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Parade Grand Marshal Owen Kelly poses with the trophies to be awarded at the Labor Day parade.

## Borough Celebrates 50 Years of Parades!

The South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee has been working hard during the past few months and are anticipating a fantastic celebration of the borough's 50th Annual Labor Day Parade. The 5K Run and Family Fitness Walk begins at 9:15 a.m and the Labor Day Parade will kick off at 10 a.m with bands, floats and many groups and marchers.

The theme of this year's parade is "Celebrating 50 Years." There will be a host of activities, games and contests at the PAL building after the parade. The parade begins at the Middle School on Plainfield Avenue, goes past Borough Hall and the fire department, and then turns left and proceeds down Maple Avenue to the PAL.

Aside from delicious food, there will be a super slide, a water balloon toss, a pie eating contest and an extreme rock climb for children and many local businesses will have booths.

The Command Radio will perform beginning at 12:30 p.m. Evening entertainment at Spring Lake Park will start at 7 p.m. with the band "Sound Investment." The fireworks, set to music, will conclude the celebration at dusk. Come out and "Celebrate 50 Years."



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### council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

| Date         | Agenda Meeting | Public Meeting        |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| September 4  | 7 p.m.         | Immediately following |
| September 18 | 7 p.m.         | Immediately following |
| October 2    | 7 p.m.         | Immediately following |

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

### planning board

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

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

Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 11.

### 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. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 1 and 29 and Dec. 13.

### board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.-Sept. 11, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12 and April 2.

Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.-Wednesday, Sept. 19,

Oct. 17, Nov. 28, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19 and April 19.

### taxpayers advisory group

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

### site plan sub-committee

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

Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

### recreation commission

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

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

Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

### 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

### board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

## IN MY OPINION

The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher.

Dear Editor:

For several months the head of the local Republican party, Bob Jones, and a small group of his supporters have come to every council meeting criticizing everything they can think of about Mayor Butrico's plan to permanently keep trucks off Hamilton Boulevard by extending New Market Avenue.

They reached a new low last month when they actually questioned the honesty of one of South Plainfield's most respected families, the DeAndrea family, who are the owners of one of the properties needed to build the new extension.

They continued their slanderous assault by questioning the integrity of one of the most reputable appraisers in New Jersey, Carl Fleming, who ironically was at one time the Republican chairman of Woodbridge.

It has become clear to me that the local Republicans will use any tactic, no matter how despicable, to sabotage Mayor Butrico's plan.

So at the August 7 council meeting, Council President Dennis Cerami and I asked Mr. Jones straight out, "Do you support the plan to extend New Market Avenue and permanently take trucks off Hamilton Blvd.?" Mr. Jones responded that he didn't have to answer that question. Then he said he'd tell us after the meeting. While all of this was going on, Republican Councilmember Bengivenga sat silently. As the expression goes 'you can tell a lot about people by what they don't say.'

There is only one party in South Plainfield that will make sure trucks will NEVER go back on Hamilton Boulevard and that the New Market Avenue extension will be completed next year. That party is the Democrats.

Remember control of the council is on the line this year. Whoever wins the council election has the majority. It is important to re-elect Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas, who treat people with respect and don't double talk. Democrats Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas will never allow trucks back on Hamilton Boulevard and they are not afraid to say it.

Remember that on election day.  
**COUNCILMAN JOE SCRUDATO**

Dear Editor:

Remarkable! That is the word that best describes the budget that was in-

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roduced at the last Borough Council meeting. For years the Democratic majority has been following sound financial policies and controlling expenses, but this year takes the cake. For the first time in memory the taxpayers in South Plainfield will be seeing a property tax decrease! We've heard a lot of talk about tax relief. In South Plainfield, Kathy Thomas, Dennis Cerami and the Democrats have delivered. Our tax bills are lower. This is REAL tax relief. On behalf of the hard working families who live in this town, I would like to say thank you for making South Plainfield a more affordable place to live.

**CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY**

To Director Crabel and Middlesex County Freeholders,

Please accept this letter in strong support of the acquisition of the 39-acre Texas Eastern/South Plainfield Holding Company (Block 494, Lot 1) for permanent preservation as a passive natural area. This parcel is perhaps the most significant unprotected property in the 600-acre Dismal Swamp complex and represents an extraordinary opportunity to preserve irreplaceable wildlife habitat and open space.

A large variety of migratory songbirds, wading birds, amphibians and a host of other wildlife species are supported by this land. It consists of approximately 25 acres of wooded and scrub/shrub field uplands, and 44 acres of high quality freshwater wetlands. In fact, because of its outstanding natural attributes this site has been recognized as a top priority acquisition by the EPA administered bi-state Harbor Estuary Program (HEP).

NY/NJ Baykeeper, which preserves and restores HEP sites through cooperative partnerships, has worked for

the past 18 months with TRC/South Plainfield Holdings towards the acquisition of this parcel. During this time we focused on project fundamentals: property research, funding, and finding the most suitable take-out partner. Two certified appraisals and an environmental study were completed and at least half of the required funding has been lined up for this project. We would be gratified to share any of our information and experience with the county.

Also, we highly recommend taking advantage of existing outside funds that have been targeted for this project, particularly HEP acquisition funds set aside by the Port Authority of NY/NJ, to offset Middlesex Counties potential contribution to this acquisition. By doing so Middlesex County taxpayer dollars can be saved and used for other valued open space projects in the county that do not have access to existing HEP site funding. Working with Bill Kastning of NJDEP Green Acres, who is very familiar with this project, would provide a direct route to Port Authority HEP funds. Baykeeper is glad to assist here as well.

Mayor Butrico, Councilman Cerami and the Borough of South Plainfield deserve great credit for stepping up to take title and help manage this ecological treasure. The councilman, at the last county open space meeting, recognized the great value this acquisition would represent to the local community and to Middlesex County as a prized addition to the Dismal Swamp natural area.

As noted above, this and other unprotected Dismal Swamp properties have also been recognized as regionally significant habitat by HEP. HEP priority sites have been compiled and vetted by key natural resource agencies including the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, along with other natural resource agencies and conservation groups.

Most noteworthy is that several pots of funding have been established specifically to acquire and preserve HEP priority sites. This includes \$20 million from the Port Authority of

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## Willard Dunham Wins Glitter Award

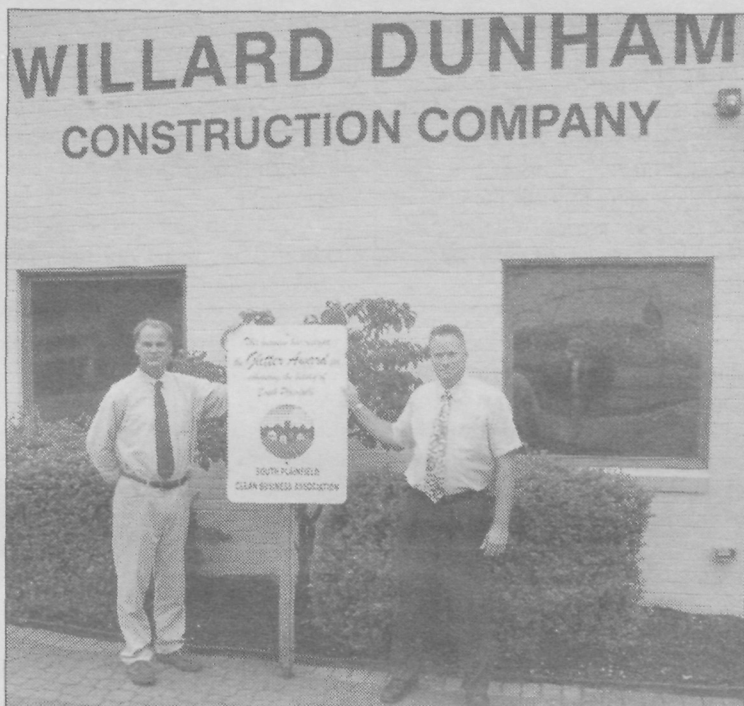
The Willard Dunham Construction Company has received the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Glitter Award. Thomas D. Dunham, Jr. and his cousin, Clifford, accepted the award from CBA President Joseph Diegnan at their Tyler Place business.

The contracting company is celebrating its 70th year, having been founded in 1937 by Willard Dunham in Fords. His grandsons were forced to relocate from Woodbridge when their land was condemned for a road-widening project. Dunham said they were very happy to have found this piece of land in the borough, and to have the South Plainfield Planning Board approve their application two years ago. They spent half a year renovating the property, which is now the stand-out parcel on Tyler Place.

The attractive landscaping is maintained by the Valluzzi Group, but everyone in the company takes a hand in keeping the yard and grounds neat and orderly. Tyler Place carries heavy traffic and draws an unusual amount of litter, so they often find themselves bending over to pick up a stray soda can or water bottle. Dunham noted that their equipment and supplies have to be kept organized so that they can mobilize rapidly for the large construction jobs they specialize in. As a result, the passerby must look twice to believe this is a contractor's yard.

The Dunhams said they have always thought of South Plainfield as a special place. They said they were happy the borough has welcomed them and recognized the pride they take in their business.

The Clean Business Association gives Glitter Awards to South Plainfield businesses that are unusually well-maintained or have recently improved their appearance through renovation or landscaping. Membership in the CBA is open to all businesses that share



Thomas Dunham, Jr. and his cousin, Clifford, accept the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Glitter Award.

its goal of enhancing the appearance of commercial districts through property maintenance and litter control.

For more information, contact the Clean Communities coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN

### FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

ESPN aired a special program last Sunday about college and high school athletes posting pictures of themselves drinking, smoking and other unbecoming acts on Internet sites such as Facebook, MySpace and Hot Pics. These pictures can be viewed by anyone and the students involved are being reported to their deans of schools. Many students are now being suspended from sports because of these pictures. The program also said that schools are now having student athletes sign a contract before they can become part of a team.

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club is hosting their annual "Meet the Coaches Night" on Tuesday, Sept. 11 for parents.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen on the birth of their son. Heather Jorgensen is a teacher at the high school.

South Plainfield Middle School schedules have been mailed to parents, along with a school spirit wear order form. The sale ends Saturday, Sept. 15. Additional order forms will also

be available at the school.

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan has been gracious enough to give citations to residents and school students for their personal accomplishments and academic, athletic, musical and stage endeavors.

## Adult Faith Classes at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Church will be starting their adult faith classes in September for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic religion.

The Rite of Christian Initiation, RCIA, is a group dedicated to the religious education and formation of adults who would like to become Catholic or who are baptized Catholic, but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

For more information about this faith formation program, contact Fr. Damian at (908) 756-0633, ext. 44.

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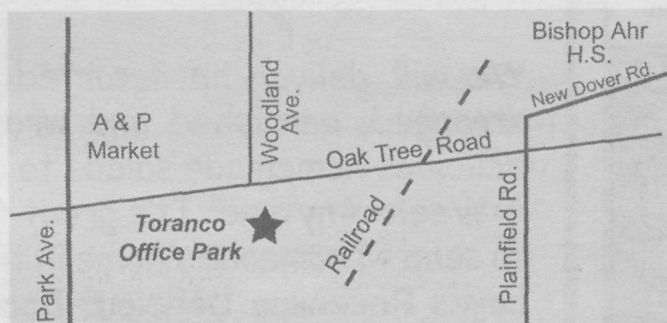


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## Billy and Rose Falcon Perform to Sell-Out Crowd



Billy and Rose Falcon, Brian Cargill, Grand Knight Bill Butrico, Kevin Keane, Bob Barone and Joe Scrudato.

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held their third annual live acoustic concert on Aug. 18 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Recording artists Billy and Rose Falcon entertained a sold-out crowd with songs from their various albums.

Rose Falcon, known for her Columbia Records hit "Up, Up, Up," invited

local children in attendance to come up on stage to join her to in a sing-along. Billy Falcon performed "Older," a song he wrote for the Bon Jovi "Crush" CD. Billy performed another unreleased song called "Skeleton." The lyrics to this song can be seen on [www.Billyfalcon.com](http://www.Billyfalcon.com). Rose performed several other new songs in-

cluding "Still in Nashville," which was recently released.

The performers stayed after the show to meet and sign CDs and talk to all the guests. Over \$2,000 was raised from this event, with the net proceeds going towards the Knights of Columbus General Charity fund. The Knights use this fund to support local charitable events in town.

The concert was chaired by Brian Cargill. Co-chairmen were Grand Knight Bill Butrico, Kevin Keane, Bob Barone and Joe Scrudato.

This concert would not have been the success it was without the support of our local businesses who donated to this concert. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the following for their support: The Corner Deli, Our Town Deli, Hometown Heros, Oak Tree Farms, Carmen's Trattoria, Tony's Pizzeria, Oak Tree Buy-Rite Liquors, Freihofer's Bakery, VA Tramontano & Son Produce, Pathmark Supermarket, Shop Rite Supermarket, BJ's Wholesale Club and Budweiser. The Knights of Columbus would also like to thank everyone who attended this concert.

## NEWS FROM THE Suburban Woman's Club

The summer is nearly over; the hot weather seems to have dissipated and the ladies of the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club have been working diligently preparing for next years activities.

A yard sale is going to be held on the front lawn of the American Legion Post on Oak Tree Avenue on Saturday, Oct. 6. Sale items from many donors—everything from aprons to xylophones—will be on the tables.

A Mad Hatter Tea is planned for Sunday, Oct. 28 at the South Plainfield Senior Center. Letters have been sent to local businesses and leaders asking for their support as we are raising funds to aid the women's shelters in our area. Members are soliciting advertisements and patrons for the ad booklet they are publishing. If your are asked, please give them your support.

The Mad Hatter Tea is going to be a very special Sunday afternoon party. There will be entertainment provided by Judith Krall-Russo, a tea historian, and tea and refreshments will be served.

And need we mention that "Mad Hatter" must mean something—HATS. We hope all the ladies and gentlemen will be wearing hats that are either their own creations or their very favorite chapeaux.

The first meeting of the 2007/2008 year will be held on Friday, Sept. 7 at the American Legion Post at 1 p.m. We are extending an invitation to all ladies who are interested in joining us in our philanthropic activities to come meet us and enjoy our company and refreshments.

Submitted by Gloria M. Breuning, Publicity Chairman

## Board of Education Announces Special Public Meeting

The South Plainfield Board of Education will conduct a public hearing as a part of the Committee of the

Whole Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Roosevelt Elementary School on Jackson Avenue, to discuss a proposed alteration to the employment contract of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to E.L. 2008, c. 53.

Members of the public are invited to submit public comments. The Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Open Public Meetings Act, shall not publicly discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by the public. The board will give all comments appropriate consideration.

Please be aware that the subject of this hearing retains the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public.

Formal action regarding alteration to the employment contract of the Superintendent will be taken at the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the South Plainfield board of Education scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

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## TBSA Announces Saturday Night Dance Parties

TBSA has announced a schedule of dance parties to be held at the TBSA Facility at 76 Carter Drive in Edison. TBSA is known throughout the area as a parent-friendly facility that specializes in sports and recreational activities for all elementary and high school age children.

Mike Allocco, a South Plainfield resident and the owner of TBSA, says "With the completion of our successful sports and recreation camps this past summer, a lot of parents have inquired about safe things for children to do on weekend nights. We are bringing back the concept of Saturday evening dances for students to interact with children of similar ages in a supervised, safe and nice club-type atmosphere for listening to music, dancing or just hanging out with friends. We offer parents a place to drop their children off for a few hours and to know that they are in a safe place! Music is provided by DJ Mister Tee, playing all of the current sounds and music that are age appropriate for the children who attend our events."

The first dance event was held for middle and intermediate school age children and was well attended by many South Plainfield students. There will be dance events every Saturday night, with alternating dates for the different age groups. The first high school event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 8 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$15. Students must provide a student ID for entry. No one 18 years or older is allowed in to the event. For a complete list of rules and regulations visit the TBSA Web site at [www.tbsanj.com](http://www.tbsanj.com). The intermediate and middle school dance will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$10.

The complete slate of Saturday night dances goes hand in hand with our "Fantastic Fridays" that continue throughout the year. On any Friday night, our local children can come into TBSA between the hours of 6 and 10 p.m. and pay a \$10 general admission fee and use the complete facility for any sport or recreation that they like. TBSA also provides a comfortable area for children to sit and relax, listen to music, play card games if they like and get to know the other children who come to our place for a good time on a Friday night. The TBSA staff believes that they have a place which provides a great alternative to hanging out on the streets or at the mall. "We ask and try not to allow the kids to leave the premises until they are picked up by a parent or someone who has been designated as a pick-up driver," says Allocco. "We do not allow children to leave the building and come back later on. Our goal is to provide all children with a place to go and have fun. While our main emphasis throughout the year is sports and recreation we are making a conscious effort to have a safe haven that appeals to all children whether they like sports or not!"

Refreshments are available all night long and pizza is available after 8 p.m. at a nominal fee.

Future events will include live Battle of the Bands music, a Halloween Dance Party and a New Year's Eve event for kids!

Parents are also reminded that TBSA offers a full day camp schedule for children when school is not in session, for holidays or vacation, at \$50 per day with an 8 a.m. drop off and a 6 p.m. pick up. It is a great way to keep your children safe, busy and active.

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Cub Scout Pack 207 served as the color guard during the National Anthem at the Somerset Patriots game on Aug. 12. The boys were honored to take part in this annual event and had a great time. Those attending were (top row, L-R) Den Leader Christina Paez, Drew MacKenzie, Danny O'Shaughnessy, Patrick Waldrop, Noah Chainey, Zach Henderson, Mason Resende, Joshua Stasencko, Nolan Berry, Patrick Berry, Cubmaster Thomas Berry, (bottom row, L-R) Jared DeGraw, Matthew Cox, Tomasz Tarnawski, Alec Paez, Todd Roach and Austin Fritze.

## Opening Day Menu for South Plainfield Schools

The opening day menu for South Plainfield Public Schools on Wednesday, Sept. 5 will be as follows:

### Elementary Schools

Choice of cheeseburger on a bun, chicken patty on a bun, ham sub, fun bag: assorted cereal, cheese cubes, soft baked pretzel, juice, fruit and milk, choice of two sides.

### Grant School

Choice of cheeseburger on a bun, chicken patty on a bun, made to order deli sandwiches, homemade pizza and choice of two sides.

### Middle School and High School

Cheeseburger on a bun, chicken patty on a bun, homemade pizza, made to order deli sandwiches and

choice of two sides.

All lunches include choice of milk. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches available daily.

**Lunch Prices:** Elementary \$1.85; Middle School and Grant \$2.00; High School \$2.25 and milk \$.45.

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The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management will sponsor a paper shredding event on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the South Plainfield Senior Center. Residents can bring confidential papers—old files, receipts, bills, financial statements—to be shredded for recycling. The mobile truck shreds the paper on-site, so residents can watch their papers being destroyed.

The truck will be at the senior center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until it fills up. There is no need to remove staples, paper clips or paperboard binder covers.

No books, magazines or newspapers will be accepted for shredding. These should be placed at the curb in the blue mixed paper recycling box, or brought to the borough's recycling center on Kenneth Avenue.

For more information, you may contact the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at [solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us) or call (732) 745-4170.

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## EVP Presents "bare"

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For information and reservations, go to [www.evplayhouse.com](http://www.evplayhouse.com) or call (908) 755-4654.

## V.F.W. Breakfast Back!

September 2

The V.F.W. on Front Street is hosting a country breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2. Public is welcome. If you have any questions, call (908) 668-9751.

## Little Treasures Registration

September 4

Little Treasures Learning Center, 2177 Oak Tree Rd., is now registering for September.

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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 9 am; Mon. and Thurs. 7 p.m.

Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.

Holy Days 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.

What's happening at the South Plainfield

## SENIOR CENTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunterdon Hills Trip Sept. 13, 10 am

Shred Old Documents, Sept. 15, 9 am-1 pm

Driver Safety Program for Seniors, Sept. 24, 1 pm

Closed Labor Day

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Bingo 10am-2pm  
Ladies Social Group 10am

4

Taj Mahal Trip 9am  
Aerobics 8:30 am  
Computer Classes 10am, 11:20am, 1pm  
Crocheting 1pm  
Tai Chi 2pm

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Practical Crafts 10am  
Computer Class 10am  
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## GOP Comedy Night

September 7

The South Plainfield Republican Organization will host a comedy night featuring "Uncle Floyd" on Friday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Avenue.

For tickets, call April at (908) 753-0247.

## V.F.W. Pig Roast Picnic

September 8

The South Plainfield V.F.W. on Front Street is hosting a pig roast pic-

nic and moon walk from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8. The public is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call (908) 668-9751.

## Sacred Heart Parish Picnic

September 9

Sacred Heart Parish is holding a picnic on the school's back lawn on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 2 to 6 p.m. There will be food, pony rides, a clown, face painting, music, and fun! Mark your calendars! Come join the excitement with family and friends.

## AARP 4144 Meeting

September 17

The South Plainfield Chapter of the AARP meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 17 at 12:30 p.m. at the senior center. Speaker of the day will be Peter Cerrato, philatelist (stamp collector).

Needlecrafters meet on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. They are currently knitting 130 lap robes for the Highlands, preemie hats for DYFS and Muhlenberg Hospital.

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## Metuchen-Edison Women's Club

September 12

The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m., at The Heritage at Clara Barton, Edison. Guests are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

For additional information, contact Mary at (732) 494-5649.

## Poetswednesday

September 12

Poetswednesday will feature poet Anna Evans at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 8 p.m.

She has been featured at many readings including the Café Improve in Princeton. She has had over ninety poems published in numerous print journals and e-zines, including "Asphodel," "One Trick Pony" and "Exit 13."

## MCRCC Largest Networking Party

September 18

The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce's 15th Annual Largest Networking Party on the roof of the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Tables are \$500 for members and \$1,000 for non-members. Special rates for non-profits are available. Tickets and tables can be purchased at [www.mcrcc.org](http://www.mcrcc.org) or by calling (732) 821-1700 and asking for the events department.

## Fall Fashion Show

September 22

A fall fundraising fashion show will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 400 New Market Rd. in Dunellen on Saturday, Sept. 22. \$18 adult, \$35 family/4, \$45 family/6, seniors and teens 13-17 \$15, preteens \$10. For more information call (732) 979-4389.

## CHATS Meeting

September 24

Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support (CHATS) meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 24 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

For more information, call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or visit the Web site at [222.wapc.net](http://222.wapc.net).

## Fall Art Classes

September 24

Registration is now open for kids, teens and adult art classes at The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St. in Rahway. Classes begin the week of Sept. 24. All classes run for eight weeks. Children's classes are geared for children between the ages of 7-14. Many of the adult classes are suitable for children 12 years and older.

For more information or to register call (732) 381-7511 or E-mail us at [artsguild1670@verizon.net](mailto:artsguild1670@verizon.net).

## First Annual 5K Race for Rescue

September 29

First annual 5K "Race for Rescue" will be held rain or shine at Colonial Park, 550 Elizabeth Ave. in Somerset on Saturday, Sept. 29. Volunteer appreciation picnic afterwards.

Walkers are also welcome.

## Landscape Painting Demonstration

September 29

A free outdoor landscape painting demonstration will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29 at The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., Rahway from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Reservations required.

To reserve your space call (732) 381-7511 or E-mail us at [artsguild1670@verizon.net](mailto:artsguild1670@verizon.net).

## 1971 Class Reunion

September 14

The South Plainfield Class of 1971 will hold a reunion at the Clarion Hotel on Rt. 27 in Edison on Sept. 14 from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$70. For information or reservations, visit [sp71reunion@aol.com](mailto:sp71reunion@aol.com).

## SPHS Class of 1977

October 27

Save the date! Our 30-year reunion is set for Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Piscataway from 7 p.m. to midnight. Overnight rooms will be available at a discount rate.

Register/update your contact information with Maureen Readie at (908) 754-3455. E-mail [gveinott@cast.net](mailto:gveinott@cast.net), contact Francine Martinkovic

## — SPHS Reunions —

at (818) 990-6843 or E-mail [kit961@earthlink.net](mailto:kit961@earthlink.net).

## 1987 Class Reunion

November 23

A 20-year reunion for SPHS Class of 1987 has been planned for Friday, Nov. 23. The reunion committee is still in need of addresses for members of the graduating class. For information, call (908) 226-0909.

## 1991 Class Reunion

November 24

Invitations have gone out for the 1991 South Plainfield High School class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Clarion Hotel in Edison. If you did not receive an invitation, contact

Kristine (Newman) Craggan at [kristinecraggan@yahoo.com](mailto:kristinecraggan@yahoo.com) or call (732) 983-1100.

## 1982-25 Year Reunion

April 5, 2008

Save the date! Our 25-year reunion is set for Saturday, April 5, 2008 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Piscataway from 7 p.m. to midnight. Overnight rooms will be available at a discount rate. Register/update your contact information with [classmates.com](http://classmates.com) or contact me directly. Please make every effort to attend. The 20 year reunion was great. Details to follow.

Contact Rosanne Demico-Ilardo, 11735 Dartmoor Ct., Jacksonville, Fla. 32256, (904) 565-8334 or E-mail [jrilardo@roverusa.com](mailto:jrilardo@roverusa.com).

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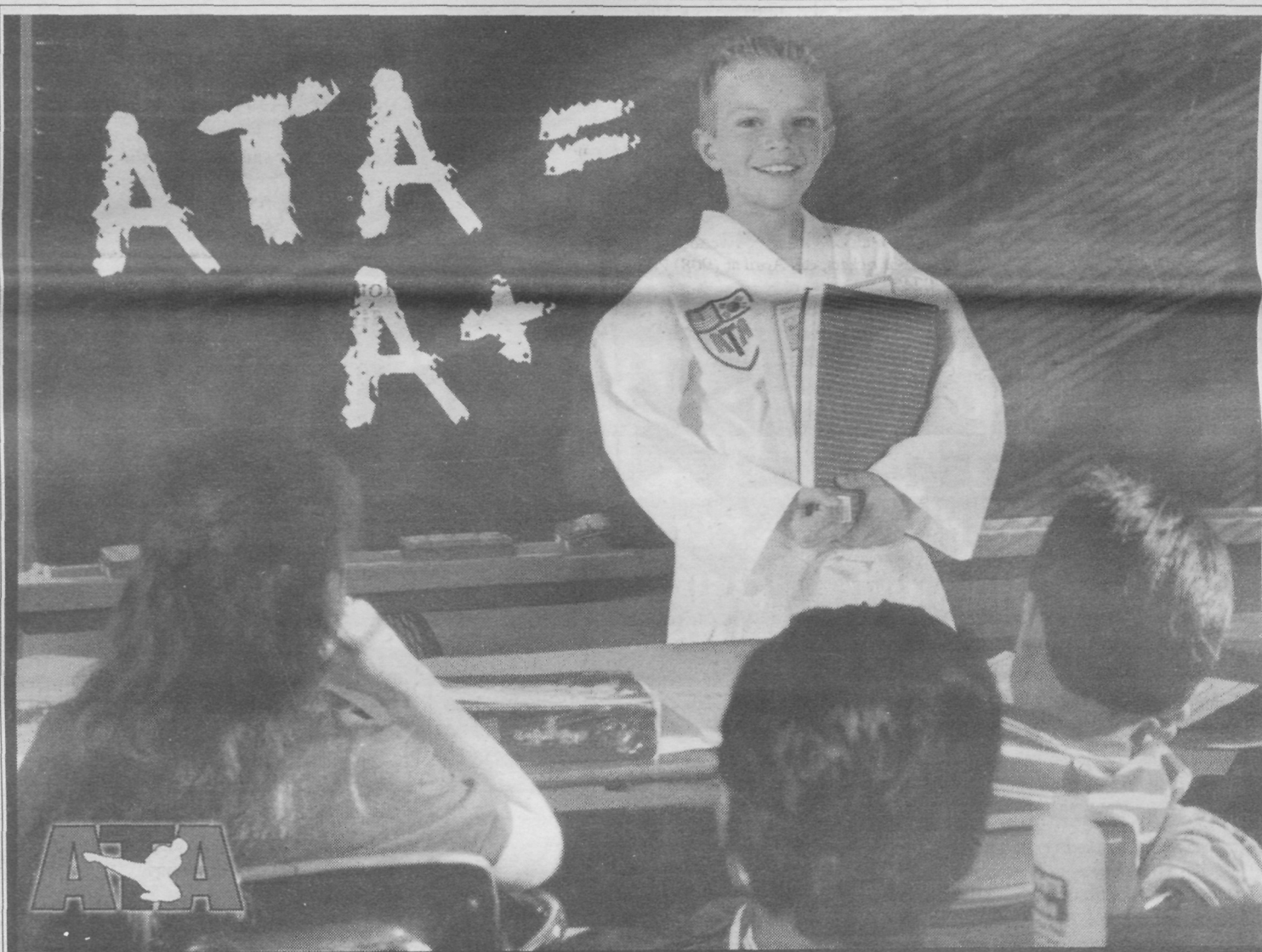
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**Thursday, Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.**

Department ..... Manager  
DPW ..... Joe Glowacki  
Police ..... John Ferraro  
911 ..... John Ferraro  
Recreation ..... Kevin Hughes  
Fire Department ..... Larry Delnegro  
Environmental/ .....  
Recycling ..... Alice Tempel  
Environmental ..... Larry Randolph

**Thursday, Sept. 13 at 4 p.m.**

Department ..... Manager  
Emergency ..... Mike Zushma  
Management ..... Mike Zushma  
Assessing ..... Garry Toth  
Fire Prevention ..... Joe Abbruzzese  
Clerk ..... Vinny Buttiglieri  
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## Two Men Stabbed by Juvenile

A juvenile was arrested in connection with the stabbing of two South Plainfield residents which took place on Sunday.

Garrett Lake, 18, suffered multiple wounds to his torso and William Weaver, 21, apparently was slashed or stabbed with a knife also.

According to South Plainfield Police, the victims were found bleeding on the front lawn of 174 South Plainfield Ave. at approximately 6:40 p.m. Sunday evening. Both were taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick for surgery where Weaver is listed in fair condition and Lake in good condition.

Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor Kara Foxe is releasing only a limited amount of information about the incident, but says that the investigation is still ongoing. Police did find the weapon used at the scene. The unidentified juvenile is currently being held at Middlesex County Juvenile Detention Center.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Det. Sgt. Daniel Noonan at (908) 226-7673 or Det. Shaun Clifford at (908) 226-7664.



The mini-chopper that will be raffled off to benefit the Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. in October.

## Second Annual Run for Children Battling Cancer

The 2nd Annual Run for The Children Battling Cancer, sponsored by Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., in cooperation with the Old Timers Motorcycle Club and Moretti Realty will be held on Sunday, Oct. 7 (rain date: Sunday, Oct. 14). Last year more than \$18,000 was raised and this year their goal is to raise \$30,000.

The cost per rider is \$20 each and \$10 per passenger or non-rider. Everyone that rides is encouraged to attend. We need you to help us save our most precious asset: our youth.

Checks can be mailed to Moretti Realty and should be made payable to

the "Open Your Heart Foundation." For more information, visit their Web site at [www.oldtimersmc.free.servers.com](http://www.oldtimersmc.free.servers.com).

The run will begin with a sign-in between 9:30 and 11 a.m. and will leave the PAL building on Maple Avenue at 11 a.m. and go through scenic Somerset County. Riders will return to the PAL at 1 p.m. for food, refreshments, a live band, bike show, door prizes and more. Raffles will be sold for a brand new Mini-Chopper (blue with orange flames, 50cc gas powered, electric start). Tickets are available for a \$5 donation at The Corner Deli on Hamilton Boulevard, Moretti Realty on Front Street, at Casino Night on Oct. 27 or by calling (908) 753-7629. The drawing will take place at Casino Night. The winner need not be present.

We are also looking for vendors and sponsors. You do not need to be affiliated with or be related to motorcycle products. Any vendor is welcome to come and advertise their business. We are also looking for sponsors and donations. All proceeds will be donated to children battling cancer. There are many ways to contribute financially. Signs and plaques will be made for the sponsors and displayed at the event.

For more information on sponsorship, please call Rich D'urso at (908) 753-7629, E-mail [offthebear@aol.com](mailto:offthebear@aol.com) or Guy Moretti at (908) 755-5300, E-mail [openyourheart@morettireal.com](mailto:openyourheart@morettireal.com).

## Recycling Closed for Labor Day Holiday

The South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Avenue will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 4 for the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Recycling will be open instead from noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5. The yard waste site will also be closed Tuesday and open Wednesday. Both the recycling center and the yard waste site will be open as usual from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1.

Regular recycling drop-off center hours are 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Regular summer yard waste hours are 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

2007 yard waste decals are available in the municipal clerk's office in Borough Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bring the registration of the vehicle you will be using.

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| Crown Royal 1.75L.....         | 40.17      |
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|----------------------------------|------------|
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By Michael Duquette

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Now imagine the same thing, only with diesel engines. If your perception has soured somewhat at the prospect of bright young men and women learning to change mere truck parts rather than getting a doctorate degree, it is entirely possible that you have the wrong idea about what going to a trade school can do for your future.

## Enhanced 9-1-1 Grants For South Plainfield

Senator Barbara Buono, Assemblymen Patrick Diegnan and Peter Barnes III announced that South Plainfield has been approved to receive a \$21,183 grant.

Enhanced 9-1-1 Grants are part of the 9-1-1 Commission, the Department of Treasury, which provides financial aid for the purpose of purchasing, upgrading, maintaining, and operating the technology to provide the most reliable and cost effective state-of-the-art emergency telephone reporting systems in New Jersey. The grants are meant to provide financial aid to the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP), in which the PSAP must meet certain criteria in order to receive such funding. Such criteria's include population of township or county from U.S. Census, number of call-taker positions and staffing levels.

The Enhanced 9-1-1 Grant has had three years of success throughout New Jersey. It provided \$576,507.85 to three townships in the 18th Legislative District and gave them not only new 9-1-1 telephone equipment, but computer aided dispatch upgrades or replacements for the database links, Geographic Information System enhancements for the purpose of preparing for the implementation of the FCC wireless E9-1-1 requirements and records management systems.

"It is outstanding what this fund will do for our district's police departments," said Assemblyman Diegnan, D-Middlesex.

Rob Merkle, director of education at Engine City Technical Institute, is hoping to change the perception about pursuing a career in the trade industry. Merkle, himself a graduate of Engine City—one of the leaders in diesel engine training since 1969 and a fixture in South Plainfield for the past three years—has worked with the institute for two decades as a teacher, head instructor and recruiter.

"Not a lot of young people know that the trades exist, or that they can be a viable way of working," Merkle said. "If you want to work with your hands, go for it. There's nothing wrong with it."

Engine City offers extensive training on diesel maintenance and repair through a 13-month program consisting of a week-long, half-day schedule. Some 150 students on the 48,000

square-foot campus experience both theory and hands-on experience with diesel engine, drive train and refrigeration courses.

"The diesel industry is what makes this country work," Merkle says. "Anything you see moved out there—truck transports, buses, cranes—all that kind of industry is powered by diesel. Without the industry, the world would be cold, dark and naked."

However, he said, the industry shies away from overt self-promotion. Most people who get involved in the industry, in fact, earn their knowledge and appreciation for diesel in schools such as Engine City.

The trick, he said, is getting people to realize their calling and try a trade school. "There's an awful lot of resistance to allow someone to train to go in the trades," Merkle said.

Looking at some statistics, it is hard to understand why. The standard program at Engine City costs about \$22,000, and scholarships and financial aid are awarded to qualifying students. Plus, students find upon graduation a job market that shows few signs of slowdown.

And the job market comes calling at Engine City. Graduates have found jobs with companies from Ryder to Federal Express, and the institute holds a job fair for each of its classes. "Our job placement is great; we can't fill all of the job offers we have," Merkle said, estimating a 4:1 ratio of jobs to students.

So what does cause the resistance to go to a school like Engine City? Merkle says it has a lot to do with scholastic politics—getting high school stu-

dents to apply to more colleges in order to boost their approval ratings—the declining presence of shop and trade classes in schools and the overall negative social stigma of attending a mere trade school rather than a four-year college.

But Merkle encourages those who truly love to work in the industry to follow their dreams. "If college or the military is for you, you should go," he said, "but if you want to work with your head and your hands, there's nothing wrong with going into traditional trades. If you don't have the right education or proper training for something you're passionate about, you can't succeed as easily."

To learn more about Engine City Technical Institute, visit [www.enginecitytech.com](http://www.enginecitytech.com) or call (800) 305-3487.

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## 911 "We Will Never Forget" Services Announced

The Borough of South Plainfield will be holding a remembrance service to pay tribute to those brave individuals who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The services will be held at the Fireman's Memorial beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

All veterans are encouraged to attend. The borough also asks that if you are a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, please contact the municipal clerk's office at (908) 226-7606.

Any questions may also be directed to the municipal clerk's office at the above number.

### ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

#### Road Milling And Resurfacing To Begin September 6, 2007

The Borough of South Plainfield has announced that the road milling and resurfacing program will begin on or about Sept. 6. All work will be done between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (Monday thru Friday only).

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## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Cory Moschetto and Kevin Kane Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kane

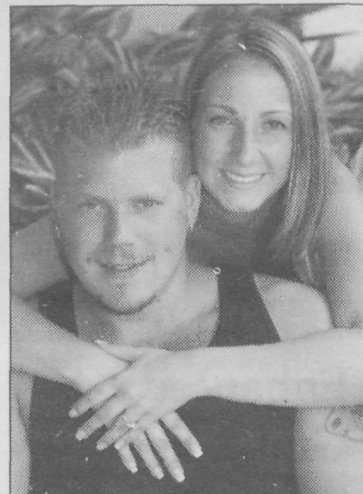
Cory Moschetto of Peapack and Kevin Kane of South Plainfield were married on July 20 at St. Brigid Church in Peapack.

A reception followed at the Basking Ridge Country Club in Basking Ridge.

Cory graduated from Middlesex County College with a degree in graphic design. She is employed at TRE as an advertising coordinator.

Kevin graduated from South Plainfield High School and Seton Hall University with a degree in secondary education and history. He is employed in Woodbridge Township as a high school history teacher.

The couple honeymooned on the island of Antigua. They reside in South Plainfield.



Adrienne Spisso and Keith Holloway

### Adrienne Spisso to Wed Keith Holloway

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spisso are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Adrienne Marie Spisso to Keith Wayne Holloway, son of David Holloway and Roxanne Baita-Zavala.

Adrienne and Keith plan to marry in September 2008 at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

### Mary Lillis Named to Dean's List at Marist

Mary C. Lillis of South Plainfield was named to the Marist College Dean's List for the Spring 2007 semester.

Mary is a member of the Class of 2009 and is majoring in psychology/special education.

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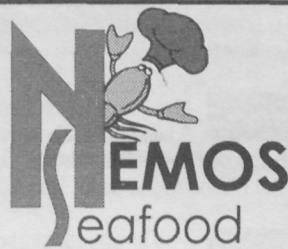
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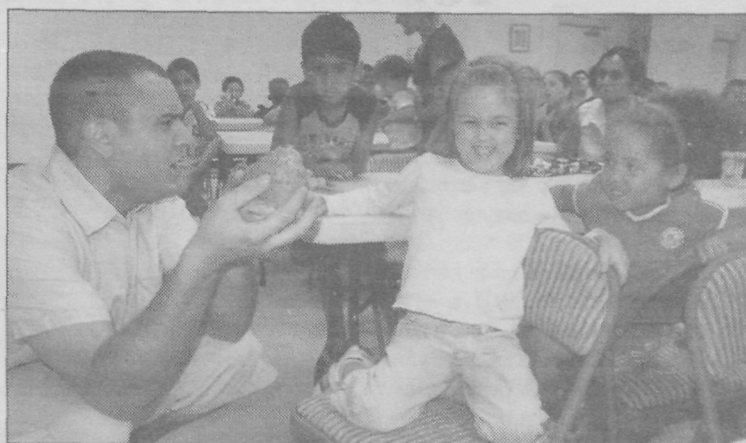


# The Lizard Guys Visit to South Plainfield was a Huge Success

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Public Library offered an educational program last week presented by The Lizard Guys. As advance registration climbed, the library decided to move the program to the senior center in order to accommodate the guests. The audience ranged in age from one to 12 years plus parents. A total of 64 children and 42 adults filled the senior center.

After a short delay, an energetic Jungle Jon burst through the doors toting a few inconspicuous travel weary bins. Where were the animals? Jon wasted no time in removing a small bag from one of the bins. With the kind of silly humor that children love, he had them offer guesses as to what might be in the sack. With perfect timing, he introduced a California King snake named Calvin, but not before eliciting gales of laughter by suggesting the black and white snake might be used as a necktie. When he asked the children what kind of snakes they had heard of, William Carr, 4, quickly responded, "Anaconda." In fact, 'Anaconda' was his response to



Abigail Lapp and Alex White react to a bullfrog held by Jungle Jon.

every question about snakes.

Jon held the audience spellbound as he described the snake's habitat, diet and more. The hilarity continued as he walked around the room allowing each guest to see the snake up close.

He brought out five more of his scaly friends, an Australian Bearded Dragon named Harry, a bright green and yellow African Bullfrog named Pickles, a pair of Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches, Tommy and Chuckie (which sent several parents scrambling

to the far side of the room). Two brave children were chosen to come onstage to meet the cockroaches up close and personal. Erica Ewing, 6, and Gabriel Mont, 5, smiled as Jon placed a large bug on their shirtfront. Jon also showed the audience a 30-year-old Eastern Box turtle named Howie. He explained the turtle could have come from South Plainfield as well as a massive Colombian Boa Constrictor aptly named Cuddles. The animals were walked around the room for a closer look, with the exception of the huge snake.

The boa constrictor was possibly the favorite of the evening. The snake

measured eight-and-a-half-feet long and weighed 40 pounds. The children were allowed to feel the snake's scaly body using just two fingers. Some fearlessly petted the dry scales. Others gave it a quick tentative touch, while some turned and dashed offstage when they got within a few feet of the snake. Many parents also ventured up to see the snake.

There were constant questions about the animals from the children and parents alike. No question was too small for Jon to answer.

The show was a huge hit and parents clamored for Jon's business cards with plans to present it to their children's school or other organizations.

According to their Web site, Lizardguys.com, The Lizard Guys is a Bridgewater-based educational entertainment group that provides live animal presentations with lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs and bugs. The four presenters are described as "kid-friendly" to the extreme. Founded in 1995, The Lizard Guys educate while entertaining, ensuring that details about their animals will not be forgotten. They have programs for one-and-a-half and two-year-olds, three- and four-year-olds, five-year-olds and over, and nine- to 90-year-olds. The Lizard

Guys say, "A presentation can be crafted by the mind and hands of one of our presenters, which older children as well as teens and adults will learn from and be entertained by. The Lizard Guys have experience with groups of all ages, including special needs and senior citizens. No child is too old to learn!"

Jungle Jon Czerwienski has over 12 years experience handling and keeping reptiles and amphibians. He has over 40 different animals to choose from and each show is different and never scripted. Jon stated, "If a corny joke goes over well, I put it in my vault for later use. I own and maintain all my animals, as do the other lizard guys. Taking care of them is a full time job for all of us. I'm good at my job because I love my job. I think of it more as having fun than going to work."

Jon has been part of The Lizard Guys team since its inception. In addition to being a full-time presenter, he also teaches part time in the Jersey City school system.

The other Lizard Guys are Enzo Crisantiello, "Silly Billy" Harkowsky, and Jenny Harkowsky, wife of "Silly Billy." Each has a unique style of teaching that is sure to please children of all ages.

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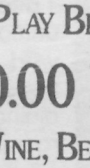
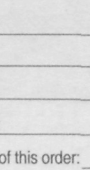
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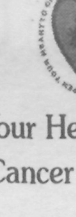
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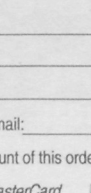
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## All About Pets....

By Dr. Anthony Loomis DVM  
Plainfield Animal Hospital

Heartworm disease has long been a concern for dog owners. Recently, new research shows that cats are also at risk, even those that only live indoors. Just as in dogs, heartworm disease is transmitted by mosquitoes to cats. One mosquito bite can infect a cat with heartworm, a potentially destructive and fatal disease.

The most common signs of heartworm disease in cats are coughing, vomiting, breathing difficulties, weight loss and lethargy. Other more severe conditions may include collapse, convulsions, and sudden death. Many cats previously diagnosed with asthma or



other respiratory conditions may in fact have heartworm disease.

Unfortunately, there is no cure for heartworm disease in cats. Even managing the symptoms can be difficult. However, this disease can be easily prevented. Just as veterinarians have long recommended monthly heartworm prevention for dogs, the American Veterinary Medical Association now recommends monthly heartworm preventative for all cats.

Prevention is always the best medicine. Ask your veterinarian about heartworm disease prevention for your cat. It will help give your feline friend the best chance for a long and healthy life.

## Councilmember Thomas Wants to Honor Residents Serving in the Military

Councilmember Kathy Thomas has asked the mayor and council to establish a permanent tribute to honor our men and women who are on active service in the military around the globe.

Thomas said the idea came to her at the recent dedication of the Civil War Memorial in Monument Park. "It is right and fitting that we honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to keep America safe and free. However, we should also show our gratitude to those patriots who are today serving on the front lines around the globe. So often our military men and women are not properly recognized for their sacrifices. I propose that we utilize one of the walls in the council chambers, which also serves as our municipal court room, as a "Wall of Heroes" for those who are actively serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and National Guard.

The wall will feature photographs of residents who are on active duty, including their branch of service, rank and where they are serving.

## Edison Arts Society Upcoming Events

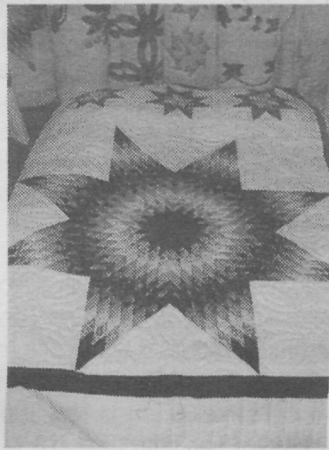
The Edison Arts Society is pleased to announce the following upcoming events:

- Sept. 27—Celebrating the Opening of the Edison Municipal Gallery
- Oct. 14—An afternoon of Tchaikovsky with the Edison Symphony Orchestra
- Oct. 21—Harvest of Poetry
- Nov. 4—A Members Only Exhibit
- Dec. 2—A Holiday Dance Extravaganza
- Dec. 9—The Edison Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert

## Historical Society To Raffle Handmade Quilt

The handmade queen-size Menonite quilt is now on display at the South Plainfield Library. Raffle tickets to win the quilt are \$5 each and can still be purchased. The drawing will be held on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3 at 2 p.m. at the PAL. Winner need not be present.

Contact Linda at (908) 753-6476 or Kathy (908) 754-7268 for more information or to purchase tickets. Proceeds will benefit South Plainfield Historical Society.



"I have absolutely no talent!" Have you ever heard a friend say that? Or maybe you've even said it about yourself, especially after watching a bit of "America's Got Talent!" In case you didn't catch it over the summer, the competition featured people with exceptional talent, performing in front of a panel of celebrity judges. Few of us could compete with talent like that!

Unfortunately, when we talk about talent, we tend to think of the star athlete, the accomplished musician, the skilled surgeon. But that leaves out lots of us. "Talented" doesn't need to be a word that's reserved for a few accomplished individuals, those who are the best in their fields. Our jobs or professions don't define our talents, either. There's a different way to describe talents. Being attentive, caring, and open

to those we live and work with, teaching a child something new, bringing empathy and compassion into the day—the character traits that enable us to accomplish good things are actually talents. And they manifest themselves in simple acts of kindness—a smile given freely, a caring word.

Your talent may not get you an appearance on a TV show, but it could change the disposition of someone's day and give you the satisfaction of making a difference. Whatever your talents may be, the challenge is to share them with your family, your neighbors, your church and your community. America's got talent—and so do you!

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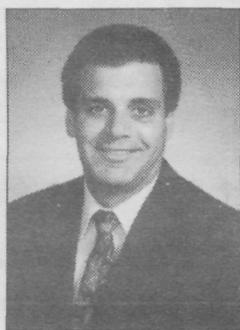
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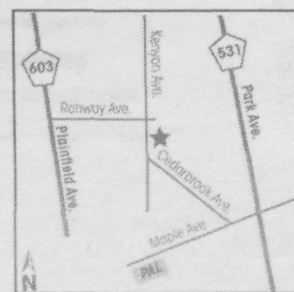
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## PARADE ENTRIES

# SOUTH PLAINFIELD

South Plainfield Mayor Charles Butrico, Councilmembers: Dennis Cerami, Joseph Scrudato, Kathleen Thomas, Raymond Petronko, Robert Bengivenga and Matthew Anesh, McGruff the Crime Dog, South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim & Dive Team, South Plainfield Police Department, Absolute Dance-Miss Nykia's School of Dance, Daren the D.A.R.E. Lion, Funny Factory Cowboy Mobil, South Plainfield Rescue Squad, Belle Beauty, South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, 1929 Model A Ford-Phillip Burgess, State Police Motorcycles, Batman, South Plainfield High School Cheerleaders, American EX Prisoners of War, Spider Man, Balloon Man & Antique Car-RE/MAX Best Realty, Horse Drawn Carriage, Watchung Valley Model A Restorers Club, Red, White & Blue Stilt Walker, Military Order Of The Purple Heart Chapter #10, South Plainfield Republican Organization, Congressman Michael Ferguson, Candidate for Freeholder Geoff Champion, Council Candidates Tim McConville & Ray Rusnak, Falun Dafa Dancing Team & Marching Unit, VFW Post #6763, Robin, Dora the Explorer, South Plainfield Democratic Organization, State Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Middlesex County State Assemblywoman Linda Stender, Middlesex County Freeholder Director David Crabel, Freeholders Camille Fernicola and Chris Rafano, Edison Mayor Jun Choi, Girl Scouts of South Plainfield, South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298, Bob the Builder, New Market Fire Department, Cub Scouts of South Plainfield, Big Bird, 1975 Pontiac Grand Prix-George Olsson, Wesley United Methodist Church, Funny Factory Comedy Stunt Car, South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission, South Plainfield Right To Life, Unforgettable Autos of Mid-Jersey, 1979 Cadillac Sedan Deville-James

Singleton, Snow White, Edison Heating and Cooling, Old Timers Motorcycle Club, Shirley Snyder, daughter of George W.L. Page, Funny Factory Calli-A-Bike with rider, Blue Dog, Knights of Columbus, Knights of Columbus Columbiettes, American Legion Chaumont Post 243, South Plainfield Eagles Football & Cheerleaders, 1956 Chevy Bel-Air-Thomas DeStafano Jr., 1973 Dodge Challenger-Alan Graziano, Cat-In-the-Hat, Living Hope Outreach Center, Yee's Hung Ga Kung Fu Association, Arbor Hose Co. #1 Piscataway, JJ Gardner Detachment Marine Corps League, Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, Charlie Chaplin (Lou Caruso) with his dog, Shannon and mini Charlie Chaplin, SP-NY Giants Fanatics, Car Nutz Car Club-Classical & Muscle, Falun Gong, Sacred Heart School, American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter, South Plainfield Business Association, Gilson Heating & Cooling, Tiger Schulmann's Mixed Martial Arts, Somerset Medical Center, East Coast Pro Wrestling, Curves, Star 99.1 FM, Midco Residential Services, Buddy Walk of South Plainfield, NJ Crush Softball, Sponge Bob Dune Buggy, South Plainfield Observer/Hometown Heros with Junior Journalist winners, Rescue House of Prayer, Summer Drama Workshop, The Galaxy Cafe and Battleship New Jersey Historical Museum Society.

**12 MARCHING BANDS**—South Plainfield High School Marching Band & Color Guard, Funny Factory Clown Band, Atlantic Watch Pipes & Drums, Middlesex County Fire and Drum Corps, Salaam Temple Oriental Band, Legionnaires Marching Band, St. Brendan's Pipes & Drums, New Jersey Polka Band, Salaam String Band, Rag Timers, Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums and the Passaic County Sheriff's Band.

### CONCESSIONS AT THE PAL

South Plainfield Lions Club: beer and steak and sausage sandwiches; Oak Tree Farms: beef gyros and water; SPSHS Music Boosters: hot dogs, water and soda; Mangione Italian Ices: Italian ices, cotton candy, popcorn and water; Summer Drama Workshop: barbecue on a stick, meatball subs, water and soda; Boy Scouts of America Troop 267: root beer floats and ice cream; The Pretzel Dude: pretzels, homemade lemonade, soda and water; Phil Emma: funnel cakes, apple fritters, fried Oreos, fried pretzels, water, soda and lemonade; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: soda, water, T-shirts and hats; Boy Scout Troop 207: soft grilled pretzels; North Jersey Kettle Corn: kettle corn, lemonade, sausage and cheese steak sandwiches and Italian ice and Carnival Concessions: zeppoles and funnel cakes.

### TABLES AT THE PAL

Boy Scouts of America Troop 267, Avon Breast Cancer Walk Foundation, South Plainfield Historical Society, Boy Scouts Troop 207, South Plainfield Environmental Commission, American Red Cross, Muhlenberg Medical Center, American Martial Arts, Sacred Heart School, South Plainfield Education Foundation, Upbeat News, Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, AKA, Inc., No Sweat Gym, Century 21 Moretti Realty-Open Your Heart, ATA Black Belt Academy of South Plainfield, South Plainfield Business Association, Curves, South Plainfield Wrestling Club, Republican Organization, Old Timer's Motorcycle Club, Somerset Medical Center, Wesley United Methodist Church, Tiger Schulmann's Mixed Martial Arts, East Coast Pro Wrestling, Childrens Crafts and Novelties by Charlie and Almost Famous Players.

### PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND ROAD CLOSINGS

Roads along the parade route will be closing at approximately 9:00 a.m. If you are coming to the PAL, you must plan to arrive early or you may not get in the area. Parking is restricted near the PAL. If marching, be sure to be at your assigned location by 9:15 a.m. sharp.

The evening concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please beware that parking will be restricted around Spring Lake Park because of the fireworks display. Do not park at the

senior center.

No parking will be allowed behind Borough Hall, the library, Veterans' Park, Lowden and Willow avenues.

Spring Lake Park is designated handicapped parking only. Best parking is at the high school or the PAL. Both have extra lighting and are easy to access. Roads will close at 7:45 p.m. for the fireworks.

### PAST PARADE GRAND MARSHALS

- 1961 CHARLES A. CARONE
- 1962 JOSEPH E. DELANEY
- 1963 ANN NAGY
- 1964 HARRY EAGLE
- 1965 NATHAN SNYDER
- 1966 ANDREW A. PHILLIPS
- 1967 FRANK DIANA, SR.
- 1968 ALBERT LEIBNER
- 1969 JANE D. BOETTGER
- 1970 IRVING BABES
- 1971 JOHN A. BORI
- 1972 GEORGE L. AND MARIE PAGE
- 1973 FRANK X. MITTERMEIER
- 1974 JOSEPH A. MONDORO
- 1975 JULIUS "SUPE" CELENTANO
- 1976 ANNA TOM
- 1977 LOUIS DEFILLIPO
- 1978 GEORGE RUDE
- 1979 HANRY APGAR
- 1980 MARY MAZEPA
- 1981 JOHN SHAW
- 1982 JOSEPH BORI & JAMES SAVERD  
FRANK DIANA & JOHN COTONE
- 1983 NICOLA RISOLI
- 1984 HARRY SCHULTE
- 1985 ESTHER ARMSTEAD
- 1986 REVEREND CHARLES MINGLE
- 1987 JOHN GEORGE
- 1988 EDWARD NIEMCZYK
- 1989 LEONARD CAPRARO
- 1990 ADAM PHILLIPS
- 1991 THERESA MICALI
- 1992 FERDINAND THIEL
- 1993 ARLENE M. KELLY
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- 2006 SHIRLEY THOMPSON



## The Public Celebrations Committee

The following people have been working behind the scenes to make this year's parade a success. They deserve our thanks for all the work and time they have put in. Everyone on the committee is a volunteer. The only compensation they receive is the satisfaction of putting together this once-a-year parade. (What would this town be without our volunteers?)

John Sorrentino, Chair

Ray Petronko, Council Liaison

Don Alexa, Matthew Anesh, Christine Buteas, Michelle Cerami, Kim Gallagher,

Marion Gallagher, Kevin Hughes, Joseph Scrudato, Vinnie Buttiglieri, Pat Vargo, Andy Peterson and Evelyn Gorman.

Also working very hard on the parade are members of the police department, CERT members, rescue squad, fire department, emergency management, R.A.C.E. radio operators and the public works employees.

### Parade Announcers:

BILL COCHRANE at Reviewing Stand

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### Parade Marshals:

Head Marshals: John Sorrentino, Debbie Krawic, William Co and Carl Adlassnig

Frank Rainear, Pat DeSantis, Christine Buteas, Tom Perry, Kyle Friedbergast, Sue White, Terry Aloia, Anthony LaPierce, Brian Gargill, Steven Miller, Mary Chosney, Joe Sorrentino, Mark Chosney, Jaine Hughes, Debbie Chosney, Charles Krigger, Andy Peterson, Dan Nigro and Patti Nigro.

## Parade Trophies to be Awarded



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### HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL TROPHY\*

Given by Honorary Grand Marshal to best overall entry  
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### JUDGES' TROPHY\*

Best overall entry as determined by judges

### GEORGE W.L. PAGE TROPHY\*

Given to the best civic entry.

### MOST OUTSTANDING FLOAT\*

Best overall

### BEST YOUTH ENTRY\*

Awarded by judges to the best youth group

### BEST CIVIC ENTRY\*

### MOST PATRIOTIC ENTRY\*

### MOST OUTSTANDING VISITING ENTRY\*

Awarded to the best appearing entry from  
outside of South Plainfield

### BEST ANTIQUE VEHICLE\*

Awarded to the best appearing antique vehicle entry  
of any kind entered as a separate unit

### MARIE D. PAGE TROPHY\*

Awarded to the best overall marching entry.

\*A representative must be present for the trophy to be awarded.

### Parade Judges:

Jules Rydarowski, Debbie Leporino, James Gustafson, Debbie Boyle and Jen Bechtold



## Schedule of Activities

## SOUTH PLAINFIELD

(All times are approximate and subject to change)

- 8:00 a.m. Registration starts for 5K run and 1.5 mile family fitness walk
- 9:15 a.m. All major roads will be closed in town
- 9:15 a.m. 5K Run and 1.5 Mile Fitness Walk begin
- 10:00 a.m. **Parade Kicks Off at Middle School**
- 12:00 p.m. **Parade Ends/Activities Begin at PAL**  
Trophies are awarded  
*Food and drinks all afternoon at the park*
- 12:00 p.m. **Activities at the PAL**  
Super Slide, Water Balloons Toss, Extreme Rock Wall, Sack Races, Pie Eating Contest, Ocean Adventure Bounce and Play, Bugs Run Kiddie Obstacle,
- 12:30 p.m. Entertainment by "Command Radio"
- 7:00 p.m. **Evening Activities At Spring Lake Park**  
Dusk "Sound Investment"—Danny Ugarte—Concert  
Fireworks with music by Garden State Fireworks  
Music provided by "Sound by Paul"



### The Command Radio to Perform at the PAL

South Plainfield based band The Command Radio (TCR) will be performing for two hours at the PAL on Labor Day following the parade.

The Command Radio features Ryan Egan, Paul Brasil, Joe Scarpitto and Matt Madurski.

Command Radio is a four-piece rock n' roll band emerging from the New Jersey music scene. Beginning in September 2006, TCR quickly started jamming together everyday and playing shows along the east coast. After less than a year, the quartet has been lucky enough to have landed a spot in Bamboozle 2007, playing with notable artists such as Linkin Park, Taking Back Sunday, Brand New, Jack's Mannequin, Thrice and more! The band has also self-recorded, produced and released one LP, as well as their debut album, "The Electric War Demos." This alternative, funk rock jam band from Central Jersey is taking the world by storm with their powerful live performances and love for creating pure, ground-breaking music.

More information on the band can be found on [www.myspace.com/thecommandradio](http://www.myspace.com/thecommandradio).



### Labor Day 5K Race and 1.5 Walk and Run

The South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness, in conjunction with The Club at Ricochet and the South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation, will sponsor the 17th annual 5K Labor Day Race on Monday, Sept. 3 at 9:15 a.m. There will also be a 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk. Last year more than 200 runners participated in the 5K run and 25 in the 1.5 mile walk and the hope is to increase those competing this year.

The family walk supports family togetherness and a positive drug-free, fun-filled fitness lifestyle. The entry fee for the walkers is \$5 per person or family. T-shirts and substance awareness information packets will be given to the first 50 participants.

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

The race begins and ends at the PAL Building on Maple Avenue near Jost Field. The run/walk will begin at 9:15 a.m. with registration starting at 8:15 a.m.

All proceeds go to support the South Plainfield Education Foundation in making the South Plainfield commu-

nity drug free. It is a hope that all participants will find time to recognize and/or patronize the many businesses and sponsors of the race.

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

The race is just the first event in a full day of fun in South Plainfield. Festivities include the race, parade, games, picnicking and fireworks. Bring a friend in support of healthy exercise and reducing substance abuse.

The SPASA 2005 business support-

ers are as follows: The Club at Ricochet, Sherban's Diner and Restaurant, Giakas Cleaners, Domino's Pizza, David's Stationary, K.C.'s Korner Bar and Restaurant, Spring Lake Shell Service Center, McCriscin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, Joe Romer Trophy Shop, Sportworld, Home Depot, Rodolfo's Pizza, Oak Tree Farms, Bagel Pantry, Twin City Pharmacy, Ciccio's Pizza, Poland Spring Water, Casablanca Is Hair, Flanagan's Restaurant, Mohn's Florist, Aiello Chiropractic Center, Presto Printing Service, South Plainfield PAL, SP Alliance for Substance Abuse and South Plainfield Education Foundation.

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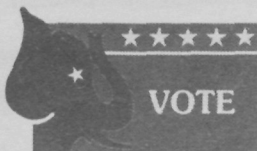
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## McConville and Rusnak Announce Plan for a Better South Plainfield

Council candidates Tim McConville and Ray Rusnak kicked off their campaign this week by announcing the first four parts of their plan for building a better future in South Plainfield. They also started taking their plan door to door and talking to voters about ways we can improve our town.

McConville, who grew up in town and graduated from SPHS, sees a bright future ahead. "Ray and I are dedicated to not only improving borough government, but making changes that improve people's day-to-day lives."

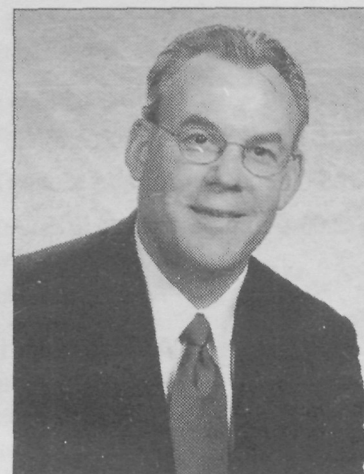
"Imagine a better South Plainfield," added Rusnak, "one that's more affordable and one that's even more focused on the needs of our families and our seniors."

The first four elements of the McConville-Rusnak plan are focused on increasing efficiency and on giving residents a more hassle-free lifestyle:

**1. Protecting Our Tax Dollars**—Tim and Ray want to restore financial accountability. Taxes went up six points this year in January and eight points the year before. Tim and Ray's plan to reduce spending includes bringing



Tim McConville



Ray Rusnak

down contract costs through competition and cutting unnecessary administrative jobs.

**2. Revitalizing Our Parks and Open Space**—Parks and open space are an investment in the future. Tim and Ray will add a south-side park, will add dog parks to two existing parks, and will dedicate our open space so it will never again be sold to developers.

**3. Controlling Development**—Tim and Ray have a plan to control the over-development that's choking our town.

Other towns are revamping zoning laws and using innovative planning tools to address this problem. South Plainfield should be using these tools too.

**4. Restoring Ethics and Accountability**—Residents should be able to trust council members to be independent and do what's best for the town. Tim and Ray will eliminate no-bid contracts for campaign contributors and stop the shenanigans that waste our tax dollars.

According to Rusnak, these are just some of the ways to build a better South Plainfield. "We plan to announce more of our plans as the campaign progresses," he said.

"People in South Plainfield have a can-do spirit and know that if we work together, we can make our town even better than it already is," explained McConville. "Ray and I want to be part of the team that leads this effort, and we ask for your support in November. Together, we can make sure South Plainfield has a better, brighter future."



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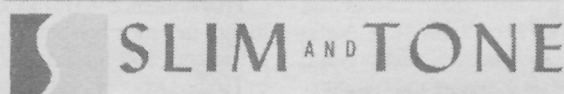
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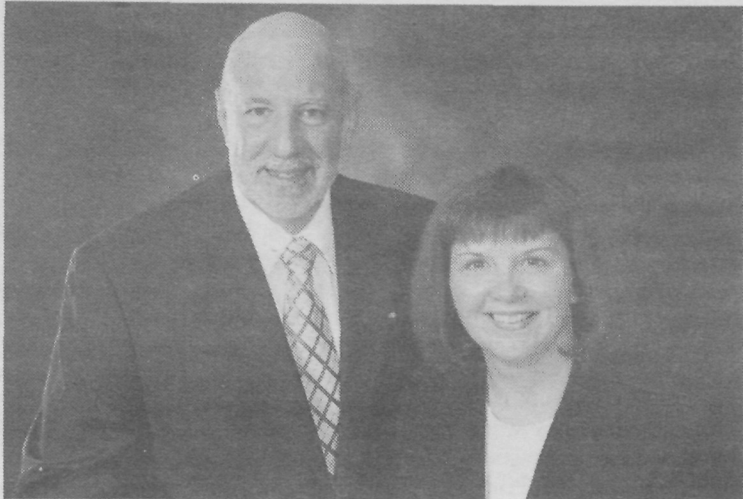
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# ★★★★★ VOTE Cerami And Thomas Deliver— You Heard Right—A Tax Cut!

Council members Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas are proud of the Democrats campaign theme for this year... "You heard right, A TAX CUT." Council President Cerami commented: "The residents of South Plainfield are hard working family people. One of the things that make our borough such a great place to live is affordable taxes. Of course we are proud of the Democrats record of stable taxes since we took control of the council in 1994. But we never rest on our laurels. We set a goal to actually cut municipal taxes in this year's budget and we did it. Congratulations must go to my running mate, Kathy Thomas, who is the chair of the Administration and Finance Committee. This is the committee that actually prepares the budget. To my knowledge, no other town in the state of New Jersey has introduced a budget that has a tax cut. Once again South Plainfield has shown the way for other municipalities to follow."

Councilmember Thomas expanded on her runningmates comments saying: "It was hard work to develop a budget with a tax cut. It is the culmination of conservative fiscal policies which were first put in place over a decade ago. We manage the borough budget the same way our families manage their budgets. Don't spend money you don't have. Economize where you can and don't incur unnecessary debt. At the same time we have improved every park and playground in town, built our beautiful senior center and improved senior services, renovated the



Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas

PAL and community pool and continued to repave our roads and improve our infrastructure on a pay-as-you-go basis. We have also worked with Middlesex County and the state to secure the funds to totally reconstruct and improve Hamilton Boulevard and widen Durham Avenue to four lanes. Most importantly under the leadership of my running mate Dennis Cerami, who is the council liaison to public safety, our police, fire, rescue squad and emergency management departments are our top priority. They will always get the support they need to keep South Plainfield one of the safest towns in New Jersey. It was amazing when Republican Robert Bengivenga actually tried to cut needed equipment from our emergency management department a couple of council meetings ago. Thank goodness

he couldn't even get a second for his misguided motion. As long as Dennis Cerami and I have anything to say about it, we will never sacrifice the safety of our residents for political posturing."

Dennis Cerami summed up the Democrats approach to the upcoming campaign: "Kathy and I look forward to knocking on as many doors as possible over the next two months before Election Day. We are proud of our record. We are committed to working hard to keep South Plainfield a great place to live and raise a family. All of this and reduced taxes....you heard right....A TAX CUT!"

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

This weekend is Labor Day which has come to traditionally mean the end of summer. But it actually means much more than that. As stated in the Wikipedia article on Labor Day, the importance of the holiday and how Labor Day should be celebrated was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday—a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. And to continue that tradition South Plainfield will have its 50th Labor Day Parade on Monday and the library will be closed that day.

Just because the physical library building is closed doesn't mean you can't use the library. There is a 24/7 virtual library that will be open and if you go to [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us) not only can you renew items, place holds, request items through interlibrary loan, and check the status of an item but you have access to many different pay databases which are free for our patrons (including Chilton's) to fix your car, Price it! to evaluate your antiques, the New York Times going back to 1851 and much more. You can download audiobooks and videos and even ask a librarian questions using QandA

NJ.org.

Though for many summer is over and school starts right after the holiday, there are still activities in which the library can help. Barbequing is still an option and we have a large number of books that not only help with barbequing but also with grilling in general. Gardening books that tell you the best fall flowers as well as how to prepare for winter and what to plant for the spring. Of course we are coming to the end of baseball season and the World Series is coming up. And the football season formally begins this weekend. So look to us if you have any questions or information needs.

Miss Linda and Miss Mija are taking a well-deserved break in September. There will be no storytimes or craft activities while they prepare all the activities for the fall. However the children's room will be open and you are encouraged to come in and check-out materials.

The library will reopen on Sundays beginning Sept. 9. We will be open our usual 1:30-5 p.m. So you can come in and see Allan, Ken and the rest of the Sunday staff. The rest of our hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. We are located at 2484 Plainfield Ave. (in the municipal complex) and our phone number is (908) 754-7885. See you soon!

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# Sports



## The SPJBC "C" League Champions

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## Tiger Sharks Take Third at Championship

### South Plainfield Tiger Sharks



On July 27 and 28, the The South Plainfield Community Pool was the site of the New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference League "A" Championships. The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team placed third out of the 10 teams in the league. The first place trophy was awarded to Hillsborough with 292.5 points. Second place was awarded to East Brunswick with 224.5 points, while South Plainfield received the trophy for third place with 194 points. South Plainfield was also awarded a second place trophy for the dual meets during the season.

Individual swimmers were awarded medals for first through sixth place. The following are the results of which many team records were broken for the Tiger Sharks swimmers:

13-18 Individual Medley: Brenna Dean-6th; participants-Maggie Valentino, Kate O'Brien, Abby Petritsch; Philip Luzny-6th, Alan Kasmer-9th, participant-Michael Boyle.

13-18 Medley Relay: Emily Piekarski, Kate O'Brien, Jillian Murphy, Chelsea Cullen-5th; Ericka Lee, Sarah Konops, Maggie Valentino, Brenna Dean-10th; Michelle Gustafson, Teresa Gustafson, Ellen Zinsky, Lauren Shea-13th; Matt Moates, Zak Post, Philip Luzny, Brian Babinetz-2nd (team record); Greg Bellizzi, Ryan Lind, Michael Boyle, JP Barry-6th.

13-14 100m Freestyle: Chelsea Cullen-2nd; participants-Maggie Valentino, Sarah Konops, Ellen Zinsky, Michelle O'Sullivan, Lauren Shea, Jessica Bohn, Brian Babinetz-5th; participant-Ryan Lind.

15-18 100m Freestyle: Jillian Murphy-2nd; Brenna Dean-5th, par-

ticipants-Teresa Gustafson, Joanna Luzny; Greg Bellizzi-5th; participant-JP Barry.

13-14 100m Breaststroke: Kate O'Brien-9th; participants-Sarah Konops, Michelle O'Sullivan; Brian Babinetz-4th; Zak Post-5th.

15-18 100m Breaststroke: participants-Michelle Gustafson, Joanna Luzny; Alan Kasmer-8th.

13-14 Butterfly: Chelsea Cullen-7th; Ellen Zinsky-10th; Zak Post-4th.

15-18 100m Butterfly: Jillian Murphy-3rd (team record); Ericka Lee-10th; participant-Michelle Gustafson; Philip Luzny-2nd (team record); Greg Bellizzi-4th; Michael Boyle-12th.

13-14 100m Backstroke: Participants-Lauren Shea, Jessica Bohn, Ryan Lind.

15-18 100m backstroke: Emily Piekarski-4th; participants-Abby Petritsch, Teresa Gustafson, JP Barry; Matt Moates-4th (team record).

13-18 200m Freestyle: Emily Piekarski-6th; participants-Erika Lee and Abby Petritsch; Matt Moates-7th.

13-18 Freestyle Relay: Jillain Murphy, Chelsea Cullen, Emily Piekarski, Maggie Valentino-2nd; Brenna Dean, Teresa Gustafson, Ellen Zinsky, Sarah Konops-8th; Ericka Lee, Michelle O'Sullivan, Joanna Luzny, Kate O'Brien-9th; Matt Moates, Philip Luzny, Zak Post, Brian Babinetz-3rd (team record); participants-Greg Bellizzi, Alan Kasmer, Ryan Lind, JP Barry.

10 and under Individual Medley: Kelly O'Brien-6th; Rebecca George-participant; Aidan McDermott-3rd, Matthew Lind-10th.

11-12 Individual Medley: Gracie Piekarski-10th; Kaitlyn Faustini, Annie Pezzolla, Cristina Butrico, Mo Shea-participants; Liam McDermott-9th; Charlie Butrico-10th; Joey Valentino-participant.

8 and under Medley Relay: Grace Hageman, Justice Lipuma, Megan McDermott, Morgan Merkler-9th;

Elizabeth Lee, Olivia George, Isabella Mosquera, Maggy Mogollan-12th; Miles Green, Nicolas Gurrieri, Cristian Butrico, Ben Sheaffer-5th (team record); Nicholas Pezzolla, Kyle Bythell, Donovan Carter, Michael Stanczak-7th.

9-12 Medley Relay: Taylor Aljian, Kelly O'Brien, Madison Faustini, Gracie Piekarski-5th; Nicole Bythell, Cristina Butrico, Amy Zinsky, Elissa Mackenzie-10th; participants-Kimberly Stanczak, Sydney Smith, Evelyn Peregrin, Rebecca George; Enzo Butrico, Liam McDermott, Anthony Gurrieri, Aidan McDermott-1st; Marcel Green, Anindya Mehta, Charlie Butrico, Michael Petritsch-10th.

8 and under 25m Freestyle: Megan McDermott-2nd; participants-Elizabeth Lee, Olivia George, Mackenzie O'Brien, Maggy Mogollan, Isabella Mosquera, Danielle Bythell, Katelyn Borsos, Claudia Aljian; Nicholas Gurrieri-2nd; participants-Cristian Butrico, Donovan Carter, Miles Green, Michael Stanczak, Gregory Forbes, Joseph Makoski, Luke Niemeyer, Drew Mackenzie, Louis Quintanilla, Nicholas Farinella.

9-10 50m Freestyle: Madison Faustini-10th; participants-Emma Piedilato, Rebecca George, Elissa Mackenzie; Enzo Butrico-3rd; participants-Ed Sheaffer, John O'Sullivan, Christian Gonzales, Timothy Nuber.

11-12 50m Freestyle: participants-Taylor Aljian, Kaitlyn Faustini, Kaitlyn Kenny, Sydney Smith, Cristian Butrico, Angela Spadavecchia, Erin Shea, Mo Shea, Miranda Garcia, Courtney Allocco, Maryann Novack, Carlee Gonzales, Vanessa Mosquera; Anthony Gurrieri-2nd; participants-Ryan Bythell, Eric Ivaniuc, Marcos Toapanta.

8 and under 25m Breaststroke: participants-Justice Lipuma, Grace Hageman, Mackenzie O'Brien, Morgan Merkler; Nicolas Gurrieri-2nd; Kyle Bythell-7th, participants-Nicholas

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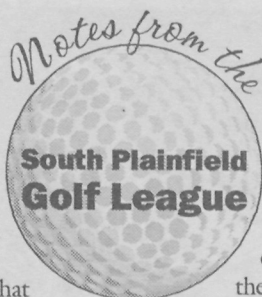
# Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

On the final night of the season, the American Division champion, Oak Tree Buy-Rite and the National Division titleholders, Pornovets, are to meet to determine the over-all league championship.

Someone suggested that it would be very dramatic if, instead of having the two teams face one another, George Popik, president emeritus and captain emeritus of Buy-Rite, took on the Grand Old Man Jim Pornovets, Sr., who has been affiliated with the league since its inception 60 years ago, in a three-hole winner-take-all shoot-out. It would be like two old gunfighters from the wild west confronting one another on Main Street at high noon in a final showdown.

It would certainly have been a classic pulse-pounding drama, but others said, at the pace these two veterans now play, they might not finish the three-hole match before dark. So



the regular play-off match would go on as scheduled.

Both the Hackers of the American Division and Plainfield Animal Hospital of the National Division had matches during the season where they had to give a significant number of strokes to their opponents and sometimes lost even when they played very well. Facing one another, it will be a different story and not very many strokes will have to be given as they battle it out for third place honors.

The best twosome in the league, Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer and Eddie Banach of Eddie's Grinders both turned in some fine scores all summer long and were looking forward to their last match against Witty's Liquors when they would have the chance to go up against another terrific twosome, Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas and Howard "Awesome" Adler.

2 Buds, 2 Dubs had a very disappointing final five weeks of the season, dropping all of their matches, so they look forward to salvaging something in their play-off match against the Roughriders, who finished fourth in the National Division.

Andy "The Florida Feather" and Frank "It cost me five bucks to have Bob Nilan stop calling me Bomber, but it was worth it" Weingart carried the Roughriders all season long and they looked forward to their match-up against Dale Dube and Chris Nuzzo.

Jovial Matt Ward of Patti's Construction is eagerly looking forward to matching his booming drives against big-hitter Jay Coppola of Twin City.

And, in the final match of the night, Frank "The Monster from Myrtle Beach" Matthews hopes that the magic that was there for Sport & Social the past two weeks when they won by the lopsided scores of 20-0 and 17-3 will last just one more week as they tee off against KC's Korner.

At the awards dinner held at the Italian-American Club, Danny Griffin of Buy-Rite was named Player-of-the-Year, a distinction extended to the golfer with the lowest net average for the season. Todd Sherman of the Hackers earned the Most-Improved-Golfer Award. Four golfers tied for the lowest round honors with

1-under par rounds of 32: Fred Kirchofer, Mike King, Todd Sherman and Howard Adler. Joe DeQuollo of Witty's, with his handicap of 11, easily won the low-gross award after shooting a fine 3-over 36 for a net score of 25.

Warm thank yous were extended to outgoing President Frank Matthews for a job well done and also to Mike Behr, who agreed to serve the league again next year as treasurer.

A very special commendation was

extended to Jim Pornovets, Jr. who has done an exceptionally fine job as league secretary for many years, and will no longer be able to continue in the position he has filled so competently because of a job transfer. Jim has played in the league for 36 years and he will be greatly missed by his teammates and all the league members. Bill Mann of the Hackers graciously agreed to serve as the league secretary next season.

## Basketball Training Class In East Brunswick

A training class organized by the Central East Jersey Basketball Officials Organization, a member of the NJSIAA, will begin in September at East Brunswick High School. Anyone, 18 years and older, who has an interest in becoming a trained basketball official for high school, middle school or recreational leagues can register for the class. The class begins on Sept. 18 and runs from 7 to 9 p.m. on most Tuesday and Thursdays through Nov. 20.

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# Sports

## Americans All Star Travel Team Wins Consecutive Championship

In a word-TEAMWORK! On July 2, the boys with the motto "No Fear!" defended their Cal Ripken District 9 title by defeating Monroe Purple 12-11 in a thrilling championship game. Manager Mike Pellegrino said, "It was an amazing game with contributions from everyone." He later went on to say, "I am very confident and proud of our boys."

Throughout the seven game tournament, the boys displayed great team chemistry and a high energy level as they outscored their opponents 93 to 32. Enroute to the district tournament, the SP Americans were winners of their two previous tournaments, Memorial Day Invitational and the Father's Day Classic both in South Plainfield. In these tournaments the boys needed late inning comebacks and each time they rallied and found a way. In the Memorial Day Weekend Tournament SP Americans beat a talented Hillsborough Heat team 3-1 in the championship game. Manager Mike Pellegrino said, "Our team never gave up after going down one nothing in the second inning and coming back with three in the bottom of the fifth made it a thrilling game." In the Father's Day Classic SP Americans beat a strong Somerset Hills team 9-7 in the championship game. Somerset Hills jumped ahead by scoring seven runs in the first two innings then with some late inning heroics South Plainfield exploded for six runs in the bottom of the fifth to win the game. "This team never gave up, they are developing into a great group of team players" was the comment from a proud Coach Pellegrino.

At their next practice something special happened. Joe Scarpitto from ProCare Physical Therapy presented new green and white helmets with SP on the front and their number on the back to all the boys. "The looks on their faces was special when Joe handed them out," said Coach Pellegrino. A special thank you goes out to Joe and Kathy Scarpitto from the team.

South Plainfield Americans were also in tournaments in Bridgewater and Clark. After going 2-2 in pool play in Bridgewater, SP Americans found themselves playing Scotch Plains-Fanwood in their first round play-off game. Scotch Plains-Fanwood was the team that beat South Plainfield in the championship game in the Cal Ripken State Tournament last year. SP went up one nothing in the bottom of the first and the game went into a rain/lightening delay for about an hour. Coach Pellegrino had to leave at that point due to a meeting in Hazlet for the State Tournament. Coaches Jim Olano, Scott Dickerson, and John Walsh witnessed one of the most intense games these kids have ever played. Scotch Plains-Fanwood got one back in the top of fourth and then one more in the ninth inning. South Plainfield lost 2-1 in nine innings. A couple of days later Coach Pellegrino was talking to Manager Scott Rodgers of Scotch Plains-Fanwood. Coach Rodgers said, "His team played in many games including their State and Regional games last year and never played a game like that."



South Plainfield Americans All Star Traveling Baseball Team.

In the Clark tournament South Plainfield had two wins and one loss. This tournament had to be cut short due to many scheduling conflicts with their State games in Hazlet. South Plainfield Americans were off to Hazlet to play in the States. "It is a thrill to be in the States again!" said Coach Pellegrino. SP Americans won their first game and then lost to their

arch rivals Scotch Plains, Bayonne and Mt. Olive in extra innings. When Coach Pellegrino was asked about the past season he had a few things to say. "After being so successful last year I did not know what to expect. This is a great group of kids both on and off the field. It's an honor to coach them." He also went on to thank his coaching staff and especially the parents of his players. South Plainfield Americans

ended the 2007 season with a record of 21 wins and 8 losses.

The players that made it happen are: Johnny Chillemi #42, Kyle Dickerson #13, Jimmy Duhamel #25, Tommy Dunn #31, Bryan Gillen #12, Christopher Graves #5, Joey Hart #6, Kyle Moroney #51, Mike Olano #11, Vincent Pellegrino #2, LJ Scarpitto #18 and Ryan Walsh #57.

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# Sports

## Tiger Sharks Take Third

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Pezzolla, Ben Sheaffer, Cristian Butrico, Joseph Makoski.

9-10 50m breaststroke: participants-Madison Faustini, Nicole Bythell, Rebecca George, Kimberly Stanczak, Matthew Lind-7th; Michael Petritsch-10th; Christian Gonzales-participant.

11-12 50m breaststroke: Cristina Butrico-6th; participants-Evelyn Peregrin, Amy Zinsky, Annie Pezzolla, Miranda Garcia, Mo Shea, Courtney Allocco, Nicole Stanczak, Vanessa Mosquera, Kristin Forbes, Carlee Gonzales, Maryann Novack; Liam McDermott-6th, Anindya Mehta-8th; participants-Eric Ivaniuc, Marcos Toapanta, Ryan Bythell.

10 and under 100m freestyle: Emma Piedilato-11th; Nicole Bythell-participant; Aidan McDermott-3rd; Michael Petritsch-participant.

11-12 100m freestyle: Gracie Piekarski-5th; participants-Sydney Smith, Kaitlyn Kenny, Evelyn Peregrin, Annie Pezzolla, Erin Shea, Miranda Garcia, Christina Kasmer, Allison Quintanilla; Anthony Gurrieri-1st.

8 and under 25m backstroke: Participants-Morgan Merkler, Olivia George, Grace Hageman, Elizabeth Lee, Maggy Mogollan, Isabella Mosquera, Katelyn Borsos, Danielle Bythell, Claudia Aljian; Donovan Carter-10th; participants-Kyle Bythell, Miles Green, Nicholas Pezzolla, Ben Sheaffer, Michael Stanczak, Gregory Forbes, Lawren O'Neal, Drew Mackenzie, Joseph Makoski, Louis Quintanilla, Luke Niemeyer, Nicholas Farinella.

9-10 50m backstroke: participants-Kimberly Stanczak, Emma Piedilato, Elissa Mackenzie; Marcel Green-3rd; participants-Christian Gonzales, Ed Sheaffer, John O'Sullivan, Timothy Nuber.

11-12 50m backstroke: participants-Allison Quintanilla, Christina Kasmer, Courtney Allocco, Maggie

Quintanilla, Kristin Forbes, Nicole Stanczak, Carlee Gonzales, Joey Valentino-9th; Charlie Butrico-10th; participant-Mike Olano.

8 and under 25m butterfly: Megan McDermott-4th; participant-Justice Lipuma; Nicolas Gurrieri-2nd.

9-10 50m Butterfly: Kelly O'Brien-2nd; Enzo Butrico-5th; Marcel Green.

11-12 50m butterfly: participants-Taylor Aljian, Amy Zinsky, Sydney Smith, Erin Shea, Angela Spadavecchia, Christina Kasmer, Kristin Forbes; Anindya Mehta-9th; participant-Mike Olano.

8 and under freestyle relay: Elizabeth Lee, Justice Lipuma, Morgan Merkler, Megan McDermott-8th; Grace Hageman, Maggy Mogollan, Olivia George, Mackenzie O'Brien-12th; participants-Claudia Aljian, Danielle Bythell, Katelyn Borsos, Isabella Mosquera; Louis Quintanilla, Cristian Butrico, Ben Sheaffer, Nicholas Pezzolla-5th; Donovan Carter, Miles Green, Kyle Bythell, Michael Stanczak-7th; Gregory Forbes, Joseph Makoski, Luke Niemeyer, Lawren O'Neal-10th.

9-12 freestyle relay: Taylor Aljian, Madison Faustini, Gracie Piekarski, Kelly O'Brien-3rd; Evelyn Peregrin, Kaitlyn Kenny, Kimberly Stanczak, Elissa Mackenzie-12th; participants-Nicole Bythell, Amy Zinsky, Emma Piedilato, Kaitlyn Faustini; Liam McDermott, Anthony Gurrieri, Aidan McDermott, Enzo Butrico-1st; Charlie Butrico, Marcel Green, Anindya Mehta, Joey Valentino-4th; Matthew Lind, Mike Olano, Michael Petritsch, Ryan Bythell-11th; participants-Eric Ivaniuc, Ed Sheaffer, Marcos Toapanta, Timothy Nuber.

Many thanks to Head Coach Laurie Post; Assistant Coaches Sarah Blessing, Shannon Dabrio, Mary Otlowski; volunteer Coach Jen Otlowski; and substitute Coaches Calvin John Smiley and Abby Petritsch for a great season.

Submitted by Cheryl-Nagel Smiley

## IRS Eases "Labor Days" for Small Businesses

For many citizens, owning and running a successful business is part of the American dream. And while most Americans take the day off in celebration of Labor Day, the Internal Revenue Service is ready to assist the nation's 45 million small business owners and self-employed taxpayers.

For business owners, holidays are normally time to catch up on paperwork, do recordkeeping and work on tax information. But few business owners are tax experts and the IRS is prepared to help. Free publications, Internet resources and electronic services are available to make their work easier—perhaps for them to enjoy the Labor Day holiday.

"Running a business is a big responsibility requiring long hours and the IRS wants to help ease the process for this hard working group of taxpayers," said Gregg Semanick, IRS spokesperson. "Whether a person is just considering opening a business or has years of small business experience, IRS provides a wide range of tools and educational assistance to help the business owner succeed."

The small business section of IRS.gov provides a one-stop resource for information on starting and operating a business. On this site taxpayers can: learn about employment tax requirements; make tax payments; find out how to set up and distribute retirement plans; view a streaming video of a small business tax workshop and order free products like a tax calendar or small business resource guide.

IRS.gov is also the gateway to a host of electronic services for small businesses including business e-file and the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). E-Filing options include employment taxes, information returns, partnerships and corporations. EFTPS is an alternative to paying taxes by check or money or-

der. Small businesses can make payments 24 hours a day, seven days a week using EFTPS.

The "Find it Fast" feature in the Small Business section of IRS.gov enables small business owners and self-employed individuals to access information using the A-Z topic listing or searching by topic such as business types, business expenses and employees.

Over the past few years, IRS.gov has provided new options for communication between the IRS and small business owners and the self-employed. But IRS employees are still

available by phone; for telephone assistance with tax issues, small businesses may call 1-800-829-4933.

Small business owners and self-employed taxpayers are also encouraged to sign up for e-News for Small Businesses, an electronic subscription newsletter that brings timely, useful tax information right to their computer.

For more information about the resources and services the IRS has for small business and self-employed taxpayers visit IRS.gov. The IRS Web site link for the "Small Business and Self-Employed One-Stop Resource" is [www.irs.gov/smallbiz](http://www.irs.gov/smallbiz).

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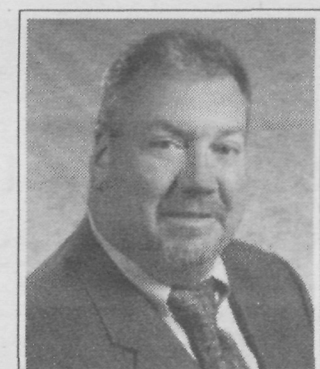
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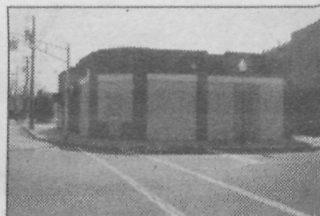
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## Obituaries

### Peter Rubinetti, 55

Peter Rubinetti died on Saturday, Aug. 18 at home.

Born and raised in Pescopagano, Italy, Peter came to the United States in 1966. He lived in Plainfield before settling in South Plainfield 23 years ago.

Mr. Rubinetti worked for White Bros. Trucking and Waste Management, both in Elizabeth, for several years.

He was predeceased by his father, Joseph, who died in 1994.

Surviving are his loving mother, Anna Marie; a step-son, Travis Fuchs; an uncle, Larry Rubinetti and wife Mary of North Plainfield and an aunt, Rose Rubinetti of North Plainfield. Also surviving are several cousins and extended family members in Italy and here in America.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Monte Maura, c/o McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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### John P. Ryan, 70



John P. Ryan

in Hingham, Mass., Phil entered college at the age of 16 and graduated with a bachelors and masters degree from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. He resided in Washington, N.J. before settling in South Plainfield in 1985.

Phil proudly served his country in the Army National Guard for eight years.

A loyal, long-time employee of Colgate Palmolive in Piscataway, Phil began his career in the early 1960s. Phil worked in a number of important areas including new ventures, packaging and quality assurance. He later became the liaison between Colgate USA and Colgate Mexico to assure all United States specifications were being followed. Another vital part of Phil's career was serving as the liaison for Colgate and The United Way. He retired in 1998.

Phil had a love for playing and singing music for his family and friends.

John P. Ryan, known to many as "Phil," died suddenly on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Born and raised in Hingham, Mass., Phil entered college at the age of 16 and graduated with a bachelors and masters degree from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. He resided in Washington, N.J. before settling in South Plainfield in 1985.

Phil proudly served his country in the Army National Guard for eight years.

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Phil had a love for playing and singing music for his family and friends.

He also had the ability to play a variety of musical instruments. In addition, he was a faithful, 22-year communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church.

Predeceased by his parents and two sisters, he is survived by his beloved wife, Paula; three children, Kerri Ryan, Jay Ryan and wife Hannah and Colleen (Murphy) and husband Warren Grossenbacher; five brothers, Albert and wife Carol, Daniel and wife Helen Spencer, Bill and wife Maria, Frank and wife Llen and Gerry and wife Linda; his mother-in-law, Betty Danik; two sisters-in-law Maryellen and husband Julian Strauss and Diane Danik and a brother-in-law Steven Danik and wife Lynne.

Also surviving is his precious granddaughter, Allyson Ryan.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

### John E. Goglas, 69

John E. Goglas died at home on Sunday, Aug. 19.

Born in Piscataway, John lived in South Plainfield for many years.

He worked at Verizon in Newark for 31 years retiring as a plant engineer in 1988. He was a member of the Middlesex Elks and was also a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

He was predeceased by his wife, Nancy J., who died in 2003.

Surviving are three daughters,

Debra Brewer and husband Lenny of Piscataway, Nancy Chinery of Browns Mills and Susan Knowles of Piscataway; a brother, Walter of Port Reading and eight grandchildren.

Also surviving are three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

### Carl E. Smith, 82

Carl E. Smith passed away peacefully at home on Friday, Aug. 24.

Born in Danville, Pa., he resided there before moving to South Plainfield in 1953.

Mr. Smith proudly served in the U.S. Navy during WWII on the U.S.S. Earle as a machine mate. He later worked for White Consolidated (Westinghouse) of Edison for 39 years before retiring in 1990.

He was very active with First Baptist Church of Metuchen where he was deacon and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. He was also an active member at the Senior Supper Club at Muhlenberg and Rahway hospitals.

He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

He was predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Dolores Harvey Smith, in 1992; a son, Harvey E. Smith in 1978; two sisters, Dorothy M. Benza and Elizabeth A. Nicholas and his parents, Elmer and Norma Mae Smith.

Surviving are a son, Robert M. Smith and wife Cara of Milford; a daughter-in-law, Marilyn Smith of Edison; five grandchildren, Richard A. Smith and wife Noreen of Westfield, Andrea N. Sasjack and husband Michael of New Brunswick and Justin P., Tyler R. and Zachary A. Smith, all of Milford.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to J.E.K. Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08818.

### Jean Davis McAllister, 78

Jean Davis McAllister died on Sunday, Aug. 26 at J.E.K. Haven Hospice in Edison.

Born in Plainfield, Jean had been a resident of South Plainfield for more than 50 years.

She graduated from Salem College in West Virginia, earning a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. She worked as a systems analyst for AT&T in Piscataway, retiring in December of 1989.

She was a member of the South Plainfield Seniors AARP Chapter 4144 and served on the advisory board for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Jean was also an active member of the Raritan Valley Seventh Day Baptist Church in Bridgewater. She served in a variety of capacities for the church.

Surviving are her loving husband of 56 years, William E. McAllister; a son, Stephen R. McAllister and wife Edna of Monroe Township; two daughters, Marjorie E. Bruno and husband Bob of Hillsborough and Norma J. Predmore and husband Bill of Millstone Township. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Middlesex County, 287 Handy Street, P.O. Box 69, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903.

### Albert J. Rainford, 75

Albert J. Rainford died on Friday, Aug. 24 at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pa.

Born in South Plainfield at the family home in 1932, Al had resided in Edison almost 40 years before retiring and traveling the country with his wife.

Serving in the United States Navy  
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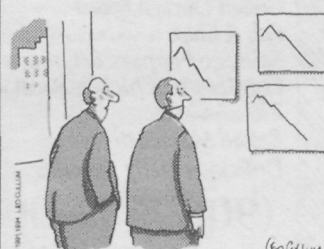
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during Korea, Albert initially served in the reserves for one year before enlisting for four years.

He was employed by Edison Township as the construction official for a number of years before retiring in the early 1990's. He is also a former member of the Edison Elks.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy (Reim); two daughters, Sandra and Sharon Rainford and a son, Albert Rainford Jr. and wife, Cheryl. Also surviving are three grandchildren and two sisters, Elsie Webster and Joan Gibbs.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Eugene J. Kirby, 82

Eugene J. Kirby died on Monday, Aug. 27 at Genesis Elder Care-The Woodlands in Plainfield.

Born and raised in New Rochelle, N.Y., Eugene resided in Union City before settling in South Plainfield in 1961.

He served in the United States Navy during WWII as a torpedo man first class. Eugene was one of a few men who survived an attack during combat aboard the U.S.S. Cooper which was completely destroyed in 1944.

After his time in the service, he attended aircraft school and worked for National Airlines. He most recently worked for Delta Airlines as their lead mechanic for 35 years before his retirement in 1985.

He was a member of the South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post #243 and a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church. He enjoyed auto racing, airplanes and his cats.

His wife, Eileen (Lavin) died in 1997. He was also predeceased by a sister, Patricia Armstrong.

Surviving is a daughter, Barbara Dolinski and husband Joe of Piscataway and four grandchildren, Joseph and wife Shelly, Michael, James and Matthew.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

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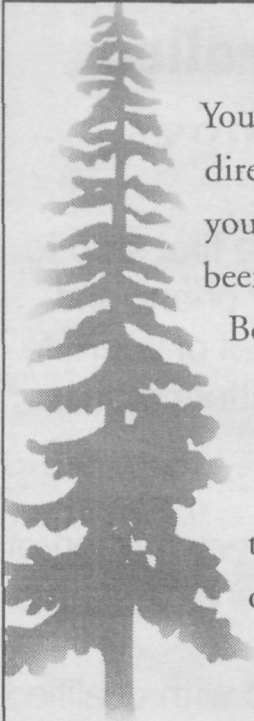
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SFY 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex for the State Fiscal Year 2008 Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

| Summary of Revenues  | Anticipated   |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | 2008          | 2007          |
| 1. Surplus   | 2,814,000.00  | 2,553,000.00  |
| 2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues                                    | 8,622,429.79  | 8,113,700.85  |
| 3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes                                  | 4,053.27      | 13,550.43     |
| 4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes                             | 14,215,500.00 | 14,216,809.15 |
| b) Addition to Local District School Tax                           |               |               |
| Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget | 14,215,500.00 | 14,216,809.15 |
| Total General Revenues   | 25,655,983.06 | 24,897,060.43 |

| Summary of Appropriations                  |                  | 2008 Budget   | Final 2007 Budget |
|--|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. Operating Expenses:                     | Salaries & Wages | 9,788,056.00  | 9,592,846.72      |
|  | Other Expenses   | 11,671,830.06 | 10,972,829.71     |
| 2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations |                  | 550,090.00    | 475,715.00        |
| 3. Capital Improvements                    |                  | 150,000.00    | 347,500.00        |
| 4. Debt Service                            |                  | 2,546,007.00  | 2,558,169.00      |
| 5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes           |                  | 950,000.00    | 950,000.00        |
| Total General Appropriations               |                  | 25,655,983.06 | 24,897,060.43     |
| Total Number of Employees                  |                  | 127           | 125               |

| SFY 2008 Sewer Utility Budget              |  |                |                      |
|--|--|----------------|----------------------|
| Summary of Revenues                        |  | Anticipated    |                      |
|  |  | 2008           | 2007                 |
|  |  |                |                      |
| 1. Surplus                                 |  | 350,000.00     | 350,000.00           |
| 2. Miscellaneous Revenues                  |  | 4,889,883.90   | 5,050,906.00         |
| 3. Deficit (General Budget)                |  |                |                      |
| Total Revenues                             |  | 5,239,883.90   | 5,400,906.00         |
| Summary of Appropriations                  |  | 2008<br>Budget | Final 2007<br>Budget |
| 1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages    |  | 432,500.00     | 443,350.00           |
| Other Expenses                             |  | 4,143,833.90   | 4,157,756.00         |
| 2. Capital Improvements                    |  | 5,000.00       | 100,000.00           |
| 3. Debt Service                            |  | 617,000.00     | 651,500.00           |
| 4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations |  | 41,550.00      | 48,300.00            |
| 5. Surplus (General Budget)                |  |                |                      |
| Total Appropriations                       |  | 5,239,883.90   | 5,400,906.00         |
| Total Number of Employees                  |  | 2              | 3                    |

| SFY 2008 Swim Pool Utility Budget                            |             |                   |
|--|-------------|-------------------|
| Summary of Revenues  | Anticipated |                   |
|  | 2008        | 2007              |
| 1. Surplus   | 1,000.00    | 0.00              |
| 2. Miscellaneous Revenues                                    | 159,000.00  | 154,400.00        |
| 3. Deficit (General Budget)                                  | 73,000.00   | 94,100.00         |
| Total Revenues   | 233,000.00  | 248,500.00        |
|  |             |                   |
| Summary of Appropriations                                    | 2008 Budget | Final 2007 Budget |
| 1. Operating Expenses:                      Salaries & Wages | 152,500.00  | 141,500.00        |
| Other Expenses   | 55,500.00   | 50,321.00         |
| 2. Capital Improvements                                      | 500.00      | 500.00            |
| 3. Debt Service  | 16,500.00   | 48,079.00         |
| 4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations                   | 8,000.00    | 8,100.00          |
| 5. Surplus (General Budget)                                  |             |                   |
| Total Appropriations   | 233,000.00  | 248,500.00        |
|  |             |                   |
| Total Number of Employees                                    | 1           | 2                 |

| Balance of Outstanding Bonded Debt at June 30, 2007 (Includes Debt Service Appropriation Listed Above) |           |               |               |                   |
|--|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
|  | General   | Water Utility | Sewer Utility | Swim Pool Utility |
| Interest - Current Year  | 1,505,000 | n/a           | 465,000       | 0                 |
| Principal - Current Year   | 179,431   | n/a           | 152,000       | 0                 |
| Remaining Outstanding Bond Principal Balance   | 3,900,000 | n/a           | 3,140,000     | 0                 |

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 7, 2007.

Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Borough Hall on September 18, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at which time and place objections to said budget and Tax Resolution for the year SFY 2008 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 4:00 P.M. each weekday.



# Hamilton Square Signals Big Step For Downtown Revitalization



(L-R): Melissa Morehouse, Christine Lahey, Councilwoman Kathy Thomas, Councilman Dennis Cerami, Mayor Charles Butrico, Anthony J. Vizzoni of Village Realty Group, Michael Vizzoni, John Vizzoni, John Murray, Thom Agliata and Guy Moretti.

Hamilton Square, a new "mixed use" property being developed in South Plainfield's downtown section by Village Realty Group and Moretti Realty, will combine residential and retail space to revitalize the area with people, businesses and jobs.

The three-story property includes 26 luxury condominium units priced at \$250,000-\$350,000. Several different floor plans are available, averaging 1,000-1,600 square feet, including one-level or two-level designs with balconies.

At street level, Hamilton Square will accommodate up to eight retail businesses with 7,000 square feet of retail space.

It is expected to be completed by Fall of 2008 and non-binding reservation agreements are now being accepted.

"Hamilton Square will attract

people that want a cozy, small town atmosphere combined with lots to see and do just steps outside their door," said Guy Moretti, president of Moretti Realty. "You'll be able to relax at home in a private yet neighborly atmosphere or step outdoors into an up-and-coming community with stores, restaurants and a great park all within walking distance."

As the first such project approved since the downtown area was rezoned a Historic District in 2004, Mayor Charlie Butrico views Hamilton Commons as the first major step in a master plan for redevelopment and revitalization. "Village Realty Group's project will be an exciting stimulus to the area," he said, "It is a perfect example of government working closely with private industry to add new life to an area in need of stimulus."

Moretti agrees but also sees the

project as a wonderful example of much more. Of friendship, vision and perseverance. Of one generation picking up where another left off.

"In 1980, two local businessmen watched the downtown become functionally obsolete in competition with big malls," he said. "One of these men was Harry Popik. The other was my late father, Eugene Moretti. They were lifelong friends and entrepreneurs and, perhaps more importantly, they were concerned about our community. They knew that something would have to be done to breathe new life into the area."

According to Moretti, in response to the changing times, the two friends sought to create a senior housing project downtown—where residents could take advantage of the area's conveniences and, in turn, by living downtown, energize the softening retail market.

After Eugene Moretti passed away in 1984, Harry Popik pressed on, enduring one obstacle after another including a seven-year sewer moratorium, the Mt. Laurel Decision that stalled this and other projects statewide for several years, and two municipal zoning efforts.

The project was approved in 2006 and has been managed by Village Realty Group's Frank Cannone and Anthony Vizzoni—whose many other redevelopment activities include a project in nearby Fanwood.

Century 21 Moretti Realty has been named marketing agent. Guy Moretti, president, says the story behind Hamilton Square gives the property a warm and personal feel that perfectly mirrors its architecture and setting.

"When I think of my father and Mr. Popik standing together back in 1980 with their dream and then see all of us today standing together with the same dream I know that the story of Hamilton Square is more than a story of real estate and building materials. It's the story of a town that has been fortunate enough to look back on its visions for the future and see them now coming true," he said. "It's the story of taking a giant step 'back into the future'; into being in the right place at the right time again."

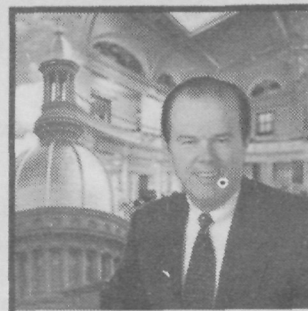
It was a tremendous honor to have Governor Jon Corzine come to South Plainfield to sign into law three pieces of legislation sponsored by Senator Buono, Assemblyman Barnes and me. As you can appreciate, the Governor's time is limited and for him to come to our borough for an official bill signing ceremony is a special event.

Many constituents have asked me exactly how does a legislator come up with the idea for a law and what is the process for a bill to become law. I will use the real life experience of the Governor signing into law Assembly Bill 3817 which I authored to explain how the process works. I am co-chairman of the Committee on Business Efficiency in the Public Schools. In 2004 the committee issued a report that concluded that undiagnosed vision related learning problems ultimately lead to special education classification in a significant number of students. The cost to a school district may well exceed \$100,000 per student per year to meet the needs of a classified student. It is believed that as many of 40% of special need students may have a vision issue. For example, a student skipping lines when reading may have a visual problem which is not detected in a simple eye exam. The child may ultimately be placed in special education as an underachiever. If he or she had been properly identified through a thorough eye examination the classification would never have occurred. I had several meetings with members of the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians whose input was invaluable in helping me draft the legislation. A3817 establishes a pilot project to conduct comprehensive eye exams for children in second grade in three districts throughout the state over a three year period. The physicians group even agreed to contribute \$10,000 towards the cost of the program.

The bill was assigned to the education committee where I testified along with witnesses in support of the bill including the NJEA and the School Boards Association. It passed the committee unanimously with bipartisan support. Speaker Roberts then posted the bill for a vote of the entire Assembly where it passed unanimously.

Senator Joe Doria sponsored the legislation in the State Senate. It was passed unanimously by the education committee and subsequently by the entire Senate. Next the legislation was thoroughly vetted by all departments which will be affected. It was then reviewed by the attorney general. Senator Buono and I asked the Governor if he would honor us by coming to South Plainfield to sign it into law. The rest as they say is history. A3817 is now the law of the state of New Jersey. It is my intention to expand the eye screening to every district in the state after we get the results of the pilot program. That will require another law and the process will take place all over again. I hope you have found this to be informative.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything affecting our great state, please contact me at (908) 757-1677 or E-mail me at Asmdieg nan@njleg.org.



**News**

**From The State House**

**Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan**

## policereport

- On Aug. 22, a Harvard Avenue resident reported that the driver side mirror of their vehicle had been broken.
- On Aug. 23, Keith Plumstead reported that the window of a John Deere bulldozer had been broken that was parked at the construction site on Hamilton Boulevard next to Buy Rite Auto Parts.
- On Aug. 24, Harty Gray, 40, of Rahway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.
- On Aug. 25, Joshua Blair Hoot, 25, of Plainfield was arrested for no registration, no insurance, driving on a suspended license, fictitious plates and two outstanding warrants.
- Linda Woodard, 39, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.
- A Beatrice Place resident reported that the passenger side mirror of their vehicle had been removed by kicking it off.

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# American Legion Celebrates Summer with Annual Picnic!



By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield American Legion Post 243 celebrated summer with their annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 18. This year's festivities featured a new layout of parking and picnic areas designed to accommodate more people.

This proved to be a smart move as over 200 people attended the event, more than double that of last year.

The festivities began at 2 p.m. and ran throughout the afternoon into the early evening. There was a wide variety of picnic fare. In addition to the traditional hamburgers and hot dogs,

there were assorted salads, sausage, corn-on-the-cob, chicken, ribs and much more. Cold drinks and beer flowed quenching thirsty guests. An auxiliary member supplied a table full of delicious homemade patriotic candy and cookies. Music filled the air as people lazed under tents enjoying the day.

A competitive horseshoe tournament was held in a fenced area while the younger set raced from activity to activity. The dunking booth is always popular and if by chance the balls didn't hit the target dumping the willing victim someone was usually nearby to hit the target by hand. The fire department stopped by allowing kids the chance to check out the equipment and climb inside.

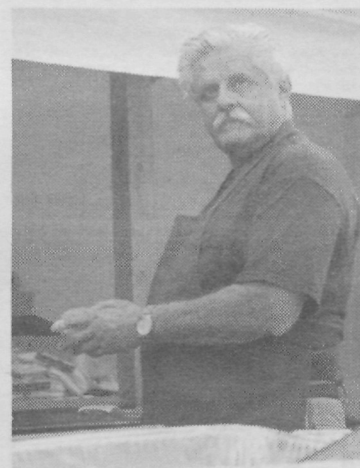
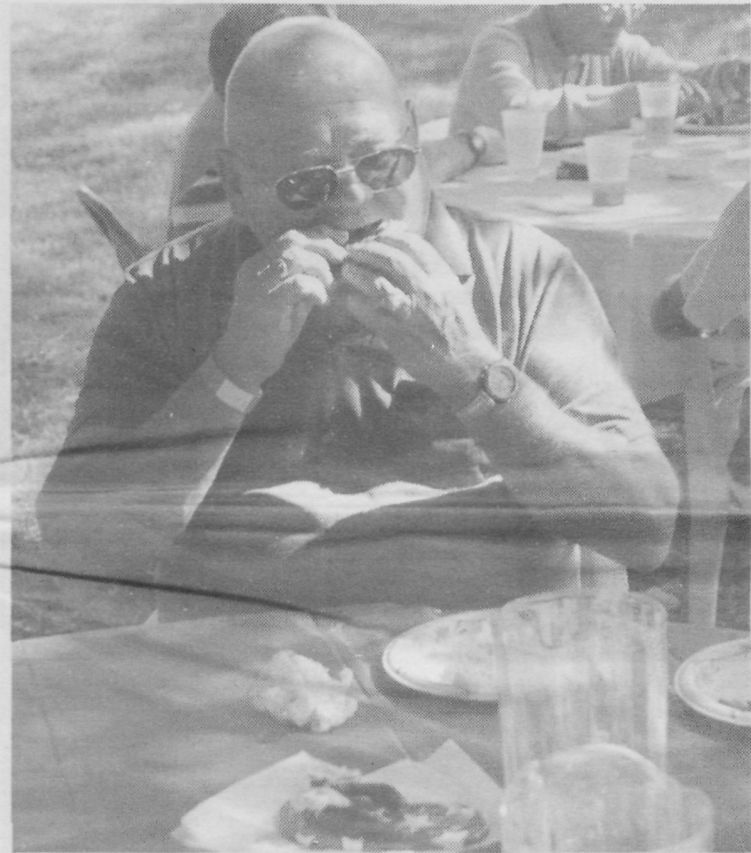
There were several exciting new activities including a Sponge Bob Moon Bounce, sack race and face painting. The community was very generous



with donations. There were over 50 door prizes and gift certificates. The 50/50 had the biggest pot every, the winner received over \$350.

They had perfect picnic weather, no scorching temperatures and not a rain

cloud in sight. The American Legion was thrilled with the success of the event and wanted to stress to residents that the picnic is a great family event open to the public.



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# INMYOPINION

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NY/NJ for New Jersey acquisitions and \$1 million from NY/NJ Baykeeper for HEP acquisitions. I had the pleasure of presenting these views in person to the Middlesex County Open Space committee on August 1st. We hope we can assist in moving this project forward quickly and cost effectively. Thank you for your consideration.

**SINCERELY,  
GREGORY A. REMAUD  
PRESERVATION DIRECTOR  
NY/NJ BAYKEEPER**

Dear Editor,

At the last Borough Council meet-

ing the budget for next year was introduced and I couldn't believe what I heard. The municipal portion of our homeowner's property tax will be less in 2008 than it was in 2007. We are getting a tax cut! All I have been reading about in the papers lately is how things such as pension costs are causing municipal property taxes in other towns to go through the roof. I was expecting the same to happen here in South Plainfield. I was pleasantly surprised, however, to hear that because of cost savings in other areas we would not be adversely affected by these types of significant expenses. The Democratic members of the Borough Council, lead-

by finance committee chair Kathy Thomas and council president Dennis Cerami, have stayed true to their commitment of watching out for the pocketbooks of the residents. Bravo for a job well done.

**FRANK FURINO**

Dear Editor,

It's frustrating to repeatedly see how our tax dollars are being wasted by the mayor and council. The culture of corruption that has infected our state has trickled down and is hitting home here in South Plainfield, and it's disappointing.

First the council paid an outrageous price (almost \$600,000) for property along Hamilton Boulevard owned by a relative of a big Democratic contributor. The "shack" is worth nowhere near that much.

A few months later the council decided to sell open space to developers so they can build houses on it. A sign on the lot says the property will never be developed, but unfortunately, that didn't stop them from slicing off parcels and selling them to builders.

To top it off, the council voted in August to give town-owned property to a Democratic campaign contribu-

tor at almost \$100,000 below fair-market value. The contributor got it for \$177,000 when one nearby the same size went for \$275,000.

When will it end?

My thanks to Councilmen Rob Bengivenga and Matt Anesh for exposing these scams and refusing to go along with them. We need more people on the council like them—people who are independent and willing to say "no" to waste and abuse.

**AMY JOHNSON**

## LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Eman Abdin

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCAFFERTY & McKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 5000 - Mellon Independence Center, 701 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532, phone # (856) 858-3242, an answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation Trust 2007-HE1 is plaintiff, and Eman Abdin is/are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-16842-07 within thirty-five (35) days after August 31, 2007 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered

against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated July 31, 2006, made by Eman Abdin as mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. recorded on January 05, 2007, for Middlesex County in Book 12081, Page 243 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation Trust 2007-HE1, by Assignment which has been sent for recording with the office of the clerk of Middlesex County; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 408 South 8th Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 249-7600.

YOU, Eman Abdin, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the record owner of the mortgaged premises and because you executed the bond or note and mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency thereon, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

**Theodore J. Fetter**  
Theodore J. Fetter, Clerk  
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August 31, 2007

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LEGAL NOTICE

August 24, 2007

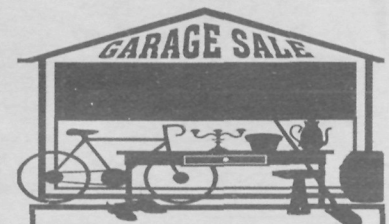
Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on August 23, 2007.

A. Case #25-07-Pinto Brother Disposal, LLC, Block 361; Lot 3; Lorraine Avenue. The applicant's request for an interpretation to permit outdoor storage of its equipment was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

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*(Roads Closures Begin at 9:30 a.m.)*

**Activities Begin at the  
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