

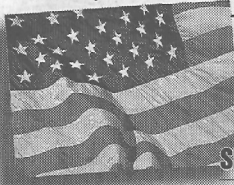
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## Capt. Parker Named Provisional Chief



**Capt. James Parker, with wife June, is sworn in as provisional chief of police.**

Lifelong resident James Parker will assume command of the South Plainfield Police Department as "provisional chief" effective today. He replaces Acting Police Chief Paul Brembt, who announced his retirement after five months on the job.

A 1987 graduate of South Plainfield High School, Parker enjoyed playing varsity soccer and baseball.

He attended Kean University where he received a bachelor's degree, and spent a year in retail sales before entering the police academy in 1993.

Parker joined the police department in August 1993 and spent time working with the New Jersey Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force. He was promoted to the rank of captain on July 1 when former Chief John Ferraro retired from the force after 28 years and Brembt was named acting chief.

As provisional chief, Parker intends to maintain the status quo within the department.

"My goals will be to continue reducing crime and accidents in the borough and neighborhood watches," said Parker. His motto is, and always has been, "protect life, property and maintain order."

Parker resides in the borough with his wife, June, and two young daughters, Julia and Caroline.

Parker's salary as provisional chief will be \$153,000 a year.

## A FREE WAY FOR TRUCKS!



Local residents, along with borough and state officials, applaud the opening of the New Market Avenue Extension and wave the trucks through the road that officially opened Wednesday morning. Below, officials cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the long-awaited new thru-way.



## BOE Appoints Interim Principal Middle School Assistant Principal Named

By Jane Dornick

At a special meeting held last Friday, the Board of Education hired Dr. Gary Bowen and Tamekia Grier to fill the top two vacant spots at the high and middle schools.

Bowen, a retired superintendent from the Montville Township School District, will start as interim principal at the high school on September 15 at \$500 per day until the position can be filled permanently. Superintendent Jose Negrón was appointed to fill the position at the board's August 18 meeting, and his office will remain at the high school indefinitely to assist Bowen with the transition.

Board member Steve Bohn questioned Bowen's lack of experience in running a high school and motioned that the board table his appointment; however, no other members were in agreement. Negrón explained that Bowen had at one time presided over

a middle school that housed grades seven through nine.

Even though the board voted unanimously to appoint Bowen, board member Debbie Boyle commented that retired Assistant Superintendent Tony Massaro, who had also applied for the position, "could have walked in after 40 years on the job and picked up where he left off." It is the superintendent's job alone to recommend new hires. The board can either vote for or against his recommendation or table the appointment completely.

Tamekia Grier was hired as the new assistant principal at the middle school. She is currently a vice principal at John F. Kennedy High School in Paterson and has a math and science background. Grier was earning \$75,000 a year and will now be making \$94,647 a year in South Plainfield as assistant principal. She will start at the school toward the end of the month.

## Mayor's Cup Rescheduled



The annual Mayor's Cup softball game between the police and fire departments originally scheduled for last Friday will take place tonight at 6 p.m. at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club on Kenneth Ave.

The Home Run Derby kicks off at 6 p.m. Enter for \$10 per participant and earn bragging rights and

prizes. Food, beer and soda will be sold. All proceeds from the derby and refreshments will be donated to the families of Matthew Hanon and Alyssa Ricciardi of South Plainfield.

To enter the home run derby, or for more information, call Officer Pete Magnani of the SPPD at (908) 226-7693 or email him: Pmagnani@southplainfieldnj.com.

## Elementary Music Lessons to Continue

Parents, students and music teachers questioned the Board of Education last Friday as to whether or not instrumental lessons would be provided this year at the third and fourth grade levels.

At the special meeting Superintendent Jose Negrón quashed rumors that the lessons had been eliminated completely after information was mistakenly conveyed to parents by school employees.

"Each of the elementary schools will have a music teacher and another teacher that will go between the four schools," said Negrón. "If [lessons] has not been totally eliminated and we will provide as many lessons as

possible." He added that Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lorraine Cella will work with principals after Labor Day to set up a flex schedule that should be in place the following week.

The confusion occurred after longtime Riley School music teacher Joanne Gurske retired in June, and the board was not willing to fill the void for budget reasons.

Curriculum Committee member Debbie Boyle stated there was never a discussion in regards to the complete termination of band or orchestra lessons, and she was upset that a teacher sent emails to parents indicating such. She reiterated that principals

were working on a plan, and invited music teachers Andy Veiss and Roger Vroom to the meeting on Wednesday evening to voice their concerns. Kennedy School music teacher Barbara Habbib also stated that her principal told her that lessons were no longer being provided.

Two high school students commented on how important music has been in their lives, and how it helped them to become better overall students.





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Agenda Meeting ..... Public Meeting

September 20 ..... September 20

October 4 ..... October

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## planning board

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

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

Sept. 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

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: Sept. 20 (date change), 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

## library board of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.

## 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.

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

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, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605

# In My Opinion

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

## To the Editor:

First and foremost, we would like to apologize to the families who fell ill after eating at Mr. Subs on August 21.

We, along with the health department, found that the lettuce served on our sandwiches that day was tainted, either from an ill employee or directly from our distributor. We have since changed our lettuce distributor and we have also sanitized the store from top to bottom. Any meats, vegetables or prepared foods were discarded just as a precaution, even though the health department advised that this was not necessary. The county health department thoroughly inspected the premises and did not find a single violation. To quote one of our inspectors, "This is just an unfortunate event. You have one of the cleanest establishments in town."

We wanted to reach out to our customers in order to clarify what happened on August 21. Once again, we apologize to the families who became ill and hope that once again we can count on your continued support.

Feel free to call us at (908) 444-8634 with any further questions.

MR. SUBS

## Dear Editor,

There are many blessings in my life. At the top of the list is my beautiful wife, Carolina, who will soon be the mother of my first child. My parents and brothers and sister taught me by example to treat everyone with respect and to walk in the love of God. In addition, my parents taught us that we do not build ourselves up by tearing others down.

With that said I was appalled when I read the letter by Robert Bengivena Jr. attacking Mike English in last week's paper. To think, a sitting council member would be as base as to attack a borough resident who is tied into the lives of so many through his vehicles of service. The campaign is just beginning and already the Republican Party is trying to destroy the repu-

tation of their perceived opponents. Such a slanderous approach is an embarrassment to our borough's character.

When I heard Mike English was running for mayor, my decision to run was sealed. In addition to being a former mayor, Mike has coached every sport imaginable and was the driving force in saving the community pool and expanding the PAL. Mike loves kids. He is a role model to young men like me with his love of family. He cares for his grandkids several days a week.

To the local Republicans: Is slandering your fellow neighbor the example you would like to set for the youth of our borough? Is this how you want to win?

Our team, led by Mike English, will continue to speak to the issues of our community in these final nine weeks. We look forward to serving the residents of our borough in decency and in goodness, fiscal responsibility and openness, in good character and good faith.

**VERY TRULY YOURS,  
JEFFREY WILLIAMS,  
CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL**

## Dear Editor,

For almost the entire summer, those who drove by the high school announcement board on Plainfield Avenue enjoyed a simple expression of gratitude to Dr. May, recognizing his years of service and his retirement from the school district. "Thank you Dr. May"—only 13 letters—said it quite simply.

Unfortunately, there was no similar recognition for Mr. Novak on the middle school's board. Over 40 years of service as a teacher and administrator, including his service as principal at the middle school, and not one word of thanks. And it's not as if some other pressing information was posted. We read announcements about end of school activities for two months after they had already passed.

It wouldn't have taken much to

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recognize Steve's service—just 15 letters instead of 13.

**MICHAEL TOWNLEY**

## To the Editor:

On behalf of all of us at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, I would like to express our deepest thanks to Debra Leporino for her excellent work on the Labor Day fair after the parade on the middle school front lawn.

Considering all the complications of the event, she did a wonderful job of organization, and was very pleasant in the midst of all the stress of her responsibilities.

She is to be highly commended, particularly this year, since the funding of the Labor Day events was handled differently from past years, and she tried her best to keep things running smoothly and efficiently.

We also want to thank her for the excellent booth area assigned to us where we could interact with people on three sides of our booth. We had a very positive day and talked with many interested people.

Also, we wish to thank the unnamed man who stopped by our booth and indicated that if we put the

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## Dear Family and Friends,

With hard work and determination, I am running for a cure for Parkinson's disease. The experience of raising donations for other worthy charities by running four marathons (Marine Corps, Disney World, Philadelphia and New Jersey) has inspired me to become a member of Team Fox.

I am joining a team of men and women whose concentrated effort is to raise awareness and funds for The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF). I will be part of a dedicated group of hundreds of ordinary people doing an extraordinary thing. We will be meeting in New York City on November 7 to run the ING New York City Marathon (26.2 miles) to raise funds for MJFF.

Why Team Fox? Nearly five million people worldwide are living with Parkinson's disease—a chronic, degenerative neurological disorder whose symptoms typically progress from mild tremors to complete physical incapacitation. In the United States, 60,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year alone. While the average age of onset is 60, an estimated five to 10 percent of people with Parkinson's disease experience onset at age 40 or younger.

There is no known cure for Parkinson's disease. Currently, available treatments temporarily mask symptoms, while the disease continues to get worse.

Kathy and I are making this commitment and I am running this race to honor the memory of my father, Grant Winner, who succumbed to Parkinson's disease on November 2, 2009. Additionally, there are other individuals who are fighting back against Parkinson's disease, such as my Uncle Don. It is my privilege to run in their honor and I know they will be an inspiration to me as I train for this event.

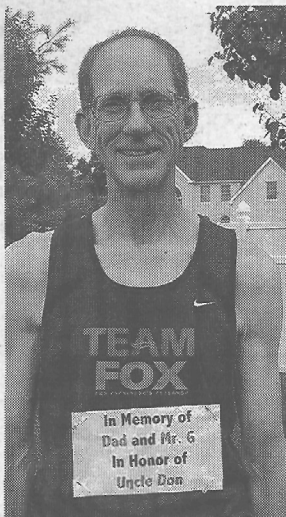
I have a few months to train as well as generate the funds for MJFF. I know I can count on you to help me help others. If you can commit to a monetary contribution, I can commit myself to the physical demands of the race. Your contributions are tax-deductible and any amount you can spare will bring MJFF one step closer to a cure for Parkinson's disease. All donation checks should be made payable to: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your giving means a greater hope for the future.

Together we can cross the finish line in the race for a cure.

**SINCERELY,  
RON AND KATHY WINNER**

P.S. If you want to track my progress or make an online donation go to my website at [www.tinyurl.com/rwinner](http://www.tinyurl.com/rwinner) or [www.teamfox.org](http://www.teamfox.org).



## Fire Department Gets New Training Prop

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will soon have their own training facility that will be located in the Department of Public Works (DPW) yard on Spicer Avenue. The "training prop" materials will be paid for through donations from local businesses, and the Knights of Columbus Squires have agreed to build the structure in accordance with an architect's rendering. The cost to the borough to maintain and conduct drills will be minimal.

The triangle shaped prop will be approximately 20 feet long and 30 feet wide and as high as 15 feet on one side with no foundation. Its design is intended to simulate various building designs throughout the borough and is a compilation of other facilities that the department has used for training in the past. According to Fire Chief Larry DeNegro, it will be adaptable for several different training scenarios and enable the department to provide firefighters with training that duplicates conditions that they encounter on a daily basis.

One of the benefits to the training prop is that it can be used over and over again without sustaining any damage. Some of the training tasks that can be performed are peaked and flat roof ventilation, forcible entry both in and out of door openings, ground ladder drills, window access rescue drills, firefighter bail out or emergency evacuation training, high angle rope rescue and Stokes basket rescue from roof tops.

The structure will be located inside a secured fenced in area next to the police department's vehicle impound site. This will allow firemen, under the supervision of the fire officers, to train at any time with no prior notice needed.

The Middlesex County Fire Academy has training facilities similar to the one that will be built in the borough. The drawback to using them, explained DeNegro, is that training

times need to be scheduled months in advance and they charge \$175 for each use. He also stated that the cost to taxpayers for maintenance and to conduct drills within the borough will be minimal.

"Probably the greatest asset of this is that it will be located in town and will allow the fire department to conduct training at our convenience," explained DeNegro. "At present if we want to conduct any training of this nature at one of the fire academies we have to pay for the usage of another facility. We would also have to schedule months in advance not knowing the weather conditions or other factors that may prohibit us from conducting the training."

The fire department is in the process of applying for the required building permits and construction will begin shortly thereafter. Upon completion, they plan to recognize all of the people and businesses that made the "training prop" possible.

"I'm sure I speak for the entire council when I say I'm pleased to assist the fire department in making the training prop a reality. The cost savings along with the added convenience are major benefits for the department, the borough and our residents. I look forward to seeing the training prop completed and in use," said Council President Matt Anesh.

## Free Paper Shredding Event

South Plainfield residents, 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 of South Plainfield, 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 and 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.

Do not bring books, magazines or newspapers or anything made of plastic. These should be placed at the curb in the blue recycling box, or brought to the borough's 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.

## MOMS Club of South Plainfield Open House

The MOMS Club of South Plainfield, which serves South Plainfield and Piscataway, is looking for new members and will be holding an open house on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m.

The open house will be held at St. Stephen's Church, 3145 Park Ave. (they are not a religious organization). The MOMS Club will be holding a pot luck brunch to welcome new members. Come meet current members and see what the club is all about.

The MOMS Club is a national support group for mothers who stay at home with their children. Children are welcome at all MOMS Club activities.

For more information come to the meeting or log on to [momsclub.org](http://momsclub.org).

## South Plainfield Coalition of Cultural Diversity Meeting

A meeting of the South Plainfield Coalition of Cultural Diversity will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. It is an open forum. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Nehemiah Thompson at (908) 251-3992.

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# Events

## St. Stephen's International Festival

September 10-12

St. Stephen's Church, 609 Lane Ave. will hold an International Festival on Friday, Sept. 10, 4 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 12, 2 to 8 p.m. International foods, American delicacies, desserts, shrimp and clam bar, kids corner, decjay and more.

For more information, call (908) 756-0410.

## Elks Patriot Day

September 11

On Saturday, Sept. 11 the South Plainfield Elks will hold its annual Patriot Day Service at 5 p.m. to honor the memory of the firefighters, police and emergency personnel and all of the innocent victims who lost their lives in the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and on Flight 93 which crashed near Shanksville, Pa., nine years ago. We also honor the servicemen and women who have served and continue to serve our country.

The service is open to the public, who are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will follow the service.



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## Scouts Activities Day

September 11

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of South Plainfield would like to invite all boys between the ages of six and 18 to come join them for an activities day on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the South Plainfield American Legion, 243 Oak Tree Ave., 1 to 4 p.m. Activities include various scouting skills, races and games.

Evening ceremonies will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. and will include a 9/11 memorial and flag retirement.

For details and to pre-register, log on to [www.troop07080splainfield.ScoutLander.com](http://www.troop07080splainfield.ScoutLander.com).

## VFW Breakfast

September 12

South Plainfield VFW Post #6763 on Front St. will hold a country breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 8 to 11 a.m. The public is welcome. For information, call (908) 688-9751.

## Rally Day at Wesley Methodist Church

September 12

Wesley Methodist will hold a rally day on Sunday, Sept. 12 beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the church grounds, 1500 Plainfield Ave. The theme is "Jesus Christ is the hope of the world." All are invited to this outdoor service for great music, inspiring word, games for children and a picnic.

Sign up for Sunday School, youth fellowship, confirmation class and bible study programs.

For more information, call Pastor Nehemiah at (908) 251-3992.

## Send Your Events to:

[spobserver@comcast.net](mailto:spobserver@comcast.net)  
For information on how to submit your event, visit our website at [www.spobserver.com](http://www.spobserver.com).

## SPHS Field Hockey Car Wash

September 12

A car wash sponsored by South Plainfield Tiger Field Hockey Association will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the PAL parking lot on Maple Avenue. Come support our girls. Cars: \$5; trucks or vans, \$7. Proceeds benefit South Plainfield Hockey Association.

## SPHS Meet the Coaches Night

September 14

Meet the Coaches night will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at the high school. Cake and coffee will be served. The fall, winter and spring coaches will speak about the sports programs available at the high school.

## 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.

## "Don't Cook Friday" Spaghetti Dinner

September 17

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, Council #6203, will be holding its annual "Don't Cook Friday" Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, Sept. 17 at the Knights hall, located at 334 Hamilton Blvd. from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children. Take out dinners are also available.

## Historic Marker Dedication

September 19

The public is invited to the dedication of an Historic Marker at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 11:30 a.m. The marker, a gift from the county Freeholders and Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, honors the oldest living link to South Plainfield's past. The church, founded in 1792, is located at the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and Church Street.

## OLC Spaghetti Dinner

September 25

All are invited to attend the spaghetti dinner at Our Lady of Czestochowa, located on Hamilton Boulevard, on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost for adults: \$8, seniors; \$7, children five to 12: \$5, under five are free. Dessert and salad are included. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

For info, call (908) 753-4077.

## Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament

September 29

The inaugural Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Rutgers Golf Club, 777 Hoes Lane West in Piscataway. Cost: \$150 per player in advance.

Registration 7 to 8 a.m.; shotgun start, scramble format at 8:30 a.m.; reception and lunch at 1:30 p.m.; and awards ceremony at 2 p.m.

To reserve a spot, send check payable to Gary Kline, 375 Wampee St. NW, Calabash, N.C. 28467.

For information, call Gary Kline at (910) 579-5946.

## Woman's Club G&G Boutique/Yardsale

October 2

Suburban Woman's Club presents G&G Boutique/Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain date October 3) at the American Legion, 243 Oak Tree Ave.

## Scrapbooking Croptoberfest at Elks

October 3

South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave. is holding a scrapbooking croptoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration fee: \$35 (mail in by September 24) or \$40 at the door. Eight full hours of cropping time, lots of layout ideas, door prizes and fun! Light breakfast will be served along with lunch. Snacks and beverages will also be provided. Due to the popularity of this event, space is limited so register today!

For more information, call Sandi Smith at (908) 656-4041.

## Girls Field Hockey Wine Tasting Fundraiser

October 9

Wine director Kevin Kessler of the Wine Chateau, located at 1380 Centennial Ave. in Piscataway will be se-

## SENIOR CENTER Calendar

### Coming Up.....

Sept 17 Flu Shots 10-11 AM  
Sept 23 Italian Classes Begin  
Sept 25 Paper Shredding 9-11AM  
Oct 11-15 Indian Head Resort  
(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 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, 1:30 pm  
Exercise Class ..... 1:15 pm

### FRIDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm

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lecting six wines to taste during a fundraiser held to benefit the SPHS Girls Field Hockey Association. He will describe the wines and answer questions. The event takes place on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m.

A selection of cheese, meats, fruit and finger food to complement the wine will be served. Cost is \$40 pp.

For more information, email Gary Prendergast at [gsprendergast@comcast.net](mailto:gsprendergast@comcast.net) or call (908) 208-3151.

## — Out of Town —

## High Holy Days at Temple Sholom

September 18

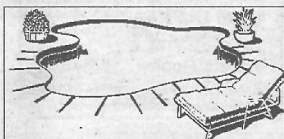
Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains invite non-members for Yom Kippur on Saturday, Sept. 18. The congregation will hold a young family service at 10 a.m. in the Temple Sholom Chapel located at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. There will also be a family Torah service in the main sanctuary at 2 p.m.

If interested in attending, non-members should call (908) 889-4900.

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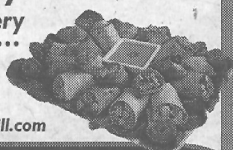
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## Around Town

### Middlesex WOWs Open Dance

September 10

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

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

### 'Fab Friday' Upscale Singles Dance Party

September 10

Steppin' Out Singles upscale singles dance party will be held in the ballroom at the Buttonwood Manor, 845 Rt. 34 in Matawan on Friday, Sept. 10 at 8:30 p.m. Admission: \$15. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/shorts/t-shirts/sneakers.

For more information, call (732) 656-1801 or email info@steppinout.singles.com.

### Pray 'N Play at Temple Shalom

September 11

Temple Shalom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains invites families with children ages four and under to a Shabbat Pray 'N Play featuring music, maracas, puppets and parachutes. The 30-minute interactive service begins at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a free bagel brunch in our playroom. Older siblings are welcome.

Temple Shalom is located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at the corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues in Fanwood.

For more information, call (908) 889-4900.

### Middlesex WOWs Annual Mass

September 13

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will hold its annual Mass for

Departed Spouses on Monday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Emerson St. in Carteret. All widows or widowers are invited to attend. After the Mass, there will be a business meeting at the Carteret Community Center on Pershing Avenue.

### Golf Outing to Benefit Children with Cancer

September 13

Prudential New Jersey Properties is sponsoring its sixth annual golf invitational on Monday, Sept. 13 at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough to benefit The Sunshine Kids Foundation. Various sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information or to participate, call Steve Janett at (732) 627-8400, ext. 358 or email Golf@prudentialnewjersey.com.

### Center For Hope Hospice Golf Outing

September 13

The Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care 24th annual golf outing will be held on Monday, Sept. 13 at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains. Cost: \$185 per person, includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, green fees, putting green, BBQ lunch, cocktail hour and dinner at The Gran Centurions in Clark. Cocktail hour and dinner only, \$65 per person. Raffles and prizes.

For more information, call Bob Coloney at (908) 889-7780.

### German Biergarten At Deutscher Club

September 17

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Feathered Ln. will hold an authentic German Biergarten on Friday, Sept. 17 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Open to the public; rain or shine. Free parking available. Music by The Adlers. German and American food and beverages available; no outside food or beverages permitted.

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



The American Legion Chaumont Post #243 on Oak Tree Avenue had a beautiful day for its annual picnic held on August 28. The fire department helped out pumping water for the triple water slide for the kids. There was a horseshoe tournament and children had the opportunity to have their faces painted. A 50/50 raffle was held along with door prizes. Plenty of food was grilled and served, accompanied by the musical duo of Eric and Karen Seiz.

## policereport

• On August 24 a Carmine Avenue resident reported that their vehicle had been struck with eggs.

• A Delmore Avenue resident reported that two of their vehicles had been keyed.

• On August 25 German Sanchez, 23, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance, no registration and an outstanding warrant.

• On August 26 Jerry A. Fosu, 30, of Montclair was arrested for failure to inspect and an outstanding warrant.

• On August 28 Curtis Brent, 45, of Plainfield was arrested for driving

while intoxicated, careless driving, maintenance of lamps and refusal to submit to breath testing.

• Shanayah A. DeLosReyes, 18, of Plainfield was arrested at Target for shoplifting \$534 worth of merchandise.

• On August 30 Monique S. Washington, 20, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

## Kiddiedoodles Children's Consignment

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Members of the South Plainfield Lions Club with the winning jockey (far left) are (L-R) Kenneth Zushma, Ron DeSclafani, Brian Capparelli, Vinnie Buttiglieri and Mike Zushma.

## Lions Sponsor "Day at the Races" Fundraiser

The South Plainfield Lions Club sponsored its second annual "Day at the Races" fundraiser at Monmouth Park Race Track on July 31. The club rented space trackside for the day and provided an all-you-can-eat barbecue for Lions Club members, friends and family.

This was one of the race days that the members of the South Plainfield Lions Club were able to enjoy with their families. As sponsors of one of the races, the club was permitted access to the winners' circle and participated in the trophy presentation to the winning jockey.

The Lions Club is a service organization dedicated to service to the community. They help to provide eyeglasses, hearing aids, scholarships, and help to those persons and families in our community who are in need.

For membership information, call Mike Zushma at (732) 906-0582.

## Fifth Annual Run for the Children October 3

The Old Timers Motorcycle Club and Century 21 Moretti Realty, along with Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., will once again team up to raise funds for local families with children battling cancer on Sunday, Oct. 3.

This year the Run For The Children Battling Cancer will originate from the Kenneth Avenue Football fields. After the ride, participants will enjoy a picnic, live entertainment by the band, Mirage, and a classic car show. Vendors will also display their wares.

Sign-ups for the run begin at 9:30 a.m. The ride will leave at 11:15 a.m. sharp, led by the South Plainfield Police Department and the Volunteer Fire Department. Riders will embark on a 55-mile round trip run through scenic Somerset County. Free food, drinks, prizes, vendors and a live band await their return at 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 per rider, \$10 per passenger. Walk-ins are also welcome at \$10 per person.

A \$50 minimum donation is

required of vendors interested in selling or displaying products. Vendors must supply their own tables, tents, etc. Sign-ups begin at 9:30 a.m. for vendors who are also riders; all other vendors should arrive by 11:30 a.m. Please reserve your spot at least two to three weeks in advance.

Once again this year, Street Dreams Car Club and Ron Fusco will run the classic car show. Cost to sign up for the car show is \$20. To sign up, contact Fusco at (908) 482-0008.

For more information on the run, or to sign up as a vendor for the after ride picnic, email or call Rich D'Urso at ofthebear@aol.com, (732) 406-2826; Greg Rhein at oldtimers.mc.greg@yahoo.com, (908) 405-7753, or Guy Moretti at moretti@moretti.realty.com, (908) 755-5300.

## Zoning Board Approves New Restaurant

365 Restaurant and Bistro to Replace Grand Buffet

By Libby Barsky

The gateway to South Plainfield, located at I-287 South and Stelton Road, will no longer face an empty Grand Buffet Restaurant.

At its August 26 meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment approved the variance and site plans for 365 Restaurant and Bistro to replace the former Grand Buffet Restaurant located at 101 New World Way. The 5,667 sq. ft. Grand Buffet Restaurant will be cut back to 4,952 sq. ft., and the additional indoor space will be returned to the Best Western Hotel to be used for two separate rooms—a fitness room and a breakfast room for hotel guests.

The application also sought permission to create two outside seating areas which can only be accessed from the inside bar through the entrance of the restaurant. One area will have 20 seats to be used by patrons who wish to bring their drink outside and smoke. The other will hold 34 seats in a dining area lit by garden lights and featuring windowed panels that can fold open when the weather permits. The "four season" area will be enclosed within the restaurant's canopy facade.

There has been a trend recently for borough restaurants to apply for outside dining ever since the Brick House Tavern + Tap and Joe's Crab Shack opened.

"This trend was not anticipated [when the RHD ordinance was drafted] and in fact there is some discrepancy as to what is an addition

or outside dining. People want to eat outside. It's a choice of the restaurant to provide that choice," said planner and landscape engineer Elizabeth Strom.

The board also began hearing the revised preliminary, final site plan and major subdivision by D'Annunzio and Sons to build an office building and storage warehouse for its earth-moving equipment and dump trucks on the 18.74 acres located at 3730 Park Ave. The property has already received storm water drainage and other soil approvals from the DEP.

On August 26, engineer Jeffrey Cato of Scotch Plains used a slide show to demonstrate how the site would have a 25 ft. buffer zone extending the length of the property to protect neighboring homes from viewing the proposed buildings. The buffer zone would consist of a tan, eight foot tall PBC fence placed on a four foot earthen berm. Two rows of staggered plantings of 134 white spruce and American holly would be planted outside the fence with spruce on the first row and holly the second. Fifteen weeping willow trees would be planted within the berm at Victory and Fleet streets, making a third row of trees to provide screening for buildings that would be 13 feet above the ground for the warehouse and 26 feet above the ground for the office building.

Zoning board chair Alex Barletta ended the hearing because of the 11 p.m. hour and continued it to Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

## Haven Hospice Sixth Annual Charity Golf Outing

The sixth annual charity golf outing to benefit Haven Hospice will be held on Monday, Sept. 20 at Concoridia Golf Club in Monroe.

Haven Hospice is an organization that helps terminally ill patients and their families during their most difficult times. Hospice assists these families with home care and pain and comfort issues. Some of these families cannot afford the little things that insurance does not cover. That is where this fundraising event and your donations help.

Cost per golfer is \$125. Pre-registration and payment are required by September 19. Make checks payable to Haven Hospice and mail to Grace Ciampi, 145 Howard Ave., Edison

N.J. 08837. You can also register via telephone by calling Ciampi at (732) 599-7222.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.; lunch will be served from 12 to 12:45 p.m. with a shotgun start, scramble format at 1 p.m.

Donations of merchandise or services, which can be raffled off and/or given as door prizes, are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations, gift cards and store credit are all accepted and considered tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to Haven Hospice and mail to Ciampi.

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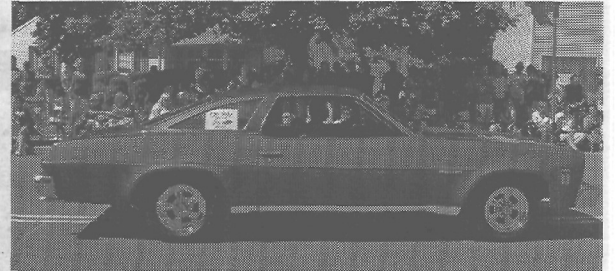


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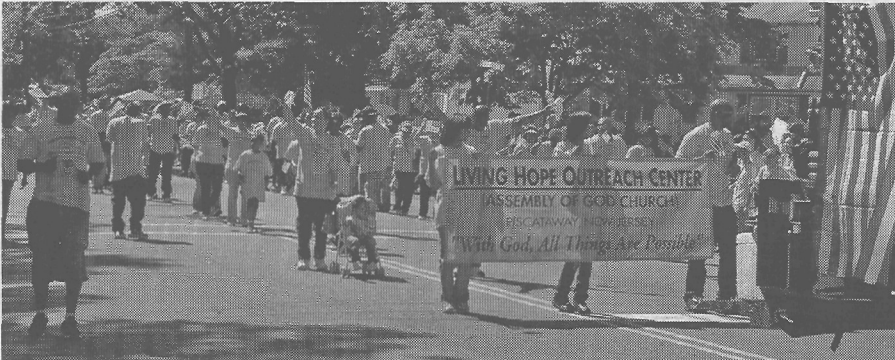
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*Sacred Heart Church & School*



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*Car Nutz Car Club*



**MOST OUTSTANDING VISITING ENTRY**—Awarded to  
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*Living Hope Outreach Center Church*



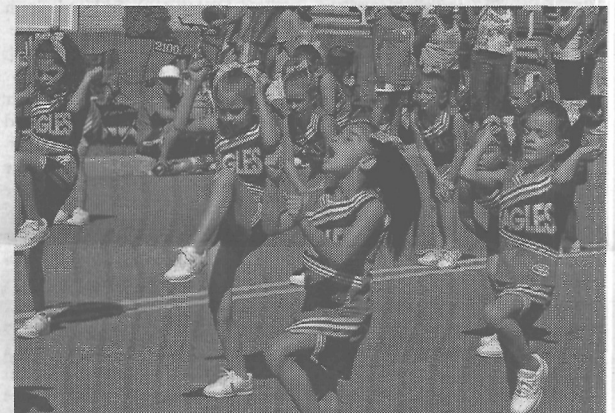
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Given to the best civic entry

*Buddy Walk of South Plainfield*



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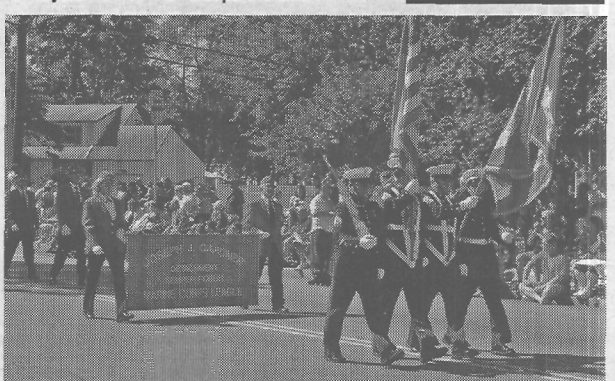
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*1913 Antique  
Model T Ford*



**BEST THEME-RELATED ENTRY**

*Cub Scouts of South Plainfield  
Packs 207, 244, 324*



**MARIE D. PAGE TROPHY**—Awarded  
to the best overall marching entry

*JJ Gardner  
Marine Detachment*



# Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Twin City Pharmacy put the final, finishing touch on their outstanding season by soundly defeating the National Division Champions, KC's Korner, in the play-offs, 17-3, to wrap up the 2010 League Championship.

Guy Severini led the way for Twin City with a sparkling 1-over 34, highlighted by a spectacular eagle on the 274-yard eighth hole. Joe Diller continued his string of fine rounds with a 36, and Jay Coppola pitched in with a 38. Mike Behr turned in a 37 for KC's Korner while the rest of his teammates had their problems.

Alfie's Boys fielded their A-team, and they put on a terrific display with some awesome drives and impressive putting. Irish Danny Griffin and Mike King earned medalist honors with a nifty pair of 35s. Bill Mann played solidly again and registered a 36, and John Gaven had two hiccups along the way but still managed to post a 38 as Alfie's Boys finished the season with a lopsided 16-4 victory over Oak Tree Dental to gain third place in the over-all standings.

Jim Pornovets, Jr. came back to New Jersey for a family visit and performed his substitute role beautifully by firing a 38 and showing that he still knows his way around West Nine.

When the dynamic duo from Gotham City, Tom Kaufman and Ray Starnick, teed off against Sean Brooks and Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas of Witty's Liquors, it was quite clear that these four power hitters would be blasting some awesome drives on the rock-hard fairways at West Nine. Bickunas unquestionably hit the longest of the four drives on the first hole. Unfortunately, his tee shot landed somewhere on Woodland Avenue and may still be rolling down some side streets toward Route 22.

Sean "The Birdie Guy" Brooks completed the season with a birdie on



Team Twin City Pharmacy finished up the season in first place.

the final hole to add to the birdie he made earlier on the fourth hole on his way to a marvelous 1-over 34. Bob Chase launched some rockets on his way to a 39 for Witty's. But their efforts just fell short as Witty's dropped a close match to the Polish National Home, 11-9.

Tom Kaufman finished his superb season in great style by earning medalist honors for the night with his wonderful even-par round of 33. Ed Guzinski pitched in with a 38 to help the Polish National Home finish in fifth place, a significant improvement over their eleventh place finish last season.

Ted Stanik was the only member of Unique Sports Accessories to find the very firm, very dried-out conditions at West Nine to his liking as he shot a 3-over 36 while the rest of the team was struggling. The Italian American Club took advantage of the situation and earned a 14-6 win. Jeff Gross was the low man for the victors with a round of 40.

Andy Hayward of the Roughriders earned the medal for his team with a solid round of 36. Jerry Foglia just missed a few putts along the way to a 39, and Bob Nilan contributed a 40, but all their efforts were not enough

as the Roughriders dropped their match to Sport & Social, 14-6. Joe Servadio's 40 was the best score for Sport & Social who wound up in ninth place, several notches better than their last place finish in 2009.

Due to other special obligations, last year's defending champions, 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, were unable to field a full four man team so they were no match for McCriskin's Home For Funerals who breezed to an easy 16-4 victory. Wally Heinzer got off to an excellent start with two pars, and then faltered in the stretch but still earned medalist honors with a nice round of

## Final League Standings

- 1 Twin City Pharmacy
- 2 KC's Korner
- 3 Alfie's Boys
- 4 Oak Tree Dental
- 5 Polish National Home
- 6 Witty's Liquors
- 7 Italian American Club
- 8 Unique Sports Accessories
- 9 Sport & Social
- 10 Roughriders
- 11 McCriskin's Home For Funerals
- 12 2 Buds, 2 Dubs

SOUTH PLAINFIELD SOCCER CLUB  
By Dawn Hutchison

## Soccer Club Gets Ready to Kick Off New Season

Congratulations to Landi Hawk and all who assisted her in once again creating a winning float for the Labor Day parade. We had over 50 players participate in the parade and all of our fall teams were represented. Our float won the Most Outstanding Float, Best Overall Trophy! Way to go!

With our opening weekend fast approaching, just a quick reminder that our Field and Facilities Day is planned for Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is a great way to work off your bond early and help get the fields ready for playing soccer. Please email Bob Sanko if you would like to come out and lend a hand at Robert.c.sanko.jr@verizon.com or call him at (908) 227-6015.

Our second annual kickoff party will be held at the fields on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 4 to 10 p.m. This is a fun evening of great food, great fun and great music, all to welcome our soccer families to a new season. Planning is underway and we will need help, so if you would like to lend a hand, please email Dawn Hutchison at budstersp@msn.com. We had such a great time last year, we hope to see all our families come out and join us. Check your inboxes for more details to follow.

Remember to set your canning dates with Laura Sansone. The following dates are still available: October 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10. These are the only canning dates for the fall season. Shifts are 2½ hours. Call Laura at (908) 755-3626 or (908) 370-8118. Canning is mandatory for all players in the club, so be sure to make arrangements to get it done early so you do not miss out on a spot.

As in the past we would like to wish our players a safe, fun and rewarding season as they take to the fields. As parents and spectators, we must realize that the kids have trained and are now putting their skills to use on the field. Only through game play will they master their skills, and we have to remain positive and supportive to help them in this journey. Please allow the coaches to coach and see the kids through the game. Even our referees have to learn, and sometimes we may not agree with a call, but we have to respect the system and leave it on the field. Again, all our best to our kids. We are your biggest fans. We all support you and wish you all the best, on and off the field.

## U-11 Travel Soccer Seeks 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, he is eligible to play.

The club offers competitive soccer, and professional training is provided during the fall season by the New York Red Bulls.

If you are interested or need more information, call John Wizda at (860) 459-8185.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1903

An ordinance adopting an amended Redevelopment Plan for the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial site was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, September 10, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, September 20, 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, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, by Resolution #01-116, adopted on April 19, 2001, designated and declared that the area commonly known as the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site, comprising approximately 25-30 acres in Blocks 256, 328, 329, and 329.01, is an area in need of redevelopment, or redevelopment area, as those terms are recognized and utilized within the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, by Ordinance #1597, dated July 15, 2002, the Borough Council adopted a "Redevelopment Plan for the Designated Redevelopment Area in the Vicinity of the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site"; and

WHEREAS, because of changed conditions in the redevelopment area and in the local and national economy, by Resolution #10-222, adopted on August 16, 2010, the Borough Council instructed the Planning Board's Planner to prepare an Amended Redevelopment Plan for the redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e), the Borough Council forwarded the proposed "Amended Redevelopment Plan for the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site" to the Planning Board for its review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board considered the Amended Redevelopment Plan at its regular meeting on September 14, 2010, and by Resolution, reported favorably to the Borough Council recommending the adoption of the Amended Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Redevelopment Plan, attached hereto and made a part hereof, has been made available for public inspection and review in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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

SECTION 1. The "Amended Redevelopment Plan for the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site," annexed hereto in its entirety, is hereby adopted and shall be incorporated into the land use laws of the Borough of South Plainfield, including but not limited to amendment of the Zone Map.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance and the Amended Redevelopment Plan herein adopted supersede and replace Ordinance #1597 and the Redevelopment Plan adopted therein.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$52.60 September 10, 2010

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

TAKE NOTICE that on SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. a hearing will be held before the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

The Board will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned for Remax Competitive Edge at 30-32 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, Block 258, Lot 1:

The Request is for Bulk variance Section 717.5

1. Sign extends more than 6"
2. Sign is less than 15' from sidewalk Elevation
3. Sign is more than 24 Square Feet
4. Lettering on sign exceeds 12"

The application, maps, documents pertaining to this application are on file in the office of Planning and Zoning in Borough Hall and are available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Any interested party may appear at the hearing and present any objections to granting the relief requested.

\$38.50 September 10, 2010

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1901

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 1278 entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield 1992", adding a new subsection of "Zoning Violations" was introduced

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough be amended as follows:

The Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be amended by creating and following a new subsection entitled, "Zoning Violations", which shall read as follows:

I. ZONING VIOLATIONS - Each of the following types, categories or classes of cases may be prosecuted by the Borough Prosecutor or the Borough Attorney in the Borough of South Plainfield Municipal Court by the filing therewith of a summons by the Zoning Officer or Engineer of the Borough or their designees:

- A. Violation of any site plan or subdivision approval granted by either the South Plainfield Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment ("Zoning Board"), or the South Plainfield Borough Planning Board ("Planning Board"), including the failure or refusal to comply with (i) any details set forth in the approved plans; or (ii) any condition or conditions of approval as set forth in the approving Board's resolution; or
- B. Violation of any "D" variance approval granted by the Zoning Board; or
- C. Violation of any "C" variance granted by the Zoning Board or Planning Board; or
- D. Violation of any easement granted to or running in favor of the Borough of South Plainfield or to any other municipal entity, body or board; or
- E. Violation of any court order (including a consent order) issued by a judge of any court of competent jurisdiction relative to any land use or land development case or controversy; or
- F. Violation of any zoning agreement entered into between the Borough and any property owner; or

G. Violation of any agreement between the Borough and a named defendant which was entered into to resolve a Municipal Court zoning case; or

H. Violation of any requirement of the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq., relative to any land within the Borough of South Plainfield.

II. CONFLICTS - All other ordinances, parts of ordinances, or other local requirements that are inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency or conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance apply.

III. SEVERABILITY - Notwithstanding that any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall continue to be in full force and effect;

IV. INTERPRETATION - This Ordinance shall be so construed as not to conflict with any provision of New Jersey or Federal law. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative with, and not in substitution for, all other applicable zoning, planning and land use regulations.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$58.85 September 10, 2010

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1900

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 84 Entitled "Police Department" of The Code of the Borough of South Plainfield was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 10, 2010

ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$28.50 September 10, 2010



From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Danielle Aronowitz

Greetings from the library.

We have moved to a new circulation system and redid our website (our website will still have 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 is regarding loan periods for A/V materials such as DVDs and VHS tapes. 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 be allowing 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 still be the same whether it is a two 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 be able to 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 to be available to you, then you need to see the circulation desk and provide us with your email address.

We also have new policies regarding our Internet computers. There is now a maximum of two hours per day per person on our public computers. During the school year between 2:30 and 6 p.m. everyone gets one hour of Internet time with no renewals. Everyone must have a South Plainfield Public Library card with a photo ID on record. Children under 14 must be accompanied by a parent who must stay by the computer and also have a library card. Non-residents will now have to pay \$2/hour (or any part of an hour) to use the Internet. Everyone who wants to use a computer must come to the

reference desk to make a reservation for the computer. Access will not be permitted without a reservation.

Why pay for movie rentals? Come to the library where renting movies is free! We have a great selection from hot new releases to television shows to classics. Some recently released movies that we own are: *Alice in Wonderland*, *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*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *The Joneses*, *The Last Song*, *Why Did I Get Married Too* and *The Ghost Writer*. Some new TV shows on DVD we own are: *True Blood Season 2*, *Warehouse 13 Season 1*, *Hung Season 1*, *Entourage Season 6*, *Dexter Season 4*, *Cougar Town Season 1*, and *Friday Night Lights Season 4*. We also have new music as well as new Books on CD. You can go to our website or call us to place any of these items on hold. Be advised that there is a \$.50 charge per item for putting it on hold.

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 is only taking rechargeable batteries for recycling; any other type can be thrown out.

All children's programs are cancelled. Miss Linda and Miss Mija need to recover from summer reading and get ready for fall crafts. The children's programs will resume again on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

We are 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 now closed on Sundays and will reopen Sunday, Sept. 19.

To find out more, or for any questions call (908) 754-7885 or visit us at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

See you next week!

## Sign Up for SHS Inaugural 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 individual 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 a corporate banner and recognition at the event. Breakfast sponsors and beverage cart sponsors are also needed at \$250 each. If you would like to donate raffle or door prizes, recognition will be made of your donation.

For registration or to reserve a place, please call (908) 355-3000, ext. 17.

## SPHS Class of 1984 Holding Reunion

South Plainfield High School Class of 1984 will be holding its 25th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9. The reunion will be take place at Leon's Catering Hall in Berkeley Heights. The cost of \$60 per person includes dinner and open bar. Dress is casual.

Organizers are attempting to reach out to all families and classmates in an effort to obtain current locations and addresses in the hopes to contact as many graduates as possible. If you, or someone you know, is a member of the class of 1984, please forward this information to Lisa Petroziello Carone at [lpetro@comcast.net](mailto:lpetro@comcast.net) or Bill Price at [bprice31@hotmail.com](mailto:bprice31@hotmail.com).

## Obituaries

### Gerald R. "Jerry" Booth Sr., 64

Gerald R. "Jerry" Booth Sr. died on Friday, Sept. 3 at the Haven Hospice located in JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Kentucky, Jerry resided in South Plainfield since 1966.

He served with the Army during the Vietnam War, and for many years had worked as a truck driver for Livingston and Wilbur, formally of Fanwood.

In addition Jerry was an avid bowler and enjoyed his Atlantic City trips.

He is predeceased by a son, Gerald Jr.; his father, Geneva Booth; and by a brother, David Booth.

Surviving are his wife April (Mueller); two daughters, Tracy Smith and husband James of Middlesex and Jennifer Novajosky and husband Daniel of Hamilton; his mother, Irene Booth of Kentucky; two sisters, Patricia "Diana" Workman of North Carolina and Kathy Cooper and husband Jim of Kentucky; two brothers, Kenneth and Larry and wife Pat, all of Kentucky. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Gerald R. III, Dustin and James Smith III and Jackson Novajosky.

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

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Piscataway Regional Day School, 1660 Stelton Rd., Piscataway, N.J. 08854.

### Manuel Rodriguez, 94

Manuel Rodriguez died on Monday, Aug. 30 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

He was born and raised in Nicaragua and resided in East Brunswick.

While living in Nicaragua, Manuel was co-founder of the Church of God.

He worked as an agriculture and veterinarian engineer for the Department of Agriculture in Nicaragua from 1940-1976.

In 1976, Mr. Rodriguez came to the United States, and from 1979-1986 he worked for Knickerbocker in Somerville then the Parker Green House Nursery in Scotch Plains.

He is the son of the late Evangelina and Jose Rodriguez.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Blanca (Blanco); three children, Ruth R. Alvarez, Berta Rodriguez and Luz Marina Rodriguez; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

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### THE CORY KLINE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 29, 2010

Rutgers Golf Club, 777 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway

(732) 445-2637 [golfcourse.rutgers.edu](http://golfcourse.rutgers.edu)

Please join the friends and family of Cory Kline as we honor his memory in the inaugural Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament. All proceeds will go to his wife, Nicole, and children, Elizabeth and Jaxon.

Times	Registration & Range	7:00AM - 8:00AM
	Shotgun Start*	8:30 AM
	Reception/Lunch	1:30 PM
	Awards	2:00 PM
	Completion	2:30 PM
	*Players must arrive by 8:00am	
Format	Scramble	
Contests	Longest Drive	
	Closest to the Pin	
Awards	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	
Cost	\$150 per player	



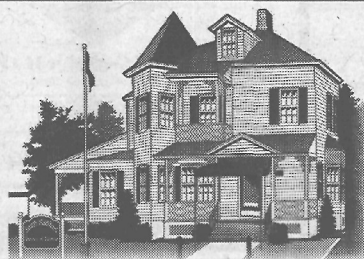
If you are unable to organize/sponsor a foursome we will work with you to place you in a group you will enjoy. We will aim to create groups that are fairly balanced and equally competitive. Most importantly, we want to encourage everyone to have fun, celebrate the life of a friend, and contribute to a good cause. Payments must be received prior to confirming your place in the tournament. Please make checks payable to Cory's father, Gary Kline: Gary Kline, 375 Wampee St NW, Calabash NC 28467

For those using PayPal please send to Gary Kline's PayPal account: [mriuevey1365@aol.com](mailto:mriuevey1365@aol.com)

Also, please feel free to contribute if you can't attend the event.

For more payment and registration information please contact:

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# In My Opinion

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number of the area assigned to us in our registration for next year, he would do his best to make sure that we would be located there again.

The police were very helpful and accommodating as well, so a big "thank you" to all who were responsible for making this Labor Day celebration the best one in which we have been involved thus far.

**KINGSLEY BAEHR**

**To the Editor:**

On 9/11, New Jersey volunteer EMS squads dispatched more than 400 ambulances to New York City and North Jersey, all while continuing to staff ambulances and answer calls in their own communities. In the months following, volunteer EMS squads throughout the state noted generous donations, and increased support, respect and acknowledgment for their daily efforts.

Less than a decade later, much appears changed for New Jersey's EMS volunteers, and not for the better. For example:

- 1) Former Gov. Jon Corzine took

\$4M from the EMT Training Fund to help offset a budget shortfall. The fund now pays only part of the volunteer EMT's educational requirements. Sources of reimbursable continuing education units (CEUs) also are scaled back. With few exceptions, the fund no longer reimburses elective CEUs, and renewing EMTs are reimbursed only if money remains after training for first-time EMTs is covered. That leaves some individuals paying to maintain their EMT certification and volunteer status.

2) Early this year, Mt. Olive's mayor unsuccessfully waged a month-long campaign to replace the area's long-serving EMS volunteers with paid EMTs.

3) Bills S818-A2095 in the New Jersey Legislature propose a major overhaul of the EMS system, which, if approved in its current forms, could result in a significant decrease in the number of volunteer squads, and dramatic cost increases for patients, communities and taxpayers.

Hopefully it won't take another mass casualty incident for New Jersey to realize the gems it has in its EMS volunteers.

For information on becoming an EMS volunteer, visit [www.njsfac.org](http://www.njsfac.org) or call (800) 390-8991.

**BARBARA ARAS,**  
**NEW JERSEY STATE FIRST AID**  
**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**To the Editor:**

The South Plainfield Senior Forum have forwarded a letter to the Honorable Chris Christie, with copies to Commissioner Bret Schundler, Department of Education and to Richard Bagger, chief of staff, Executive Branch. The contents of that

letter is as follows:

Recently you made an issue of school superintendents' salaries. Our Forum agrees with you one hundred percent. We believe the salaries escalate rapidly because the pool of available candidates is too small. The reason for this is the fact that superintendents may retire as early as age 55. They receive their pensions and in many cases return as interim superintendents, while continuing to collect pensions.

One of our Forum members served on a school board for 10 years. He believes, and we agree, that an individual with a college degree in any discipline with good managerial skills and a proven record in business could also be an effective superintendent.

Governor, if you want to get control of escalating salaries, we suggest you expand the pool of available candidates.

We urge you to increase the pension retirement age to 62 or even 65 years of age. After all, there are discussions now in Congress to increase the eligible Social Security age to 68. Therefore, why should individuals in the private sector be required to work longer while government employees have the option to retire early?

We also suggest changing the eligibility requirements for a superintendent to a bachelors degree in science or business, plus a masters degree in business. Do this and you will see the pool of candidates expanded and pressure reduced on escalating salaries. Can you imagine how many more resumes would be received if this were done?

**RICHARD PETRONE, SECRETARY**  
**SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
**SENIOR FORUM**

# Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccination at the Senior Center

Middlesex County Public Health Department Director-Health Officer David A. Papi has announced the 2010-2011 Seasonal Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccination Program.

In South Plainfield, the clinic will be held on Friday, Sept. 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. and is open to all Middlesex County residents, age 18 years and older. There will be a charge of \$10 per vaccination.

Residents who present a valid Red, White and Blue Medicare card will not be charged; Medicare will be billed for those vaccinations. All other residents must pay the \$10 fee to receive the influenza vaccination.

Pneumococcal vaccinations will be available by appointment only to residents age 65 and older who have never received this vaccination. Residents who present a valid Red, White and Blue Medicare card will not be charged; Medicare will be billed for those vaccinations. All other residents must pay the \$10 fee to receive the pneumococcal vaccination.

Pneumococcal vaccination appointments can be made by calling (732) 745-3100 between 2 and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The \$10 fee will be accepted in cash only. Exact change is strongly advised. No bill larger than \$20 will be accepted. Clients who do not have a valid Medicare card must pay the \$10 fee. Receipts will be provided at the time of service.

"The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year, but good health habits can also help protect against the flu," Papi said.

You can help reduce the spread of flu to yourself and others if you:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean your hands often. (Keep alcohol-based hand sanitizers in your purse, car and backpack, when soap and water is not available)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as much as possible.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and then throw away your used tissue.
- Get regular exercise, enough rest and eat healthy, balanced meals.

Please call the Middlesex County Public Health Department hotline at (732) 745-4344 or visit the website at [www.co.middlesex.nj.us/publichealth/flu-clinics.asp](http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/publichealth/flu-clinics.asp) for flu vaccine clinic distribution information.

Information also is available through Info-lineofCentralNewJerseyat[www.info-line.org/or1-888-908-INFO\(4636\)](http://www.info-line.org/or1-888-908-INFO(4636)).

## First Baptist Church Sunday School

Sunday School begins on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. for K-12 grade. Also, our regular worship service is held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. We are a small, friendly active hometown church. We also offer youth group; woman's evening circle; weekday bible study; coffee, tea and thee, as well as many other activities and events.

For more information, call (908) 753-2382. The First Baptist Church of South Plainfield is located at 201 Hamilton Blvd.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

May 26, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on May 25, 2010.

A. Case #709/Site/V-JRB Properties, LLC, 111 Snyder Road, Lot 15; Block 409. The request for a six (6) month extension of the variances and site plan approvals was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #07-02/Major-Ribbo Builders (formerly known as Lyndsey Development Corp.), Foster Avenue, Lot 13.02; Block 7. The request for a variance with major subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Pabst, Administrative Officer

\$28.50 September 10, 2010

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

June 25, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on June 24, 2010.

A. Case #23-10-Michael Marcurio, 1947 Plainfield Avenue, Lot 26; Block 122. The request for a variance allowing two sheds was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #20-10-Eileen Boettger, 470 Moose Avenue, Lot 43; Block 311. The request for a variance for an accessory structure was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

C. Case #21-10-Deborah Vedutis, 2800 Maple Avenue, Lot 1; Block 75. The request for a bulk variance was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

D. Case #25-10-Merry Hoppe, 2540 Oxford Avenue, Lot 12; Block 82. The request for a variance for maximum lot coverage was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

E. Case #61-05-Scott Delvechio, 100 West End Avenue, Lot 14 and 15; Block 535. The request for a variance allowing for the use of storage of contractors equipment was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Pabst, Administrative Officer

\$33.23 September 10, 2010

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

July 9, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on July 8, 2010.

A. Case #24-10-Frank Ferruccio, 1219 South 9th Street, Lot 11; Block 135. The request for a variance from maximum lot coverage requirements was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Pabst, Administrative Officer

\$26.62 September 10, 2010

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

July 23, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on July 22, 2010.

A. Case #26-10-Donna Barden, 205 South Plainfield Avenue, Lot 21; Block 267. The request for a variance from the rear yard set back requirements was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case #21-08-Metro PCS New York LLC, 330 Oak Tree Road, Lot 27; Block 25. The request to amend the site plan approval to expand its current leased area and construct two equipment cabinets and install two additional equipment cabinets was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

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## From the Democrats

### English, Williams, Sorrentino Look Forward To an Honest Discussion of the Issues

Usually Labor Day signals the start of the political season. However, the Democratic team of Mike English for mayor and Jeff Williams and John Sorrentino for council have been knocking on doors throughout the borough for several weeks.

Mike English commented: "The response has been tremendous. People are tired of political fighting. They want to know the facts and both parties' plans for the future of South Plainfield. That's why our campaign slogan this year is 'Demand Straight, Honest Talk From Our Leaders.' It's high time we stop saying what's bad about our opponents and start honestly setting forth our position on things people care about. I am fortunate to be running with Jeff Williams and John Sorrentino. They have no agenda except making the South Plainfield government more affordable, friendly and responsive to the needs of our residents."

Jeff Williams expanded on Mike English's comments saying, "It is an honor to run with former Mayor English and John Sorrentino. Everyone who knows Mike knows that he tells you the truth whether you like it or not. He has never been accused of double talk. John Sorrentino doesn't care about politics. He only wants to do what's right. We are faced with the most challenging economy since the Great Depression. 'Same Old' isn't going to make it any longer. We have to explore every avenue to re-

duce taxes while preserving our quality of life. I am particularly interested in the area of shared services. I believe we haven't scratched the surface when it comes to this area. We should start with the Board of Education. For example: Why don't we share payroll services? Why do we utilize separate building and grounds staff? Why are we utilizing different insurance carriers? It's all taxpayer money. Let's sit down and work together."

John Sorrentino summed up the Democrats theme saying, "Mike and Jeff are terrific people. Just like me they tell you what they honestly believe. A top priority for me is to make South Plainfield friendlier. We should look at our ordinances and take away road blocks. For example: Do we really need to charge seniors a fee to get a permit for a new water heater or to replace an existing air conditioning compressor? Is it necessary to put a resident through purgatory to put up a shed or replace their front porch? I work for a home improvement company and I can tell you other towns do it better than South Plainfield. This is an issue that both parties should agree to work on."

All three candidates look forward to continuing to get the input of our residents as they go door to door. Anyone wishing to talk with them can reach Mike English at (908)755-1282 or via email to englishmp@gmail.com, Jeff Williams at (908) 591-7025 or via email to jawilliams009@gmail.com, and John Sorrentino at (201) 312-1041 or via email to jsorrentino@gmail.com. You may also visit the website at spdem.org.

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## From the Republicans

### Anesh, McConville and Rusnak: "This year's tax cut is just the start"

Pointing out how they've defied expectations by cutting taxes and spending, Matt Anesh, Tim McConville and Ray Rusnak are starting their campaign off by saying they'll continue to defy expectations in the future.

"Last year we said we wanted to cut spending and make South Plainfield more affordable," said Council President Matt Anesh, who is running for mayor. "We started doing just that by cutting municipal taxes this year by \$178 for the average family."

"The other side said it couldn't be done," added Rusnak, who is seeking re-election to the council. "But this year's budget is actually less than each of the past two years. I don't know of any other towns in the area where taxes and spending have actually gone down."

"People are struggling," added McConville, who's also seeking re-election. "They can't afford the constant million-dollar spending increases they saw under the Democrats."

"We worked hard to cut spending but not the services people rely on," added Anesh. Here are a few examples:

- We streamlined the Public Works Department-This included reducing administrative costs, re-deploying employees, and eliminating jobs through attrition.
- We trimmed the size of the borough's workforce-We've eliminated about a dozen spots, resulting in a workforce that is smaller and more efficient than a year ago.
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"Our goal is to continue to streamline," Anesh explained.

Rusnak agreed, saying the GOP team used the same approach for the school board budget.

While the council normally has no control over school taxes, it does get involved when residents vote the budget down, which happened this year.

"We were able to reduce the school board's proposed \$100 increase to slightly less than flat," Anesh explained.

But according to McConville, they did it the right way.

"Both Matt and I have kids in our schools. We made sure not a single reduction would hurt education."

According to Rusnak, who headed the review, the Council's reductions did not result in one less program or teacher.

Just the opposite: The council recommended ways to bring back programs and teachers, which is now happening.

"This is just the start," said Anesh. "We're proving that smaller, more efficient government can work in South Plainfield, and if the voters let us continue, a more affordable South Plainfield is just around the corner."

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