

Remembering  
**September 11**  
**2001**

It's time again to remember those we have lost.  
**Sunday, Sept. 11, Fireman's Memorial 10 a.m.**

Join the Borough of South Plainfield at a prayer service and candlelight vigil on Sept. 11, 10 a.m. at the Fireman's Memorial located at the intersection of Maple and Lakeview avenues (next to the Senior Citizen Center). Please join us as we pay tribute to those innocent men, women and children who lost their lives in the attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in the fields of Pennsylvania.

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## Labor Day Parade 2005 Celebrating Civic Organizations

This year's Labor Day celebration was as near perfect as a day could be, the weather was great, the crowds were huge and everything planned went off like clock-work.

Every part of the day went well and members of the parade committee could be seen with huge smiles as they watched their year-long plans fall in place without a hitch. The result was a perfect day to spend in South Plainfield visiting with friends and neighbors.

As usual, chairs and blankets were already in place along the parade route early in the morning. 5K race runners and 1.5 mile walkers came out this year in record numbers. The entire parade route was jammed with spectators, maybe the most ever. When the parade ended, the PAL field was packed with visitors for hours. This year there were more vendors and food than years before. There was

plenty of food and concessions, as well as entertainment, amusements and games.

The evening was just as great! People streamed into Spring Lake Park to enjoy the live music of "Sound Investment," followed by a fireworks display. By the time the fireworks started, the park and surrounding area were filled with spectators. As each child arrived at the park, they received a clapper, courtesy of the Parade Committee.

This issue of the *Observer*, as well as the next two, will have plenty of photos of the day, including the trophy winners and 5K race results.

Once again this year, we would like to recognize the many volunteers who made this year a success, without these volunteers, there wouldn't be a parade:

- Members of the Parade Committee deserve credit for all the

hours they spent planning. On the day of the parade they began early in the morning and worked tirelessly until after the fireworks at night. If you see a member, thank them and tell them what a great job they did. Committee members are John Sorrentino, Don Alexa, Ray Petronko, Marion Gallagher, Patricia Vargo, Michael English, Kevin Hughes, Joseph Scudato, Michelle Cerami, Christine Buteas, Kim Gallagher and Matt Anesh.

- Hall's Trucking, who year after year donate the use of their facilities on Saturday morning so that the civic groups can decorate their flatbed trucks for the parade. Hall's employees also volunteered to drive the floats in the parade. This generous gesture makes it possible for the parade floats to compete.

- The hundreds of parents, who spent hours planning the floats, decorating them and marching with the kids.

- The volunteer parade marshals,

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2005 Labor Day Parade Honorary Grand Marshal John Cotone



The South Plainfield High School Marching Band at the parade.

## Diehl Starts Position as SPHS Disciplinarian

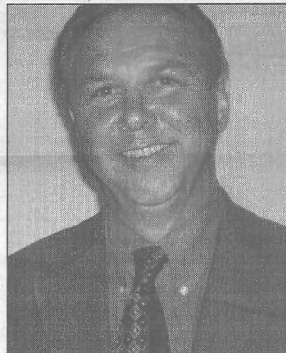
By Libby Barsky

During their August meeting, the Board of Education reinstated the position of high school disciplinarian and appointed Robert Diehl, a social studies teacher in South Plainfield High School for the past six years, to the post.

According to Diehl, the position of disciplinarian has been shared among the four assistant vice principals since disciplinarian Brian Bilal left the district a few years ago. This year, there will only be two assistant principals at the High School.

"This job of disciplinarian is quasi administrative. I am not a vice principal. I am strictly a disciplinarian. I work with the administration, but my job is to maintain discipline in the building, to enforce the rules and communicate with the parents," said Diehl.

Diehl views the job of disciplinarian as one that doesn't punish students. "The whole philosophy behind having a disciplinarian is to modify behavior in a positive way. Our main task is to provide a healthy and safe learning environment. There is a lot of communication involved. Everyone



Robert Diehl

has to understand what the school policies are so you need to be clear on what the rules are and everyone has to understand that you have to take disciplinary action to maintain that," said Diehl.

Diehl's duties, as disciplinarian, will be to deal with students who are tardy and with those who cut classes. "Some kids are late with a reason and some kids are chronically late. It's the chronic lateness that concerns us most, because you won't have lunch first period. It is a class period so need students

And tenth period is a learning period—with math, English or history—as well," said Diehl.

But if students are chronically late or violate school rules, Diehl will assign punishments including detention, in school suspension and outside school suspension (OSS). "I'm not big on outside school suspension, but sometimes it's necessary because you don't want the student in the general population when the need is to maintain discipline within the building," said Diehl. "I expect to be consistently fair to the students," said Diehl. "Every infraction will be logged in and also when the phone calls and meetings with parents were made. Everything will be documented," said Diehl.

Diehl has been head soccer coach for four years and will continue to coach soccer as a volunteer when his schedule permits. The year he was junior class advisor. They held their first separate prom in a very beautifully decorated gym with a special red carpet at the entrance. Diehl also was advisor to the Sophomore class.

## Update on Borough Construction

Construction work will continue on Hamilton Blvd. between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. At the 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. and 5 a.m. Local businesses on Hamilton Blvd. will remain open during the construction period.

Construction is almost complete on Maple Ave. Curbs and sidewalks are being replaced. Traffic will flow in

**CAUTION:**  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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.

You can also logon to the Borough's website: [southplainfieldnj.com](http://southplainfieldnj.com).



## Mark Your Calendars

Log on to  
southplainfieldnj.com  
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 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 (NJS 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

### planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

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

### zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, \*except where noted.

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

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

### board of education meetings

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

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.

### taxpayers advisory group

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

### site plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20.

### recreation commission

Meets once a month on the last Tuesday of the month, except July and August  
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

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

### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, 2006

### business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

### traffic safety advisory commission

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

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

### board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor  
conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

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

### board of education curriculum/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, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6 and April 3.

## IN YOUR OPINION

### To the Editor,

My name is Jennifer Vasquez and I am a Senior Girl Scout in South Plainfield. I am currently working on my Gold Award. The project is called Vial of Life, and it helps residents with medical emergencies.

Here's how the program works. The resident fills out a form with their medical information on it. The form is then placed in a Ziploc bag that is labeled with a Vial of Life sticker to show that they are part of the program. The bag is then placed on the refrigerator of the person's home. Another Vial of Life sticker is placed in their front window or door. When any emergency group, such as our rescue squad, comes to the resident's home, they will see the sticker in the window and know that the resident is a member of the program. This notifies the emergency personnel to go to the refrigerator to get the medical information form. With the information contained in the bag, emergency personnel can see what medical conditions and allergies the person has. This can possibly save the person's life.

If you need more information on the Vial of Life Program, you may go to this website: <http://vialoflife.com>.

If you would like to be part of this project, please contact me at (908) 756-7487 and we can set up an appointment. The deadline is Sept. 17.

JENNIFER VASQUEZ

### Letter to the Editor:

The South Plainfield Education Foundation has been planning our Annual Emil Leporino golf outing for Sept. 24 at the Heron's Glen Golf Course in Ringoes. However, we are in need of golfers and donations in the form of tee flags, tee signs and corporate banners as well as donations for our raffle at the end of the evening.

At this time, we are in jeopardy of not being able to have the outing, due to lack of participation with golfers.

The Education Foundation raises funds throughout the year not only for scholarships for graduating seniors, but for incentive programs throughout the district. One that we are very proud of is the Gold Card program at the high school. This program is for all students at the high school. It rewards students who make the honor roll and who are involved with at least two extra curricular activities. The card provides discounts to them throughout the town at participating businesses (such as the movie theaters, pizza parlors, etc.).

Please consider joining us for a fun day of golf and lunch and dinner on the Sept. 24. Please contact Bob Hunter at home (908) 769-0439 or Marge Reedy at work at (908) 561-5800 ext 302 or home at (908) 561-3951 if you can attend.

We hope to continue this fundraiser to keep a scholarship going yearly in Emil Leporino's name for a deserving senior student. Thank you.

SINCERELY,  
MARJORIE M. REEDY, PRESIDENT  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION

### To the Editor,

It's hard to believe with the beautiful weather here and as we continue

to go about our daily activities that there has been such great disaster in our own country.

Watching the news is so heartbreaking, and I know we all feel compelled to help in some way. My daughter, Taryn and I spoke this morning about coordinating a toy drive for the youngest hurricane disaster victims. I would like to collect teddy bears, small toys and coloring books/crayons to help comfort and distract these children who've lost everything. School supplies will also be collected for displaced students who are enrolling in new schools near shelters. Please make sure any donated items are NEW! Also requested are small backpacks or sturdy tote bags for these children to carry their new possessions in.

We did something on a much smaller scale years ago after the Durham Woods explosion, and since we were able to bring our donations directly to the victims at the shelter, it was wonderful to see first hand what an impact this makes.

Items may be dropped off at my house starting on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 101 West Ave. Please call me at (908) 756-2537 or email me at [Billich@att.net](mailto:Billich@att.net) to set up a time for drop-off. I ask that items not be left outside my home.

I have been in contact with the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council in Houston and they will assist me in making sure all boxes go to the Astrodome.

Additionally, anyone wishing to make monetary donations towards shipping costs would be greatly appreciated.

If you want to help with the sorting, boxing or shipping, let me know and I will contact you. Kids can bring stickers to help decorate the boxes.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
MICHELE BILlich

### To the Editor,

I was in Marine Air Group 32 at

the end of WWII. This air group went into Japan by way of Okinawa about the middle of September of 1945. We relieved many of the men that had their 20 months overseas time in and had the number of points to go home. Our first stop after Okinawa was a small airfield over the ridge from Nagasaki called Oppama. We flew over the atom bomb target and witnessed the destruction of that bomb. The destruction of the Hurricane Katrina reminds me of what I saw in Japan.

There was destruction from the fire bomb raids that, to me, equaled an atom bomb blast. We could stand at the edge of the village and look right across Yokosuka and Yokohama to Tokyo, because the area was burned flat.

But the amazing thing was, people did not sit on the curb and cry for help. It was going into November and people had to get ready for winter. The temperature range there was much like South Plainfield's.

We saw them scrounge around and find pieces of wood and material for a 'tin' roof, to make any kind of shelter.

While watching the coverage of the Katrina damage, I wondered why some of those people didn't try to make shelters for themselves.

Yes, the conditions were altogether different, but instead of looting jewelry and other things that they could not eat or drink, I think they could have made something to get out of sun.

I hope Uncle Sam doesn't force feed these people with many things that they never had before.

I think the able bodied ones should be put to work cleaning up areas as the water goes down.

Most people can handle a shovel, or broom or a wheelbarrow. Those with a driver's license can be put to driving trucks to remove trash, etc. Military personnel could go back to what they are trained to do.

WILLIAM TUTHILL

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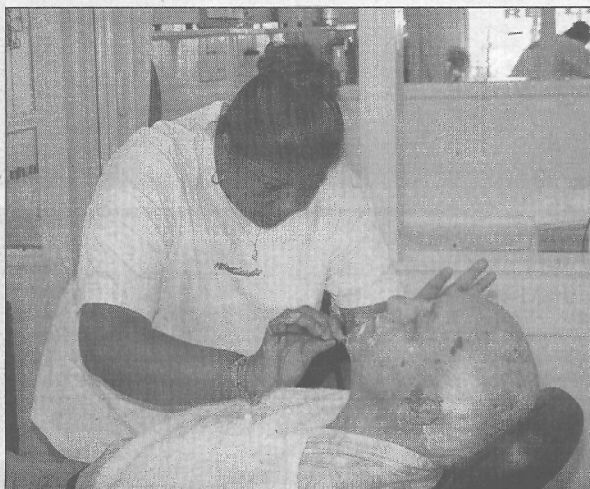
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Louie DeFillipo enjoys a shave at KAMAC Reflection by Marilyn Campbell.

## KAMAC Reflection Beauty Shop Features Unisex Styling

Marilyn Campbell, the owner of the KAMAC Reflection Beauty Salon on Front St., is pictured giving Louie DeFillipo a shave at her shop, which opened in early April. KAMAC Reflection is a "unisex styling shop," offering haircuts and styling for both

men and women. Other services include manicures, pedicures and as Lou can attest, a good shave.

Hours are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone (908) 222-9340.

## IRS Creates Disaster Relief Toll-Free Number

The Internal Revenue Service announced today the establishment of a special toll-free telephone number for use by taxpayers affected by Hurricane Katrina.

People affected by Katrina who need help with tax matters can call (866) 562-5227.

Beginning today, taxpayers can call the special number Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time.

Callers to this dedicated telephone line can find out about available tax relief, get free copies of their tax return transcripts and receive Disaster Tax Loss Kits. Callers may also be referred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's assistance lines for additional help.

Affected taxpayers who need copies of tax returns to apply for aid or other purposes can have the normal user fee waived by writing "Hurricane

Katrina" in red across the top margin of their Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return.

More information about tax relief for victims, making charitable contributions and links to other government web pages is available at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

The IRS is continuing to monitor the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and will provide additional relief and guidance in the days ahead.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Well, the summer vacation season has been over for nearly a week, now. Let's take our minds off that glum prospect by looking at news from the South Plainfield Library:

Once again this week, our Storytime programs have been cancelled. They'll be back later this month. Miss Linda and Miss Danya will be here, though; your kids are free to stop by and say hello.

There's still time to sign up for the Origami craft programs on Monday. We'll be hosting two sessions: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. There's a materials fee of \$1, payable upon registration. Space is limited, so you must pre-register. For more information, please call us at (908) 754-7885.

The Library Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30. Members of the public are invited to attend and get the latest information about the Library's current and future plans, including the new Library building project.

The September group of Circuit videos and DVDs is now available. This month's VHS titles include "Taking Lives", "All Grown Up!", "S.W.A.T." and "The Pianist", while DVD titles include "Vanity Fair", "Suspect Zero", "The Incredibles", and "Walking Tall". Videos and DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

This week, we have room for some information about our Elvis computer system. People have noticed that when they receive calls from Elvis regarding overdue or reserved items, Elvis will not tell what the titles of the

items are. This is part of the computer's programming and it's done in the interests of patron privacy. We realize that what you borrow from us is your business, and that sometimes phone messages can be misrouted. So, when it comes to automated phone calls, we decided to keep that information confidential. So, if you get such a call and aren't sure what Elvis is referring to, please call us during regular operating hours. One of our staff will look up the information and pass it along to you.

Speaking of phone calls, here's a reminder: at times, we allow patrons to use our phones free of charge. This is meant as a courtesy, since the pay phones outside and in Borough Hall were removed and (shockingly) there are people who don't carry cell phones. However, this is meant for people who need to use the phone for important, urgent matters (like arranging for transportation home). It's not meant for people to shoot the breeze with friends. We also request that you ask permission from a staff member before you use the phone, allow them to dial the number, and keep your call as short as possible.

Hey, looks like we've got room for one more advisory this week. Lately, we've received several reports of damaged or non-functioning CDs and DVDs. The problem is, most of the reports are, "It doesn't work," and that's it. We'd appreciate it if you described the problem in detail. Also, regarding CDs and DVDs, we'd appreciate it if you told us what track or chapter the disc was on, or how much time elapsed in the movie, when the problem occurred. (You can see that information on the control panel of your player.) This will help us double-check the disc and assess any damage. As always, thanks very much for your help with this.

That's about all for now. Please feel free to pass along your comments, questions and opinions. See you next Friday.

## Columbus Day Ceremonies Announced

On Monday, October 10 at 9 a.m. the Plainfields' Chapter UNICO National will host the Annual Columbus Day Ceremony at the South Plainfield Municipal Building located at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

The ceremony will include remarks by dignitaries representing state and local governing bodies commemorating this National holiday, the presentation of a wreath in honor of the occasion and a flag-raising ceremony honoring the discovery of America. Refreshments will be served following the festivities for all who attend.

An invitation is extended to everyone to be present for this brief exercise marking the event which has charted the course for the entire civilized world.

## Franklin School Pack 207 Cub Scout Round-Up

Scouting fosters character, honesty, respect and lifelong values through fun, exciting and adventure-filled activities. Boys in grades one through five who would like to learn more about what Cub Scout Pack #207 is about, are invited, along with their parents, to come to the Franklin School Gym on either Thursday, Sept. 15 or Friday, Sept. 16 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. both nights.

For additional information, call Pack Master Tom Berry (908) 757-7433.

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# Around Town

## VFW Picnic/Pig Roast

September 10

VFW 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 purchased at the gate. For information, call (908) 668-9751.

## Celebrity Roast for Chief John Cotone

September 11

A Celebrity Roast for Fire 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.

## Sacred Heart Family Fun Picnic

September 11

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 11 for an afternoon of prayerful remembrance and family fun. Gather for an opening memorial tribute and peace prayer followed by our annual parish picnic at Sacred Heart School from 2-5 p.m. Plenty of food and games are planned. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

## Origami Craft Program at Library

September 12

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

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

## Girl Scout Registration

September 13

The South Plainfield Girl Scout will hold a registration on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Riley School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All girls welcome to join K-12. Leaders are also needed. Registration is fee \$10.

## SPHS Music Boosters Meeting Changed

September 14

The SPHS Music Boosters will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday,

## What's happening in SEPTEMBER

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 AM-12:30 PM—CREATIVE PAINTING 10AM

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<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11am Advisory Board Mtg. 4:30 pm Public welcome	Trip to Lancaster, PA & Sight & Sound Theater – September 21-22 Hunterdon Hills—October 17 Weekend Comedy with Jamie Farr Country Hoedown Dinner Dance—Oct. 15	Exercise 8:30am Line Dancing 10am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm AARP Crafts Group 1pm	Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Speaker Program 1pm "Medicare in 2006"	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available
12	13	14	15	16
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Sept. 14. Please note the change in date from Sept. 7! The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Chorus Room. All chorus, band and orchestra parents are welcome to attend. Please join us.

## AARP Chapter 4144 Resumes Meetings

September 15

The South Plainfield Chapter 4144 of AARP will resume its meetings at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 12:30 p.m. Needlecrafters meet every Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m. year round at the 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 Aug. 31 to reserve a seat.

## Wesley Methodist BBQ Fun Fest

September 17

Wesley Methodist will hold a fundraising BBQ Fun Fest on Saturday, Sept. 17 (rain or shine) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition to the BBQ, there will be hamburgers, hot dogs and much more. Along with the great food there will be amusements for the whole family to enjoy.

## Troop 207 Car Wash

September 17

Boy Scout Troop 207 (Knights of Columbus) will hold 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 go towards their Washington, DC trip. Please come out and support the boys.

## Trip to Lancaster Includes Theatre

September 21-22

The Senior Citizens Center is sponsoring an overnight trip to Lancaster, Pa. on Sept. 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.

## Sacred Heart Adult Choir Rehearsals

September 22

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.

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 at [Dan410@aol.com](mailto:Dan410@aol.com) or call (908) 756-0633 ext. 39 or simply attend the first rehearsal.

## VFW Dinner

September 23

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

## OLC Spaghetti Dinner

September 24

Our Lady of Czestochowa plans to hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. at tge OL Parish Hall on Hamilton Blvd. Cost for adults is \$7, seniors \$6 and children from 5 to 12 are \$3.50. Children under 5 are free.

## Senior Center EVENTS

### — Out of Town —

## Middlesex East WOWs Dance

September 9

Middlesex East Widows and Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, September 9, from 7:30 to 11:30 pm at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret. Live Music and refreshments. All are welcome. Admission is \$8 for members, \$9 for guests. For more information call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

## Multicultural Celebration

September 10

On Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., a multicultural fair, "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism" will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center on Metlars Ln. in Piscataway.

The day-long event celebrates the various cultures in the Diocese of Metuchen. Musical performances will begin at 11 a.m. Attendees will be able to sample international foods from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Arts and crafts will be displayed from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The fair is free and open to the public. For information visit: [www.dio-metuchen.org](http://www.dio-metuchen.org) or call (732) 562-1990 ext. 1630.

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

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## 9th Annual SIDS Walkathon

September 11

The CJ Foundation for SIDS, along with sponsor Wawa Food Markets, will be holding their ninth 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, Raritan Rd., 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!

For info, (908) 232-5678 or visit our website at [www.scotchplains.com/wgpc](http://www.scotchplains.com/wgpc).

## Middlesex East WOWs Mass

September 13

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold a Memorial Mass for deceased spouses on Tuesday, September 13, at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, 7 Locust St Carteret, starting at 7 pm. After the Mass, there will be a business meeting at 8 pm at the Carteret Community Center located at Pershing and Cooke avenues, Carteret. Light refreshments to follow. All widows and widowers are invited to attend. For more information, contact Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

## Largest Networking Party by MCC

September 13

Come out and enjoy our largest networking party of the year on Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick. Food, drinks and entertainment included. Members \$25, non-members \$30, at door \$35.

## Open House at Metuchen-Edison Women's Club

September 14

The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club, an organization dedicated to benefiting our communities since 1961, will hold an "Open House" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at St. Luke's Church Hall on Oak Ave. in Metuchen. Finger sandwiches, salads, desserts and beverages will be served; free to guests and members.

For more info about meetings and membership, call Diana Degnan, vice president, at (732) 548-0925.

## Walk for Polycystic Kidney Research

September 17

Join the PKD Foundation for Research in Polycystic Kidney Disease on Sept. 17 as they hold a walk for PKD at North Street and Boardwalk in Seaside Park. Registration at 9 a.m. Walk starts at 10 a.m. You can register online at [www.pkdcure.org](http://www.pkdcure.org) or call (732) 269-0403 for more information.

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# Hurricane Katrina-Emergency Update!

The American Red Cross has launched massive emergency relief effort to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina in Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. We are currently supporting the feeding and sheltering of thousands of evacuees at the Houston Astrodome and over 50,000 people in areas around Louisiana. With over 3,000 workers and volunteers already on the ground, 600 additional people per day are being moved into the affected areas

to support the massive relief effort. Close to 300 shelters have been opened, and in partnership with the Southern Baptist Church, over 500,000 hot meals will be served each day.

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross has a strong history of service to communities in the Union, Somerset, and Middlesex counties of New Jersey and continually provides needed support to the National Red Cross movement. Paul Romondi, a longtime disaster services

volunteer and Verizon employee from North Plainfield, traveled on Tuesday morning to the affected area and is currently concentrating his three-week period of service in mass care feeding in Baton Rouge, LA. A Tri-County employee, Ruben Salamea, arrived yesterday in Selma, AL to work on shelter set-up. More local help is being sent. For information on volunteering and a schedule of disaster training courses, please email us at [info@tricountyredcross.org](mailto:info@tricountyredcross.org).



The sign in front of McCriskin's Home For Funerals is asking for donations of bottled water.

## McCriskin's Is Asking Residents for Bottled Water

After reading about the National Guard accepting cases of water for Katrina victims, Rich McCriskin and his wife Dee decided to drop off some water to the Armory in Woodbridge. They were disappointed with the response from for this area so far. As of Saturday, they had only 30 pallets of water for shipment for distribution in the Katrina areas. The donated water was delivered to the New Hampshire on Saturday and was in the Katrina area on Sunday, a direct distribution with no administrative costs for executives of any organization!

The McCriskin family is attempting to get the word out and help out

in their own way. They are collecting cases of water, storing them in their garage and will transport the water over to the National Guard Armory in Woodbridge in a timely matter. Most people were not aware of the National Guards program for water.

The McCriskin Family has set a goal of at least 2,500 cases this week. "A drop in the bucket for these people...but drops DO MAKE BUCKETS!" Rich added.

Residents can drop the cases of water at McCriskins or go directly to the National Guard in either Woodbridge or Somerset.

There is something you can do.

Hurricane Katrina has devastated Gulf Coast communities in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. As with previous catastrophes, members of our community are asking how they may help. To support the American Red Cross as it launches the largest relief effort in its history to aid the victims of this terrible storm, please call 1-800-HELP NOW. See below for other organizations assisting in the relief efforts.

<p><b>Donate cash to:</b></p> <p>American Red Cross...1-800-HELP NOW (435-7669)</p> <p>(1-800-257-7575 Spanish)</p> <p>Operation Blessing...1-800-435-5348</p> <p>America's Second Harvest...1-800-344-8070</p> <p><b>Donate Cash to and Volunteer with:</b></p> <p>Adventist Community Services...1-800-381-7171</p> <p>Catholic Charities, USA...1-800-919-9338</p> <p>Christian Disaster Response... (841) 858-5183 or (841) 551-8554</p> <p>Christian Reformed World Relief Committee...1-800-848-5818</p> <p>Church World Service...1-800-297-1518</p>	<p><b>Convey of Hope:</b> (417) 823-8998</p> <p>Cooperation for National and Community Service Disaster Relief Fund... (202) 908-8718</p> <p>Lutheran Disaster Response...1-800-638-3522</p> <p>Mennonite Disaster Service... (717) 858-2210</p> <p>Hazarene Disaster Response...1-888-258-5386</p> <p>Presbyterian Disaster Assistance...1-800-872-3283</p> <p>Salvation Army...1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769)</p> <p>Southern Baptist Convention-Disaster Relief...1-800-462-8857, ext. 6440</p> <p>United Methodist Committee on Relief...1-800-554-8589</p>
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## Northeast Continues to Care for Victims

American Red Cross disaster relief operations in response to Hurricane Katrina continue to expand in the Gulf States and around the country. More than 4,000 American Red Cross disaster workers from across America have been deployed to the affected area, with 614 coming from the Northeast. In addition, thousands of Red Cross workers in local chapters across the country are training new volunteers, processing donations and answering phone calls.

The Tri-County Chapter is holding Disaster Training courses this week; please call (908) 756-6414 to register.

Approximately 20,000 people have now registered on the American Red Cross Family Links Registry, a website and hotline assisting family members seeking news about loved ones living in the path of Hurricane Katrina. Evacuees wishing to inform loved ones of their location can register their name by clicking on "Family Links Registry" on [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Concerned family members can register the names of their loved ones and view the list of those already posted. Due to the extent of the damage and the number of people displaced, concerned friends and family members are encouraged to visit the site daily to consult the list, as it will be updated continuously. You can visit the "Family Links Registry" via [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call 1-877-LOVED-1S to register.

To date, \$302M has been donated to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. To make a contribution call 1-800-HELP-NOW or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). For additional information, call the Tri-County office at (908) 756-6414.

## IRS Expedites Charity Applications

The Internal Revenue Service will provide an expedited review and approval process for new organizations seeking tax-exempt status in order to provide relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina. However, the agency encourages people to use existing organizations currently working on immediate aid efforts.

New organizations should apply for tax-exempt status by filing IRS Form 1023, available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), and write at the top of the form "Disaster Relief, Hurricane Katrina." The IRS will give such applications expedited attention to ensure they meet legal requirements.

"We want to make sure we do all we can to help new charitable organizations get up and running so they can begin providing the assistance the victims of this terrible disaster so des-

perately need," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "Just as we did after September 11, 2001, we will put these applications at the head of the queue and turn them around promptly."

Use of existing charitable organizations is encouraged because such organizations, including churches, are frequently able to administer relief programs more efficiently than newly formed organizations, because they already have fundraising and distribution infrastructures in place.

The website of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Government's main Web portal, [www.FirstGov.gov](http://www.FirstGov.gov), offer lists of organizations that provide support to victims of Hurricane Katrina. This publication is also available on the IRS website.

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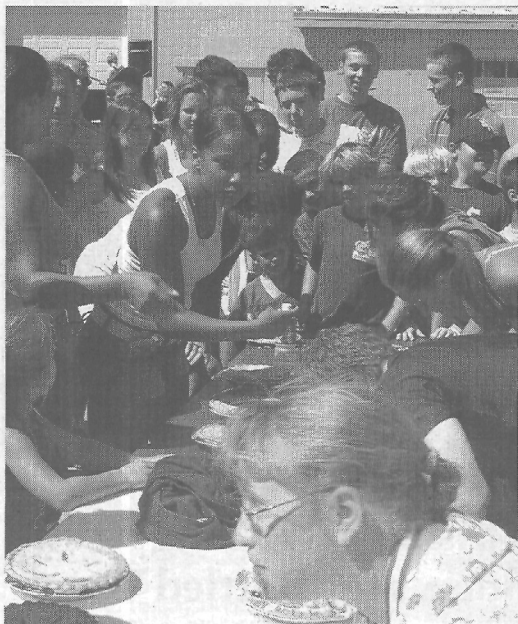
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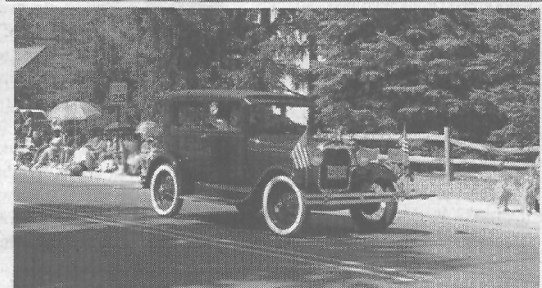
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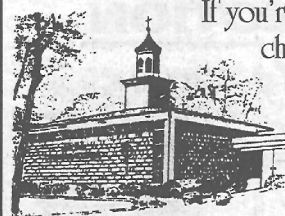
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# Behind the Scenes

"Civic groups are the heart of South Plainfield"

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## New Counseling Hotline for Veterans

There is a new toll-free counseling hotline to assist all veterans and troops returning home from abroad. The state hotline, staffed 24 hours/7 days a week, can be reached at 1-866-VETS-NJ 4 U (1-866-838-7654).

"The New Jersey veteran hotline will enable all veterans to easily access a wide variety of services from peer counseling to a comprehensive healthcare network," said Senator Buono (D-Middlesex). "The creation of this helpline further shows New Jersey's commitment to supporting our troops returning home and to all New Jerseyans who proudly served our community."

The hotline will give troops returning from overseas immediate assistance on various matters. The helpline will assist veterans return-

ing from active duty who are suffering from psychological or emotional distress, offer counseling services, as well as clinical assessments. The counseling hotline will also provide assistance to families regarding any other veteran issues.

"This 'one call fits all' measure will cut bureaucratic red tape and deliver answers and assistance to veterans in a matter of minutes," said Senator Buono. "With the leadership of Governor Codey and Maj. Gen. Glenn Rietz, New Jersey continues to improve services for all veterans."

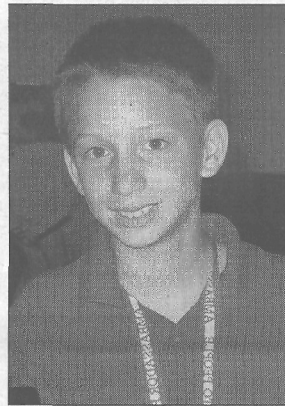
The hotline is coordinated by University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's University Behavioral HealthCare. Please contact Senator Buono's office at (732) 819-8141 with additional questions.

## Student Learns New Skills on Successful People To People Journey to United Kingdom

Brendan Berry, a sixth grade student at Grant School, just returned from a two week People to People Student Ambassador Program to the United Kingdom and Ireland. Brendan traveled with a delegation of 44 students from throughout New Jersey, participating in activities such as a visit with British Parliament, tours of Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London, canoeing in Scotland and touring several historical castles throughout the UK.

Brendan, 11, was specially selected to participate in the educational travel program and is completing the academic credit requirements related to the program's cultural and heritage excursions. Brendan is the son of Thomas and Colleen Berry, and is the oldest of five children.

He traveled under the leadership of Karen Bresocnik, a teacher-leader from Old Bridge. The delegation also was led by teachers Beth Ann Cin-



Brendan Berry

kewicz from Woodbridge, Christine A. Kelly from Lawrenceville and Barbara Strobel from Clinton. The group was accompanied overseas by a local delegation manager who coordinated the cultural and recreational trips.

Before departing on July 17, Bren-

dan attended several orientation meetings with the program leaders and fellow delegates to learn about England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland in preparation for the journey.

"It was a great trip!" said Brendan. "I had a lot of fun. I went on the London Eye - that is the biggest Ferris wheel in the world. It is 400 feet tall. It was really cool. I also tried haggis and blood pudding in Scotland which was very different, but it was fun to try new things."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded People to People during his presidency in 1956. He believed that ordinary citizens of different nations could make a special contribution to the peace process that governments could not. People to People Student Ambassador Programs are based in Spokane, Washington and has been coordinating educational travel for nearly 50 years.

## Thomas, Kubala Update Residents On New Library

Democratic Council members Kathy Thomas and Ed Kubala are excited about the new library planned to be built on Plainfield Avenue. Council member Kathy Thomas is coordinating the design and construction on behalf of the Mayor and Council. Kathy said, "The design of the library is well underway and construction will begin in 2006. The library will be built on the property between Unity Bank and Conroy's Funeral Home. The new, two-story, 15,000 foot library will be designed to assimilate with the surrounding neighborhood. It will have expanded public access computers and a computer training lab, a children's craft room, dedicated quiet study rooms for group study, a large meeting room, and a drive-up window for returns as well as picking up reserved materials. The building is also designed to allow for future expansion. The new library will be a centerpiece in So. Plainfield for many years to come."

Council member Ed Kubala complimented Kathy Thomas for her work on the library project. "Kathy has done an excellent job coordinating one of the largest projects the borough has undertaken in recent years. The present library has served South Plainfield for almost 40 years, but it is just too small when you think about the population of South Plainfield and the need for any modern library to have plenty of computers available. The new library will be two and one-half times as large as the current library. Councilperson Kathy Thomas has been leading the charge to get the new library built. She has helped moved this project from an idea to reality by spearheading the purchase of property on Plainfield Ave., and overseeing the selection of an architect and

the initial design of the library. Since I was first elected to the Council 12 years ago, we have completed some important projects such as the senior housing unit across from Riley School, improvements to the Community Pool, the expansion of the PAL, construction of a state-of-the-art senior recreation center, the permanent preservation of over 150 acres of open space and the expansion of Putnam Park. The new library will be another great asset to borough residents."

Council member Kathy Thomas described the process for building the new library, "The Borough had owned a small piece of property next to the South Plainfield Funeral Home (formerly Conroy) for a number of years. When the property next to Unity Bank adjacent to the Borough's property became available, I knew this would be a great place for a new library, near the other Borough facilities. We then reached out to interested groups throughout the Borough to get their input. The library board of trustees visited many different libraries to gather various layout and construction ideas. The entire town should thank the library board of trustees and the staff of the library for the time and energy they have devoted to this project. The library board then selected an architect to put everyone's ideas down on paper. The preliminary design for the new library will be presented to the public shortly."

Council member Ed Kubala summed up the Democrats' thoughts, "The new library is another example of how your mayor and Council are always trying to improve the quality of life of the residents of South Plainfield. I am honored to be part of the team that will make the new library a reality."



## Anesh, Bengivenga: We Need to Control Spending

Controlling spending and property taxes needs to be a priority, according to council candidates Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga. Both Anesh and Bengivenga want to make South Plainfield more affordable for families and especially senior citizens, many of whom live on fixed incomes.

"Spending is a key concern for our campaign" Anesh pointed out. "For example, while inflation went up about 20% between 1996 and 2004, the town's budget went up 30%. There needs to be more control of our tax dollars."

"One way to control spending is by cutting waste," explained Bengivenga. "The council added three new administrative positions over the past few years. That's an area we can earmark for savings. We need to cut extra administrative costs."

Anesh also pointed to Borough contracts as a way to save money. "Competition would bring down costs for our professional-services contracts. Right now, the council only gets one price. That needs to change. The people of this town deserve competitive prices."

"Matt's right," Bengivenga explained. "Getting rid of 'pay to play,' a practice where government officials reward campaign contributors with lucrative no-bid contracts, could save us several hundred thousand dollars over the next few years."

Anesh explained how competition would help: "Right now, we're not getting the best

prices, because there is no incentive for contractors to give us their best price. Regardless of what price they ask for, they know they're going to get it. Actively seeking competitive bids could save the town real dollars."

"These are just two ways the council could save money," Bengivenga added. "Over the next two months, we'll continue to talk about our plans to make South Plainfield a more affordable place to live, work and raise a family. Controlling the budget is something we plan to spend a lot of time talking about. In addition, we also plan to talk about other ways to improve our community. But again, we have to live within our means. We can't continue to spend, borrow, lease and raise taxes. The people of South Plainfield, especially the families and the seniors, can't afford it."

Like Bengivenga, Anesh sees controlling costs as a key part of being a council member. "While our friends on the other side keep talking about all the money they're spending, they have to remember that the public is funding their spending spree. They need to concentrate more on cutting costs. While it's nice to point to all the things they're spending money on, they have to remember the taxpayer."

"It's time to get our fiscal house back in order," said Bengivenga in summing up the GOP position. "We need fresh leadership in South Plainfield, leadership that is willing to make the hard choices, set priorities, and most importantly, control taxes and spending."

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# KMM Can Help Reduce Driving Costs

Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc. (KMM), Middlesex County's non-profit transportation management association (TMA), has a suggestion that could help reduce the cost of filling up at the gas pumps. It's called carpooling.

"Carpooling is flexible," said KMM's Executive Director Bill Neary. "Commuters agree among themselves who's going to drive, what time they will be picked up, and where they'll

be dropped off. It's all very convenient."

KMM offers free ridematch services to commuters with work destinations in Middlesex County. Over 500 commuters have already registered and are looking for "matches."

Neary said, "When someone signs up for ridesharing, we ask for basic information such as origin and destination, time of commute, and preferences such as smoking or non-smok-

ing. If we can make a match, we'll provide work phones to the commuters. It's up to them to contact each other and make specific arrangements."

Neary added that as the cost of gasoline has skyrocketed, the phones at KMM have been busier than ever.

"At over \$3 per gallon, gas just costs too much. People are looking to save any way they can and carpooling even one or two days per week is going to save a few dollars," Neary said.

To register for carpooling or to learn more about Keep Middlesex Moving, call (732) 745-4368 or log on to [www.kmm.org](http://www.kmm.org).

# Blue Mass Honoring Law Enforcement

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m., the Diocese of Metuchen will celebrate its Fourth Annual Blue Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church, 600 Harris Ave. in Middlesex.

Procession into the church will begin at 10:30 a.m. Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will be the chief celebrant

and homilist at the Mass.

Expected in attendance will be representatives from police departments of four counties - Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren.

For more information, visit [www.diometchen.org](http://www.diometchen.org) or call (732) 562-2461.

# LEGAL NOTICES

## BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE No. 1712

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

Ordinance #1712 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$278,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 250 LOT 5 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 9, 2005 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE No. 1712  
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$278,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND 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:

Acquisition of Block 250 Lot 5 \$278,000.00  
TOTAL \$278,000.00

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 \$278,000.00.

B. That the cost for said projects shall be financed by a \$248,000.00 grant from the Middlesex County Open Space Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and \$30,000.00 from Off-Tract Improvements.

C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be thirty (30) 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 4B:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$3,000.00.

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

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$80.50 September 9, 2005

## BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE No. 1711

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

Ordinance #1711 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 187 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "SEWERS" was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 9, 2005 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE No. 1711  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1854, ENTITLED: "SEWERS" IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that Ordinance #1854 be and is hereby amended as follows:

3-3 Charges, Fees, Rents, and Connection Regulations  
B. Service Connection.

(1) The Applicant or property owner, or their agent, shall be responsible for making the physical connection to the Borough's sanitary sewer main and for furnishing and installing the service connection from the Borough's sewer pipe to the structure, including the cleanout, which will be placed one foot inside the curbline. That portion of the service connection from the sanitary sewer main to and including the cleanout shall be inspected by, and at the convenience of, a

representative of the Borough. That portion of the service connection from the cleanout to the structure shall be inspected by the Plumbing Inspector for the Borough. Upon completion and acceptance, the service connection shall be and shall remain the sole responsibility of the property owner, including removal of all stoppages.

All other provisions of Ordinance No. 1854 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$60.00 September 9, 2005

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

An appeal has been filed by Cory Dippold requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit (2) docks. First proposed deck front setback 30' required; 11' proposed; rear deck side setback 8' required; 3' proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1209 New Market Ave. on Block 308, Lot 10 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 22, 2005 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 September 9, 2005

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

August 31, 2005

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on August 30, 2005.

A. Case # 05-04 - Harry Popik, Block 347; Lot 8.01. The applicant's request for minor subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED subject to voluntary conditions.

B. Case # 666/V - Northcoast Developers, Inc. The applicant's request for variances, front yard setback, number of on-site parking spaces and preliminary site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to voluntary conditions.

C. Case # 676/V - Scotchbrook Associates, Block 97; Lot 1. The applicant's request for preliminary site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$30.00 September 9, 2005

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

ORDINANCE No. 1706  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1706 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$22.25 September 9, 2005

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

ORDINANCE No. 1709  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1709 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 284, LOT 24 (DOVER PLACE) was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$22.75 September 9, 2005



Pictured left to right Lilly Tine, owner N. Edison Curves, Jerri Hochron, co-owner, S. Plainfield Curves and S. Plainfield staff Chris LeCompte and Celis Berko.

# Curves Participates in Walk For Hope

South Plainfield Curves staff and members, along with several other Curves neighbors, walked in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Hope Michelle Offisie Walk for Hope to Cure Breast Cancer in Edison. The annual event was founded four years ago by Edison teen, Janna Zuckerman, to memorialize the loss of Michelle, a family friend and Edison resident who died of breast cancer at a young age. Since then, the walk has tripled in size, and has raised over \$250,000 to help fund the breast cancer research, treatment, and awareness programs of City of Hope. These programs provide hope to the nearly 270,000 wives, sisters, mothers and daughters who are diagnose with breast cancer each year.

The 29 South Plainfield participants raised \$1,626. Curves International provides a matching donation in the amount of \$1,000. A big THANK YOU to our members as together we can make such a difference!!

# LEGAL NOTICES

## BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE No. 1708

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

Ordinance #1708 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$540,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AT MONUMENT PARK AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DETECTIVE/JUVENILE CONFERENCE FACILITY was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$26.25 September 9, 2005

## BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE No. 1707

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

Ordinance #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 presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$26.25 September 9, 2005

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

An appeal has been filed by William Staats requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an addition. Proposed addition lacks 8' required side setback, 4.35' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 136 Jerome Avenue on Block 210, Lot 10 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 22, 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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# Labor Day Parade 2005

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who walk the entire route and manage to keep the parade moving, making sure everyone is following the rules safely. The announcers and judges whose task it is to choose a winner among the many marching groups.

• The police department, whose officers work the entire day and night, putting in countless hours. In addition, many police officers from surrounding towns were on hand to help with traffic, closing roads and unsmiling traffic throughout South Plainfield.

• The members of the fire department and rescue squad, who after they

marched, stood by to make sure all were safe at the PAL and during the fireworks.

• Mike Zushma, the members of the Emergency Management team and the CERTS volunteers, who work countless hours behind the scenes, helping police in various areas throughout the day and night.

• Mike English, Kevin Hughes and their crew from Recreation, who supervised all the contests, managed to keep the games competitive, fair and fun for everyone and brought the amusement rides to the park.

• The vendors, who were at the

PAL field, serving delicious food, handing out literature, running the games and give-a-ways.

• Employees of the Public Works Department who spruced up the parade route, painted the curbs and made everything look great for parade day. Then hours after the parade and fireworks, they returned to clean up the debris. Yes we notice!

• And last but not least, the residents of South Plainfield, who support this annual parade, year in and year out, no matter what the weather; you are what keeps this parade the joy it is each year.



Workers from EDI Construction are remodeling a section of the former Bradlees store to make way for Big Lots.

## Diehl Starts Position as SPHS Disciplinarian

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ceremonies during Cultural Heritage Day announcing the special dances and music students presented.

"I'm 51 and I've been going to school for 45 years. I've never been out of school," said Diehl about his working life. After getting his BA degree from Kean University he began teaching at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains and stayed for

two years. Because of the low pay, he left the classroom and didn't return to teaching at South Plainfield until 19 years later. During that time he was visiting schools across the country as a yearbook representative for Josten's Yearbook Company and then as sales manager for Institutional Financial Services in Benicia, Calif.

Diehl was also elected to be a member of the North Plainfield Board of

Education when he was 22, the youngest official elected in the town, and this November he will be up for re-election as a councilman in Edison.

Diehl said he is looking forward to taking the position of disciplinarian. "I've done the coaching, advising and teaching. But this (being disciplinarian) is different. I know the administrators in the high school. I feel good about everything."

## Big Lots Will be Opening Soon in South Plainfield

The chain store known as Big Lots will be moving in the west end of the former Bradlees Store located on Oak Tree Ave. Remodeling work began four weeks ago both inside and out. A whole new façade is being built which will hold an outstanding logo over the main entrance.

Pictured above are workers, Bas, Sergio, Eddy, Carlos and Geomonic of

the EDI Construction Company. Opening day for Big Lots is planned for sometime in mid-November.

## Street Renaming Scheduled Saturday

On Saturday, Sept. 10 a street will be renamed in honor of Major Marcel D'Amico, who was killed in an air crash on Dec.

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# Edison Valley Playhouse Open House

By Libby Barsky

Edison Valley Playhouse held an Open House on Sunday, Aug. 28 to show off all the interior improvements and repairs that have been made and to signal everyone who had worked on a production or attended one that the Playhouse is back in business with two productions scheduled in October. David Christopher will present the play *Barrymore* based on legendary actor John Barrymore at the gala opening performance on Oct. 1 and Oct. 2, and Oct. 14-30, the musical *Blood Brothers* will be performed.

"We're glad to see that it's back," said Joan and Lou Mornile of South Plainfield recalling the memorable productions of *Frankenstein* and *Dracula* that they saw with their children. Their comment was repeated again and again by the over 100 people who came to the open house. Another interested visitor energized by the opening of the Playhouse was Tom Guaraci, who for over 15 years produced South Plainfield Summer Drama with his ex-wife Pat.

The mood was jubilant as Vince Pelosi, actor and sign painter for earlier productions, met up again with Ray Costa who had acted in Playhouse's *Minnie's Boys*. Both are ready to resume their efforts as actors and volunteers. "This is a very fond memory for many," said actor Ellen Cusick, who was stage manager and assistant director for the recent production of Summer Drama's *Pajama Game*. "The last show I was in here to see was *Prospect Park*, an original musical play a wonderful night and on closing night actually we turned people away. It was just a wonderful theatre and I'm so happy it's here again. Phyllis would be so thrilled," said Cusick.

The late Phyllis Donato was the formidable presence who oversaw the direction of the Valley Players and through regular weekend garage sales on the ground of the theatre tried to



Guests at Edison Valley Playhouse Open House peruse scrapbooks of the playhouse history.

continue to fund productions until her death in 2002. In 2000, she was the recipient of the Recognition of Excellence in Community Theatre Perry Award for Life Time Achievement for her efforts in producing, directing and maintaining the Edison Valley Playhouse and Edison Players.

Boxes of pictures from former productions were available for "oldtimers" to leaf through and, if possible, identify who some of the actors were. Melanie Friedman of South Plainfield, who had worked backstage and painted signs, spent time leafing through a large scrapbook and finding playbills for *Tuley's Folly* and *They're Playing Our Song*, that she had designed. Friedman said she was coming back again as a volunteer.

At the open house David Lawrence recalled directing A.R. Gurney's *Cocktail Hour* for Valley Players and acting in other productions. Most recently he directed *Aida* for Plays in the Park.

Lawrence remembered the times Valley Playhouse stage was so crowded with scenery, it was a challenge to perform. When Lawrence returns to the Playhouse's current stage in the gala performance Oct. 1 as *Barrymore*, he won't have that problem, because it has been reconfigured with built in storage space under the stage to accommodate props and scenery.

Anthony Cantalupo, with his brother Christopher Cantalupo, came to check out the Playhouse for the first time. They are looking forward to performing as the principals in *Blood Brothers*.

Anthony is also directing. "I film it and then see what I'm doing," Cantalupo said. "*Blood Brothers* fits a small house and this theater is perfect. We performed to sold out audiences for 10 performance at George Street Playhouse Center Stage which holds 100 people and for the past twenty years the play has been continuously performed in London's West End," said Cantalupo adding, "The play says a lot about the class system. We play the brothers from seven-year-olds through manhood."

Bill Seeselsberg, who with Valley Playhouse Productions president Rich Monteiro and trustee Bob Bengivenega, initiated the plans for funding and renovating the playhouse, was cheered by the many people who attended.

"There is a lot of excitement to see the Edison Valley Playhouse. We've seen people who have done shows here, seen shows here and people who want to get involved in doing shows here. So it's been a real success in letting people know we're back and we are open again," said Seeselsberg with the caveat, "We open in less than five weeks, so there's still a lot of work to be done."

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE  
ORDINANCE No. 1710

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

Ordinance #1710 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS STATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND IS HEREBY ADOPTED AS THE BOROUGH'S PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 9, 2005 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Ordinance No. 1710

An ordinance establishing the minimum regulations governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure the structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures; known as the *Property Maintenance Code*.

Be it ordained by the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield as follows:

**Section 1.** That a certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield, being marked and designated as the *International Property Maintenance Code* as published by the International Code Council, Inc., be and is hereby adopted as the *Property Maintenance Code* of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the State of New Jersey; for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said *Property Maintenance Code* are hereby referred to, adopted, and made part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance.

**Section 2.** The following sections are hereby revised:

Section 101.1 **Insert:** Borough of South Plainfield

Section 103.6 **Insert:** In addition to the actual cost incurred by the department, a \$1,000.00 fee shall be added to any lien placed against real estate to offset the administration cost incurred by the department and the municipality.

Section 106.4 **Delete:** "shall be prosecuted within the limits provided by the state or local laws"  
**Insert:** upon conviction, a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than the maximum allowable by law or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days, or both.

Section 302.4 **Delete:** "10 inches (254 mm)"  
**Insert:** 6 inches (152.4 mm)

**Add to end of paragraph:** Hedges, bushes and shrubs shall be kept Trimmed in order to prevent any over growth onto any adjacent property.

**Add:** Section 302.4 (a) The owner of any vacant lands fronting on any improved street or roadway shall be required to keep all grass and weeds growing within ten (10) feet of any street or roadway cut and trimmed to a height of not more than six (6) inches, and shall be required to keep all bushes and other plant life growing within 10 (ten) feet of any street or roadway trimmed.

Section 302.8 **Delete:** "inoperative or unlicensed"  
**Insert:** uninsured or uninspected.

Section 303.14 **Insert:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Section 602.4 **Insert:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Section 3.** That Ordinance Number 1349 of the Borough of South Plainfield entitled "An Ordinance Establishing a *Property Maintenance Code* For the Borough of South Plainfield, County Of Middlesex, State Of New Jersey, Prescribing Regulations Therefore Consistent with Nationally Recognized Standards" and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** That nothing in this ordinance or in the *Property Maintenance Code* hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any charter be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

**Section 5.** That the Borough Clerk's office shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance, and cause the same to be published as required by law; and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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September 9, 2005

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Bonheur.

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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).

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Arbor Interiors, Inc. for public improvements at  
4301 South Clinton Avenue  
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Lot 7 Block 445

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 Arbor Interiors, Inc. for public improvements at 4301 South Clinton Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, known as Lot 7 Block 445 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield.

Said public hearing will be held on September 20, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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September 9, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Churrasqueira Marina, Inc. d/b/a Paulo's Barbeque requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a one story addition, one story garage, dining deck and parking lot improvements. Proposed addition cannot be constructed in accordance with the bulk regulations of the zoning ordinance. Some of the variances are extensions of existing deficiencies; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 2341 Plainfield Avenue on Block 188, Lot 58 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 22, 2005 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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