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Three telephones are still delaying the opening of the New Market Avenue Extension project.

## Delays Continue On New Market Avenue Extension

The relocation of the three Verizon telephone poles continue to plague the New Market Avenue Extension project which, according to Mayor Charles Butrico, is ready to be opened.

Lee Gierczynski, a spokesperson for Verizon said, "This project had been in the planning stages for a number of months, but some unforeseen circumstances created some delays."

Apparently when the engineering department marked the underground utilities they were unable to see solid

concrete underground and were unable to penetrate it with the auger they were using. Verizon is working with a new contractor who has the proper equipment, and barring any further delays, the poles should be in place this week. After the poles are moved they will then have to move overhead wires onto the new poles.

"We regret any inconvenience this has caused. We will complete the job as soon and as safely as we can," said Gierczynski.



Shadyside Park sits at the end of Yurgel Drive on the south side of town.

## Shadyside Park to Get a Facelift

By Jane Dornick

Residents on the south side of the borough will soon enjoy new playground equipment after the Borough Council approved a bond ordinance to finance the project at its July 19 meeting by a margin of 5-1.

According to Councilman Rob Bengivenga, who chairs the Recreation Committee, the park has been in need of equipment replacement for many years. Recreation Department Director Kevin Hughes was responsible for bringing the condition

of the park to the council's attention last year, Bengivenga added.

"From grants, to leasing, to bonding, we worked hard to minimize the cost to the taxpayers. Although obtaining a grant would be the best way to fund it, we were not able to secure a grant," said Bengivenga.

The bond ordinance is for a total of \$38,000 with \$35,000 being spent on the actual equipment and an additional \$3,000 is for any miscellaneous needs which may arise during installation. Bengivenga explains, "We determined that with bonding interest rates at an all time low (under 1%) it was cheaper than a lease to buy option. We added a couple of thousand dollars for general park

## Tiger Shark Swimmers Break 19 Records at Swim Competition

By Kirsten Nuber

As I drove up to watch my little brother's last swim meet on July 31, I was surprised to find that I had to park a couple blocks away from the community pool since there were so many competitors and spectators coming to watch the competition.

When I got inside the pool area, I realized that this was no ordinary swim meet. I was handed a schedule entitled "New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference A League 2010." A total of seven teams were competing in the meet, including teams from Bridgewater, Chatham Colony, Cranford, East Brunswick, Hillsborough, Middlesex and South Plainfield. The conference lasted all day, with the younger children swimming first and the older children competing late in the day.

As I watched the swim competition unfold, I couldn't help but notice the dedication of the parent volunteers who aided in the setup, cleanup, timing of races and recording and averaging the scores. Volunteers were also busy selling food to raise money for future teams. Parent volunteers were also key in setting up the swim team picnic which was held the day after the meet as well as creating the Labor Day parade floats.

Head Coach Laurie Post spent the entire competition running up and down the lanes shouting and waving



Tiger Sharks Swim Team members Samatha Soto, Allison Huber, Chelsea Cullen and Maggie Valentino took first place in the 13-18 200 freestyle relay races at the championship.

encouragements to the swimmers.

Cheryl Nagel-Smiley, a parent volunteer for the past 18 years, remarked that for the last 18 or 19 years, Post has kept this team going. "To know Laurie is to know one of the most fair and dedicated coaches of any sport. She is an institution and the heart of this team," Nagel-Smiley said.

Clearly, Post's hard work is paying off because on the day of the championships, the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks broke 19 pool records and placed third in the competition.

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team was established in 1991 and has grown each year.

Nagel-Smiley said, "Many times this is a swimmers first time exposure to competition and some very excellent swimmers have developed from our swim program. We have many strong athletes, some who are only six years old, competing in a sport where lung power, strong legs and arms and the will to out touch an opponent by millimeters are crucial for the win." (For more on the Tiger Sharks see page 6)

# BIG

### Want to Get Noticed?

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The South Plainfield Historical Society is once again raffling off a hand-made quilt at the Labor Day parade on Monday, Sept. 6. The quilt is queen size, double wedding band pattern shades of blue on a cream background, handstitched by the Mennonites of Missouri. Raffle tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased by calling Kathy Horvath at (908) 754-7268 or William Tuthill (908) 756-9654. They can also be purchased at the Historical Society booth on Labor Day. Drawing will be on Labor Day; winner need not be present.



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# FYI

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(Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

### council meetings

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

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

**Agenda Meeting ..... Public Meeting**

August 16 ..... August 16

\*September 7 (Tuesday) ..... September 7

September 20 ..... September 20

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### planningboard

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

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

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**

Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11\*, Dec. 9.\*

### board of education

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

Committee of the whole meetings: Sept. 15, Oct. 13,

Nov. 10, Dec. 8, 2011; Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and March 30.

Regular Public Meeting: Aug. 18, Sept. 22, Oct. 20,

Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 2011; Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 6.

### 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.

### 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. 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

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

Monday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center 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:

Our public library staff is doing a fine job serving us, but they could do much better if they had a more suitable building. Two years ago a plan for a better building was voted down by a few hundred votes. Apparently, the voters had not been made aware of the need.

Alternative proposals are being investigated and they are being judged unsatisfactory, largely because of location.

If the leaders of our Democratic and Republican parties would stop their bickering and work together on an educational campaign, they could get the voters to vote approval on the plan previously turned down.

**JAY SCOVRONEK**

### Dear Editor,

Why is a new library needed? We had a Democracy Day vote and it lost. It doesn't matter how many people voted, it lost! I think the mayor should let this go until the new year when a new administration takes over. Then maybe a new library committee can be formed or even a new director picked.

All they want is new. They came up with a plan on 901 Montrose Ave., but when it was defeated they never appealed it. They were so thrilled about that move to an industrial area, with no sidewalks and a truck route nearby.

No new library is needed. The one we have now can be added on if space is needed. You have the front of the building to add on and also the rear and the side near the rescue squad building. You can close off where the doors are now and add to the back with handicapped accessibility and it would work fine. You can even build two stories on the back from the rear to the parking lot. Restrooms can be put in the rear of the building and where they are now can be used for their meeting room or lounge or storage area.

Everyone in South Plainfield should walk into the library and see on purpose how they made it look overcrowded. It is a disgrace. They have a heater on top of a shelf. They overdid it with making it look crowded. How many of these people were there in 1964 or used the library we had in the basement of the old Grant School? I hope they keep their homes more tidy than they do the library.

That \$4M library was a bit too much for South Plainfield, but they needed an employee lounge and meeting room. I respect the mayor to do the right thing and I hope he realizes what they are trying to do and puts it on hold until the new administration takes office. Then again a new committee should be formed and if the director is not happy with that we

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should find another. Simple! Everytime they can't have their way, something is taken away from the people who use the library. Like we are being punished. What about the library committee not wanting to give back 10% to the town?

An addition would be fine at this point in time to save tax dollars and not have to move. It is in a good location. That's why it was put there in the first place. Just think of the room they would have if they built on the front and a two story rear addition. Also, have a local company do the work to save even more money.

Again, I trust the mayor's judgment. The council should not make this a political football, but do what is fair for the taxpayers and use common sense. They have plenty of room there for an addition and it is what should be planned along with a serious study of the area.

No more excuses!  
**TONY PISANIELLO**

## Let's Never Forget September 11

This year marks the ninth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. On September 11, 2001, beginning at 8:46 a.m., a series of terrorist attacks destroyed the World Trade Center North and South Towers, and severely damaged the Pentagon. Four commercial airliners that were hijacked from Boston's Logan International Airport and Newark Airport (now

Newark Liberty Airport) were flown directly into the three buildings; the fourth airliner crashed in a field in Somerset County, Pa. after passengers on the plane took matters into their own hands and attempted to thwart the hijacking, possibly sparing an unknown target in Washington, D.C.

On Saturday, Sept. 11, we are asking residents to light a candle and place it on your front porch at dusk (8 p.m.), and let it burn for nine minutes, to remember those who lost their lives that day.

The *Observer* staff hopes that this small remembrance will remind us all to Never Forget September 11.

To view the digital archives regarding September 11, log on to our website: [www.spobsobserver.com](http://www.spobsobserver.com) and click on "Never Forget 9/11."

## police report

• On July 28 Andrea L. Gifford, 22, of Marlton was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting jewelry worth \$1,070.

• On July 29 Lisa C. Vinson, 45, of Metuchen was arrested at Kohl's for the theft of cosmetics, clothing and jewelry worth \$1,229.30.

• On July 30 Joseph J. Tupe, 18, of Monmouth Junction was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated under the age of 21, reckless driving and speeding.

• Alhaji Savage, 35, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on an expired license, driving on a suspended license, displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker and failure to inspect.

• On August 2 a North Plainfield resident reported that the driver's side window of their vehicle had been cracked with a rock.

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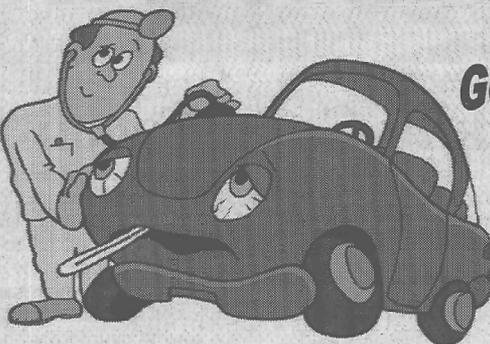
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Knights of Columbus and guests enjoy the annual ice cream night.

## Knights of Columbus Ice Cream Night

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, Council #6203 held its annual ice cream night on July 17 for members, their families and the community. It was hot and steamy outside, but inside cold and creamy ice cream was served to about 100 people who attended.

The Knights of Columbus are all

about family and the community, evidenced by the growth of this event over the past three years. They ran out of ice cream because so many people attended; Joe McGeehan had to run out to buy more.

Ice cream night is a fun night for families from South Plainfield to get together and to eat some nice, cold ice

cream on a hot summer night. Various ice cream flavors were served as well as banana splits and orange soda floats.

The world famous ice cream servers were Joe Scrudato and Past Grand Knight Bill Butrico. Many thanks to Joe McGeehan for getting all of the ice cream and toppings

## Anthony Massaro Applies for Interim High School Principal Position

By Libby Barsky

Anthony Massaro, the former principal of South Plainfield High School, has applied for the position of high school principal until a new principal is appointed by the Board of Education.

Concern about the lack of a high school principal this close to the September 8 start of the school year is the reason Massaro applied for the position after seeing the job posting on the Internet.

"I've spent 40 years in the district—that's all of my adult life. If there is something I can do to help to get the

high school started, I will do whatever it takes," explained Massaro. "In addition, if I am selected I will donate between \$150-\$200 from my daily salary to the South Plainfield Education Foundation. I especially want to pump up the Principal's Scholarship Fund, which was created for kids who go on to college as the first in their family. It's an opportunity to do something good and give something back."

Massaro, who retired as assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction after working in the district for over 40 years, began teaching social studies at the high school in 1969 until 1985. He became Roosevelt

School principal for a year; high school assistant principal from 1987 to 1993; middle school acting principal and high school principal again from 1994 until January 2004.

Massaro is currently a field placement coordinator for Caldwell College at Raritan Valley Community College, a new Caldwell College outreach program where students take Caldwell College courses in teacher preparation at Raritan Valley Community College. Massaro sets up student placement for teacher observations and eventually student teaching placements.

## Former Teacher, Swim Coach Pleads Guilty

Sarah Blessing, 28, of Lacosta Place pled guilty in Superior Court in New Brunswick on August 5 to criminal sexual contact and witness tampering after admitting to having a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old female student. She was a manager and swim coach at the community pool for many years and was a fifth grade teacher at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains for four years. Blessing was also a swim coach at Bishop Ahr High School in Edison.

Under the plea deal, prosecutors will recommend that Blessing be sentenced to a 364 day jail term and five

years probation. She will have to forfeit her teaching certificate, cannot hold any public sector job and is prohibited from any contact with the girl or have any unsupervised contact with a female 18 years of age or under. Blessing will also have to undergo mental health counseling.

The Diocese of Metuchen was responsible for notifying police about the incident. Blessing was originally charged with sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a minor. Her sentencing will take place on Thursday, Sept. 30.

## Freshman Orientation Announced

South Plainfield High School freshman orientation will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

During this program, our incoming freshman will become familiar with some of our basic operating procedures. Students are responsible to bring his/her class schedule to the orientation program as well as on the first day of school. The schedules will be mailed home prior to the orientation. A map of the high school will be distributed to each student at our orientation program.

Every student attending will be required to sign an attendance register.

Each student is strongly urged to dress in a manner more consistent with coming to school than a summer vacation day; therefore, hats, tank tops, and other attire of a casual nature should not be part of the dress for this orientation program.

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, September 8.

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## Middle School PTO Vendor/Yard Sale

August 14

The Middle School PTO will hold a vendor/yard sale on Saturday, Aug. 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the front lawn of the school to support activities for the upcoming school year. Spots are \$20 each; you must bring your own table. Rain date is Saturday, Aug. 21. Jumbo Box Sox will also be on sale. Vendors are needed.

Call Debbie at (908) 803-1573 or Jane at (908) 754-3420 to reserve space or for more information.

## Elks Soccer Shoot: "It's a Kick"

August 17

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 will hold its annual soccer shoot on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at the soccer club fields located on Kenneth Avenue. Rain date is Wednesday, Aug. 18. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Birth certificates are required.

Contest is open to boys and girls age five to 13 in the following age groups: five to seven (U-8), eight and nine (U-10), 10 and 11 (U-12), and 12 and 13 (U-14).

For more information, call Sharon Reuter at (908) 791-1214.

## Sacred Heart Int'l. Food Festival

August 20

Sacred Heart Church, International Food Festival buffet dinner will be

held on Friday, Aug. 20 at Sacred Heart School cafeteria, 1 Sacred Heart Drive. There will be one dinner seating at 6 p.m. Charge for dinner tickets: Adults-\$7.50; children under 15-\$5.

For tickets, call the Parish Center, (908) 756-0633, ext. 10 or 11.

## Little Treasures Open House

August 21

Little Treasures Learning Center, 2177 Oak Tree Road in Edison, will be holding an open house on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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For more information and a virtual tour, visit them online at LTLIC.net or call (908) 769-3224.

## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Flea Market

August 21

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, 400-416 Delmore Ave. will hold an outdoor flea market on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Table spaces available: \$20 (bring your own table) or \$25 (one round table supplied). Pierogies will be on sale (kitchen area); hot dogs and soda will be sold during the event.

To reserve your space (before August 15), call Metro Kopchak at (908) 755-0065.

## American Legion Annual Picnic

August 28

The American Legion Chaumont Post #243, 243 Oak Tree Ave. will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 28 featuring six hours of music

with Eric and Karen Seiz from 1 to 4 p.m.; deejay from 4 to 7 p.m.

Triple water slide for the kids, horseshoe tournament and face painting for younger children. Open to the public. Adults: \$15; \$7 for children six to 13; children five and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the post lounge. 50/50 drawing, door prizes. Bring your own pop up tents.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (908) 668-9414.

## Elks Family Picnic

September 4

The South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave. will hold a family picnic on Saturday, Sept. 4 (raindate September 5) from 1 to 6 p.m. Adults: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door; children seven to 17: \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door; under seven, free.

All the usual picnic foods, including clams at a nominal price. Kiddie carnival featuring many planned activities for the kids and their own buffet. Jumpce, cotton candy, spin art, Smiley the Clown with face painting and much more. Horseshoe tournament.

For tickets or information, call the lodge at (908) 668-9750 or contact Barbara Muller at (732) 690-3871.

## Sacred Heart School Golf Outing

September 15

The Sacred Heart School Advisory Council has announced that the school will be hosting a golf outing at Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Registration/continental breakfast: 8 a.m.; shotgun start: 9 a.m.; prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive; dinner buffet included. Cost per golfer: \$130; \$520 per foursome.

For more information, call (908) 355-3000, ext. 17.

## Out of Town

## Open Mic Nite at Brook Arts Center

August 13

The newly renovated Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton St. in Bound Brook, presents Open Mic Comedy Nite on Friday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m. -

fessional comedians plus open mic comedians and music/comedy acts. Tickets are \$15.

For reservations, call (732) 469-7700 or www.ticketweb.com and type "Brook Theatre" in the search bar.

## Middlesex WOWs Open Dance

August 13

The Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, Aug. 13 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

For more information, call (732) 969-2228 or (908) 757-0515.

## Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

August 15

The Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, Aug. 15, from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrissey Ave. in Avenel. Light refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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

## Deutscher Club German Biergarten

August 20

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, is holding an authentic German Biergarten on Friday, Aug. 20 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Volkswagen Night: 35 German theme cars to view. Open to the public; rain or shine. Parking available. Music by Richard Jordan. German and American food and beverages available. No outside food or beverages permitted.

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

## Yard Sale For A Cure/Type One Diabetes

August 21

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## SENIOR CENTER Calendar

### Coming Up....

August 19 - **Ballys**  
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(Call the 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

### WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics ..... 8:45 am  
Computer... 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm  
Line Dancing ..... 10:30 am  
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, 1:00 pm  
Exercise Class ..... 1:15 pm

### FRIDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm

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field. Please come out and support this great cause.

All proceeds are donated to the JDRF.

## Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

August 25

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) will feature Salving Cappello at its monthly educational meeting. She will discuss her amazing bipolar story on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 7:45 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road. The public is cordially invited; a nominal donation is requested from non-members.

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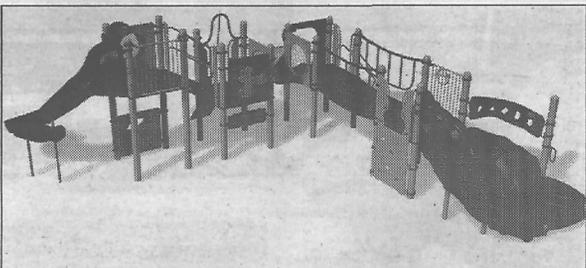
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Rendering of the new Shadyside Park playground equipment.

## Shadyside Park to Get a Facelift

(Continued from page 1)

picnic tables, were in need of replacement or repair, and had suggested fundraising for the project. Buteas, who was the recreation chair last year, claims that Hughes was asked by the Recreation Commission to solicit input from the neighborhood as to what they would like to see done with the park, but it has never been acted upon.

"Borrowing [money] for a project like this doesn't make sense and I could not support it," explained Buteas.

The ordinance was originally tabled at the June 7 council meeting. At that time, the amount of the bond ordinance was for \$65,000, which would have included new playground equipment for the community pool.

Bengivenga said, "I would like to thank the Republican members and Democrat Franky Salerno for support on the project."

Shadyside Park is located at the end of Yurgel Drive on the south side of town.

### SPHS Music Boosters



The music has started! The South Plainfield High School Marching Band season has officially begun. Their first practice was on August 5.

There will be much to share and much to learn, so please join the Music Boosters at the August general meeting. The following information will be discussed: band camp, new uniforms, Labor Day Parade, Labor Day hot dog sale, upcoming fundraisers and Florida citrus sale. Applebee's and Gregory S. Heim will be generously donating a portion of their profits to the Music Boosters from September 1 to December 31.

#### Important Dates to Remember:

- August 16—Applebee's fundraiser (10% of orders between 5-10 p.m. will be donated to the Music Boost-

ers)

- August 18—Music Boosters general meeting at 7 p.m. in the high school chorus room
- August 18—Marching Band practice
- August 23-27—band camp
- September 6—Labor Day parade and hot dog sale
- September 8—SPHS Marching Band presentation, 6 p.m. on the marching band practice field
- September 8—Music Boosters general meeting at 7 p.m. in the high school chorus room

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend as they are throughout the year, to keep informed of all Music Booster activities.

Submitted by Donna Teller

## Litter Program Presented to Glitterbug Club Members

By Libby Barsky

Dave Street wants the community to know what kids are doing to make South Plainfield a cleaner community. For the past year Street has been working on, "Where Does It Come From?" a power point presentation written by Street and formatted by Todd Garbarini, who provided the technical and editing skills, using the pictures of Glitterbug Club members.

The presentation asks the kids what litter is and they identify it as the soda cans, water bottles and candy wrappers that begin to accumulate at the sewer drains. The litter then travels from the sidewalks and lawns when it rains, and is carried through the drain

pipes ending up along the shorelines of local streams and eventually emptying into Spring Lake Park.

A viewing of the presentation was held at the Highland Woods Education Reserve's Nature Center on July 15 with Glitterbug Club members, their parents and members of the Clean Communities Advisory Board.

Club member Miranda and her mom, Mary Ann Bourbeau, have participated for two years in the Adopt-A-Spot program cleaning up a section of Tompkins Avenue. Miranda began recycling when she was in fourth grade. Dion, Diamond, Divon and Diana Pender, who along with their parents Diane and Dominic, have adopted the immediate area around the Nature

Center as their spot to keep clean.

Street was recently honored by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council with an "Excellence in Education" award for his innovative school presentations encouraging students to end littering and to recycle.

Street said this presentation is directed at adults to create interest in the borough's efforts with litter prevention and recycling campaigns.

"The presentation is free. I will give the presentation to any borough organization, club, PTO, PTA or church group who might be looking for a program for their meetings," he said.

Street can be reached by calling (908) 757-8939 or via email to GoDave908@yahoo.com.

## Expect Miracles: Tiger Nation for Nancy Aug. 26

Nancy McMahon, resident of South Plainfield for 16 years, was suddenly stricken with a serious heart malfunction and recently received a heart transplant. Nancy is recovering nicely but needs our support.

Nancy's two children attend South Plainfield High School and participate in multiple sports as well. Nancy and her husband have devoted many years to coaching the children of South Plainfield and both are very involved with

the Ponytail Association.

To assist Nancy, Tiger Nation for Nancy is sponsoring a softball game versus 95.5 WPLJ on Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (Field 4).

Food, drinks and prizes will be



available from the WPLJ Fan Van. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the PAL Building on Maple Avenue. Checks can be made payable to South Plainfield PAL, with "Nancy McMahon" in the memo. Please help support Nancy and her family in their time of need.

For more information, call Kevin Hughes at (908) 226-5596.

### Class of 1961 Seeks Alumni for Reunion

SPHS Class of 1961 is soon approaching a 50 year reunion. Organizers are attempting to reach out to all families and classmates in an effort to obtain current addresses in the hopes to contact as many graduates as possible.

If you are, or someone you know is, a member of the Class of 1961, forward this information to Brenda Belardo Ribar, Nancy Kahora Dowd and Geri Trivigno Beyer via email to class1961sphs@gmail.com.

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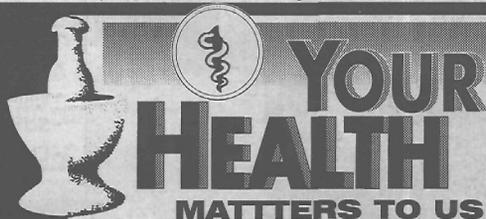
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# Tiger Shark Swimmers Break 19 Records at Swim Competition

The New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference League Competition took place at the South Plainfield Community Pool on July 31. The seven teams competing in the meet were Bridgewater, Chatham Colony, Cranford, East Brunswick, Hillsborough, Middlesex and South Plainfield.

Each swimmer was allowed to swim two individual events and two relays, or three individual events and one relay. Swimmers swam against other swimmers who had approximately the same time for that event. This is called a "heat." Depending on the amount of swimmers there could be only one heat or as many as 10 or more heats. Each swimmer is timed and the times are put in order to determine the top six swimmers for each event. Depend-

ing on the order, the swimmer earns points for their team if they place between first and sixth place. The swimmers who placed first through sixth place received medals.

When all the events are scored and totaled, the team with the most points wins the championship. South Plainfield placed third in the meet with 288 points. First place went to the East Brunswick Sandpipers with 342.50 points and the Hillsborough YMCA came in second with 330 points. Fourth place went to the Bridgewater Blue Dolphins with 269 points; the Cranford Gators came in fifth place at 202 points; the Middlesex Water Wrens were sixth with 143 points and seventh place went to the Chatham Colony team with 81.50 points.

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks

have been hosting the championship for the past few years. It's a lot of work for the volunteer parents organization to set up, marshal the swimmers, announce events, average the times and then determine the winners.

Long-time volunteer Cheryl Nagel-Smiley organizes the medals and trophies which are distributed to the winning teams. She also keeps all of the

pool and team records.

The managers and lifeguards at the pool are also helpful. Besides their normal duties, they also maintain the bathrooms, garbage control, first aid, etc., during the entire meet. Feeding this large crowd is taken care of by the food manager of the community pool complex.

The South Plainfield Swim team

fosters a friendly yet competitive atmosphere which provides enjoyable exercise to young children and fosters successful and dedicated athletes. The championship that took place on July 31 showed the improvement of the swim team, and ensures it will continue to improve for years to come.

# Fees May Be Reduced for Public Documents

By Libby Barsky

Fees for public documents will be going down—but not quite yet.

The Borough Council adopted an ordinance at its second reading at the meeting on July 19 and voted on the resolution to set the fees for copying

public records at \$.05 cents per sheet (letter size) and \$.07 per sheet for legal size as recently revised in the Open Public Records Act, but Governor Chris Christie still must sign the bill.

The borough currently charges \$.75 cents per page for the first 10 copies and \$.50 cents per page for additional copies.

The Board of Education also has a similar policy when charging for public documents. Former BOE member Bob Jones had pushed for the reduction in the fee schedule before the board voted to retain it as its policy. Each time

the issue was tabled. Now the BOE will have to comply with the state law and the amended price policy, Jones noted.

The issue of the reductions in the cost of copying records was discussed at the most recent Policy Committee meeting, said Chair Sharon Miller. "I received an alert on the OPRA Act and saw the writing on the wall. The policy committee will bring this to the board's August meeting to discuss its adoption," she said.

Miller expects the policy to be in place by October, by the time the governor signs it into law.

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From the South Plainfield Library

# Bookmarks

By Danielle Aronowitz

Greetings from the library.

We have moved to a new circulation system and re-did our website (our website still has the same URL). With these system changes comes new circulation policy changes. We will now be charging you a \$.50 fee regardless of whether you pick up your hold item. If you pick it up, it will be \$.50 and if you don't pick it up, it will still be \$.50.

Another very important policy change is regarding loan periods for A/V materials such as DVDs and VHS. New DVDs will still be a two day loan, but now our regular DVDs (labeled with a seven day loan sticker) will be checked out to you for seven days. We are no longer allowing holds to be placed on new movies on DVD. The new DVDs will be located on the spin rack next to the circulation desk. Since there will be no holds, these DVDs will be available on a first come, first serve basis. We will allow one renewal for new DVDs.

We are also no longer going to put movies aside that are checked in at the library for people who call and request that. You will need to come into the library and check it out. The fine for overdue DVDs (\$2) will be the same whether it is a two day or seven day loan. Our new system will now allow you to be notified through email that your holds are available, when items are overdue, and it will also notify you a couple of days in advance of when an item is going to be due. This should help to avoid overdue charges. If you would like this service to be available to you, you need to see someone at the circulation desk and provide us with your email address.

Why pay for movie rentals? Come to the library where renting movies is free. We have a great selection from hot new releases, television shows and classics. Some recently released movies that we own are: *Alice in Wonderland*, *Pirate Radio*, *From Paris with Love*, *The Book of Eli*, *When in Rome*, *Hot Tub Time Machine*, *Our Family Wedding*, *Brooklyn's Finest*, *Green Zone*, *Remember Me*, *The Last Station*, *She's Out of My League*, *The Good Guy*, *The Bounty Hunter*, *Shutter Island*, *Cop Out*, *Clash of the Titans* and *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*. Some new TV shows on DVD are: *True Blood Season 2*, *Warehouse 13 Season 1*, *Hung Season 1*, *Entourage Season 6*, *The Closer Season 4*, *Life*, and *Nip/Tuck The Sixth and Final Season*. We also have new music as well as new books on CD.

The Middlesex County Recycling Program is no longer accepting alkaline batteries and automobile batteries for recycling. Batteries accepted include rechargeable batteries (C, D, AA, 9-volt, etc.) and the button cell batteries found in watches, calculators and other small electronic items and larger batteries such as those found in cell phones, laptops and camcorders. Alkaline batteries should be disposed of in the trash. The library only accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling; any other type can be thrown out.

We will be following our regular schedule for the children's programs. The "Monday Morning" movie is shown at 10:30 a.m. for preschool age children. The movie usually runs for about 40 minutes. The "Story-time" program for children ages three and up is held Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday night at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. The "Time for 2s & 3s" program for children ages of two and three is held Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. The "Babytime" program for ages up to two years is held Friday morning at 10:30. We also have an afternoon film on Fridays at 3:30 for school age children. The story programs

last about an hour and include stories, songs and a craft for older kids. These programs do not require registration. For more information about the programs call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

Beginning the week of August 22, all children's programs are cancelled. Miss Linda and Miss Mija need to recover from summer reading and get ready for fall crafts. Children's programs will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

On Saturdays, Aug. 14 and 21 from 10 a.m. to noon, the library will be holding Wii gaming where children of any age can come to the library and play a variety of Wii games.

The library is open six days a week except on holidays during the summer. Our hours are as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are presently closed on Sundays and will reopen in the fall after school starts.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit us on the web at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us)

See you next week!



Mr. Scott captivates children while performing at the senior center.

## Library Hosts Zany Mr. Scott

Children's entertainer Mr. Scott performed for an audience of more than 180, including 80 children, at the Senior Center on July 28.

The children, who ranged in age from toddler to eight, jumped up and down, clapped their hands and imitated Mr. Scott as he danced, jumped and skipped around one end of the senior center to the other.

Mr. Scott combines physical acrobatics and musical creativity with a zany sense of humor that kids love.

Admission was free, but adults were asked to bring a new, unopened non-

perishable food item for each person attending, which is then donated to the Middlesex County Community Food Drive to help those in need throughout Middlesex County.

For more information on future children's programs sponsored by the South Plainfield Public Library, visit [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us/kids.htm](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us/kids.htm), read the weekly *Observer* column, Bookmarks, or call (908) 754-7885.

For more information on Mr. Scott, visit him on MySpace at [www.myspace.com/mrscottthemusicman](http://www.myspace.com/mrscottthemusicman).

## Free Paper Shredding Event

It's time to begin sorting through those shoeboxes in the attic. Do you really need gas station credit card receipts from 1988? Bank statements from the savings account you closed in 1995? If you have not put these at the curb for recycling because of privacy concerns, we have an event for you.

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders in conjunction with the borough will sponsor a free paper shredding event on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

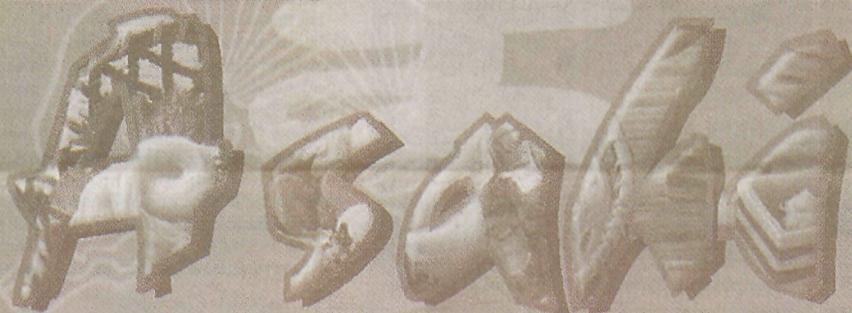
Residents can bring confidential papers—old files, receipts, bills, financial statements—to be shredded for recycling. The mobile truck shreds the paper on-site, so residents can watch their papers being destroyed.

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

Don't bring books, magazines or newspapers or anything made of plastic. These should be placed at the curb in your recycling box, or brought to the recycling center on Kenneth Avenue.

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

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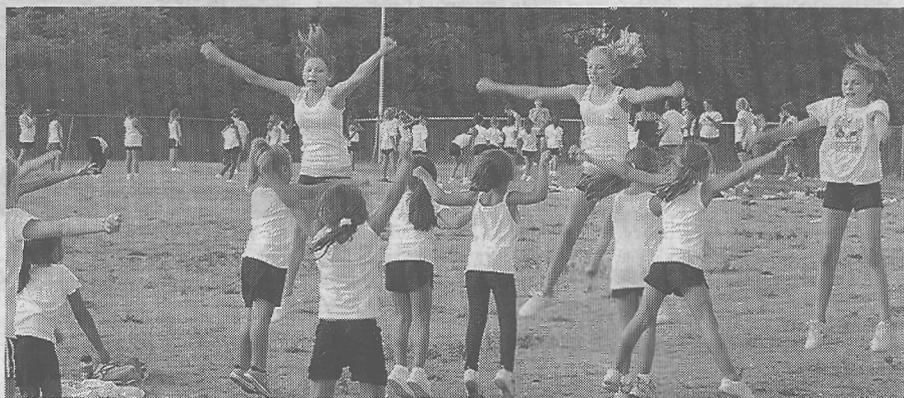
# Sports

POP WARNER FOOTBALL

By Terry Reed-House



Coach Jared Dembia works with his players on blocking skills.



Jenny Teece, Chelsea Housel and Kara Podlovits, members of the Midget Cheer squad, work with the Flag Cheer squad on jumps.

## South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheer 2010 Season Off to a Great Start

As the first of August rolls around each year, kids all across America put on their football helmets and cheer sneakers and head out to the fields to start the season. South Plainfield is no different. On August 2, approximately

250 kids between the ages of five and 14 came to Kenneth Field to begin their 2010 South Plainfield Eagles Pop Warner Football and Cheer season.

According to Anthony Cangialosi,

president of South Plainfield Eagles, the 2010 season has gotten off to an amazing start. "The energy the kids, parents, grandparents and coaches brought to the fields this week was nothing short of amazing. We feel we have the best coaches in the league. Despite the heat, everyone was ready to go—coaches worked their game plans, parents volunteered their time in record numbers and everywhere I looked, I saw smiling kids ready for another great season."

The first two weeks of the season is dedicated to conditioning of the athletes. "Pop Warner's program is very safety conscious," said Kevin Dunn, head commissioner for South Plainfield. "The first 20 hours of practice is all about getting the kids in shape, and working on basic skills. This also gives the teammates time to bond—strong friendships make strong teams both for football and cheer."

This year the cheer side encouraged the

older cheer squads to interact with the younger girls to help teach sideline cheers and basic skills. "Our youngest cheerleaders are five and six years old, and they love learning from their older-sister cheer squads," said Abra Hodge, Eagles cheer commissioner. "Having the older squads help teach the younger girls is also a great way to create a feeling of being one big family. Some of the older girls have been cheering for seven plus years, so they have a lot of knowledge to pass on to the new cheerleaders."

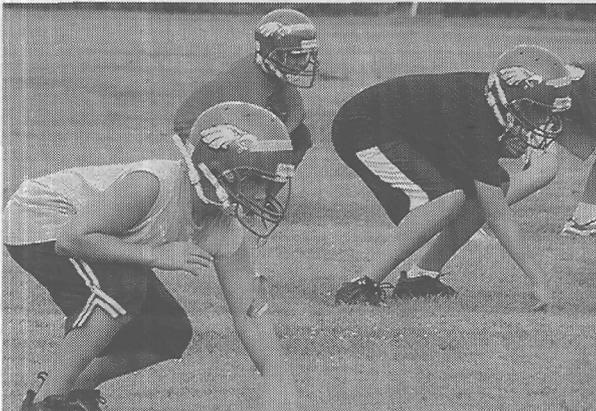
South Plainfield's Pop Warner program establishes football teams according to age and weight. The 120 boys involved in the program this year will be divided into several teams. The first games are currently scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 29. The regular season consists of eight games, at least four of which are played at our home fields. The oldest teams can advance, based on their record, to division, state, regional and national level games.

The cheer program involves the girls cheering for all of the football games, both home and away. Pop Warner cheer also provides up to four cheer competitions that the squads can attend. All of the cheer squads attend the conference cheer competition in October. The older squads, if successful, advance onto state, regional and then national level competitions.

Any parent still wishing to sign their child up for football or cheer should contact Anthony Cangialosi at (908) 285-0462

The Eagles have planned a pool party for all members of the program at the community pool on Friday, Aug. 20. This fun-filled night will include games, prizes, food, dancing and lots of silly contests.

With high hopes for a season filled with fun, friends, touchdowns and trophies, the 2010 season of football and cheer is underway and off to a great start! Go Eagles!



Members of the PeeWee and Junior Midget Football teams at practice.



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August 26, 2010

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*Nancy McMahan has been a resident of South Plainfield for 16 years. Her 2 children attend South Plainfield High School and participate in multiple sports as well. Nancy and her husband have devoted many years to coaching the children of South Plainfield and both are very involved with the Ponytail Association. She was suddenly stricken with a serious heart malfunction and has recently received a heart transplant. Nancy is recovering nicely but needs our support. Please purchase a ticket at the PAL and help support her and her family in their time of need.*

## Sacred Heart School to Hold First Golf Outing

The School Advisory Council of Sacred Heart School has announced its first golf outing at Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 15. The beneficiary will be Sacred Heart School.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., accompanied by a continental breakfast, followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Hot dogs, soda and beer will be available at the turn. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin, etc. with a dinner buffet following. A Hole-In-One package offers four prizes (one per par 3) including: Hapuna Beach for two; Newport Dunes Golf Package for two; PGA Village Golf Package for two; and Pine Needles Golf School for two. Individual golfer is \$130 or \$520 for a foursome.

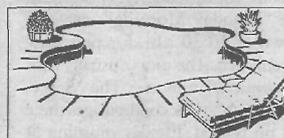
The Golf Outing Committee, chaired by Manuel P. Sanchez, Esq., is also seeking both corporate and indi-

vidual sponsors for the event. A Platinum Sponsorship (\$1,000) includes a foursome, your corporate banner and sign on the first tee and recognition at the event. A Gold Sponsorship (\$750) includes a foursome, a sign on the 18th tee and recognition at the event. A Silver Sponsorship (\$500) includes a twosome, a tee sign and recognition at the event. A Personalized Sponsorship (\$250) includes your personalized sign on any hole of your choosing. A Non-Golfing Sponsorship (\$600) includes your corporate banner and recognition at the event. Breakfast sponsors and beverage cart sponsors are also needed at \$250 each. If your business or organization would like to donate raffle prizes or door prizes, recognition will be made of your donation. For registration forms or to reserve a place, please call (908) 355-3000, ext. 17.

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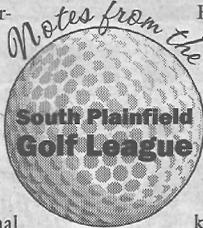
Submitted By Bob Nilan

Last season's Player-of-the-Year, Ray Starnick, and Tom Kaufman are the premier partnership in the league and the dynamic duo from Gotham City were in top form as they led the Polish National Home to an 11½-8½ victory over Twin City Pharmacy. Kaufman posted the best round of the night, a beautiful 1-under 32 and Starnick had a fine round of 1-over 34. Twin City Pharmacy played very well in losing a tough match: Don Stanzone earned the medal for his team, with a nice round of 35, Guy Severini contributed a 36 and Joe Diller shot a 39.

Captain Chris Dillon of Unique Sports Accessories has put together a number of fine rounds this season, and he fired another gem, an impressive 1-over 34, to spark his team to a 13½-6½ win over KC's Korner, the division leader in the National League. Dillon got some nice support from Jay Bertleson and Mike Citrano who had a pair of 39s.

This was an especially disappointing loss for Billy Capparelli of KC's Korner who had his best round of the season, a sparkling 1-over 34. Capparelli has been out of action for quite some time and it took a lot of effort to work off all that rust, but his teammates are very happy as they look forward to the coming play-offs that Billy is back. Dan Conti was reliable as ever and came through with a 38.

Witty's Liquors got three sterling performances from Bob Chase, who shot a 35, and from Sean "The Birdie Guy" Brooks and Eric Beagle, who blasted some boomers on their way to a pair of 37s. But their solid play was not enough as they had too many strokes to give away and lost this match to the Italian American Club, 13-7. Captain Frank Ferraro had some problems on the first hole and struggled to a triple-bogey. He then settled down and was three-over the rest of the way for a 39 to lead his Italian American Club to a stunning win that left



Brooks and his buddies wondering what they had to shoot to win.

The Roughriders also got a trio of fine scores from Jerry Foglia, Andy Hayward and Frank Weingart, who are really enjoying watching their drives just keep rolling along on the very firm fairways at West Nine. Foglia crushed his drive on the first hole and had no more than a sand wedge for his second shot. He went on to shoot a 33 that could easily have been lower if some putts had dropped. Andy "The Caddy Comedian" Hayward and Frank Weingart had their best partnership performance of the season as Hayward shot a 35 and Weingart registered a 36. For Sport & Social, Dennis Bibby earned the medal with a 41.

John Gavin and Bill Mann continued their superb play for Alfie's Boys as they led their team to a 15½-4½ triumph over 2 Buds, 2 Dubs. Gavin was masterful in recording a nifty even-par 33, and Mann was just one stroke higher in shooting an impressive 34. Mike Dube and Don Hall shared medalist honors for 2 Buds, 2 Dubs with a pair of 40s.

McCriskin's Home For Funerals can always count on the most consistent golfer in the league, Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar, who had a 37 that led to an 11-9 win over Oak Tree Dental. Frank Oades continued his solid play for Oak Tree Dental with a 37 and Marty Lillis pitched in with a 39.

With just two weeks left to go in the regular season—unless the division leaders seriously stumble—it now looks like the league title will be determined by a showdown between Twin City Pharmacy, who played well all season long, and KC's Korner, who got a nice boost this week with the terrific round turned in by Billy Capparelli.

Low scores for the night: Tom Kaufman, 32; Jerry Foglia, 33; John Gavin, 33; Bill Mann, 34; Ray Starnick, 34; Chris Dillon, 34; Billy Capparelli, 34; Bob Chase, 35, Andy Hayward, 35; Don Stanzone, 35.

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Witty's Liquors	8	4	0	Alfie's Boys	7	5	0
Unique Sports	6	5	1	Polish National Home	7	5	0
Oak Tree Dental	6	5	1	Italian American Club	5	7	0
Roughriders	5	6	1	Sport & Social	4	8	0
2 Buds, 2 Dubs	3	9	0	McCriskin's	3	9	0

## Travel Soccer U-11 Looking for Players

The South Plainfield Soccer Club's U-11 boys travel team is still in need of players for the fall season. If your son was born August 1, 1999-July 31, 2000 you are eligible to play. The club offers competitive soc-

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## Federico Yango Manuel, 88

Federico Yango Manuel of South Plainfield, and a native of the Philippines, joined our Lord on Thursday, July 29.

Born in the province of Agoo La Union, "Daddy Manuel" as his family and friends fondly call him, lived in Quezon City while he practiced his profession as a successful lawyer.

He immigrated to the United States in 1992 where he spent his retirement enjoying his time with his grandchildren as he fascinated with his culinary expertise and his talent in playing the piano.

He received a bachelor of law degree from the Philippine College of Law in Manila and was an active member of the Philippine Bar Association. He was a government employee who served as regional auditor of the Bureau of Lands.

He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield, a member of the Couples for Christ of N.J., Catholic Family Ministry Circle in Edison and Lord of Pardon Prayer group in Burlington.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Angelina Manuel; devoted father to Alex Manuel and wife Nyda, Gloria Rula and husband Joseto, Eileen Pantaleon and husband Givarlene, Agnes Diaz and husband Benito, Judy Manuel, Neil Manuel and wife Kathleen, Monagale Reyes and husband Deogracias; loving grandfather of Sherwin, Carlo, Stephanie, Najeen, Thea, Bill, Eigel, Julian, Eric, Brandon, Abigail, Kenneth, Kyle, Kane Ezekiel, Dwight, Alana, Adriana, Miguel and Paolo and cherished great-grandfather of Juan Carlo.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

## Genevieve A. (Matybel) Miller, 95

Genevieve A. (Matybel) Miller died on Friday, Aug. 6 at Raritan Health & Extended Care Center in Raritan.

Born in Scranton, Pa., Mrs. Miller grew up in Scranton, later moving to Jersey City and had resided in South Plainfield for 38 years before settling in Hillsborough with her daughter in 1990.

Mrs. Miller had been a homemaker and an active communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield and a member of the Rosary Altar Society. She is also a former member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Miller enjoyed bingo and had spent numerous hours gambling in Atlantic City.

She is predeceased by her husband, Paul, who died in 1982; a grandson,

# Obituaries

John Jaghab; great-grandson, William Billy Miller; four sisters and three brothers.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan A. Kosensky and husband Wayne of Hillsborough; a son, Robert Miller and wife Kathy of Metuchen; a sister, Wanda Orenick of Hawaii; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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

## Julia F. "Nana" (Jarema) Linczyk, 88

Julia F. "Nana" (Jarema) Linczyk died on Saturday, Aug. 7 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Plainfield, Mrs. Linczyk resided in Edison her entire life.

Nana worked at the former and original Hometown Deli in South Plainfield, alongside her family and also worked at the Sunny-side Deli in Edison.

Julia was an avid card player, playing on a regular basis with her closest friends, particularly Fran Madjeski, Dot Pesaniello, Jean Popik and Ann Venetelli.

She is predeceased by her husband, Stanley, who died in 1997; and by two brothers, William and John Jarema.

Surviving are three children, Karen Campbell, Jamie Palko and husband Michael and Glenn Linczyk all of Edison; eight grandchildren, Scott, Brandi, Gillian, Kristen, Jarret, Elizabeth, Emily and Joe and nine great-grandchildren, Tristan, Haylie, Peter, Emma, Joseph, Aubrie, Rylee, Jayden and Drew. Also surviving is sister-in-law, Helen Jarema of Edison.

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

## Joseph J. Knight, 42

Joseph J. Knight died on Saturday, Aug. 7 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Brooklyn, Joe has lived in New Jersey for the past 17 years.

He was employed by Diversant located in West Long Branch as a pay-

roll manager. He loved sports, especially football and softball. Joe was a devoted fan of the New York Mets and Dallas Cowboys. His infectious smile and wonderful sense of humor will be remembered by all who knew him.

Joe is survived by his mother and step-father, Sharon Knight and John Kelly of Delray Beach, Fla.; a son, Ryan Knight and his mother Colleen Ratigan-Torello of Red Bank; his fiancée, Tina Reina and her son Danny Reina of Piscataway and by his step siblings, Maura and Colin McKeever and Megan Kelly all of Belle Harbor, N.Y., Sean Kelly of Middle Village, N.Y. and Brendan Kelly of Rockaway, N.Y.

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

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Heart Association, 1 Union Street, Robbinsville, N.J. 08691.

## Clarence "Steve" Janiszak, 67

Clarence "Steve" Janiszak died on Tuesday, Aug. 3 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Steve is survived by his wife, Ruth; five children, Amy of Houston, Texas, David of Hawthorne, Richard of Houston, Texas, Stephen of Piscataway and Pamela of Long Branch; three sisters; a brother; and by five grandchildren.

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

## Bradford F. Green, 53

Bradford F. Green of South Plainfield died peacefully on Sunday, Aug. 8 at home.

Funeral services were held at Vander May Funeral Home in Wayne.

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# Labor Day 5K Race Raises Funds For Substance Awareness

The South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness, the staff at The Club at Ricochet and the South Plainfield Education Foundation are sponsoring the 20th annual The Club at Ricochet/SPASA and SPEF Labor Day 5K Run on Monday, Sept. 6.

To add to the more than 250 runners last year, the 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk will once again be held this year. More than 30 walkers participated in this event last year, and organizers hope to increase this number in support of family togetherness and a positive drug free, fun filled fitness lifestyle.

The entry fee for walkers is \$5 per person and/or family. T-shirts and substance awareness information packets will be given to the first 40 participants who pre-register before Thursday, Aug. 26 for the walk.

This year's 5K run, pre-entry registration is \$15 (by August 25); the registration fee is \$20 after August 26 and on race day. The first 105 pre-registered 5K entrants who register prior to August 26 will receive a T-shirt along with a packet of various items and substance awareness information.

Computer timing will be handled by Best Race Systems and race results will be posted on the Internet at [www.bestrace.com](http://www.bestrace.com). Please do not mail applications after August 26.

The race will begin and end on Lake Street next to the South Plainfield Middle School. Both the 5K run and the 1.5 mile walk will begin at 9:30 a.m., depending on the parade marshals, with registration starting at 8:15 a.m. There will be two tables set up, one for pre-registered runners and another for race day registrations.

All proceeds from the race support the efforts of the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness and the South Plainfield Education Foundation in making the South Plainfield community drug free and to inspire our students to achieve high academically with positive incentives and education grants and scholarships.

# Sign Up to Participate in the Labor Day Parade

South Plainfield will be holding its annual Labor Day Parade on Monday, Sept. 6. This year's theme is "Family, Vision, Industry."

The parade is just the beginning of a whole day's events in South Plainfield. Following the parade, there will be the annual community picnic at the Middle School with live musical entertainment, food, games, rides and more. This is where you have the perfect opportunity to network with the community!

We anticipate a great turnout once again this year and we hope you will join us. Space is limited, so please return your completed application and the appropriate check as soon as possible so that we may accommodate as many vendors as possible.

If interested, visit [www.southplainfieldnj.com](http://www.southplainfieldnj.com) and download an application from the website and mail it no later than Friday, Aug. 20. It's important you complete this application as any vendor(s) who arrive on the day of the parade and have not sent in an application form and appropriate donation check will not be permitted to participate in the festivities.

You must arrive at the middle school between 7 and 7:30 a.m., as the roads will be closed shortly thereafter. Also, this application only reserves you a designated spot to set up at the South Plainfield Middle School. Vendors are to provide their own tables, chairs, etc., and there are no vehicles allowed on the middle school lawn or sidewalk area.

## BOROUGH NOTES

The following action was taken at the July 19 council meeting:

- The council passed the following ordinances: a bond ordinance providing for the installation of playground equipment in Shadyside Park and appropriating \$38,000, and an ordinance establishing costs for copying of records requested pursuant to the Open Public Records Act.

- The council waived fees for the building permit for the removal and replacement of the roof on the church building at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church.

- Refund checks will be issued in the amount of \$930.80 for overpayment of taxes to BAC Tax Services Corporation, Lancaster, Calif.

- The council approved a professional service agreement between the Borough and Russell Sterling of Sterling DeSanto at a cost not to exceed \$6,500 related to DSC of Newark condemnation matter.

- Paul McCullen was appointed to the Taxpayers Advisory Board.

- Marion Weber was appointed to the Cultural Arts Council.

- A refund of \$2,000 was approved for Elaine Alpert, 131 Waverly Place, Block 209, Lot 12.

- A block party was approved for

Theresa Servedio for Sunday, Sept. 5, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Harvard Avenue from Garibaldi to Belmont avenues.

- T&M Associates was authorized to provide engineering services associated with the design and bid process for Cherry Street, at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.

- A check for \$53,934.09 was approved for the Attorney Trust Account of Clarkin & Vignuolo, to compensate 29 property owners affected by the acquisition of easements for the New Brunswick Avenue Improvement Project.

- St. Stephen Orthodox Church received a waiver of fire permit fees for the International Festival on Sept. 10, 11 and 12.

- The council authorized a professional services contract with Piazza & Associates, 216 Rockingham Rd. in Princeton for services associated with the administration of the borough's Affordable Housing at a cost of \$2,500 and a fee of \$400 for each unit re-rental and associated costs such as postage and mailings.

- The Plainfield Area Humane Society will be issued a refund check for a \$42 fire permit for the Vendor Day Charity Fundraiser held on July 24 at the PAL.

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# Health Department Educates Residents about Bed Bugs

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The department is currently distributing 12,000 fact sheets in both English and Spanish. These fact sheets can be obtained by going to your local municipal government office, local health department, library, or senior center. Fact sheets can also be found on the county website at [www.co.middlesex.nj.us/publichealth/hot-topics.asp](http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/publichealth/hot-topics.asp).

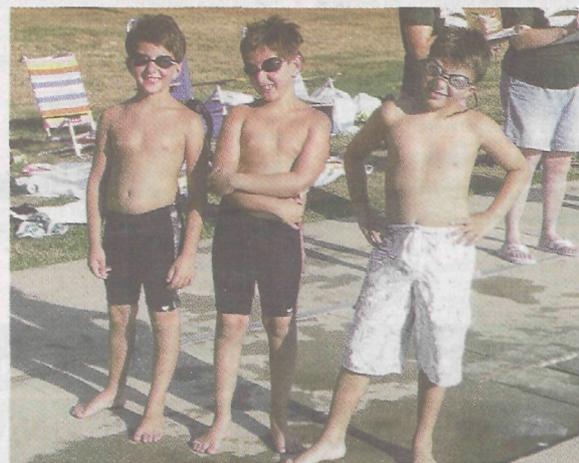
According to David A. Papi, Middlesex County Public Health Director, "It is important to inform and educate residents about what bed bugs are and how they can be controlled. It will take a community effort: Homeowners, business owners, landlords, property managers and tenants will need to take a proactive approach on prevention and control in order to successfully eliminate them."

Papi continued, "Bed bugs are insects that are normally found hiding in cracks and crevices near sleeping ar-

eas during the day and come out to feed on humans at night. They are frequently found in dwellings with a high rate of occupant turnover, such as hotels, motels and apartment complexes. Bed bugs are wingless, oval shaped, appear to be flat, reddish-brown in color, and adults are about one-quarter of an inch in length."

"An infestation of bed bugs does not mean your dwelling is not clean or sanitary. They can be brought into your home by hitching a ride on clothing or luggage. It is strongly recommended that treatments for bed bug infestations be conducted by a licensed New Jersey pesticide applicator," said Papi. "Although bed bugs are not known to transmit disease or illness, the bites can cause itching and small lesions. Constant scratching of these bites may result in a secondary infection. Persons should consult a physician if they think they may have been bitten by bed bugs."

To prevent a bed bug infestation it is important to perform the following actions: carefully inspect clothing and luggage when returning home from travel; remove clutter from your home; caulk or seal cracks and crevices in the home (especially near sleeping areas); repair loose wallpaper; tuck in sheets and blankets so they do not have contact with the floor and encase mattresses and box springs in special mattress bags.



Joseph and Harrison Anesh, Dominic Faustini (left); Councilman Matt Anesh (right).

## "Go Pink Swim-A-Thon" Raises \$2,400

The Tiger Sharks Swim Team held a fundraiser entitled, "Go Pink Swim-A-Thon" on July 2 at the Community Pool to lend their support to breast cancer research. The event was open to the public and swimmers of all ages participated.

As of presstime, the Tiger Sharks

raised \$2,400 and late contributions are still being counted.

The swim-a-thon was to honor the memory of former Tiger Sharks swim coach Robin Bauer Cone, who passed away in 2008. Robin was an active supporter of the Susan G. Komen foundation. All proceeds from the

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