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## BOE President Calls It Quits



Mike English

School Board President Mike English has resigned his position on the South Plainfield School Board. In a letter submitted to Superintendent of Schools Robert Rosado last week, English explained that family obligations were the reason for leaving, and he wanted to spend more time with his grandchildren.

English was elected to the board in April of 2003, the top vote getter in that election. He was elected as board president last year. During his three years on the board he has served on several committees and was chairman of the Curriculum Committee.

English had taught at both St. Joseph's in Metuchen and South Plainfield High School before accepting the position of director of recreation for South Plainfield.

His resignation letter will be read and voted on at the next Board meet-

ing, scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 20.

English's seat on the board will be filled by appointment and the term will run until next year's school board elections. Board Vice President Steven Bohn will become acting board president.

Anyone interested in serving on the board for the remainder of English's term can write a letter to Steven Bohn, c/o South Plainfield Board of Education, 125 Jackson Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. (See page 7).

What follows is English's letter of resignation addressed to Dr. Rosado.

"This letter will serve as my notice of resignation from the South Plainfield Board of Education. It has been a tremendous learning experience for me. I hope I have contributed to the success in our education system, especially in the areas of curriculum development and financial stability. I consider you to be one of the finest superintendents I have had the privilege to know. I want to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow board members. They have and I am sure they will continue to do a great job for the children of our town.

Family obligations are the reason for my leaving the position. Grandchildren are the most wonderful joys in life, and I do not want to miss out on the opportunity to help care for mine.

Please thank everyone in the administration for their time and consideration on my behalf."

Respectfully, Michael English



Bishop Emeritus Edward T. Hughes celebrates Mass with Sacred Heart Church pastor, Father John Alvarado, Father Andrzej Wieliczko and Deacon Joseph Stanczak last Sunday at the parish's 100th anniversary liturgy. See next week's issue for complete coverage.

## School Board Asks for Audit On 2001 Transfer of Funds

Interim Business Administrator Robert Davis was asked to make a detailed list of expenditures and monies received concerning the bond referendum for school construction and upgrades approved in April of 2001 and found that \$850,000 of bond money was put in the general fund and never properly accounted for.

According to Davis, he found that a check written in 2001 for \$850,000 from the referendum fund was deposited into the general fund. One possibility for the transfer, Davis said, was that there were problems with

the computer program that processed payments from that fund. Apparently that money was never put back into the referendum fund and stayed in the general fund until the end of the fiscal year, when surplus money was used to avoid a tax increase in the budget.

According to board attorney Dr. Nicholas Celso, nothing illegal took place with this transfer, but members of the board do want answers on why it was done. In short, the \$850,000 was borrowed money (part of the bond referendum). The \$850,000 ended up in the general fund, then

was returned to the voters by way of a surplus, thus reducing the school board's tax rate that year. However, that same \$850,000 was borrowed money and interest is presently still being paid on it.

The board has asked their auditors to do a thorough search of the records to find out exactly why the money was transferred and what it was used for. This could prove to be extremely difficult to investigate, due to the fact that since 2001 we have had two different business administrators as well as two superintendents.

## New Textbooks, Classes In Schools

By Libby Barsky

Returning to school in September, students throughout the district will find changes in their science classes with each school getting new textbooks and, in the high school, new courses being introduced. The new courses are a result of a year of studying the science curriculum.

"Every five years the district has to go through each of the curriculum areas as part of the curriculum review cycle. After a year of studying the science curriculum, we are upgrading the science curriculum from K-12," said Kay Crown, director of curriculum. Students K-6 in the elementary schools will be using the basic text of Scott Foresman Science, the 2006 edition, whose content includes life science, earth science and physical science.

Each of these areas is expected to be covered each year as students develop problem solving capabilities and connections between technology and society. First grade classes begin with 115 minutes of instruction a

week, extending through fifth and sixth grades with five 40-minute periods a week.

Middle school students will have five 45-minute periods a week and use the text *Holt Science and Technology: Life Science* and *Holt Science and Technology: Physical Science*

published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston in 2005.

The same basic text will be used by both those in the AE (Academically Enriched) classes and those with learning difficulties.

Science Interactions 502 is new sci-  
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## Update on Borough Construction

Construction work will continue on Hamilton Blvd. between 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. At present time, the work is being done on Hamilton Blvd. around Montrose Ave., where PSE&G is installing a new gas line.

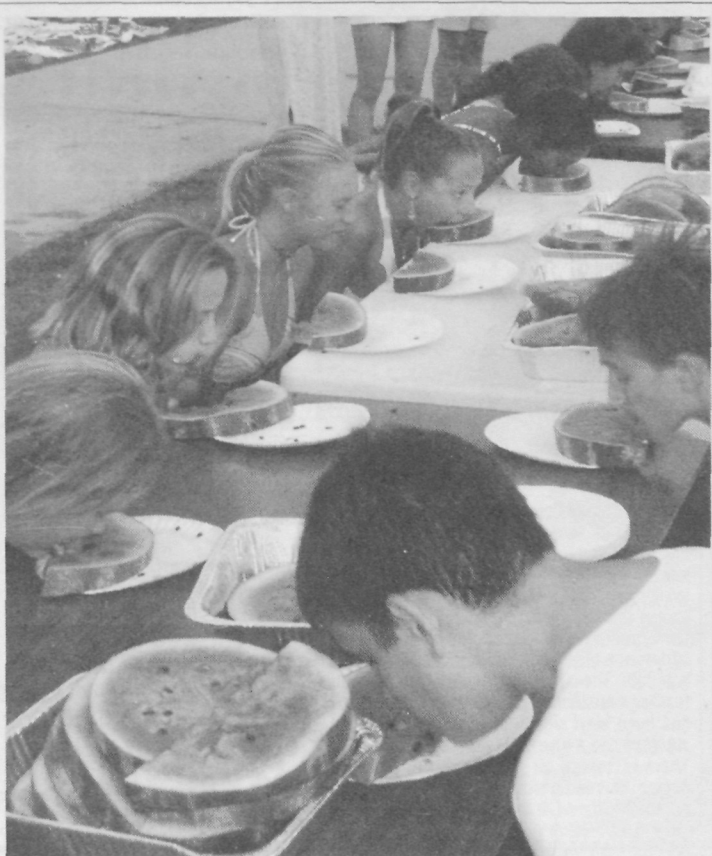
American Water Co. has resumed work along Hamilton Blvd. between 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Local businesses on Hamilton Blvd. will remain open during the construction period.

Construction continues on Maple Ave. between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Curbs and sidewalks will be

replaced. At the present time, work is at Cedarbrook Ave. Traffic will flow in both directions during this construction at all times.

Construction will begin on Church St. on or about Sept. 12. The roadway will be closed between Lakeview Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. for 30 days once work has started.

If you have any questions call Borough Administrator Vincent Buttiglieri at (908) 226-7606 or Construction Coordinator Michael Zushma at (908) 753-3775.



Hawaiian Night at the community pool featured a watermelon eating contest and more. See photos and story on page 6.



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### councilmeetings

#### 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 (N.J.S.A. 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

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.

### To the Editor,

I want to congratulate Father John Paul Alvarado, Bill McCrisky, and all the members of the 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee for the wonderful job they did on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church.

The event has been a year-long process of activities remembering the history and successes of the church in South Plainfield. It culminated with a beautiful mass and dinner dance on Sunday, Aug. 21.

The church and school have played an integral part in the fabric of this community. And it was so nice to see the past and present members of the parish reminiscing all the good times and family events which have taken place over the past century. In these times when it appears that people are willing to kill and destroy in the name of their religion, it is a tribute to our founding fathers who decided not only to separate religion and government, but also to guarantee religious freedoms and tolerances.

Thank you again committee for a wonderful, thought provoking, trip down the memory lane of Sacred Heart Parish.

MIKE ENGLISH

### To the Editor,

Recently Acting Governor Richard Codey signed Executive Order No. 48 which is aimed at assisting the passage of the federal bill pending in the House of Representatives, H.R. 87. This bill, sponsored by Reps. Frelinghuysen and Holt, and co-sponsored by all of our other Representatives, would establish a National Heritage Area in New Jersey focusing on historic Revolutionary War sites in New Jersey. An identical bill, S. 825 sponsored by Senators Corzine and Lautenberg, passed in July.

What is at stake is as much as \$10M in federal funds to help restore and preserve these sites, as well as create educational programs associated with the sites. Although the areas to receive funding do not include every possible revolutionary site, and sites in the south and northwest portions of the state have largely been left out, the current proposal includes 14 counties and more than 200 municipalities.

New Jersey was vital to the revolutionary cause. Washington had headquarters in New Jersey for three winters. More battles and skirmishes were fought in New Jersey than any other state, including the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Red Bank, Monmouth and Springfield. Space does not allow to recount the almost 300 other documented battles and skirmishes or retell the heroics and bravery of our great patriot ancestors. As it stands, small towns, private donors and patriotic organizations like the Sons of the Revolution are left with the task of preserving our State's grand Revolutionary War history.

While the actions of Governor Codey and our State Representatives and Senators are highly commendable, Congress must act fast before these precious sites are gone forever. Next year will mark the 225th anniversary of the march of Washington and French General Jean B. de Rochambeau through New Jersey to Yorktown. Time is of the essence.

Unfortunately, Representative Frelinghuysen had proposed similar bills in the past two congressional sessions. The Senate's recent passage of the bill and Governor Codey's Executive Order may help finally pass this legislation. But the House bill had been referred to a subcommittee on Feb. 3 and six months later it remains there today.

In July, the township of Belleville petitioned Congress to support H.R. 87 and S. 825. It would be wonderful

## IN YOUR OPINION

if all other towns, whether earmarked for funds or not - as well as private organizations, followed Belleville's lead and petitioned Congress for the speedy passage of the "Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area Act." The New Jersey Society, Sons of the Revolution is attempting to contact as many town councils as possible to urge petitions similar to Belleville's. Let's show our gratitude to our brave ancestors who fought for our liberty. It is time for the local government, private organizations and the citizens to put the pressure on Congress to help us save these sites which were so instrumental to establishing our great country.

JOHN F. NEWMAN, ESQ.  
BOARD MEMBER OF NJ SOCIETY,  
SONS OF THE REVOLUTION

### To the Editor,

I will be running in the NYC Marathon for the very first time this year and I am super excited about it and have been training very hard.

I am doing the marathon as part of a charity team, the New York Road Runners Foundation Team for Kids and could really use help getting donations from readers of the South Plainfield Observer.

My teammates and I are raising money to help kids join Running Partners, an acclaimed youth development program that serves New York City children who have little or no access to structured physical education.

I have committed to raise \$2,500. Any contribution will help pay for the training, supplies, uniforms, events, and transportation that make Running Partners happen, and will truly give kids a running start.

Donations are 100% tax deductible. Check should be made payable to: New York Road Runners Foundation, 9 East 89th St., New York, NY 10128. Put my entry #27247 on the check.

To learn more about Team for Kids: [www.nyrrfoundation.org](http://www.nyrrfoundation.org). Online donations are can be made to: [www.nyrrc.org/cgi-bin/start.cgi/mar-programs/nyrrf/team/donations.htm](http://www.nyrrc.org/cgi-bin/start.cgi/mar-programs/nyrrf/team/donations.htm).

Thank you very much!  
JENNIFER AROZAMENA

### To the Editor,

You received your tax bill and Allen Levine in his letter to the *Observer* refers to the enclosed letter with your tax bill which was an attempt to explain the reason for the tax increase. It is true that a significant portion of your property tax increase was due to the school budget, but it is equally true that there was an increase in the municipal tax due to tax appeals and this was not mentioned in the letter.

In today's real estate market, everyone talks about the escalating prices of real estate. However in South Plainfield the opposite is true because of the tax appeals by commercial and industrial property owners. In this past fiscal year there was a reduction in assessed value due to these tax appeals. The gross reduction was reported as approximately \$27M, however, because other ratables were added, the impact was \$17,339,280.

The tax rate is based on the assessed value of properties. When there is a reduction in ratables, the result is a tax increase on both the municipal and school tax rates. This reduction in ratables is the highest amount since the reduction due to the sewer moratorium going back to 1994-1995.

When the question regarding these reductions was raised at several municipal council meetings as to why the reduction in ratables, the answer given was that there were appeals for reduction primarily by commercial and industrial property owners. It was also said these appeals were granted because their buildings were not fully occupied or that the anticipated income based on investment did not or was not materialized. Are we, the residential tax payers, expected to subsidize the difference in our tax bill? If one makes an investment in commercial or industrial properties the risk is theirs, not ours.

It is time for the public to be informed who these companies are and why in view of real estate values increasing, how their assessments were reduced. Also tell us if these reductions were part of an adjudicated process or mediated by lawyer and the tax assessor.

FRANK MIKORSKI

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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

As August of 2005 moves into its last days, and the summer season quickly slips away (or seems to, at any rate), let us pause to reflect on the relentless passage of both time and history and their impact on our lives. Or, we could just look at a few notes from the South Plainfield Library instead.

Miss Linda and Miss Danya are still busy recovering from our summer activities and preparing for our fall activities. Thus, our Storytime programs have been cancelled until Tuesday, Sept. 27. However, we'll still be hosting our Chess Club on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. It's for both beginning and advanced players. Players may bring their own chess sets.

Another note for kids: Your Summer Reading certificates are now available. You can pick them up at the Circulation Desk.

Today is the last day of availability for the August group of Circuit videos and DVDs. The September selection will be available sometime next week.

Here's word on an upcoming program: An origami class will be held here at the Library on Monday, Sept. 12. "Practical Crafting" instructor Ronda Wisniewski will lead participants in making origami boxes. There will be two sessions of the class, at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., respectively. Participants should bring a ruler, a pencil and a glue stick. Pre-registration is required, along with a \$1 materials fee. Stop by the Circulation Desk to sign up.

Here's another Library decorating update: The Classic Paperbacks will be moved soon to an as yet undetermined

location (i.e. wherever there's enough space for them). Meanwhile, Juvenile books on cassette and CD have been moved from the Children's Room to the shelves at the tail end of the Juvenile videos. We'll see about posting all these changes on Mapquest when we get the chance.

A number of people have asked when we're going to repair our water fountain. Unfortunately, due to several circumstances, we will be unable to do so. However, we have added cup dispensers in both of our rest rooms. (Okay, it ain't Poland Springs, but it'll do for now.)

Here's a tip for computer users: When you print out a document, either from disc or from a website, please keep an eye on how many pages your document runs. This is particularly true for the Net; sometimes you can mistakenly print out a document with 30+ pages when you only need one paragraph. We suggest you use the "print preview" feature to determine how many pages are involved, as well as which particular pages you're looking for. You should also make certain whether you need color or b/w printouts, since color pages cost more, and adjust the system accordingly. In the end, it'll save time, money, paper, print toner and aggravation.

We have room this week to review a regrettable but necessary area of Library policy: overdue fines. Our normal charges are 10 cents per day for books, 25 cents per day for cassettes and CDs, and \$2 per day for videos and DVDs. All of these charges are on a per title basis. We also assess a postage/handling charge of 50 cents for every overdue notice we mail out and there's a \$15 processing charge for large debts (\$50 or more) that are submitted to a collection agency. We accept payment via cash, checks or money orders (no plastic, as yet). And we are always willing to take certain special circumstances into account (death in the family, illness, etc.) when assessing charges. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

That's about all for now. We'll be back next week with more news. (If you want to get philosophical now, feel free.)

## Edison Valley Playhouse Plans Open House

By Libby Barsky

Edison Valley Playhouse will hold an open house on Sunday, Aug. 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. Bill Seesselberg vice president of Valley Playhouse Productions wants everyone to check out the renovations made on the historic 110 year old building, originally The Marconner Union Chapel, on Oak Tree rd.

"Visitors will see that the backstage is finished. It might not all be painted, but they will see the new walls, the new roof and what we've done with the space. We won't have all of the seats in yet, but people can see a few of the seats we will putting in," said Seesselberg. All the seats will be regular theatre chairs. The seats have been donated by Bob Bengivenga, who is keeping them in storage at another facility. The seats will be installed for the gala reopening performance of *Barrymore*, starring David Christopher, director of *Aida* for Plays in the Park, on Saturday, Oct. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 2.

"We are also leaving space in front of the stage so the area can be used to accommodate wheelchairs or temporary chairs," added Seesselberg. "The backstage area was broken out all the way to the walls, which we didn't have before. The actual footprint of the building is the same, but we are making better use of the space. In the stage reconstruction, we put the storage area under the stage and a prop area. We are getting all the stuff we need in there and there will be some space left over," said Seesselberg.

Ten 20 x 30 foot dumpsters were



Edison Valley Playhouse on Oak Tree Rd.

filled with construction debris, sections of the back wall and roof materials which were replaced as well as unwanted items from the basement. Making the renovation possible was the help of Assemblymen Pat Diegnan and Peter Barnes of the 18th District, who found available funding with a State Grant of \$25,000, as well as donations of materials and labor from friends of Edison Valley Playhouse.

Seesselberg stressed that Edison Valley Playhouse is "just a building." The group who owns it is Valley Playhouse Productions, a community theatre group incorporated 40 years ago on Sept. 15, 1965. Officers are President Rich Monteiro, Trustees Bob Bengivenga and Bill Seesselberg. "In the future, we will expand the board and

there will be many more committees as more people getting involved," he said.

"We realize it was an ambitious project, but it is one of those situations where people remember what it once was and now we have the resources to bring it back as an asset to the community and to be able to serve a large audience with the things that we will present here," he added.

Future productions this fall include the British musical *Blood Brothers*, about two brothers separated in childhood. Seesselberg also will make the theatre available for rentals for poetry readings and parties. "We are looking to have the theatre open 25-30 weeks a year," he said.

## Ban On Smoking In Dorms Signed into Law

Legislation sponsored by Senators Barbara Buono and Fred H. Madden that would require students at New Jersey's colleges and universities to go outside to light up their cigarettes has been signed into law by Governor Richard J. Codey.

"College students will be able to breathe easier this fall, both from the cleaner air in their rooms and the knowledge that one more safety hazard has been reduced," said Senator Barbara Buono, D-Middlesex. "Students at our public colleges and universities should realize that while they have the right to choose to smoke and chance the risks that come along with it, they don't have the right to make those choices for their neighbors. This law will drastically reducing the chance of a dorm fire and diminish exposure

to second-hand smoke."

"When it comes to college dormitories, health and safety must be the top priorities of school officials," said Sen. Madden. "This bill strikes a balance by recognizing that many college students are adults who can buy cigarettes, but it preserves the safety of dormitories where large numbers of students live, study and sleep. This measure shows New Jersey's commitment to the safety and well-being of its students."

The bill will amend current law to prohibit smoking in any building used as a student dormitory that is owned and operated by an institution of higher education. Many institutions in the state and across the country already have bans in place on smoking in all buildings on campus, including private rooms in residence halls.

Several states have enacted legislation similar to what Sen. Buono has proposed. The administrations at these schools claim that a prohibition on smoking in residence halls reduces cleaning fees, maintenance fees and the risk of fire.

Even though the harmful effects of cigarette smoke are widely known and taught in our schools, smoking is on the rise among college students. It's a behavior that has an impact on all students living in our dormitories, whether they smoke or not. College students may be miffed that they have to leave their rooms in order to smoke, but other students shouldn't have to deal with the harmful consequences of those who decide to ignore the dangers of smoking," added Buono.

The new law will go into affect on Oct. 21, 2005.

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## 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.

## 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, Sept. 15 at 12:30 p.m. The program will be Professor William Dunscombe presenting Series #3 NJ Trivia. Need-

## What's happening in AUG/SEPT

Daily Events  
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## Senior Center EVENTS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>  Trip to Lancaster September 21-22 Woodloch Pines Pocono Resort Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Info at Senior Center			Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11am	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am	Excercise 8:30am Line Dancing 10am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm	Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available
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lecrafters meet every Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m. year round at the South Plainfield Senior Center to knit and crochet lap robes for nursing homes and baby blankets, hats and booties for Muhlenberg Hospital Nursery and DYSF-Middlesex County Division of Your & Family Services. For information call Jean at (732) 752-0358.

The trip to Delaware's Dover Downs Casino and Racetrack is approaching and 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.

## Troop 207 Car Wash

September 17

Boy Scout Troop 207 (Knights of Columbus), a will be holding a car wash on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Middle School. Cost is \$5 for cars and \$7 for SUV/pick up trucks. Rain date is Saturday, Sept. 24. All proceeds will be going towards their Washington, DC trip, so please come out and support the boys.

## — Out of Town —

## Ninth Annual Sweet Sounds Downtown

August 30

The "Sweet Sounds Downtown" Jazz Festival, sponsored by the Down-

town Westfield Corporation (DWC), winds up next Tuesday 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.

## 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.

## MCC Young Professionals First Anniversary

September 1

Celebrate the first year anniversary of the hot new addition to the Chamber, the Young Professionals (YP) on Thursday, Sept. 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick. Non-members, \$25 free admission to members!!!

## Christian Professionals Starlight Socials

September 2

Christian Professionals in their 30's and 40's are invited to a happy hour and game night on Friday, Sept. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bennigans in Morristown. Optional dinner or movie afterwards..

RSVP recommended by Sept. 1 to [AngelButterfly37@aol.com](mailto:AngelButterfly37@aol.com) or (732) 764-9073.

## NY Waterway Offers Labor Day Escape

September 3

Enjoy a traffic-free Labor Day weekend and escape to the great castles and estates in the historic Hudson Valley with NY Waterway's overnight Historic Hudson Weekend Getaway Cruise. The cruise departs Saturday, Sept. 3 from West 38th Street in Manhattan at 10:30 a.m. Passengers will

enjoy the breathtaking guided cruise up the Hudson River to Tarrytown. The return trip departs Tarrytown on Monday at 4:30 p.m. Prices begin at \$287 per person based on double occupancy.

For reservations and information contact NY Waterway at 1-800-533-3779 or check the website at [www.nywaterway.com](http://www.nywaterway.com). Tickets can also be purchased online.

## Pro Wrestling at Bound Brook Elks

September 10

Former WWE World Heavyweight Champion Iron Sheik and former WWE Tag Team Champion and legendary manager "Luscious" Johnny Valiant will top the lineup for Piledriver Pro Wrestling's patriotic salute on Sept. 10, 2005 at the Bound Brook Elks Lodge #1388 at 8 p.m. Pre-show "Meet and Greet" at 7 p.m. Tickets are VIP Ringside \$20, general admission \$15. Meet and greet includes wrestling ticket.

Call to reserve tickets at: (732)254-7299. Tickets also available at the Bound Brook Elks Lodge #388 305 East 2nd st. in Bound Brook.

## 9th Annual SIDS Walkathon

September 11

The CJ Foundation for SIDS, along with sponsor Wawa Food Markets, will be holding their 9th Annual SIDS Walkathon on Sunday Sept. 11 at six locations throughout New Jersey

Come join us and walk to help end Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. To register, call 1-888-8CJ-SIDS ext. 3 or visit [www.cjsids.com](http://www.cjsids.com).

## Willow Grove Sunday School

September 11

Discovery Kingdom Multimedia Sunday School will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11 at Willow Grove, located on Raritan Rd. in Scotch Plains. Ages nine and up meet at 9 a.m. and four through eight at 10:30 a.m.

Do you want to give your children a Christian faith, but just don't know how to overcome their complaint that "Church is boring." Well, get ready to see your kids not only learn and discover their faith, but be excited about it and the thought of coming to church!

For more information about Willow Grove, call the church office at (908) 232-5678, e-mail us at [wilgrv@netzero.com](mailto:wilgrv@netzero.com) or visit our website at [www.scotchplains.com/wgpc](http://www.scotchplains.com/wgpc).

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**SEND US YOUR PHOTOS.** If you have an event, take a photo, write a caption identifying the event and people and send it to us. The best photos record action and don't include so many people that it's impossible to identify anyone. Please don't send us photocopies or laser prints. They don't reproduce well. Digital photos should be 150 dpi or higher.

**HOW TO CONTACT US.** 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080; phone: 908-668-0010; fax: 908-668-8819 or email: [spobservers@comcast.net](mailto:spobservers@comcast.net).

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## New Church Service Brings Hope to Residents

Most Middlesex County residents believe in God but avoid church, thinking its money grubbing, hypocritical and irrelevant to their everyday needs. These are some of the findings of New Hope 4U, a newly forming church service in Piscataway, which is conducting an online survey to discover the beliefs, worries and needs of our community. New Hope 4U is using the results to tailor a service that will be relevant to people who don't attend church regularly. Services begin on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. in building #2 of Timothy Christian School on Ethel Road. In order to take the survey, view the daily updated results, or find out more about the church, go to [www.NewHope4U.net](http://www.NewHope4U.net), or contact David Butler at 732-406-7821.

So far, a random sampling of more than 100 respondents reveals that the top worries of people in our area are bills, the kids and relationships. According to Mark Kincade, church pastor, "People have great needs and would love to learn more about God, but have been disappointed by what they've found in church. The recent sex scandals and the perception that churches care more about pocket-books than people has only served to alienate more."

Kincade adds, "The purpose of the community survey, which folks can take by going to our website, is to listen to where people's needs and concerns are greatest, and to meet those needs. New Hope 4U is really all about making church a refreshing and real experience again. So if you do not have a church, check us out on Sept. 11."

## Origami Craft Program at Library

There will be an origami craft program at South Plainfield Free Public Library on Monday, Sept. 12. There will be two sessions: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Practical Crafting instructor Ronda Wisniewski will lead participants in making origami boxes. Students are requested to bring a ruler, a pencil and a glue stick. Paper will be provided. Space for the class is limited, so pre-registration is required. There is a \$1 materials fee payable upon registration.

For more information, please call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

# southplainfieldpeople Milestones

## Morrison and Mory Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morrison of South Plainfield are pleased to an-



Brianne Kathleen Morrison and Marc David Mory

nounce the engagement of their daughter, Brianne Kathleen, to Marc David Mory of East Brunswick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Mory of Monroe Township.

Brianne Morrison is a 2003 graduate of The College of St. Elizabeth. She is currently employed as a paralegal with the firm Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith and Davis in Woodbridge.

Marc Mory is a 1998 graduate of Brandeis University and a 2001 graduate of Hofstra University Law School. He is currently employed as an attorney with the firm Lynch, Keefe and Bartels in Shrewsbury.

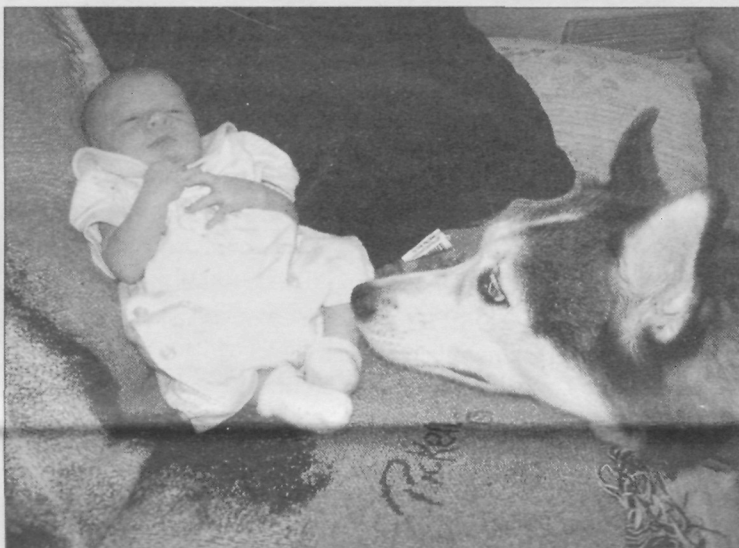
The couple is planning a March 11, 2006 wedding.

## O'Connors Welcome Birth of Daughter

Tom and Donna O'Connor are the proud parents of a baby girl, Maiti Catherine O'Connor, born Aug. 2 at 12:20 p.m. at Somerset Medical Cen-

ter. Maiti weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maiti has no siblings per say, just her puppy Patches.



Maiti Catherine O'Connor and Patches.



Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Scott Weber

## McGrath-Weber Wedding

Peter and Linda McGrath of South Plainfield, proudly announce the marriage of their daughter Erica Doreen to Second Lieutenant Gregory Scott Weber, son of Edward and Doad Weber of Waldwick.

Gregory and Erica were married on May 29 in Ridgewood. A reception at the Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack followed. The couple honeymooned in Bermuda.

Erica graduated from Seton Hall University in May 2003 with a BA in Criminal Justice. She is a federal

investigator for the United States Department of Labor working with labor unions.

Gregory graduated from Seton Hall University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of the United States Army in May 2005. Gregory is an Infantry Officer at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Gregory and Erica reside in Columbus, Georgia.

In March 2006 the newlyweds will move to Fort Lewis, Washington where Gregory will be stationed.

## Send Your Milestones

to: South Plainfield Observer,  
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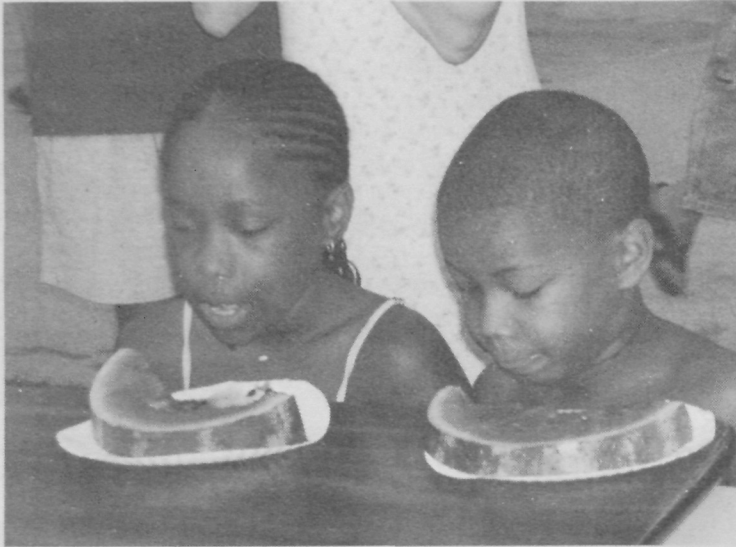
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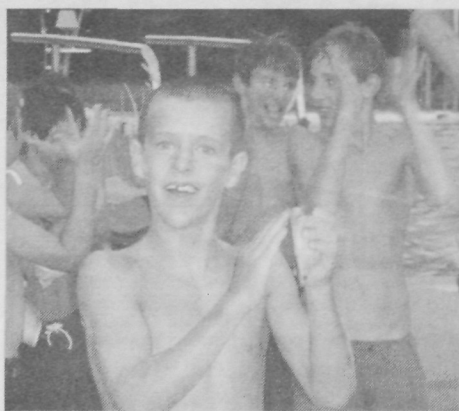
## Pool Patrons Party at Hawaiian Night

By Jane Dornick

Over 300 South Plainfield Community Pool members partied the night away at Hawaiian Night held last Thursday. The annual event always draws a large crowd with a large appetite. Members devoured 45 pizza pies, 270 hamburgers and 100 hot dogs. Drinks were provided by the pool and patrons were asked to bring a dessert.

The evening turned a little chilly, but that didn't stop everyone from enjoying the water. The pool staff organized several games for children including a coin toss in the kiddie pool, a watermelon eating contest and a pinata filled with candy.

Music for the evening was provided by DJ Kevin Murtagh who kept things lively with line dancing and popular tunes that attracted youngsters as well as their parents.



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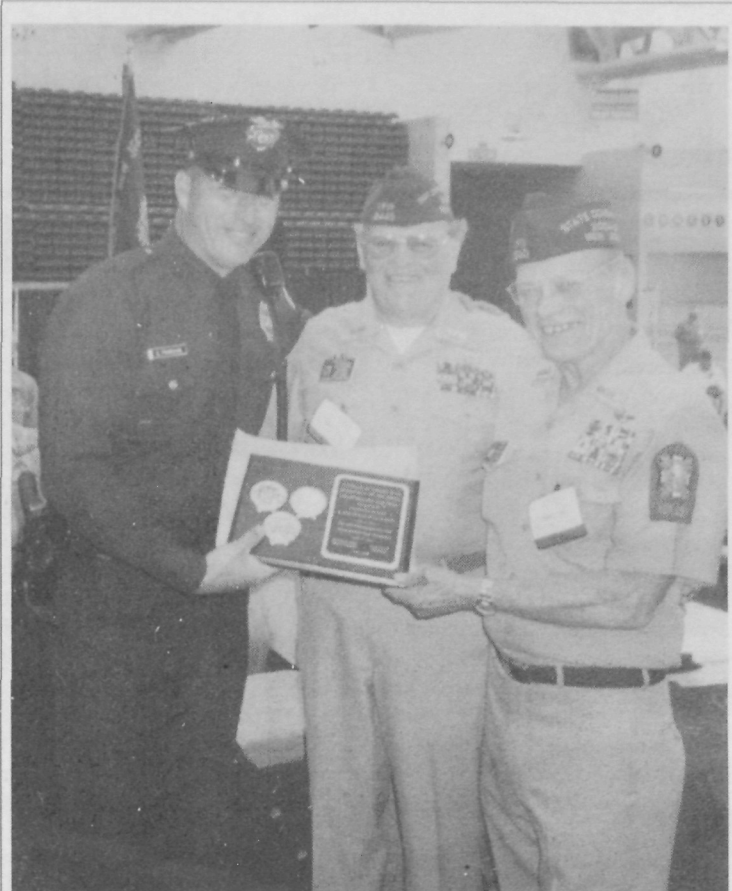
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South Plainfield Police Officer Dave Franchak, who was chosen as Officer of the Year by the VFW, receives his plaque from State Commander Donny Wine.

## New Jersey Blood Supply in Critical Condition!

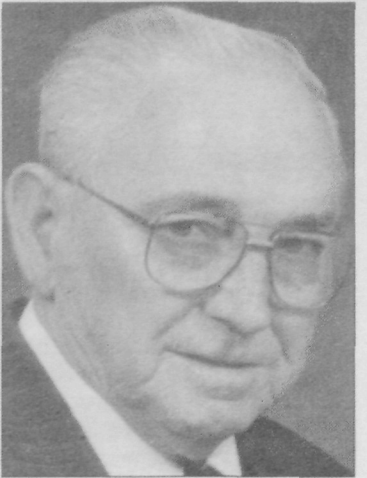
The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Blood Center of New Jersey are reporting a severe shortage of blood throughout the state of New Jersey. Churches, organizations, and companies willing to hold blood drives are urged to help, and community members in good health are asked to donate blood to help meet the region's needs.

Blood centers throughout the state report the primary reasons for the low inventories include groups canceling drives and donors missing appointments. During the summer, there are fewer blood drives as schools are closed, community groups don't meet, and corporations plan for a lighter

schedule due to employee vacations. In order to meet current needs, the state is importing blood from other areas of the country. The situation has become critical.

Please help make up the shortfall! To schedule a blood drive, or to make an appointment to donate blood, please contact: Victor Webb, American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter, (908) 756-6414, [webbv@usa.red-cross.org](mailto:webbv@usa.red-cross.org).

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross serves 22 towns in Union, Somerset and Middlesex counties, with offices in Plainfield and Elizabeth.



Gene Bataille Sr.

## Police/Fire Softball Trophy Honors Bataille

The Handicapped Children's Committee, BPO Elks Lodge 2298 in South Plainfield, has sponsored the annual softball game between members of the South Plainfield Police and Fire Departments for the past five years. Starting this year, the winning team will be awarded the Gene Bataille Sr. Memorial Cup, in honor of Gene Bataille Sr., who passed away last September. Gene was a member of the Elks and served many years as the chairman of the Handicapped Children's Committee. He was also a member of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department for over 40 years and served as the Fire Department's president from 1972 to 1975. He was also a Life Member of the NJ State Firemen's Assoc and served as a Commissioner of the Industry Division of the NJ Fire Safety Regulatory Commission and had been a member of the NJ State Industrial Fire Chief's Asso.

His son, Gene Bataille, Jr., is a member of the South Plainfield Police Department.

The game will be played at Veterans Park on Friday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Residents are invited to attend this annual grudge match, which gives bragging rights to the winner for a full year.

## Sacred Heart School News

- Sacred Heart School will open on Thursday, Sept. 1 for grades 1-8. Early dismissal will take place at noon.
- Orientation for kindergarten students and parents takes place on Sept. 1 from 10-10:45 a.m. Parents will meet with administration and students will go to respective classrooms during this time. School for kindergarten students begins on Friday, Sept. 2 at 7:40 a.m. until dismissal at noon.
- Orientation for pre-school students will take place on Sept. 2, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Parents will meet with administration and students will go to respective classrooms during this time. Pre-schoolers begin class on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7:45 a.m., dismissal is at 1:45 p.m.
- Full Sessions for all students will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7:40 a.m. until 2 p.m. Complete school uniforms are required for opening day. Important information regarding our

hot lunch program will be sent home the first day and must be returned on Friday. Parents should make a note of two important dates to set aside. Sacred Heart Back to School Night will be held on Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. and Religious Education Orientation-CCD will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m.



## Board of Education Seeking Candidates

The South Plainfield Board of Education is seeking candidates to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education created by a recent resignation. Any individuals interested in serving on the Board for the time remaining in this position, should submit a letter of application and resume to:

Mr. Steven Bohn, Acting Board President  
125 Jackson Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
All applications to be received by  
September 6, 2005

## 2006 Budget Hearings Set

Hearings for the 2006 Municipal Budget have been announced.

On Sept. 8, hearings will be held for building, Environmental/Recycling, Environmental, Recreation, Office on Aging, DPW, Clerk, Administration, and Finance.

On Sept. 12, hearings will be held for Emergency Management, Court/Public Celebrations, Assessing, Fire, Fire Prevention, Police, Clerk, Administration and Finance.

Hearings will be held in the Municipal Court Room at 5:30 p.m. and open to the public.

## Sacred Heart Church

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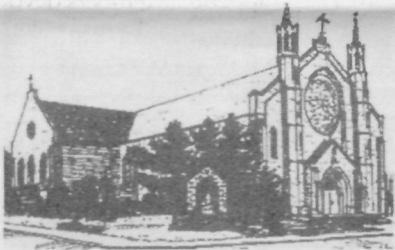
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD Public Notice RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Kilmainham Builders L.L.C. for public improvements at 2020 Woodland Avenue in South Plainfield, Block 73, Lot 3.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by Kilmainham Builders L.L.C. for public improvements at 2020 Woodland Avenue in South Plainfield, known as Block 73, Lot 3 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by James Gustafson requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a proposed attached garage. Proposed garage lacks 30' required front setback from Selene Street, 9.9' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 607 E. Hendricks Blvd. on Block 61, Lot 22 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 8, 2005 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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# Sports

## Tiger Sharks Host Annual Summer Splash

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks hosted the 10th Annual Summer Splash (formerly known as the Odd Age Jubilee) on July 17 at the Community Pool. The Summer Splash was dedicated in memory of swim team parent, Patty McLaughlin. Nine teams from the New Jersey Swimming and Diving League participated in the South Plainfield fund raiser.

Swimmers competed in the four strokes, as well as an Individual Medley. Swimmers were paired differently than the age groups in the dual meets. For example, a 10-year-old swimmer usually swims in the age group 9/10. In the Summer Splash a 10-year-old swimmer would swim in the age group 10/11, hence, the name "odd age." Medals were awarded for first, second and third place finishes, and ribbons for fourth through ninth place.

South Plainfield swimmers results were as follows:

*IM 16-18*, CalvinJohn Smiley came in first. *In girls 14/15*, Abby Petritsch was fifth. *In the boys 14/15*, Alan Kasmer was second and JP Barry came in third.

*In 12/13*, Emily Piekarski was sixth, Chelsea Cullen came in eighth and Teresa Gustafson was ninth.

*In girls 10-11*, Maggie Valentino was first, Kate O'Brien came in third, Gracie Piekarski was fourth and Kelly McLaughlin came in fifth. *In the boys 10/11*, Dylan McDermott took first, Anthony Gurrieri came in third and Liam McDermott placed ninth.

*In girls 8/9*, Kate McLaughlin placed first, Taylor Aljian was second, Kaitlyn Faustini came in third, Kelley O'Brien was fourth, Annie Pezzolla was sixth and Amy Zinsky placed seventh. *In the boys 8/9*, Aidan McDermott placed first and Charlie Butrico was fourth.

*In girls seven-and-under*, Megan McDermott placed second and Nicholas Gurrieri was first for the boys.

*In the Butterfly 16-18*, CalvinJohn

Smiley came in first; 14/15, Michael Boyle was first, Alan Kasmer came in second and JP Barry was third. Girls 12/13: Chelsea Cullen placed fifth, Sarah Konops was seventh and Emily Piekarski came in eighth. Girls 10/11: Maggie Valentino-second, Kelly McLaughlin-fourth, Gracie Piekarski-sixth, Kaitlyn Kenny-seventh. (Boys) Dylan McDermott-first, Anthony Gurrieri-fourth, Liam McDermott-third. Girls 8/9: Kate McLaughlin-first, Taylor Aljian-second, Kaitlyn Faustini-third, Kelley O'Brien-fourth, Annie Pezzolla-sixth, Amy Zinsky-seventh, Brittney Papa-eighth. Boys 8/9: Aidan McDermott was second, Enzo Butrico-fifth, Charlie Butrico-sixth, Joey Valentino-seventh. Girls seven-and-under: Megan McDermott was second. Boys: Nicholas Gurrieri-first, Billy McLaughlin-second, Cristian Butrico-third.

Backstroke 16-18: CalvinJohn Smiley-first. Girls 14/15: Abby Petritsch-third. Boys: Michael Boyle-first, Alan Kasmer-second, JP Barry-third. 12/13: Emily Piekarski-sixth, Chelsea Cullen-seventh, Michelle Gustafson-eighth, Teresa Gustafson-ninth. Girls 10-11: Maggie Valentino-first, Kate O'Brien-third, Gracie Piekarski-fifth, Cristina Butrico-sixth, Kristin Forbes-seventh. Boys: Dylan McDermott-first, Anthony Gurrieri-third, Liam McDermott-ninth. Girls 8/9: Taylor Aljian-first, Kelley O'Brien-second, Brittany Papa-fourth, Annie Pezzolla-fifth, Christina Kasmer-eighth. Boys: Aidan McDermott-third, Sean Cullen-fourth, Joey Valentino-fifth, Enzo Butrico-seventh. Girls seven-and-under: Megan McDermott-sixth. Boys: Billy McLaughlin-first.

Breaststroke: 16-18: CalvinJohn Smiley-first. 14/15: Alan Kasmer-second, Michael Boyle-third JP Barry-fourth 12/13: Sarah Konops-third, Emily Piekarski-seventh, Chelsea Cullen-eighth, Teresa Gustafson-ninth.

Girls 10/11: Kate O'Brien-first, Maggie Valentino-second, Kelly McLaughlin-third, Gracie Piekarski-fifth, Michelle O'Sullivan-sixth, Evelyn Peregrin-eighth. Boys: Dylan McDermott-first, Anthony Gurrieri-third, Liam McDermott-sixth. Girls 8/9: Kate McLaughlin-first, Amy Zinsky-third, Kaitlyn Faustini-fourth, Annie Pezzolla-fifth, Christina Kasmer-sixth, Madison Faustini-seventh, Megan Mann-eighth. Boys: Aidan McDermott-first, Charlie Butrico-second, Sean Cullen-third, Joey Valentino-fifth, Mike Olano-sixth, Enzo Butrico-seventh. Girls seven-and-under: Megan McDermott-third. Boys: Nicholas Gurrieri-first, Billy McLaughlin-second.

Freestyle: 16-18: CalvinJohn Smiley-first. Girls 14/15: Abby Petritsch-fifth. Boys: Michael Boyle-second, Alan Kasmer-third, JP Barry-fourth. 12/13: Emily Piekarski-fourth, Sarah Konops-sixth, Chelsea Cullen-seventh, Teresa Gustafson-eighth, Ellen Zinsky-ninth. Girls 10/11: Maggie Valentino-first, Kate O'Brien-fourth, Gracie Piekarski-fifth, Kelly McLaughlin-sixth, Michelle O'Sullivan-seventh, Kaitlyn Kenny-ninth. Boys: Dylan McDermott-first, Anthony Gurrieri-second, Liam McDermott-fourth. Girls 8/9: Kate McLaughlin-first, Taylor Aljian-second, Kelley O'Brien-third, Kaitlyn Faustini-fourth, Christina Kasmer-fifth, Amy Zinsky-eighth, Annie Pezzolla-ninth. Boys: Aidan McDermott-third, Charlie Butrico-fourth, Joey Valentino-fifth, Sean Cullen-sixth, Enzo Butrico-seventh, Mike Olano-eighth, Ryan Bythell-ninth. Girls seven-and-under: Megan McDermott-second. Boys: Nicolas Gurrieri-first, Billy McLaughlin-second, Kyle Bythell-fourth and Cristian Butrico-fifth.

This is the last article for the summer about the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team. The season may be short, but the swimmers carry on the South Plainfield tradition and keep the "Tiger" spirit alive during the winter months. We especially would like to thank Michael English and Kevin Hughes for all their support and help during the season. The recreation department will be recognizing our achievements at a special party for the swim and dive teams at the pool on Aug. 26 starting at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining the team next summer please stop by the recreation department for information.

Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Submitted By Bob Nilan

KC's Korner, the American Division champions, topped off a triumphant season by downing the first-place overall in the South Plainfield Golf League.

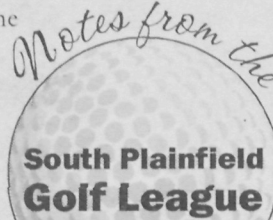
Mark Dugan turned in another superb round, a 1-over 34, to lead the way again for KC's Korner. Team-mate Dan Conti also contributed to the victory with a solid round of 37.

Aiello's dynamic duo played marvelously well right to the last match: Fred "Catfish" Krichofer had a 34 and Ed Banach who earned the Best-Golfer-of-the-League-Award, fired a 35.

Plainfield Animal Hospital captured third-place honors by defeating the Elks in play-off action, 14-6. Keith Steele earned the medal for PAH with a 38 while Chris Nuzzo's 38 was the low-score for the Elks.

Jim Parker of Witty's ended the season on a high note by turning in a sparkling round of 35 to lead his team to a 13-7 win over Pornovets. Howard Adler chipped in with a 39 for Witty's who may well be the team to watch the next season. Adler-Bickunas-and-Parker comprised a formidable 1-2-3 punch for Witty's. The Amazing Marty Van Ce Vaarst's 37 was the low-score for Pornovets.

Sport & Social had a few members out on safari but, fortunately, Chad Hibbard kept his drives in the fairway on his way to a 38 that led his team to a 15 1/2 - 4 1/2 win over a Masters team that only fielded three men. Irish Danny Griffin's lucky cap continues to work its magic as Griffin fired another beautiful even-par round of 33. Al Szumski had a 39 for Masters who finished in eighth place after winning the league title last season.



The Hackers and Twin City both played with one-man-short, and their match featured some of the best golf of the night. John Cacciatore kept his booming drives in the fairways and had a terrific even-par round of 33 for the Hackers, and Bill Mann and Kevin Boyce had 36's as the Hackers won easily, 13-2.

Jay Coppola had a 37 and Guy Severini posted a 38 for Twin City who wound up a disappointing season in tenth place. This is a strong team that could readily bounce back next year to be serious contenders for the league championship.

The Ward brothers, Matt and John, put on quite a display of power on the 274-yard eighth hold in their match against the VFW. John hit a boomer a few yards short of the green, and then Matt crushed one even further that nestled in the frog hair just a few feet from the dance floor. John then chipped in for an eagle while brother Matt only managed a par. But it was Matt who earned the medal with a 38 as Patti's flattened the VFW, 16-4. Attention league players: Be aware that the VFW will be placing an order for five Lucky Caps from Irish Danny Griffin's mother-in-law for next season. They are tired of being flattened, beaten, crushed, etc., etc., etc. Frank Ferraro had a nice round of 39 for Patti's who plummeted to eleventh place after ending in second place last year. Bob Nilan was the low-man for the VFW with a 41.

Low scores for the night: John Cacciatore, 33; Dan Griffin, 33; Fred Krichofer, 34; Mark Dugan, 34; Ed Banach, 35; Jim Parker, 35; Kevin Bickunas, 36; Bill Mann, 36.

### FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS:

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. KC's Korner                | 7. Sport & Social        |
| 2. Aiello Chiropractic        | 8. Masters               |
| 3. Plainfield Animal Hospital | 9. Hackers               |
| 4. South Plainfield Elks      | 10. Twin City            |
| 5. Witty's                    | 11. Patti's Construction |
| 6. Pornovets                  | 12. VFW                  |

### CORRECTION

Last week's golf standings incorrectly reflected that the South Plainfield Elks were in first place with their 10-4-0 round and Aiello was in second with a record of 9-2-3. Because Aiello beat the Elks 11 1/2-4 1/2 in the final decisive match of the season they won the National Division pennant. We apologize for the error.

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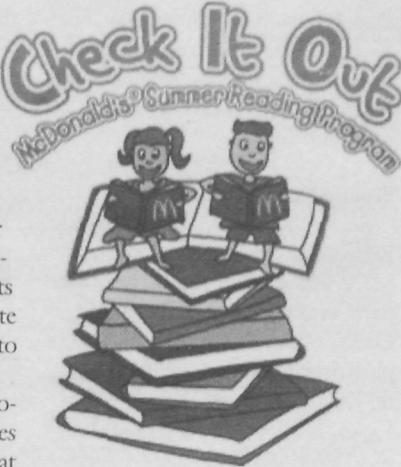
# McDonald's Rewards Kids With Cool Prizes For Reading

The McDonald's "Check It Out" Reading Program, which offers students a free Happy Meal® for reading five books during the summer, is back and in full swing for a seventh year! This year, Ronald McDonald will embark on the "Ronald and Me" Reading Tour during the summer, visiting local libraries and McDonald's restaurants throughout the New York Tri-State area to help bring the magic back into reading.

The "Check It Out" Reading Program, which gives children in grades K-4 exciting incentives to utilize that sometimes dusty library card, will feature the magic-themed reading tour which will allow local children to see up close how fun reading can really be. Magic, adventure and puzzles fill the pages of this year's booklet, which includes reading tips, games and suggested books to read.

Kids can participate in the "Check It Out" Reading Program by visiting their local library and asking an adult or librarian to help them fill out the McDonald's "Check It Out" booklet with the titles of the five books they have read during the summer. To redeem the free Happy Meal® via McDonald's "Check It Out" Reading Program, children are asked to be accompanied by an adult and bring in their signed booklet to participating McDonald's from June 30 through Sept. 5. An alternate prize can be obtained by following the instructions on the back of the booklet.

"Children's education is a priority



for our company," says Paul Cottrell, president of the McDonald's New York Tri-State Owners/Operators Association. "We want to ensure that reading takes center stage during children's most impressionable years. This year, 'Check It Out' is going to bring the magic back to reading with a new theme that encourages children to dream and helps them to develop their creativity."

Details for the "Ronald and Me" Reading Tour is posted on [www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com](http://www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com).

To request a "Check It Out" reading booklet, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: McDonald's "Check It Out" Reading Program, c/o MWW Group; One Meadowlands Plaza, 6th Floor, East Rutherford, NJ 07073. Limit two booklets per household.

For more information about the "Check It Out" Reading Program, visit [www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com](http://www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com).

## New Textbooks, Classes

(Continued from page 1)

ence course being introduced this year for high school freshmen to learn physical science concepts and enable them to understand earth and space science topics. Chemistry and physics will be introduced in the first two semesters to apply to future classes in meteorology, geology and astronomy and ecology.

A Practical Physics class (547) is being introduced to students, mostly seniors who are not taking calculus.

Those interested in taking calculus, but who don't want to take it as an honors or Advanced Placement class, will be able to take academic calculus (483), which will cover fewer chapters. It is for students who may be taking AP English, AP History and those who might not want AP calculus.

There will be new textbook Biology: *Exploring Life* by Prentice Hall for the Honors Biology class.

To meet high school graduation requirements of a full year course in visual or performing arts where student have to take an art class music or drama class, two additional music classes are being offered. The new classes include Music Appreciation (704) and Music Theory (727). There will also be a new 10-week cycle class in music for the eighth graders, which will cover basic music theory, instruments, composition with computer software, history of music singing, jazz, the musical and music of today.

After school at the high school, an academic coach will keep track of the

academics of athletes to alert a student if he/she doesn't bring up their grades they will be benched. An academic coach was brought in because a teacher can't tell a student they aren't playing on the team if they don't do their homework. The teacher doesn't have that power. Only the academic coach working with the athletic director has that authority.

And this year all grades will spend time learning about the constitution because of Federal Legislation sponsored by Senator Robert Byrd.

In addition to the new courses and new teachers which will welcome students when they return to school, students at Franklin School, the Middle School and High School will have new additions to their buildings.

Asbestos was removed from the Franklin School Boiler Room for eight days while the building was empty this August. The asbestos removal project was awarded to AHERA Consultants, Inc. after their bid of \$10,200 for asbestos safety control monitoring service in the Franklin boiler room was accepted by the Board at their Aug. 9 meeting.

At the Middle School, Jim Patti of Patti Construction in North Plainfield has been repairing the outside concrete wall which surrounds the cafeteria. The labor and materials are valued at \$2,000 and the work is being done as a gift to the district.

High school students will be find a new science scene on the second floor in the science hallway as a result of the efforts of members of the incoming senior class.

## SFY 2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex for the State Fiscal Year 2006

### Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2006	2005
1. Surplus	2,755,000.00	2,696,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	7,557,717.26	7,417,038.16
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		3,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	13,380,046.65	12,281,052.00
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	13,380,046.65	12,281,052.00
Total General Revenues	23,692,763.91	22,397,090.16

Summary of Appropriations	2006 Budget	Final 2005 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	9,049,719.00	8,749,953.03
Other Expenses	10,185,121.97	9,370,667.56
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	479,250.00	426,643.57
3. Capital Improvements	300,000.00	222,500.00
4. Debt Service	2,733,672.94	2,682,326.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	945,000.00	945,000.00
Total General Appropriations	23,692,763.91	22,397,090.16
Total Number of Employees	125	135

SFY 2006 Sewer Utility Budget		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2006	2005
1. Surplus	380,000.00	350,000.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	4,830,400.00	4,441,277.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)		
Total Revenues	5,210,400.00	4,791,277.00
Summary of Appropriations	2006 Budget	Final 2005 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	417,856.00	421,502.00
Other Expenses	3,869,244.00	3,456,347.93
2. Capital Improvements	200,000.00	172,000.00
3. Debt Service	675,000.00	701,165.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	48,300.00	40,262.07
5. Surplus (General Budget)		
Total Appropriations	5,210,400.00	4,791,277.00
Total Number of Employees	3	3

SFY 2006 Swim Pool Utility Budget		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2006	2005
1. Surplus	2,448.59	
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	159,700.00	172,080.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)	79,000.00	72,125.00
Total Revenues	241,148.59	244,205.00
Summary of Appropriations	2006 Budget	Final 2005 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	124,000.00	126,500.00
Other Expenses	62,898.59	49,566.98
2. Capital Improvements	500.00	5,000.00
3. Debt Service	45,350.00	48,338.02
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	8,400.00	14,800.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		
Total Appropriations	241,148.59	244,205.00
Total Number of Employees	2	2

Balance of Outstanding Bonded Debt at June 30, 2005 (Includes Debt Service Appropriation Listed Above)				
	General	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Swim Pool Utility
Interest - Current Year	287,711	n/a	200,000	2,000
Principal - Current Year	1,883,900	n/a	475,000	41,100
Remaining Outstanding Principal Balance	6,894,800	n/a	3,615,000	40,200

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex on August 9, 2005.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Borough Hall on September 20, 2005 at 8:00 o'clock P.M., at which time and place objections to said budget and Tax Resolution for the year SFY 2006 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of Vincent Buttiglieri, Borough Clerk, at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, (908) 226-7606, during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. each weekday.

## Applying for a variance?

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# Middle School Announces Fourth Marking Period Honor Roll

## High Honor Roll - 8th Grade

Francesca Bayak, Suneet Chandler, Allison Clawans, Audrey Cupo, Rebecca Deffler, Tina Foscolo, Kelliann Friday, Christopher Fulton, Maricela Gonzalez, Caitlin Herriott, Nicholas Jeglinski, Catherine Krawiec, Joseph Lacerda, Christopher Lesniak, Alyssa McCreesh, Joanna Nustarowicz, Patrick Nolty, Eric Nuber, Nosavoen Ogbevoen, Michael Pachtyel, Parth Patel, Allyson Paterek, Kathryn Paterek, Saira Sheikh, Victoria Tran, An-

drea Vedutis and Isabel Vordzorgbe.

## High Honor Roll - 7th Grade

Jenna Alexander, Ashley Aya, Jimmy Bijlani, Ray Coletta, Matthew Galinsky, Steven Grzenda, Alexander Horn, Dung Le, Philip Longo, Christopher Oprysk and Jonathan Sukenik.

## Honor Roll - 8th Grade

Jonathan Addesa, Daphne Aguinaldo, Jorge Alvarez, Arielle Armand, Katherine Baldassarre, John Barry, Sa-

mantha Barthel, Lindsay Barton, Michael Barton, Michelle Bello, Cori Black, Michael Boyle, Kyle Buck, Vikash Budhan, Michael Bumbach, Danielle Butrico, Ashley Capparelli, Ashley Cardinale, Steven Chen, Jared Christopher, Alex Cihanowyz, Sean Coffey, Ian Collins and Jared Czech.

Ann Dang, Jeannine DeAndrea, Michael Dezmin, Stephanie DiCindio, Jennifer Disch, Justin Ditmars, Quynhhu Doan, Courtney Easterday, Lindsay Fredericks, Allen Garcia, Jaime Giannakis, Viktoriya Glushko, Ashleigh Gray, Jennifer Gustafson, Jessica Handwerker, Joseph Hernandez, Chelsea Hunt, Nicholas Jankoski, Kwayama Jones, Alan Kasmer, Christopher Kedmenec, Michelle Kobilis, Jacyln Kukuch, Alexa Kunch, Phong Lai, Zane Lesky, Sheryl Lipuma, Anthony Louise and Kenneth Luckey.

Jeremiah Magpile, Zakiya Mangum, Adea McKnight, Joseph Mennuti, Tramane Miller, Jeffrey Moncada, Jessica Murtagh, Lyndsey Murtagh, Brittany Musolino, Victoria Nguyen, Kirsten Nuber, Timothy Oppelt, Emily Orlandini, Dominic Papa, Dharti Patel, Krishna Patel, Kunj Patel, Priya Patel, Rachel Pinto, Douglas Porzio, Brian Pullen, Timothy Ratti, Anthony Salerno, Christopher Seessel-

berg, Sagar Sindha, Theodore Skwiat, Michelle Slover, Rachel Smith, Nicole Soisson, Nora Stasio, Heather Stolloff, Scott Suleski, Kara Thomas, Susan Tian, Elizabeth Tran, Loan Tran, Francisco Urtecho, Christine Usuriello, Gina Viola, Stephen Wagner, Erik White, Kaleigh White, Steven Wiczorek and Kristen Yorkanis.

## Honor Roll - 7th Grade

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## Sacred Heart Adult Choir Rehearsals

The Sacred Heart Parish Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 22. Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:45 p.m. and usually conclude by 9:15.

During the Liturgical Year, the choir rehearses every Thursday evening and alternates singing between the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. The Adult Choir also leads sung prayer for major Holy Days throughout the year. This season all voice parts are needed. Any man or woman from high school age up is welcome. No previous experience is needed, if you're not sure what voice part you sing, Director of

Sacred Music Dan Mahoney or Jack Bender will help you at the initial rehearsals.

If you have any questions, contact Dan Mahoney (Dan410@aol.com) or call (908) 756-0633 ext. 39 or simply attend the first rehearsal. You may wish to consider attending a few rehearsals and make no commitment until after you see if this music ministry is your calling. If you most often attend Sunday liturgy, the only added commitment is the time spend at Thursday rehearsal. Please consider joining the Ministry rooted in Christ through song.

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- On Aug. 9 Kayarash T. Vossough, 36, of Verona was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant during 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.
- Raymond Johnson, 47, of Jamesburg was arrested for driving an unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.
- A Lakeview Ave. resident reported an internet lottery scam, where he was asked to send money to receive his winning, then never received any money.
- A Carbray Ct. resident reported that the lock on his car door was pried open and a radar detector, subwoofer and assorted CD's were taken.
- Modern Electric reported that the padlock on their trailer had been pried off and battery packs and assorted power and hand tools worth \$800 were taken from their construction site at Hadley Center.
- Avon Contractors reported that assorted tools worth \$2,000 were removed from a tool box inside the building under construction at Hadley Center.
- Debranello Contracting reported the gate and trailer locks had been cut at the construction site at Hadley Center. It is unknown if anything was taken.
- On Aug. 11 Talibah Rukiya Moore, 28, of Avenel was arrested for hindering apprehension, failure to exhibit a drivers license and failure to inspect at a motor vehicle stop.
- A Verizon employee reported the theft of her purse from the lobby.
- Southgate Constructors reported the theft of two LED strobe lights and lenses worth \$200 from their truck trailer which was parked at the Holiday Inn.
- Jaquetta Roschelle Carver, 21, and Morgann Arielle Cotten, 20, both of Plainfield were arrested for receiving stolen property at a motor vehicle stop.
- On Aug. 12 Kevin A. Best, 28, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant during a motor vehicle stop.
- A 19 year-old Plainfield resident reported that he had been pulled off

his bike and his cell phone and bike were stolen by three teenagers behind CVS on Plainfield Ave.

- A Park Ave. resident reported the theft of his unlocked bike from the bike rack at the PAL.

- A Holly Ave. resident reported that two bank checks in her name totalling \$9,230 had been cashed at a bank in North Carolina. The business that issued the checks reported that several checks had been stolen from them.

- On Aug. 13 Luis Zeledon, 19, of Fords was arrested for operating a vehicle without a license, failure to exhibit documents and careless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

- Wilbur H. Williams, 49, of Rahway was arrested for driving on a suspended license, driving an unregistered and uninsured vehicle, fictitious plates and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

- A Tompkins Ave. resident reported that their home had been hit with eggs.

- A Daniel St. resident reported the theft of his handicap placard from inside his unlocked vehicle while at Farmers Market on Park Ave.

- A Scalera St. resident reported several pool items had been thrown about the yard, the pool thermometer was missing and the top railings of the pool were dented.

- An O'Loughlin Dr. resident reported that a brick had been thrown through the first floor window.

- On Aug. 14 Marion Dnise Carter, 54, of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting \$8 worth of meat from Bravo Supermarket.

- Tossimne J. Reaves, 21, of Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, speeding, driving without a license in possession and driving an uninsured vehicle at a motor vehicle stop, Passenger Kaleem D. Bailey, 20, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension.

- A Tooz Pl. resident reported the eggs had been thrown at his vehicle.

- On Aug. 15 Jose M. Aguilar, 50, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated in a school zone, parking within 50 feet of a stop sign and reckless driving after he was found asleep in his vehicle at a stop sign with the car in drive.

- The Brickman Group on Jersey St. reported the theft of two dump trucks with two flatbed trailers, two Bobcat Skidsteers and an irrigation van from their gated yard.

- An employee of Park Interstate Caterers on Parker Ave. reported the theft of his wedding band which was left on a counter in his office.

- On Aug. 17 Steven T. Walker, 43, of Bethlehem, Pa. was arrested for driving on a suspended license and failure to stop at a stop sign at a motor vehicle stop.

## National Homeless Animals Day Held

By Patricia Abbott

On Aug. 20 the Plainfield Area Humane Society (PAHS) held a candlelight vigil to commemorate National Homeless Animals Day and "Remember all homeless pets waiting for forever families of their own to love." About twenty people and six pets, alumni of the shelter, attended the evening ceremony.

The Plainfield Area Humane Society was founded in 1933. It is governed by a Board of Trustees and staffed by paid employees and volunteers. PAHS has animal control contracts with South Plainfield, North Plainfield, Middlesex, Dunellen, Green Brook and Watchung. They accept released and stray animals from these communities. They also have 24 hour emergency service for injured animals.

Upcoming events include: Sept. 18, Alumni Day at Spring Lake Park; Nov. 6, pictures with Santa at Best Friends Pet Resort in North Plainfield



Left, South Plainfield resident and PAHS Board member Melodie Petrone with Great Dane Cody. Right, Midget enjoys the view from Melodie's shoulder.



and sometime in November, their Second Annual Dinner Gala, the date to be announced.

Donations to PAHS are always welcome. The shelter has a constant

need for cleaning supplies, paper towels, cat litter, canned cat food and dog food. For information call (908) 754-0300 or email: [PAHS@verizon.net](mailto:PAHS@verizon.net) or [www.pahs.petfinder.org](http://www.pahs.petfinder.org).

## Free Cutest Photo Contest Open to Residents

The International Pet Owners Club is proud to announce that over \$10,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded in the 2005 Fall Cutest Pet Photo Contest.

Pet owners from the South Plainfield area are welcome to win their share of the prizes. The deadline for the contest is September 30<sup>th</sup>. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Every pet owner has at least one photo that shows just how cute their pet is," states Rosa Bonheur, contest chairman. "When people learn about the contest, they get excited about the chance at winning and the potential for national attention," continued

Bonheur.

To enter, send one photograph (full color or b/w) size 8" X 10" or smaller.

Photo entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back. Photographs should be sent to: The International Pet Owner's Club, P.O. Box 2002, Pittsburgh, KS 66762.

Entries must be postmarked by Sept. 30. You may also submit your photo directly online at [www.cutest-petcontest.com](http://www.cutest-petcontest.com).

The international Pet Owners Club is an organization dedicated to bringing pet owners from around the world together for fun and fellowship.

## Recreation Announces Two New Trips

Recreation will be sponsoring two trips this fall, Disney on Ice and the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

Disney on Ice is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 25 at the Meadowlands. Tickets are \$25 per person. The bus leaves the PAL at 1:30 p.m. and returns

5:30 p.m. Only 85 tickets available.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular trip is planned for Thursday, Dec. 8. Tickets are \$90 per person. The bus leaves PAL at 4 p.m. and returns at 11 p.m. Only 43 tickets available.

Purchase tickets at the PAL.

## Obituaries

### Helen (Rechowicz) Colucci, 80

Helen (Rechowicz) Colucci died on Monday, Aug. 22 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Helen has resided in South Plainfield since 1982. She worked for the 1st National Bank of Central Jersey for 25 years, retiring in 1983.

A member of the Dunellen United Methodist Church, Mrs. Colucci was an avid bowler in her younger years and enjoyed playing golf as well as traveling to the Jersey shore.

She is pre-deceased by her husband, Edward, who died in 2004; two sisters, Elizabeth Spencer and Joan Horner and a brother, Charles Rechowicz.

Surviving are two step daughters,

Barbara Long and her husband Daniel of Md. and Marilyn Pruss and her husband Robert of Fla., a step son, Edward Colucci and his wife Kathleen of South Plainfield; a sister, Loise Varga of Middlesex and a brother, Joseph Rechowicz and his wife Gail of State College, Pa. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and six nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Celina Herrera, 76

Celina Herrera died on Thursday, Aug. 18 at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born and raised in Colombia, Celina came to the United States over 30 years ago living in Piscataway for many years before settling in Green Brook four years ago.

Mrs. Hererra was a very religious member of Our Lady of Fatima RC Church in Piscataway.

A loving mother that was dedicated to her family, Celina touched the hearts of everyone she met.

She is pre-deceased by her sister, Gladys and by her brother, Antonio.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Vincente Herrera and her 12 children; Betsy Gordon and her husband Tim, Edith Farinhas and her husband Lawrence, Patricia Kopcho and her husband Stephen, Diana Lewis and her husband Paul, George and his wife Virginia, Herman and his wife Sherry, Omar and his wife Sata, Jose and his wife Cindy, Juan and his wife Helen, Rafael and his wife Janeth, Esteban and his wife Luz and Fabian and his wife Lisa; four sisters, Ilda, Dora, Elva and Nelly and three brothers, Jesus, Esteban, and Jaime. Also surviving are 23 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Celina's name to the American Cancer Society, 846 Main Street, Fords, NJ 08863.

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