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Voters Reject the BOE Budget

Two New Members to Join Board

South Plainfield voters emphatically rejected the proposed Board of Education 2011-2012 budget on Tuesday. Voters were asked to approve a tax levy of \$40,688,003. The final vote was 2,096-1,398. If approved property taxes would have increased by approximately \$100.34 on the average home assessed at \$122,500.

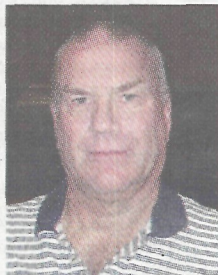
Three candidates were running for a three year term on the board unopposed. Incumbent Debbie Boyle received the largest number of votes, 2,131, while newcomers Chris Hubner received 1,930 and Gary Stevenson got 1,901. Board members Bob Jones and Pio Pennisi did not seek reelection; however, Pennisi will be



Christopher Hubner



Debbie Boyle



Gary Stevenson

replacing Tim Morgan, who resigned last month.

The borough council will now have the option to make spending cuts to the budget. No date has been set for the council to discuss what, if any, cuts they will propose. Any cuts proposed by the council can either be approved by the BOE, or if they disagree, they can appeal to the state. The council approved a resolution to hire Suplee Clooney to provide accounting and professional services in the event vot-

ers rejected the proposed budget.

The Board of Education will hold its organization meeting on Monday April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Roosevelt Administration building.

New board member Gary Stevenson has been a volunteer fireman with the borough's fire department for the past seven years and currently serves as president. He was a fireman in Iselin for 12 years and a member of the Iselin First Aid Squad for 21 years.

Stevenson is a lead specialist engineer for Verizon. His wife of 37 years, Carolyn, is a speech therapist in the Woodbridge School District. They have two married daughters.

Christopher Hubner, a borough resident for 25 years, is married and has two sons. When his boys were younger, he was a member of the SPJBC board, and was involved in the all star baseball team and travelling soccer. His older son is a 2007 graduate of SPHS and is a junior at Penn State. His younger son plays varsity baseball and is a member of the golf team.

Hubner is a strong believer in the importance of being involved in the community. "I now have time available to me. As a board member, I will bring skill sets that are managerial, an open mind and experiences, including being a member of the financial committee," said Hubner.



Acting Police Chief Paul Brembt

Brembt Appointed Acting Police Chief

Captain Paul Brembt was officially named acting chief of police by the mayor and council at Monday evening's council meeting.

Brembt will head up the department until Chief John Ferraro's retirement is official on August 1. Ferraro retired on April 16, after serving the borough for more than 28 years.

Acting Chief Brembt has been with the police department for 25 years.

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Design a Logo for the Dismal Swamp Conservation Area

The Dismal Swamp Preservation Commission (DSPC) is seeking the input of local youth to design a logo for the conservation area known as the Dismal Swamp.

The contest is open to students in grades seven through 12 attending public, private, parochial or home-schools in South Plainfield, Metuchen and Edison Township. The artwork must incorporate one or more of the primary focuses of the DSPC: protecting and preserving the ecological, historical and recreational values of the Dismal Swamp. Artwork must incorporate the wording "Dismal Swamp Conservation Area."

Entries will be judged on contest theme, creativity and artistic merit. Winner will be announced on Tuesday, June 7, in the council chambers of the Borough of South

Plainfield at 7 p.m. The winner will be awarded a \$50 cash prize. All entrants will receive a certificate of appreciation, and become the property of the commission. Deadline for submission is Friday, May 21, by 2:30 p.m.

A complete list of contest rules is available electronically by E-mailing spnaturerails@verizon.net.

Participating schools will collect the entries of their students. Home-schoolers should deliver their artwork to the recycling coordinator's office at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. by Friday, May 21, by 2:30 p.m.

The Dismal Swamp Preservation Commission was established by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey to provide comprehensive regulatory authority and regional planning for the area.



The South Plainfield High School Winter Guard competed at the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network's Championship competition on April 17. After months of practice they finished their 10th competition tour with an amazing performance at South Brunswick High School for MAIN Championships, receiving a score of 78.4 in the Scholastic Regional A class. The Winter Guard is sponsored by the SPHS Music Booster Association.

Journey Back To the Civil War This Saturday

The public is invited to journey back in time to the Civil War Era (1861-1865) this Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Spring Lake Park.

Re-enactors representing the Union Army Infantry and Artillery will pitch camp along the banks of the old Laing mill pond known today as Spring Lake.

Sponsored by the South Plainfield Historical Society in honor of Lt. George C. Boice, Sgt. Henry Brantingham and Privates Hugh Downey, Aaron F. Randolph and Augustus Ryno of this community. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.



Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas gets her blood pressure reading prior to donating blood at Girl Scout Troop 65118 blood drive for the American Red Cross at the Senior Center on April 10.



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Borough Council & BOE

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, *except where noted.

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

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

May 3 May 3

May 17 May 17

All Agenda Meetings begin at 7 p.m. followed immediately by the Public Meeting, unless otherwise noted. Meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

planningboard

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

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

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 Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.

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

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.

Regular Public Meeting: TBA Organization Meeting: April 26, 7:30 p.m.

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.

TBA

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.

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

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

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

Questions? 908-226-7605

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In My Opinion

Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher, nor do we guarantee accuracy.

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to learn Charlie Butrico would not seek re-election as mayor. I've had the pleasure of working with Charlie on the Planning Board and Business Advisory Group. He is knowledgeable, honest and works very hard for the people of South Plainfield.

Charlie and I haven't always agreed on things and that's okay. He would always listen to differing opinions with an open mind. Sometimes he would influence my opinion and sometimes I would influence his. Other times we just agreed to disagree; however, we always remained friendly and respected each others opinions.

Regarding Charlie's reason not to seek re-election, I could not agree more. Political attacks have become so vicious I would not subject myself to them either. I do not blame the parties for this. I blame the people who cannot be bothered to get the facts and instead formulate their opinions from 12 second sound bites or misleading mailings. If we want better government, we need to get out and meet the candidates, go to meetings, do some research and vote. I've heard all the excuses. "They're all the same." "It doesn't matter." "Nothing ever changes." These are self-fulfilling prophecies.

If we want better government, we need to educate ourselves and vote. Not doing so will cost us more good candidates like Charlie.

JACK PEDERSEN

Dear Editor,

Like many in town, I was disappointed to hear that the planning board approved several hundred apartments and condos for the Tingley Rubber site last week. The develop-

ment when originally approved was supposed to be all age restricted, but that is no longer the case.

I'm sure we all remember a couple of years ago when our community fought against putting this development in the middle of what has for decades been an industrial zone. To me, it made no sense then, and it makes no sense now. Do we really want to put families and seniors right by truck terminals, a railroad, Route 287, and the same pipeline that exploded and decimated Durham Woods?

And do we really want to inundate our south side with more apartments and condos? Once the project is built, it's obvious that more developments will be on the way. The first domino has fallen.

But that's not all. Think about the effect on taxes and our schools, especially Roosevelt School. We all know that these types of multi-family units take more in services than they give back in taxes.

We simply can't let our town fall victim to this type of overdevelopment. First it was putting over 700 apartments on the Harris Steel site, and now it's this.

I remember when this plan was first approved and the Democrats on the council promised that this development would always be age restricted. As usual, anyone who disagreed was told that they were "wrong" and didn't know what they were talking about. Funny, it's some of those same people who just voted to do what they said would never be done.

COUNCILMAN TIM MCCONVILLE

Dear Editor,

On April 17, "A Taste of South Plainfield" fundraiser was held at the senior center. There were 17 different wine and beer vendors and seven local restaurants offering their finest entrées.

Over 100 people attended this spectacular event to sample delicious food, fabulous wine and chat with friends. There was a special appearance by Mayor Charles Butrico and Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas.

Our super lineup was sponsored by Oak Tree Wine and Spirits, located at 902 Oak Tree Rd. Restaurants participating were: Adelines, 2243 Hamilton Blvd.; Carmen's Trattoria, 907 Oak Tree Rd.; Flanagan's, 2501

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Plainfield Ave.; Hometown Heros, 340 Hamilton Blvd.; La Bonbonniere, 160A Hadley Rd.; Muscle Maker Grill, 6115 Hadley Rd. and Paulo's Bar & Restaurant, 2341 Plainfield Ave.

The ticket printing was donated by Presto Printing, 19 South Plainfield Ave. A special thanks to the Ratti's for supporting our annual wine and spirits tasting.

On behalf of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, we wish to give a sincere thanks to the 100 generous guests who made this event very successful with your continued support. It's an honor to serve you. All proceeds go to the fire department.

**RAY PETRONKO, VICE PRESIDENT
SOUTH PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Dear Editor,

I want to take this opportunity to ask the people of our town to frequent the local businesses who give so generously to our town's groups that held events to benefit their individual causes.

Boy Scout Troop 207 would like to thank Ferraro Foods, V.A. Tramatano, McCrisken-Gustafson Funeral Home, Mohn's Florist, Flanagan's Restaurant, Haich's Bakery, Sherban's Diner, Hampton Inn, Costco, Target, Columbia Savings and Restaurant Depot, and to the American Legion for the use of their hall for the troop's annual spaghetti dinner held on April 17.

In these tough economic times the various organizations of our community rely on these establishments even more than ever and they still manage to donate whatever they can. Please support them—they certainly do their best to support us.

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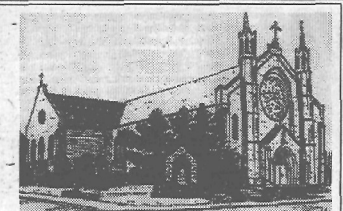
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Planning Board Approves Celebrations

By Libby Barsky

The Planning Board voted 6-3 for the preliminary and final site plan approval on April 13 for the conversion of age restricted housing to non-age restricted housing for the proposed 27-acre Celebrations development at the former Tingley Rubber property on South Avenue and Coolidge Street.

The elimination of the age provision policy was initiated by the New Jersey State Legislature when it voted for the Economic Stimulus Act in 2009.

With this conversion approval, Edgewood Properties will no longer be limited to construct age-restricted housing exclusively on the site. Instead of the original 484 senior hous-

ing units, plans call for 340 housing units with 68, three-bedroom townhouses and 204, two-bedroom condos. Plans also include 68 rental units for seniors located in two, four-story adjoining buildings. The senior apartments will be the only rental units in the development, fulfilling the affordable housing provisions of COAH.

In his summary, Celebrations attorney Bob Smith stated that the approval of the application would "help people get back to work." Smith also spoke of the fiscal impact the development would have on the community, repeating the estimate of economic research consultant Richard B. Reading that the borough would receive \$741,000 in additional tax an-

nual revenues.

"We did everything you asked us to do," said Smith, summarizing the removal of two bulk variances, moving the clubhouses to more central locations, redesigning floor plans (including reducing the size of the dens so they couldn't be used as bedrooms), moving the garbage compactor to the center of the development, adding a proposed bus area for school children to be picked up, and having the fire department authorize the circulation pattern for their equipment."

Bill Thomas, who, along with Paul Grzenda, voted against the approval of the conversion saying that any negative criteria wasn't mentioned in the summary.

"If this weren't a conversion, would the town consider this for residential use?" asked Thomas. "This isn't an area for families. It was zoned the first time for senior housing. Children will be isolated in an industrial area. It doesn't meet the recreational requirement."

Ron Aulenback, director of engineering, said that because there are still environmental and other approvals required, construction will not begin until 2011.



Performing at the SPHS Athletic Booster Club fundraiser were comedians Alex Barnett, Joseph Currie and Larry DeFelic.

High School Sponsors Comedy Night Fundraiser

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club held a comedy night fundraiser at the PAL on March 27. When the doors opened at 7:30 p.m. more than 100 guests streamed in and perused the many raffle baskets available and purchased 50/50 tickets.

The lights dimmed, signaling the start of the evening. First up was comedian Alex Barnett, followed by Joseph Currie. Headlining the evening

was Larry DeFelic. Throughout the evening the three comedians kept the audience howling with laughter.

Organizer for the evening was Ann Marie Ferrante-Seyffart, secretary of the South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club.

Donations for the baskets came from South Plainfield Funeral Home, Pizza Stop, Hometown Heros, B&C Deli, Sport World, Mei Haus Chinese Restaurant and Buy Rite Oak Tree Discount Liquors.

SPPD and SPHS Sponsoring Safe Driving for Teens Program

South Plainfield Police Department and South Plainfield High School are co-sponsoring "Safe Driving-A Parent's Guide to Teaching Teens" on Tuesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the SPHS auditorium.

This program is designed to assist

parents and teens as they become first time drivers. Topics include: Advice for Parents, The Vehicle, Getting Started, GDL Requirements, Talking Points and Driving Contracts.

Both parents and their teen drivers are encouraged to attend!

policereport

On April 6, a Delaney Court resident reported their vehicle driver's side window was broken and a Tom Tom GPS was taken.

On April 8, Daniela Rodriguez, 23, of Somerset was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

A New York Avenue resident reported the theft of their wallet that was left at the Corner Deli on Hamilton Boulevard.

On April 9, Oscar Melgar Rivera, 23, of Plainfield was arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting a Lyra slider digital media player worth \$89.99.

Allan Joseph Jones, 43, of Piscataway was arrested for hindering apprehension, improper cell phone use and driving on a suspended license.

An Oak Manor Parkway resident reported the theft of a metal plant hanger from their rear yard.

A Frederick Avenue resident reported the theft of a gym bag from their locker at LA Fitness. The locker had been pried open.

Middlesex Water Company reported that windows had been broken on an excavator parked at their facility on Park Avenue.

On April 10, Theresa Lynn Galamb, 38, of Woodbridge and Michael Edward Lucas, 41, of Perth Amboy

were arrested at Shoppers World for shoplifting assorted clothing.

Neil R. Allen, 48, and Josephine L. Koroma, 40, both of Somerset, were arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting assorted items worth \$500.

On April 11, Michael K. McBride, 19, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, failure to keep right, failure to exhibit documentation and failure to stop at a stop sign.

A South Plainfield Avenue resident reported that the driver's side front window of their vehicle had a hole in it.

On April 12, Taunya S. Minott,

39, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, driving an unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant.

German Alvizuri, 42, of Bound Brook was arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting an RCA MP3 player worth \$59.

A student at Central Career School on Corporate Boulevard reported the theft of a Blackberry cell phone that was left in the student lounge.

On April 13, Glenn G. Tunison, 62, of Richmond, Va. was arrested for driving on a suspended license, driving an unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by John Danks requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit proposed front porch (17.5 x 6 = 105 square feet); existing setback: 30.7; proposed setback: 24.7; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 3222 Brenda Place, Block 227, Lot 21, Zone R-7.5 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 13, 2010 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

\$38.50 April 23, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

April 14, 2010
Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on April 13, 2010.

A. Case # 732/Site/V-Crystal Hayes, Block 467, Lot 2: 3025 New Brunswick Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan approval w/ variances and waivers was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$27.56 April 23, 2010

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Civil War Encampment At Spring Lake Park

April 24

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Sponsored by the South Plainfield Historical Society in honor of Lt. George C. Boice, Sgt. Henry Brantingham and Privates Hugh Downey, Aaron F. Randolph and Augustus Ryno of this community. The event is free. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, E-mail sphistoricalsociety@verizon.net.

Sacred Heart School Tricky Tray

April 24

Sacred Heart School will be holding a tricky tray on Saturday, April 24, in the school cafeteria on South Plainfield Avenue. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; drawing begins at 7:30 p.m. Entrance ticket is \$15.

For more information or tickets, call Michele at (732) 406-9728.

Church Bake Sale

April 24

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, located at 400 Delmore Ave. (corner of Delmore and Belmont), will hold a bake sale on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. until noon. Pierogies will also be available for purchase. Proceeds go to the church.

Flea Market

April 24

The Auxiliary of American Legion Post #243, located at 243 Oak Tree Ave., will hold a flea market and craft show on Saturday, April 24. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spaces available; call (732) 644-4376.

Fashion Show Luncheon

April 25

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield is sponsoring a luncheon/fashion show on Sunday, April 25, at 2 p.m. in the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

Fashions by Dress Barn of South Plainfield. Proceeds go to the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Special State Project: Autism New Jersey and the club's scholarship fund. Donation is \$20.

Education Foundation Sponsoring Art Auction

April 30

The South Plainfield Education Foundation and the South Plainfield Alumni Association will be holding an art action on Saturday, April 30, at the high school. Preview starts at 6 p.m. and auction begins at 7 p.m. Door prize, 50/50 raffle, sandwiches, dessert and coffee.

For tickets, call Marjorie Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302.

Elks to Host Beef N Beer Night

May 7

The South Plainfield Elks will be hosting a "Beef N Beer" night on Friday, May 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. Hot roast beef sandwiches will be served with homemade salads. Hot sandwich and beer is \$10; sandwich only is \$6. Proceeds will benefit the Special Children's Committee which assists our special needs children and defrays the cost of sending campers to Elks Camp Moore. Come enjoy a sandwich and help a special needs child today.

— Out of Town —

The Last Fall at Crossroads Theatre

through May 2

Crossroads Theatre, 7 Livingston Ave. in New Brunswick presents *The Last Fall* through Sunday, May 2. Evening performances at 8 p.m.; matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$40-\$65

SENIOR CENTER *Calendar*

Coming Up.....

April 25-27-Tulip Festival
May 13-15-Washington, DC
June 7-10 Niagara Falls
Oct 11-15-Indian Head Resort
(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

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and may be purchased on line at www.CrossroadsTheatreCompany.org or by calling (732) 545-8100.

Diocesan Youth Day

April 24

Diocesan Youth Day will be held at St. Cecelia Parish, 45 Wilus Way in Iselin on Saturday, April 24, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Includes music, workshops, prayer, games and other activities. Participants will receive DYD t-shirts. The day will end with Mass at 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$35 per teen (8th-12th grades).

For more information, call (732) 562-1990, ext. 635.

Rutgers Day

April 24

Rutgers University will hold their annual Rutgers Day on Saturday, April

24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Free performances, tours, exhibits, activities, lectures and demonstrations. Great opportunity to learn something new and participate in hands-on activities.

For more information, visit www.rutgersday.rutgers.edu/ or call (732) 932-7823.

Broadway to Pop, From Folk to Rock

April 24

The I.L. Peretz Community Jewish school will present "From Broadway to Pop, From Folk to Rock" on Saturday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Rutgers Fiber Optics Auditorium, 101 Bevier Rd. in Piscataway on the Busch campus of Rutgers University. Tickets are \$18; \$10 for students.

To order tickets, call (732) 545-9691 or visit www.ilperetz.org.

Blackrose to Perform

April 24

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Rug's & Riffy's Bar and Grill, 493 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge on Saturday, April 24, at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

A Taste of Asia

April 24-25

A Taste of Asia—a Spring Asian Food Festival, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Asian Food Markets of North Plainfield, 1101 Rt. 22 West in North Plainfield. Nearly 20 vendors will offer free samples of Chinese and other Asian cuisines.

For more information, call (908) 668-8382.

Firefighters' Mass

April 25

The Diocese of Metuchen will hold a Mass on Sunday, April 25, at noon to honor all active, retired and deceased firefighters within Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties at Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Ave. in Metuchen.

For information, call (732) 562-2461 or visit www.dioemetuchen.org.

Temple Sholom's School Open House

April 25

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains, Martine and LaGrande avenues in Fanwood, will hold an open house for its religious school on Sunday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. until noon. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are welcome to attend and may opt to tour with their parents or sit in on a class.

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124th Anniversary Spring Concert

April 25

The Plainfield Gesang & Turn Verein will celebrate its 124th anniversary concert on Sunday, April 25, at 4 p.m. in the upper banquet room. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door.

To purchase advance tickets, call Gerda at (908) 369-3359 or Victor at (908) 276-8572.

Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

April 28

On Wednesday, April 28, the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature Lisa Athan, M.A. at its monthly educational meeting. The meeting will take place at 7:45 p.m. using the facilities of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. in Morristown. The public is invited; a nominal donation is requested from non-members.

For further local information, call (973) 994-1143.

5K Walk/Run

May 1

Coordinated Family Care (CFC) has announced that Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds-5K Walk/Run 2010 will be held on Saturday, May 1, at Roosevelt Park in Edison. All are welcome to participate.

For more information, call (732) 572-3663, ext. 137 or visit www.coordinatedfamilycare.com and click on the Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds-5K Walk/Run 2010 logo.

For similar walks in northern and southern New Jersey, call (973) 942-4588 (northern) or (609) 518-6800 (southern).



On hand to celebrate the April 16 grand opening of Panda Express on Hadley Center Drive were South Plainfield Mayor Charlie Butrico and Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas; Christine Overton, Ph.D., New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce; Piscataway/Middlesex/South Plainfield Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Linda Griggs and board members Darlene Pinto, Ken Griggs Sr. and Gene Bozzo. Representing Panda Express were Melissa Martinez, field operations manager; Shelia Yap, ACO of operations; Janice Kim, general manager of Panda Express Hadley Center; Al Chaib, zone vice president; Eugene Lam, senior vice president of operations; and Ted Tong, director of operations for the Northeast.

SPHS Student Gives Alternative Education A Try

At the beginning of February, South Plainfield High School Senior Holly McDede was attending South Plainfield High School. By the end of February, she wasn't. After being accepted into the college of her choice, the tests and the homework that came along with her public education no longer seemed necessary. She looked for a school that would allow her to write for the next few months. She got

what she was looking for at a place called "Manhattan Free School," as described below.

Manhattan Free School provides students an opportunity to learn independently. Tomis Parker, staff member, says, "Humanity exists in a perpetual prison where adults impose their will onto their children... Free Schools represent a new era of human freedom."

There are no grades or tests, but if a student wants grades (note: this would never happen), they can bring it up at the democratic meeting held every Wednesday for students to devise rules. If someone wants to start a class or plan a lego war, they announce it at the morning meeting.

In terms of classes, classmate Christopher Klapper says, "I've taken Korean, philosophy, current events, AP US history, African history, Roman history, and anarchist analysis." He is a

history man, but the English-lover can take/start writing courses, or simply spend the school day writing in his/her note pad. Every student takes the natural course, "Being Somewhat Okay with People," because compassion towards the other independent learners and their separate agendas is necessary.

Klapper says, "At MPS, we learn true self-motivation, how to deal with a set community, how to get knowledge out of every interaction, and how to manage time wisely."

At MFS, students learn how to create their own schools with their own independent minds.

Cultural Arts Talent Showcase May 1

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will be holding its second annual Talent Showcase on Saturday, May 1, at Wesley Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

The turnout for auditions were great. Come see all the talent we have in South Plainfield.

Wine, Spirits, Beer Tasting Fundraiser

The South Plainfield Education Foundation and Oak Tree Buy Rite of South Plainfield will host the second annual Fine Wine, Spirits & Craft Beer Tasting Fundraiser on Friday, May 7.

The Education Foundation, in existence since 1994 and originally named Vision 2001, is a non-profit tax exempt organization. The foundation promotes numerous educational and incentive programs such as the Gold Card and scholarships for South Plainfield students.

To date, the Education Foundation has awarded over 50 Scholarships totaling over \$283,150, and awarded over \$130,000 in endowments. The Education Foundation has also given back to the students of South Plainfield over \$41,000 in curriculum programs, over \$33,000 in academic incentive programs, and over \$18,000 for school equipment.

The fundraiser will be held at the Italian American Club, 1001 Garibaldi Ave., from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each or buy four for only \$100. The night of the event tickets will be \$35. At this time, we have at least nine vendors and food donated by Hometown Heros and Flanagan's Restaurant.

For information, visit our Web site at www.vision2001.org and click on the "Events" link or contact Marge Reedy, (908) 561-5800, ext. 302.

No one under 21 will be admitted.

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BOE Organization Meeting Changed

DATE CHANGE

The Organization Meeting of the South Plainfield Board of Education originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, at 8 p.m. has been changed to Monday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave. Formal action will be taken.

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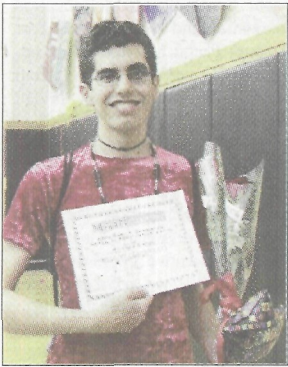
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SPHS Music Boosters

MUSIC NOTES



Winter Guard member Matthew Brazza, was awarded the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network's 2010 Mary Denniston Memorial Scholarship at the MAIN Championships at South Brunswick High School on April 17.

The Music Boosters would like to thank our guest speaker, Joann D'Allesio Otlowski, for attending the general meeting on April 14. Otlowski's father, Fulvio C. D'Allesio, was responsible for starting the Colorguard/Company Front scholarship over 30 years ago. We also thank the parents and students who attended the meeting.

South Plainfield High School Winter Guard finished their season on April 17, with an amazing performance at the main championships with the guard receiving a score of 78.4 in Scholastic Regional A Class.

Congratulations to senior Winter Guard member Matthew Brazza, who was awarded the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network's 2010 Mary Denniston Memorial Scholarship. Way to go Matt, we are all so proud of you!

Scholarship applications are on the

music department Web site spboe.org/spps. Completed applications must be returned to Mr. Vroom, Mr. Murray or Mr. Mikolon on or before Monday, May 3. Late applications will not be accepted.

We are in need of executive board members for the 2010-2011 school year. If anyone would like to serve on the Music Boosters executive board, E-mail Donna at RTeller3@comcast.net.

Dates to Remember

Monday, May 3—All scholarship applications need to be handed in to the music teachers.

Wednesday, May 5—Music Boosters general meeting, 7 p.m. in the chorus room.

Friday, June 4—Music Boosters banquet.

—Submitted by Donna Teller



Middlesex County College student, Alyssa Klimek of South Plainfield, works on a block of ice in front of the College Center. It was transformed into an outdoor laboratory for the coolest course on campus as students in the Garde Manger class at Middlesex County College learned the fundamentals of ice carving. This course is taught by Walter Leffler, the executive chef at the Old Mill Inn in Basking Ridge. For this activity, he was assisted by Evan Hublarde, chef at the Palace in Somerset. Fourteen students used chain saws to mold blocks of ice and then chisels to create the details. The class is part of the Culinary Arts degree and certificate program.

Help for Enduring Another Allergy Season

By James W. Kim, RPh, MBA
Twin City Pharmacy

Allergy season is upon us and for those who are not experts, managing the watery eyes or constant drip may seem difficult to do. If you can't go to your doctor's office for whatever reason, getting something over-the-counter (OTC) from your local pharmacy may be easier than you think. Here is a brief survival guide of the different medications available to turn off the proverbial "faucet" and get through what I anticipate will be a very bad allergy season.

Seasonal allergies, or hay fever, cause itchy, skin, a runny nose, watery and bloodshot eyes, and sneezing. The best and most common medication I recommend is Benadryl. Doctors, hospitals and pharmacists not only recommend Benadryl or its generic

diphenhydramine for seasonal allergies but also for food and drug allergies. It reduces the histamine response and therefore reduces all of the allergy symptoms. The only downside is that it may put you to sleep.

If you need to stay awake and know Benadryl will put you to sleep like your monotonous college professor did during class, then reach for Claritin, Zyrtec or their generic counterparts. Formerly prescription meds, both are now OTC and provide excellent antihistamine relief with less chance of drowsiness.

Once you have decided on which antihistamine to purchase, ask yourself this question: can I breathe through the nose or am I congested? If you can breathe through the nose, then proceed to the cashier with your purchase. If you are congested, then you need a nasal decongestant. Nasal

congestion is simply fluid buildup in your nasal cavity. Give yourself a decongestant such as Sudafed and voila, your congestion has now become your runny nose. Hence the many products like Claritin-D or Zyrtec-D, have a decongestant along with the antihistamine to manage both symptoms. Just keep in mind, if you have heart problems or high blood pressure, check with your doctor or pharmacist for further advice.

For those fans of nasal decongestants such as Afrin or Neo-Synephrine, I say stop immediately! I am a fervent opponent of these sprays for one reason and one reason alone: rebound congestion. After two to three straight days of using a nasal decongestant, your congestion will come back twice as bad and your Afrin will not work anymore.

If you only suffer from red, itchy, watery eyes, then I recommend allergy eye drops. Before you grab the usual Visine eye drops, first consider what is bothering your eyes. Visine contains tetrahydrozoline and only constricts the blood vessels in the eyes. It may help with the redness, however, the itchy and watery symptoms will continue. Visine-A, Naphcon-A or Zaditor (formerly available only with a prescription) will reduce your eye allergy symptoms.

This advice assumes you are a healthy adult without any pre-existing conditions. Side effects may or may not occur in everyone. Read the package for warnings and side effects, especially if you are currently taking other medications and have high blood pressure, diabetes or other pre-existing conditions. Always ask your doctor or pharmacist if you're not sure and have questions.



Members of the Sacred Heart School Hawks boys basketball team present Theresa Valentino, director of development, Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside with checks totaling \$1,600 raised during the school's annual charity basketball game.

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Milestones



Peg and Metro Kopchak

Kopchaks Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Metro and Peg Kopchak were given a dinner by their children in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on April 17. The Kopchaks were married on April 23, 1960.

The party, given by their children and celebrated with family and friends, was held at Trap Rock Restaurant in

Berkeley Heights.

The Kopchaks have been residents of South Plainfield since 1962. They have three children, Andrew Kopchak and wife Renee, Pamela Cooling and husband Robert and David Giovarelli and wife Theresa, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Isabella Harkey

Harkey Celebrates 90th Birthday

In celebration of her 90th birthday on March 25, Isabella Harkey of South Plainfield was honored with a surprise party at her home.

The party was hosted by her grandchildren, Tracey Harkey, Amy Chatel and Cheryl Harkey, who said it was so hard to get her out of the house, but they managed and everything went terrific. She was so surprised!

Invited guests were Isabella's family and friends including great-grandchildren Tyler, David and Ashleigh.

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Rachel Pinto

Rachel Pinto Named to Seton Hall Dean's List

Rachel Pinto of South Plainfield has been named to the Fall 2009 dean's list at Seton Hall University in South Orange with a 4.0 GPA.

Rachel is in a dual program pursuing a degree in social and behavioral science and occupational therapy.



Nicole Brooks

Brooks to Receive Academic Award

Nicole Brooks will receive the Rutgers 2010 Academic Excellence Award this Sunday. The award is given to the top 10% of sophomores at Rutgers based upon GPA. Nicole is among a select group of second-year students recognized for outstanding academic achievement. She will be honored at a ceremony at Rutgers University.

Allison Whitefleet Named to Dean's List at Loyola University Maryland

Allison Whitefleet of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list at Loyola University Maryland for the Fall 2009 semester.

In order to qualify for the dean's list, a student must have a GPA of at least 3.5 with a minimum of 15 credits.

Established in 1852, Loyola Uni-

versity Maryland is a Catholic, Jesuit comprehensive university comprising Loyola College, home to the university's arts and sciences programs; the Slinger School of Business and Management; and the School of Education. Loyola enrolls 3,700 undergraduate and 2,300 graduate students from across the country.

Brembt Appointed Acting Police Chief

(Continued from page 1)

He has two sons and currently resides in Whitehouse Station. He became captain in 2005, and has been commander of the Patrol Division, Detective Bureau and Staff Services.

One of Brembt's goals this year is to look for possible budget savings while maintaining an adequate level of patrol that is vital to the safety of the borough.

Brembt is an advocate of community policing and developing relationships with businesses and residents alike. "It's refreshing to have so many people willing to work with us. It's just a great town and I look forward to working with them," said Brembt. "I have the benefit of working with a great group of professionals and individuals along with the support of the mayor and council."

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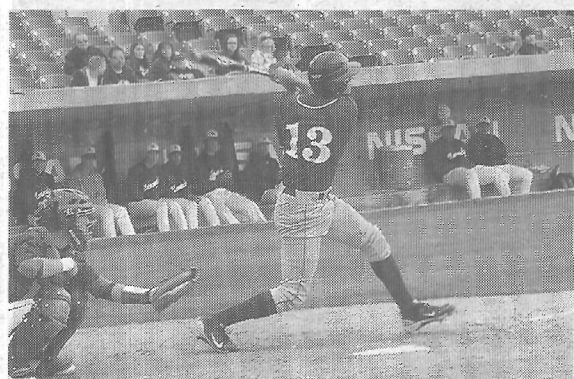
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Sports



SPHS Baseball Team Plays JFK at TD Bank Ballpark

The South Plainfield High School Varsity Baseball Team and JFK High School (Iselin), the 2009 Group 3 State Champions Varsity Baseball Team, played the second annual game at TD Bank Ball Park, home of the Somerset Patriots, on April 18 at 11 a.m.

South Plainfield's starting pitcher was Matt Cesare; followed in the seventh by Senior Dylan Papa. Junior Brandon Downes scored the first run, followed by Rob Pasternak.

South Plainfield's Carlos Ruiz hit a home run over the left field wall to for JFK-8, South Plainfield-7.

Going into the seventh inning South Plainfield and JFK were tied. Bases were loaded with no outs. The final hit scored a run to give South Plainfield the win.

Congratulations to Head Coach Anthony Guida and Coaches Mosca, Batista and Darby and the entire team on this outstanding win.

West 9 Offering New Series of Beginner Lessons

Bill Castner, PGA Head Professional at Plainfield CC West 9 Golf Course, announced a new, four-week series of lessons designed for adult or junior beginner golfer—or any “fairly new” golfers who wish to improve their fundamentals.

The first of these mini-groups starts on Sunday, May 2 at 8 a.m. for adults; and at 9 a.m. for adults; Wednesday, May 5 at 4 p.m. for juniors; and at 5 p.m. for adults. Additional classes will be starting each month from late May through mid-October.

Each mini-group lesson is 60 minutes long, and each class consists of only four to eight adult or junior students to ensure personalized attention by course instructor, Joe Dietz, USGTF, Castner's new assistant director of instruction.

In weeks one and two, students will be taught the basics, starting with putting, then moving on to the pre-swing fundamentals, i.e., grip, stance, aim and alignment. Also covered are the in-swing basics, i.e., rotation of hips and shoulders, weight transfer, balance, rhythm, club path, swing plane and routine. Emphasis will be placed on the basic swing as outlined in *The Golfing Machine* and widely endorsed

by the touring pros.

In weeks three and four, fundamentals will be reviewed and students will learn how to hit long irons and woods. Course management, rules and golf etiquette will be discussed. Cost for the four, one-hour lessons is \$100 per student for either the adult or junior classes.

Castner stated there are many other learning opportunities for adults and juniors at West 9, all of which are taught with *The Golfing Machine* methodology. In addition to being a PGA Master Teaching Professional, Castner is a graduate of the Tidliest TPI Performance School for Adults and the TPI School for Juniors. He is also one of only a few Certified *Golfing Machine* instructors in the North-east region.

Prior to coming to West 9 in January 2010, Dietz taught beginner students in clinics, private lessons, groups, and in the Junior Summer Camps at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, where he was Castner's assistant.

“Thanks to having taught alongside me for almost six years at Hyatt, Joe has attained his own level of competency in the principles of *The Golfing Machine*,” said Castner.

For more on the beginner classes or the many other learning opportunities being offered this year at West 9, stop in or call (908) 769-3672, (908) 377-0839 or (917) 208-5197.



Pictured (L-R) are Jovan Fuller of Plainfield, Matthew Dolan of South Plainfield and Michael Denio of Staten Island, members of the Surgents 10 and 11 year old level five gymnastics team which placed third in team competition at the New Jersey Men's Gymnastics State Championships. The boys will go on to compete at the regionals in Virginia. They train at Surgent's Elite Gymnastics in Garwood.

—Photo courtesy of Louis Mormile

Apply Now for Ponytail Softball Scholarships

The deadline to apply for The Parents' Ponytail (Softball) Association four, \$500 college scholarships is Monday, May 3. Applications can be obtained from, and are accepted at, the South Plainfield High School guidance office.

Applicants must be high school seniors graduating this June and a resi-

dent of South Plainfield. To qualify for a recreation scholarship, applicants must have played for at least four years in the Ponytail Softball League.

To qualify for the Ponytail All-Star scholarships, applicants must have played recreation softball for at least four years and Ponytail All-Stars for at least three years. All-Stars may ap-

ply for both scholarships; a player is only eligible to receive one scholarship.

Mail applications to SPPTA Scholarship, P.O. Box 441, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or return to SPHS guidance office in an envelope labeled SPPTA Scholarship.

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MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE	49,134	50,485
HOUSING ASSISTANCE	6,868	6,851
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	1,396	1,434
SECRETARY TO MAYOR	1,567	1,610
DVRT COORDINATOR	5,240	5,384
BLDG MAINTENANCE WORKER/OMNI BUS	19,389	19,922
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AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST REPORTER	2,000	2,055

ATTEST:
Joann Graf, RMC

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 on April 19, 2010 and advertised in the Observer on Friday, April 23, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, May 3, 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 or other municipal agencies (excepting the Fire Department) 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 of local alarms for the express purpose of giving visual or audible warning, or both, of an emergency, such as holdup, burglary, intrusion, flood or the like. Devices giving warning of fire or smoke are excluded from this Ordinance.	
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, or other governmental agency (excepting the Fire Department) to any location or response, to any type of alarm signal shall be responsible for the proper functioning of the equipment and for any false alarm, and shall be assessed	

the following penalties:	
1. 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 (4 th) false alarm;	
2. For the fifth (5 th) 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 for commercial property;	
3. For the sixth (6 th) 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;	
4. For the seventh (7 th) 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;	
5. For the eighth (8 th) 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;	
B. 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.	
C. 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 per 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.	
D. 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 Graf, RMC	
\$98.38	
April 23, 2010	

Sports

SOCCER - WANDERERS By John Wizda SOCCER CLUB NEWS By Dawn Hutchison

Wanderers Tie Tigers, 3-3

After a three week lay-off the Wanderers started slowly and found themselves in a quick hole. The Hillsborough Tigers proved to be a formidable match this past Sunday. The scoring started for the Tigers on a quick penalty goal in the first quarter. The rest of the first half was a rout. The Tigers scored twice more to open up a three goal lead. The Wanderers offense was unable to produce a single shot on goal in the first half.

After an intense half-time break, the Wanderers started the third quarter in high spirits. The Wanderers have been playing with one goalie due to injuries. To shake things up Eric Akpan took over in net for the first time, saving four shots throughout the second half and delivering accurate kicks to clear the ball up field. The offense, now at full strength, featured Billy Keane, Donnie Grabinsky, Mike Lapolla and Brandon Wizda. The quick and tenacious Donnie Grabinsky got things started pulling away with the ball at midfield and firing a pass to the speedy Brandon Wizda who quickly broke free of his defender and easily scored on the vulnerable goal keeper.

The Wanderers' defense, anchored by Ben Sanko, Joey Venitelli and

Briana Noriega, stepped up big by breaking up any momentum the Tigers would have. Closing out the third quarter Brandon Wizda would add his second goal of the game pulling the Wanderers closer to the Tigers.

The final quarter was by far the best played all year by the U-10 team. The Wanderers, who were now dominating the ball, continued to put pressure on the Tigers. Finally breaking through with less than three minutes to play, Billy Keane slammed the tying goal high into the net, silencing the Tiger bench for good.

Heading up the defense in the last few minutes was Jackie Battista, who had several critical kicks to clear the ball and solidify the dramatic comeback! This was a memorable team effort and the coaches were proud of how the players handled themselves. Catch the Wanderers' (1-1-1) next on Friday evening at home at Kenneth Field.

The 2010 Wanderers are: Eric Akpan, Chelsea Alers, Jacquelyn Battista, Nicholas Farinella, Billy Keane, Michael Lapolla, Damani Nelson, Briana Noriega, Benjamin Sanko, Joseph Venitelli, Donnie Grabinsky and Brandon "Wiz Kid" Wizda.

Great Soccer, Great Kids, Great Season!

The South Plainfield Soccer Club spring season (SPSC) has reached the halfway mark. Hard to believe we have completed half of our scheduled games and are heading to the home stretch. Great soccer, great kids--can't ask for more! With games on our home fields at Kenneth Avenue and the PAL turf field, we have been able to keep up with the schedule and the weather!

Our club is once again holding our super 50/50 raffle. Raffle books are being distributed to all our players' families. Each book contains a total of five tickets, at a cost of \$10 each. The Super 50/50 drawing will be held on Sunday, May 23, after our last scheduled game for that day at our fields. First prize winner will receive 70%; second prize winner will receive 20% and the third place winner will receive 10%. Winners need not be present at the drawing; they will be contacted by phone. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket, or need additional tickets, call Chrissy Sanko at (908) 561-5533. Let's make this a real success for the soccer club. Good luck to all who enter and thank you for your continued support of the SPSC!

A reminder that the 2010 SPSC Scholarships are again being offered to two recipients. We will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to each of the winners selected by the scholarship review panel.

Scholarship applicant must be a resident of South Plainfield, a senior in high school graduating in June 2010 and planning to attend college in this fall. Applicant must have

played for the SPSC for a minimum of four seasons.

Deadline for filing applications is Saturday, May 22. All applications must be turned into the guidance department in a sealed envelope marked SPSC Scholarship or mailed to SPSC Scholarship, P.O. Box 543, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. No late entries accepted. Proof of college enrollment may be requested prior to release of scholarship funds.

Forms are available in the SPHS Guidance Department or on the

club's Web site at www.soplfdsoccerclub.com.

Open tryouts for the SPSC Fall 2010/Spring 2011 season are scheduled to be held the second week of May. Full details will follow next week. Tryouts will be held for the U-8 through U-14 age groups, for our fall and spring teams. Age requirements, tryout dates, times and location will be provided in next week's article.

Good luck to all our teams on the second half of the spring season.

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. LEGAL NOTICE. ORDINANCE NO. 1890. NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY. The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on April 19, 2010. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, in the Borough on May 3, 2010 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows: Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$812,000 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$430,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof." Purposes: Purpose Appropriation and Estimated Cost Estimated Maximum Amount Bonds or Notes Period of Usefulness a) New Market Avenue road, curb, driveway apron, ADA and other improvements, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto. \$675,000 (includes the \$365,000 State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant) \$300,000 10 years b) The acquisition of a front end loader, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto. \$137,000 \$130,000 15 years TOTALS \$812,000 \$430,000 Appropriation: \$812,000 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$430,000 Grant Appropriated: A grant expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$365,000 Section 20 Costs: \$100,000 Useful Life: 11.51 years This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17. ATTEST: Joann Graf, RMC \$58.75 April 23, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. LEGAL NOTICE. ORDINANCE NO. 1887. BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY. Bond ordinance #1887, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on April 19, 2010 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows: Title: "Refunding Bond Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Providing for the Funding of an Emergency Temporary Appropriation to Fund a Portion of the Accrued Sick, Vacation and Related Expenses Arising from the Unexpected Retirement of Several Borough Employees Appropriating \$800,000 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$800,000 Refunding Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing the Cost Thereof." Purpose: To fund, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51, an emergency temporary appropriation in the amount of \$800,000 adopted by the Borough on April 5, 2010 to fund a portion of the accrued sick, vacation and related expenses arising from the unexpected retirement of several Borough employees. Appropriation: \$800,000 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$800,000 Grant Appropriated: N/A \$51(b) Costs: \$25,000 Useful Life: N/A ATTEST: Joann Graf, RMC \$39.37 April 23, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. LEGAL NOTICE. ORDINANCE NO. 1885. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 327, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. ATTEST: Joann Graf, RMC \$26.62 April 23, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. LEGAL NOTICE. ORDINANCE NO. 1886. AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL FOR THE INTERSECTION OF STELTON ROAD AND HADLEY CENTER DRIVE, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. ATTEST: Joann Graf, RMC \$27.09 April 23, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. LEGAL NOTICE. ORDINANCE # 1888. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 247 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, "THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. ATTEST: Joann Graf, RMC \$27.09 April 23, 2010

U-8 SHARKS By Nicole Plate

U-8 Sharks Beat Colonia

On a cold and overcast day, the U-8 Sharks soccer team won their second game of the season, beating Colonia 3-0. The game started with the Sharks dominating the first quarter. Colonia had only one shot on our goalie, Alexis Curtis, during the first quarter. By the second quarter, Ashwin deGroot had lifted the ball in the air, going over the Colonia goalie's head and giving the Sharks a 1-0 lead. The goalie in the second quarter was Joey Walker, who refused to give Colonia any goals. Being refueled and with Cameron Marks in goal, the Sharks struck again

when Gabe Mont scored a goal in the third quarter. The Sharks now led the game 2-0. Defense for the Sharks was outstanding and they worked hard through all the quarters. Our last goal came off the foot of Ashwin deGroot again in the fourth quarter.

The Sharks played hard and continued to dominate the entire game. The other team members are Cooper Smith, Samir Daoud, Tav Baldassarre, Nick Atehortua, Nick Smiljanic, Justin Plate and Sebastian Hughes. Go Sharks!!

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Melissa Gallant, Carlos Gil, Nicole Goitiandia, Gabriela Guerrero, Ishani Halder, Ryan Hu, Christa Iazzetta, Adanna Ibeku, Chace Jones, Krista Kaczka, Tazmeen Khan, Caleb Kuberiet, Kim Lam, Michael Lampasona, Lawrence Lenau, Benjamin Lundy, Jared Marks, Krishna Martes, Megan McDermott, Adia Menendez, Kiian Morgan, Camila Mosquera

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The South Plainfield Department of Public Works' open house on April 17 was attended by a large number of residents and borough officials. Employees offered guided tours of the equipment, supplies and repair facilities used by the department to perform maintenance on borough roads, buildings and grounds. Pictured (L to R) are Superintendent Bob Capparelli, Councilman Rob Bengivenga, Supervisor Richard Ritchey, Supervisor Rick Zekas, Laborer Robert Graf, Mechanic Foreman Phil Russo and Secretary Carmela Sutor.

JUNIOR JOURNALIST

Hailey Medina Named Junior Journalist

Roosevelt School fourth grader Hailey Brooke Medina has been named a winner in the Junior Journalist contest. Her submission of the poem, "Spring Fever," has earned her a dinner for her family courtesy of Hometown Heros.

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.



Junior Journalist winner Hailey Medina with Principal Robert Diehl.

Spring Fever

By Hailey Brooke Medina

Look outside, the sun is out.
Look outside, let's scream and shout.

Hooray, hooray, spring is here.
Hooray, hooray, the sky is clear.

Let's all cheer, cheer, cheer.

Look outside, the flowers are beginning to grow.
Look outside, the colors are filling up the meadow.

Hey, hooray, let's go out and play.
Hey, hooray, it's such a nice day.

Goodbye winter,
Hello spring.



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Congratulations Katalina!

Charlie and Debbie Kurland from Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Katalina Bedoya, pictured with her parents, Gina and Manuel Bedoya, brother Daniel, and grandparents, Haratio and Victoria.

Obituaries

Rayman Bacchus, 51

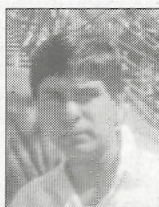
Rayman Bacchus died on Thursday, April 15, at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Cotton Tree, West Coast Berbice Guyana, Rayman came to the United States in 1986 and settled in South Plainfield.

He enjoyed spending time exercising at the South Plainfield PAL gym and in Spring Lake Park.

Surviving is Rayman Bacchus his wife, Azona (Dee) and a daughter, Felicia, as well as many family and friends.

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



Dorothy Koster Ogaard, 97

Dorothy Koster Ogaard died on Monday, April 19, at Ocean Medical Center in Brick.

Dorothy was born in May of 1912 in Brooklyn, N.Y., daughter of John Henry Koster and Charlotte Henrietta Lohse Koster. Dorothy received her diploma from Girls Commercial High School in 1930 and prepared for a career as a secretary.

She married Karl J. Ogaard in 1942 as he headed off to war. Upon his return they started their family. Work brought the young family to South Plainfield, their home for the next 36 years.

As the town of South Plainfield grew, Dorothy became active in the founding of a new church, St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church. She served as its first secretary. She was also very active in the ladies auxiliary of VFW Post #6763.

Working outside the home was a new concept in the 1950s, but Dorothy took on the challenge of raising her two sons, managing a household and working at Muhlenberg Hospital from 1959 until her retirement in 1974. By the time she retired, she had advanced to the position of administrative assistant for the department of medical education.

Dorothy didn't stay in one place after her retirement, but lived in Edison, Lakewood, Holmdel and Texas, finally returning to New Jersey last year residing in Bedminster. She was fortunate to be able to travel the world, including Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Great Britain and throughout the U.S.

She is predeceased by her husband, Karl, in 1978 and a brother, Herman Frederick (Fred) Koster in 1966.

Surviving are two sons, Allen K. and Steven J., both of Bedminster. She has two foster granddaughters, Doreen Hart-Scola of Medford and Khristy Lynn Hart in Biloxi, Miss., and two foster great-granddaughters, Adrianna and Elyanna.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or to the charity of your choice.

Marie (Brasso) DiMaio, 76

Marie (Brasso) DiMaio died on Friday, April 16, at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born and raised in Newark, Marie lived in Metuchen and Edison prior to moving to Toms River 12 years ago.

For many years, Mrs. DiMaio worked as a beautician from her home.

A devout bingo player, Marie also enjoyed playing poker and traveling to Atlantic City.

She is predeceased by her husband, Joseph, who died in 2004.

Surviving are a daughter, Francine Tramutola and husband Kenney of South Plainfield; a loving granddaughter, Danielle Marie; a sister, Florence Colavito and husband George of Oakhurst; and a brother, Anthony Brasso and wife Dina. Also surviving are many of her loving and caring friends in the Toms River area.

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

Claire L. Sterrett, 84

Claire L. Sterrett passed away early Saturday morning, April 17, at her daughter's home in Little Egg Harbor.

Born in Norwich, Conn., Claire had resided in Hartford, Conn., Newark and Iselin prior to residing in South Plainfield for over 20 year before recently moving to Little Egg Harbor.

She was a member of the Piscataway American Legion Post #261 Ladies Auxiliary.

Claire was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is predeceased by a son, Francis T. Crane, and two sisters, Shirley Winters and Winifred Gormley.

Surviving are three daughters, Renee Daubert and husband Frank Jr. of South Plainfield, Robin Schostkewitz and husband David of Holland Twp. and Bernadette Nino and husband Michael of Little Egg Harbor; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Memorial donations in her memory may be made to March of Dimes, 5 Cedar Brook Drive, Cranbury, N.J., 08512.

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