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## TAXES ON THE RISE Municipal Budget Introduced

Residents will have to dig deeper into their pockets after receiving their third and fourth quarter tax bills. The school board taxes rose by about \$281 and the municipal taxes rose by \$60 on a home assessed at \$127,000.

The 2006 Municipal Budget, introduced at last week's council meeting, will be published in next week's *Observer* and a public hearing date will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The only questions asked about the budget at its introduction were made by resident Frank Mikorski, who questioned why the town's ratables had gone down last year. He felt that will all the new homes, ratables should have gone up not down.

CFO Glenn Cullen explained that many commercial properties in town contested their tax bills during the past year, and either through the court decisions and arbitration, were granted tax abatements, thus lowering the Borough's overall ratables. Ratables are

the valued amount of anticipated taxes a municipality receive from both commercial and residential properties.

Cullen explained that there is a regulation on the books that says that commercial properties can appeal their taxes if their buildings are not fully occupied and thus not receiving the estimated income on which their taxes are assessed. Commercial properties are taxed not only on the value of the property, but also on the amount of revenue they will produce. When a commercial property does get tax relief, their taxes do not immediately increase if the property is occupied a few months later, a fact that no one really is happy about.

Mikorski said the law is unfair to the residents of the town. He asked Borough Clerk Vinnie Butiglieri for a list of the commercial properties that received abatements and that it be made public, as well as the amount the taxes were reduced.

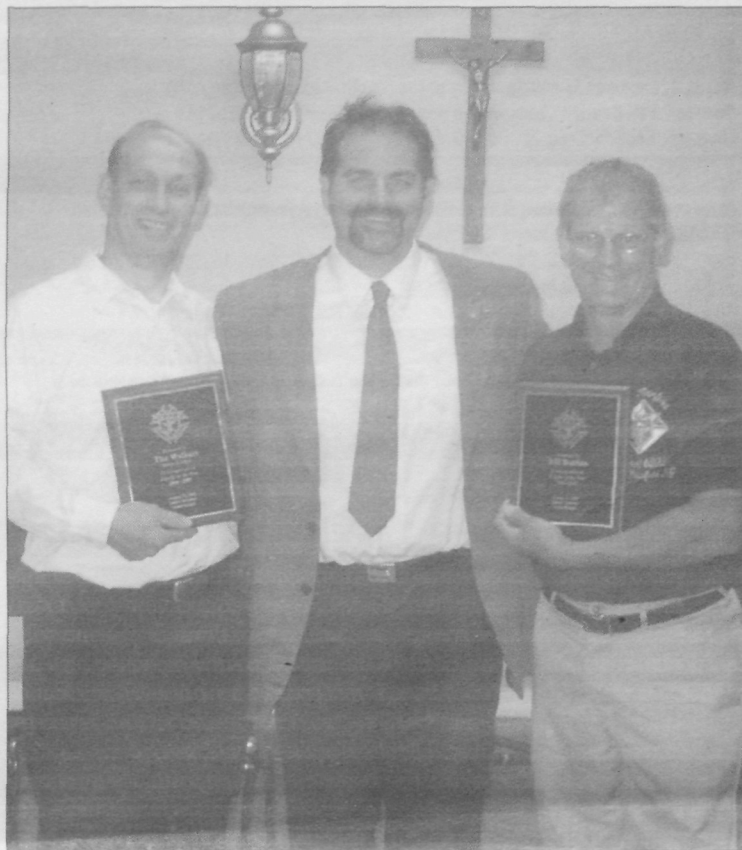
The 2006 municipal budget shows

an increase in spending of about \$295,673 from last year. According to the third and fourth quarter tax bills residents received a few weeks ago, the increase in the municipal tax rate is .04 points, last years tax rate was .861 and this years is .909. On a home valued at \$127,000, the tax increase is about \$60 per year or 5½%.

Your nex tax bill also shows an increase in the school tax of .22 points. Last years school tax rate was 2.271 and this year it is 2.491. On a home valued at \$127,000, the school tax increase is \$281.16 per year, or 9½%. The school budget was approved by the residents in April.

There is also a slight increase in the open space tax, about \$7 and a slight decrease in the county tax, \$4.

If you would like more information on the tax bill, or would like to ask questions, be sure to attend the Sept. 20 council meeting at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.



Grand Knight Joe Scrudato (center) awards plaques to Bob Walker (left) and Bill Butrico (right).

## Knights Bestow Knight and Family of the Year Awards

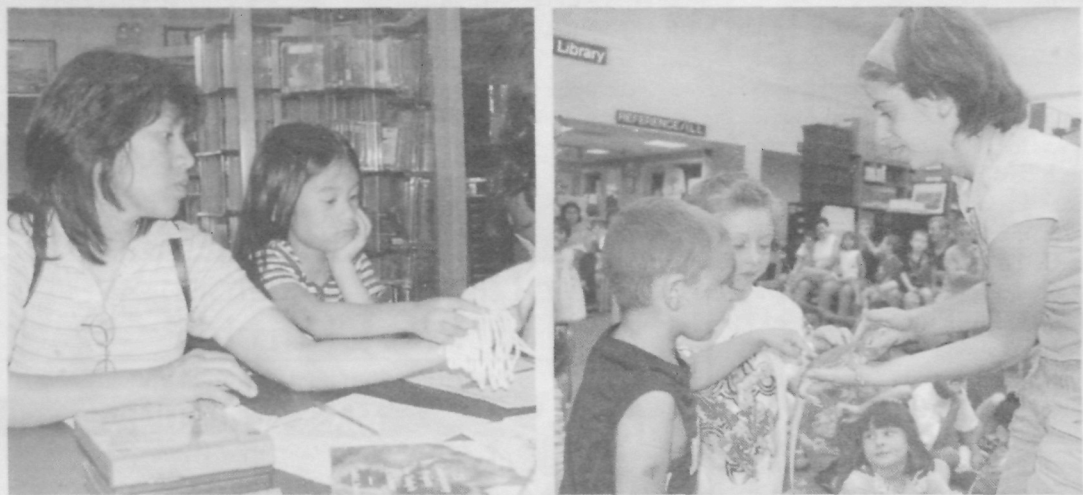
Recently the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus presented the Knight and Family of the Year Awards.

Robert and Eileen Walker won the Family of the Year award from the Knights. Bob and Eileen are great supporters of Sacred Heart Church, the community and the council. Together they organize and run the Pre-Cana meetings, LSS and Prayer Groups. Eileen is the disabilities advocate at Sacred Heart Church and Bob is a Eucharistic minister and runs Holy Hour on Friday evenings at Sacred Heart Church.

Bill Butrico won the Knight of the Year award for his great leadership skills and for running many service projects within the community and the church. Three of the many accomplishments Bill spearheaded this year were the donations a new

flagpole to the Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. Secondly, last July Father John Paul Alvarado of Sacred Heart Church informed Bill that the church's cafeteria and kitchen was in dire need of an uplift. Over 30 members of the South Plainfield council helped out with this major project for the church. The job took a total of 430 man-hours as well as 130 gallons of paint. Bill saved the church well over \$10,000 for all of the work our council did. Finally, with the Knights of Columbus Special Citizens Drive held this year, the council collected almost \$8,000 over a four day period (a record for the council), which will be donated to various special needs organizations like the Keystone group in town.

When you see these gentlemen in town congratulate them on their very worthy accomplishments.



The South Plainfield Public Library offered separate opportunities to learn crocheting and knitting and to get close up to various animals at Snakes n Scales, Turtles and Tales. For stories, see page 12.

## New Faces Taking the Helm At Borough Schools

There will be new faces taking the helm as principals at five of the districts schools this fall. Only two principals will remain at the school they were at last year, Dr. Kenneth May at South Plainfield High School and Fred Oberkehr at J.E. Kennedy Elementary School.

However, SPSHS will have a new assistant principal, Ralph Erico, who is coming from the Edison school district, where he was a math teacher at the Edison Middle School for five years. He joins Alicia Belman Willams as one of the two assistant principals at the high school. This is a reduction from an administrative staff of four assistant principals last year.

The new principal at South

Plainfield Middle School will be Steve Novak, who started his career as a social studies teacher in the district 36 years ago. He will be replacing Allen Czech, who will be the new principal at Riley school. The assistant Middle School principal will be Kelly Panuzzo, whose first year as assistant principal was at South Plainfield High School last year.

Last year's assistant principal at Grant School, Leo Whalen, will be this year's principal of Grant School. He will be continuing the tradition of evening locker practice on Aug. 25 for incoming fifth graders and handing out of schedules to fifth and sixth graders. Stepping in to the new assistant principal position will be

Robert Richkus, who taught social studies at the South Plainfield Middle School for five years.

Charles Ford, who was an assistant principal at SPSHS last year will be the principal of Roosevelt School this year.

Frances Sills, who filled in as the Interim Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Operations for Mario Barbieri and as Interim Curriculum Director in 2003 for Dr. Janet Munger, will be Interim Principal at Franklin School until Nancy Erickson returns in February as interim principal of Franklin School.

Mrs. Crown, interim principal at J.E. Riley School, will return to her previous position.

## Update on Borough Construction

**CAUTION:**  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Construction work continues on Hamilton Blvd. between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the area of Ryan St. and St. Nicholas Ave. Please plan alternate routes. American Water Company has continued working on Hamilton Blvd. this week.

Construction continues on Maple Ave. between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. At this time, the curbs and sidewalks will be replaced and traffic will flow in both directions during the

construction at all times.

All local businesses on Hamilton Blvd. are remaining open during the construction period.

Should you have any questions, call Borough Administrator Vincent Buttiglieri at (908) 226-7606 or Construction Coordinator Michael Zushma at (908) 753-3775, or you can log on to [spobserver.com](http://spobserver.com) or [southplainfieldnj.com](http://southplainfieldnj.com) for the latest updates.



## Mark Your Calendars

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for the latest meeting agenda

### 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
September 6	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
September 20	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
October 4	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
October 18	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.

### planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Aug. 30\*, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25,  
Nov. 29\*, Dec. 13, Dec. 27.

### zoningboardofadjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Aug. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10\*, Dec. 8, Dec. 22.

### boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted  
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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.

Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, 2006, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 4.

### taxpayersadvisorygroup

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.

### siteplansub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.  
Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20.

### recreationcommission

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

Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 7 and Dec. 13.

### environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621  
Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, 2006

### businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

### trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

### boardofeducationcurriculum/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.

Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. and March 20.

### boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 6:30 p.m. at Roosevelt  
Administration Building on Jackson Ave. Work session. No public comment

Tuesday, Sept. 6, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6 and April 3.

## IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

On July 16 the South Plainfield Police Athletic League held it's fourth annual Charity Softball Tournament. The tournament was for four year-old Kevin Conroy of South Plainfield. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people and businesses that graciously made some type of donation, either by money or items for the tournament.

First off I would like to thank some of those employed by the borough. The South Plainfield Dept. of Public Works did a great job getting all the fields ready. They put many man hours in the blistering heat to prep the fields for play. Recreation Commissioner Mike English and his newly hired assistant, Kevin Hughes, who were critical in organizing the event and providing needed equipment and supplies.

Next, I would like to thank those businesses in town who can always be counted on when running these events; Hall's Warehouse, Freihofer's Bakery and Betteway Trucking for supplying the food and drink and AKA Inc. for donating the winner's trophies. And all the other businesses in the area who made a monetary donation.

To all those people who volunteered their own time who could have found other things to do on a Saturday afternoon; Sal Severini of Sal's Spirit Shoppe and Jay Cappola, who spent all day running the food stand. Shannon Collucci, who took care of the registration tent. All of the children who helped out during the day as runners. And lastly, but by far the least, those who umpired over 50 games that were played; Kevin Schweers and Tim Dziomba (all day), Lou Coliccio, Joe Orancheck, Jimmy Curcio, Bill Cochran, Kevin Lykes, Chris Hubner, Mike Alvarez, Dennis Moskal and Wendell Born. Without you this event could not have happened.

To the teams who participated in the tournament. There are too many to mention, but congratulations to the winners, Universal Nutrition, the victors in the Men's Division who, with much class, donated their \$500 winnings back to the cause. And to QualCare, who came out on top in the Co-Ed Division. A special thanks to Fred Moretti and the South Plainfield Elks for their generous donations as always.

This has been a very successful tournament over the last four years and hopefully with the help of those mentioned above, can be an annual event for many years to come for a child in need. On behalf of the South Plainfield Police Athletic League committee, thank you all.

**DET. GARRETT CASSIO, VICE  
PRESIDENT SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE**

## Red Cross Offering CPR Courses

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering the following CPR courses:

*Adult, CPR, Child CPR, Infant CPR and First Aid* will be held on **Saturday, August 20**, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The course will be held at the American Red Cross office at 332 West Front Street in Plainfield. Some or all portions of the course may be taken.

*CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer* will be held on **Saturday, August 27** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The course will be held at the American Red Cross office at 16 Jefferson Avenue in Elizabeth.

Call (908) 756-6414 ext. 10 to register or for more information.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Ken Morgan

As we move through the cat...no, cow...um, rabbit...wait, ferret...no, wolverine...uh, duck-billed platypus...oh, yeah, the dog days of summer, here's news from the South Plainfield Library.

Miss Linda and Miss Danya need time to rest and reorganize following all the hectic activity of the Summer Reading Club. (Actually, that goes for the rest of the Library staff, too). As a result, Storytime programs have been cancelled until September 27. However, we still have some children's programs on tap for next week. The Game Gang program will be held on Monday afternoon at 3:30; children may play one of the Library's board games, or bring in one of their own to share. The Chess Club, for both beginning and advanced players, will meet on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.; players may bring their own chess sets. And on Wednesday evening at 6:30, we'll have a session of Dino Bingo for the kids.

Another note for the kids: Now that the Summer Reading Club has finished up for this year, be sure to turn in your booklets. Your certificates will be ready for you in a few days. The same goes for the grown-ups in our Adult Reading Program. Prize winners in that group will be notified ASAP.

And one last note for children and parents: With the start of the school year coming soon, South Plainfield students are engaged in the traditional frantic rush to read those Summer Reading List selections from the various grades. Please be advised that, as we noted a while back, we're aware of the situation and will do our best to fill your requests. However, with big bunches of students all looking for the same handful of books, you must expect some delay in getting what you want. All we ask is that you be patient. And, for those who've already taken care of their required reading, well done! By clearing the way for the stragglers, you've been a great help.

Next Friday will be the last day of

availability for the current group of Circuit videos and DVDs. Get 'em while they're hot.

Our Notary Public has returned from his (all too brief) vacation. Please call us at (908) 754-7885 for his schedule.

Here's the latest on changes to our internal arrangement. As noted last week, our CD collection is now all out on display in the rotating racks in front of the Circulation Desk. Meanwhile, our ESL (English as a Second Language), ABR (Adult Basic Reading), Folio, Phone Book, and Adult Paperback collection has been moved to the tail end of our Reference collection. And our collection of Paperback Classics has been relocated to a cart in the rear of the Adult Fiction section. If you need help finding an item, just stop by the Circulation Desk and we'll guide you. Look at it this way; we're preparing you for when things (eventually) get moved to the new building.

Finally, an advisory from our Director: due to our continuing mission to stock up-to-date materials and fill requests from our patrons, we will continue to add new items to our A/V collection. However, due to high costs and space limitations, we will no longer automatically replace A/V items that become damaged, unless special circumstances occur. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause the public, but our current situation leaves us little room to maneuver. To supplement our own collection, though, we will continue to offer our Circuit A/V collections, and attempt to provide items we don't stock via Inter-Library Loan. Any questions? Don't hesitate to ask.

That's all for now. See you next Friday for more news.

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## Put On Your Running Shoes: Signup for The Labor Day 5K Run and Walk

Once again, the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness and the staff at The Club at Ricochet are sponsoring the 15th Annual The Club at Ricochet/SPASA Labor Day 5K Run on Sept. 5. There will also be a 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk once again.

Last year more than 200 runners participated in the 5K Run and 25 in the 1.5 Mile Walk and the hope is to increase those competing this year.

The Family Walk supports family togetherness and a positive drug free, fun-filled fitness lifestyle. The entry

fee for the walkers is \$5 per person or family. T-shirts and substance awareness information packets will be given to the first 50 participants.

This year's 5K Run pre-entry registration is \$13 (by Aug. 26) with a race day fee of \$15. The first 200 5K entrants will receive t-shirts along with a packet of various items and substance awareness information. Again this year, Aiello Chiropractic Center will offer pre and post race/walk massages and computer timing will be handled by Best Race Systems. Race results will be posted on the Internet

at [www.bestrace.com](http://www.bestrace.com).

The race will begin and end at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. near Jost Field. The run/walk will begin at 9:25 a.m. with registration starting at 8:00 a.m.

It is also important to note that all proceeds for the race go to supporting the efforts of the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness in making the South Plainfield community drug free. It is a hope that participants will find time to recognize and/or patronize the many businesses and sponsors of the race.

Prizes include \$100 in cash, one month free membership to The Club at Ricochet, \$50 gift certificate donated by Home Depot or Nike running shoes donated by Sportworld. Trophies will also be presented to the overall male and female winners in each age group.

The race is just the first of a full day of fun in South Plainfield. Festivities include the race, the parade, games, picnicking and fireworks. Bring a friend in support of healthy exercise and reducing substance abuse. Let's make this year the best ever.

The SPASA 2005 business supporters are as follows: South Plainfield Liquor Store, David's Stationary, Sherban's Diner and Restaurant, K.C.'s Korner Bar and Restaurant, Spring Lake Texaco Service Center, Domino's Pizza, McCrisky Home For Funerals, South Plainfield Funeral Home, Giakas Cleaners, The Club at Ricochet, Joe Romer Trophy Shop, Sportworld, The Home Depot, Rodolfo's Pizza, Oak Tree Farms, Bagel Pantry, Twin City Pharmacy, Ciccio's Pizza, Poland Spring Water, Casablanca Is Hair, Flanagan's Restaurant, Mohn's Florist, Aiello Chiropractic Center, Physiques In Motion, Buy-Rite Auto Parts, Presto Printing Service, South Plainfield PAL, SP Alliance for Substance Abuse and South Plainfield Education Foundation.

## \$1.6 M Allocated in Homeland Security Grant Funds

A 28-foot patrol boat, a command post trailer and tow vehicle and an aerial imaging system that can be used by all 25 municipalities will be among the equipment purchased by Middlesex County with federal Homeland Security grant funds.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded the county \$1,649,437 for the fiscal year 2005 grant, the third year of the program.

"The committee has worked hard to devise a plan that would make these funds go the farthest in enhancing the safety and security of all our residents," said Freeholder Director David B.

Crabel, who sits on the 12-member County Homeland Security Implementation Committee, which is responsible for allocating the federal grant funds.

The county will also purchase a command post trailer and tow vehicle that will compliment the Mobile Special Operations Unit put into service last year. This will enable the County's Office of Emergency Management to provide Command Post capabilities to several scenes simultaneously should the need arise.

Each of the county's 25 municipalities  
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## SPEA to Hold Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Classic

The South Plainfield Education Foundation, Inc. Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Heron Glen Golf Course located at 110 Highway 202 & 31 in Ringoes.

The cost of registering for this outing is \$155, which includes a full eighteen-hole golf event, green fees and cart, lunch and a buffet dinner. All gratuities are included. Suggested attire is casual; rubber spikes are to be worn only.

Attractive prizes will be offered, including a new car, a vacation and a pot of gold. Awards will be given for low net, low gross, longest drive, closest

to the hole, closest to the line, corporate team net and corporate team gross.

The outing registration will start at 8:30 a.m. and the day will commence at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. Lunch will be served at noon and dinner and awards will take place at 4 p.m.

To register, send a check to the South Plainfield Education Foundation, P.O. Box 733, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. For more information, call Bob Hunter at (908) 756-2800 (work) or (908) 769-0439 (home) or call Rich Regan at (732) 249-4702 (work) or (908) 756-4530 (home).



Joe Diegnan presents the Clean Communities Award to Atul Shah, president of ANS Consultants, Inc. and his employees.

## ANS Consultants Win Clean Communities Glitter Award

Atul Shah, President of ANS Consultants, Inc. has accepted the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Glitter Award from Joe Diegnan, CBA president. Mr. Shah bought the property at 4405 South Clinton Ave. seven years ago, as his business was outgrowing its previous location in Green Brook. The beautiful landscaping was designed and is maintained by Cedarbrook Landscaping. A sprinkler system was installed, and two years ago the parking lot was redone with Belgian block edging throughout. The grounds are neat and well-kept, even in the back of the building by the loading dock.

Mr. Shah joked that Laxmi, the Goddess of Prosperity, likes a well maintained property. He and his employees all pick up any stray litter they find between the landscaper's visits, in the roadway as well as on the grounds. The entire office staff applauded when

he read the Glitter Award certificate out loud, before congregating around the Glitter Award sign for a group photo.

The offices inside are well-appointed and show the signs of a thriving business, desks piled with papers and books. ANS is an engineering firm that does third-party testing for architects and contractors.

They are certified for all construction and environmental testing. Shah started his business 11 years ago with four employees in two rooms and currently employs over 60 people. One of his tenants has moved out and he will be expanding into that part of the building. He also plans to install a new landscaping bed along the north driveway next year.

Shah said one of the reasons he located in South Plainfield was the closely linked business community here that is like a family. He can work with the architectural, contractor and construction firms, which refer work to one another. He said South Plainfield has been a good home for his company, and he will help the community anywhere there is a need.

The Clean Business Association gives Glitter Awards to South Plainfield businesses that are unusually well-maintained or have recently improved their appearance through renovation or landscaping. Membership in the CBA is open to all businesses that share its goal of enhancing the appearance of commercial districts through property maintenance and litter control. For more information, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

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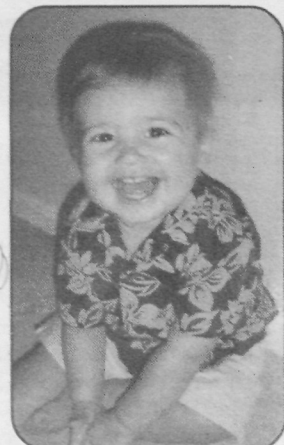
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# Around Town

## SPHS Field Hockey Car Wash

August 20

The South Plainfield High School Field Hockey team will be holding a car wash on Saturday, Aug. 20, (rain date Aug. 21) in the parking lot of the South Plainfield Middle School. Cost is \$5 for a car and \$7 for a truck/van/SUV.

The girls will be washing cars from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please come out and support the team!

## 100th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church

August 21

The celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Sacred Heart will be held on Sunday, Aug. 21 starting with a concert at 11 a.m. followed by a special Anniversary Liturgy at 11:30 a.m. in the church. A reception for all attending will be held in the school cafeteria immediately following the Mass. The Centennial Gala (reservation only) begins at 4 p.m. at the Pines Manor in Edison.

For reservations or information, call Parish Center at (908) 756-0632 or Nancy Stillman-Pender (908) 561-5917.

## Stress Factory Comedy Club

August 21

The Stress Factory Comedy Club will present a fundraiser to benefit the South Plainfield Rescue Squad on Sunday, Aug. 21. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. and show begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Feature performer will be Lenny Marcus. Reserve your tickets now. Stress Factory is located on Church St. in New Brunswick. For tickets call (732) 558-9076 or (908) 754-2324.

## Hunterdon Hills Trip

August 24

The Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Aug. 24 to see the new summer musical *Living It Up: A Celebration of 100 Years of Popular Music & Dance*. Cost is \$55 and includes transportation, lunch and the show. Bus departs the senior center at 10 a.m. and returns around 5 p.m. You do not have to be a member to participate. For information or tickets call (908) 756-4135.

## VFW Breakfast

September 4

South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763, located on 155 Front St., will hold their monthly breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 4 from 8-11 a.m. The public is invited to attend. Call (908) 668-9751 for more information.

## WOODLOCH PINES TRIP

The South Plainfield seniors are sponsoring a trip to Woodloch Pines in the Poconos Oct. 31 to Nov. 4. Trip includes transportation from the senior center, four nights of breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, hotel taxes and gratuities, all resort activities and nightly entertainment. Cost is \$475 for twin, \$465 for triple and \$555 for single.

A down payment of \$100 is required and a \$100 payment per month, with final balance due on Sept. 1. Make checks payable to South Plainfield Seniors and mail to: Mickie Panzarella, 128 Clifford St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. For information call (908) 755-2487.

## What's happening in AUGUST

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## Senior Center EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

## Sons of the American Legion Super 50/50

September 5

There will be a Super 50/50 drawing sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #243 held on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at American Legion on Oak Tree Ave. Ticket cost is \$5. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Proceeds benefit the various charities that SAL #243 support.

## Senior Center Trip to Taj Mahal Casino

September 7

The Senior Citizen Center is running a trip to the Taj Mahal Casino on Wednesday, September 7. The bus departs the Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. and returns around 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$15, which is returned in a voucher by the casino upon arrival.

## VFW Picnic/Pig Roast

September 10

South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763, located at 155 Front St., will host their annual picnic and pig roast on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 12-5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 when purchased at the gate. Call (908) 668-9751 for more information.

## Celebrity Roast for Chief John Cotone

September 11

A Celebrity Roast for Chief John Cotone will be held on Sept. 11 from 2-6 p.m. at the Italian American Club in North Plainfield. Dinner and an open bar will be available. Cost is \$40 per person. Only a limited number of tickets are available and reserved seating for a table of 10 only. Call (908) 753-3775 for tickets.

## AARP Chapter 4414 Meeting

September 15

The South Plainfield Chapter 4414 of AARP will resume its meetings at the South Plainfield Senior Center at 90 Maple Ave. on Thursday, September 15 at 12:30 p.m. The program will be Professor William Dunscombe presenting Series #3 NJ Trivia. The trip to Delaware's Dover Downs Casino and Racetrack is approaching and is open to all. Call Lee (732) 968-6613 or Mary (732) 752-3764 by August 31 to reserve.

## Trip to Lancaster Includes Theatre

September 21-22

The Senior Citizens Center is sponsoring an overnight trip to Lancaster, Pa. on September 21 and 22.

Trip includes transportation via private motor coach, overnight accommodations at the Best Inn, tickets to *The Story of Ruth* at the Millennium Sight and Sound Theatre, dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, breakfast at the hotel, a tour of the Amish Country, and tax. The cost is \$179 per person double occupancy.

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

## VFW Dinner

September 23

South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763, located on 155 Front Street, will host their monthly dinner on Friday, September 23 from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Call (908) 668-9751 for more information.

## — Out of Town —

## Shelter Celebrates Homeless Pets

August 20

Join the Plainfield Area Humane Society on Saturday, Aug. 20 for National Homeless Animal Day as they remember all homeless pets waiting for families of their own to love. All concerned with the plight of homeless animals are invited to join PAHS in a candlelight vigil from 8-9 p.m. at the shelter, located on 75 Rock Ave. in

Plainfield. Call (908) 759-0300 for more information.

## Woodbridge WOWs Dance/Social

August 21

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will hold a dance/social on Sunday, Aug. 21 at the Elks' Hall in Woodbridge from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Live music by and refreshments served. Call (732) 297-1775 for more information.

## CHATS Meeting

August 22

A meeting of CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will take place at 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, August 22 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church on 170 Watchung Avenue in North Plainfield. An open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments will be served. Check our website at [www.chats-nj.com](http://www.chats-nj.com) or call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for more information.

## Ninth Annual Sweet Sounds Downtown

August 23 and 30

The "Sweet Sounds Downtown" Jazz Festival, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), kick off their ninth annual season in downtown Westfield. Performances take place on sidewalks and street corners every Tuesday in Aug. from 7 to 9 p.m. Rain dates are the following Wednesday evenings at the same time.

For information, call the DWC at (908) 789-9444.

## JFVS Support Group Meeting

August 24

JFVS Caregivers Support Group, open to family members caring for loved ones with memory loss and all types of dementia, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the JFVS office, 515 Plainfield Ave. in Edison. Topics discussed are "Medication Management." RSVP is necessary as seating is limited. Call Marnie Kean, Older Adult Social Worker, at (732) 777-1940 ext. 121 to register.

## Singles Starlight Social

August 25

A Starlight Social for Christian Professionals in their 30's and 40's will be held on Thursday, Aug. 25, Thursday 9 p.m. at Houlihans Restaurant in Bridgewater.

Gather at the bar at 9 p.m. for some nice conversation, cocktails and friendly atmosphere. At 10 p.m., DJ 80s music.

RSVP to [AngelButterfly37@aol.com](mailto:AngelButterfly37@aol.com) or call (732) 764-9073.

## Cruise and Seaside Heights Visit

August 27

Join People for Animals on Saturday, Aug. 27 for a two-hour sight-seeing cruise on the "River Lady" including lunch on board, followed by a two-hour visit to the Seaside Heights Boardwalk. Motor coach leaves at 10 a.m. from the Jeanette Avenue Municipal Parking Lot in Union. Free parking for the day is available in this lot.

A donation of \$69 per person is requested. Call (908) 688-8787 for reservations before July 22.

## JFVS Low Vision Support Group

August 30

JFVS Low Vision Support Group, for anyone with low vision, will hold a meeting on Tuesday, August 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The group will bring together people to exchange helpful information and learn practical solutions while meeting, talking and giving emotional support.

The group will be held at the JFVS office at 515 Plainfield Ave., Suite 201 in Edison. Transportation can be arranged if needed and insurance may be accepted in lieu of fee. RSVP is essential.

Call Fran Starr to join or with any questions at (732) 777-1940 ext. 113.

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## Passport Applications at Borough Hall

Residents can renew or obtain passports at Borough Hall in the conference room on Friday, Oct. 7 from noon to 2 p.m. Personnel from the Middlesex County Passport Office will be on hand to assist applicants. There are several items required to renew passports, so check out the list below or you will be disappointed.

In order to renew your passport, you must have a completed application—unsigned. All applicants must appear in person. For those under 14, both parents must be present.

You will need proof of American citizenship such as a birth certificate, a previous passport or a naturalization certificate (original). Hospital or Baptismal certificates are not acceptable.

Bring two identical photographs (2"x2") taken within six months; drivers' license, employment photo ID, high school or college photo ID are acceptable. Be prepared to write two separate checks.

For those 16 and over, a check for \$67 made payable to the U.S. Dept. of State and one for \$30 made payable to the Middlesex County Clerk is required. This passport is good for 10 years.

For those under 16 passport is good for five years. Write checks for \$52 made payable to: the U.S. Dept. of State and \$30 payable to the Middlesex County Clerk.

No cash or credit cards will be accepted. Checks or money orders only. Passports will not be issued that day. Normal processing time is six weeks.

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email: spobserver@comcast.net



Chris Sweigart with his winning fish.

## Knight Fishing

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus held their second annual Deep Sea Fishing trip on July 23. The council went out from the Atlantic Highlands. Over 20 members and friends had a great day fishing for fluke and striped bass. Chris Sweigart won both pools for the biggest fluke and sea bass caught. Member Gary Marks ran the trip for the council. After the trip ended everyone went back to the council hall and member Glenn Scrudato cooked up the fish that was caught.

## MCIA Recognizes Roosevelt Employees

The Middlesex County Improvement Authority officially recognized and thanked the employees of Roosevelt Care Center for their outstanding dedication during the opening of the new 160-bed long-term care and rehabilitation facility and the reopening of the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice.

The MCIA owns and operates the Care Center and Hospice, located near Menlo Park Mall in Edison.

The MCIA Board passed a resolution at its regular meeting July 13 that praised the staff and administration for their hard work: "The Authority would like to recognize the talent, dedication and professionalism of the employees who have continued to perform at the highest standard in pro-

viding quality care to the residents of Roosevelt Care Center."

Leonard Roseman, MCIA chairman, said the transition into the new facility went smoothly due to the staff's efforts.

"I am extremely proud of the work and commitment that every one of our employees – from the top down – exhibited during this hectic time," Roseman said. "Their dedication was clearly apparent and our residents and their families are better for it." The Improvement Authority and officials from Middlesex County, which funded the construction of the \$21.3 million facility, dedicated it in January. Residents began moving into it in May. The Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, which was moved 300 feet from its original site to make way for the new facility, was rededicated January 11 and welcomed patients soon afterward.

"I personally want to thank the entire staff for their tireless efforts to maintaining excellent care while in the throes of a formidable move," said Dr. Frank Damiani, director of resident care at Roosevelt. "It's been said that Roosevelt is more like a family than a facility. Never was that more evident than this past year."

## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Vincent Fucci Earns Master of Education Degree

Vincent M. Fucci graduated from Rutgers University on May 19 with a Master of Education degree in Education Administration. This degree assisted him in obtaining his supervisor and principal certificates.

Vincent has been selected to join the Delta Xi Chapter of Kappa Delta Phi, an International Honor Society in Education. In order to be a member of this honor society, the candidate must be in the teaching field and exemplifies the society's motto of "knowledge, duty and power." Also, the candidate must hold an Ed. M. with a cumulative average of 3.75 or better.

While Vincent was enrolled at Rutgers University, he has been employed at Roselle Park High School as a Spanish teacher. Vincent has been teaching there for four years. Besides teaching all of the levels of Spanish the school has to offer, he has shown a commitment to his students' growth

as well as to his own. He created two extracurricular clubs at Roselle Park High School. A few years ago, with a group of interested students, he started a multicultural club called CARE (Cultural Alliances Reflect Everyone.) Over the last few years, this club held a walk-a-thon to raise money for the Peace Corps and then held a multicultural carnival for the elementary school students in town. He also started a Debate Team where the students study the art of debate and speech and research the controversial points of each topic. Next year the members will start competing against other schools.

Lastly, Vincent advises the Computer Club and the Class of 2008 at Roselle Park High School. With all of this going on, Vincent is researching programs of study in the hope of starting his doctoral degree in education. He is the son of Mary Ann and Michael Fucci of South Plainfield.

### Teixeira Named South Plainfield's New Unity Bank Branch Manager

Janice Bolomey, senior vice president, Unity Bank, has announced the appointment of Linda Teixeira of South Plainfield as the new Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager of Unity's South Plainfield Branch.

Teixeira brings 36 years of customer service and sales experience to Unity, as well as numerous years of experience in financial services. She comes to Unity from Fleet Bank, where she was an assistant vice president/branch manager. Teixeira is fluent in three languages, English, Portuguese and Spanish.

Stop by and visit Linda at the South Plainfield branch, located at

2426 Plainfield Ave. or call her at (908) 412-9393 and find out the unique products and services Unity Bank has to offer. The branch is open 8-5 Monday through Wednesday, 8-6 Thursday through Friday and 8-12 on Saturday.

Unity Bank provides financial services to retail, corporate and small business clients through its thirteen retail service centers located in Hatterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties.

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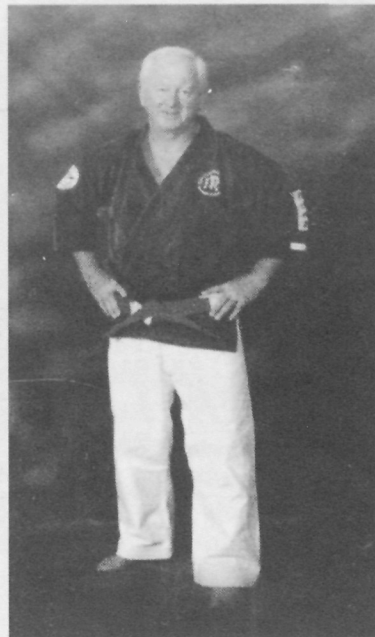
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## policereport

• On Aug. 2 Keith L. Washington, 29, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, no license, careless driving leaving the scene of an accident and failure to report an accident after he was caught walking away.

• Ellen A. Kilroy, 19, of Gillette was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, underage drinking and driving and provisional driving after hours at a motor vehicle stop.

• A New Market Ave. resident reported that a credit card he had applied for and never received had been used to charge \$264 worth of items.

• On Aug. 3 New Image Landscaping reported the theft of two shrubs that they had planted at Marinoware on Metuchen Rd.

• An Evergreen Ln. resident reported that someone had broken a plastic lamp cover on their front lawn.

• An Arlington Ave. resident reported that the lock to their kitchen window had been broken and three gold rings, three gold bracelets and a Rolex watch had been taken from the bedroom.

• Flavor Dynamics on Montrose Ave. reported that their glass outdoor table had been smashed along with four plastic chairs.

• On Aug. 4 Joseph Ducey, 37, of Middlesex was arrested for driving on a suspended license and four outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• Luke James Ferrante, 27, of Spring Lake was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Bedrock Concrete Corp. reported the theft of a saw, hand tamper, hammer drill/chipping gun and a diamond tip saw blade worth \$4,800 were taken from a trailer at the Hampton Inn construction site on New World Way.

• On Aug. 5 Desidoro G. Ramirez, 26, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, a brake light out, driving an unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Frank Jackson, 42, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and several outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• On Aug. 6 a Joan St. resident reported that their first floor bathroom screen and window had been pushed up. Nothing was taken.

• A Piscataway resident reported

that the rear window of his vehicle had been shattered while parked in the Holiday Inn parking lot.

• On Aug. 7 Alexander Ramirez, 29, of Parsippany was arrested for driving an unregistered vehicle, failure to exhibit a drivers license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• On Aug. 8 a Fairfield resident reported that the drivers side door lock of his vehicle had been punched out an a Pioneer car stereo and cell phone had been taken while parked at Binder Machinery on Hamilton Blvd. Two other victims in the parking lot reported that their door locks had been punched out, however nothing was taken.

• A Kosciusko Ave. resident reported the theft of a portable basketball hoop from the front of the home and was replaced by one that was slightly damaged and had several large rusted areas.

• On Aug. 9 Raymond Johnson, 47, of Jamesburg was arrested for driving an unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Kayarash T. Vossough, 36, of Verona was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Jason Arthur Zeeb, 31, of Raritan was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Carbray Ct. resident reported that gasket had been ripped off his vehicle's window, the door unlocked and a sub woofer, radar detector and assorted CD's had been taken.

• Modern Electric reported that pad lock had been pried off their trailer that was parked at the Hadley Center construction site and assorted power and hand tools and battery packs worth \$800 had been taken.

• Avon Contractors reported that locks had been cut off a tool box that was in a building under construction at Hadley Center and assorted tools worth \$2,000 had been taken.

• Debranello Contracting reported that the lock on their trailer had been cut that was parked behind Regal Cinema. It was unknown what was taken.

• A Park Ave. resident reported that their front bedroom window had been broken by a rock.



This picture was taken in March 1974 at Walter Janus' Past Commander Dinner at the American Legion Post #243. They represent World War I, World War II and the Korean War. All are deceased except for two of them. Pictured left to right are: Walter Janus, Lou DeFillipo, Chauncey Smith, Dick Coleman, Art Divine, Al Lubener, Carmen Pacifico and Doc Austin. Submitted by Pat Janus

## Educators Should Save Receipts for Tax Break

As the new school year approaches, the Internal Revenue Service reminds teachers and other educators to save their receipts for purchases of books and other classroom supplies. These out-of-pocket expenses may lower their 2005 taxes.

The deduction is available to eligible educators in public or private elementary or secondary schools. To be eligible, a person must work at least 900 hours during a school year as a teacher, instructor, counselor, principal or aide.

Educators may subtract up to \$250 of qualified out-of-pocket expenses when figuring their adjusted gross income (AGI). This deduction is available whether or not the taxpayer itemizes deductions on Schedule A.

Qualified expenses are non-reimbursed expenses paid or incurred for books, supplies, computer equipment including related software and services, other equipment, and supplementary materials that are used in the classroom. For courses in physical education, expenses for supplies are qualified expenses only if they are related to athletics.

The IRS suggests that educators keep records of qualifying expenses in a folder or envelope with a label such

as "Educator Expense Deduction," noting the date, amount and purpose of each purchase. This will help prevent a missed deduction at tax time.

For information, call the IRS Tele-

Tax system toll-free at 1-800-TAX-4477 and select Tax Topic 458. Also, go to the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and use the search engine to find Tax Topic 458.

## Two Stores Moving into Vacant Pathmark Space in Middlesex Mall

The retail space in the Middlesex Mall which was occupied by Pathmark is in the process of being divided into three retail spaces.

Two of those spaces have already been rented. One to the Dollar Store and the other to MJM Designer Shoes. The opening date for these stores is estimated for the end of September, but they already have a help wanted

signs posted in the window.

The third space has not yet been rented.

## Sewer Bills Have Been Mailed

The residential sewer bills have been mailed. They are due on Sept. 1 with a 10 grace period.

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## Almost Famous Players Gearing Up for Haunted Woods

The Almost Famous Players are gearing up to begin rehearsing for the 2005 Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour.

There are several small roles still available. Still needed are security, tour retainers, costume help and tech/run-ning crew.

If you are interested in participating in the annual show, please call (908) 346-2290 or email [almstfamousplyrs@aol.com](mailto:almstfamousplyrs@aol.com). The Almost Famous website can be found at [www.devoted.to/almostfamousplayers](http://www.devoted.to/almostfamousplayers).



South Plainfield Lions President Ron DeSclafani present a scholarship to Rosanna Mootoo as her mother looks on.

## A Busy Summer for the Historical Society

Just because it's summer, doesn't mean that the South Plainfield Historical Society has been on vacation. This summer has been packed with all kinds of exciting things. The first thing was to start the Education Outreach Program (for more information, please see our website) by applying for a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to publish, in book form, a series of articles about South Plainfield's past by Larry Randolph of South Plainfield and distribute them to local school teachers, libraries and local history groups. As you may have read in last week's paper, this grant was approved and publishing has begun. A separate printing, funded by the Historical Society, will be available for purchase to the public at the Historical Society's booth on Labor Day.

Also happening this summer, various members were visiting local businesses to enlist their support of the 2006 Keepsake Calendar by purchasing an ad to be placed in the calendar. A very big thank you to our sales people and an even bigger thank you to all our sponsors. Look for the calendars to also be available at our Labor Day booth and after that at Oak Tree Farms.

Were you wondering what the society was going to do with all the oral histories it's been collecting? What is an oral history you ask? An oral gives insight into what life was like in the borough by those who experienced it. Well they are being published in several volumes due to the large number that have been collected. Volume One is a compilation of 15 oral histories plus five pages of photographs from the Oral History Preservation Program. The title for the first volume is *Not Only Did I Get Fired, But the Horse ate my Lunch; Remembrances of South Plainfield, NJ*. This original title was provided by South Plainfield native Michael Santoro. To find out what it means, stop by our booth on Labor Day and purchase a copy for yourself to keep and enjoy. After Labor Day a copy will be available for loan from the South Plainfield Library.

Another noteworthy project the Historical Society has undertaken is the installation of Historical Markers. This project is a collaboration between Middlesex County, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission. The following sights have been selected for nomination and include: the

New Brooklyn Grist Mill, the Lehigh Valley Railroad (Perth Amboy branch), LVRR coal storage facility just to name a few. For more on this and other things, please see our website <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalociety>.

Finally, in January of 2005, the Historical Society formally proposed adding a small and modest monument in Monument Park. The memorial would honor the five men from New Brooklyn who died during the Civil War in the service of their country. The Monument Park Committee submitted it to a local architect to integrate it into the present design of the park. A cost estimate for preparing the ground was proposed by Stilo Paving at the beginning of July. The nearly \$7,500 price tag was much more than the Society had allowed for and was not inclusive of all the costs necessary to complete the project. The Historical Society will now counter-propose a design modification to reflect a simpler, smaller and less costly memorial to honor Hugh Downey, Harry Brantingham, Augustus Ryno, George Boice and Aaron Randolph.

If anyone would like to help fund this project, donations or services of any kind would graciously be accepted and appreciated. Stop by our booth on Labor Day or contact us at PO Box 11, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or at [sphistoricalsoc@cs.com](mailto:sphistoricalsoc@cs.com). And you thought we weren't busy! Hope to see you on Labor Day.

Submitted By Bob Nilan

## Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

In a fantastic finish to an extraordinarily tight pennant race, KC's Korner won the American Division by the narrowest possible margin, just a half-point ahead of Plainfield Animal Hospital. Both teams finished the season with identical 7-5-2 records, but KC's Korner accumulated 146½ victory points over the course of the 14-week season, while PAH had 146.

On the final night of regular-season play, KC's Korner, led by Dan Conti's 37, managed a 10-10 tie with last year's champions, Masters. Mike King earned the medal for Masters with a 35. Al Szumski posted another solid round with a 36 and Irish Danny Griffin had a 38.

The tie was just enough for KC's Korner to win the pennant and they needed every point because Plainfield Animal Hospital took full advantage of a Patti's Construction team that played with one man short and blasted Patti's 19-1. Steve Schock led the way for PAH with a 36 and Mike Sikanowicz chipped in with a 39 as PAH came excruciatingly close to gaining first-place honors. Iron Mike Behr had the best score for Patti's with a 40. Jay Coppola concluded a terrific year with Twin City and shot a 36 to spark his team to a 13½-6½ win over Pornovets. Mike Kavka, in his only appearance as a sub this season, filled in for a short-handed Pornovets team and was low-man with a 38. Pornovets finished the season in third place.

The National Division pennant race also came down to the last week of the regular season. The South Plainfield Elks were red-hot and had won five matches in a row to move into first-place, slightly ahead of Aiello Chiropractic who had been in first place for most of the season. In the final, decisive match, Aiello prevailed over the Elks, 15½-4½ to win the pennant and will face KC's Korner next week in the season-ending playoffs.

Aiello got strong performances as usual from Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer who fired a 36 and from Ed Banach who shot a 37. Phil Aiello, Jr., who showed such significant improvement

over this summer, had a fine round of 38. Chris Nuzzo's outstanding play was the key in the turn around the Elks enjoyed this season, and Nuzzo again earned medalist honors for the Elks with a 38.

Teammate Jim Gash had a 39 in a losing effort.

In the single best performance of the season, Howard Adler of Witty's started his round with four straight pars, then birdied four of the last five holes on his way to a beautiful three-under-par 30, the low-round of the season for the league. The only glitch on Adler's card was a bogey on the seventh hole. With that brilliant display of Adler's, Witty's had a no problem defeating Sport & Social, 13½-6½, to finish in third place. Chad Hibbard was low-man for Sport & Social with a 41.

John Cacciatore of Hackers, one of the big bombers in the league, was more than a bit embarrassed when he topped his drive on the first hole. He was even more shook up when he did it again on the second hole. When he got to the sixth hole and could use his driver again, he ripped into his drive with John Daly-like force and came very close to driving the 339-yard hole. Ed Banach of Aiello was about to hit a short pitch shot to the green when Cacciatore's monster drive came rolling by and that's the first time that kind of thing has happened this season. Surging with renewed confidence, Cacciatore crushed a couple of beauties on eight and nine that might have found the greens if they had been straighter. The awesome finish enabled Cacciatore to win medalist honors for Hackers with a 38, despite his uncharacteristic start. Teammates Bill Mann and Todd Sherman both had 39's as the Hackers got by the VFW, 11½-8½. Al Tillotson and Bob Milan shared medalist honors for the VFW with scores of 43.

Rich Steele won the weekly closest-to-the-pin competition on the third hole.

Low scores for the night: Howard Adler, 30; Mike King, 35; Al Szumski, 36; Jay Coppola, 36; Fred Kirchofer, 36 and Steve Schock, 36.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS:

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
KC's Korner	7	5	2	S.P. Elks	10	4	0
PAH	7	5	2	Aiello	9	2	3
Pornovets	6	7	1	Witty's	8	5	1
Masters	6	7	1	Sport & Social	6	5	3
Twin City	6	8	0	Hackers	5	8	1
Patti's	3	10	1	VFW	3	10	1

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# Sports



## Tiger Sharks Swim Team Compete in Roycefield Sprint

On July 10, the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team participated in the Roycefield Swim Club Sprint Meet in Hillsborough. Swimmers from eighteen teams competed individually in 25 yard sprints in the four strokes. The top swimmer for the Tiger Sharks, Dylan McDermott, also brought home a trophy for his high point performance of an almost perfect score in his age group (39 out of 40 points). Swimmers were awarded medals for first, second, and third place and ribbons for fourth through tenth place. The following is a list of the awards won by the South Plainfield swimmers.

### Butterfly

*Seven and under*—Megan McDermott placed fifth for the girls and Nicholas Gurrieri placed third for the boys.

*Age 8*—Kelley O'Brien placed second for the girls and Enzo Butrico placed 11th for the boys.

*Age 9*—Taylor Aljian placed third and Amy Zinsky placed 11th for the girls. Charlie Butrico placed eighth and Joey Valentino placed ninth for the boys.

*Age 10*—Gracie Piekarski placed seventh and Kaitlyn Kenny placed 11th for the girls. Anthony Gurrieri placed fourth and Liam McDermott placed 10th for the boys.

*Age 11*—Maggie Valentino placed ninth and Kate O'Brien placed 12th for the girls. Dylan McDermott placed first for the boys.

*Age 12*—Sarah Konops placed third. *Age 13*—Emily Piekarski placed eighth.

*Age 14*—Michael Boyle placed sixth. *Age 15*—Joanna Luzny placed sixth. *Age 16-18*—CalvinJohn Smiley placed sixth.

### Backstroke:

*Seven and under*—Megan McDermott placed 10th for the girls and Nicholas Gurrieri placed third for the boys.

*Age 8*—Kelley O'Brien placed first for the girls and Enzo Butrico placed ninth for the boys.

*Age 9*—Taylor Aljian placed second for the girls. Charlie Butrico placed sixth and Joey Valentino placed eighth for the boys.

*Age 10*—Gracie Piekarski placed 10th for the girls. Anthony Gurrieri placed second and Liam McDermott placed 10th for the boys.

*Age 11*—Maggie Valentino placed sixth for the girls and Dylan McDermott placed first for the boys.

*Age 12*—Sarah Konops placed eighth and Ellen Zinsky placed 11th.

*Age 13*—Emily Piekarski placed sixth, Michelle Gustafson placed ninth, and Teresa Gustafson placed 12th.

*Age 14*—Alan Kasmer placed 12th. *Age 15*—Joanna Luzny placed seventh.

*Age 16-18*—CalvinJohn Smiley placed fifth.

### Breaststroke:

*Seven and Under*—Megan McDermott placed ninth for the girls and Nicholas Gurrieri placed second for the boys.

*Age 8*—Kelley O'Brien placed sixth for the girls and Enzo Butrico placed eighth for the boys.

*Age 9*—Taylor Aljian placed ninth and Amy Zinsky placed 10th for the girls. Charlie Butrico placed fourth and Joey Valentino placed ninth for the boys.

*Age 10*—Gracie Piekarski placed 10th for the girls. Liam McDermott placed second and Anthony Gurrieri placed third for the boys.

*Age 11*—Kate O'Brien placed second and Maggie Valentino placed seventh for the girls. Dylan McDermott placed second for the boys.

*Age 12*—Sarah Konops placed third. *Age 13*—Teresa Gustafson placed 10th and Emily Piekarski placed 11th.

*Age 15*—Joanna Luzny placed 10th. *Age 16-18*—CalvinJohn Smiley

placed sixth.

### Freestyle:

*Seven and under*—Megan McDermott placed fifth for the girls and Nicholas Gurrieri placed second for the boys.

*Age 8*—Kelley O'Brien placed third for the girls and Enzo Butrico placed eighth for the boys.

*Age 9*—Taylor Aljian placed sixth and Amy Zinsky placed 11th for the girls. Charlie Butrico placed 10th for the boys.

*Age 10*—Gracie Piekarski placed fifth for the girls. Anthony Gurrieri placed first and Liam McDermott placed 11th for the boys.

*Age 11*—Maggie Valentino placed fifth and Kate O'Brien placed ninth for the girls. Dylan McDermott placed first for the boys.

*Age 12*—Sarah Konops placed third and Ellen Zinsky placed 11th.

*Age 13*—Emily Piekarski placed third. *Age 14*—Michael Boyle placed eighth.

*Age 15*—Joanna Luzny placed eighth.

*Age 16-18*—CalvinJohn Smiley

placed fourth.

Other team members swimming their personal best times were Michelle O'Sullivan, Cristina Butrico and Cristian Butrico.

Halfway through the competition, swimmers were given a break and some entertainment watching their coaches swim an individual medley race. Approximately 24 male and female coaches competed. Tiger Shark coaches Sarah Blessing placed 11th and Shannon Dabrio placed fourth.

The Tiger Sharks Swim Team celebrated their undefeated season with a picnic at the community pool on Aug. 7. Each swimmer received a trophy, shirt and swim bag. Special thanks to Matthew Zinsky for providing the swim bags. Boys high point swimmer for the team receiving first place at all dual meets was Dylan McDermott. Girls high point swimmer for the team also receiving first place at all dual meets was Katie Kaczka. Next week the results of the Summer Splash will be reported.

*Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley*

## South Plainfield Elks Charity Golf Outing September 12

The South Plainfield Elks will be holding their first Youth Activities Golf Outing on Monday, Sept. 12 at Concordia Country Club in Monroe. Proceeds from the outing will benefit the youth of South Plainfield.

If anyone is interested in either sponsoring a hole or making a donation to the outing your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Dale P. Dube at (908)

656-5994 or the South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080, attention Dale P. Dube to make arrangements if you are interested in making a donation to this charitable and worthy event. Hole sponsors are \$100, specialty hole sponsors are \$150. Any gift donations are welcomed. If you are interested in golfing please contact Dale P. Dube or Sal Severini.

## Annual Golf Outing to Benefit Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care

Monday, Sept. 12 will mark the 19th annual golf outing to benefit the Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care. Over the past 19 years, the golf outing, which is our largest fundraiser, has raised over \$2 million. This money is utilized to provide services from our physician, nurses, home health aides, social workers, counselors and volun-

teers to thousands of terminally ill patients and their loved ones.

Cost is \$150 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, and dinner at the Roselle Golf Club. For those who wish to attend the cocktail hour and dinner, the cost is \$60 per person. Fabulous gifts and raffle prizes abound during this fun-filled evening.

The Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care is one of the oldest and largest freestanding, nonprofit hospice organizations in the state and has earned a reputation for providing quality care since 1982. Hospice, a medically directed program of care for the terminally ill, provides physical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals with life-limiting illnesses and their families. The center has also expanded our services beyond the needs of individuals with a six month prognosis. One of our newest programs is Palliative Care in which we provide comfort care and symptom relief for people with an extended prognosis. This enables us to partner earlier with patients and their families during one of life's most difficult journeys.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE  
ORDINANCE 1708

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

Ord. 1708 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$540,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AT MONUMNET PARK AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DETECTIVE / JUVENILE CONFERENCE FACILITY was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 12, 2005 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1708

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$540,000.00 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:

Monument Park Footbridge/Improvements	\$230,000.00
Police Detective Facility & Forensic Lab	\$310,000.00
TOTAL	\$540,000.00

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 \$540,000.00.  
B. That the cost for said projects shall be financed by a \$180,525.00 grant from the Middlesex County Open Space Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; \$50,000.00 from the SFY05 Statewide Livable Communities Grant; \$50,000.00 from the Department of the Treasury Special Purpose Grant and \$260,000.00 from the Federal Forfeiture Fund Trust.  
C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be twenty (20) 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 to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$105.00 August 19, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1706

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

Ord. 1706 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 12, 2005 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1706

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS the Local Government Cap Law N.J.S.40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its SFY 2006 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$134,977.56 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the SFY 2006 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$134,977.56 which will result in a total of \$472,421.46 and that the SFY 2006 municipal budget for the Borough of South Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$92.75 August 19, 2005

Applying for a variance?

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1707

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

Ord. 1707 entitled: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF KENNETH AVENUE, LYONS PLACE, BLEY PLACE, SHAW PLACE AND RACE PLACE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 12, 2005 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1707

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF KENNETH AVENUE, LYONS PLACE, BLEY PLACE, SHAW PLACE AND RACE PLACE 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:

- That a portion of Kenneth Avenue from the southern intersection of Wooden Avenue to the southern terminus of Kenneth Avenue is hereby vacated.
- That Lyons Place from the western intersection of Kenneth Avenue to the eastern terminus of Lyons Place is hereby vacated.
- That Bley Place from the western intersection of Kenneth Avenue to the eastern terminus of Bley Place is hereby vacated.
- That Shaw Place from the northern intersection of Bley Place to the southern terminus of Shaw Place is hereby vacated.
- That Race Place from the northern intersection of Bley Place to the southern terminus of Race Place is hereby vacated.
- The above noted right-of-way vacations are indicated in Schedule "A" attached hereto being a portion of the Borough of South Plainfield Tax Map Sheet 30.
- The vacations specifically reserve any and all utility easements, which may be contained within the vacated public right of ways.
- This ordinance shall take effect upon publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$70.00 August 19, 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 Borough of South Plainfield is required to develop a housing element responding to South Plainfield's low and moderate income housing obligation; and

WHEREAS a proposal to prepare all statutory requirements of said housing element has been submitted by THP, Inc., as per the attached; 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 for said contract will be made available in the FY2006 Engineering Budget, account # 6-01-20-165-000-235.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a contract with THP, Inc. to prepare all required documents relative to the Borough's housing element at a cost not to exceed \$13,500.00.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$40.25 August 19, 2005

Celia V. (Juva) Konkowski, 81

Celia V. (Juva) Konkowski died on Friday, Aug. 12 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Brooklyn, NY she had resided in South Plainfield for most of her life.

Employed as a secretary for the former Saft's Opticians in Plainfield, she retired in 1980 after 20 years with the company.

A communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield, Celia loved bingo. She played for many years at various places including Wednesdays at the Arbor Rescue Squad in Piscataway. Embroidery was another enjoyment for her. She made many various items for her family and in addition, Celia spent many nights dining out. One of her favorite restaurants was Charlie Brown's in Edison.

Her husband of 51 years, Chester, died in June of 2001. She is also predeceased by three sisters, Alice Blaszcak, Estelle Sabino and Adele Simpson and brother Frank Juva.

Surviving are a sister, Victoria and her husband Tom Evans of South Plainfield and two brothers, Stanley and his wife Ann Juva of South Plainfield and John and his wife Mary Juva of Edison. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews and her beloved great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donald N. Thompson, 62

Donald N. Thompson died on Tuesday, Aug. 9 in Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge, after a long illness.

A native of Monmouth County, he

Homeland Security

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palities will receive computer hardware and software as part of the visual intelligence system that enables first responders and domestic preparedness planners to view aerial imagery of the entire county. The software also has the ability to measure area and distance as well as the size of buildings to plan for emergency response.

"Everything we plan to purchase with this year's grant really goes toward outfitting our emergency personnel with the most up-to-date tools and technologies to respond to the broadest range of possible crisis situations," said Freeholder Christopher D. Rafano, chair of the County's Law and Public Safety Committee and Implementation Committee member.

According to grant requirements, 10 percent of the funds must be used for target hardening of critical sites listed on the Office of Counterterrorism inventory. The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office identified two sites it believes are the most in need of additional security.

Obituaries

was preceded in death by his parents, John Henry Thompson and Gladys Rose (Haviland) Thompson.

Mr. Thompson served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam conflict. He was employed as a cabinet-maker in North Carolina for 30 years and was a carpenter by trade.

He was an avid fan of car racing. Surviving are his stepmother, Mary Baker Thompson of Sanford, NC and two brothers, John Thompson and his wife Shirley of South Plainfield and Michael Thompson and his wife Gloria of Sanford, NC. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were made by McCriskin Home For Funerals.

James W. Barrett, 84

James W. Barrett died on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Barrett had resided in South Plainfield, North Plainfield, and Edison before settling to Plainfield in 1957.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II as a bottom gunner. He served in the Pacific Theater and was present for raids on Japanese strongholds.

A chemical officer for Carter Wallace, he worked in New Brunswick and Cranbury prior to his retirement.

James was a true sports fan who played semiprofessional baseball as a young man. He watched every major sporting event on TV and was a true fan of both the Giants football team and the original Giants baseball team. In addition, James enjoyed watching golf and basketball.

He is predeceased by his wife, Mary E. (Jones) Barrett, who died in 1995. Surviving are six children, James W.

Barrett, Jr., Elizabeth A. Sabo, John R. Barrett, Barbara J. Stickle, Bruce E. Barrett and Kevin A. Barrett; a brother Raymond; ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Benjamin J. Oller, 83

Benjamin J. Oller died on Sunday, August 14 at Haven Hospice in JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Raritan, Mr. Oller was a long time resident of South Plainfield. A veteran of the United States Army, he served during WWII in the Pacific Theater. He received the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal.

A carpenter by trade, he had worked for various companies including Well Built Homes of Chimney Rock. He had also previously worked for Johns Manville.

An avid golfer, he also enjoyed swimming and is credited with teaching all of his grandchildren and great grandchildren how to swim. In addition, Ben loved trips to Atlantic City.

He is predeceased by his wife, Myrtle (Kline) Oller who died in 1998, son-in-law Frank Borowski and eight brothers and sisters.

Surviving are his daughter Diane Borowski of South Plainfield; son Ben and his wife Janice of Manville; four grandchildren, Robert and his wife Cindy Borowski, David and his wife Michelle Borowski, Scott and his wife Alyson Oller and Terri and her husband Tony Zaliwski and his cherished great grandchildren, Sarah, Katie, Brianna and Devin.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE  
ORDINANCE 1709

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

Ord. 1709 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 284, LOT 24 (DOVER PLACE) was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 12, 2005 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1709

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 284, LOT 24 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO PETER GANIARIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 284, Lot 24, said property being situated on Dover Place, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, Peter Ganiaris is the owner of a contiguous parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 284, Lot 24 is not needed for public purpose or use, and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute provides for the sale of said parcel to a contiguous owner without the need for public sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, that the said property shall be sold to said contiguous owner on September 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions;

1. That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale deed without covenants and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, and questions as to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (45) day period, then and in that event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale.

2. Easements, both of record and not of record.

3. Restrictions of record.

4. Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.

5. In the event that the purchaser is unable to close title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, they shall forward to the Borough of South Plainfield a check representing the balance of the purchase price to be placed in the general fund of the Borough.

6. In the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close title and/or pay the consideration therefore within the ninety (90) day period, then in the event, the Borough of South Plainfield, may, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, declare the transaction null and void and the purchaser's deposit shall be retained by the Borough of South Plainfield as liquidated damages.

7. At the time of second reading of this Ordinance, ten percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of advertising, legal fees and associated costs incurred by the Borough. The purchaser shall be credited the cost of any appraisal previously paid by the purchaser as required by the Land Management Committee.

8. The purchaser shall make application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval, on site and site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser.

9. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.

10. Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition of the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.

11. The subject parcel shall merge with and become a part of the contiguous parcel owned by the purchaser and shall not be subdivided at any future date.

12. Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.

13. Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

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

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$136.50 August 19, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE  
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 **SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 at \*\*\*10:00 a.m.\*\*\*** 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 for:

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Specifications and other bid information may be 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

A FEE OF \$25.00 MADE PAYABLE TO THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR REQUEST FOR A COPY OF THE BID PACKAGE.

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LEGAL NOTICE

August 12, 2005 - Public Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on August 11, 2005.

A. Case #36-05/TU - Morris Schechter, Block 328; Lot 1: 400 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request that the application be withdrawn without prejudice was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #47-05 - Robert Delair, Block 147; Lot 22; 1621 Windrew Avenue. The applicant's request for a use variance in order to enclose a side porch was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #49-05 - Nick Samson, Block 137.02; Lot 15.02; 1110 Clinton Terrace. The applicant's request for a variance to construct a first floor deck was hereby GRANTED.

D. Case #50-05 - Thomas Taylor, Block 149; Lot 18; 1345 Cherry Street. The applicant's request for a variance in order to erect an (8) eight foot high, 100% solid fence in his rear yard line only was hereby GRANTED.

E. Case #51-05 - Donald Dillon, Block 132; Lot 7; 1910 Kenyon Avenue. The applicant's request for a variance to permit an existing shed was hereby GRANTED for the life of this shed only.

F. Case #52-05 - Steve Accardi, Block 420; Lot 8.01; 224 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request for a variance in order to construct a first floor deck was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

G. Case #53-05 - Raquel Garcia Shucai, Block 37; Lot 8; 324 Firth Street. The applicant's request for (2) two side yard setback variances to erect a second floor addition as well as a covered porch was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Danielle M. Utter  
Secretary - Board of Adjustment

\$47.25 August 19, 2005



The South Plainfield Girls U-16 Softball team started out the season as the 2005 Secaucus ISA Summer Smash first place champions, along with the help of the U-14 girls because the SPSHS Varsity girls were at the state championship game where they won the championship. Alyssa Sutherland was named MVP of the Secaucus tournament; first place champs at the Middletown Summer Slam and Jennifer Little was named MVP; second place champs at the Union Summer Slam; and first place champs at the Union Umps Tournament, and Megan Boyle received the MVP trophy. Head coaches were Mike DiMeglio and Scott Bishop, and Rich Little was assistant. Great season girls!

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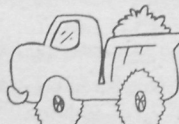
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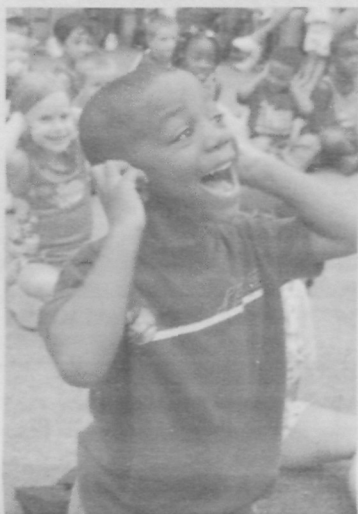
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## Snakes n Scales, Turtles and Tales Affords Kids a Close Up Look at Wild Animals



Robbie Rodrick, 7, touches Buttercup's smooth scales.



Isaiah David, 5, learns snakes are deaf.

By Patricia Abbott

Mammal Mania recently took over the main room of the South Plainfield Public Library. More than 50 children and parents filled the floor and seats anxious to view the unknown creatures hidden from sight. The exciting event was brought to the library by "Snakes n Scales and Turtle Tales," an environmental education organization which focuses on the rescue and care of a wide assortment of animals.

Before unveiling the first animal, educator Janell Bevan from Snakes n Scales explained to the youths that while some of the animals might appear scary, they are equally afraid of

humans. She reminded them to stay in their seats and refrain from being too noisy so as not to startle the animals.

The hour flew by as she brought out six animals not necessarily found in a neighborhood pet store. The first was an American alligator named Dizzy. He was followed by a red footed tortoise appropriately named Red. His beautiful shell had an amazing pattern of ridges that looked natural, but in reality Red's shell should have been smooth. He had been fed hamburger meat which gave him protein not necessary in his diet. The excess protein caused the distortions in his shell. Crash, an Eastern Box Turtle, was next to visit the group. He was named for his badly cracked shell damaged when a car ran over him. He has been with Snakes n Scales in excess of 10 years, and his shell may never fully heal. Next up was a lizard named Spike, a bearded dragon named Jack, an endangered Red Rat or Corn Snake found in the Pine Barrens. Last but not least was a cutie named Buttercup, an Albino Burmese Python 12 feet long but still growing.

Both youths and parents took the opportunity to touch these unusual animals, discovering the texture of shells, rough scales and smoothness of a snake's skin. Most of the animals are unwanted or abused pets, orphaned, injured or confiscated by authorities.

For more information on Snakes n Scales and Turtle Tales visit [snakes-n-scales.com](http://snakes-n-scales.com). The site has a wealth of information on their programs, as well as photos, stories, facts, puzzles and more.



## Fourteen Learn Practical Crafting

By Patricia Abbott

In late July a handful of moms and daughters, as well as one dad, gathered at the library to learn to crochet and knit. The course was taught by practical crafting instructor, Rhonda Wisniewski. A total of 14 signed up for the classes, nine for knitting and five for crocheting, and four registered for both classes. The group included one mother/daughter team in the knitting class; one father brought his daughters to both classes. After the introductory meeting, the knitting and crocheting classes met for one hour on alternate Thursdays. Each student also received a list of internet links and other sources for patterns and other helpful information.

Each student was given a list of supplies needed for their first project—a scarf. Needles and hooks flew and several students went well beyond the

scarf. It was a class of quick learners, according to Rhonda. One student had finished two knitted scarves and had begun a knitted cap by the time classes ended. A second student finished her knitted scarf, a pair of crocheted "fun fur" flipflops, and was working on a "fun fur" scarf. A third student had finished both knitted and crocheted scarves, and had started to crochet a bedspread. Although the Practical Crafting class has ended, Children's Librarian Miss Linda, has plans to host her own knitting group.

There are four more practical crafting workshops scheduled at the library: Sept. 12—Origami Boxes; Oct. 3—Pouch Cards; Nov. 7—Photo Candle and Dec. 5—Rosebud Folds and Lattice Cards.

Rhonda also teaches practical crafting workshops at South Plainfield Senior Center.

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10AM at  
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**Beginning at 12:30**

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