez, Antonette Hudak, Chelsea Hunt, Jean Jasmin-Weeks, Nicholas Jeglinski, Alan Kasmer, Cristopher Kedmenec, Stephen Kelly, Michelle Kobilis, Catherine Krawiec, Jaclyn Kukuch, Phong Lai, Zane Lesky, Christopher Lesniak, Sheryl Lipuma, Kenneth Luckey, Jeremiah Magpile, Adea McKnight, Joseph Mennuti, Stephanie Milicia, Tramane Miller, Jeffrey Moncada, Cornelius Mootoo, Timothy Moskal, Jessica Murtagh, Lyndsey Murtagh, Joanna Nastarowicz, Victoria Nguyen, Alex Nieradka, Kirsten Nuber, Akil Nurse, Nosaveon Ogbevoen, Timothy Oppelt, Krisha Patel, Parth Patel, Leroy Peeples, Rachel Pinto, Douglas Porzio, Kyle Quail, Timothy Ratti, Anthony Salerno, Alexa Sambat, Joel Santos, Amber Scott, Saira Sheikh, Sagar Sindha, Michelle Slover, Rachel Smith, Christine Snogans, Nora Stasio, Heather Stoloff, Spencer Stubbs, Scott Suleski, Alyssa Sutherland, Kara Thomas, Susan Tian, Elizabeth Tran, Loan Tran, Nicholas Vallone, Andrea Vedutis, Stephen Wagner, Erik White, Kaleigh White, Steven Wieczorek and Kirsten Yorkanis.

Honor Roll - Marking Period 3 Grade 7

Jenna Alexander, Freddy Almanzar, Angela Ang, Ashley Aya, Brian Babinetz, Stephen Balzer, Mark Benak, Morgan Bethea, Mark Brindley, Megan Cerini, Leiloni Chepulis, Alyssa Cirilli, Ray Coletta, Natalie Colucci, Stephen Coppi, Kristie Crilley, Marilyn Cruz, Luigi Diaz, Christian DiCarlo, Tyler Driscoll, Ryan Flanagan, Amanda Freitas, Samrin Ghai, Joseph Gonzalez, Logan Green, Teresa Gustafson, Jaimie Handwerger, Ryan Harrington, Nicholas Heilmann, Eric Hernandez, Courtney Irber, Nacia Jackson, Dontae Johnson, Kyle Junge, Megan Kerper, Steven Kovalevich, Dung Le, Frank Licato, Thomas Loalbo, Kevin Lopez, Meghan Makowski, Karthik Marpadga, Jennifer McClary, Nicole McDonough, Amber Miller, Parin Mody, Andrew Muhlgeier, Felicia Mulhearn, Chelsea Ng, Ashley Nguyen, Thang Nguyen, Fadesola Ojeikere, Kristina Palazzo, Dylan Papa, Robert Pasternak, Aesha Patel, Kishan Patel, Ashley Pierce, Kayla Prins, Ryan Rhoads, Valeria Rivera, Mercedes Rodriguez, Emily Roseo, Ryan Sacco, Robert Sacks, Katherine Samul, Alexandria Santos, Matthew Santos, Courtney Schaefer, Matthew Schaefer, Alyssa Scrudato, Nicole Slatky, Daniel Smith, Italia Spallieri, Richard Szeliga, Rudacia Thomas, Pravin Thompson, Luis Valladares, Michael Wagner, Sara Wojewodka, Heba Younes and Thomas Zazzara.

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Milestones

Shannon Bishop Inducted into Kappa Delta Pi

Shannon Bishop was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education.

Founded in 1911, Kappa Delta Pi encourages high professional, intellectual and personal standards and recognizes outstanding contributions to education.

Shannon is enrolled in a five-year Master's Program at Rowan University with a double major in Elementary Education and Special Education. She is the daughter of Scot and Debra Bishop.

Kimberly Bishop on Dean's List at Kean Univ.

Kimberly Bishop has earned the distinction of being placed on the Dean's List for the Fall 2004 semester at Kean University. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.5 of better to be eligible for the Dean's List.

Kimberly is a Criminal Justice Major with a minor in Psychology. She is the daughter of Scot and Debra Bishop.

New Organ Dedicated at Feast of Sacred Heart Services

Sacred Heart will celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart on June 3 at 7:30 p.m. with a special services and they will also dedicate their new organ.

The new electronic organ, the Renaissance Quantum 405 built by the Allen Organ Company located in Macungie, Pa. The organ has 79 stops, 316 voices and four manuals. With the use of Quad Suite technology, the organ provides the versatility of four separate and distinct organs in one console.

Eight main speakers are located in the choir loft, as well as two bass speakers. There are also eight small speakers over each confessional and eight very small speakers on the arch of the Sanctuary close to where the cantor sings. The instrument is primarily designed to lead the assembly in sung prayer, but can also be used as a concert instrument.

All are invited to attend the evening prayer and dedicatory recital on Friday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.

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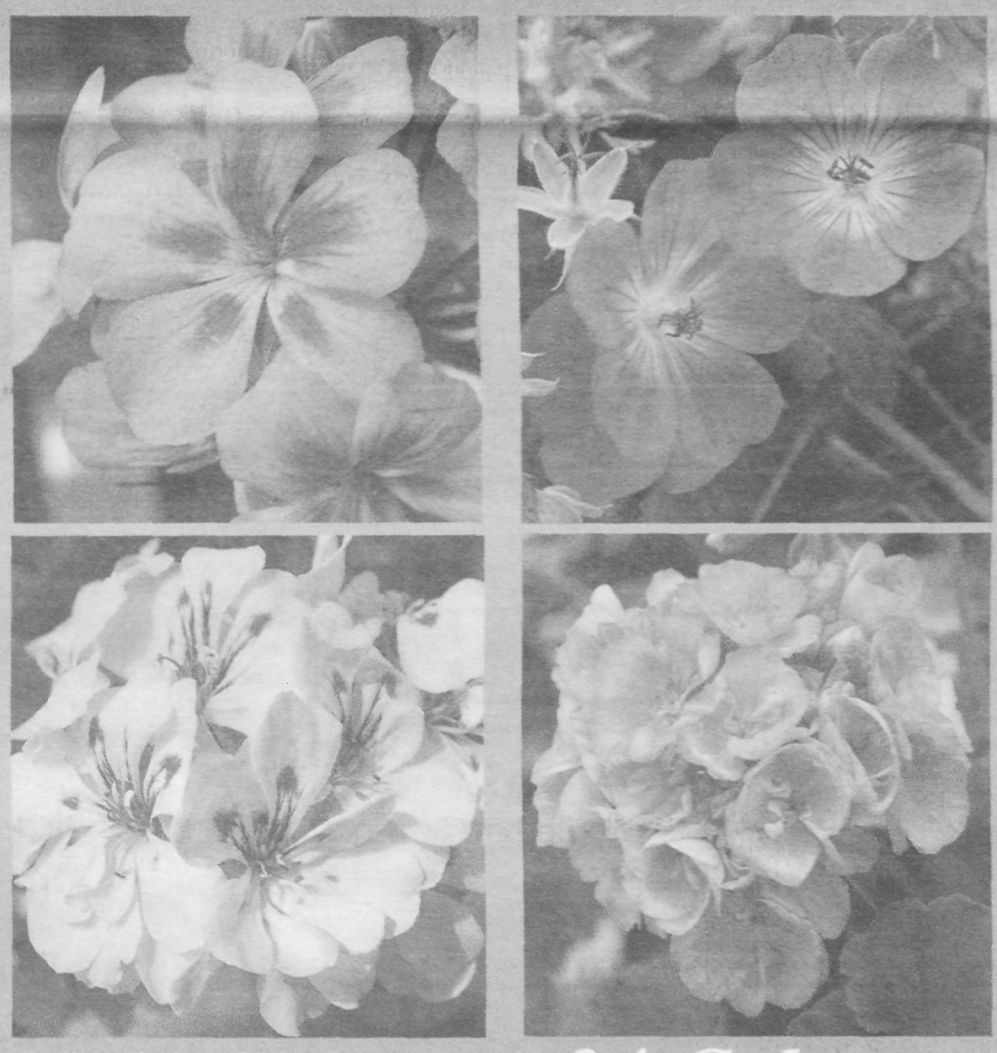

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Kennedy Mothers and Sons Enjoy "A Night on the Boardwalk"

As a prelude to summer, Kennedy Elementary School moms took a stroll on the boardwalk with their sons last Friday night. The school gymnasium was transformed into a mini-carnival with games, food and prizes.

The boys played games of ring toss, high striker, can smash, putt putt golf, basketball and more. After working up an appetite, they enjoyed cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn. There was also face painting, spin art and sand art for the kids to take home as souvenirs. Gifts for mom and beach themed prizes were raffled off, as well as a 50/50.

Students Create Butterfly Garden in Middle School Courtyard

By Jane Dornick

Butterflies will soon abound in the newly planted gardens in the courtyard at the South Plainfield Middle School with the help of students studying at Rutgers University.

Shannon Galbraith-Kent, a PhD candidate in Ecology and Evolution, and Grant Kolmer, a graduating senior in Mathematics, have been working all year with seventh grade science teachers Jennifer Checchio and Dana Marotto through a K-12 program funded by the National Science Foundation through Rutgers University. The goal of the program is for resources and ideas from the university be integrated into a science curriculum. They have been alternating between the two classrooms once a week. According to Galbraith-Kent, "It is our hope, when we do an activity, that we're doing something fun and educational that they (students) wouldn't otherwise be exposed to with the typical curriculum."

Leading up to the actual planting of many variety of butterfly attracting plants last week, the students researched information on the biology of butterflies and did a plant inventory of the courtyard area to get ready for the project. The plants that are in the habitat are all native to New Jersey and are known for attracting butterflies. Each class planted an area of the habitat and will be responsible for watering and recording plant height growth until the end of June. "We're hoping that some of the plants will flower before summer vacation, but the Habitat is sure to be in full bloom by September!" stated Galbraith-Kent. "We'd like the students to learn how to be responsible for maintaining a garden, to observe the growth of plants over time, to experience having fun and learning while being outside and to observe the types and numbers of butterflies that come."

A very important aspect of the project is that often in suburban and urban areas with much development, school yards offer protected areas for possible plant and animal habitat. By utilizing the large courtyard at the school will add a habitat to the local landscape.

Galbraith-Kent's vision is for the habitat to be used for study purposes in other classes. Math classes could measure and graph plant grown, English classes could reflect on the garden and write essays on their feeling on animals and nature or even Art classes could draw the different types of flowers.

Parents of middle school students are also invited to participate in the project and should contact Jennifer Checchio at the school.

Middle Schoool students are taught the proper planting procedures for their new butterfly garden.

Rutgers Shannon Galbraith-Kent discusses the different variety of plants they will be using.

Updates on BOROUGH IMPROVEMENTS

Construction & Utility Improvements

From the Borough Administrator - Glen Cullen

This past week utility infrastructure repairs have been quite numerous throughout the Borough. In virtually every part of town repairs have taken place. Some of these repairs have been completed, while others are on-going. Listed below is the description and status of the utility improvements that are taking place:

• **New Brunswick Ave.**–The road and railroad track repairs are complete. The emergency water repair between South 9th and Foster is also complete.

• **Clinton Ave.**–Gas lines are being installed on Clinton Ave. Installation of the gas lines should be completed by May 30.

• **Woodland/Dolores Ave.**–Emergency watermain repairs are complete.

• **Park Ave.**–PSE&G is having 2.4 miles of gas lines installed from Sprague Ave. to Oak Tree Ave. The line will cross Maple and continue to Oak Tree. Work is taking place during the day, but there should be minimal traffic impact because the lines are largely between the curb and sidewalk.

• **Hamilton Blvd.**—Water-main installation on Hamilton Blvd is continuing on schedule. An eight inch water line is being installed to replace the existing six inch line. As of May 20, American Water has laid pipe from Ryan St. to Smith St. Construction will continue at night. Once the line is completely installed, connection will need to take place with all of the existing homes and businesses along Hamilton Blvd. The total project is expected to last an additional 2½ months.

• **Hamilton Blvd.**–Phase 1 construction is set to take place in late June. The total reconstruction of Hamilton Blvd. will begin as the watermain installation is winding down. Hamilton Blvd. Phase 1 consists of a total reconstruction of Hamilton Blvd. from Durham Ave. to New Market Ave., installation of storm sewers and sewer lines, installation of a new traffic light at St. Nicholas. Raising a structure and dramatically expanding the intersection of New Market and Hamilton Blvd. Installation of decorative lighting and the installation of brick pavers to replace the existing sidewalk.

Scrapbooking to Benefit Breast Cancer Awareness

South Plainfield resident, Jackie Vill, is training for AVON's Marathon for Breast Cancer which is to take place on Oct. 1 and 2. To help her raise the needed funds to do so, there will be an eight hour scrapbooking event on Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church.

The fee is $28, of which $20 will go toward breast cancer awareness, education, screening, diagnosis, treatment, research and support services. The scrapbooking event offers light snacks and drinks, unlimited use of cropping tools, lots of chances to win door prizes and raffles, scrapbook gift bags, make and takes, project demos and mini workshops and a thank you gift for attending.

Contact Dayel Giammarino by July 6 at (908) 754-4255 or The8Gs@aol.com.

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Parker's Kid's Club Plants Garden

Parker's Kid's Club planted their very own garden on May 17 at Parker Gardens. Sixteen children participated in the free event. The garden is made up of an assortment of annuals: marigolds, ageratum, vinca, and blue and red salvia.

The Kid's Club garden is located by the main entrance to the greenhouses. The area is clearly marked by Kid's Club signs and a group picture of all the children who helped create the garden.

"The garden was a big success," said Janine Levenberg, Kid's Club coordinator. "Each month many children attend Kid's Club, and we do our very best to teach them what we can about gardening and about having some fun."

The next Kid's Club event will be on June 21 at 3:45 p.m. Pre-registration is required and participants will learn about container gardening and combination planting. This will be the last Kid's Club event of the season. The club will resume activities in September.

Parker Gardens, located on Terrill Rd. in Scotch Plains, is the one of the largest privately owned horticulture businesses in the United States.

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Elderly Granted Extra Time for Property-Tax Rebate

Elderly and disabled homeowners in New Jersey have been granted extra time to file applications for property-tax rebates under two state programs.

State officials recently announced the deadlines for the 2004 FAIR homeowner and Senior Freeze rebate programs were extended to Aug. 15. Both programs had filing deadlines of June 1.

Gov. Richard J. Codey's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2006, only senior citizens and disabled residents are eligible for the FAIR program. The program was suspended for all other residents as a cost-cutting move. Last week it was announced that state revenues were estimated to be $1B higher than forecast.

Eligible homeowners who have not received FAIR applications may file by calling (877) 658-2972 or can access applications at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation. The state has set up a hotline, (888) 238-1233, to field questions from senior and disabled residents who have not received applications but believe they are eligible. A hotline, (800) 882-6597, has been set up to answer questions about the Senior Freeze program.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day. Originally known as Decoration Day, the holiday began with the decorating of graves of the men who fought in the American Civil War. After World War I the group honored was expanded to include all veterans of all wars. Then during World War I Moina Michael started the tradition of wearing a red poppy to honor those killed in the war. After a number of years the VFW took up the cause and began to sell the poppies on a national scale.

Unfortunately as the generation which fought WWII dies, the traditions associated with Memorial Day are also dying. No longer does every town have a parade nor are the cemeteries filled with people decorating the graves. Still we continue to have men and women dying in the service of our country.

Now there is a tie-in with the library (isn't there always?). We have a number of books that Tom Brokaw wrote about the generation which fought WWII. There is the *Greatest Generation, Greatest Generation Speaks, An Album of Memories: Personal Histories of the Greatest Generation*, and more. We also own Bob Dole's new biography *One Soldier's Story: A Memoir*.

There are also many books on all the wars from Colonial times through the present in which American men and women have fought and died. We also have videos and dvds.

Also there is still time to sign up for *Practical Crafting* instructor Ronda Wisniewski's adult craft, Kaleidoscope Cane Pen, which will be held on Monday, June 6 at the Library. There is a materials fee of $2 for this program.

And please remember we now have a new children's program on Wednesday morning. Miss Danya presents a program at 10:30 a.m on Wednesday for two and three year olds. Like all our programs this is a drop-in with no need to register. Furthermore we still have our Tuesday (10:30 a.m.), Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) and Thursday (1:15 p.m.) programs.

Finally, this being Memorial Day weekend we will be closed Monday, May 30 in honor of the holiday. Have a good week and we hope to see you at the Library!

Sacred Heart Adopt-a-Spot Contract Renewed

Sacred Heart Church parishioners have renewed their adoption of Putnam Park, at the corner of Park Avenue and Oak Tree Ave. They adopted the park last year following its expansion and renovation. Three adults check the grounds weekly for litter. If a large cleanup is needed, they recruit Scouts or the Sacred Heart School students.

Putnam Park shields the Putnam Ave. residential neighborhood from the commercial traffic and retail areas along Park Ave. and Oak Tree, but a good deal of litter blows across the roads from the shopping centers and accumulates along the fence. Sacred Heart tries to keep the Park in good condition so residents can enjoy its recreational facilities and green open space.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

PLEASE NOTE
The Observer Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, May 26-27 and Monday May 30.

IN YOUR OPINION

(Continued from page 2)

programs seek him out to talk about their problems. They know he is always willing to listen to them no matter what the problem is. He maintains an open door policy and many parents often stop by to talk with him about their children and ask for guidance or assistance when having problems or seeking career and college advice for their children.

Since day one of his arrival at South Plainfield High School, Tweed has fostered a family community within the band and the band room. His students know he will always be there for them and will go to bat for them regardless of the consequences to himself. He always puts his students first and because of this, his students regard the band room as a safe haven and as a second home.

Tweed's marching band has participated in many community events since his arrival. They participate in the Labor Day Parade (won many trophies), the Little League Opening Day Parade and Columbus Day ceremonies. After the unfortunate events of 9/11, he was instrumental in helping to create the first 9/11 memorial in Spring Lake Park.

The music program and marching band in particular is the most inclusive program in the district—bar none. Tweed actively recruits students regardless of their lack of musical training or disability and works with these students in his free time so they can become active members in the music program. The music program, under his guidance, has given each and every student the support and education to be successful in all walks of life. His program promotes leadership skills, teamwork, community service, self-esteem and independence. It has also become home to many of the best and brightest in South Plainfield High School. The program can count among the current members and alumni, many of the top-ranked students in each graduating class over the last 10 years. Tweed's instruction has made this group attractive to many of these students and even though the schedule can be intense at times, their dedication never waivers.

No other program in this district more strongly supports the current slogan of "Arts, Academics, Athletics and Activities." This is a direct result of the leadership of Tweed. If he were to be replaced, one of the most important links in this chain would be broken.

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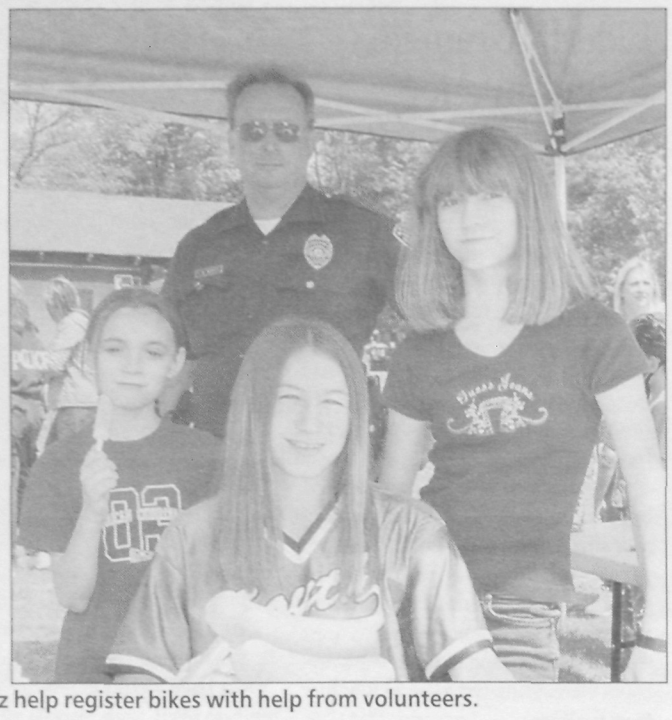


Captain Paul Brembt and Officer Karl Schuetz help register bikes with help from volunteers.

Annual Bike Rodeo Draws More Than 200

The South Plainfield Police Department recently hosted the seventh annual Bike Rodeo at Spring Lake Park. Over 200 residents attended the event, which promoted bike safety and theft prevention.

The children first had a safety check performed on their bike by Ken Lind of Ken's Links Bicycle Shop in South Plainfield. Over 80 children took part in a bicycle safety course staffed by State Farm Insurance employees, where upon completion they received a "photo license."

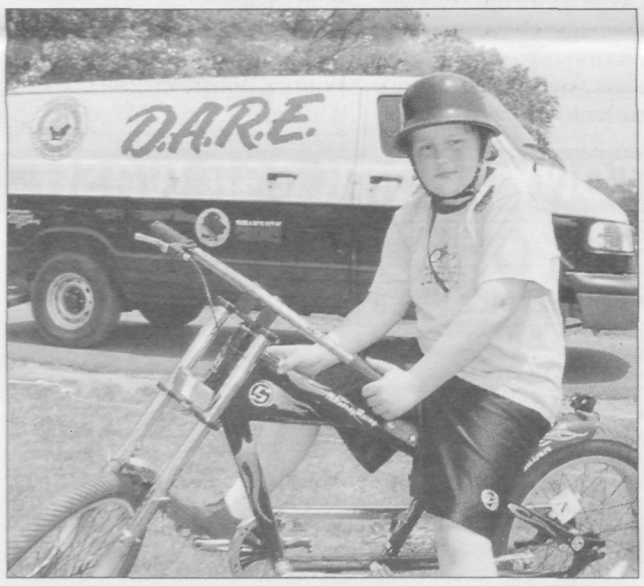
As part of the Baron Von Pedaloff anti-theft program, approximately 55 children registered their bikes with the police department. This program, designed by retired South Plainfield Police Officer William Frink, encourages the children to register their bikes with the police department in the event they are stolen.

The department distributed 30 bicycle helmets to children that attended who did not have a helmet and were provided by the South Plainfield Traffic Safety Advisory Commission. Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital's Injury Prevention Coordinator Diane Doherty staffed a booth where children observed a demonstration utilizing a Jello brain emphasizing helmet use to prevent brain and head injuries.

> I would like to personally thank the sponsors for their generous support of this annual event. It is nice to see that their efforts have a positive impact on protecting the safety of our children.
>
> *–Sgt. Kevin Murtagh, Traffic Safety Unit*

Everyone then feasted on hot dogs, soda, ice cream and Italian ices donated by Rita's Italian Ice, Hall's Fast Motor Freight, Freihofers Bakery, Roma Foods, Canada Dry and Middlesex Water Co. Classic Signs provided signs for the event and additional funds were provided by The McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In addition, 12 prizes were raffled off. The bike winners were Jimmy Schulkes, Eric Schumaker, Anthony Muccigrossi, Stefanie Melchiorre, Lauren DiCellos, Shane Cusick and Rylie Campagna. Bike locks were also raffled off and the winners were Nicole Jones, Dee Macchia, Michele Schuetz, Chris Siedenburg and Tina Spadavecchia. The prizes were donated by the I. Lehroff & Co. of Edison and Ron and Lynn Sward of Physical Therapy Center of South Plainfield.



Shane Cusick (left) brought his bike to get checked. Officer Vincent Campagna and Chief John Ferraro (right) call the names of the prize winners.

Kevin Hughes Joins Recreation Department

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High School before the school year is over. " I wanted to get here before the pool opens," said Hughes. The South Plainfield Community Pool opens the first weekend in June.

Hughes prepared for pool duties by taking classes and received Pool Operator certification in January 2005. "I'll be doing the behind the scenes stuff in the basic running of the system. I want to see what is behind the scenes. I want a hand in everything to see how everything works. Initially I'm not here to make any changes. I'll be Mike English's assistant to help him and the whole department in any way that I can. I'm going in as a sponge to learn as much as possible," Hughes said.

Hughes grew up in Cedar Grove and went to high school in Clinton, but wife Cheryl is a life-long resident of the borough and a SPHS graduate. Her father is retired police officer Thomas Bullock and her brother Mark is currently a member of the police force. Cheryl too is changing her position as director of A Small World Preschool on Hamilton Blvd. to South Plainfield Middle School health and physical education teacher for 2005-2006.

Being married for 12 years to Cheryl and having three daughters, Shanon nine, Meghan seven and Caitlin five, Hughes calls his greatest achievement. The girls are all involved in recreation's sports programs and watching them play is his favorite hobby.

For relaxation Hughes watches TV programs, "24" and "Lost," but taking time to be with his family is most important. During the summer they spend a week at the North Carolina Shore. As a special present during this past Christmas, he surprised the girls with a five day family trip to Disney World. "I hadn't been there since I was eight years old!" said Hughes.

An assistant football and baseball coach for past four years at Indian Hills High School, he also coached boys basketball, girls varsity basketball and softball. At Oak Knoll School in Summit, he was assistant girls varsity basketball coach, girls JV basketball coach and taught fifth and sixth grade basketball, baseball and soccer and seventh and eighth grade girls softball.

"In teaching I've coached everything from t-ball to high school football and every age in between," said Hughes. "I tell the kids I coach that I don't care about the outcome as long as they give 100% to what they do. I know I'll give Mike a 100%. I'll work as hard as I can. Recreation is so important to this community. It's a big job and I'm excited about it," said Hughes.

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policereport

• On May 10 Saffie Khyne-Sam, 25, of Sayreville was arrested for careless driving and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• A May Ave. resident reported the theft of three packs of cigarettes, a music cassette tape and the vehicle's owners manual from their car.

• On May 11 Tanya Christine Flores, 27, of Bethlehem, Pa. was arrested for driving on a suspended license, failure to wear a seat belt and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Dolores Hawkins, 53, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving on a suspended license, having an open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Larry Rendiel Hayes, 45, of New York was arrested for robbery, forgery, credit card theft, hindering apprehension and several outstanding warrants after trying to pass a bad check at the A&P. Kareemah Monroe, 22, of Newark was also arrested with him for forgery and an outstanding warrant.

• Gar Equipment Inc. on Hamilton Blvd. reported that someone had been doing burnouts in their newly paved parking lot.

• On May 12 a 17 year-old South Plainfield resident was arrested for breaking and entering vehicles in the Pitt St. area and taking assorted change.

• Leonard S. Greene, 22, of Piscataway was arrested for having a fraudulent inspection sticker, failure to inspect and three outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• Robert John, 37, of Southgate, Mich. was arrested for careless driving, being an unlicensed driving and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Tompkins Ave. resident reported the theft of her wallet that was left on the counter at CVS. Later that day an unknown female dropped the wallet off at her residence. It was missing $180 in cash.

• An Evergreen Ln. resident reported that the cover to their lamp post had been broken by a small piece of concrete.

• On May 13 Cynthia Villegas, 22, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Jeffery J. Anderson, 36, of Ashland, Kentucky was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving on a suspended license and reckless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

• Macy's reported the theft of a necktie worth $20 by a female shopper. Later that day they also reported the theft of several jean and shirts by a teenager who got into a car and left.

• Drug Fair reported the theft of unknown items by a male around 30's years old. The suspect ran out of the store and took off on a bicycle.

• Shopper's World reported that a woman placed some items on the counter and walked out with others stating it was an even exchange and left the store.

• On May 14 Macy's reported a man walked out of the store with three packs of Champion t-shirts and Ralph Lauren shirts.

• On May 15 a Piscataway resident reported the theft of a 2000 Honda Civic from the parking lot at Regal Cinema.

• An Avon Ave. resident reported that the car door handles were broken off and the brake line had been cut on his disabled vehicle in front of Hollywood Tans on Oak Tree Rd.

• On May 16 Gar Equipment Inc. on Hamilton Blvd. reported that four mailboxes had been knocked down in front of the building.

• On May 17 Rojam Burah Ridley, 23, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• James Kurtis Smith, 30, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, fictitious plates, driving an unregistered vehicle and several outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• Kwan K. Franklin, 22, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, a loud muffler and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Kissam Ct. resident reported that their vehicle had been keyed in the parking lot.

• On May 19 Edgardo Raphael Rocha, 21, of Piscataway was arrested for having an open alcoholic beverage, a loud muffler and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Antonio Gonzalez of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, no insurance, reckless driving, failure to stay right and no license at a motor vehicle stop.

• Akshay Patel, 29, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

• On May 21 Trevor Ceylon Burke, 31, of Newark was arrested for maintenance of lamps, driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• Steven A. Demissi, 42, of Dunellen was arrested for shoplifting $32.87 worth of items from Home Depot.

• Gerardo Bolanos, 26, of Bound Brook was arrested for driving on an expired license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• On May 22 Louis Poveromo, 61, of Brooklyn, was arrested for driving while intoxicated at a motor vehicle stop.

• Michael Christopher Tramontano, 27, of Bridgewater was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, and failure to keep right at a motor vehicle stop.

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Franklin Students Raise $6,500 Jumping For the Heart

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

On Thursday, May 12 over 130 Franklin School students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser, an event that supports the American Heart Association.

The kindergarten through fourth grade youths formed 35 teams. Each child asked friends and family to sponsor them, the average total sponsor amount was $50. The jumpers enjoyed a sunny spring day as opposed to last years 90 degree plus temperatures.

One student from each team would jump for a minute before passing the rope on to a teammate. During jump breaks they enjoyed refreshing snack of orange wedges, crackers and water served by parent volunteers. Fifteen staff members were on hand to support and cheer on the jumpers.

The event is run by physical education teacher Bill Pavlak. As of May 16 the students had raised $6,500.

The school has been participating in JRFH for ten years and during that time they have raised $75,000.

Eight Officers Honored

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reporting the discovery of a suicide note, left by a resident's son, police arrived to find a distraught person in the basement, holding a rifle, with his finger on the trigger and the muzzle of the gun pointed at the base of his chin. Officers immediately took cover and waited for Lt. Siedenburg, who is a certified hostage negotiator. Officer Diana, who knew the subject, began to develop a rapport and conduct face-to-face negotiations. After the 90-minute ordeal, the man gave up his loaded weapon and was taken into custody. Because of the officers involved, the incident led to a peaceful conclusion and a potential tragic ending was avoided.

The second incident occurred in February of 2004 when police received information from the Plainfield Narcotics Squad about the transportation of a large quantity of illegal drugs. Officer Mahoney observed the vehicle, occupied by three male suspects, as it was about to enter Rt. 287 and initiated a motor vehicle stop. Sgt. Parker and Officers Diana and Clifford supplied backup. When officers spotted the narcotics in plain view, the three suspects were removed from their car. A search of the suspects found a loaded 357-magnum handgun, stolen from North Carolina and a loaded 9mm on another person. Police also found four kilos of cocaine. Because of the actions of these officers, three narcotic dealers and a substantial amount of drugs were taken off the streets.

The 200 Club is made up of business, industry, labor, public service and other professionals whose goal is to provide financial assistance and comfort to families of law enforcement and public safety officials who are killed or disabled in the line of duty.

In addition, the 200 Club awards thousands of dollars each year in scholarships to the children of these families.

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Grant School Announces Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

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Nicole Firmin, Erica Fisher, Michaela Fore, Antoni Franczak, Miranda Garcia, Jessica Gomes, Nevneet Goraya, Angelica Grasso, Kaitlyn Graziano, Michael Grzenda, Aaron Guiang, Joshua Guirguis, Peter Hemming, Riley Hubner, Tyler Hunt, Ryan Hutchison, Joseph Ifrach, Ehilea Jainarine, Taylor Jarema, Monika Jastrezebski, Austin Jenkin, Kristina Jewkes, Tanya Joshi, Kenneth Kaczka, Lauren Keane, Brigitte Kelly, Rajath Kenath, Brianna Kizmann, Joseph Krawiec, Michael Krusinowski and Troy Kurilew.

Hieu La, Patrick Landy, Stephen Lanza, Justin Lesky, Ryan Lind, Ashley Linick, Guillermo Lopez, Thalia Lopez, Kimberly Lozarito, Natalie Madurski, Shweta Mahajan, Frank Malecki, III, Shianne Martinez, Victoria McKay, Jamie McLean, Joseph Miller, Nii Mills, Vyvian Nguyen, Katherine O'Brien, Christopher O'Keefe, Michelle O'Sullivan, Marc Paez, Jamie Pagdonsolan, Melissa Pasternak, Devang Patel, Kishan Patel, Raja Patel, Ruchi Patel, Shivam Patel, Shruti Patel, Kelly Pauls, Ida Peery, Joshua Peery, Stephen Petriello and Nicholas Pleeter.

Katherine Podlovits, Shane Powell, Samantha Pukash, Jamie Quail, Alyssa Ragno, Kripa Rajan, Ryan Riccardi, Nicholas Rincon, Erika Ritchie, Nicholas Ross, Cindy Ruiz, Joana Sa, Daniel Saganome, Karly Sanko, Jennifer Saravia, Zachary Sbordone, Danielle Schaaf, Emily Sella, John Silas, Payal Sindha, Stephen Slatky, Imani Smith, Rebeca Smith, Luke Sprenger, Katherine Staynings, Daniel Sticco, Tyler Stranzenbach, Olga Tarnawska, Jennifer Tercek, Stephanie Tercek, Shana Tom, Danielle Tramutola, Julie Tran, Kristin Treslar and Sarah Tufaro.

Alex Valladares, Brielle Valle, Albert Vill, Kathleen Vincent, Allison Wagner, Kelly Walsh, Allison White, Allyson White, William Whitefleet, Cody Woodruff and Ellen Zinsky.

Honor Roll

Juanita Adolphus, Taylor Adorna, Zakia Ahmed, Shaun Alers, Lisa Alfano, Bacilio Alvarado, Sadiq Amini, Christopher Anyamene, Chaz Armand, Oscar Arriaga, Carly Ashnault, Luis Benitez, Steven Bichler, Laura Biggs, Ryan Billich, Miranda Black, Jeffrey Bodyl, Ivana Bonilla, Ryan Bors, Kimberly Bosse, Angela Brown, William Brown, Stuart Buckelew, Harshil Budhan, Henna Budhan, Ursula Buice, Taylor Bullard, Olivia Butler, James Butrico, Joelle Butrico, Heather Calderone, Constance Caldroney, Edgar Callejas, Gina Cannalonga, Danielle Caputo, Eric Carrasca, Erika Carrillo, Jamie Caruso and Kenneth Cavanagh.

Roshni Chiluka, Stephanie Christian, Janine Colicchio, James Conrad, Jeffrey Conroy, Brittany Coupe, Jesse Coury-Yauch, Ken Crilley, Christopher Cupo, Michele D'Angelo, Deanna Dean, Amylin DiDario, Jennifer Dillon, Nicole Disch, Michael Dispenziere, Jonathan Ditmars, Christopher Duffy, Glenn Edridge, Michael Eosso, Christina Ferrer, Vincent Fierro, Kevin Flanagan, Jessica Frank, Joseph Fugazzi, Nabil Gallegos, Jordan Gamble, Stephanie Gaviria, James Gerber, Jessica Giallanza, Jeffrey Gillen, Connor Gillis, Jamie Glavasich, Lucas Goitiandia, Shawn Gorman, Elizabeth Gratta, Jack Green and Gabrielle Guancione.

Joshua Guzman, Tatiana Guzman, Sarah Hageman, Jaclyn Handwerger, Kaylin Harbin, Shivanie Hariram, Kansas Harmon, Justin Harris, Laine Harris, William Hartmann, Alice Hernandez, Tyler Herriott, Tyler Holoboski, Charles Huber, Tori Huber, Ryan Hughes, Dana Hunt, Daniel Hunt, Ushmattie Itwaru, Iris Ivaniuc, Rajesh Jaikaran, Amizan Jaleel, Megan Kaczka, Nicholas Kukuch, Marina Lam, Amanda Lamonea, Aimee Le, Sang Le, Vivian Lee, Cory Limone, Vincent Lionetti, Matthew Little, Gina Longo, Norma Lopez, Stephanie Lopez, Alexander Lundy, Daniel Lyew and Griffin Lynch.

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Jack Siedlecki, Andrea Sierra, Michael Simone, Aston Sinclar, Joseph Skwiat, Daniel Smith, Dennis Smith, Marissa Smith, Rosa Spallieri, Brandon Staynings, Amanda Steger, Samuel Steingart, Katherine Stilo, Jeremy Strausser, Francis Suarez, Edward Sullivan, Rachel Sutherland, Sten Sutt, Angelina Tamburri, Amanda Tjong, Brian Tjong, Jade Tompkins, Huyen Tran, Kimberly Tran, Tuan Tran, Agupunam Ufondu, Matthew Valencia, Margaret Valentine, Lisa Vallone, Michael Vega, Queenly Ventura, Jonathan Viola, Caitlyn Whalen, Zachary Wilson, Meagan Yanick, Kerry Yorkanis, Danielle Zelasko, Joseph Zipp and Daniel Zwatschka.

Recycling Center Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

The Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. will be closed on Tuesday, May 31, because of the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. Instead it will be open from noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1 and as usual from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 28.

The Yard Waste Site, at the end of Kenneth Ave., will also be open as usual from 8 to 3 on Saturday, May 28. The Yard Waste Site will be closed on Tuesday, May 31 and open instead from noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1.

Regular hours at the Recycling Center are noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Regular Yard Waste spring/summer hours are noon to 7 on Tuesdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

2005 Yard Waste Decals are available in the Municipal Clerk's office in Borough Hall. Bring the registration of the vehicle you will be using.

For updates, call the Recycling Hotline: (908) 226-7620.

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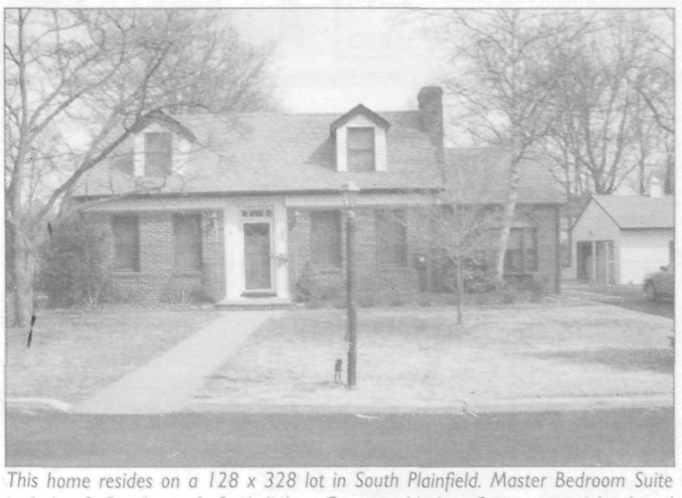

This home resides on a 128 x 328 lot in South Plainfield. Master Bedroom Suite includes 2 fireplaces & 3 skylights. Gourmet kitchen features an island and granite countertops. Bright Family Room with 2 skylights and gas fireplace looking out on large picturesque yard. A 2-car detached garage. 4th fireplace is in Formal Living Room! Offered at $550,000. **Call Karen today for an appointment!**

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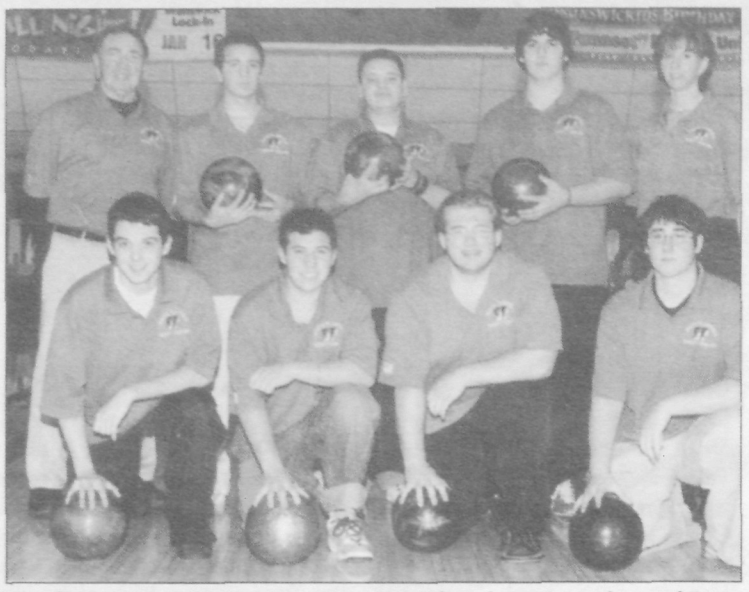

Kneeling L to R; Nick Grego, George Kleinknecht, Matt Boley and Brett Morris. Standing L to R: Coach Ralph Fech, Vin Genova, Chris Esposito, Robert Parillo and Asst. Vol. Coach Lori Gerstl. Missing from picture: Shawn Ferguson, Ryan Pauls, John Roesch and Daryl Valerio.

2005 SPHS Boys' Varsity Bowling Team Finishes 13-16-1

Season Highlights included rolling a 1,105 game, which equates to 221/man; spoiling North Brunswick debut in the GMC with a near shutout victory; come from behind to upset a strong Piscataway team; averaging nearly 200 a man in two close losses to Colonia; losing a nail-biter to GMC Champion East Brunswick; beating powerhouse Woodbridge in a match that averaged over 200/man; winning sportsmanship of the year award for three times in the last four years; shocking NJSIAA All Groups Champion Carteret with a come-from-behind victory and finishing in the top ten in three major tournaments (seventh in Westfield Invitational, ninth in Joe Romer Memorial and ninth in Central Jersey Winter Classic, which included 46 teams from the entire state).

Grade	Bowler	# Games	High Game	High Set	Average
12	Matt Boley (Capt.)	90	269	702	203
	MVP…All GMC White Division (49)…200+ Games				
11	Vin Genova	85	257	676	198
	Improved Average +21…(44) 200+ Games				
12	Shawn Ferguson	73	237	611	176
	(12) 200+ Games				
12	George Kleinknecht	77	244	643	176
	(17) 200+ Games				
12	Nick Grego	83	230	568	170
12	John Roesch	10	195	460	157
11	Brett Morris	33	252	573	164
	Rookie of the Year				
11	Daryl Valerio	16	235	619	168
10	Robert Parillo	10	185	—	146
9	Chris Esposito	26	224	567	166
9	Ryan Pauls	20	235	555	166

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By Lee Flanagan

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

We are seeking directors for our Summer Invitational Tournaments. The director would be in charge of 10 teams in one age group. We already have Kevin Lykes taking the 9-year-old age group, Lee Flanagan will be the site coordinator for the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken district tournaments for 8-, 12- and 14-year-olds. He will also be the site coordinator for the 9-year-old State Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Tournament. Contact Lee Flanagan if you are interested.

Alan Maglaque, a South Plainfield resident from MAG Photo, is taking action photos of the SPJBC kids while they are playing at the complex. If you would like to see some of his work go to www.maglaque.com and you can purchase photos from him.

This weekend we will hold our Memorial Weekend Tournament at the SPJBC. There will be four age groups and a total of 20 teams in town for the big event. This is our third annual tournament; age groups participating are 10 and under, 11 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under. We will be selling t-shirts to commemorate this fantastic weekend. Come on out and see some great games.

This serves as a friendly reminder for all parents. If you would like to help out with your son's team at the SPJBC, you must have a club membership card and your Rutgers Certification Card. You cannot be in the dugout without these two credentials. The only exception is the scorekeeper, but they must have a club membership card. This will be strictly enforced. Membership cards are $10. See the officer on duty to obtain a card if you do not have it. The manager of the team is totally responsible for the actions of himself and the coaches in the dugout.

We have positions on the Executive Board up for election in the month of June. If you are interested in running for a board position see the committee consisting of Jack Brady, Bob Bors, Mike Salici and Rick Walton; these board members have another year on their terms. Executive Board positions that are up for election are: commissioner, assistant commissioner for administration, assistant commissioner for finance, assistant commissioner for communications, trustee position (fundraising), trustee position (player agent), trustee position (uniforms and equipment) and trustee position (safety officer)

Glenn Cullen has submitted his name for assistant commissioner for communications, and Tom Walsh and Bill Butrico have submitted their names for re-election to trustee positions. This leaves five positions that are still open.

We have tickets for a new Mercedes Benz. First Class Travel is sponsoring the second prize, which is a trip for $2,000 to any place you would like to travel to. Tickets are available from Nancy Salici or any Executive Board member or call the SPJBC for tickets.

'C' League Game Summaries *(Final week of season)*

Cardinals vs Orioles

Cardinals–Ryan Walsh pitched two scoreless innings and teammate Mike Olano had two key base hits. Also helping the offensive attack with a bases loaded double was Chris Burton.

Orioles–Leading the offense with key hits were Tommy DelPiano, Shawn Bangaroo and Enzo Butrico.

Red Sox vs Cardinals

Cardinals–Arshan Singh safely reached base twice. Ryan Walsh smacked three base hits while driving in two and scoring once and teammate Bryan Gillen scored three runs. From the mound Joey Hart threw two strong innings.

Angels vs Dodgers

Angels–Mitchell Dean and Daniel Vargas worked together for a fine putout on a hard hit ground ball. John Chillemi and Matthew Vargas each threw two solid innings from the mound.

Dodgers–Dakota Uhl led the offense with two hits and Brandon Quadrel smacked a clean double.

Yankees vs Red Sox

Red Sox–Justin Marks is ending the season on fire with three more base hits. Ryan Harris also did his own damage with three hits–one of which was a double. Malik Cisson turned a solo double play and had a good day with the plate.

Red Sox - Cardinals

Cardinals–Bryan Gillen pitched two scoreless innings; he also scored three runs. Teammate Ryan Walsh went three-for-three, scoring once. Chris Burton and Mike Schroder also contributed to the offensive attack by the Cardinals.

Astros vs Red Sox

Red Sox– David Vargas smacked two big hits and drove in two runs. Rian Lukacs drew two walks then drilled a double to centerfield, scored twice and pitched a scoreless fifth inning.

Cardinals vs Yankees

Cardinals–Ryan Walsh scored four times and Sean Cullen hit a big two run home run to lead the offense. Arshan Singh and Bryan Gillen both reached base safely.

Yankees–James Flasser smacked a line drive double to left field. Vinay Patel worked out two walks to get on base for the Yankees. Ryan Chadwick, Italo Cardosa and James Flasser each scored for the Yankees against a very stingy Cardinal defense.

Orioles vs Dodgers

Orioles–Robert Eggert and Jeremy Smith each had a multiple hit game, while teammate Chris Graves pitched two scoreless innings for the Orioles.

Dodgers–Tommy Heim had a great outing for the Dodgers from the mound. He then turned around and reached base safely all three at-bats. Danny Ruiz continued his hot hitting with two base hits.

Dodgers vs Astros

Dodgers–Wesly Bowe, William Walsh, Brandon Quadrell, Danny Ruiz, Greg Sutton, Ryan Bythell, Tommy Heim and Carl Cirilli all had a great day playing ball, enjoying the weather and most of all.....having fun!

Astros–Nick Fasullo turned in a few defensive gems with his glove at the hot corner. Chris Merrero had a couple of good at-bats to help generate runs for the Astros.

Yankees vs Cardinals

Yankees–The Yankees turned in a triple play, with the bases loaded. Jimmy Duhamel snared a line drive, stepped on first base, then turned and fired the ball to third base before the runner could get back to the bag. Kyle Dickerson pitched a strong inning, striking out the heart of the Cardinal offense.

Cardinals–In a rare feat, the Cardinals matched the Yankees by turning their own triple play, turned in by Sean Cullen, Bryan Gillen and Arshan Singh. Mike Schroeder and Chris Burton each had a strong game with key base hits. Six different pitchers combined to shut down the Yankees offense.

Orioles vs Mets

Orioles–LJ Scarpitto led the offense with four base hits and threw two scoreless innings. Jeremy Smith, Charlie Butrico and Robert Eggert all had base hits and Chris Graves added a triple of his own. Shawn Bangaroo pitched well for the Orioles.

Mets – Marc Stasio and Colin Berry each had two hits to lead the Mets while teammate Chris Cieszkiewic used his patience and sharp eye to draw two big walks.

Red Sox vs Angels

Red Sox–Ryan Harris had three big hits and scored twice. Dominick Scalera got on base twice with a single and walk and drove in two runs. Frank Ferraro threw some great pitches in his pitching debut.

Angels–Joe Bermudez played solid "D" at third base, picking up a hot grounder and tagging the runner for an unassisted putout. Joe Spinella pitched a strong inning and then went three for three at the plate. Mitchell Dean belted two doubles and drew a walk.

Astros vs Red Sox

Astros–The Astros finished the regular season with the entire team giving their best effort throughout the game.

Red Sox–Justin Marks drilled a home run to right center field. Malik Cisson had two big hits, scored a run and made a diving catch at shortstop. Tommy Dunn had two hits, scored twice and made a nice putout at second on a great throw from Adam Daubert at shortstop.

Sports

Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

In Cross-Division action, league-leading Aiello Chiropractic of the National Division gained an impressive 16½-3½ win over first-place Twin City of the American Division. Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer had his Rattlesnake driver really hissing as he killed his drives on all the par fours on his way to a 39, a score matched by his partner, Ed Banach. Guy Severini's 38 was the only round below 40 for Twin City, who managed to hold onto the top spot in the American Division despite the loss.

Witty's remained undefeated by downing Pornovets, 13-7. Howard Adler corrected his putting problems and posted a fine two-over 35, while teammate Kevin Bickunas crushed his drives in the fairways for a chance and had a 36 to show the way for Witty's. Even though he plays just once a week, it only took Marty Van De Vaarst of Pornovets a short time to hit mid-season form as he had an excellent two-over par round of 35 to tie Adler for medalist honors for the night.

The Elks demonstrated they plan to be serious contenders this season as they demolished last year's champions, Masters, 17-3. Led by Jeff Orth's 39, the Elks had a surprisingly easy time despite the strong effort of Mike King of Masters who turned in a 36.

Kevin Boyce earned medalist honors for Hackers with a 39 to lead his team to a 12½-7½ victory over Patti's Construction. "Iron Mike" Behr was low-man for Patti's with a 39, which he was not happy with. He announced that he plans to take the daring step of using some woods next week. Keep tuned for the results.

In a match that saw a lot of whacking and thwacking and more than a few stubbed chip shots, Sport & Social and Plainfield Animal Hospital hacked their way to a 10-10 tie. Mike Sikanowicz had a 39 for PAH; Chad Hibbard's 44 was the best score—a rather high "low-score"—for a Sport & Social team that is still struggling to find its form.

Rich Steele and Jim Slatterlee both had 39's to lead KC's Korner to a 10-10 tie with VFW to remain deadlocked with PAH for second place in the American Division. Bob Nilan was the medalist for the VFW with a 41.

Al Szumski of Masters won the weekly closest-to-the-pin competition on the third hole.

Low Scores for the night were: Marty Van De Vaarst—35; Howard Adler—35; Kevin Boyce—38; Mike King—36; Kevin Bickunas—36 and Guy Severini—38.

LEAGUE STANDINGS:

American Division	W	L	T
Twin City	2	1	0
PAH	1	1	1
KC's Korner	1	1	1
Pornovets	1	2	0
Masters	1	2	0
Patti's	0	3	0

National Division	W	L	T
Aiello	3	0	0
Witty's	3	0	0
Elks	2	1	0
Hackers	1	1	1
Sport & Social	0	1	2
VFW	0	2	1

SOCCER

U-12 Spirit Ties Two

The U-12 Spirit Boys Traveling Soccer Team proved to be a force to be reckoned with this weekend. In their first year together as a team, they managed to keep the first and second place teams in the flight from victory.

Friday's away game against Roselle Park was played with a full roster and determination. It was an incredibly suspenseful game with the score continually changing. In the first half, goals were made by Troy McNair and Agu Ufondu.

One was the result of a perfect assist by Jason Pattison. The second half produced one more goal by Agu, ending the game in a 4-4 tie. Excellent goalkeeping by Nicholas Tuyp. Also contributing to this amazing game were Jesse Allen, Ryan Billich, Ryan Hutchison, Joseph Krawiec, Cory Limone, Ryan Lind, Edwin Molina, Marc Paez, Matias Palma, Andrew Sanchez, Brandon Staynings and Daniel Zwatschka.

Sunday brought Watchung Hills United to South Plainfield and was a repeat of Friday with our team displaying aggressive play. By the end of the first half, Spirit was up 2-1 with goals scored by Edwin Molina and Agu Ufondu. The second half was tied up when United was given a direct goal kick that was miraculously stopped by goaltender Nicholas Tuyp, but unfortunately wound up being deflected into the net. What a great game to watch with dozens of shots on goal by Spirit and perfect passing. The result was a 2-2 final score.

After a very exciting weekend, look out New Providence at our last game on June 5!

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Baseball

New Jersey Predators Season Begins

The South Plainfield squad enters its third year of Senior American Legion competition with 10 returning players and four new players. The manager is Tony Bakazan. The coaches are Dennis Kazimir and Bill Ashnault.

On paper, this shapes up to not only be a very good team, but also a team that should provide some exciting offensive punch. With excellent team speed, defense and a strong pitching staff, we could be headed for our first winning season.

The team is supported by the generosity of our American Legion Post 243 on Oak Tree Ave. Our players assist the Post in fundraising activities, such as serving food and washing dishes at the American Legion pancake breakfasts.

Monday, June 6 is opening day at the varsity field. A member of Post 243 will throw out the first pitch to officially start our season. We invite the public to attend our games and support the team.

On the Predators Roster are: Danny Agostino, South Plainfield, junior; Bill Ashnault, South Plainfield, sophomore; Chris Bakazan, South Plainfield, senior; Robert Barone, DeVry University, freshman; Mike Downes, South Plainfield, senior; Mike Hanley, St. Joe's Metuchen; junior, Kyle Kazimir, College of NJ, freshman; Anthony Niemczyk, South Plainfield, sophomore; Danny Piwowar, South Plainfield, senior; Tommy Pryor, South Plainfield, junior; Matt Santone, University of Miami, freshman; Mike Stallone, South Plainfield, sophomore; Chris Stallone, South Plainfield, sophomore and Steve Turrise, Middlesex County College, freshman.

Predator Schedule: June 6, 5:45 p.m.—home; June 7, 5:45 p.m.—home; June 9—Columbus Park; June 10, 5:45 p.m.—Franklin High School; June 11—Waterfront Park; June 13, 5:45 p.m.—home; June 16, 5:45 p.m.—home; June 17, 5:45 p.m.—home; June 20—Rudik Field; June 21, 5:45 p.m.—Edison; June 27, 5:45 p.m.—home; June 28, 5:45 p.m.—Old Bridge High School; June 29—Middlesex High School; June 30, 5:45 p.m.—home; July 1, 5:45 p.m.—home; July 5, 5:45 p.m.—Woodbridge High School; July 6, 5:45 p.m.—Spotswood High School; July 7—Columbus Park; July 8, 5:45 p.m.—home; July 9—home; July 11, 5:45 p.m.—Franklin High School and July 12, 5:45 p.m.—home.

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JACOB'S CREEK Shiraz 6.99 750 ml — This Shiraz is firm, even chewy, on the lean side, with dark berry and cherry flavors that linger. – Chosen by the Wine Spectator among the top 50 red wine values from around the world. RATED 86
CAVIT Pinot Grigio 11.99 1.5 liter
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Left to right, SPHS Principal Dr. Ken May, Carolyn Allen, Mayra Robles, Ana Santiago, Kristine Werner, Samantha Mitchell and Deirdre Falato.

Top CE Awards Announced

The popular South Plainfield High School Cooperative Education/School to Careers Program announced this year's top award winners. The CE Student of the Year and three Outstanding Achievement Awards are being sponsored by the Commerce Bank-South Plainfield branch, an on-going Business/Education Community Partnership.

This year's CE Student of the Year is Mayra Robles, daughter of Angel and Lilian of Edgar Ave. She will be attending Kean University to pursue a career in International Business with a concentration in accounting. Her CE on-the-job training is with KOBO Products, Inc., on South Clinton Ave. KOBO is an international research and development corporation. Company Controller and former South Plainfield High School CE graduate Angie (Verdejo) Paez said, "Mayra is a mature young woman who has good communication and people skills." Mrs. Paez hopes Mayra will continue with KOBO as she develops her business skills. A $500 check will be presented to Mayra at the Academic Awards Night on June 7.

Commerce Bank will also be honoring the following students with checks for $200 each for their selection as CE Outstanding Achievement Award winners: Ana Santiago, daughter of Myrian and Jose of New Market Ave., who will be attending St. John's University next fall as a political science major to pursue a career in law; Samantha Mitchell, daughter of Stanley and Sharon of Windrew Ave., who will be attending Brookdale Community College as a radio and TV production major; and Kristine Werner, daughter of Denise of Clinton Ave., who will be attending Middlesex County College for Nursing in pursuit of a new major called surgical technology.

Carolyn Allen, Branch Manager and Assistant Vice President of Commerce Bank, strongly believes in her participation in this education/business partnership between Commerce Bank and the High School CE Program. "A program like this gives every student opportunities to explore career options and real work opportunities with leaders and mentors. It is an honor to encourage and support these young ladies of tomorrow."

Ms. Falato, CE teacher, points out that, "Business Education partnerships like Commerce Bank and CE gives our high school students an edge over other students because CE students are exposed to the real world of work, various careers and cutting edge technology." They create solid resumes, business mentors and are extremely confident to enter this changing global economy. Principal Dr. Kenneth May echoes these sentiments, saying how "proud [he] is of this ongoing success story." The CE Program provides scholarships and launches many entry level career paths for our seniors. "We appreciate the efforts of Commerce Bank and their continued support!"

South Plainfield High School

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1703

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

Ord. 1703 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING $161,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS TO BE UTILIZED BY THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 27, 2005 and that a public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1703

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING $161,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AS LISTED BELOW FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the following improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey:

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus	**$161,000.00**
TOTAL	**$161,000.00**

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is $161,000.00.

B. That the cost for said projects shall be financed by a $144,364.00 grant from the US Department of Homeland Security, and $16,636.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be fifteen (15) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not applicable to this project.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Administrator / Municipal Clerk

$85.75 May 27, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

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

WHEREAS the NJDEP issued the Borough of South Plainfield a Municipal Stormwater General Permit effective April 1, 2004 and with it comes certain mandatory requirements; and

WHEREAS the Borough has received a proposal from CME Associates to perform the required work, such as preparing the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, which includes a Stormwater Management Plan amongst other items, at a cost not to exceed $23,264.00; and

WHEREAS this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a); and

WHEREAS funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the FY 2005 Engineering Budget, account # 5-01-20-165-000-235 ($12,681.00) and the Grant Fund, account # G-02-41-747-001-301 ($10,583.00).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a professional services contract with CME Associates to perform the required tasks as mandated by the NJDEP relative to the Municipal Stormwater Permit received by the Borough at a cost not to exceed $23,264.00.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

$40.25 May 27, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on **JUNE 9, 2005 at ***10:00AM ***** prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the municipal building 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public.

ACQUISITION OF SIX COMMERCIAL GRADE TREADMILLS

Specifications and other bid information maybe obtained at the Municipal Clerk's office in the municipal building at the above address during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Only bidders who have picked up specifications will be allowed to submit bids. All bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished by the Borough. A bid bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the **BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD** in the amount equal to 10% of the highest bid amount, including alternates, if any, but not to exceed $20,000 and a duly executed Consent of Surety. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.) the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25, Employment on Public Works N.J.S.A. 10:2 EOE. ADA

Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

$33.00 May 27, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1698

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

Ord. 1698 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 6, LOT 8.01 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO MR. & MRS. EUGENE SIKANOWICZ IN THE AMOUNT OF $40,000.00 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

$24.50 May 27, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Doug and Kathy DeLisa requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an above ground pool. Proposed pool lacks 30' required front setback from Delmore Avenue, 5' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 601 Hamilton Blvd. on Block 338, Lot 1 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 Thursday, June 9, 2005 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.

$35.00 May 27, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Michael and Lynn Patzwa requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a new front porch with roof over. Proposed porch lacks 30' required front setback, 26' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 111 Madison Drive on Block 122, Lot 40 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 Thursday, June 9, 2005 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.

$35.00 May 27, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by James and Velma Keith requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to erect a two story addition. Proposed addition lacks 30' required front setback, 14' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 21 Universal Avenue on Block 499, Lot 4 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 Thursday, June 9, 2005 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.

$35.00 May 27, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Debbie Horne requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an addition. Proposed addition lacks 30' required front setback, 28.39' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1903 So. Central Avenue on Block 128, Lot 19 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 Thursday, June 9, 2005 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.

$35.00 May 27, 2005

Applying for a variance?

Please note that all legal notices must be published at least 10 days prior to your meeting date.

Announces Marking Period 3 Honor Roll

Grade 11

Alyssa R. Woodel, Hameda Ahmed, Nicole M. Aiello, Brandon Alpert, Gaelle Amazan, Kinal Amin, Alyssa M. Babinetz, Nicholas M. Barone, Jamar T. Beverley, Darice A. Bishop, Ashley E. Bodner, Kevin C. Boyles, Eileen M. Cameron, Vanessa L. Cassano, Jenny Cheng, Dana M. Chepulis, Angelica Cirilli, Matthew J. Coffey, Kathyrine M. Cooper, Mallory N. Cooper, Joel N. Cortese, Kevin Crilley, Kazuki R. Daimo, William M. Daly, Francisco De La Cruz, Joseph W. DeNitzio, Amanda Deba, Samantha A. Deffler, Keith R. Dezmin and Sandia Dundi

Christina Eckhardt, Azubuike O. Ejiochi, Clara M. Eskander, Courtney K. Eustice, Breanne Fore, Gabrielle D. Franco, Brittany Frazer, Dunia A. Galarza, Michael W. Graham, Aisha M. Gray, Zachary E. Gray, Kristen M. Gualano, Alicia J. Hawkins, Lindsay Hunsicker, Shivani Itwaru, Padminie (Amanda) P. Jaikaran, Beverly Jamieson, Matthew R. Jeglinski, Victoria D. Jennings, Guiliana M. Kay, Kathryn A. Koury, Cassandra A. Krajcik, Nicholas Kratz, Alyssa A. Kurilew, Kristi L. Lombardi, Kristina M. Mascolo, Saira A. Memon, Bryan D. Milicia, Danna Airie S. Mirasol, Alicia A. Montanaro, Rebekah J. Moore, Alexander F. Nau, Kaitlyn A. Negron, Joshua D. O'Neal, James T. Olson, Kelly M. Orlandini, Heather Palitto, Dipal G. Patel, Satyam S. Patel, Jeffrey Pham, Larnardo M. Pittman, Kaitlyn Pollock, Alishah A. Rahemtulla, Larisse L. Ribeiro, Adriana I. Rivera, Ashley N. Rivera, Andrew J. Roibal, Anthony J. Romano, Angelique J. Rualo, Nicole M. Sacci, Courtney M. Sacco, Lauren E. Santillo, Lacey M. Santone, Denise Scavone, Brian R. Schulte, Jessica C. Schwartz, Gina M. Severini, Divya Sindha, Amanda M. Smalley, Amanda M. Smith, Heather N. Smith, Ryan M. Smith, Laurie S. Sobel, Zalak G. Soni, Joseph A. Stasio, Melissa A. Szeliga, Natalia T. Tamzoke, Simone E. Taylor, Alison E. Teal, Lee R. Tetreault, Heather M. Thompson, Steven J. Tietjen, Huong K. Tran, Stephanie M. Troia, Daryl J. Valerio, Amanda L. Veinott, Lea A. Visaggio, Bryan E. Wagner, Lauren A. Watson, Rebecca A. Watts, Christopher R. Weakley, Stefanie L. Wieckowski, Krystal Williams, Keith W. Winsmann, Nadine E. Yon, Carla Zappi and Matthew T. Zebrowski.

Grade 12

Nicole L. Aguilar, Vaidehi D. Amin, Shakellah Amini, Peter J. Aquino, Danielle E. Arndt, Peter A. Assad, Felicia Bacchus, Kristin A. Badolato, Christopher A. Bakazan, Michael D. Benak, Dawn N. Besser, Shakera Beverley, Adam R. Bianchi, Ashley N. Bishop, Christopher A. Bojarski, Laura J. Boldo, Matthew D. Boley, Jennifer L. Braco, Ellen T. Bradley, Alyssa C. Bubnick, Vijay M. Budhan, Justin R. Buendia, Janea R. Burchell, Gerry W. Butrico, Nina E. Byard, Pasquale A. Cantarella, Trisha M. Capparelli, Kristina D. Carigma, Fabian F. Casteblanco, Henderson Catlyn, Nicholas B. Cesare, Janine N. Clemente, Kristin A. Coffey, Anthony M. Costante, Katie Crilley, Nicholas J. Curcio, Cassandra L. D'Urso, Jessica A. Dabrio, Lauren J. Darr, Peter J. DeAndrea, Louana DeLos Santos, Crystal A. DeSantis, Alissa Decarlo, Siobhan M. Delaney, John Louine B. Demegillo, Allison C. DiMeglio, Stacey M. Diana, Christina Difrancesco, Kaitlynn A. Disch, Jonathan B. Donahue, Michael S. Downes, Michael D. Duquette, Jeffrey A. Eng, Caitlin R. English, Lia Esitashvili, Karen V. Estonactoc, Shawn P. Ferguson, Anna N. Ferrer, Melanie B. Foscolo, Kimberly A. Gaub, Keenan W. Gaynor, John E. Geczy, Kendall N. Green, Sara A. Grillo, Erin Gyurisin, Melissa A. Hansen, Michele M. Hardgrove, Emily S. Harkins, Lauren M. Haus, Justin T. Heffernan, Kelley M. Hrutkay, Phu D. Huynh, Jamie L. Jakubik, Ling Y. Jiang, Latoya D. Johnson, Edward M. Johnston, Colleen L. Kamen, Elyse R. Kanaley, Peter M. Kelly, Thomas J. Kiczula, Jessica M. Kizmann, Veronica Konya, Annamaria Kubovcikova, Kevin C. Lahey, Anthony S. Lara, Linda M. Lee, Johnathan Lopez, Aimee J. Maiorino, Alyssa Maiorino, Krista Malecki, Jessica H. Manning, Thomas F. Manolio, Christina A. Martin, Kayleigh E. McGovern, Christopher R. McKnight, William J. Merkler, Jayne H. Merlo, Andrew E. Miller, Jessica L. Miller, Stefanie M. Miller, William J. Moates, Rosanna G. Mootoo, Kathleen Morgan, Katie Mott, Jacqueline E. Muglia, Brian J. Murtagh, Jessica L. Musolino, Huan K. Nguyen, Thao (Annie) T. Nguyen, Jesse R. Nietzer, Abby D. Papa, Augusto S. Pasco, Valerie J. Pasquarella, Deep B. Patel, Sankalp C. Patel, Krutarth N. Pathak, Ashley N. Penny, Daniel T. Piwowar, Lisa M. Primavera, Marisa S. Proietto, Amanda J. Prybella and Patrick M. Pryor.

Jalil A. Qayum, Dwight V. Quichua, Patrick E. Reedy, Justin S. Reid, Allyce M. Rettberg, Michael B. Richard, Todd A. Rivers, Mayra A. Robles, Julia A. Russell, Alison L. Schmidt, Jessica L. Senz, Paras V. Shah, Brian J. Sheldon, Jaret Shelton, Justin Shelton, Lesley A. Sideck, Erin R. Sikanowicz, Melissa A. Silva, Darren F. Smith, "Derek, J Smith", Trevor A. Smith, Alisha M. Stasenko, Melissa A. Sticco, Sara G. Sukenik, Kelly M. Thomas, Kyle A. Thomas, Teresa E. Thornton, Ashlen Udell, Jennifer M. Vasquez, Erik Z. Vesper, Amber K. Walden, Kristine Werner, Kelly A. Whitney, Coral L. Willis, Philip M. Zazzara and Brian P. Zielinsk.

Rosanna Mootoo and Katie Mott sing "For Good from Wicked."

SPHS Music Dept. Performs Senior Recital

On May 11, the South Plainfield High School Music Department presented their annual Senior Recital. The event offered the audience vocals, instrumentals and dance. The recital featured Katie Mott, Rosanna Mootoo, Peter Assad, Jessica Musolino, Michael Duquette, John Roesch, Ashlen Udell, Nicole Sutherland and Nina Byard. Photo by Christopher Abbott

SPHS Principal Dr. Ken May congratulates senior Jonathan Lopez, winner of the Ford "Spirit of Accomplishment" Scholastic Award for 2005. He will receive $2,000 courtesy of Ford Motor Company.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1702

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

Ord. 1702 entitled: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF CEDAR AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 20, 2005 and that a public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 PlainfieldAvenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1702

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF CEDAR AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY that in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:67-1, specifically Chapter 421 of the Public Laws 1985 and amendments thereto as follows:

1. That a portion of Cedar Avenue as more fully described in Schedules A attached hereto be and is hereby vacated.
2. This vacation is specifically conditioned upon receipt by the Borough of South Plainfield of the amounts listed below from the owners of the parcels contiguous to said street vacation:

Property Owner	Amount Due Borough
Tam H. & Myxuan Nguyen	$4,500.00

3. The vacation specifically reserves any and all utility easements which may be contained within the vacated public right of ways.
4. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication as provided by law.

DESCRIPTION OF A PORTION OF CEDAR AVENUE (30-FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY), UNIMPROVED, TO BE VACATED SITUATED IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTACHMENT A

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of easterly right-of-way of Cedar Avenue (30-foot Wide Right-of-Way) with the southwesterly projection of the northwesterly right-of-way line of Mellon Street, formerly Second Street, (45-foot Wide Right-of-Way as per Tax Map), and from said beginning point running, thence:

1. Along said southwesterly right-of-way line of Cedar Avenue, North 47 degrees 25' West, a distance of 357 feet, more or less, to a point in the approximate high waterline of Cedar Brook, thence
2. Along said approximate high waterline of Cedar Brook, the various courses thereof, a distance of 16 feet, more or less, to a point in the northeasterly right-of-way line of Cedar Avenue, thence
3. Along the northeasterly right-of-way line of Cedar Avenue, South 47 degrees 25' East, a distance of 98 feet, more or less, to a point in the westerly right-of-way line of Cedar Avenue, thence
4. Along said westerly right-of-way line of Cedar Avenue, North 25 degrees 20' West, a distance of 37 feet, more or less, to a point in the northeasterly right-of-way line of Cedar Avenue, thence
5. Along said northeasterly right-of-way line of Cedar Avenue, South 47 degrees 25' East, a distance of 306 feet, more or less, to a point of intersection with the northwesterly right-of-way line of Mellon Street, thence
6. Along said southwesterly projection of the northwesterly right-of-way line of Mellon Street, South 42 degrees 35' West, a distance of 30 feet, more or less, to the point and place of beginning.

Said describes lands being known as a portion of Cedar Avenue (30-Foot Wide Right-of-Way), unimproved, to be vacated, as shown on the official Tax Map of the Borough of South Plainfield, Sheet No. 13.

Intending to vacate all right, title, and interest, in and to the public right-of-way commonly known as Cedar Avenue, from the northwesterly right-of-way line of Mellon Street, northwesterly, to the approximate high waterline for Cedar Brook.

Said described lands being subject to any and all public utilities established within the road prior to vacation.

Said description of a portion of Cedar Avenue (30-Foot Wide Right-of-Way), unimproved, to be vacated, having been drawn in accordance with certain map entitled "Maple Estates, Section Three, situated in the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey", filed January 9, 1953, in the Middlesex County Clerk's office, as Map No. 1781 in File No. 263, and a certain map entitled "Plainfield Park, Section One", filed September 12, 1910, in the Middlesex County Clerk's office, as Map No. 593 in File No. 469.

Said described lands being subject to easements, restrictions and agreements of record and such facts as may be disclosed in a full and accurate title search and survey into the property-in-question and immediate adjoiners.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

$126.00 May 27, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1697

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

Ord. 1697 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING LEFT HAND TURNS INTO AND OUT OF THE DURHAM PLAZA MALL ON DURHAM AVENUE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

$24.00 May 27, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1701

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

Ord. 1701 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1623 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR THE YEARS 2005 THROUGH 2008 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 27, 2005 and that a public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

$24.50 May 27, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1699

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

Ord. 1699 entitled: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST OF PLAINFIELD, LLC TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

$24.50 May 27, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1700

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

Ord. 1700 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING $384,032.69 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE MAPLE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

$24.50 May 27, 2005

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE 1701

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

Ord. 1701 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1623 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR THE YEARS 2005 THROUGH 2008 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 27, 2005 and that a public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE 1701

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1623 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2005,2006, 2007 and 2008.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown.

POSITION	2005	2006	2007	2008
PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS (and non-bargaining employees)				
ADMINISTRATOR	11,087	11,475	11,877	12,292
MUNICIPAL CLERK	74,977	77,602	80,318	83,129
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	93,521	96,794	100,182	103,688
TAX COLLECTOR	23,338	24,155	25,000	25,875
TAX ASSESSOR	101,557	105,112	108,791	112,598
ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST	54,342	56,244	58,212	60,250
RECYCLING COORDINATOR	4,259	4,408	4,562	4,722
OEM COORDINATOR	19,830	20,524	21,242	21,985
FIRE OFFICIAL	78,121	80,855	83,685	86,614
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	90,094	93,247	96,511	99,888
SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTOR / ASSESSING CLERK	49,709	51,449	53,250	55,113
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OFFICE ON AGING	48,205	49,892	51,638	53,446
SEWER UTILITY SUPERVISOR	8,035	8,316	8,607	8,908
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR	8,035	8,316	8,607	8,908
PROJECT COORDINATOR, CONSTRUCTION	7,500	7,762	8,034	8,315
CONSTRUCTION OFFICER / ZONING OFFICER	85,035	88,011	91,091	94,279
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	87,373	90,431	93,596	96,872
RECREATION DIRECTOR	64,777	67,044	69,390	71,819
POOL ADMINISTRATOR	7,340	7,597	7,863	8,138
MAYOR	7,763	8,035	8,316	8,607
COUNCIL PRESIDENT	6,210	6,427	6,652	6,885
COUNCILPERSON	5,175	5,356	5,544	5,738
BOROUGH ATTORNEY	10,000	10,350	10,712	11,087
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR	37,694	39,013	40,379	41,792
PUBLIC DEFENDER	7,186	7,438	7,698	7,967
PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY	7,545	7,809	8,083	8,365
ZONING BOARD ATTORNEY	7,545	7,809	8,083	8,365
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE	42,284	43,764	45,296	46,881
HOUSING ASSISTANCE TECHNICIAN	5,738	5,939	6,147	6,362
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	1,148	1,188	1,230	1,273
PROGRAM COORDINATOR	5,738	5,939	6,147	6,362
SECRETARY TO MAYOR	1,349	1,396	1,445	1,495
ASSISTANT CHIEF ASSESSOR	5,000	5,356	5,544	5,738

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY - All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistant with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE - This ordinance shall become effective and operative ten days after the publication thereof after final passage.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC

$175.00 May 27, 2005

Middle School Band Students Play At Patriots' Game–It was a warm spring evening and all you could hear was the crack of the bat, the roar of the crowd and the sound of a finely tuned band as the South Plainfield Middle School Concert Band played "The Star Spangled Banner" at the Somerset Patriots vs. Bridgeport Bluefish baseball game. More than 275 students, teachers, family and friends were on hand to support the band.

Five Chosen for South Plainfield High School Hall of Fame

(Continued from page 1)

Roger Catarino attended Roosevelt School and graduated SPHS in 1964, where he excelled in basketball and was a member of the 1965 State Championship Basketball Team. He was an all-American quarterback in college and voted Coach of the Year at City of Chattanooga. He attended BS University of Chattanooga, majoring in psychology. He has served on the Presidents Advisory Council and the United Way in three cities. He was also in "Who's Who" in American Business in 1999. He is married with three children and one grandchild.

Walter Kozumbo, Ph.D attended Sacred Heart School and graduated SPHS in 1963. He attended Princeton University and majored in biology. He also has two degrees from Johns Hopkins University. He did his post-doctoral studies at the Swiss Cancer Research Institute. He has had a distinguished career in biological, bioharzard and environmental research for the U.S. Military and Federal Government and medical schools. Kozumbo has authored 21 scientific articles. He is married with two children, ages 17 and 20.

Thomas McCreesh attended JF Kennedy School and graduated SPHS in 1981. He attended DeSales University and graduated with BA in Business Management. McCreesh has been a very active in coaching in the South Plainfield community. He has also coached recreation soccer, t-ball, teener ball, ponytail softball and basketball for 10 years. He is the founder and chairperson of the C.O.A.C.H.es Care Charity, which donates all proceeds raised to children battling illnesses or cancer. His charity has raised over $30,000 to date. He is a member of the South Plainfield Recreation Commission.

Clifford Joseph Smith attended elementary school in Elizabeth and graduated SPHS in 1958. Clifford lost his eyesight in 1952, a year and a half before he attended high school here. After learning Braille and basic mobility, he went on to become an honor student. He graduated Seton Hall University, majoring in U.S. history and minoring in philosophy. He received his MA from Loyala University in Chicago in religious studies. He alsomastered computer programming and has been working in the field for 30 years. He is married and has seven children; five sons and two daughters.

Discounted Amusement Park Tickets Available

South Plainfield Recreation Department, in conjunction with the NJ Recreation and Park Association, is making available discount tickets to selected tri-state Amusement Parks. Following are the available tickets and their discounted prices:

Six Flags Great Adventure Theme Park Adult- $31 (gate price $50.87); Hurricane Harbor Adult- $28 (gate price $30); Dorney Park Adult $30 (gate price $36.95); Dorney Park Junior- $18 (gate price $19); Sesame Place- $36 (gate price $43.15) and Mountain Creek Adult Full Day- $21 (gate price $27).

Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Offices located in the PAL Recreation Center located at 1250 Maple Ave. For more information or to check on availability, please call (908) 227-7714 during office hours.

Obituaries

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a granddaughter, Kailee Victoria. Also surviving is a cousin, Marie McNultey of Colonia.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

Louis Robert Dauber, 73

Louis Robert Dauber died on Sunday, May 22 in the Compassionate Care Hospice at St. Clares Hospital in Dover.

Born in Newark, Louis was raised in Kenilworth and resided in Edison for 40 years before moving to Oak Ridge 10 months ago.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Dauber served during the Korean Conflict. He enlisted in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1955.

He was a former vice commander and former membership chairman of the South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post 243.

Mr. Dauber was employed with American Bakeries in Edison for 25 years and he also participated in the North Edison Little League and Pop Warner Football for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth (Knopf) of 47 years; a daughter, Kathleen Santonastasso and her husband, John of Oak Ridge; a son, John and his wife Peggy of Edison; a sister, Gail Dauber of Kenilworth and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Dauber's memory to the Compassionate Care Hospice C/O St. Clares Hospital, 400 W. Blackwell St., Dover, NJ 07801.

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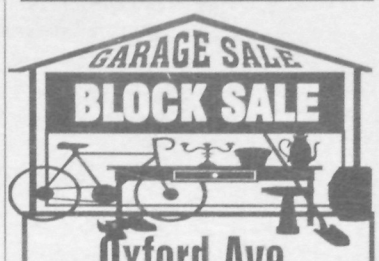

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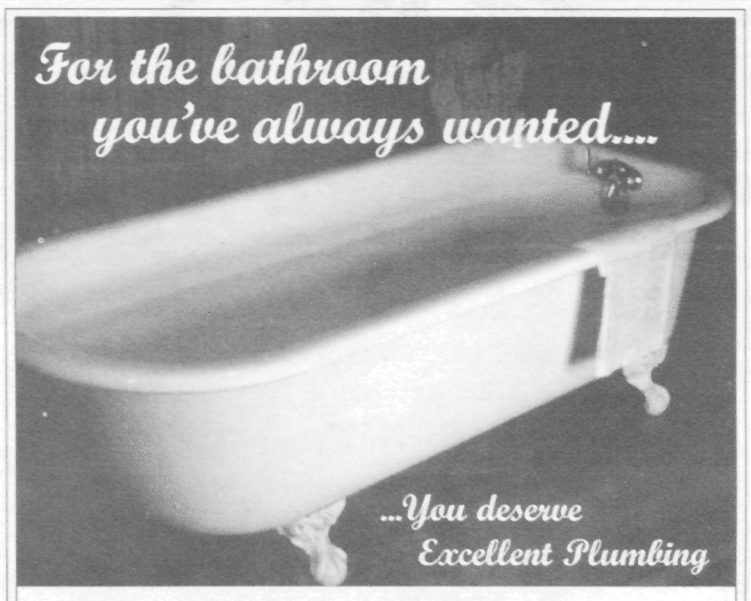

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Obituaries

Stefan Zushma, 78

Stefan Zushma died on Wednesday, May 18 in his home.

His wife, Marion Zushma, died in 1990.

Surviving are five children, Geraldine, Dawn Marie, Stephen, Michael and David Zushma. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Private funeral services were held under the direction of McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations in her memory to JFK Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08812 would be appreciated.

Anthony S. Bivona, Jr.

Anthony (Tony) S. Bivona, Jr. lost a long, hard and courageous battle to cancer on May 17 at his home in Middlesex.

A very special and wonderful person, Anthony, known as "Tony" to his friends and "Daddio" to his family, was a true friend to all and held a special charm with his family. For most of his life, he worked and played hard, never complained, always found a way to fix things and to throw in a joke to make you feel better. He was an avid music lover and had a real passion for the Dallas Cowboys.

He was born in Newark and lived in Iselin until moving to Middlesex in 1995. Tony was a manager at SOS Gases, Inc. in Middlesex.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Anthony Bivona.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanette; seven children, Michael, Christian and his wife Laura, Heather and her husband Joe, Adam, Cadence and her husband Jeff, Nicole and her partner Lee and Stephanie and her partner Steve; two grandsons, Alex and Joseph; a brother to Mary C. John and special uncle to Craig, Michael and Kimberly John and their families. He leaves behind truly great friends, Billy Moorehead and family, Mr. Mike and family and Rich and Shannon.

Funeral services were held under the direction of the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Nicholas DeCillis, 44

Nicholas DeCillis died suddenly on Monday, May 16 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, he had resided in South Plainfield for most of his life.

He was employed as a dispatcher for Waste Management, formerly DeMarco's of Newark for the past eight years.

Nick graduated from the South Plainfield High School in 1979. He was an avid New York Yankee and Giant fan.

His father, Frank DeCillis, died in 2001.

Surviving are his wife, Stacey (Minarck) DeCillis; four children, Nicholas J., Dana, Jaclyn and Leann DeCillis, all at home; his mother, Grace Decillis of South Plainfield; a sister, Juliann Bickunas and her husband David of South Plainfield; a brother, Matthew DeCillis and his wife Angela of Iselin; his father- and mother-in-law, Jack and Joy Minarck of South Plainfield; a sister- and brother-in-law, Carrie and Charlie George of South Plainfield and seven nieces and nephews, Amanda, Charlie, Michael, David, Luke, Veronica and Vanessa.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Joan H. (Barratt) White, 72

Joan White

Joan H. (Barratt) White died on Sunday, May 22 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born in Newark, she grew up in East Orange and had lived in Elizabeth for a short time and in North Edison for 12 years before moving to South Plainfield in 1966. She moved to Toms River in 1996.

Joan had worked as a clerk typist in the classified deptartment of the *Courier-News* in Plainfield for eight years and later worked as a secretary and switchboard operator for Kentile Floors in South Plainfield for eight years. She retired in 1990.

She was a longtime member and former director of the Polish National Home and a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the BPO Elks Lodge 2298.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Robert F. White; three children, Debra Lasko and her husband, Bob of Toms River, Cindy Armbruster and her husband, Roy of Bethlehem, Pa. and Robert P. White and his fiancée, Trish Tober of Neptune and six grandchildren, RJ and Krystal Lasko, Roy, Katelyn and Ryan Armbruster and Christopher White.

Private arrangements were under the direction of the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations in Joan's memory made to the American Heart Association or to the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation would be appreciated.

Eric W. Holzapfel, 45

Eric W. Holzapfel died on Sunday, May 15 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Plainfield, he was raised and had resided in Clark before settling to Bridgewater in 1998.

He was a 1977 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark and a graduate of Union County College.

Eric was employed as a plant manager for Package Kare in Middlesex.

Surviving are his wife, Carol (Gruver) Holzapfel; a son, Tyler; his parents, Jo and Bill Holzapfel; two brothers, Alan and his wife Sally of Garwood and Glenn and his wife Mindy Marcus of Chapel Hill, NC; a nephew, Scott Holzapfel and a niece, Jennifer Filipe.

Also surviving are additional nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations in his memory may be made to St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 213 Center St., Garwood, NJ 07027.

Edward G. Hewitt, 56

Edward G. Hewitt of Bridgewater died on Sunday, May 1 in Bridgewater.

Born in Colonic, NY, he was raised in Ballston Spa, NY. He then moved to South Plainfield, where he lived for 14 years before moving to the Bridgewater area seven years ago.

He was employed by United Steel Deck in South Plainfield for 20 years, retiring in March 2005.

He was predeceased by his mother, Anna May, who died in 1997.

He is survived by two children, Lisa and Chris Hewitt and their mother, Lori, all of South Plainfield; his father, William C.; five sisters, Mary Lee Blakeslee, Joanne Hauprich, Patty Jurcsak, Paula Slade and Laurie Ferradino and their spouses and three brothers, Bill, Frank and Joe Hewitt and their spouses. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

Letters of remembrance will also be accepted at rossifh@comcast.net.

Anna Muglia, 89

Anna Muglia passed away on Saturday, May 21 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She was born in New Haven, Conn. and had been a lifelong resident of South Plainfield.

Anna worked for 40 years with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union as a seamstress in many of the area shops. She retired in 1978.

She was a former member of the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart RC Church.

Anna had a great devotion to her family, making sure she was at all the family gatherings. She loved to reminisce about the family from old photographs.

Anna was predeceased by her parents, four brothers and a sister.

She is survived by two sisters, Mary and Josephine Muglia; many nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Philomena "Babe" M. (Dessino) Snedeker, 80

Babe Snedeker

Philomena M. "Babe" (Dessino) Snedeker died unexpectedly on Sunday, May 22 at her home.

Born in Fanwood, she had resided in Plainfield her entire life.

Initially employed by Hyatt Bearing and later General Motors in Linden as a female inspector, she continued to work after her retirement from GM by working as a custodian for the Scotch Plains Board of Education in the Terrill Middle School. While employed with the board of education, she also worked, part-time, in the South Plainfield Park Avenue Dunkin Donuts. She once again retired, only to continue to work as a crossing guard at Roosevelt School.

Babe was a loving mother and grandmother whose riches can be seen in the close family she leaves behind. She was also a familiar face around the neighborhood in which she lived and worked.

She is predeceased by three sisters, Mary DiPaolo, Louise Previte and Angie Lumina and two brothers, Stephen and Anthony Dessino.

Surviving are two daughters, Gloria Curran of South Carolina and Doreen DiMaria of South Plainfield; a sister, Nancy Mastroguiseppe of Mountainside; a brother, Dominic Dessino of Kenilworth; eight grandchildren, Dana Zampella, Sean Curran, Danielle DiMaria-Sadorski, Denise DiMaria, Doreen Lessing, Christopher Curran, Devon DiMaria and Dani-Jo DiMaria and four great grandchildren, Brittanni Kennedy, Daniel DiMaria, Anthony Sadorski and Gianna Lessing.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Deborah Hospital, Plainfield Area Chapter, P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ.

Paul J. Fessock, 66

Paul J. Fessock died suddenly on Saturday, May 14 at home.

Born in Plainfield, Mr. Fessock was raised in Highland Park.

In 1957 Paul graduated from Highland Park High School, and the following year he entered the U.S. Army, where he served for three years before being discharged as an E-4 Specialist. He was stationed in Puerto Rico and during that time he met and married his loving wife of 40 years, Leonor.

Upon his discharge, Paul moved to Edison before settling in South Plainfield in 1969. In 1975, he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

While in high school, Paul excelled in athletics and academics. During his senior year, the year in which Highland Park won the state championship in football, Mr. Fessock made the All-Country Football Team.

Mr. Fessock was employed as a senior research technician for Colgate Palmolive in Piscataway for 37 years, retiring in 2003.

Paul had a passion for umpiring and refereeing. He was a member of the ASA Umpire Association, where he had umpired and refereed throughout the state of New Jersey, primarily in Northern New Jersey. In the 1980s, Mr. Fessock served as an umpire for the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club.

An avid fisherman and bowler, Paul, at one time, bowled a 299. He was also the former head of the South Plainfield Recreation Bowling League and for the past year and a half, Mr. Fessock served as a substitute teacher throughout the South Plainfield school system.

He is predeceased by his mother, Betty Fessock (nee Bahuk), who died in 1997.

In addition to his wife, surviving are two sons, Paul of Edison and Robbie and his wife Kenda of Maryland; his father, Joseph of Edison and a granddaughter, Kailee Victoria. Also

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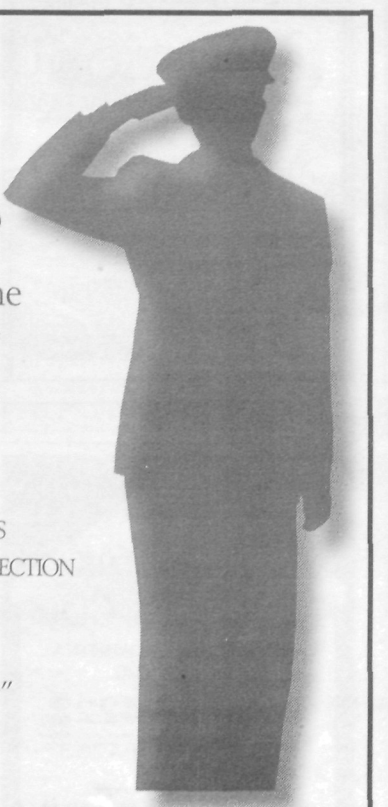

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