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## Republicans Retain Control of Borough Council Matt Anesh Elected First Republican Mayor in 23 Years



Borough Council President Matt Anesh (center) was elected mayor on Tuesday. Incumbent councilmen Ray Rusnak (left) and Tim McConville (right) also defeated their Democratic challengers. The three are joined by their family members at Republican headquarters.

Tuesday's results were very satisfying for the South Plainfield Republicans. The GOP will retain a 4-2 majority over the Democrats and swear in the first Republican mayor in 23 years.

Republicans Matt Anesh, Ray Rusnak and Tim McConville easily defeated Democratic opponents Mike English, John Sorrentino and Jeff Williams.

The final vote tally for mayor was Matt Anesh, 3,476 and Mike English, 2,653. Council totals were Ray Rusnak, 3,352; Tim McConville, 3,324; Jeff Williams, 2,660 and John Sorrentino, 2,629.

Matt Anesh will vacate his council seat in January when he is sworn in as mayor, and the Republicans will name someone to fill his seat until the next election.

A total of 6,218 of the 14,087 registered voters (44%) cast their votes on Tuesday, down from last year's turnout of 46%.

"I'd like to thank my wife Kimberly and boys Harrison and Joseph," said Anesh. "It was a long campaign, but I enjoyed every moment. Many volun-

teers spent countless hours working on our behalf. I believe our message resonated with the residents of the borough. It is truly an honor and privilege to be elected mayor of the borough that I was born and raised in. I'm looking forward to serving all of the residents of our borough over the next four years."

Democratic mayoral candidate Mike English remarked, "I want to congratulate Matt, Ray and Tim on their win. I am sure they will continue to do their best for the people of South Plainfield. I hope when the smoke clears there will be a discussion on hiring a full-time senior citizen director, because one is needed. I also hope that the new governing body looks into free building permits for seniors and community volunteers—firemen, EMS and rescue squad. I have had a great time going door to door, talking and listening to people. South Plainfield is one of the best little towns you will ever find. I want to thank my wife and my family for their support and encouragement."

## Firefighters Injured at Tuesday Blaze

Fire departments from 10 surrounding towns assisted the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department in battling a four-alarm fire at Recycle Inc. East, located at 20-A Harmich Rd., on Tuesday at approximately 2:30 p.m.

All of the company's 75 employees were evacuated without incident. Three firemen fighting the blaze sustained injuries—two from South Plainfield and one from Piscataway. According to Fire Chief Larry Del-Negro, the firefighters were treated for exhaustion at the scene.

Recycle Inc. East began its operation on Metuchen Road in 1989. With over 300 trailers and with 11 tractors on the road, they are the country's premier plastic, steel and intermediate bulk container drum reconditioning facility.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

## Assistant Superintendent Resigns

By Libby Barsky

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lorraine Cella is resigning her position as of January 1 after working in the district for less than a year.

When Jose Negron was placed on administrative leave on September 30, Cella was appointed acting superintendent. She held that position until October 13, when the board promoted Dr. Gary Bowen from interim high school principal to acting superintendent. On October 18, Dr. Cella informed the board that she had accepted a superintendent job in the Edgewater School District in Bergen County.

Cella was principal at Hoboken High School prior to replacing Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Fred Oberkehr last



Dr. Lorraine Cella

February.

While in the district, Dr. Cella initiated an overview of all curriculums in the district and created the Being a Writer program to strengthen the K-6 language classes. Over the summer, teachers worked with Cella to develop an interdisciplinary English program that emphasized writing to be used in conjunction with every subject in the curriculum.

After hearing of her resignation, Dr. Bowen immediately placed an ad for the open position in the October 24 edition of the *Star Ledger*.

Her resignation was officially accepted at the regular meeting of the Board of Education on October 27. Each board member thanked Cella for the professionalism she exhibited as well as for her service.



Woodland Indian lithic artifacts on display at the Highland Woods Reserve Nature Center.

## Exhibit Features Local Artifacts

The Nature Center at Highland Woods Environmental Education Reserve will be open on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 1-3 p.m.

Exhibits in the building include:

South Plainfield's earliest inhabitants: The Lenape Indians; Rocks of New Jersey; a collection of animal skulls, bones and tracks; a geologic timeline with fossil examples from around the world; the Ice Age in New Jersey; and botanical specimens. In conjunction with the Lenape exhibit, visitors will have the opportunity to grind dried corn kernels in a 3,000+ year old authentic woodland Indian mortar stone discovered on a farm along Woodland Avenue in the late 1890s. Outside exhibits include a compost demonstration area and the Wild Bird Feeding Station.

One guided nature walk is offered at 2 p.m. by the Friends of the Woods. Join members on an easy walk through the 35+ acre, borough-owned open space area to look for late fall foliage and over-wintering birds.

The eco-walk is suitable for all ages and is free of charge.

The Highland Woods Nature Reserve is located at 115 Sylvania Pl. (off South Clinton Avenue). Scout groups are welcome.

For more information, email [spnaturetrails@verizon.net](mailto:spnaturetrails@verizon.net).



The "Avatar Family" visits Franklin School for trunk or treating. For story, see page 8; For more Halloween photos, see page 16.

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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  
November 8 ..... November 8  
November 22 ..... November 22

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

## planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.  
**Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641**  
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**  
Dec. 9.\*

## board of education

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.  
Committee of the whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.): Nov. 10, Dec. 8.  
2011: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and March 30.  
Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.): 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.  
Nov. 16, Dec. 21

## environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m.  
Questions? 908-226-7621  
Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, 2011

## business advisory group

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

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To comment on the content or to suggest a special story idea, contact the publisher at (908) 668-0010.

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## In My Opinion

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

### To the Editor:

I would like to say thank you to Norm Loesner for his letter to the editor last week. As director of Social Services for the Borough of South Plainfield, I have often said to my family and friends that if a quarter of the money that is wasted on political flyers and signs was donated to the food pantries in Middlesex County, we would not have such a need or shortage of food.

Next year, give some thought to cutting back on the signs and flyers and make a donation to the local food pantry. Win or lose, you will have done a great service.

**MARGARET ACKERMAN,  
DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

### Dear Editor,

Our home is on Clarke Avenue, two houses from the speed hump which is the subject of your front page story on October 29. No one asked my husband or me if we wanted the speed hump installed. No one asked us if we wanted to sign a petition to have it removed; and no one interviewed us for your story. Had I been asked to sign the petition, I would have signed without hesitation with bold sweeping strokes.

I drive up Clarke and over Linden frequently. The humps contribute to neither a safe street nor safety for kids. This is my neighborhood and I don't speed. However, since the humps have been installed, there are families on Linden Avenue who seem to think it is okay to let their very young children literally play in the street. The children do not move when a car approaches, even when their parents are standing in the yard. On occasion as I approached at a crawl the children scowled at me and held up a sign stating the speed limit was 25 miles per hour. On another occasion a child of about five years of age sat in the street

on the right side drawing on the asphalt with chalk. Several other children were by a parked car on the left. I naturally approached slowly staying to the right and was startled to see the little girl sitting in front of me. Thank goodness I saw her in time and did not hit her. These are just two of many, many examples.

We've lived in our home for 38 years. When our children were small we taught them that streets were for cars and it was dangerous to play in the street. These parents on Linden seem to think that the street is their children's playground now that the humps are installed and how dare a car approach, however slowly.

Speeding was rare on our street before the hump. Get rid of it and use our tax dollars for something useful and worthwhile-like a decent library maybe?

**SINCERELY,  
CAROL SKROCKI**

### To the Editor:

The disdain I feel towards some of the politicians of South Plainfield was reinforced today, Election Day. It isn't enough that the main parties' representatives inundate our town with lawn litter and wasteful paper mailings, but now individuals of one party are preying upon the developmentally disabled members of our town.

As I left my polling place, I encountered two town party representatives escorting one of the functionally illiterate residents of Keystone Community Residence into the venue. To be sure that the action could not be rationalized as an invitation for 'a friendly beer' (the facility caters to several things), I later went to visit the resident; he and I have known each other informally for close to 10 years.

Not only did he proudly admit that he voted, but he regurgitated for me, nearly in the same order as the ballot, the individuals for whom he voted (all in his escorts' party), as well as his response to the proposition on the ticket. I also learned that a second individual from the full-time residen-

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tial center was escorted to vote. That gentleman told me which 'line' contained the buttons he pressed, though he couldn't recall a single name.

I am aware of voting rights; prior to writing this I consulted state websites to verify my understanding. While there is no exclusion of individuals based upon their ability to simply read beyond a third grade level, I must question the ethics and values of the party members I saw, who chose to guide these developmentally disabled individuals in making their 'informed' decisions.

I did my homework, and verified with two veteran, qualified employees at Keystone, that both gentlemen previously mentioned lacked the ability to make competent, political decisions. Do any of you in town think the escorts did the same? Or do you wonder if some of the local politicians lacked enough confidence in their candidates to warrant such a reprehensible act?

To those politicians who 'assisted' my neighbors, kindly rethink preying upon the angels of Keystone, as a way to stack votes in the future. Or, if any party feels that it is really necessary to take advantage of those not able to make informed decisions such as my neighbors, try asking our paper to request non-partisan volunteers to escort them. In fact, don't worry about it. I assure you that I will be on the community's doorstep next Election Day, but first I will speak to the director, and ask if it is the best interest of any, or all of their residents, before I do a thing.

**RACHEL HENDERSON**

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## Knights Coat/Blanket Drive Underway

'Tis the season to be grateful for what we have and to reach out to those in need. When you are looking through your closets this holiday season and find those coats and blankets that you no longer use, consider donating them to those in need.

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 is sponsoring an annual coat and blanket drive beginning November 13 through January 30, 2011.

The Knights will be collecting coats and blankets every Tuesday evening at the Knights Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd. beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a collection bin inside Our Lady of Czestochowa Church on Hamilton Boulevard and at Sacred Heart Church where we have a big drop box in the parking lot.

If you are a member of another organization, a business owner or employee, and find that you can advocate for us at your next meeting or in your office and are successful in collecting a number of coats and blankets, we can pick them up from you. Call us at the phone number listed below to arrange for a pick up.

This is the fifth year the Knights are collecting coats and blankets in South Plainfield. The first year they collected 140 coats. Over the years they have increased that number to over 1,000 coats and blankets with the help of the donation boxes. This year they are hoping to top that number.

Don't have a coat to donate, but still looking to contribute? This year the Knights will accept monetary donations in order to purchase coats for this very special cause.

If you need more information, would like to make a monetary donation or arrange for a pick up of large donations, please call Michael Piersanti at (908) 616-3588.

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus or for membership information, call Greg Gaydos at (908) 753-4952.

Happy holidays and best wishes for a wonderful New Year!

—Submitted by Joe Scrudato

### Correction

Last week's *Observer* incorrectly identified the South Plainfield Middle School Cancer Awareness Club's moderator. Her name is Barbara Pinelli. We apologize for the error.

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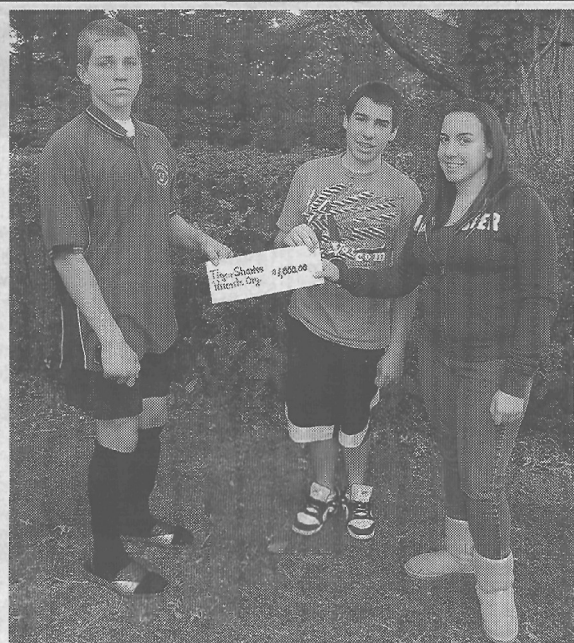
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Joey and Maggie Valentino of the South Plainfield Community Pool Tiger Sharks swim team present Patrick Boyle (left) with a \$1,000 donation to the Boyle Memorial Foundation. The donation will be used to purchase uniforms for the high school swim team. The Boyle Foundation, as well as other local and parent organizations, have helped support the new team over the past four years. Joey and Maggie's mother, Barbara, is president of the Tiger Shark's association. An annual fundraising dinner will be held in February along with a t-shirt and sweatshirt drive.

## Library Books to Keep Program

Once again, South Plainfield Library is participating in the county-wide Books to Keep program.

Books to Keep was founded in 1990 by the Libraries of Middlesex, a consortium of New Jersey public libraries and the Middlesex County College Library. The program promotes literacy by distributing new books to needy children during the holiday season. The children receive the books via area service clubs and social service agencies. Well over 120,000 books have been collected and distributed, in cooperation with 30 different agencies and organizations throughout Middlesex County, since the program began.

For many years, South Plainfield Library has participated in Books to Keep, serving as a collection point. Sr. Library Assistant Kenneth Morgan, who coordinates the program for South Plainfield, is a very optimistic supporter of Books to Keep. "Even though economic times are tough, I'm

sure that people will be very generous in their donations. They recognize this as a worthy cause, and have always been willing to help," said Morgan.

The library will be accepting donations of new books, both hardcover and paperback, for children and young people, from preschool to adolescence, until December 1. Monetary donations for the program are also being accepted. Donation envelopes are available at the Library's Circulation Desk. Contributions may be made payable to Libraries of Middlesex and mailed to Books to Keep, c/o Monroe Township Public Library, 4 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, N.J. 08831 or brought to the library.

The South Plainfield Free Public Library is located in the municipal complex at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Mr. Morgan, or visit the library's website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## By Ronald G. Rios, Chair, Committee of Public Health & Education Pancreatic Cancer the Silent Killer

As some of you may already know, November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. This year the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation is asking everyone to wear purple throughout the month, to support those affected by cancer, and to help raise continued awareness of this disease.

Pancreatic cancer has been called the silent killer, as it can be difficult to detect in its early stages. Its symptoms have been known to mimic those of other illnesses, which can sometimes make it hard to diagnosis. These symptoms can include pain in the upper stomach or back, loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting, rapid weight loss, fatigue, yellow skin or eyes, and dark urine.

Of course, these particular symptoms may not be the signs of pancreatic cancer, but early detection is important with any potential health condition. If you are experiencing these or any troubling symptoms, please consult your doctor. If you have a family history of pancreatic or ovarian cancers, share this information with your doctor as well, since this may put you at an even higher risk for this condition.

According to the American Cancer Society, the lifetime risk of developing pancreatic cancer for both men and women is about 1 in 72. And that risk can be increased by other factors, such as age, gender, race, smoking, diet, diabetes, long-term inflammation of the pancreas, cirrhosis of the liver, having too much stomach acid, having the bacteria *H. pylori* and family medical history.

One way to reduce your risk of pancreatic cancer is to avoid smoking. People who smoke can increase their risk of this and other cancers. It also is important to eat a healthy diet, exercise, manage your diabetes, be aware of your family history and maintain annual check-ups with your doctor.

The past two years the Middlesex County Public Health Department and the Middlesex County Cancer Coalition have sponsored pancreatic cancer walks. Over \$6,000 in donations was raised to benefit pancreatic research at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, but this is just a start. I would like to encourage you to wear a purple ribbon or the color purple throughout the month of November and help bring attention to pancreatic cancer awareness. Increased awareness, education and early prevention are key if we are going to control the number of fatalities from pancreatic cancer. The more we know about its causes and symptoms, the closer we get to finding a cure.

For additional information about pancreatic or other cancers, please visit the following websites: [nccancer.gov](http://nccancer.gov), [www.cinj.org](http://www.cinj.org), [www.cdc.gov/cancer](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer) and [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov).

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For information or to download an application, visit [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm).

The high school guidance department also has information, or can contact your local Elks lodge. South Plainfield Elks ENF representatives are Dan Erickson, who can be reached at (908) 242-7100 or Barbara Muller at (732) 690-3871. Mail applications to South Plainfield Elks #2298, 1254 New Market Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080, Attn: ENF Deadline for submission is December 1.

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# Around Town

## Flag Retirement Ceremony

November 7

South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post #243, along with Boy Scout Troop 207, will hold a flag retirement ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion on Oak Tree Avenue.

If you have an Old Glory that is worn or torn beyond repair and can no longer fulfill its duties and would like to have your flag retired, you may drop your flag off prior to that Sunday in the drop box outside of McCriscin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave. or you may bring your flag to the American Legion Post on that Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Please do not drop off flags still attached to poles or sticks. All are welcome.

For information, call Scoutmaster John Mocharski at (908) 757-3369 or email troop207@comcast.net.

## VFW Country Breakfast

November 7

South Plainfield VFW on Front Street will hold a country breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. The public is welcome.

For more information, call (908) 668-9751.

## Student-Athlete Recruiting Seminar

November 9

WJC Sports Kids will conduct a student-athlete college recruiting seminar featuring guest speakers from Rutgers University's Athletic Department on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at SPSHS auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m.

The seminar is to bring awareness to student-athletes grades 7-12 and their parents on the process on how to become a college recruit for athletics. \$5 donation for non-residents.

For more information on the seminar, please contact Willie at (201) 745-4491 or willie@wjcsports.com.

## SP Historical Society Monthly Meeting

November 9

The November meeting of the South Plainfield Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in the History Center at the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave. Everyone is welcome. Hours for the history center are Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m., or by special scheduling. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Come and see the collection of photographs that show what parts of your town used to look like.

## Veterans Day Ceremonies at VFW

November 11

VFW Post #6763, located on Front Street, will hold its annual Veterans Day ceremonies on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. sharp. The public is invited to attend. Lunch will be served following the services.

## Knights Annual Trivia Night

November 13

Knights of Columbus Council #6203 will hold its annual trivia night on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Doors open 6:30 p.m.; first question at 7:02 p.m. sharp. Gather your table of party friends and join the fun. Entertaining categories—something for everyone. Free soda, popcorn and pretzels. Cash prize for first place. Door prizes. Bring your favorite party snacks and decorations for your table. Table of eight only \$160!

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## Yard/Craft Sale at Pilgrim Covenant

November 13

Pilgrim Covenant Church will host a community yard/craft sale on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables are \$20 for a reserved space. Furniture, craft items, preschool furniture, yard sale items.

Call Chris at (908) 561-8057 to reserve your space.

## Enjoy the Sounds of Big Band Music

November 14

The South Plainfield Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to see "In the Mood" at the State Theatre in New Brunswick on Sunday, Nov. 14. Enjoy the sounds of big band music. Show starts at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$35, includes transportation only. Bus leaves at noon so you may have time to get lunch.

## Musical "A New Brain" at EVP

November 14

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield is sponsoring a production of *A New Brain*, a light musical at the Edison Valley Playhouse on Oak Tree Road in Edison. Tickets are \$20. Homemade refreshments and punch will be served. Door prizes.

To purchase tickets, call (908) 757-3680.

## JFK School Annual Vendor/Craft Show

November 18

JFK Elementary School, 2900 Norwood Ave., will host its annual vendor/craft show on Thursday, Nov. 18 from 6-9 p.m. Cash and carry; orders taken from over 35 unique vendors.

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## Church Bake Sale

November 20

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, located at 400 Delmore Ave. (corner of Delmore and Belmont), will hold a bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Special pierogi sale \$5-\$6 per dozen. All proceeds go directly to the church.

## Holiday Boutique at Wesley Church

November 20

Crafters/vendors needed for holiday boutique to be held on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave. Crafted and/or new items only. No flea market items. Boutique will operate from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$20 for 8 ft. space with your table or \$25 if we supply the table.

To register or for more information, call Connie at (908) 755-3850.

## American Legion Breakfast Buffet

November 21

American Legion Chaumont Post #243, located on Oak Tree Avenue, will hold an all you can eat breakfast buffet on Sunday, Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon. Adults: \$6, children \$3. Under six, free. All profits go to the scholarship fund.

## — Out of Town —

## Harvest Moon Raffle

November 5

Our Lady of Mount Virgin School, 450 Drake Ave. in Middlesex will hold its fifth annual Harvest Moon Basket Raffle on Friday, Nov. 5. Doors open 6 p.m.; calling starts at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Admission: \$15; includes door prize entry, one sheet of tickets and light refreshments. Bring your own snacks.

For more information, visit olmv.net or call Katie at (732) 469-2658.

## SENIOR CENTER Calendar

### Coming Up.....

Nov 14 State Theatre: In the Mood, Big Band Music, \$35, noon (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  
Line Dancing ..... 10 am  
Computer..... 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm  
Crocheting ..... 1 pm  
Tai Chi ..... 2 pm

### THURSDAYS

Active Seniors ..... 8:45 am  
Shopping Trip ..... 9 am  
Crafts Class ..... 10 am  
Computer ..... 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm  
Exercise Class ..... 1:15 pm

### FRIDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm

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

Senior Center is open daily 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays & Sundays.

## Indoor Sale at Resurrection Church

November 5 & 6

Resurrection of Christ Church, 649 Bound Brook Rd. in Dunellen will hold an indoor sale on Friday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Houseware, furniture, jewelry, electronics, tools, books, gently used clean clothing, Christmas items, linens, toys, etc. Well organized.

## Photography Exhibit At Plainfield Library

November 6

The Plainfield Public Library will open its fifth annual Plainfield Photograph Exhibition with a reception and awards presentation on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the

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## Around Town

library's lower level room 2 gallery.

The reception and exhibit are free to the public. The library is located at 800 Park Ave., between 8th and 9th streets. To arrange for group visits, call (908) 757-1111, ext. 129.

### Open House/ Canned Food Drive

November 6

Lady of America of Edison, located at 1199 Amboy Ave. in the Tano Mall, will hold an open house/Thanksgiving canned food drive on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a "Zumba Party" starting at 9:30 a.m. Donate a canned food and you will be entered into a raffle for a women's mountain bike valued at \$299.

### Schlachtfest

November 6

Plainfield Gesang-und Turn-Terein, Inc. will hold a Schlachtfest in the Ratskeller at Singer Hall, 220 Somerset St. in North Plainfield on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. A delicious Schlachtplat will be served with all the trimmings. Dancing. Donation: \$20 members; \$22 non members.

For more information, call Victor at (908) 276-8572 or Joan at (908) 647-0819.

### Blackrose to Perform

November 6

Blackrose, the band, playing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will be performing at Rug's and Riffy's Bar and Grill, 493 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

### Shabbat Exhibit at Olde Town Village

November 7

The Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission presents, "Joyful Rest: Shabbat in the Context of Daily Life," an exhibit, a full-color monograph, lectures and discussions and storytelling. The free exhibit takes place in the Runyon House at East Jersey Olde Towne Village, 1050 River Rd. in Piscataway, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

For more information or to register for the opening reception, call (732) 745-4489.

### Salute to Veterans

November 7

Trinity Reformed Church, 401 Greenbrook Road in North Plainfield presents a salute to veterans on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. Guest speaker: Joe Belardo, South Plainfield resident, Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient. Refreshments follow the program.



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### Woodbridge WOWs Business Meeting

November 10

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the children's room of the main library, George Fredrick Plaza, Rt. 35 in Woodbridge. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend.

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

### Expert in Sleep Disorders to Speak

November 10

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature Rochelle Zozula, Ph.D., DABSM, board certified in sleep medicine on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7:45 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd.

For more information, call (973) 994-1143.

### Tricky Tray Gift Raffle

November 12

St. Augustine of Canterbury School, 45 Henderson Road in Kendall Park will hold its tricky tray gift raffle on Friday, Nov. 12. Doors open: 6 p.m.; drawing begins 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15; includes one sheet of raffle tickets, coffee, tea, dessert. Bring your own food/BYOB. No one under 18 permitted. Tickets by mail only.

For ordering information, call (732) 297-6042.

### Holiday Bazaar

November 13

Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, 888 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union will hold a holiday bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hand crafted gifts, holiday decorations, homemade cakes and cookies. Snack bar will be open.

For table rentals call (908) 245-0562. Proceeds are used for mission projects.

## NEWS Suburban Woman's Club

Three members of the Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield visited The Wellness Community in Bedminster and were given a tour of the facility by Executive Director Eunice K. Jablocki.

The Wellness Community offers professionally-facilitated support groups for people affected by cancer in the atmosphere of a beautiful renovated historic homestead. These support groups have been shown to decrease distress and improve the quality of life for people with cancer, family members or friends of adults with cancer and people who have recently experienced the death of a loved one from cancer. Programs offered include physical workouts, yoga classes, cooking, crafts and numerous other social and educational meetings.

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs current Special State Project is Gilda's Club, an affiliate of Cancer Support Community and The Wellness Community. The South Plainfield Woman's Club will be raising funds to support The Wellness Community.

The Suburban Woman's Club Board of Directors met in the home of Federation/Corresponding Secretary Mary Ann Iannitto and enjoyed hearing members expound on the lovely decor of The Wellness Com-



**Special State Project Chairperson Natalie Bergen and Eunice K. Jablocki, executive director of The Wellness Community.**

munity and the graciousness of Jablocki and her staff.

President Lucy Hudson called for reports, and Theater Party Chairperson Frieda Walker declared that plans for the Edison Valley Playhouse production of *The New Brain* on November 14 are moving along. A sign up sheet for bakers to provide intermission refreshments will be passed around at the next regular meeting.

Membership Chairperson Grace Bertucci noted that three prospective members will be attending the club's meeting.

Any woman interested in joining the club will be happily accommodated. Please call (732) 549-9633 for membership information.

## policereport

• On October 21 James E. Gorman, 18, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated under the age of 21, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to report an accident.

• On October 23 Kareem M. Abdelraouf, 21, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and possession of an open container of alcohol.

• Kimberly S. Alston, 28, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and failure to exhibit a valid registration.

• A South Amboy resident re-

ported that the rear window of their vehicle had been smashed while parked on Rush Street.

• On October 24 Frank I. Bechtle, 23, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• On October 25 Anthony A. Cartouse, 30, of Perth Amboy was arrested for driving without a license in possession, no insurance and an outstanding warrant.

• On October 26 Alisha A. Smith was arrested at Party City for shoplifting.

• United Road Trucking of Romulus, MI reported the theft of a 2011 BMW from a tractor trailer that was parked at the Holiday Inn.

## Adopt a Family And Spread Holiday Cheer

With tough economic times comes the opportunity for those of us who have been more fortunate to help families who are struggling at this time. Gifts for children are hard to come by when you need to concentrate on providing shelter and utilities for your family.

The South Plainfield Social Services department will again be organizing the annual "Holiday Project." We find the families in our community who are having difficulty providing food and some type of holiday gifts through the school system.

The project starts with the collection of food from the Boy Scout food drive which takes place through November 13. If every family in our community would donate a can and package of food, we would easily accomplish our goal to provide Thanksgiving food and fill the pantry for the winter.

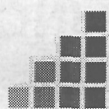
The next step is the "Adopt A Family" program where you can actually adopt a family for Christmas, or if you are unable to adopt a family, you can bring in a new gift (clothing is greatly appreciated) to help us to assist these families. If you are interested in this program, please call Margaret Ackerman, director of Social Services at (908) 226-7625 or stop in borough hall.

If you know of a family or senior citizen who might benefit from our program and may not be signed up, please contact Ackerman.

## Volunteers Sought For HS Principal Selection Committee

A committee to select the next South Plainfield High School Principal is being established by Board of Education President Jim Giannakis.

Giannakis is requesting parents, teachers, administrators, former members of the Board of Education and other community members to send their resumes to: Theresa Tempe, Human Resources Secretary, South Plainfield Public School, Roosevelt School Administration Bldg., 125 Jackson Ave., South Plainfield N.J. 07080 or [Ttempe@spnnet.k12.nj.us](mailto:Ttempe@spnnet.k12.nj.us).



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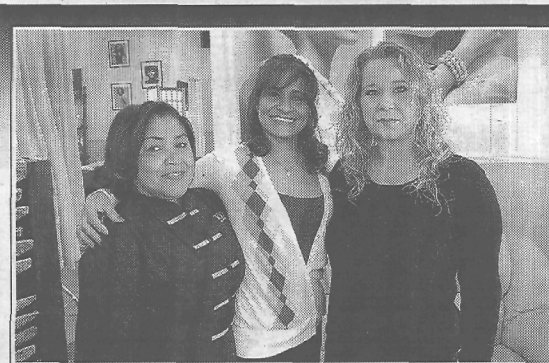


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# BOE Appoints Annemarie Stoeckel New Supervisor of Technology

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education (BOE) appointed Annemarie Stoeckel to the position of supervisor of technology at its October 27 meeting. She will earn \$95,824, plus \$2,000 for time in the district and \$1,000 a year for her degree credits. Stoeckel began teaching English at South Plainfield High School in 1980 after receiving a B.A. degree from Rutgers University. She left to raise a family and in 1995 returned to teach computer and basic math skills at Roosevelt School where she has remained. Her salary was \$82,255 for the 2009/2010 school year.

In 2002 she received an M.A. degree in educational technology at New Jersey City University and has been an adjunct professor in the Department of

Educational Technology since 2004.

In May, the position of supervisor of technology was cut after the school budget was defeated by voters. It was later reinstated and Russ Marroon, who held the job since January 2001, resigned to become the supervisor of careers and technical education at Essex County Vocational and Technical Schools in September.

**Other board appointments:**

**Heather Hearn**—special education teacher at Kennedy School. Since September, she has been the long term substitute in a multiple disabilities class. She graduated in 2008 with a B.A. in English from Kean University and has been working in the district as a long term substitute teacher at Roosevelt, Grant and the middle school. She had been an instructional support aide at Roosevelt Elementary School from December 2003 to June 2005.

**Michelle Kirchofer**—special education teacher at Grant School, who will replace Laura Orlando who resigned. Kirchofer received a B.A. degree in special education from Rowan Uni-

versity in 1992, taught special education classes in Bound Brook from September 1993 to October 2001 and also in the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District from June 2002 to June 2010.

**Team Leader appointments:** Eileen Boettger-high school guidance, William Schulte-high school physical education, Susan McAndrews-high school business education, Patricia Massey-media/library science, Jennifer Gil-art.

Also, retired South Plainfield Police Officer James Darby's position as part time residency officer was expanded to a full time position. The residency officer investigates, identifies and monitors students to make sure they live in town. Board member Debbie Boyle said Darby had already intervened and stopped eight students from attending borough schools.

The board also approved a job description for a school security employee who will patrol school facilities and grounds to prevent disruptive illegal activities, control access to restricted areas and prevent vandalism.



Joseph Pavillon performs at USSBA band festival.

## South Plainfield High School Hosts Annual Band Festival

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield High School hosted their 29th annual band festival at Jost Field on October 16. The competition featured a dozen bands. The evening began with the high school chorus performing the *National Anthem*.

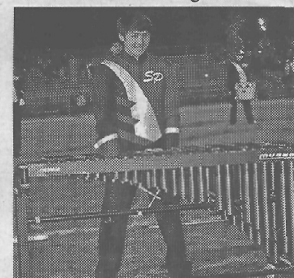
The South Plainfield Tiger Marching Band was not eligible to compete since they hosted the event; however, they did perform at the end of the evening.

With so many bands of varying sizes it is always hard to determine the best. The USSBA (US Scholastic Band Association) website states, "The competitive classes are broken down by total number of performing members in the ensemble. Classes are further divided into two tiers based on level of achievement. We believe this structure establishes goals that are within reach, which helps to better motivate the students and allows the band to improve more quickly."

There were no outside vendors, so the Music Boosters and band parents handled even the smallest details. Marianne Decker, Donna Kasmer and Tracey Hartmann were co-chairmen

of the food concession.

"This year the Music Boosters were very blessed to have a wonderful hard working group of parents who pulled it off. Our parents did everything from asking for donations to getting a major construction company to donate their construction site lights. To show



Richard Doung

you how special this group of parents are, Dennis Moskal, a first year marching band parent, wanted to add a little extra special item to our menu, so he donated all the items needed for us to sell fried Oreos which was a very big success," commented Music Boosters President Donna Teller.

"Our food sales were very successful; the cold weather made it perfect for all of the hot, delicious food we sold that was graciously donated. And for all the wonderful help we received by the marching band parents," said band parent and booster club member Donna Kasmer.

Trophies were presented by the marching bands 13 seniors: Alyssa Aiello, G. Bjorn Delacruz, Nicole Firmin, Sarah Hageman, William Hartmann, Amanda Hoagland, Keely Joaquim, Chante Martin, Sarah McCarthy, Erin O'Connor, Richard Rotella, Nick Taricani and Toni Teller.

## Skylands Bank Teaches Kids About Smart Credit

Over 150 students received financial education through the ABA "Get Smart about Credit" program. Skylands Community Bank has partnered with South Plainfield High School to educate young adults in their communities on the responsibilities of credit.

Regional Manager, Darlene Pinto, along with her team of Gina Palumbo and Karri Reyes presented the program to six classes at South Plainfield High School. Information included: credit-how to read a credit score, the breakdown of the various types of credit, the do's and don'ts of credit

along with identity theft and other general banking information to help the kids prepare themselves for the future. Pinto said, "This is such an important topic because many students are learning the textbook side of credit, we give real life experiences and how important credit becomes in all aspects of their lives. This is especially important in today's economy because many of the financial pitfalls discussed in this program disproportionately affect the communities that they are from."

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array of financial services to customers in Central and Northwestern New Jersey. The bank, which is part of the Fulton Financial Corporation family of banks, has more than \$1.3B in assets and operates 27 banking offices in Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Sussex and Warren Counties. For more information, visit [www.skylandscbank.com](http://www.skylandscbank.com).

## Girl Scouts Collecting For Food Bank

South Plainfield Girl Scout Troop 65091 is working toward their bronze award by collecting non-perishable items for South Plainfield's food bank and items for Thanksgiving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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# Franklin Students Enjoy Trunk or Treat Night

By Patricia Abbott

October 26 was a "boo" tiful evening for Franklin School's pre-Hal-

loween celebration when students got a jump start on the frightfully fun holiday on October 26. Franklin School held the second

annual Trunk or Treat, a safe evening of collecting treats with friends and family. The event was held in the school parking lot.

Volunteers lined up their cars in the parking lot, opened their trunks and went all out with decorations. Simple or elaborate, the children were thrilled with all of them. Some were so scary that some children had to work up the courage to make their way up to the trunk to collect the treats.

"The parents came up with many very creative ideas while decorating their trunks," said Karen Pear, PTO vice president.

Halloween costumes were an important part of the event. Some children came without costumes for the fun of an extra day of trick or treating; others were thrilled to be able to wear their costumes more than one afternoon. Several had homemade costumes, including the Avatar family and the Diary of a Wimpy Kid costumes.

In addition to the collection of treats, children had the chance to participate in the Halloween-themed party games, The Three Legged Mummy Race, Skulls and Cauldron Toss and Musical Tombstones.

Children were required to bring a bag of candy as part of admission. All candy was divided and distributed to the trunks to be given out to the children. There were 37 decorated trunks and more than 220 children, accompanied by their parents, participated. Approximately 20 volunteers assisted in the set up and clean up.

The 8,000 pieces of Halloween candy were either donated by Franklin families and teachers or purchased by the PTO. The Trunk or Treat was sponsored by the Franklin PTO and chaired by Karen Pear.

Grade school students throughout the district had many opportunities to enjoy Halloween this year; in addition to several trunk or treat events, most schools held Halloween parades and parties last Friday.

Event chair Karen Pear said, "The trunk or treat is a fun way to kick off the Halloween season. Everyone had a great time!"



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## JUNIOR JOURNALIST

### Puja Vengadasalam Named Junior Journalist



Junior Journalist Puja Vengadasalam with teacher Margaret Gumina.

Puja Vengadasalam, Riley School third grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist program. Her illustrated journal of letters documenting a road trip with her family entitled, "My Best Road Trip," has earned her dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

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### My Best Road Trip

Written and Illustrated by Puja Vengadasalam

Journey Begins....  
South Plainfield,  
New Jersey  
Dec. 26, 2009

Hi Katrina,

We are going on a road trip. I will send you postcards from every place I go. That way it will feel like you are coming too.

We are going to visit the Statue of Liberty tomorrow. It will be lots of fun.

Love, Puja

Ellis Island, New York  
Dec. 27, 2009  
Statute of Liberty

Dear Katrina,

The Statue of Liberty is so cool. I liked her blue-green robe. The best of all is the torch. It looks like golden fire.

It says she is a symbol of freedom. I think she's a symbol of America.

We are going to the city named after the first president next.

Your travel friend,  
Puja

Washington, D.C.  
Dec. 29, 2009  
Washington Monument

Dear Friend,

I am in the city of museums. We saw the White House and The Capitol Hill. I took part in the sit-in protest-like King-in the History Museum.

What I liked best is the Washington Monument. It looks like a big pencil in the sky.

Your mate,  
Puja

P.S. We are going to the first president's home tomorrow.

Mount Vernon, Virginia  
Dec. 31, 2009  
George Washington's Home

Dear friend Katrina,

We went inside George Washington's house. It was awesome.

We saw lots of animals in the estate. We also watched some movies. I liked the one about the crossing and the war-we had pretend snow bubbles falling on us.

I feel so proud about being an American.

Love,  
Puja

P.S. We are returning home tomorrow.

South Plainfield  
New Jersey  
Jan. 1, 2010

Dear Katrina,

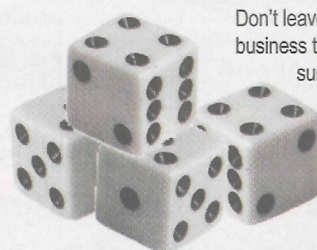
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Our road trip is over. It was so much fun. You must come with us next time.

Happy New Year!!!  
Your adventurous friend,  
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Journey Ends

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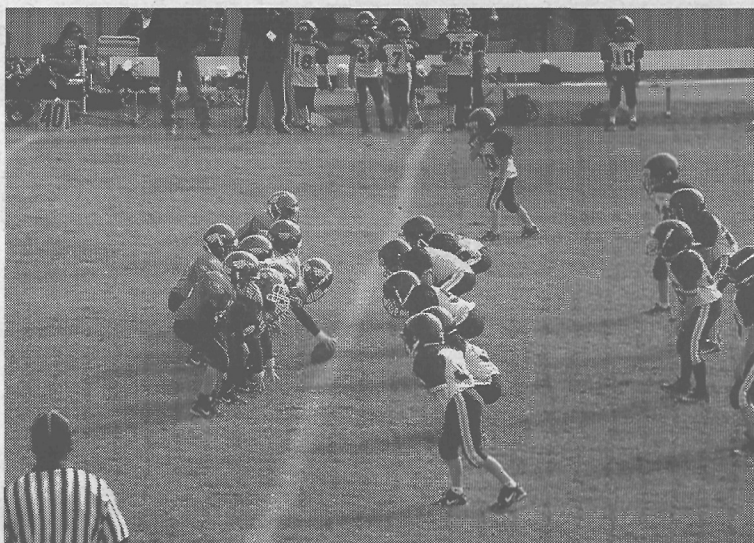
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# Sports



Joe Sacco (#1) carries the ball for the Eagles, with help from Nicholas Fager (#36) and Jaden Crudup (#68).



Eagles Mighty Might squad lines up against the Falcons.

## SP Eagles Football and Cheer Play Final Home Games of Season

The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheer held their fourth and final home game against the Flemington Falcons on October 24.

Flag (5-7)—The five year old team finished out the season showcasing all the skills they learned throughout the year. Donald Evans, Christopher Pogio and Mark Molinaro each had 50-yard touchdown runs. Additional touchdowns were also scored by Michael Mendez, Mathew Civillo, Ashton Donovan, Zachery Bolesta and Joshua Fuentes. Jacob Dunn took a hand-off from the quarterback and executed a 25-yard run, before being pushed out of bounds.

The 6-7 year old team also played great football. Gabriel Panton, Steven Orlowski and Colin Carey each had several runs with key yardage gains. Josh Fuentes, Cody Adams and Josh Liberato each had long runs ending in touchdowns. Xavier Santos did a great job on defense with multiple flag pulls. Solomon Chainey had an all-around great game both offensively and defensively.

The flag coaches were thrilled with

the game and the season and would like to thank all of the parents and players for their hard work. A special thanks goes to Kathy Irizarry and Eileen Carey for being such great team parents.

**Mighty Mites (7-9)**—The Mighty Mite team had a tough battle against Flemington. Jordan Hamberg kept the defense hot with a host of tackles against the tough Flemington runners. Sebastian Santos kept things moving with a five yard tackle that resulted in a loss of yardage for Flemington. Josiah Harvey's 10 yard run kept the offense moving towards the goal line. Joe Sacco and Danny Smith played a great defensive game, keeping Flemington from adding to their score. Robbie Ginda and Brandon O'Leary both had key plays on both offense and defense.

**Junior Pee Wees (9-11)**—Charles Lovett played an outstanding game with two sacks on Flemington's quarterback, one fumble recovery and several key defensive tackles. Connor Adams added to the excitement of the day with two interceptions. Zahvea

Thorn showcased his increasing skills with several key runs for important yardage gains. Matthew Panganiban also had a fumble recovery. Jalil Palms had important plays on both offense and defense.

**Pee Wees (10-12)**—The Pee Wee team got off to a slow start against a talented Flemington team before getting on track to provide some excitement. The offensive lineup was shuffled for the match up with Ryan Marston taking the helm at quarterback in the shotgun for the better part of the game. Ben Lundy provided the extra

protection in the backfield and rumbled into the secondary on several draw plays including a 20-yard run off tackle setting up the first touchdown. Following this, Marston located Josh Seigenthaler in the corner of the end zone for an additional score.

The Eagles picked up the extra point on a quarterback keeper behind the push of Michael Soto, Joe Penyak and Dheer Patel. DeMarquis Price and Dominic LaBrutto did a superb job containing the Flemington ends with the remainder of the offensive line providing considerable pass protec-

tions. As a result, Seigenthaler and Bryan Scipio, Jr., slipped past the defensive backs for several long yardage pass receptions. William McLaughlin split time at the halfback with three tremendous runs to the outside while LaBrutto carried several Flemington defenders about 10 yards downfield on one particular play and was still pushing the pile forward when for reasons unknown the officials whistled the play dead.

The Eagles scored their final touchdown on the heels of a Flemington score in the fourth quarter. Scipio returned the ensuing kickoff some 70 yards behind a pair of devastating blocks (by LaBrutto and Soto), coupled with a dip here and a shimmy there leaving two defenders diving at air. Thereafter Lundy blasted his way through the middle for the extra point.

These final home games ended the regular season for the Eagles. The 2010 season was a definite success, as the boys continued to increase their knowledge of the game and skills in their positions. The board of the South Plainfield Eagles would like to thank all the parents, coaches and especially the football players and cheerleaders for another great season of football and cheer. Go Eagles!

—Submitted by Terry Housel

## Eagles Cheerleaders Shine At Central Qualifiers

Last Sunday, while many other youngsters were getting ready for Halloween, 65 young ladies representing the South Plainfield Eagles headed off to Sun Center in Trenton to perform at the Pop Warner Central Qualifiers.

Twenty-six Junior Pee Wee cheerleaders performed for the very first time in their Eagles career in front of a large crowd. After boarding the bus at 6:30 a.m., they hit the mat for their morning performance and are very proud of what they have

achieved this season.

In the afternoon, 20 Junior Midget and 19 Midget cheerleaders took the mat as well at the Central Qualifiers. Both squads performed well with the Junior Midgets receiving the highest score in their category. The Midgets and Junior Midgets will be moving on to the Pop Warner Regional Championship on November 13 and 14.

Be sure to check back next week for more complete information!

—Submitted by Abra Hodge

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# Sports

## SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison

### Only Two Weeks Left in Fall Season!

This past weekend proved to be another great one for the kids here at the South Plainfield Soccer Club. Saturday's games had the Warriors taking a victory over the Piscataway Scorpions 4-0 and Sunday's games proved to be equally successful.

Our U-14 Storm faced the Somerset Hills Cobras and took the win 3-2. U-14 G Strikerz took the win over the Piscataway Lady Eagles 2-0. U-10 Spartans defeated the Robbinsville Extreme 2-0. U-10 G Eclipse beat the Millburn Dynamite 3-1, and the U-11 Wanderers were victorious over the South Brunswick Blizzard with a 1-0 game. Great job to all.

Ambush continued their undefeated streak with a tie against Central Jersey 2-2. Central Jersey had been



undefeated, and they were in first place prior to meeting Ambush. The girls played a hard fought game with a 0-0 score in the first half thanks to great defense by Megan Celentano, Grace Ochoa, Katherine Vill and the rest of the defense.

Ambush started the second half when Sarah Cargill scored two goals to put Ambush on top 2-0. Central Jersey fought back, and in the final three minutes tied the score at 2-2. Great job to all the girls again.

The U-8 Warriors had a huge game this weekend. New to the club this season, the team had its struggles to just get on the field with enough players in the beginning of the season. They were then faced with games being cancelled and rescheduled due to other clubs having the same issue.

Getting beyond those hurdles, these guys are a force to be reckoned with. With a record of 2-2, this week puts them at the 500 mark. Isiah Salazar came up strong with two goals while David Rovayo and Victor Balewicz each scored a goal. Coach Obregon attributes lightning speed and quick moves to the team's success. Fantastic play by the rest of the Warriors, Troy O'Connor, Patrick Corsello, Joshua Obregon, Melvin Ortiz, Sherwin Sequiera, Joseph Sottiriou and Henry Sprigle. You are true warriors.

Thank you to everyone who helped support the Wristbands for Eric LeGrand fundraiser. The support was great, not only from our folks but from our opponents' families. Bands are still available for anyone who would like to purchase them. You can contact Dawn Hutchison at (908) 754-2716. We will also have folks at our home games this coming weekend selling them as well. Please continue to keep Eric in your thoughts.

As always, we hope you take the time to come out and cheer the teams on during a home game at either Kenneth Avenue or Memorial Field. There are exciting games of soccer right in your own backyard.

Go SPSC!

#### Soccer Club Home Games – Come Out and Support Us!

Arsenal .....	11/07/10 (Sun) .....	12:00 PM .....	Kenneth #1
Spartans .....	11/07/10 (Sun) .....	2:00 PM .....	Kenneth #2
Eclipse .....	11/07/10 (Sun) .....	3:30 PM .....	Kenneth #2
Thunder .....	11/07/10 (Sun) .....	1:30 PM .....	Memorial
Wanderers ..	11/07/10 (Sun) .....	3:30 PM .....	Memorial

## U-10 ECLIPSE

By Nicole Plate

### Soccer Team Eclipse Shuts Out Union Beach

Team Eclipse, South Plainfield Soccer Club's U-10 girls, traveled down to Union Beach on October 24.

Under the guidance of head coach Gino Leonardis and assisted by coach Curtis, Eclipse was well prepared for the battle. During the first half of the game, the determined offense, including Sam Pullen, Caitlyn Smith, Lynda Farinella and Victoria Meono, kept

control of the ball. Big kicker Jillian Holoboski scored the first goal by a direct kick from midfield. The team went into halftime with a 1-0 lead.

In the second half, teamwork paid off as Catherine "Cat" DeLair sent a perfectly crossed pass to Alexis Curtis who placed the ball in the far corner for the team's insurance goal. Eclipse's outstanding defensive squad, including

Gianna Sacco, Kristyn Smith, Olivia Leonardis and Cameron Marks, battled in the backfield to help keep Union Beach players from getting off many shots. Goalkeeper Mackenzie O'Brien successfully blocked all shots on goal and finished with another shutout.

This is Eclipse's first season as a team. Each game they prove to be a challenging opponent.

## U-10 ECLIPSE

By Kathy Wharton

### U-10 Eclipse Bewitch Millburn

The Halloween game was no treat for Millburn. The South Plainfield U-10 Eclipse girls used their magic and came out on top. In front of a very excited crowd, Eclipse outscored Millburn 3-1.

The offensive team of Victoria Meono, Kaitlyn Smith, Alexis Curtis, Catherine DeLair and Lynda Farinella controlled the ball most of the game. Lynda Farinella scored an unassisted goal.

The two other Eclipse goals were scored by Alexis Curtis, assisted by team mate Lynda Farinella.

Thanks to the aggressive defense of Krystin Smith, Gianna Sacco, Jillian Holoboski and Samantha Pullen the ball was consistently pushed upfield. Goal keeper Mackenzie O'Brien was able to save all shots on goal, but one.

Great game Eclipse; you really bewitched your opponent once again.

### Hawks U-14 Girls Basketball Team Tryout

Central Jersey Hawks U-14 National Team, coached by Randy Westrol and Tom Fontana, will hold a tryout for the 2011 AAU season on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. at Monroe Sports Center in Monroe.

Please email tfonz31@aol.com if interested in attending.



Mum sale chairman Gerry Butrico with helpers Christina and Charlie Butrico.

### Knights Mum Sale Raises Funds for Charity Fund

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 was hard at work over the past four weeks on one of the biggest fundraisers of the year. During the weekends the Knights have been at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad selling mums. The fundraiser was started seven years ago by co-chairmen Vincent Butrico and Gerry Butrico.

The proceeds from the mum sale in the amount of \$3,297 will go toward the Knights general charity fund. The fund is used to help local residents in need.

The Knights sold 638 small mums and 60 large mums, for an amazing total of 698 mums.

The Knights would like to thank all the residents who bought mums and for spreading the news about the fundraiser to other residents. The Knights would also like to thank the South Plainfield Funeral Home and McCrisky-Gustafson Home For Funerals for small purchasing mums, and all of the local businesses that also bought large mums—Mr. Subs, Sherban's Diner, KC's Korner, Peter Pan Pharmacy, Witty's, Mike Buteas Construction,

Bagel Pantry, Corner Deli, Tom Licato, Bob Stillo, Oak Tree Liquors, Andy Pinto, Ed Santoro, the Observer, Tom Lanza, Twin City Pharmacy, Sal's Liquors, Paulo's Barbecue, TD Bank, R&C Auto Body, Flanagan's, Bob Longo, Columbia Bank, Pat DeSantis and Ciccio's Pizza.

The Knights would also like to thank the South Plainfield Rescue Squad for use of the parking lot to sell the mums as well as A-Tech Landscaping for donating 200 mums for the sale.

The Knights could not have succeeded this year without the help of the following Knights who volunteered many hours to sell the mums: Past Grand Knight Bill Butrico, Vinny Butrico, Gerry Butrico, Charlie Butrico, Joe Bielinski, Kevin Keane, Fred Brisebois, Brian Cargill, Richard Lee, Robbi Matusz, Steve Belanger, Jay Tracey, Roberto Morales, Christina Butrico and Grand Knight Joe Scrudato.

The following Squires also helped out: James Butrico, Adam Butrico and Charlie Butrico.

—Submitted by Joe Scrudato

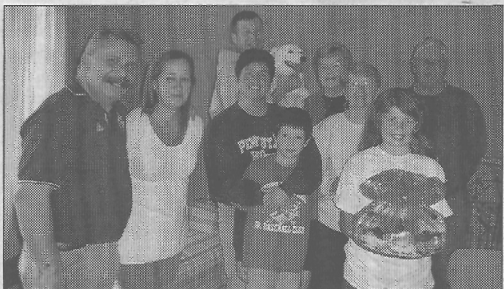
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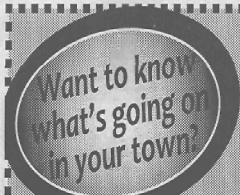
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# Obituaries

## Deborah (Warren) Neal, 48

Deborah (Warren) Neal died on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Plainfield, Deborah was a life-long resident of South Plainfield.

She was the vice president of Duncellen Auto Glass Inc. in Duncellen.

Deborah was a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in South Plainfield and was a strong caring person and a loving wife and mother.

Surviving is her husband, Bill, of 24 years; a daughter, Jessica; and a son, Christopher, both of South Plainfield; her parents, Gail and Elizabeth Warren; two sisters, Kathy Winsman and Karen Magnier; and a brother, Wayne Warren, all of South Plainfield.

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

Donations may be made in her memory to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, Texas 75265.

## Judith Ann "Judy" Guarraci, 59

Judith Ann "Judy" Guarraci died suddenly on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Plainfield, Judy was a life-long resident of the borough.

She spent her time caring for her family as a homemaker, and enjoyed being the "in house" babysitter and caring for the neighborhood kids. A loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend, she will be sadly missed by all.

She is predeceased by her husband, Joseph, in 2003.

Judy leaves behind three children,

Lisa Flores (Nino) of South Plainfield, Michael (Maryann) of Jackson and Cindy Seabert (Kevin) of Piscataway; three stepchildren, Joseph (Pat) Guarraci, Richie (Helen) and Ann-Marie Guarraci. She will be missed by 14 grandchildren; two brothers, Timothy Brady and Tom Brady (Irene Polanco); and two nieces.

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

## Stephanie L. Ortegon, 14

Stephanie L. Ortegon, our angel, went home to be with the lord on Saturday, Oct. 30 at the New York Presbyterian Children's Hospital.

Born in Edison, Stephanie lived in Plainfield all of her life.

She attended West Lake School in Westfield and was a member of St. Joseph's RC Church in North Plainfield. She will be missed by all of her loving family and friends.

She leaves behind her parents, Jorge and Luz (Ocampo) Ortegon; a brother, Richard; an aunt, Gloria Ines; cousins, Carolina and Victor Hugo, and also her extended family here and in Colombia.

Funeral services were under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

## Madeline (Sklencar) Markham, 74

Madeline (Sklencar) Markham died on Sunday, Oct. 31 with her loving family by her side.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Mrs. Markham has resided in South Plainfield for the past 42 years.

She worked for the South Plainfield Board of Education as the secretary

to the director of special services.

Madeline was a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church and her passion was her family. She was an avid traveler and loved traveling to the islands and visiting beaches.

She is predeceased by a grandson, Brian Grare.

Surviving are her loving family including her husband John; two daughters, Judith Grare and husband Scott of Lebanon Twp. and Susan Mariani and husband Christopher of Branchburg; a son, John and wife Cynthia of Mountain Lakes; a sister, Elaine Daly of Jersey City; and five grandchildren, Christopher Grare, Jennifer and Colleen Mariani and Grace and Jack Markham.

Funeral services were under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org).

## Barbara J. (Kashuba) Kobilis

Barbara J. (Kashuba) Kobilis died suddenly on Saturday, Oct. 30 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Shamokin, Pa., Barbara lived in Edison for 30 years and resided in South Plainfield since 1989.

She worked as a waitress for several hotels and restaurants and most recently was employed by the Holiday Inn located in Carteret. Barbara was a member of Pilgrim Covenant Church located in South Plainfield and loved spending time watching movies. She had a large collection of photographs of her loving family; especially her grandchildren and children. Barbara was a devoted and giving wife, mother and grandmother, who always put her family first and will be deeply missed by all those that knew her.

She leaves behind her husband of 56 years, Edward; three sons, Edward (Maryann) of South Plainfield, Daniel of South Plainfield and Scott (Leslie) of Middlesex; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations sent to the Pilgrim Covenant Church, 3121 Park Ave., South Plainfield would be appreciated.

## Eugene M. Hagerty, 86

Eugene M. Hagerty died on Thursday, Oct. 28 at Haven Hospice located within JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Staten Island, N.Y., he lived in Bloomfield and Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield in 1958.

Eugene was honorably discharged from the United States Army after faithfully serving his country during WWII. He graduated from Seton Hall with a B.A. in physical education. Eugene retired in 1988 after many years of employment as a heavy equipment mechanic for I.U.O.E. Local #15 out of New York City.

He is predeceased by a brother, Edward, who died in July of 2010.

Eugene leaves behind his loving family; wife Marjorie of 59 years and their children, Patti, Diane and Bob. His four grandchildren, Scott, Joshua, Priyanka and Melanie will miss him dearly.

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

## Ludwig Stiegelmeier Sr., 98

Ludwig Stiegelmeier Sr. died on Thursday, Oct. 28 at the Bon Secours Maria Manor in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Born and raised in Bronx, N.Y., Lou resided in South Plainfield for several years before settling in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. Stiegelmeier was the vice president of the former Cornell Dubilier in South Plainfield and was an avid Yankees fan.

He is predeceased by his wife, Anne.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Pfister of Sarasota, Fla.; a son, Lou and wife Mary Lou of South Plain-

field; and four grandchildren, Daniel and Michael Pfister and Mark and Ryan Stiegelmeier.

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

## Gladys B. (McGovern) Dilts, 86

Gladys B. Dilts of South Plainfield passed away at JFK Medical Center in Edison on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Born in Middlesex, Mrs. Dilts was a lifelong resident of South Plainfield. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them.

She is the beloved wife of the late Louis Dilts; devoted mother of Debra Smith and the late Linda Ciancio, who is survived by husband Dominic; dear sister of the late Florence McGovern; loving grandmother of Anthony Ciancio, Marlene Mandulak, Michael Mandulak, Dominic Ciancio, Kimberly Marin, David Rozell and Steven Rozell; and cherished great-grandmother of Michael, Marrisa, Gracie, Amanda, Domenica, Anthony, Gina, Ava, Brie, David, Kelsey, Cassidy, Jocelyn and Melanie.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org or the American Heart Association, www.heart.org would be appreciated.

## Shelby J. Durkin, 73

Shelby J. Durkin died on Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Greenbrook Manor

Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Greenbrook.

She was born Aug. 24, 1937, in Sugar Notch, Pa. to Michael and Bertha Henicke.

She grew up in Sugar Notch where she attended Hanover Twp. Schools. After high school, she went on to become a registered nurse graduating from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Her nursing career spanned over 35 years, beginning as a staff nurse at Cornell University Hospital in New York City. She returned to Wilkes-Barre General Pa. Hospital, working there until she married in 1960 and moved to Vineland where she joined the staff at Newcomb Hospital.

In 1961, Shelby and her husband, Jerry, moved to South Plainfield and resided in the community ever since. During the past 30 years, Shelby worked as a nurse for many years with the Birchwood Nursing Home in Edison and later at the McCutchen Care Center in North Plainfield. She spent the remainder of her career as a private duty nurse and as a volunteer nurse for the Muhlenberg Hospice program.

Shelby was a long time active parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield where, for many years she, along with her husband, ran the wine and peaches booth and helped make the food at the annual bazaar.

Mrs. Durkin was an expert gardener and had enjoyed many hours in her garden. She also enjoyed arts and crafts.

She is predeceased by her husband, Gerard E.; parents Bertha and Michael Henicke; two brothers, Michael and Robert Henicke; and a son-in-law, Frank DiGiovanni.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joanne and Jim Cox of South Plainfield and Mary Sue DiGiovanni of Hampton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gerard M. and Tracy J. Durkin of St. Petersburg, Fla. and

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## Elks Serve Traditional Country Fare at Polish Night

By Patricia Abbott

Back by popular demand on October 16 was the South Plainfield Elks Club "Polish Night" whereby guests enjoyed a traditional Polish dinner accompanied by Polish music.

Past Vice President/Past Exalted Ruler Debbie Czech and husband Joe organized and ran the event with the help of lodge members. Diners feasted on homemade pierogis, golabki (stuffed cabbage), kielbasa and kluski (cabbage/noodles) along with freshly made Polish desserts which included babka, chleb wgliny (Polish fruit-cake) and chrusciki (angel wings) made by Exalted Ruler Bill Reuter.

Elks members from all over the state were in attendance, including Past State President Steve Terrible, State Army of Hope Chairman Rich Tabachuck, State Secretary Bill Applegate, State Elks National Foundation Chairwoman Kathleen Ivey and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Joe Massimi.

There was seldom an empty table. The kitchen was a beehive of non-stop activity throughout the evening as members and volunteers cooked and prepared individual plates.

The dessert table was especially popular with the youth.

Almost Famous Players member Ryan Miller was a volunteer for the evening.

Debbie Czech noted that she and husband Joe ran the first Polish night four years ago. She declared it a sell-out, saying, "This year was no exception! It was truly a labor of love." A faithful "pierogi posse" helped her crank out over 1,000 of the tasty Polish meal staple. The stuffed cabbages were expertly crafted by Eileen Uken and Barbara Dowiak and their team of culinary assistants.

Proceeds from the event were donated to several of the Elks charities, including the Army of Hope (supporting Fallen and Wounded Soldiers), Special Children, Community Welfare and Youth Activities.

Pictured in the top right photo in the back row are Exalted Ruler-Bill Reuter, Al Mateyka, Irene Polance, Joe Czech (with rolling pin), Cynthia Freund, Ryan Miller and Lou Peralta. In the front row are Past Vice President Debbie Czech, Sharon Reuter and Alana Freund. Near right, Exalted Ruler Bill Reuter makes chrusciki. Pictured far right are Lou Peralta and Sharon Reuter at the door.



## Obituaries

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James and Rose Durkin of Edison; a sister, Patricia Cavanaugh of Temple, Pa.; a brother, James Henicheck of Florida; and six grandchildren, Jaclyn Cox Veasey, Jimmy Cox, Stephanie DiGiovanni and Jimmy, Gina and Jerry E. Durkin.

Funeral services were under the direction of McCriscin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Research Foundation, 22512 Gateway Dr. Center, Clarksburg, Md. 20871 or to Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08820.

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling the Entertainment Book for \$30.

Contact Lou Peralta at (908) 756-6406.

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FROM SNOW PLOWING CONTRACTORS

The Borough of South Plainfield is accepting proposals from Contractors to provide Snow Plowing service for the period commencing December 1, 2010 and ending April 1, 2011. Trucks utilized must be at least 1997 or newer and have a Manufacturer's Gross Vehicle Weight between 8,000 - 21,000 pounds. Those interested may pick up a Proposal Package from the Municipal Clerk's Office, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Completed packages must be submitted no later than November 30, 2010.

Any questions, please contact Robert Capparelli, Public Works Superintendent, at 908-755-2187 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$30.40 November 5, 2010

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

November 1, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on October 28, 2010.

A. Case # 30-10-Clear Wireless, LLC, Block 498; Lot 9; 100 Helen Street. The applicant's request for a use variance for the co-locations of a wireless telecommunication facility was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
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Tempil General Manager Roger Hornberger spins the United Way "Win a Prize" wheel.

## Tempil Employees Make a Commitment to United Way

The United Way is conducting its annual corporate workplace campaign. This year Tempil, an ITW Company located on Hamilton Blvd. in South Plainfield, participated in a unique way.

Tempil's campaign theme was "Commitment to Caring." ITW matched all employee donations made to the campaign.

The campaign kick-off began with a hot breakfast buffet. Two guest speakers attended, Meredith Barracato, United Way's Corporate Relations Manager, and a United Way volunteer who provided a testimonial on the help she has received from United Way. A barbecue lunch followed the buffet.

All Tempil employees participated in two fundraising games throughout the campaign—spin a chance to win a prize, which included E-Readers, digital cameras and a GPS, and a ring around a bottle toss to win bottles of wine or soda.

Tenisha Malcolm, creative associate for the United Way, said, "Many quality programs and initiatives would not succeed without the help of United Way. United Way would not exist if individuals and corporations like Tempil did not contribute to our campaign. A special word of thanks to Roger Hornberger, general manager at Tempil, and Accounting Manager Diane Cordero for all their wonderful support."

## Volunteers Wanted for Middlesex County Conservation Corps

Individuals are being sought for the Middlesex County Conservation Corps, whose mission is to protect and preserve natural areas from misuse, polluters and the forces of nature at the more than 7,000 acres of open space owned and maintained by Middlesex County.

The corps is administered by the Middlesex County Department of Parks and Recreation.

The annual Fall Trails Day event is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The event will begin off Riva Avenue in East Brunswick. Participants should follow signs

to the starting point, a parking lot on Riva Avenue just south of Derby Lane.

The projects will include trail work, clearing brush and invasive plants and trash pickup. The event will be held rain or shine. No special skills are required, although volunteer candidates should have an interest in being outdoors.

For more information and to obtain a volunteer application, contact Valerie Leone at Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Department, (732) 745-3064, or visit [www.co.middlesex.nj.us/parksrecreation/conserv-corp.asp](http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/parksrecreation/conserv-corp.asp).

By Danielle Aronowitz

Greetings from the library.

We have moved to a new circulation system and re-designed our website (same URL). With these system changes come new circulation policy changes. We will now charge a \$.50 fee regardless of whether or not you pick up your hold item. Another very important policy is regarding loan periods for A/V materials such as DVDs and VHS. New DVDs will still be a two day loan, but now regular DVDs (labeled with a seven day loan sticker) will be checked out 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 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 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, 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 is allowed one hour of Internet time with no renewals. Users 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/hr (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 and reservations cannot be made over the phone.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

We have an ongoing book sale where books are \$1 a bag. We have a wide variety of kids and adult books to choose from. We also have VHS tapes, DVDs, CD, Books on CD and cassette tapes. These are not \$1 a bag. The prices range from \$.50 to \$1. Come on in and check it out!

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 new movies that we own are *Babies*, *Iron Man 2*, *Get Him to the Greek*, *Solitary Man*, *Killers*, *Back Up Plan*, *Letters to Juliet*, *Disney's Prince of Persia*, *MacGruber*, *Marmaduke*, *Tinker Bell and the Great Fairy Rescue*, and Disney's *The Princess and the Frog*. Some new TV shows on DVD we own: *Last Season*, *Smallville Season 9*, *Vampire Diaries Season 1*, *Chuck Season 3*, *Glee Vol. 2*, *Road to Regionals*, *NCIS LA Season 1*, *NCIS Season 7*, *Castle Season 2*, *Office Season 6*, *The Good Wife Season 1*, *The Middle Season 1*, *Modern Family Season 1*, *Grey's Anatomy Season 6*, and *The Mentalist Season 2*. We also have new music from Kings of Leon, Drake, Sara Bareilles, Katy Perry, Jason Drulo, Kenny Chesney, Maroon 5, Miley Cyrus, Jewel and Christina Aguilera 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 only takes rechargeable batteries for recycling; any other type can be thrown out.

There will be a special Thanksgiving Kidcraft at the library on Monday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. for ages three and up. Registration is required. There is a limit of 36, so if you want to do the craft, sign up as soon as possible. There is a \$1 materials fee for the craft.

Storytimes are cancelled for Tuesday, Nov. 9; Wednesday, Nov. 10 and Thursday, Nov. 11. There will be no Babytime on Friday, Nov. 12, and all storytimes will resume on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

The library is open seven days a week except holidays during the school year. 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. and Sundays 1:30 to 5 p.m.

To find out more, or if you have questions, 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.

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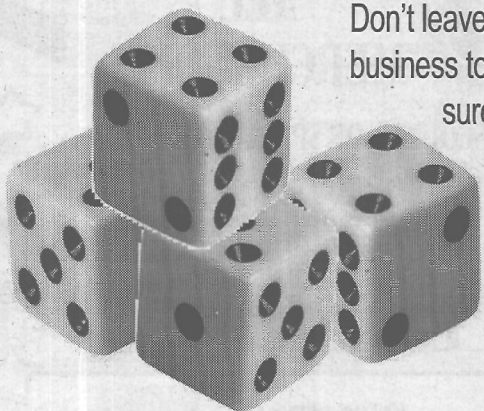
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