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## New Library Proposed by Feasibility Committee

**\$4.98M Would Cost Taxpayers \$13.26 Per Year**

Mayor Charles Butrico, chairman of the Library Feasibility Committee, made a presentation to the Borough Council at Monday's meeting on its recommendations for building a new library facility. The committee was formed to find a suitable and adequate space for the municipal library. He made the same presentation at last week's special Library Board meeting.

The current library was built in 1964 and has outgrown its space. In 2008, the question of a new library was placed on a Democracy Week ballot and turned down. Some of the comments made at that time by those who voted were that there wasn't enough parking spaces at the new site; they just didn't like the site; and the building would be too small.

Earlier this year, the Library Board attempted to lease space on Montrose Avenue, but the application was

denied by the Board of Adjustment. The mayor then proposed forming a library feasibility committee to help find a suitable space for the library.

Along with Butrico, the committee was made up of Councilmembers Rob Bengivenga and Chrissy Buteas, Library Board members Eric Aronowitz and Nina Roher and residents Bob Golon and Suzanne Lepore.

The committee's criteria included locating a site within one mile of borough hall, availability of adequate parking and a single story building with at least 15,000 sq. ft. of space. They began by studying several of the options proposed during the past year, including the building on Montrose Avenue, combining the public library with a school library, renting or purchasing an existing space, building a new facility, switching to a regional system or keeping the existing library

at the present location.

Building on Morris Avenue was eliminated because it was too far from the center of town and a portion of the property is Green Acres. The option of combining with the school libraries was also eliminated since there are no school libraries large enough and there would be security problems due to the public access. A scan of the central area of town eliminated renting or purchasing space. The site where a new library had been proposed in 2008 was also eliminated because recent DEP regulations disallowed building on that site. The option of switching to a regional library system was also eliminated due to the inconvenience it would cause for residents.

After exhausting these options, one remained—utilizing the existing site for a new library—which was

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This rendering depicts the proposed footprint of the new library in comparison to the existing facility.



### Tell Santa Your Holiday Wishes at Senior Ctr. Breakfast

The Borough of South Plainfield will hold a breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Tickets: \$6 per person. Complimentary pictures with Santa. Proceeds to benefit South Plainfield children who are less fortunate this holiday season.

Tickets are available by calling Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas at (908) 447-3466 or emailing christinebuteas@comcast.net.

## Mayor Donates Wedding Fees To Bring Holiday Cheer to Kids

Mayor Charles Butrico will play Santa Claus to 25 families, including 55 children, during this holiday season. Butrico will be donating the fees he has received for performing marriage ceremonies, a total of \$6,100.

Over the last four years Butrico has donated a little over \$20,000 to charitable organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, Make-A-Wish Foundation, the PBA Charity Fund, Suburban Woman's Club Fundraiser and Domestic Violence

Awareness team.

After speaking with Social Services Director Margaret Ackerman, Butrico decided to donate the \$6,100 to Domestic Violence Awareness and to sponsor 25 families along with their 55 children this holiday season. Instead of just giving a check, Butrico is personally purchasing gifts for the children (ages 1-18).

Butrico has been busy shopping and says he is enjoying every minute

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## It's Your Town... Get Involved! Volunteers Sought for Boards, Etc.

South Plainfield is seeking volunteers to serve on a board, agency, committee or commission commencing January 1, 2011. Vacancies exist on the majority of boards.

Anyone interested in applying should visit the borough's website at [www.southplainfieldnj.com](http://www.southplainfieldnj.com) for more information about the various

boards, agencies, committees and commissions, or to obtain an application. Applications may also be obtained from the borough clerk's office, 2480 Plainfield Ave., between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For further information, please contact Municipal Clerk Joann Graf at (908) 226-7606.

## The Royal Court

Seniors Jessica Scarpito and Brandon Downes were crowned South Plainfield High School 2010 Homecoming Queen and King. For coverage of homecoming activities turn to page 6 and 7.



## Taxpayers to Borrow \$590K To Fund BIT Tax Appeal

The Borough Council introduced a \$590,000 bond ordinance at Monday's meeting to pay for a large tax appeal settlement with BIT Holdings Fifty Three, Inc., owners of property located at Park and Oak Tree avenues, which includes the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. The three-year bond will cost the average taxpayer approximately \$16.50 a year.

Buteas voted against the introduction of the ordinance saying, "This Administration and Finance Committee had enough time to put funds in the budget to cover this tax appeal. They conveniently decided not to, so they could keep the tax rate lower before Election Day. Now the residents will have to pay back this tax appeal with interest. This Republican Administration is trying to pull the wool over the eyes of South Plainfield taxpayers. They have bonded to cover employee retirement payouts, pave a street, put in speed humps and a

playground and now this."

"The amount of this tax refund is unprecedented," said Councilman Rob Bengivenga. "If you notice in the news, it's something all towns are experiencing. Last time the council bonded for tax appeals, I was not supportive because the town borrowed even though money was available in land sales and had been set aside in the budget. Those funds should have been used first. This year that is not the case. This one appeal is several times what is normally set aside for tax appeals, and land sale money is not available. It's a totally different set of facts."

"My concern with the bonding is that the Administration and Finance Committee probably knew about this months ago, but decided to keep it quiet so they could keep their budget low. Some of this money should have clearly been budgeted for in the CY10

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South Plainfield Girl Scout Junior Troop 65883 made blankets and pillows to be donated to local social service agencies and Sylvia's Children, a non-profit agency which supports a school in Uganda, Africa. Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Council serves 26,000 girls and 11,000 adult volunteers in seven counties. For more information on Girl Scouting, call (908) 232-3236 or visit [www.GSHNJ.org](http://www.GSHNJ.org).





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## FYI

### Borough Council

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### council meetings

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

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

Agenda Meeting ..... Public Meeting

December 20 ..... December 20

Reorganization Meeting ..... January 2 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center

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. 10A: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

### 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

### board of education

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

Committee of the whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.)

2011: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and March 30.

Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.): 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. Dec. 21.

### environmental commission

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

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

(January date to be announced) at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605

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## In My Opinion

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

### To the Editor:

Hello, my name is Nicole Bartolotti and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our family, friends and all of South Plainfield for their support. The meals brought to our home, the baskets of food brought to the hospital, Thanksgiving dinner, the fundraisers to help my family in our time of need, the get well wishes sent to our home, the monetary donations and the blood drive in my husbands honor have been overwhelming.

I can't even begin to express to all of you how deeply touched we are that so many people have gone out of their way every day for almost a month to help keep things as close to normal for our son. It has been a really rough road and we know we have a ways to go, but I need all of you to know, from the bottom of my heart, just how grateful I am for everything that has been done for the Bartolotti Family.

When we moved here seven years ago people would ask, "How do you like South Plainfield?" I always answered, "It's a great place to raise a family." After everything that has happened to Jerry, our lives here have been changed forever and I am even more proud to say, "I love South Plainfield!" I have never seen how one community can make such a difference in one families life until now, and I will never forget what all of you have done for us.

God bless all of you and I wish you all a healthy, safe and happy holiday.

**NICOLE BARTOLOTTI**

### To the Editor:

On December 10, I will have a table at the Grant Elementary School pasta dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. I will be buying and selling coins, scrap gold/unwanted gold jewelry, paper money, precious metal bullion, sterling silver and vintage sports cards. Those items which require more time will have appointments set up at a future date.

A portion of my profits from both the purchases and sales will go towards "Stokes 2011." That includes all future purchases whose appointments were made at the event, or for those people who mention "Stokes." With gold and silver prices at 30-year highs, you would be amazed as to how little you need to get some much-needed money for the holidays while supporting a good cause.

I am paying for 550 flyers to be sent home with each student from Grant Elementary School. A more detailed list of the things that I buy and sell will be on the flyer. My ad also appears in this paper, and my website

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has more information about the fundraiser. Do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions.

**GREG HEIM**

### Dear Editor,

We're in between two bleak, dark dates in our nation's history: 9/11 and Pearl Harbor, both instigated by cowards and terrorists. Even though bleak and dark, we were reborn with patriotism and a great feeling of Americanism that we've never seen before. Both cowardly acts should have taught us several things, but sometimes you have to wonder if they did or not!

Pearl Harbor was a time before television when radio was king and the only source of news and entertainment for our nation. There was an era of good times for most before Pearl Harbor and 9/11. In a flash, those times were gone, along with thousands of lives, as Pearl Harbor was attacked, as New York was attacked.

It was a day that would live in "infamy," as President Roosevelt told an anxious nation after the attack on Pearl Harbor. If he was still alive today, I can't imagine what he would have said about 9/11! Words that Americans heard through scratchy radio speakers that brought America into the Second World War.

Today, many may not remember Pearl Harbor, but almost all of us have firsthand experience of the terrible attacks on September 11, 2001 which will be remembered for generations to come, just as we remember December 7, 1941.

The events of that September day, which started out so routine, quickly brought to mind the attack on Pearl Harbor. It's heartbreaking to know that it took another tragic event to get us all thinking about our history.

It's important for us to remember our history, both the high and the low points. Pearl Harbor was certainly a low point; 9/11 was a low point.

To many of us, Pearl Harbor was difficult to comprehend because it was before our time, and well before 9/11. Unfortunately, because of those cowards' attacks on 9/11, it is much easier now to feel the pain of our parents and grandparents.

We remember those who made the supreme sacrifice on December 7, 1941 and September 11, 2001. Taken in the prime of their lives by the all-consuming fires and explosions on what had started as peaceful mornings in Hawaii, New York at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pa. These are not

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pleasant anniversaries to recall.

Yet, the bond that joins men and women in uniform draws us to such ceremonies because it is our duty to help young Americans understand the terrible price our nation once paid for lack of vigilance. On these anniversaries we always recall those who lost their lives in these cowardly sneak attacks. I ask that we also remember those who survived the attack. America survived those days of national disgrace.

America will survive the recent attacks of 9/11, but the memory of December 7 must remain etched forever in the mind of succeeding generations. Along with the images of September 11, they must paint the unforgettable picture of the price assisted by a lack of military preparedness.

We pay no finer tribute to those who we remember on these days than to ensure that the nation for which they sacrificed remains free and strong enough to preserve its freedoms, no matter what the future holds.

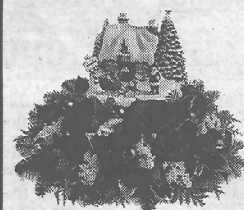
We must never lose that feeling of patriotism and Americanism even in these drastic economic times. We must never lose our faith as Americans because of who we are, and for the love, honor and respect for those who have gone before us as citizens and our military heroes. We must also have faith in all our volunteer military, including the National Guard, because they are the best in the world when properly equipped. We must remain committed to supporting the young men and women of our armed forces who go in harm's way every day on our behalf. Write them, pray for them, and thank God they serve America with honor, courage and commitment.

If we adhere to these principles and never forget those who gave their lives for us, we will prevail, terrorism will lose!

Thank you and God bless America and our troops! And let us never forget our POW and MIAs!

**THANK YOU,  
ROBERT W. LOOBY, AMERICAN  
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## JOY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

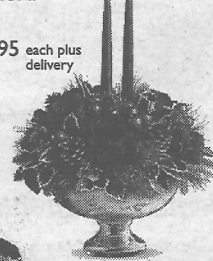


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The South Plainfield Education Foundation held the annual telethon this week. Money from donations go to the scholarship fund. Making calls to parents of South Plainfield students are (L-R) high school seniors Rebecca Smith, Rachele Alexa, Brigitte Kelly and Joelly Butrico.

## Annual Christmas Dinner, Toy Giveaway Needs Your Support

Shirley Thompson, along with family members and many volunteers from South Plainfield, will once again bring Christmas cheer to the elderly, disabled and those in need on Christmas Day. Last year, in addition to the 225 hot dinners that were delivered on Christmas morning, more than 90 children received Christmas gifts.

For the third year Shirley will utilize the facilities at Wesley Methodist Church, whose congregants have graciously opened the kitchen for her on Christmas eve. The hot dinner consists of turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce plus many other goodies. The dinner and gifts will be provided through the generous donations received from local businesses, organizations and individuals.

This year Shirley expects the needs to be greater than in the past and is

asking for assistance from the local community in donating any of the following items: children's and teenager's size clothing, pajamas, hats, gloves and scarves, socks, purses for teenagers, games, puzzles and coloring books.

All items should be new and unwrapped, and age-appropriate for children in elementary through high school. She will also be collecting non-perishable food and gift cards that will be used to purchase presents or food and other items needed to prepare the hot dinner for Christmas Day.

All donated items should be dropped off by December 16 to 131 Montrose Ave. Please be sure to put your name on the package so we can thank you in our yearly article in the *Observer*.

If you would like Christmas dinner or know of someone who is in need of a dinner, call Shirley at (908) 756-7686 by December 21.

## Holiday Giving For Needy Pets

The Plainfield Animal Hospital is collecting pet food donations to be distributed to needy pets for the holiday season. Please bring canned or dry pet foods to the drop off box at the animal hospital, 2215 Park Ave. from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8

a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted and used to purchase pet food for those in need.

Thank you for your generosity and may you have happy and healthy holidays. For more information, call (908) 755-2428.

## Natalie Bergen to Receive Library Award

By Libby Barsky

Natalie Bergen will receive an award from the Libraries of Middlesex County Automation Consortium as a longtime volunteer for the South Plainfield Friends of the Library organization. She will be honored at an awards reception on December 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick.

Every year the Libraries of Middlesex County ask the directors of each of its 27 members to nominate a candidate for the award. This year South Plainfield Public Library director Sunni Randolph selected Natalie for the award because of her longtime efforts as a founder and volunteer for the Friends of the Library.

"When I was young and living in Jersey City my mother took me to the library and I got a card," said Natalie. She spent many hours doing her high school homework in the public library and the library of Newark State Teacher's College (now Kean University). When she graduated, she taught third grade in Fanwood/Scotch Plains, then second grade in Plainfield and Title One classes in South Plainfield.

Natalie remembers her mother was always involved in the community, and following her mother's example she became a Brownie and Girl Scout leader and Den Mother for her six children. A member of the South Plainfield Board of Health for many years, she is also a member of the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club, currently serving as the Special State Project Chairperson for the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs.

In 1991 Ed Greenfield, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the South Plainfield Public Library, suggested the library start a Friends of the Library organization to help support the library with book sales. The library has always had limited shelf space and when more space was needed the out of date books could be sold.

Natalie, who has been named "the last Friends of the Library member standing," according to Randolph, wouldn't take credit for being the groups founder.



Library Director Sunni Randolph and Natalie Bergen.

"Friends of the Library started with Ed Greenfield talking to me and my husband Jim about the need for the organization. Friends was founded with seven people, my husband and myself, Harold Smead, Kay Kuzio, Otto Sodoma, James Schmidt with Ed Greenfield setting up the legal work. The Friends of the Library held its first open house in February 1992 at the library. We invited the members of the borough council, Mayor Michael Woskey, as well as members from all of the organizations in town. And people signed up and joined," said Natalie.

Two huge scrapbooks filled with photos, programs and newspaper articles describing the many fundraisers and programs held by the Friends of the Library are part of the library collection. The scrapbooks also describe restaurant nights at Burger King where a portion of the sales went to the library and plant and bake sales on Valentine's Day often in conjunction with book sales. Money raised was used to bring in special programs keyed to the season, such as a program on Celtic designs and shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day, how to make Gingerbread Houses for Christmas

and authors speaking about their books. The South Plainfield High School Chorus performed in February 1995 to help celebrate the library's 60th anniversary.

With the rise of households needing two paychecks during the past decade, the number of Friends members has declined. Berger is now seeking to revitalize the membership. She is trying to enlist those interested in preserving, supporting and strengthening the library to join the Friends of the Library, especially at this time in the borough's history when the library is seeking to build a new site.

"The funds collected through the book sale, the ongoing candy sale and other promotions will be used toward the new building," Natalie said.

For information on becoming a Friend of the Library, contact Natalie Bergen at (908) 756-8679 or the library at (908) 754-7885.

### Correction

In last week's *Observer*, the My Way Carpet ad had the wrong phone number. The correct phone number is 1-877-699-2922. See My Way Carpet's ad below.

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



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# events

## Around Town

### Grant School Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

December 10

Don't cook Friday night! Take Friday night off and bring the family out for pasta. Grant School PTO will host a pasta dinner to support the 2011 Stokes trip. Enjoy pasta, salad, bread, dessert and more. Join us on Friday, Dec. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Grant School. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children and free for kids under three.

For more information, visit <http://stokes2011.webs.com/apps/calendar/> or call Sue Alexadrowicz at (908) 797-6218.

### Coping with Grief During the Holidays

December 11

The McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals will be hosting a grief seminar entitled "Coping with Grief During the Holidays" on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Flanagan's Restaurant, 2501 Plainfield Ave. The program will be presented by Jessie Flynn, certified grief specialist.

Come join us and learn about steps for grieving which may ease your pain and make the season more enjoyable. All are welcome.

For more information, call (908) 561-8000 or email [info@mccriskinfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mccriskinfuneralhome.com).

### Chronicles of Narnia Celebration at Regal

December 11

In celebration of the "Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of The Dawn Treader" opening at Regal Hadley theatre today, come to the theatre on Saturday, Dec. 11 for fun and giveaways for all. Children will be fingerprinted by South Plainfield Police Department's D.A.R.E. program. Play and review games provided by GameStop, and learn ways to stay healthy from L.A. Fitness.

### Breakfast With Santa at the Elks Club

December 12

The South Plainfield Elks #2298, 1254 New Market Ave. will host breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon. Santa will

be there to greet the children and to take pictures. The menu will feature pancakes, eggs made to order, French toast, bacon, sausage, homefries, toast, juice and coffee. Cost: \$6/adults; \$5/seniors; \$4/children ages 3-12; children age two and under are free.

For more information, call (908) 668-9750.

### Hanging of the Greens at Wesley Methodist

December 12

Wesley will decorate the church sanctuary liturgical with music on Sunday, Dec. 12 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Each green piece has significant spiritual meaning which will be explained each time a green is hung. This will create the mood for the Christmas celebration.

Wesley youth will visit local nursing homes and shut-in members on Sunday, Dec. 19.

For more information, call (908) 757-2838 or Pastor Nehemiah at (908) 251-3992.

### Free Tickets to Edison Valley Playhouse

December 12

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission presents *Rented Christmas, The Musical* at the Edison Valley Playhouse, 2196 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free; reservations required.

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ets, call Ken at (908) 769-5938. Seating is limited. Reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. Leave detailed message with call back number.

### Grant School Five Below Fundraiser

December 12-18

Holiday shopping? All week long, December 12-18, Five Below (by Target) in South Plainfield will donate a portion of their profits to support Grant School's 2011 Stokes trip.

Must bring flyer. Print flyer at <http://stokes2011.webs.com/apps/calendar/>.

### Friendly's Family Fun Night Fundraiser

December 13

Moms, don't cook tonight! On Monday, Dec. 13 from 5 to 7:45 p.m., Friendly's Restaurant on Stelton Road in Piscataway will donate a portion of their profits to support Grant School's 2011 Stokes trip. Print your flyer at <http://stokes2011.webs.com/apps/calendar/>. Must bring flyer!

### Breakfast with Santa

December 18

The Borough of South Plainfield will hold a breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Tickets: \$6 per person. Complimentary pictures with Santa. Proceeds to benefit South Plainfield children who are less fortunate this holiday season.

Tickets are available by calling Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas at (908) 447-3466 or emailing [christinebuteas@comcast.net](mailto:christinebuteas@comcast.net).

### SENIOR CENTER Calendar

#### Coming Up....

Dec. 19—Christmas Luncheon, \$5

#### 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

(Closed Christmas Eve)  
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](http://www.southplainfieldnj.com)

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

### American Legion Breakfast with Santa

December 19

The American Legion Chaumont Post 243, 243 Oak Tree Ave. will host its third country breakfast buffet on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 8 a.m. until noon. The auxiliary is preparing a bountiful buffet featuring pancakes, eggs, ham, potatoes, French toast, breakfast casseroles and more. Santa Claus will also visit during the buffet. Cost: \$6/adults; children 6-12, \$3; children under six are free. All proceeds benefit the Chaumont Post 243 Scholarship Fund.

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#### Musical Celebration at Crossroads

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Tickets: \$40 for adults. Purchase at CrossroadsTheatreCompany.org or by calling (732) 545-8100. Ticket for children ages 5-12 free with the purchase of one adult ticket at regular price.

#### Upscale Singles Dance Party

December 11

Steppin' Out Singles will host an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 20 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/t-shirts/sneakers. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call (732) 656-1801.

#### First Noel Performed

December 11

The Choir of Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, located at Stuyvesant Avenue and Chestnut Street in Union, will perform *The First Noel—A Christmas Cantata* on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. A candle-lit service and a time for carol singing will inspire you for the Christmas season. All are welcome.

#### Christmas Concert

December 12

Plainfield Gesang-und-Turn-Verein, Inc. will hold a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. After the concert, enjoy the festivities with a cup of coffee and Christmas stollen. Santa will bring the little ones surprises and gifts. Admission: \$17 in advance; \$20

at the door. Children under 14 are free. For advance tickets, call Victor at (908) 276-8572.

#### A Festival of Carols

December 12

Trinity Reformed Church, 401 Greenbrook Rd. (corner of Greenbrook and West End Avenue), will hold a festival of carols on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. Enjoy seasonal music and stories, carol singing and refreshments. Bring a friend.

#### Crescent Avenue Christmas Carols

December 12

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7th Street and Crescent Avenue in Plainfield, will hold its annual Christmas carol program on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Handicap access, bathrooms and large print programs are available.

For more information, call (908) 756-2468.

#### Christmas Concert at Mt. St. Mary

December 12

Mount Saint Mary Academy, located at 1645 Rt. 22 West at Terrill Road will hold a Christmas concert and reception on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. Free will offering.

#### Seasonal Traditions at Olde Towne Village

December 12

The Holiday Program at East Jersey Olde Towne Village, 1050 River Rd. in Piscataway begins on Sunday, Dec. 12. This brilliant exhibit of antique holiday ornaments dating from the 1840s to the 1940s includes Victorian glass and paper tree ornaments, German Kugels, early light sets from 1910 to 1930 and various lithographs and prints.

To register for these free programs, please call (732) 745-3030.



Julie Yon, an emergency medical technician (EMT), was recently honored for her dedicated service to the South Plainfield EMS. She received a plaque during Investors Savings Bank's grand opening. Julie's family also serve in the rescue squad; husband Andy is an EMT; daughter Katie is a driver; and son A.J. is a cadet. From now until December 18, Investors will contribute \$25 each time a person, family or business opens a new account at the South Plainfield branch, located at 2449 Plainfield Avenue. Pictured (L-R) are Investors' Branch Manager Daniel Eatman, Deputy Chief Steve Morales, Ms. Yon, Chief Edward LaFerrera, Investors' COO Domenick Cama and Customer Service Associate Supervisor Patrizia Cetta.

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## SPBA Blood Drive In Honor of Gerald Bartolotti

By Jean Fultz

South Plainfield Business Association (SPBA) members were in the planning stages of the blood drive they hold each year when a freak accident that seriously injured a South Plainfield resident was brought to their attention. Carl Adlassnig, SPBA member and chairman of the blood drive, received an email asking if the drive could be held in honor of Gerald "Jerry" Bartolotti. In his letter to the SPBA, family friend Brian Shaw stated that Jerry was the sole provider for his family that includes wife, Nicole and his seven year old son who attends Franklin School.

Bartolotti, 49, was injured in November when he was pinned against a tree at a Long Hill construction site after his 1995 Peterbilt truck began rolling unoccupied down a hill. Bartolotti, who is an owner/operator, tried to jump into the truck on the passenger side in an attempt to apply the

brakes. The truck lurched forward and rolled into a ditch, pinning Bartolotti between the truck and the tree.

After a two hour rescue operation, he was flown to Robert Wood Johnson. Since then he has undergone several surgeries to treat his injuries, which had been described as "crushing." He has already required more than 105 pints of blood.

The SPBA blood drive, in conjunction with the New Jersey Blood Center, will be held in honor of Bartolotti on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. All donors will receive a pair of NJ Nets basketball tickets and a Chick-Fil-A coupon redeemable at the Woodbridge Center Mall. Monetary donations for

the family will also be accepted that day, and will be administered through a bank account set up for the family at Columbia Bank on Oak Tree Ave. Check donations can be made payable to "Gerald Bartolotti Trust Fund" and mailed to Columbia Bank, 620 Oak Tree Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Donors must be 17 years of age or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. There is no upper age limit for donors as long as they are in good health with no medical problems.

To make an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-933-2566 or for more information, visit [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org). Walk-ins are also welcome.

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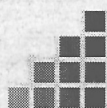
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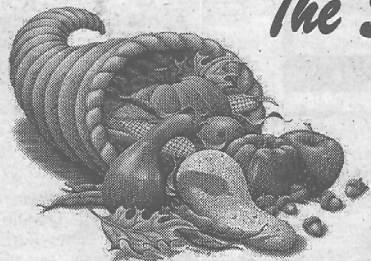
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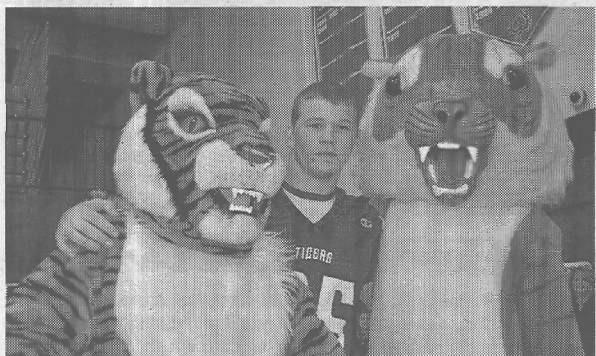
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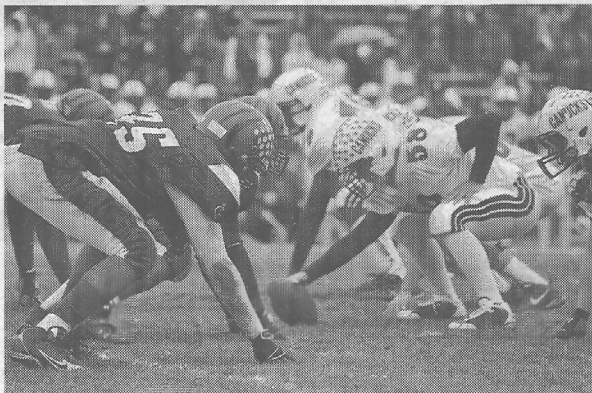




The Tiger mascots are Anthony Ashnault and Paul Seyffart with Mike Molinaro.



Members of the winning Powder Puff team, the senior girls.



SPHS Color Guard



## Pre-Game

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield community rallied in preparation for the annual SPHS Thanksgiving Day football game. The annual event kicks off with the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen at a pageant held two days prior to Thanksgiving Day.

The pre-game day festivities included 100 high school junior and senior girls facing off in a well-attended Powder Puff game, a pep rally and bonfire. The festivities culminated with the Thanksgiving Day football game against longtime rival, North Plainfield High School.

The homecoming pageant was held in the school's auditorium on November 23. Nominees arrived dressed to the nines; the ladies in gowns and the gentlemen in suits. Officiating was emcee Bill Cochrane.

The tradition of the homecoming pageant originated in the mid-1950s and was open exclusively to senior girls. The addition of a homecoming king occurred sometime during the 1980s.

Seniors vying for the title of homecoming queen were Taylor Adorna, Rachel Alexa, Joanna Bosse, Lauren Conrad, Nikki Disch, Kaitlyn Graziano, Keely Joaquim, Jennifer Martinez and Jessica Scarpitto. Competing for the title of king were Ryan Billich, Brandon Downes, Richard Rotella and Edward Sullivan.

Nominees must have participated in two extracurricular activities, had no disciplinary actions against them and must maintain a minimum GPA. Nominees are then presented to the student body for a vote.

Each nominee, escorted by a member of the junior class, was presented with a rose as they walked the runway. Cochrane delivered a brief bio on each nominee, noting their GPA, school and non-curricular activities. The list was then narrowed down to finalists and subsequently, to the winners.

Eddie Sullivan and Keely Joaquim earned honorable mention; second runners up were Richard Rotella and Jennifer Martinez. The first runners up were Ryan Billich and Lauren Conrad. Jessica Scarpitto and Brandon Downes were named 2010 Homecoming Queen and King.

Escorts for the evening were Lainie Harris, Michelle O'Sullivan, Kelly McLaughlin, James Butrico, Joseph Skwiat, Nii Mills and Emily Pittenger.

The most recent addition to South Plainfield's homecoming celebration is the Powder Puff football game. Senior and junior class girls face off in a serious, and fun, event. The two teams of 50 girls each played as fiercely as the Tiger football players in an effort to claim victory. The hour long game was played on the field behind the school; it was attended by a huge crowd, much larger than previous years, attesting to the game's popularity.

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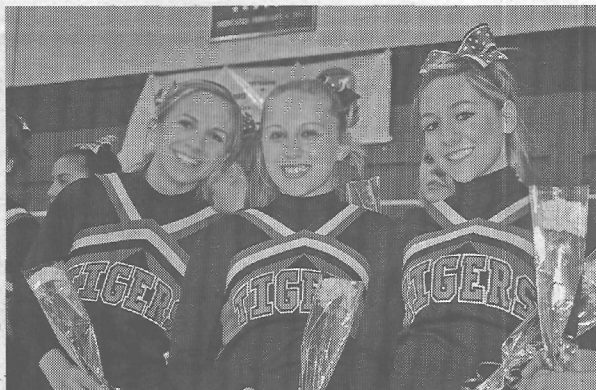
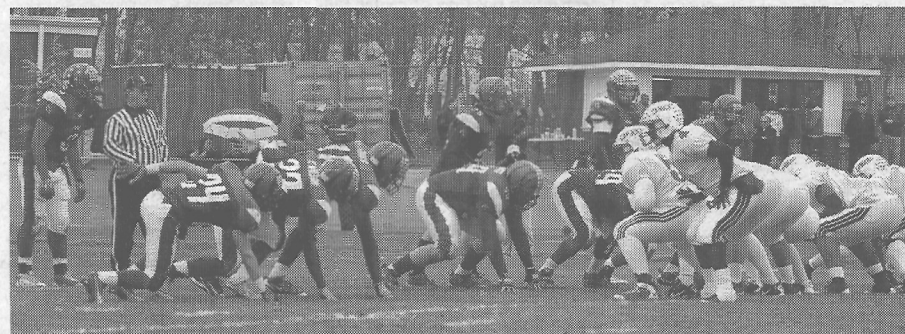
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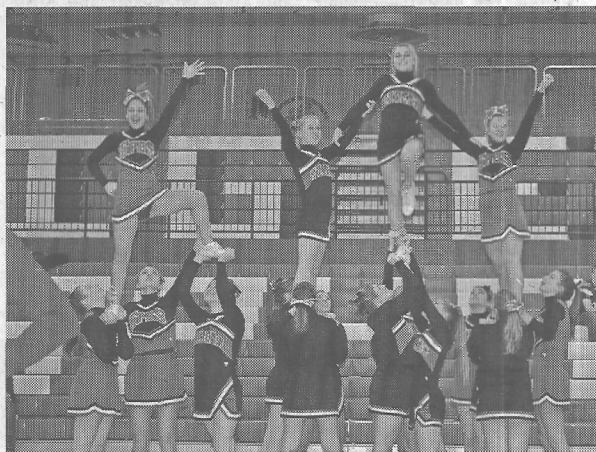


Homecoming King and Queen first runners up are Ryan Billich and Lauren Conrad (above left). Second runners up were Jennifer Martinez and Richard Rotella (above right).

# Traditions Ignite Tiger Hopes



Cheerleaders Ashley Linick, Lanna Arki and Meg Whitney



SPHS Varsity Cheer squad

Most of the fans stood to watch along the fence that runs the length of the field, others sat on bleachers. Many held handmade signs encouraging their favorite team or particular player. The game ended with the seniors reigning supreme, 21-14.

During halftime, the senior boys put on an entertaining show with their own version of cheerleading and a dance act directed by Mallory Christ.

The senior team was coached by Paul Correia; junior coach was Anthony Emmons. Officiating the game were Joseph Cirigiliano and James Darby.

Later on in the evening, the annual pep rally and bonfire were held.

The rally featured those involved in the Thanksgiving Day game, including cheerleaders and football players. Underclassmen in each group were introduced first, followed by senior members of the cheer squad, color guard, band and the Tiger football players who would face their biggest rival, the North Plainfield High School Canucks.

The cheerleaders and guard had an opportunity to strut their stuff, rallying the crowd's school spirit. The crowd then headed outside behind the school for the traditional bonfire. A fir tree, the symbol of the

rival Canucks, topped the pile of wooden pallets that had been stacked up earlier in the day. Fire department members were on hand as the fire was lit for the traditional blaze and students joined in support of the Tigers and their hopes of winning the "big game" against North Plainfield.

Thanksgiving Day began cold and gray, but spirits soared. Fans filled the bleachers. The tension was high, and after the coin toss the fight for the title began. On the field watching every moment were officials, coaches and teachers.

As the game wore on, the score went back and forth. Tiger fans screamed and shouted as the final minutes played. The Tigers were defeated by North Plainfield, 36-28.

North Plainfield has won all nine games since the traditional Thanksgiving Day game was reinstated in 2002 after a long break. North Plainfield leads the series 23-13-1. "We played our hearts out today," commented South Plainfield coach Philip McGuane. "North Plainfield is



a heck of a team, and our kids came out and played them toe to toe. It was a whale of a football game. We're going to end up 2-8 but our kids have continued to work and play hard, and that's a sign of tremendous character."

Student Council Advisor Anthony Enicinos said, "SPHS homecoming is a great time of year that really unites our school, and allows our talented student body to shine!"



SPHS Cheerleaders and the Tiger mascot.

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# Obituaries

## Dolores D. Wachauf, 76

Dolores D. (Hornig) Wachauf died on Thursday, Dec. 2 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Newark, she has been a resident of South Plainfield since 1959. After high school, Dolores worked for Prudential Life Insurance as a clerk, and from 1980-1990, she worked in the cafeteria of the Plainfield School District. Dolores spent most of her time caring for her family as a homemaker.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, Dolores leaves behind her husband, Raymond E. and two children, Cathy Ann Wachauf of East Brunswick and Raymond A. and wife Laura of South Plainfield. She will be missed dearly by two granddaughters, Christina Marie Slatky and Caitlin D. Wachauf.

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

## Antoinette (Fusco) DeLucca, 79

Antoinette (Fusco) DeLucca died on Monday, Nov. 29 at home.

Born and raised in Roma, Italy, Mrs. DeLucca arrived in the United States in 1948 and lived in Plainfield. In 1964 Antoinette moved to South Plainfield before relocating to Little Egg Harbor in 1987.

Mrs. DeLucca worked as an electronic technician for Western Electric in Kearny and later for Dranetz Engineering in Edison.

While living in Plainfield and South Plainfield, Antoinette was a member

of the North Plainfield Italian American Club and once she settled in Little Egg Harbor became a member of the Little Egg Harbor Italian American Club.

Surviving are her husband, Anthony; two daughters, Deborah DeLucca Grundtisch and husband Robert Cornine of Little Egg Harbor and Frances DiCarlo and husband Robert of Martinsville; and a brother, Giuseppe Fusco of Roma, Italy.

Also surviving are six grandchildren, Maxwell, Peter and Daniel Grundtisch and Mark, Stephanie and Alissa DiCarlo.

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

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to NTAF-Second Chance ([www.ntafund.org](http://www.ntafund.org)) care of Antoinette DeLucca or to the Holy Redeemer Hospice, 1228 Rt. 37 West, Toms River, N.J. 08755.

## Jennie V. Pollack, 99

Jennie V. (Garafalo) DeRosa Pollack died on Thursday, Dec. 2 at the Woodlands Care Center in Plainfield.

Born on November 4, 1911 in Bernardsville to Elpidio and Anne Garafalo, she grew up in Plainfield. She lived in Dunellen from 1958 until 1975, then back to Plainfield before moving to Piscataway in 1999.

Jennie had worked as an assembler for more than 25 years for the Burger Tubing Co. of Middlesex before retiring in 1981.

She was a longtime parishioner of St. John's RC Church in Dunellen and a member of the Piscataway Senior Citizens.

She is predeceased by two husbands, Pat DeRosa in 1941 and John Pollack in 1990, as well as two grandchildren, Denise LaSasso and Robbie DeRosa, and 10 siblings, Sue, Louise, Lena, Mary, Martha, Dolores, Sandra, Pete, Martin and James.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Robert Bender of Piscataway; a son, Julius DeRosa of

Jensen Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren, Jamie, Dean and Sandra LaSasso and Lisa DeRosa; and five great-grandchildren, Tricia, Stephanie, James, Brittany and Erin.

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

## Francis P. Maletz, 80

Francis P. "Uncle Frank" Maletz died on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Bridgeway Care Center in Bridgewater.

Born and raised in Bound Brook, Francis moved to Middlesex in 1955 and settled in The Avalon Assisted Living in Bridgewater in 2001.

He was honorably discharged from the United States Army Reserve Corps and retired as master sergeant. From 1954-1992, Francis was employed by the U.S. Postal Service where he worked as a letter carrier, and many on his route knew him as "Mr. Frank."

Francis was a member of St. Frances Cabrini RC Church in Piscataway and the Knights of Columbus Council #2510 in Bound Brook. In Middlesex, many people knew Francis as "Uncle Frank."

Francis is predeceased by his wife, Dorothy (Grywalski); four brothers, Henry, Stanley, John and Stanley; and two sisters, Jean and Anna.

He leaves behind a son, Mark of North Carolina; a sister, Helen Gessner of Flemington; two sisters-in-law, Irene Wanzie of Piscataway and Dolores Baldyga of South Jersey; and many nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grand-nephews.

His niece, Kathryn, and husband Joseph Santoro were his guardian angels for the last 10 years.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations sent to Juvenile Diabetes, Mid-Jersey Chapter, 28 Kennedy Blvd., East Brunswick, N.J. 08816 or Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, 401 Hackensack Ave., 9th Floor, Hackensack, N.J. 07601 would be appreciated.

# Sports

SOCCER CLUB U-10 Spartans

By Donald J. Ardito

## U-10 Spartans Complete Undefeated Season

The Spartans finished the fall season with an undefeated record of 10-0, with an exciting 5-3 come from behind victory in West Orange.

The boys began their surge just before halftime, when Marc Giordano netted his first goal of the afternoon. Coach Wendell Born and Terrence McCoid made a key tactical decision during halftime in moving stalwart defender Ian McCoid into goal and placing Chris Shine into the demanding position of center full-back. The Spartans continued the scoring with a second goal from Giordano to tie the game 2-2. With three straight goals from striker Johann Parra and much help from Mikey Marrero, the Spartans turned a deficit to an overwhelming 5-2 advantage.

As the game continued, the stout

defense, led by Ryan DeGroot, Irwin Palaez and Alex Wasilewski, kept the ball out of their zone which allowed midfielder Chris Born to continually move the ball up front to the offense and lead his teammates. Forwards Alex Ardito, Nick Mazzelli and John O'Brien pushed the ball deep in West Orange's zone, keeping the tough hometown Tornado team off balance and unable to mount much offense. The hard fought road to victory capped off the Spartans unblemished season that began back in September. Missing the game for the Spartans was goalkeeper and defender Kenny Vota.

Many thanks to the coaches, trainers and parents who made the season such a success on the field.

Congratulations Spartans!



SPHS Bowling

By Ralph Fech

## Lady Tigers, Perth Amboy Play to 2-2 Tie

|             |     |     |     |       |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| SPHS        | 611 | 644 | 642 | 1,897 |
| PERTH AMBOY | 713 | 619 | 608 | 1,929 |

The girls' bowling team won two of three games but was edged out in the total pin count and had to settle for a tie match against Perth Amboy.

Nikki Disch was the lone bright spot for the Lady Tigers as she rolled the high game of 169.

Katrina Garcia supplied the fire power for the Panthers with games of 190-181-177 for a solid 548 set which made the difference in the match.

## Tiger Bowlers Edged by Perth Amboy

|             |     |     |     |       |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| SPHS        | 790 | 793 | 728 | 2,311 |
| PERTH AMBOY | 793 | 854 | 822 | 2,469 |

Despite Andrew Yon's 212 game, the Tigers fell in the first game by a scant three pins. The young Tigers were competitive in the next two games but could not keep up the pace of the Amboy squad who feature a couple of hard throwing two-handed delivery bowlers.

Sophomore Tom Riccardi earned scoring honors for the Tigers with 177-178-521 set while sophomore teammate Joe Parillo chipped in with a 211 game.

Next week: Powerhouse and T of C state champion Sayreville visits the Tiger Den.

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1911

NOTICE OF PENDING

BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on December 6, 2010.

It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, in the Borough on December 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Ordinance Amending Section 3(b) of Bond Ordinance #1890 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Finally Adopted May 3, 2010 in Order to Amend the Description of the Project."

Purpose: Section 3(b) of Bond Ordinance #1890 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, finally adopted May 3, 2010 which provides for the acquisition of a front end loader is amended to read as follows:

| Purpose   | Appropriation and Estimated Cost | Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes | Periods of Usefulness |
|---|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| b) Acquisition of a front end loader and a mason dump truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto. | \$137,000                        | \$130,000                                  | 15 years              |

Appropriation: \$0

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0

Grant Appropriated: N/A

Section 20 Costs: \$0

Useful Life: N/A

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

ATTEST:

Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$55.82

December 10, 2010

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Sports

RECREATION WRESTLING

By Joe Sacco

Hedden and DelVecchios

Battle to Win Belts

Giordano, Campagna, Penyak & Loniewski Strike Gold

This past weekend, Dan Hedden, Jacob DelVecchio and Zach DelVecchio became the first South Plainfield wrestlers to win belts at the Bridgewater Battle for the Belt Wrestling Tournament. This year's tournament featured over 400 wrestlers from the tri-state area and is highly regarded as one of the toughest tournaments in the state. Each wrestler went undefeated in their weight classes to claim the championship belt. Also placing in their respective weight classes were Brenden Hedden and Tommy Fierro finishing in second place and Alex Amato in fourth place.

In the novice division, South Plainfield brought home the gold in four separate weight classes. Taking first for the Tigers were J.J. Giordano, Jack Campagna, Anthony Penyak and Nick Loniewski with second place finishes going to Justin Bell and Marcus Czarrunchick.

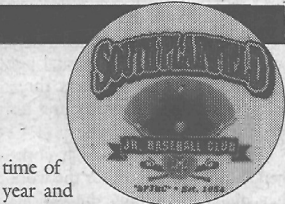
The young Tigers are in action this Sunday at the PAL starting at 9:30 a.m. Please come out to see the future of South Plainfield wrestling.

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL

CLUB NOTES

**Registration:** We have completed our final spring registration for this year. However, it's not too late to register. Just download the registration form from our website, [www.league.lineup.com/spjbc](http://www.league.lineup.com/spjbc), fill it out and mail it along with your check to the address on the form. Avoid a \$20 late fee by sending it in before January 1, 2011. The executive board is very busy this



time of year and receipt of your child's registration as early as possible is important for planning an enjoyable and successful spring season.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and joyous holiday season.

Have You Got Your Discount Cards?

The SPHS Football Moms are finishing up their fundraising for this season. Get your discount cards before they're gone. Save big at many local businesses. Cards are \$20 each.

Contact either Debbie Malecki at

(908) 208-4136 or Barbara White-fleet at (732) 742-5421 to get your card and start saving today.

Thank you for supporting the SPHS Football Team!



WCTC-AM staff, including Jack Ellery (holding check), display banner signed by local residents to be presented to the Eric LeGrand Believe Fund.

WCTC-AM Listeners Contribute to

Eric LeGrand 'Believe' Fund

Six thousand dollars will be added to the "Eric LeGrand Believe Fund" thanks to contribution raising efforts by WCTC radio (AM 1450) morning personality Jack Ellery and the midday host and program director, Bert Baron.

The fund was established in efforts to defray expenses for paralyzed Rutgers football player Eric LeGrand, a defensive lineman from Colonia. LeGrand suffered a serious spinal injury while making a tackle in the Rutgers-Army football game in October.

"As soon as we heard about the fund, the radio station decided to see how we could aid," stated Ellery, a long-time staple at the New Brunswick-based facility. "We have done things like this through all the years I have been with WCTC, so we went to our audience once again, and once again they came through."

Morning Program Director, Bruce Johnson said, "There have been so many worthy causes we have supported through the years, it's difficult to remember them all. WCTC was instrumental in buying a school bus for the St. Francis Mission in South Dakota. We sent truckloads of food and

clothing, all donated by our listeners, to Florida after several devastating hurricanes. We raised a great deal of money to buy phone cards for the troops in Iraq, and our efforts for the tsunami victims in Sri Lanka saw our listeners contributing \$25,000. And, that's just the tip of the iceberg," Johnson concluded.

"Jack Ellery is a fund-raising demon," stated WCTC General Manager Dan Henrickson. "I doubt that there is another radio personality in America who has done more than Jack Ellery for folks in need. He has been associated with the station, on and off, since 1962. There is no one I know who can encourage an audience to raise

money for worthy causes quite like Jack. But he's not entirely alone in the effort. Our mid-day personality, Bert Baron, with the help of the Qdoba restaurant in New Brunswick also brought in a considerable amount for Eric LeGrand," the GM concluded.

LeGrand, paralyzed from the shoulders down, received some encouraging news recently when his condition was upgraded. Though still paralyzed, the new diagnosis now allows the possibility that his condition might someday improve.

WCTC Promotions Director Dave Kirby concluded by stating, "Never say never when Jack Ellery and our staff get going."

A Night of Remembrance

The Middlesex, Piscataway and South Plainfield Funeral Homes would like to help you pay tribute to your loved one during this holiday season. Please join us for a Night of Remembrance on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 485 Hoes Lane in Piscataway. (Please note: The location selected was chosen as a place of public accommodation, not for its religious affiliation.)

We invite you to join other families who will be honoring the memory of those that they have lost in the past year through prayer, reflection and a celebration of their lives. A personalized ornament will be presented to each family, and following the service, there will be light refreshments in the church hall.

R.S.V.P. to (732) 968-2828 with the number of family members who will attend.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1909

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "SEWERS" was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, December 10, 2010 and a public hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

the following be and is hereby amended as follows:

Schedule A

Annual Sewer Rental - 2011

(Effective for bill periods beginning January 1, 2011)

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

(1) Residential structures

(1A) Residential structures

\$315.00

per service unit

(1B) Residential structures

reduced rate:

\$157.50 per service unit.

All recipients of the \$250.00 real property tax deduction granted in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 1963, C. 172 (R.S. 54:4-8.41) shall be given a deduction in the sewer rental rate that will result in a net annual rate not exceeding \$157.50.

(2) Commercial users

Minimum annual sewer service unit user charge for any Commercial user connected to the Borough Sanitary Sewer System shall be five hundred and eighty dollars (\$580.00). The following rates are for actual consumption in 100 cubic feet of water used per information supplied by the water company(ies).

(2A) Class 1

\$6,791.00

(2B) Class 2

\$9,140.00

(2C) Class 3

\$10,030.00

(2D) Class 4

\$5,710.00

(2E) Class 5

\$5,492.00

(2F) Class 6

\$5,497.00

(2G) Class 7

\$7,015.00

(2H) Class 8

\$5,530.00

(2I) Class 9

\$7,128.00

(3) Industrial Establishment Users

(3A) Monitored Industrial establishments:

Notwithstanding any rates set forth herein to

the contrary, in no case shall the charge for Monitored Industrial users be less than the charge for an equal volume of flow as otherwise would be determined utilizing the commercial establishments rate set forth in Commercial User (2C) Class 3 rate \$10,030 or for a minimum annual user charge of five hundred dollars and forty (\$580.00), whichever is higher. In addition to the loading and flow charges, the Monitored Industrial User shall pay for the cost of sampling and laboratory testing of the wastewater.

(3A) Flow Million Gallons

\$3,725.00

(3B) BOD per Ton

\$860.25

(3C) SS per Ton

\$1,100.00

(3D) Chlorine Demand per CWT

\$87.25

(3E) Unmonitored Industrial User

\$10,945

per 100 cubic feet

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:

Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$61.58

December 10, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE # 1912

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS OWING TO OTHERS FOR TAXES LEVIED RESULTING FROM SETTLED TAX APPEALS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$590,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$590,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

The Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to pay an aggregate amount not

exceeding \$590,014.88 for amounts owed by the Borough to the owner of Bit Holdings Fifty-Three Inc. located on Park and Oak Tree in the Borough, as more specifically known as Block 222, Lot 1 on the tax maps of the Borough and for the costs associated therewith.

An aggregate amount not exceeding \$29,985.12 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51(b) has been included in the aggregate principal amount of refunding bonds authorized herein.

In order to finance the cost of the project described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$590,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

In anticipation of the issuance of the refunding bonds, negotiable tax appeal refunding notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. All tax appeal refunding notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations.

All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time, but all such notes including renewals shall mature and be paid no later than the fifth anniversary of the date of the original notes; provided, however, that no notes shall be renewed beyond the first or any succeeding anniversary date of the original notes unless an amount of such notes, at least equal to the first legally payable installment of the bonds in anticipation of which the notes are issued, determined in accordance with the maturity schedule for the bonds approved by the Local Finance Board, is paid and retired on or before such anniversary date; and provided, further, that the period during which the tax appeal refunding notes and any renewals thereof and any permanent bonds are outstanding, shall not exceed the period set for the maturity of the bonds by the Local Finance Board.

The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price

obtained and the name of the purchaser.

The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 6. The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$590,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations 1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 9. A certified copy of this refunding bond ordinance as adopted on first reading has been filed with the Director of the Division of Local

Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey prior to final adoption, together with a complete statement in the form prescribed by the Director and signed by the chief financial officer of the Borough as to the indebtedness to be financed by the issuance of the refunding bonds authorized herein.

Section 10. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law, provided that the consent of the Local Finance Board has been endorsed upon a certified copy of this ordinance as finally adopted. This bond ordinance, and the authorization herein to issue tax appeal refunding notes, shall expire 365 days from the effective date.

Introduced: December 8, 2010

Published: December 10, 2010

ATTEST:

Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk

\$90.88

December 10, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1910

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 187, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, December 10, 2010 and a public hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 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

BE IT ORDAINED BY the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Borough, Chapter 187 of the Borough of South Plainfield be amended to add the following:

All vehicles shall be prohibited from making a right-hand turn from the western most driveway exiting the property commonly known as 450 Oak Tree Road to travel eastbound on Oak Tree Road. All violators of this Ordinance shall be subject to a minimum penalty of \$100.00, and maximum penalty of \$1,000.00 for each violation to be determined in the discretion of the Court.

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

ATTEST:

Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$34.65

December 10, 2010



# McCriskin's Annual Tree Lighting and Christmas Caroling

The McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals kindly invites the public to the annual tree lighting and Christmas Caroling event on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 4:30 p.m. on the main lawn of the funeral home, 2425 Plainfield Ave.

The tree lighting ceremony is in memory of the men of Task Force 3-502 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagles, who died on December 12, 1985 when their plane crashed over Gander, New Foundland on their way home from a tour of duty.

In addition to the tree lighting

ceremony, which will be done by the South Plainfield Pop Warner Eagle Midget Cheerleaders, members of the South Plainfield High School Marching Band along with members of the South Plainfield Middle School Chorus will lead all in caroling from the funeral home down Plainfield Avenue ending at Flanagan's Restaurant where appetizers and sandwiches will be served.

The caroling event is a good-natured way for the community to come together and celebrate the holiday season. All are welcome to attend and participate.



Five Guys Burgers and Fries General Manager Cameron DuBenoion with store managers Joe Lugo, Devon Martinez and Michael Carter and staff at the grand opening in Hadley Center on Tuesday. The restaurant was busy all day serving hamburgers and cheeseburgers prepared from 100% fresh beef with a choice of 15 toppings. The first Five Guys opened in Arlington, Va. in 1986 and now boasts 725 locations in 40 states and Canada. For more information, visit them online at [www.fiveguys.com](http://www.fiveguys.com).

# Taxpayers to Borrow \$590K

(Continued from page 1) budget. They decided that politics and winning the election was more important than honest budgeting," said Mayor Butrico.

Mayor-elect Matt Anesh commented, "The amount of the Bid Holdings tax appeal settlement was unusually large when compared to the last eight years or so. Due to the lack of available land sale money and sufficient reserves, the fiscally responsible thing was to spread the large cost over three years. This is the same action the council took last year under Democratic control when faced with a tax appeal of nearly \$300,000."

The final vote for the ordinance will take place at the December 20 council meeting.

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN

### FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

The South Plainfield Business Association will host its annual blood drive on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. This drive is in honor of Gerald Bartolotti, the father of a Franklin School student. Bartolotti was seriously injured in a truck accident and has required more than 100 pints of blood. Please donate this precious gift of life.

The Middle School PTO hosted the first semi-annual bake sale during parent/teacher conferences, and it was a success. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Quinn and Daniel for your help setting up and selling the baked goods and to all of the parents who supplied an overwhelming amount of goodies. Also thanks to Greg Lind for the donation of the cases of water. The holiday concert will take place on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. Interim notices will be posted online on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The Grant School holiday concert will be held on Monday, Dec. 20 in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m.

Franklin School's holiday concert will take place Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

Kennedy School Winter Wonderland night of shopping will take place on Friday, Dec. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. The Kennedy holiday concert will take

place on Friday, Dec. 17 at 1:45 p.m.

The Riley School laser show assembly will take place Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 9:30 a.m.; the Santa PJ party on Friday, Dec. 17 and the holiday boutique from Wednesday, Dec. 15 through Friday, Dec. 17. Voting for the gingerbread house contest will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

The Roosevelt School PTO Winter Festival and Basket Auction will take place on Friday, Dec. 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; the winter concert is Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 23 is wear Spirit Day hats.

Congratulations to the high school swim team on the tie for first place in the Carnival Relay Event in which they competed against six other towns. The relay event was hosted by the Wardlaw Hartridge School on December 2.

Peer Leadership will host the annual senior citizen luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at the high school.

Any parent/guardian who is experiencing difficulty in retrieving their child's report card from the MMS website should not hesitate to contact your respective school principal for assistance.

Dismissal for winter recess begins with a half day schedule on Thursday, Dec. 23. Students return on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011.

# New Library Proposed by Feasibility Committee

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everyone believed was not an option because of its location in a flood zone. After talking to the borough engineer, the committee discovered that the property was in a flood hazard area, not a flood zone, and construction of a new building could be allowed with certain restrictions.

The committee then had to decide whether to expand the present site, which would mean building an addition, moving the old library into it and then raising the present building 30 inches higher.

The committee's recommendation is to construct a new facility at the existing site near the municipal center, which would keep it in a central location with ample parking.

Cost estimates for a new building are approximately \$4,985,414. The committee also made several recommendations on what portion of the cost the library and/or the borough would fund, all of which still will have to be negotiated. If those recommendations are accepted, the cost for the average taxpayer would be \$13.26 per year.

"I felt that the reaction I received from the council was positive, but guarded. They have all stated publicly that they believe we need a new library, but that cost was the big issue. I think that \$13 per year makes

this very affordable. As a comparison, the bonding of the tax appeal money will result in a \$16.50 annual per household cost for the next three years," commented Butrico after his presentation to the council.

Mayor-elect Matt Anesh commended the committee for the work they did in examining the various options for a new or renovated library.

"The committee validated our belief that the library could be expanded on the current site. The council will formally review the committee's findings and begin to chart a path forward. I look forward to working on this project in the coming years," he said.

Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas commented, "I am very excited. The committee did a great job examining every possible site to locate a new facility. It is my hope that we see this project moving forward in the very near future, and I will do all I can to support this effort."

"The committee did a fantastic job in a very short period, and I thank each member for their input and working on a solution. I strongly feel that we should keep the committee in place going forward and I am even willing to continue to chair it. That way we can make sure progress on the library continues to move forward," Butrico added. Councilman Rob Bengivenga

added, "While on the committee, I originally recommended looking to see what could be done on the current site, and I'm glad the committee pursued that recommendation, which was something originally suggested by the Senior Men's Forum. As far as the next steps, the council will make those decisions in the new year. We have a new mayor who should be part of the process, and it's important that he and the council take the time to thoroughly review everything, get public input, and consider the recommendations."

# Mayor Donates Wedding Fees

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of the process. Toys and gifts are scattered all over his house until they can be delivered during the holidays.

"What a generous act by the mayor to donate money from the weddings he performed to children this holiday season. What makes this even more special is the fact that he is shopping for each of the 55 children on his own. It is wonderful to work with such a great public servant," commented Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas.

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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Danielle Aronowitz

Greetings from the library. That chill in the air means we are getting close to the holidays and winter. What better way to stay warm than to curl up on the couch with a good book or a good movie from the library? We have something for everyone.

Our new circulation system will now allow you to be notified by way of email that your holds are available and when items are overdue. It will also notify you a couple of days in advance of when an item is going to be due. This should help to avoid overdue charges. If you would like to receive notifications, please visit 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 patrons using the computers between 2:30 and 6 p.m. are entitled to one hour of Internet time, with no renewals. Also between the hours of 2:30 and 6 p.m., those 17 years of age and younger must have their library cards with a photo either on their library card account or a photo ID with them before entering the library. Parents must come in with their children if they wish to put a photo on the child's library card. Children under 14 who wish to use the Internet must have a parent or guardian who needs to stay with them while they are on the computer. Non-residents now have to pay \$2 per 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 and reservations cannot be made over the phone.

We have an ongoing book sale where books are \$1 a bag with a wide variety of kids and adult books to choose. We also have VHS tapes, DVDs, CDs, Books on CD and cassette tapes. The prices range from \$.50 to \$1 each. Come in and check it out and see if there is anything you like.

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 new movies that we own are Disney's *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, *The Twilight Saga*:

*Eclipse*, *Inception*, *Shrek Forever After*, *Knight and Day*, *Vampires Suck*, *The Girl Who Played With Fire*, *Going the Distance*, *Grown Ups*, *The Expendables*, *Charlie St. Cloud*, *Toy Story 3*, *Ramona and Beezus*, Disney's *A Christmas Carol*, *Eat Pray Love*, *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*, *Sex and the City 2*, *The Last Airbender*, *Lottery Ticket*, *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore* and *The Kids Are Alright*. We also have new music from Taylor Swift, Glee Cast, Nicki Minaj, Keith Urban, Josh Groban, Rihanna, Bruce Springsteen, Bruno Mars, Kings of Leon, Drake, Sara Bareilles, Katy Perry, Ke\$ha, Black Eyed Peas, Pink and Maroon 5 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 no longer accepts 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.

On Monday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a holiday sing-along featuring Mr. Kurt. Pre-registration is not required. In lieu of an admission charge, adults should bring a new, unopened non-perishable food item for each person attending. Donations will go to the Middlesex County Community Food Drive. This program will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center.

Storytimes are cancelled Tuesday, Dec. 20 until Monday, Jan. 3. They will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

The library is open seven days a week except on 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 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Junior Journalist winner Deanna DeLis with teacher Margaret Celentano.

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Students should submit their original written works to their teachers, Hometown Heros or to the Observer at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

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**Untitled**  
By Deanna DeLis

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### Christmas Schedule at Recycling Complex and Curbside Collection

The South Plainfield Recycling Complex will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 and on Saturday, Dec. 25 for Christmas. The complex will also be closed on Friday, Dec. 31 and on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011 for New Year's Day. The recycling center and the yard waste site on Kenneth Avenue will be open instead from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23, and Thursday, Dec. 30.

Curbside recycling collection will not be affected by the holidays.

Regular hours at the recycling center are 12 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The yard waste site will be on its winter schedule, open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, from December 16 through March 15, 2011.

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sagne Montrachet. Made from Napa Valley Carneros fruit, it has been barrel fermented in French oak and undergone malolactic fermentation, both with native yeast and bacteria. Produced from one of the smallest chardonnay crops in recent years, this wine was aged on the lees for 20 months. The wine offers the aromas and flavors of pineapple, apples, pears, lemon zest and toasty oak. Well balanced with crisp acidity, this chardonnay should continue to develop for three to five years in the bottle.

Salexis Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon emulates the fruity and complex wines which the Napa Valley has been famous for producing for over four decades. This wine exhibits the aromas and flavors of raspberries, cassis, cedar, chocolate and toasty French oak. Not meant for long term aging but rather early consumption, the wine is well balanced with soft tannins and a long lingering finish.

Salexis Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine of stature and power. This wine was produced from free run wine only after 37 days of total skin contact, and aged in 100% new Taransaud Chateau style barrels for 18 months. This wine exhibits the aromas and flavors of black berries, raspberries, currants, cedar, chocolate, and is surrounded by toasty French oak. Although keenly balanced and enjoyable now, this wine will continue to develop for the next eight to 10 years.

## policereport

- On November 19 Howard L. Johnkins was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath testing, careless driving, delaying traffic and failure to wear a seat belt.
- Leon Shatkin was arrested for aggravated assault at the Polish National Home.
- On November 21 Norman J. Junge was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.
- On November 23 a Rahway Avenue resident reported the theft of their unlocked 1992 Volvo from their driveway.
- On November 25 Alan V. Craig was arrested for driving on a suspended license and eight outstanding warrants.
- On November 26 Waqar Ur Rehman, 27, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- Abdul A. Abdullah, 32, of South Plainfield was arrested for displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker and an outstanding warrant.
- A Somerset St. resident reported that the rear windshield of their vehicle

- had been smashed.
- On November 27 Brian C. Chatel, 31, of South Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension.
- Pamela A. Horton, 39, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.
- On November 28 Charles A. Barbieri, 49, of Howell was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving, driving on a suspended license and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.
- Maurice L. Harrison, 46, of Perth Amboy was arrested for driving on a

- suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- A Bell Place resident reported the theft of a handicap walker from their driveway.
- On November 29 Janakkuma J. Patel, 53, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath testing, reckless driving, speeding and failure to exhibit a valid registration.
- On November 30 Michael Brian Gillette, 48, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.



Franklin High School Madrigal singers

At the Christmas meeting of the Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield, a luncheon was enjoyed by members as well as a program featuring the Franklin High School Madrigal singers. The musical program has been presented for the past four years and may well become a tradition. The photo features the seniors who will be performing for the last year with the 20 member chorus.

Also pictured is Connie Muirhead receiving a special certificate naming her an honorary member of the club from Club President Lucy Hudson. Mrs. Muirhead is a talented artist and craft entrepreneur who has given all the club members a special Christmas ornament for the past 15 years. She is the sister of longtime club member Beverly Montwid and unfailingly supports every Suburban Woman's Club



Connie Muirhead receives a certificate from President Lucy Hudson.

fundraiser. She was a member of the Mountainside Woman's Club that folded many years ago. Since that time, Muirhead has continued to support the NJSFWC through the South Plainfield Club.

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Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Samantha Williams pictured with mom Willhel Garwood, sister Sydney and brother Jason.