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Mayor Will Not Seek Reelection

Cites Negative Political Climate As Influential in Decision



Mayor Charles Butrico

Mayor Charles Butrico read an emotional statement to the public at the conclusion of Monday evening's Borough Council meeting saying he does not intend to seek reelection for mayor this year. He explained that the continuous political fodder being thrown at him during his term as influencing his decision.

"Mayor Butrico has set the standards for public service. As the mayor of South Plainfield for the last four years, he has been diligent in his duties, accessible to his constituents and has never lost sight of those he serves. He has demonstrated his exemplary leadership and he will be missed," said fellow Democratic Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas.

Butrico had served as a councilman for five years prior to his election in 2006. He had previously been involved in the Summer Drama Workshop for several years, as well as volunteering his time in recreational sports for his girls. Butrico is currently a member of the Knights of Columbus.

"I still have nine months left and will continue to work hard," said Butrico. He plans to stay involved in borough affairs and be an active participant at council meetings as a private citizen. He says he will continue to volunteer his time any place it is needed.

The nomination deadline is next month, and Butrico expects his party's candidate for mayor will be announced within the next 30 days.

Butrico had this to say on Monday: "After much soul searching and consulting with my family and those I trust the most, I have decided that I will not seek re-election as your mayor this year. I love South Plainfield and I am proud of what has been accomplished over my nine years of service; first on the borough council and then as mayor, which is the greatest honor of my life.

"Being mayor is a tremendous commitment of time and is a great burden on the family of the person who holds the office, but I would gladly give all my spare hours in a day to work for the people of this town. The reason I have decided not to run again is that politics in South Plainfield has become a blood-sport and for me it's just not worth the constant harassment, attacks and threats from a few individuals who are only interested in making me look bad. Although these attacks don't really bother me, it hurts those that are important to me and those who support me the most, my family and my friends. It is because of my family and friends and the effect it is having on them that I have come to this decision.

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Borough Reels from Saturday Nor'easter



Carmine Avenue towards New Market Avenue

As the heavy rain and high winds continued to batter South Plainfield on Saturday, the borough's emergency teams gathered in the command center on South Plainfield Avenue. The teams included police, fire and rescue squad personnel and public works employees, as well as the mayor and members of the borough council.

By 10 p.m., members from Emergency Management began to ask residents along New Market Avenue to evacuate their homes. As in past

years, some chose to stay and others voluntarily left. Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma said that during Saturday's storm the water rose faster than he had ever seen in the past. In addition, many streets throughout the borough flooded and had to be closed to traffic. Hundreds of residents lost electricity between Park Avenue and Woodland Avenue. As of Tuesday evening, many were still without power.

Zushma gave a short report of the

extensive damage at Monday's Borough Council meeting. He reported that residents sustained approximately \$330,000 in damages, while businesses suffered about \$1,500,000 in damages. He added that since he had not yet talked

To facilitate storm cleanup, the Kenneth Avenue compactor will be open this Saturday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The borough is also planning a town-wide pickup to assist residents with cleanup beginning the week of March 29 for Section 1. Visit the borough's Web site, www.southplainfieldnj.com, for upcoming details.

to about 18 residents, his assessment isn't completed. He is still visiting homes and businesses, and estimates the total damage will be much higher. Zushma will be holding a special meeting with residents on how and if they can apply for FEMA aid in the near future.

In addition to the flood damage to residents along New Market Avenue, the Elks building incurred approximately \$100,000 in damage (see related story on page 6), and a business on South Clinton Avenue lost its roof estimated at a cost of \$900,000. The business employs 30, who are now out of work. Lehigh Electric sustained \$40,000 in damages and R&D Automotive Services lost everything.

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Graf Resigns as Senior Center Director

Borough Clerk Joann Graf announced her resignation as senior center director at Monday's Borough Council meeting. Graf has held the two positions since March of 2008 after an effort to cut costs by the then-Republican Majority. According to Graf, the borough has saved nearly \$160,000 in salary and benefits over the past two years.

Prior to the construction of the senior center on Maple Avenue, Graf held the title of senior citizen coordinator. Sue Mischka was appointed part-time director at the new facility and retired just four months later. Graf was then named to the position on a full-time basis. Over the years she had taken courses through the county on senior affairs and also had the title of Office on Aging director which she will no longer maintain.

Even though she will not be ac-



Joann Graf

tively involved at the center, Graf says she is always available for any questions seniors may have and will continue to assist them in filling out forms. "My heart is at the senior center. It will always be my first love," said Graf fondly. "I'll always love my seniors."

Borough Council President Matt Anesh said, "Joann has been with the senior center for quite some time and has worked hard to ensure the programs at the center meet the needs and expectations of our seniors. We are looking to enhance the current suite of programs to meet the changing needs of our seniors. I'm looking to bring someone on board with the background, skills and energy to make that happen."

Graf's resignation was effective as of Tuesday.



Student recognition award winners Donta Rice and Amanda Calvi.

High School Students Receive Recognition

By Jane Dornick

South Plainfield High School students Amanda Calvi and Donta Rice were honored at the Middlesex County School Boards Association and the Association of School Administrators annual student recognition dinner held at the Pines Manor in Edison on March 3. The awards go to junior and senior students who demonstrated incredible perseverance and focus despite enduring challenges that life has placed in their path.

Introductions were made by

Middlesex County School Boards Association President Kevin Cink, Middlesex County Association of School Administrators President John Rodecker, Executive County Superintendent Dr. Pat Piegari and Superior Court Judge the Honorable Roger Daley. Attending the event were Superintendent Jose Negro, high school Assistant Principal Ralph Errico, Guidance Counselor Nadine Knight, school board Vice President Pio Pennisi and BOE member Debbie Boyle along with the student's families.

Cabaret Hits the SPHS Stage

South Plainfield High School Players Drama Club will present the Broadway hit *Cabaret* on March 25, 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. and on March 28 at 2 p.m. in the Joseph A. Mondoro Auditorium.

Cabaret tells the story of a young American writer, Clifford Bradshaw, living in Berlin at the dawn of the Nazi era. He becomes infatuated with the giddy, gaudy decadence of the place, epitomized by a sexy, vaguely dangerous nightclub called the Kit Kat Club. In particular he finds himself involved with its chanteuse, sad, flighty



Sally Bowles. While Cliff and Sally drift, dreamlike, in this happy but desperate milieu, life outside turns ugly. As the play reaches its climax, Cliff's landlady Fraulein Schneider decides to break her engagement to a Jewish man because she fears she will lose her license if she does not. Cliff decides to leave the world of Berlin and the Kit Kat Club behind him, but Sally, believing that "life is a cabaret," decides to stay behind.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. For more information call (908) 754-4620.



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council meetings

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April 5 April 5

April 19 April 19

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Mar. 23, Apr. 13, Apr. 27, May 11, May 25, June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 Dec. 7.

zoning board of adjustment

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

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

Mar. 25, Apr. 8, Apr. 22, May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11* and Dec. 9.*

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

*except where noted.

Committee of the Whole: March 31

Regular Public Meeting: April 14

BOE curriculum technology/student activities

Meets once a month on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave. (April to be announced)

BOE buildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building

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

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, 7 p.m. Apr. 20, May 18, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7621

April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 2011.

business advisory group

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In My Opinion

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Dear Editor,

I read of well meaning people looking to solve our library issue, needing more room. I hear friends, relatives and citizens complaining of our bloated school budget. I sense the mood of austerity and I wonder if our politicians are thinking 'out of the box.' Two suggestions in one here, though neither might make sense when further analyzed.

For what it is worth, why can't the city leaders of each community get together with the county leaders and begin honest meetings to see if there are ways to consolidate duplicate functions, such as the Board of Education, eliminating the need for redundancy.

Also, on the subject of the BOE, from the view of this outsider, it might make sense to switch the BOE personnel with the library as the current BOE building appears to have much more room, and would be closer to midtown than the recently suggested further south Montrose Avenue.

KEVIN (THE ELDER) O'BRIEN

To the Editor:

I would like to take this moment to commend the South Plainfield Police Dept., Fire Dept., Rescue Squad and Emergency Management for the many hours they spent managing to handle the many calls during the rain storm on March 20. I know not one call was missed during these many hours. We also have to thank the Public Works Dept. for coming out to help close the necessary roads and any help they were needed in during those times. Most of all I want to commend our 9-1-1 operators for those many hours they worked very hard not only managing the phone calls, but also keeping communications with each of our emergency vehicles on the roads, plus in contact with the necessary utility company each time they were needed. I hope this allows the residents to see how well each of our emergency personnel are well trained to handle this and other situations during the year. Keep up the good work.

**THANK YOU,
DENNIS SCALERA**

To the Mayor, Council President and Members of the Council:

I'm writing to you as a former member of the South Plainfield Special Police. As you may know, South Plainfield no longer has a special police force, as the force disbanded over 25 years ago. When active, the special

police served our town in important ways, and, in my opinion, reviving this force would have benefits for our community, many of which would fill existing needs. A revived force would be an asset to our town, and I'd like to volunteer my time and talent to help revive this group and serve as one of its leaders.

There are many existing needs that could be filled by special police, two of which come to mind immediately given recent events. First, the force would stand ready to help during emergencies. The storm this past weekend is a perfect example. The force would be available to help man barricades, assist officers, and perform duties at the police station.

Second, the force would be available to help patrol the town, not in place of our regular officers, but to supplement them. The special police officers would create a greater police presence, and thereby help prevent crime and make our residents feel more secure. Given the recent home invasions, the importance of a greater police presence can't be overstated.

Of course, there are other ways the force would be valuable too. For example, the officers could help at major events, like football games, the Labor Day parade, and the fireworks. They could help direct traffic at accidents, and they could offer our police officers assistance with routine assignments that eat up their time. The force could be as flexible as the needs of our town.

The ways in which a special police force could benefit South Plainfield

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are many. Of course, as with any new endeavor, we'd have to work to develop a framework for recruitment, membership, training, certification and scheduling. But these challenges are far outweighed by the benefits to the community. Other towns have reaped the benefits of a special police force, and I know South Plainfield would too, especially given our town's reputation for volunteerism.

Again, this is not simply a suggestion. I am willing to take the lead and help organize this effort. I only ask that the borough and the police department work with me to get it off the ground. In my opinion, it would be a giant step forward for the town. I also ask that the council's Public Safety Committee discuss this idea with the police chief and that in the near future that I be given the chance to meet with the committee and the chief to present my ideas.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you and working with you.

**VERY TRULY YOURS,
ROBERT A. BENGIVENA**



Notice of Special Meeting of The South Plainfield Mayor And Council

The Borough Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7 p.m. on the following matter: 1. CV2010 Municipal Budget Discussion, and 2. Consideration of a contract for curbside recycling collection services. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue at 7 p.m. Questions should be directed to the clerk's office at (908) 226-7606.

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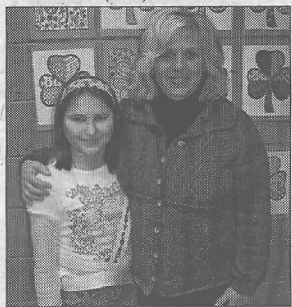
JUNIOR JOURNALIST

Jade Scotti Named Junior Journalist

Roosevelt School fourth grader Jade Nicole Scotti has been named a winner in the Junior Journalist contest for her story, "Around the World." She will receive a dinner for her family courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students can submit their original written works to their teachers, principal or the *Observer* at 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Winners will receive a catered dinner for their families from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a banquet on May 12. Junior Journalists also have the opportunity to win the Ruth Kurland Memorial \$1,000 savings bond which will be awarded at the banquet.

For more information, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010.



Junior Journalist winner Jade Scotti with teacher Kathy Simpson.

Around the World

Jade Nicole Scotti, Grade 4

It's raining, it's raining, it's raining, it's raining, so I'm as bored as could be. Wanting to fly or travel the sea. Hmm... Maybe I should. Not kidding. Really! I'll travel the world... How hard could it be?

I threw on my coat, threw open the door. Watching the rain, letting it pour. Airplane in the sky, watching it soar. I might be in it soon, flying over the shore.

I took a helicopter to Florida, where I swam in the pool. I took a train to New York, where the air was so cool. A plane to California where I visited L.A. I took a ship to Bahamas on the beach all day.

I drove to Texas, the desert so hot. To San Francisco, I took a yacht. I went to Maine, where I fished a lot. I left Nebraska, eight o'clock.

I'm leaving the U.S.A. and islands tonight. To China where pandas of black and white. I'll go to Japan on a long, long flight. I'll visit the Eiffel Tower, for an amazing sight.

I went to Australia where kangaroos hop high. I just noticed it's almost time to say goodbye. My last visit, a boat to Rome. Now it's time to go home.

Home I go.

Home I go.

Home I go.

I traveled the world, nobody will know.



Bill and Barbara Cochrane, along with their three sons, Quinn, Ben and Jack, participated in the Polar Bear Plunge in Seaside Heights. The Cochranes plunged into the 38 degree Atlantic Ocean along with approximately 4,000 other plungers. Their team, "Charlee's Angels," raised over \$1,600. The event raised over \$1M for Special Olympics New Jersey. "Charlee's Angels" is named in honor of the Cochrane's four-year-old daughter, Charlee, who has Down Syndrome. Also pictured is the boys' cousin, Tommy Yancheck, who is the team captain.

BOROUGH NOTES

The council passed a resolution urging Governor Christie to rescind the Executive Order to reduce state aid to the South Plainfield School District by \$1.6M.

A right-of-way agreement was approved between the Borough of South Plainfield and Fiber Technologies Network, LLC for the purpose of construction, installation, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of a telecommunication system for a period of 50 years.

Borough environmental engineers, Maser Consulting, will perform engineering services associated with the remedial investigation of the former Suburban Transit Bus Co. site. The cost, not to exceed \$111,609, will be funded through a N.J. DEP grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund.

The borough will waive applicable fees, excluding electrical, for the 2010 Feast of St. Anthony at Our Lady of Czestochowa, June 1 through 5 and will allow street banners to be hung at three central locations.

The council authorized the hiring of per diem snow removal personnel for the Winter of 2010.

Borough officials were authorized to make application to the local finance board for approval to adopt two refunding bond ordinances (#1877 and #1878) and to represent the borough in matters pertaining thereto.

A service agreement was approved for Rocko Casiro to provide snow removal services for the 2010 Winter season per the bid specifications.

The fire permit fee of \$42 was waived for the South Plainfield Lions Club annual gourmet breakfast to be

held on Sunday, March 28 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the high school.

The council accepted the resignation of Linda Zushma as the Municipal Housing Liaison, effective March 1, 2010.

The part time position of fire prevention specialist was eliminated, effective immediately.

Donald Diegnan was authorized to provide professional services, including the phone switch, radio tie lines, intercom and various other telecommunication items.

The council authorized the application to the Middlesex County Dept. of Housing and Community Development for a 2010 Community Development Block Grant.

Marie Dudek was appointed secretary to the mayor, effective March 1, 2010.

The council will support Middlesex County's effort to reduce taxes through a reduction in open space tax.

Planning Board Considers Revised Plans for Celebrations

By Libby Barsky

The Planning Board revisited developer Jack Morris's application to build the Celebrations development that will provide 340 housing units on 27 acres at the former Tingley Rubber property on South Avenue and Coolidge Street.

At the March 9 meeting, economic research consultant Richard B. Reading told the board his research indicates there will be 601 residents living at the complex, with 61 children—40 school age and 21 preschoolers. Reading also stated the added tax revenues would result in an annual amount of \$741,120.

The initial 2006 application for the complex was for an age-restricted, senior development of 484 units. The board turned down the application by a vote of 5-4, but after litigation, it approved the plans.

To help jump start a stalled economy and spur building in New Jersey, the state assembly in 2009 enacted an economic stimulus bill that removed the age restrictions on senior communities whose plans had been approved but not built, enabling developers to amend earlier plans and build without age restrictions.

Celebrations Attorney Bob Smith noted that the legislature found the concept of restricted aging inaccurate because the potential owners were limited in the amount of time they could live in their home before requiring an assisted living arrangement.

In January 2010 an amended plan for Celebrations was presented to the planning board. The original age-restricted requirement for the number of housing units had shrunk from 484 to 340. Plans included eight condominium buildings with 32 units in each and one condo building with 16 units, or a total number of 272 units with one or two bedrooms—18, one-bedroom units and 254, two-bedroom units. Seven townhouse buildings will contain eight units each and

two will contain six units. All 68 townhouse units have three bedrooms. This original plan was tweaked to merge two four-story, 34-unit condo buildings to create 68 rental units designated only for seniors and to accommodate COAH standards. No other units will be rental units.

Earlier plans featured two freestanding clubhouses. The new plans insert one of the clubhouses into the center of the two, 34-unit condos, connecting both buildings through a central hallway. Moving the clubhouse removes the original need to seek a variance, which required a 12-foot setback. The other clubhouse will remain outside in another area of the property.

A major issue was the proposed 44 dens located within the condo units. Planning Board Chair Robert Ackerman was concerned the dens could be used as another bedroom if they had a closet or door. Ron Aulenbach, director of engineering for Edgewood Properties, insisted the dens were "architecturally integral to the building design." Ackerman asserted he wanted the dens to be eliminated. A compromise was reached by moving a wall to make a "substantial doorway" to create more open space and making it difficult to install either a closet or door.

The plan was also adjusted to situate a garbage compactor to a more central area within the complex, the installation of board on board fencing around the property perimeter and the addition of sidewalks and curbs on South Avenue.

A request was made for the plans to be submitted to the fire department to ensure that their equipment would be able to move easily within the complex. The board also asked that a meeting be set up with BOE transportation supervisor Marlene Steele to designate the area where busses can pick up the projected 40 school age students who will be residing at Celebrations.

The board will hold a meeting on the application on April 13.

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Around Town

Rock Darfur Concert

March 19

A concert to raise money to save Darfur will be held at the PAL building located on Maple Ave. on Friday, March 19 starting at 6 p.m. Bands appearing are A Clear Blurr, The Battle Begun, Matt Koziol, Play With Fire and Against the Tide. Flipcyde Illstars will also perform. Food, games and music; all for a good cause. Cost is \$5 per person.

Lenten Fish Dinners At Sacred Heart

Fridays through March 26

The Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church are sponsoring Lenten fish dinners on Friday, March 19 and 26 in the school cafeteria, 5 to 7 p.m. Fillet of fish (fried, broiled, parmesan), pasta (cheese ravioli, manicotti or linguini) or pizza; garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea or cold drink, dessert. Take out available. \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 children. Stations of the Cross in the church at 7 p.m.

Franklin School PTO Auction/Raffle

March 20

The Franklin School PTO will host its annual auction/raffle, "Spring is in the Air," on Saturday, March 20 in SPHS gym. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; auction begins at 8 p.m. Bring your own food and drinks. Complimentary coffee and tea. Lots of great prizes. Profits go towards cultural arts, class trips, end of year celebrations and events for Franklin School students.

Purchase advance tickets (\$10) by contacting Sue at (908) 797-6218 or Karen at (908) 723-4546. If not sold out, tickets may be purchased at the door at the auction for \$12.

OLC Lenten Mission

March 20-23

Our Lady of Czestochowa parish will hold a Lenten Mission featuring Rev. David Bialkowski as retreat mas-

ter. Bialkowski is pastor of St. John Guallert Parish in Cheektowaza, N.Y.

Weekend Masses, March 20 and 21, 4:30 p.m., 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Monday and Tuesday, March 22 and 23, 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

Confessions will be heard on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings after each session.

St. Stephen's Spaghetti Dinner

March 21

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., is hosting an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 21, 5 to 7 p.m. Includes beverages and desserts. Free-will offering will be taken. Suggested donation: \$5/adults, \$2/children. No reservations.

For more information, call the church office at (908) 757-4474.

SPBA Meeting

March 25

The South Plainfield Business Association will hold their next monthly meeting on Thursday, March 25 at Sherban's Diner, Front Street. Business card exchange, light breakfast served at 8:30 a.m. General membership meeting starts at 9 a.m.

Non-members are welcome to attend general membership meeting and any networking event prior to joining.

For more info on the SPBA, visit www.spba.biz or call Debra Anne Leporino at (908) 754-6914.

Cedarcroft Drama Club Free Play

March 26

The CBC Drama Club at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., will present *Esther, The Chosen Queen* on Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. The play, written by Nora Stasio and co-directed by Nora and Joan Stasio, will feature children in grades two through five, with skits by middle school and high school students.

Admission is free. Refreshments.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 27

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is proud to announce the annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 27, 1 p.m. at the PAL Memorial Field. Residents ages 1-10 are welcome to join in the fun. Bring a bag for the eggs and a camera and take a picture with the Easter Bunny. Call (908) 226-7657 after 9 a.m. in case of inclement weather.

SPHS Athletic Booster Club Comedy Show

March 27

SPHS Booster Club presents "An Evening of Stand-up Comedy" on Saturday, March 27 at the PAL. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Three comedians. BYOB and food. Raffle prizes and 50/50. Reservations highly recommended. \$25 per person in advance.

For more information, call Ann Marie at (908) 756-7543.

Republican Org. Victory Dinner

March 27

The South Plainfield Republican Organization will host a victory dinner dance at the Crown Plaza in Edison on Saturday, March 27.

For information or tickets, call Cynthia at (908) 447-6980.

Lions Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast

March 28

The South Plainfield Lions Club will hold their annual gourmet breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 28 in the SPHS cafeteria, 8 a.m. to noon. Pancakes, omelets to order, French toast, sausage, bacon and orange juice. \$6 per person. Come support your local Lions club. Monies raised are used by the Lions club to assist local residents in need, Camp Marcella (camp for the blind), eye banks and seeing eye dogs.

Knights Annual Comedy Night

April 10

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203, 334 Hamilton Blvd., will hold their annual comedy night on Saturday, April 10. Doors open at 6 p.m.; comedy starts at 7 p.m. Tap beer, soft drinks and light snacks included. BYO for whatever else you want to drink. Cash

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up.....

March 21 Christmas Fling
March 25-Showboat
April 25-27-Tulip Festival
May 13-15-Washington, DC
June 7-10 Niagara Falls
(Call the senior center for more info)

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers 8:45 am
Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

Call (908) 754-1047 for more info or visit www.southplainfieldnj.com

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WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics 8:45 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am
Shopping Trip 9 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Exercise Class 11 am

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

Daily Activities: Morning coffee, pool, cards, board games, computer classes, exercise, art, Tai Chi, yoga and crafts.
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bar for mixed drinks. Show will be PG-13 to Rated R and may not be appropriate for those under 18. No one under 21 permitted to drink.

Tickets (\$25) will be sold in advance. Reserve a whole table for family and friends.

To purchase tickets, call Bob Barone at (732) 266-7144.

— Out of Town —

Coffeehouse Worship Service

March 20

Join us for The Connection, a Saturday night coffeehouse style informal worship service at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains on Saturday, March 20 at 6 p.m. Good coffee and desserts served. Childcare and activities packets for young children provided. For more information, visit www.willowgrovechurch.org.

Blackrose to Perform

March 20

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Cambridge-Inn, 19 Summer Hill Rd., Spotswood on Saturday, March 20 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

Adopt Phoebe This Weekend

March 21

People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a dog adoption event on Sunday, March 21, 11

a.m. until 3 p.m. at PETSMART in Bridgewater's Promenade Mall, intersection of Routes 28 and 287. Among the pets for adoption will be Phoebe, an Italian Greyhound puppy, less than one year old, energetic and joyful.

Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

March 21

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, March 21, 7 to 11 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrissey Ave., Avenel. Light refreshments. All are welcome. \$10 members, \$12 guests.

For more information call (732) 381-3255 or (908) 757-0515.

Indoor Easter Egg Hunt

March 27

Parker Gardens, located at 1325 Terrill Rd. in Scotch Plains will hold an indoor Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 27 for kids ages 3-6 at 2 p.m., kids ages 7-10 at 2:45 p.m.

Thousands of eggs hidden beneath the hay in one of our greenhouses.

Call (908) 322-5552 to register. Come early, egg hunt starts promptly.

Baykeeper Wild & Scenic Film Festival

March 28

The NY/NJ Baykeeper Wild and Scenic Film Festival will be held on Sunday, March 28 from 4-6 p.m. at Marion Huber Theater at the Two River Theater Company, 21 Bridge Ave. in Red Bank.

Adult tickets \$15; junior membership tickets \$10. Light refreshments.

For tickets, contact Christopher at Christopherbarrett@nynjbaykeeper.org or call (732) 888-9870.

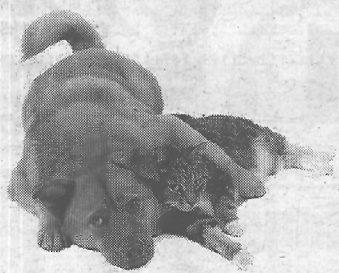
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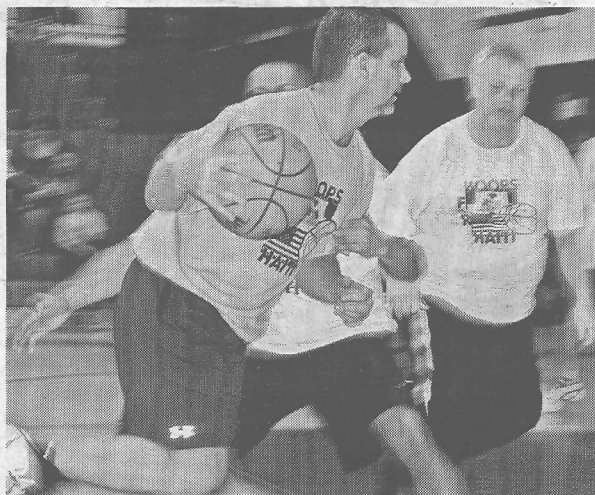
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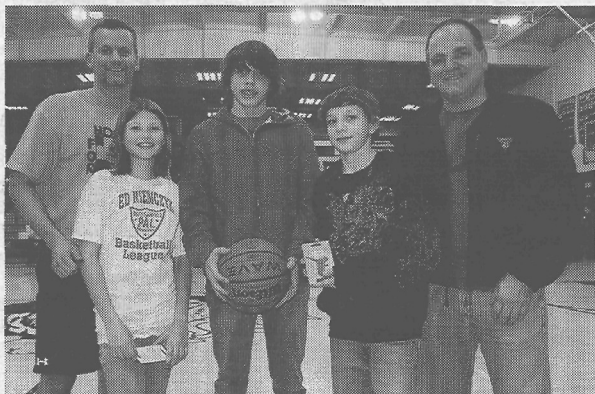
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Recreation Director Kevin Hughes at Hoops for Haiti fundraiser.



(L to R) Recreation Director Kevin Hughes, Meghan Hughes, Matt Gruver, Aidan McDermott and Mayor Charlie Butrico.

Rec Dept. Coaches Rally for Haiti

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Recreation Department basketball coaches hit the floor running-up and down the basketball court at the high school to raise money for Haiti's earthquake victims.

The Hoops for Haiti event held March 4 was a series of charity basketball games sponsored by the recreation department.

Thirty-six recreation head coaches banded together to form four teams known as Blue, White, Black and Green. Recreation youths, family and friends filled the stands to cheer on their favorite coaches. They played four, 20-minute games. Tom McCreesh was emcee and manned the scoreboard, while Bill DeNitzio, Dennis Moskal and Tim Dziomba served as referees.

Over 500 people were in attendance, including Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas and Mayor Charles Butrico.

Scores were as follows: game one,

Blue-26, Black-16; game two, White-27, Green-25; game three, Black-21, Green-25 and in the championship game, White team defeated the Blue team, 28-25.

Youths wearing their recreation shirts received a reduced price ticket as well as a ticket for a raffle. Those whose numbers were called received a chance to make a foul shot. The three lucky winners sinking baskets received gift cards for iTunes donated by Recreation Director Kevin Hughes. Winners were Meghan Hughes, Matt Gruver and Aidan McDermott.

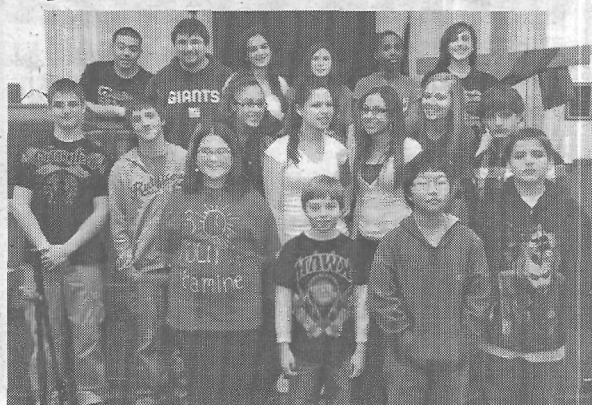
Coach Pete Massett is credited with conceiving the idea of Hoops for Haiti. It takes a lot of effort to organize an event such as this. The South Plainfield Athletic Booster Club assisted by handling the snack stand and ticket booths. They donated \$250-the proceeds from the concession-to the Haiti fund. Approximately \$2,200 was raised.

Teens Fight Hunger for Children Worldwide

Wars and natural disasters all over the world dominate the daily headlines, but behind the scenes and far from the spotlight, hunger and preventable diseases claim the lives of 25,000 of the world's children every day.

Right now, more than one billion people worldwide don't have enough to eat. Annually, more than nine million children under the age of five die from disease and malnutrition as a result of hunger. But world hunger is 100 percent preventable and 18 teens from the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield are ready to be a part of the solution.

On February 26 and 27, for the fifth year, they joined the efforts of hundreds of thousands of young people all over the nation who set aside the usual "stuff" that filled their daily lives. Instead, they did World Vision's 30 Hour Famine, "On an Empty Stomach," the theme for this year. By going without food, they got a taste of what the world's poorest children and families face every day. Students raised funds with the knowledge that every \$30 they raise can help feed and care for a child a month. Groups are also encouraged to perform hands-on service projects during the weekend in



First row (L to R): Emma Eisner, Christopher Divila, Cory Krohn, Joseph Grimando. Second row: Christian Grimando, Greg Cabanas, Ashley Filipe, Lee Ann Doherty, Samantha Filipe, Melissa Divila, Matthew Grimando. Back row: Brett Adoptante, Ryan Flanagan, Carolyn Lanza, Danielle Carputo, Kiesha Nietzer, Stefanie Grimando.

order to make a difference in their communities. As part of the famine, the teens made a soup and bread lunch for several individuals in their community.

Funds raised by 30 hour famine participants help feed and care for children in communities in need around the globe through World Vision. Additionally, a portion of the funds raised support World Vision's effort to as-

sist families in need in the United States. This year the teens from First Baptist set a goal of raising \$5,000. Because a second "canning" date was snowed out, they have extended their fundraising deadline to Saturday, March 20. Anyone willing to "Be a Hero" and donate to their efforts should call (908) 930-1453. Donations are tax deductible.

Councilwoman Sponsoring Essay Contest

In order to provide high school students with an opportunity to recognize the importance of Women's History Month, Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas is sponsoring a Women's History Month Essay Contest. A committee comprised of South Plainfield residents will select a student that recognizes the importance of women's history and the continuous struggle to provide equal rights for all women.

Contest participants should discuss a specific event or accomplishment of National Woman's Party founder Alice Paul's life that is significant, and if given the opportunity to create a project to continue Alice Paul's legacy here in South Plainfield, what would that project be and how would it be implemented? Essays should be between 500-750 words and be submitted by Friday, March 26 and is open to any South Plainfield resident in grades 9-12. The winner will receive a \$250 American Express gift card, a copy of *Past and Promise, Lives of New Jersey Women*, and will be recognized in local media. The winner will be announced on or before Sunday, March 28.

The following Web sites may be

helpful in research: The Alice Paul Institute: www.alicepaul.org/; NJ Women's History: www.scc.rutgers.edu/njwomenhistory/; and The National Women's History Project: www.nwhp.org/.

Submit essays to: Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or E-mail essay to christinebuteas@comcast.net. Include name, address, grade, phone

number and E-mail address.

Alice Paul was the architect of some of the most outstanding political achievements on behalf of women in the 20th century. Born on January 11, 1885 to Quaker parents in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, Paul dedicated her life to the single cause of securing equal rights for all women. She founded the National Woman's Party in 1914 and

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March 12, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on March 11, 2010.

A. Case # 04-10-Moon Builders, LLC, Block 144; Lot 11; 1451 Walnut Street. The applicant's request for a lot width variance in order to erect a (2) story single family dwelling was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Knidre
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

\$27.94

March 19, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

March 10, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on March 9, 2010.

A. Case # 725/Site-Leland C. Stanford, Block 450; Lots 1 & 3; 2614 South Clinton Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary & final site plan approval w/ variances and waivers was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Knidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

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Heroism Saves Motorist in Submerged Car



New Market Avenue near Anthony Avenue

Submitted by Joseph Proietto

Not only would he wake up one year older on Sunday, but it was also the day Sergio Farfan of South Plainfield would become a hero.

"I don't think I'm a hero, I'm just a friend who was there to help," said Farfan. Early in the morning of Sunday, March 14, he was just finishing up the celebration of his birthday when a friend called him in distress.

After days of storming rain in New Jersey, New Market Avenue in South Plainfield was flooded beyond recognition. While celebrating his birthday at a friend's house, Sergio received a call

from his good friend, Alyssa Johnson of Piscataway. This was the moment Sergio would jump into action.

Alyssa's vehicle was consumed by the rushing waters on New Market Avenue, water pouring into her car. After arriving to the blacked out street and vast flooded waters, Sergio swam to Alyssa's rescue, saving her from drowning on the barely visible abandoned road.

"The water was up to the bottom of the stop sign," one witness said, "I've never seen anything like this." Sergio swam through five to six feet of water to get to her, she was barely able to keep her head above

the water.

"Everything was black, I couldn't tell where she was," Sergio explained, as he arrived on the scene. He called out her name. "I was screaming for her, I couldn't tell where she was in the water." Finally, in the dark of night, her voice called out to him.

Sensing her direction, Sergio managed to steer himself towards her, fighting the current and deep water, he arrived at the vehicle, carrying the victim on his back through the freezing water. "It was so cold. I just kept telling her to breathe, my heart was pounding, we barely made it back."

Alyssa thanked Sergio for his heroism. "He's the best friend anyone could have, I wouldn't have made it if it wasn't for him. He's my hero."

Police and rescue squad arrived on the scene. Sergio and Alyssa were taken to JFK Hospital for mild hypothermia treatment and a precautionary check up.

Not only is this a tale of heroism, but a reminder of what it takes to be a hero and the sacrifices people make for other human beings. Sergio is currently unemployed due to the recession and recently lost his health insurance as many of our citizens have over the last two years.

"It's bad, but what are you going to do. I'll hope for the best," he said, when asked about his upcoming hospital bill.

If readers would like to make a donation, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010 for his contact information.

What You Can Do to Care for Trees After a Storm Hits

A major storm can have devastating effects, changing the community in an instant. Buildings may be damaged or destroyed, power lines down, and trees broken and torn. In the wake of this loss, neighborhoods and entire communities may experience a sense of devastation not known before.

"Because trees are such a large part of a city's visual landscape, damage to them from a severe storm can be a major shock to residents," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation, an organization that helps people plant and care for trees. "Seeing a favorite tree down or badly damaged in the front yard can be a traumatic experience, almost like losing an old friend."

But Rosenow also said that trees are amazingly resilient and that many recover with proper care. Informa-

tion is available from the Arbor Day Foundation for residents who want to become more informed about tree care and storm recovery.

The Arbor Day Foundation's Web site, arborday.org, offers a free Storm Recovery Kit, an online set of easy-to-understand guidelines to explain how to care for trees following a severe storm. Residents will learn to know whether a tree can be saved, the best way to remove broken limbs, and how to identify scam artists posing as arborists.

After a major storm, city officials, utility workers, and private tree care firms have their work cut out for them. The best thing residents can do is be patient and lend a hand. Citizens can help expedite the city's recovery process by quickly learning correct tree care practices, taking care of simple tasks, and protecting against



Tree toppled onto Maple Avenue

tree service imposters.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit conservation organization of nearly one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information on the Foundation and its programs can be found at arborday.org.

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Elks Lodge on New Market Avenue incurred over \$100,000 in flood damage.

Oh No, Not Again Elks Lodge Sustains Flood Damage

By Patricia Abbott

Mother Nature and old man winter teamed up to hit South Plainfield with not one, but two snow storms. The snow melted and we were teased with a sample of spring-like weather. Not to be easily forgotten, once again Mother Nature had her say, slamming us with a Nor'easter last Saturday.

Saturday's storm caused downed power lines, fallen trees, flooded streets

and homes. People who never had incidences of water reported flooding. Spring Lake swelled well beyond its banks and covered walkways. The Elks Lodge on New Market Avenue was among those hit hardest by the storm.

The experience of previous flooding had lodge members preparing for the worst on Saturday morning; tables and chairs, the pool table and everything on the ground level was raised. New Market Avenue was closed fairly early in the afternoon.

By 5 p.m. the South Clinton Avenue extension was closed as the swiftly moving flood water continued to rise.

On Monday, Elks members began the task of ripping out carpet and clearing debris. By early afternoon the lodge had begun the clean up process. Members scrubbed everything in the building, with special attention given to the kitchen.

Flooding is nothing new to the Elks. A small section of kitchen wall indicates the water level and date of each previous flood. The clean up and repairs will take some time to complete, but the Elks are more than up to the task.



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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Once again, it's time for some news from the South Plainfield Library.

First up, we'll have an abbreviated schedule of children's programming next week. The "Monday Morning Movie" presentation for preschoolers will be held on Monday morning at 10:30. "Storytime" for children ages four and over will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30 and Wednesday evening at 6:30. "Time for 2's & 3's" for children ages two and three will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30. (However, our children's programs have been cancelled next Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26.) Each program lasts about an hour and is being presented free of charge. No pre-registration is required. For story programs, each features stories, songs and a craft activity for the older kids. If you'd like more information, call and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

Beyond that, things are a bit quiet next week. (Well, relatively so, anyway.) So, we have a few advisories for you.

First, you may have noticed that last week we were closed for a couple of days for "staff training." To be more precise, this was training in a new computer system the library will be adding for our circulation and cataloging in the near future. (No, we're not hiring Hal 9000.) When we're ready to plug the new system in, there will be a period of

adjustment during which there may be delays in our service to the patrons. Rest assured, we'll try to keep the problems to a minimum during this time. We'll let you know when the switch occurs.

Next, a note from our Notary Public (who is conveniently the guy writing this column): as a notary, he (well, I) am somewhat restricted in what I can and can't do regarding the preparation of a document. I can advise a patron on what is and isn't possible or acceptable under N.J. law and notary regulations; however, I am prohibited by both those rules and general common sense from specifically advising someone on how a document should be prepared or structured. Patrons are well-advised to thoroughly check on such matters before coming in for notarization, especially in regard to major legal documents like wills or powers of attorney. On balance, it's a lot better to take the extra time to cover all your bases beforehand than to get something incorrectly or inaccurately notarized and get into trouble later on.

Next, during our last board of trustees meeting, it was decided to proceed with our proposed change of location from our present building to the property over on Montrose Avenue. Now, we at the library realize that there are those (patrons and otherwise) who have doubts about this move and questions about how it would work. If you're in this group, rest assured that we're very interested in your opinions and fully intend to take them into account as we proceed. We realize that our plans could use some refinement, and we want to know what we can do to make our move as painless and our new location as accessible as possible for everyone. Please feel free to let us know your suggestions and comments. As we noted a couple of weeks ago, you can write to us, give us a phone call, stop by in person, or leave a note in our Community Suggestion Box.

That'll do it for this week. For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. See you next week.

Saturday Nor'easter

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To add to all the problems with flooding and road closings, a car that went around the signals was hit by a train; no one was seriously injured.

The police received about 180 emergency calls during the storm, but there were no injuries reported.

The compactor will be open this Saturday for residents who want to dispose of their damaged property. For those who have already placed damaged items on the curb for pick up, the fall bulk pickup will be moved up and begin the week of March 29

for Section 1. Watch the *Observer* for more information. Zushma is also reminding residents who will be disposing of their property to take a picture before they throw anything away. He also reminded residents that when cleaning their basements any items that were in the flood waters contain sewer water and should be disposed of or sanitized. Also, children should not play in the flood water.

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Sports

SPHS BOYS BOWLING

By Ralph Fech



Bowling Team Wins GMC White Division "Sportsmanship Award"– Competition in the Red and White Division is the best in the state. Graduation losses contributed to a seventh place finish. With only Andrew Yon returning, the team had to rely on new, inexperienced bowlers.

– See next week's issue for Girls Bowling Results. –

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Long and snowy winter, now soaking spring rain.

Last Saturday's field duty was rained out, so we welcome the help of the seven and eight-year-old parents this weekend. Regular field duty for nine and 10-year-old parents is this weekend; please report to the clubhouse at 8 a.m. We are going to need the efforts of many in order to overcome Mother Nature's fury.

The Rutgers Certification Class, originally scheduled for Thursday, March 18, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 30 in the clubhouse beginning at 6:45 p.m. Call (908) 754-2090 to register (by March 26). The fee will be waived for South Plainfield residents. If you are interested in participating on the field with your child's team you must have a SPJBC membership card and Rutgers certification.

Any parents who are new to the SPJBC, or if you just want to know more, attend the New Parent Orientation on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Snack stand sign-up is Wednesday, March 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the clubhouse. All parents must complete

a snack stand duty for each child playing. Dates and times are on a first-come, first-served basis, so come early. You can only sign-up for yourself. If you can't attend, your snack stand duty date and time will be assigned.

Tickets for the SPJBC sponsored SPHS baseball game at TD Bank Ballpark, the home of the Somerset Patriots, will go on sale soon. The date is Sunday, April 18 at 11 a.m. The opponent is JFK (Iselin). Tickets are \$10 each; if you buy three, you get one free. Call the clubhouse to purchase tickets.

SPJBC Scholarship Program: Please remember that all applications must be completed and returned by

Thursday, April 1. All applications received after April 1 will be disqualified from consideration.

Be a sponsor for the opening day program. Cheer your player or team on. Check the parents handbook or download the form from the handouts section of our Web site. The deadline is Tuesday, March 30.

You can find all this and more information at our Web site, www.leaguecup.com/spjbc.

Opening Day countdown: April 10 is only three weeks away.

"You look forward to opening day like a birthday party. You think something wonderful is going to happen."

Joe DiMaggio

Adult Baseball League Forming

Adult baseball players and teams are wanted for the Amateur Baseball Association of NJ. The ABA is the premier adult men's (18 and over) recreational baseball league in New Jersey.

We will have multiple wood and metal skill level leagues. Games are played mainly on Sundays with some Saturday games.

Included in fees are our strong cus-

tomers service and flexible master scheduling, a large player pool, seven dozen Wilson baseballs, field insurance, accidental medical insurance, AllStar TeamStats.com/aba for stats and schedules, equipment discounts, All Star Game and jackets for league winners.

For more visit www.AllStarTeamStats.com/aba, E-mail NJBBaseball4all@aol.com or call (201) 873-3349.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1882

AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 131, ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, March 19, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Borough, Chapter 131, Alarm Systems, shall be deleted and replaced as follows:

SECTION 131-1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the regulation and control of the installation, operation and maintenance of private alarm systems within the Borough of South Plainfield so that the quality of the alarm services rendered to the public will be maintained at a high level. Further, the private alarm enterprises retained by owners and occupants of buildings and enterprises in the Borough of South Plainfield will be able to perform their services on a basis of standards and requirements that are fairly, equitably and impartially applicable to all such subscribers.

SECTION 131-2. APPLICABILITY.

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to any person who operates, maintains or owns any alarm system designed to summon the police, Fire Department or other municipal agencies to any location in response to any type of alarm signal. The terms of this Chapter shall in no way prohibit alarm companies from providing service by private source to other offices within or without the Borough of South Plainfield, as long as the person complies with the applicable provisions of this Chapter.

SECTION 131-3. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Chapter, the hereinafter defined words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

Alarm Device

Any type of alarm designed to provide an alarm signal.

Alarm System

The installation in one or more buildings of one or more alarm devices or local alarms for the express purpose of giving visual or audible warning, or both, of an emergency, such as holdup, burglary, intrusion, fire, smoke, flood or the like.

False Alarm

Any alarm or non-emergency 911 calls actuated by inadvertence, negligence or unintentional act of someone other than an intruder and shall include alarms or non-emergency 911 calls caused by malfunctioning of an alarm device, alarm system or other relevant equipment. Any alarm or non-emergency 911 calls actuated intentionally or by inadvertence, negligence, unintentional act.

[Amended 1-26-1995 by Ord. No. 1381]

Local (or Private) Alarm

Any mechanism that constitutes, in whole or in part, an alarm system that is operated by a private company, entity, or person at a location other than the property of the Borough of South Plainfield, any of its agencies, or the Board of Education of South Plainfield.

Occupant

A person in possession of premises in or upon which an alarm system exists.

Permittee

A person holding a permit to install, operate or maintain an alarm system that employs an alarm device.

Person

Any natural person, corporation, partnership, association or any other organization.

SECTION 131-4. REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE ALARMS.

No person shall install, operate or maintain any alarm system unless the alarm system has been registered with the Police Department. The alarm system of each permittee shall be deemed registered at such time as permits for the system are issued, all necessary inspections are completed and approved, and the occupant of the building or store in which it is installed shall have filed with the Chief of Police a registration form which shall include, among other data, the location of the device, name of the installer of said device, the type of device, provisions relating to false alarms and testing procedures, a list of persons to be contacted in the event of an alarm, name of persons or company maintaining the alarm system, and any other information as may be required by the Chief of Police.

No further renewal registration shall be required unless and until there has occurred any material change in the information previously submitted with respect to any alarm system. It shall be the duty of the occupant of a building or store served by an alarm system within ten (10) calendar days after a change in information previously submitted to the Borough of South Plainfield shall have caused to be filed a supplemental or revised registration containing accurate current information with respect to the data required by the registration form.

The alarm company of each local or private alarm system shall pay to the Borough of South Plainfield an initial fee of \$25.00 to cover the costs of permits, registration and additional records required to be maintained. Such fee shall be for the protection of the owners of local and private alarms and to ensure compliance with this Chapter.

All outside and audible alarms shall be installed with an automatic cutoff after sounding for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes.

SECTION 131-5. FALSE ALARMS: PENALTIES: DISCONNECTIONS.

A. Any person, company, business or other applicable entity who operates, maintains and/or owns any alarm device or alarm system designed to summon the Police Department, Fire Department, or other governmental agency to any location or response to any type of alarm signal shall be responsible for the property functioning of the equipment and for any false alarm, and shall be assessed the following penalties:

- For the first four (4) false alarms in any calendar year, no fee shall be assessed. A written warning shall be issued to the property owner or business proprietor upon the fourth (4th) false alarm;
- For the fifth (5th) false alarm in any calendar year, the property owner or business proprietor shall pay a fine of \$25.00 per residential property, and \$50.00 per commercial property;
- For the sixth (6th) false alarm in any calendar year, the property owner or business proprietor shall pay a fine of \$50.00 per

residential property, and \$75.00 for commercial property;

- For the seventh (7th) false alarm in any calendar year, the property owner or business proprietor shall pay a fine of \$75.00 per residential property, and \$100.00 for commercial property;
- For the eighth (8th) and any subsequent false alarms in any calendar year, the property owner or business proprietor shall pay a fine of \$100.00 per residential property, and \$200.00 for commercial property;

- In the event there are ten (10) or more false alarms in any calendar year, the property owner or business proprietor shall not be entitled to non-assessed false alarms for the following calendar year, and the property owner or business proprietor shall pay fees as listed in Section A, Subsections 2 through 5, for false alarms.
- All fees for false alarms as set forth herein are to be paid in full within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice. Failure to pay such fees would preclude the non-assessment of fees for the first four (4) false alarms in the next period of twelve (12) consecutive months, and the property owner or business proprietor shall pay a fine of \$100.00 for residential property, and \$200.00 for a commercial property for each and every false alarm in the next calendar year until all fees and penalties have been paid. In addition to the foregoing, the Borough of South Plainfield may take any other civil or criminal action as provided by this Ordinance and State law.

- For any other violation of this Section, the violator may be required to perform community service of up to thirty (30) days, or pay a fine of up to \$1,000.00, or both. In the case of a continuing violation, the violator may be found guilty of as many separate offenses or counts as the number of days he is proved to have continued in violation of this Chapter.

SECTION 131-6. RULE MAKING AUTHORITY.

The Chief of Police may, from time to time, promulgate rules and regulations supplementing this Chapter in order to provide for record keeping and efficient management of said system.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:

Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk

\$1261

March 19, 2010

To find out what's happening in South Plainfield, visit the borough's Web site at southplainfieldnj.com

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1881

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF RIO STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, March 19, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey a road known as Rio Street as shown on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request made to vacate the Borough's authority and control over a portion of Rio Street which crosses land known as Block 315, Lots 46.01, 44.01, 44 and 11 by the Tax Assessor of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Rio Street described more particularly herein below as being a part of Open Space, specifically Pitt Street Park property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield has hereby determined that the portion of Rio Street described herein is no longer needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 authorizes the Borough to release and extinguish public rights, and the rights of the Borough, arising from a dedication of the street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- The rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to a portion of Rio Street within the confines of Block 315, Lots 46.01, 44.01, 44 and 11 as described by Metes and Bounds on Exhibit A annexed hereto and made a part hereof are hereby extinguished and vacated.
- At least one week prior to the time affixed for the consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy thereof, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, shall be mailed to every person whose land may be affected by this Ordinance so far as may be ascertained. Said notices shall be made by the Borough Clerk to the owners of Block 315, Lots 44 and 11;
- The Borough Clerk shall, within 60 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the seal of the Borough to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof in the office of the Clerk of the County of Middlesex in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:

Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk

\$63.08

March 19, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1880

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF PULASKI STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, March 19, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey a road known as Pulaski Street as shown on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request made to vacate the Borough's authority and control over a portion of Pulaski Street which crosses land known as Block 315, Lots 51, 52.01, 53, 54, 55 and 57 by the Tax Assessor of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Pulaski Street described more particularly herein below as being a part of Open Space, specifically Pitt Street Park property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield has hereby determined that the portion of Pulaski Street described herein is no longer needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 authorizes the Borough to release and extinguish public rights, and the rights of the Borough, arising from a dedication of the street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- The rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to a portion of Pulaski Street within the confines of Block 315, Lots 46.01, 44.01, 44 and 11 as described by Metes and Bounds on Exhibit A annexed hereto and made a part hereof are hereby extinguished and vacated.
- At least one week prior to the time affixed for the consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy thereof, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, shall be mailed to every person whose land may be affected by this Ordinance so far as may be ascertained. Said notices shall be made by the Borough Clerk to the owners of Block 315, 51, 53, 54, 55 and 57;
- The Borough Clerk shall, within 60 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the seal of the Borough to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof in the office of the Clerk of the County of Middlesex in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:

Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk

\$63.08

March 19, 2010

Sports

Soccer Club

From the Executive Board

Heavy Rains Delay Opening Weekend

Well, the weather certainly did not cooperate this past weekend; we had to postpone all of our home games due to the driving rains and winds. So, with better weather on the horizon, we will gear up and start our games this weekend. Better late than never!

We have lots of work to do to get our fields ready, so we will have a field duty this Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We are looking for a crew to come out and help get the fields raked, billboards up and various other duties. If you can help, please E-mail Bob Sanko at robert.e.sanko.jr@verizon.com. We will need about 20 people; the first to respond will get the gig, and it will count towards work bond fulfillment. Please bring a rake and work gloves.

Our spring clothing orders are due this coming week. You can access the order forms and view the items available on line at: www.sopfldsoccerclub.com. This is a great time to order sweats, flannel dorm pants, t-shirts, Diadora bags, drawstring sacks and car magnets, all to show your SPSC pride.

And lastly, to our players, parents and coaches: as we prepare to start

our spring season, we would like to extend our wishes for a safe, successful and rewarding season to each and everyone of you. As our kids take to the fields each week, we hope that as fans and parents, we keep in mind our role as cheerleader, motivator and supporter of each and every player out there. Remember to be positive, let the coaches coach, trust them to know what they need to do to get the team focused and motivated. It can be hard sometimes, getting caught in a moment, reacting to a "bad" call, but the ref is the official of the game and it is ultimately their call. The best recourse is to positively encourage our players to stay focused and do what they have trained and worked so hard to do, play the game to the best of their abilities.

Your support and encouragement is the best thing our kids have going—cheer them on! Be considerate and positive with all the kids on the field. Think about what you say, before you say it. Let them have fun and enjoy the season—win or lose, they need to know we are proud of them.

Best of luck, again to all our teams. Let's play soccer!

U-11 ARESENAL

By Mark Resende

Matawan Battle a Draw

The South Plainfield Soccer Club U-11 boys team, Arsenal, traveled to Matawan on March 14 for a match against Wolves FC. The game was played on the artificial turf field located behind Matawan High School on a cloudy, misty day.

The first half saw Arsenal control most of the action and get several shots on goal, but they could not put the ball in the net. The defense, anchored by Mason Resende and Jared Marks, was solid in limiting Wolves FC to very few chances, and goalie Nick Plate saved every ball that made it through to him.

The action picked up in the second half, with Jake Hoffman scoring early off of a great pass from Scott Riccardi to give Arsenal the lead. Arsenal again controlled most of the action and had most of the chances, but Wolves FC eventually broke through with a goal of their own to knot the score at one goal a piece. The game ended with Arsenal putting tremendous pressure on the Wolves FC goal in a flurry of chances, but they could not tally the game winner. The season opener for both teams ended in a draw.

Every player on Arsenal contrib-

uted towards the total team effort and played very well in poor weather conditions. The goalie in the second half was Caleb Kuberiet. Jason Belanger, Cristian Butrico, Ricky Pellegrino, Jake Smith and Dylan O'Connor all took turns at the forward and midfield positions, while Jason Cieszkiewicz, and Alec Paez rotated between midfield and defense.

Arsenal's next game will also be played on the road. Their first home game is scheduled for Sunday, March 28 at 3 p.m. on Memorial Field behind the PAL building, so please come out and support the team.

College Athlete Recruiting Seminar

WJC Sports Kids Student will hold an athlete college recruiting seminar featuring the Rutgers University athletic department on Wednesday, April 14 at SPHS auditorium, 7 to 9 p.m. for boys and girls grades 7-12 and their parents.

Seminar is free for residents; \$5 donations for non-residents. E-mail willie@wjcsports.com to receive seat reservations form.

WJC Sports Kids is a non-profit organization that provides educational and recreational events for youth. They also produce highlight reels for student athletes.

LAND SALE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

The Public is hereby notified that the following Borough owned properties will be offered at public auction by the South Plainfield Mayor and Council on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00PM in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, 07080.

The properties and the minimum bids are as follows:

| BLOCK & LOT | ADDRESS | MINIMUM BID |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| BLOCK # 270, Lots 4 & 5 | 2440 Plainfield Avenue | \$548,000.00 |

If any additional information is needed, please consult the tax maps located in the Assessing Department at the Municipal Building. Please direct any questions to Glenn Cullen, CFO at (908) 226-7602.

Joann L. Graf, RMC, Municipal Clerk

\$37.00

March 19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1879

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF ANTHONY AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, March 19, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey a "paper street" known as Anthony Avenue as shown on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request made to vacate the Borough's authority and control over a portion of Anthony Avenue which crosses land known as Block 315, Lots 20.04 and 21 by the Tax Assessor of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Anthony Avenue described more particularly in Schedule A attached hereto is part of Open Space, specifically Pitt Street Park property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 authorizes the Borough to release and extinguish public rights, and the rights of the Borough, arising from a dedication of the street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

I. The rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to a portion of Anthony Avenue within the confines of Block 315, Lots 48.01, 44.01, 44 and 11 as described more particularly described in Schedule A annexed hereto and made a part hereof are hereby extinguished and vacated.

II. At least one week prior to the time affixed for the consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy thereof, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, shall be mailed to every person whose land may be affected by this Ordinance so far as may be ascertained. Said notices shall be made by the Borough Clerk to the owners of Block 315, Lots 44 and 11;

III. The Borough Clerk shall, within 60 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the seal of the Borough to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof in the office of the Clerk of the County of Middlesex in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:
Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk

\$53.08

March 19, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1875

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FEES FOR THE RENTAL OF THE SENIOR CENTER AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, March 15, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield desire to set forth fees, and rules and regulations for the rental of the Senior Center of South Plainfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the South Plainfield Senior Center may be

rented to any citizen, group, corporation or other entity in accordance with the Rental Policies & Procedures which may be adopted from time to time by resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, which Policies & Procedures shall include the setting of fees as determined appropriate by the Mayor and Council.

A copy of the South Plainfield Senior Center Policies & Procedures shall be maintained at the office of the Borough Clerk and it will be provided to any person, group, corporation or other entity seeking to rent the Center.

The Rental Policies & Procedures may be amended by the Mayor and Council by resolution in their discretion, and any amendment made shall be incorporated into the Policies & Procedures to be maintained at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

A written Rental Contract shall be utilized for any and all rentals in the form attached hereto.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk

\$42.68

March 19, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1884

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, March 19, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00 pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex is the owner of the property identified as Block 273, Lots 4 & 5, located within the Borough of South Plainfield (hereinafter referred to as the "Property");

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield has determined that said Property is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council determined it to be in the public interest to sell said Property by open public sale at auction to the highest bidder in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a); Minimum bid will be \$548,000.00 based on combined lots; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Council declare the Property to be surplus and not needed for public use.

2. The sale of the Property to the respective purchasers shall be pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Notice of Sale of Land.

3. The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney or such other Borough officials as the law may provide, are hereby authorized to prepare and execute such documents as may be required to close and the transfer of title to the Property to the successful bidders.

4. The Property is sold subject to all existing encumbrances, liens, zoning regulations, easements, other restrictions, such facts as an accurate survey would reveal and any present or future assessments for the construction of improvements benefiting said property.

5. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

6. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:
Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk

\$59.69

March 19, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1876

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$111,609.00 FOR THE REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION OF BLOCK 315, LOTS 34, 42, AND 43 AND BLOCK 316, LOT 1 (Suburban Transit property) WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, March 15, 2010 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 19, 2010.

ATTEST: Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk

\$31.34

March 19, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1883

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "SEWERS" was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, March 19, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT: the following be and is hereby amended as follows:

Schedule A

Annual Sewer Rental - 2010

(Effective for bill periods beginning June 1, 2010)

This Schedule A hereby establishes three (3) sewer user classes under this ordinance as follows:

(1) Residential structures

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| (1A) Residential structures | \$290.00 per service unit |
| (1B) Residential structures reduced rate: | \$145.00 per service unit. |

All recipients of the \$250.00 real property tax deduction granted in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 1963, C. 172 (R.S. 54:4-8.41) shall be given a deduction in the sewer rental rate that will result in a net annual rate not exceeding \$145.00.

(2) Commercial users

Minimum annual sewer service unit user charge for any Commercial user connected to the Borough Sanitary Sewer System shall be five hundred and forty dollars (\$540.00). The following rates are for actual consumption in 100 cubic feet of water used per information supplied by the water company(ies).

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| (2A) Class 1 | \$6,245.00 |
| (2B) Class 2 | \$7,485.00 |
| (2C) Class 3 | \$9,225.00 |
| (2D) Class 4 | \$5,250.00 |
| (2E) Class 5 | \$5,050.00 |
| (2F) Class 6 | \$5,050.00 |
| (2G) Class 7 | \$6,450.00 |
| (2H) Class 8 | \$6,280.00 |
| (2I) Class 9 | \$6,555.00 |

(3) Industrial Establishment Users

(3A) Monitored Industrial establishments:

Notwithstanding any rates set forth herein to the contrary, in no case shall the charge for Monitored Industrial users be less than the charge for an equal volume of flow as otherwise would be determined utilizing the commercial establishments rate set forth in Commercial User (2C) Class 3 rate \$9,225 or for a minimum annual user charge of five hundred dollars and forty (\$540.00), whichever is higher. In addition to the loading and flow charges, the Monitored Industrial User shall pay for the cost of sampling and laboratory testing of the wastewater.

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| (3A) Flow Million Gallons | \$3,425.00 |
| (3B) BOD per Ton | \$945.65 |
| (3C) SS per Ton | \$965.50 |
| (3D) Chlorine Demand per CWT | \$83.05 |
| (3E) Unmonitored Industrial User | \$9,950 per 100 cubic feet |

(4) Sample collection fees and laboratory analysis fees paid by the Borough shall be a pass-through cost to the User being monitored and shall be included on the next bill.

(5) Application for a Certificate of Use for sanitary sewer review shall be through the Borough Building Department. The fee shall be \$100.00 for an application of a change of building use. This fee is in addition to the current Building Department Review Fee.

All other fees and provisions of this Article shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendment becomes effective after final adoption and advertisement in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk

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The SPHS Booster Club will host a comedy night on Saturday, March 27 at the PAL. For information, call AnnMarie Seyffart at (908) 756-7543.

The South Plainfield Middle School, with the help of the South Plainfield High School student council, will host the second annual blood drive on Tuesday, April 13. The blood drive will take place in the upper level of the high school. For information, contact Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573. The Battle of the Books semifinals will be held today.

Thank you to Principal Steve Novak for your letter of commendation to the Middle School PTO.

Grant School spring pictures are on Wednesday, March 31.

The Franklin School annual auction/raffle will be held on Saturday, March 20 at the high school; doors open at 6:30 p.m. Spring picture day is Wednesday, March 31.

Kennedy School bingo and family shopping night will be held today. Clifford Cares night will be on Friday, March 26.

Roosevelt School will hold Grandparents Day on Wednesday, March 31 starting at 10 a.m.

Thank you to John and Cheryl Papa

Mayor

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"That being said, working for the hard working families of this great borough is the most fulfilling thing I could ever imagine. I have spent countless hours over the past nine years working on projects to improve our community. Some of these include getting the New Market Avenue extension project funded and built which will be opening soon; the reconstruction of Hamilton Boulevard with the installation of decorative lights; the installation of the beautiful turf field behind the PAL; the improvement at Veterans Park; acquiring and preserving over 100 acres of open space; working closely with the EPA to get the Cornell site cleaned up; keeping taxes affordable and my proudest accomplishment-keeping trucks off of Hamilton Boulevard!

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Essay Contest

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I led the first picketers to the White House gates in the name of women's suffrage. When women won the right to vote in 1920, Paul turned her focus to the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), which she authored in 1923. She worked for women's rights internationally and founded the World Woman's Party in 1938 with its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Paul then succeeded in getting a sexual discrimination clause written into Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. She lobbied representatives to pass the ERA from her wheelchair in a nursing home in Moorestown, until her death in 1977. Though the ERA never passed, her legacy lives on through the work of the Alice Paul Institute.

Please join Councilwoman Butcas in celebrating women's history and advancement in the United States of America.

for organizing the used clothing collection that was held on March 13. Thank you to Bob Boyle of Ferraro Food for the donation of the tractor trailer and Laurie Esposito, Brian Shaw, Margaret Celantano, Mr. Pasternak, Denise O'Connor, Jaime Hughes, Wendy Tomci, Lisa Pettillo and Lee Flanagan for manning the watch and helping those who donated bags of items. Funds from the drive will benefit the SPHS Baseball Team.

Thank you to newcomers Mary Cargill and Renee Daubert, team leaders of the Solicitation Committee for SPHS Project Graduation. Your readiness and willingness to help all those

with soliciting businesses went above and beyond the call of duty.

The South Plainfield District Wide Music Festival took place on March 11. A lot of planning went into this event and all those involved should be extremely proud of the outstanding talent performed by Grant School, the middle school and the high school.

The South Plainfield Education Foundation will host its annual golf outing on Tuesday, May 11. Volunteers are needed. The Alumni Association will host an art auction on April 30 at 6:30 p.m. in SPHS cafeteria. For info or to volunteer, call Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302.

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Obituaries

Marlene M. (Mitchell) Poczak, 76



Marlene M. (Mitchell) Poczak passed away peacefully with her family at her side on Monday, March 8 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Lost Creek II, Pa., Marlene had resided in Bethlehem before settling in South Plainfield in 1962.

She had been employed as a butcher's assistant for many years, initially working for Food Fair, then Shoprite and later Pathmark before her retirement on July 29, 1995.

Marlene was a longtime member of the South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763 Ladies Auxiliary and a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church. She enjoyed spending time playing bingo and taking trips to Atlantic City as well as being an avid N.Y. Jets fan.

She is predeceased by her husband, Rudy, who died in December of 2008.

Surviving are a beloved son, Allen and wife Linda Marie Poczak; a dear cousin, Anna Marie Andershonis and husband Chaz, as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

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

Helen E. Millen, 88

Helen E. Millen passed away on Thursday, March 11 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Plainfield, Mrs. Millen was a lifelong resident of South Plainfield. Mrs. Millen was a graduate of the

N.J. State Teachers College of Newark and later received her master's degree in remedial reading from Kean University. She was formerly employed as a reading teacher with the South Plainfield Board of Education and worked as a teacher for 35 years, retiring in 1984. Mrs. Millen received the Middlesex Council International Reading Association Teacher of the Year Award in 1984, was a member of New Jersey Educational Association, the National Educational Association, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

She is the beloved wife of the late John C. Millen; devoted mother of Linda Millen, John C. Millen, Jr. and wife Laura; dear sister of Elizabeth Kent and Margaret Coates; loving grandmother of Christian, Luke and Matthew Millen, Heather and Lindsay Bensko; and cherished great-grandmother of Paige Little.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2506 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 would be appreciated.

Bessie Radecksky O'Toole, 91

Bessie Radecksky O'Toole died on Saturday, March 13 at Hunterdon Care Center in Flemington.

She was the daughter of Mary and Andrew Huley and was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. She resided in South Plainfield in her early years of life, later residing in Iselin and Edison before moving to Hunterdon County.

A housewife and gardener, Mrs. O'Toole had been an assembler at the former RCA plant in Rahway, and later worked at the Jewish Community Center in Edison as a housekeeper.

She is predeceased by her first husband, John Radecksky, and by her second husband, Thomas O'Toole.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Pecorale and husband William of Milford; a son, John and wife Vivian Radecksky of Readington; three step-daughters, Joan Deering, Carolyn Denti and Eileen O'Toole, all of Candia, Pa.; and two brothers, Nicholas Huley of South Plainfield and Andrew Huley of Colorado. Also surviving are six grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

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

Diane Medici, 51

Diane (Mazellan) Medici passed away unexpectedly in her home in Milford, Pa. on Friday, Feb. 12.

A loving mother and a giving and caring person, Diane was always at her best and happiest when helping other people, including her time working with the Arc of Somerset County, caring for her gravely ill father until his passing, and other personal circumstances.

Diane was born June 26, 1958 as the fourth of nine children by the late Patricia and Jack Mazellan of South Plainfield, where she lived most of her life until moving to Shohola, Pa. and later Milford, Pa.

Diane is survived by three children, Michael, Dylan and Kaleigh; eight brothers and sisters and 15 nieces and nephews.

A spring ceremony is planned for her family and friends with final interment at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

Memorial donations in Diane's name may be made to the National Fibromyalgia Association.

Graciela "Grace" P. (Pelagio) Alparone

Graciela "Grace" P. (Pelagio) Alparone passed away on Monday, March 8 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in El Paso, Texas, she grew up in New Orleans and had resided in Philadelphia and East Windsor before settling in North Brunswick.

She attended the University of Pennsylvania and University of Wisconsin, earning a bachelor's degree in law and business prior to completing her MBA. Grace began her career as a professional fundraiser for various hospitals. She later became the director of development of the Red Cross of New Jersey in Fairfield, and most recently, was serving as the director of planned giving for the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D) in Princeton.

Grace was active in the placement of animals and was proud of her ability to have placed over 100 needy animals. In addition, she is the proud owner of Beauregard, a Great Pyrenees mountain dog who is a certified therapy dog and star of the Blue Buffalo dog food trading cards.

Predeceased by her father, Michael Pelagio, and a brother, Arturo, she is survived by her husband, Edmund Alparone, Jr.; her mother, Emma Pelagio, and a sister, Emma Pelagio, and three beloved dogs, Beauregard, Buttercup and Mimi.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. Donations in her memory may be made to the ASPCA or any organization to help in the aid of homeless pets.

Joseph N. Grassifulli, 91

Joseph N. Grassifulli died on Saturday, March 13 at the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice in Edison.

Born in Piscataway, Joe lived in South Plainfield for most of his life before settling in Piscataway in 2002.

He served with the Army in the Battery A 63rd Coast Artillery during WWII and was discharged a corporal.

He worked for Best Block in Edison. During his retirement, he became a crossing guard at the Maple Avenue and Spring Lake Park location, relocating to the Clinton Avenue and Walnut Street intersection.

Mr. Grassifulli was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church and he was also a member of the Somerset County WOWs.

He is predeceased by his wife, Lena, who died in 1986.

Surviving are his longtime companion, Shirley Stover of Piscataway; two daughters, Mary Ann Cieri and Cynthia Grassifulli, both of Lakewood; a brother, Albert of Fanwood; and two grandchildren, Anthony and Helene Cieri. Also surviving are his loving step-family, Brad Stover and wife Denise of Piscataway, Darlene Stover of Middlesex, Michael and Melissa Dziwogo of Piscataway and Hal, Dawn, Alan and Kelsey Stover of North Carolina.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, 1 Roosevelt Dr., Edison, N.J. 08837.



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