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## Special Borough Council Meeting Called for July 25

A special Borough Council meeting has been called for Monday, July 25 to hold a public hearing and final adoption on the 2011 Municipal budget.

When the budget was initially introduced, municipal taxes remained flat. It included \$750,000 from the library surplus fund; however, in seeking to conserve its surplus for future expansion, the library board didn't provide that amount. Instead, the board made a one-time contribution of \$146,302 for tax relief. Estimated tax bills recently mailed will reflect a tax increase of approximately \$59 a year based on an average home assessed at \$123,000.

Subsequently, CFO Glenn Cullen has made revisions to the budget, and reduced the tax increase to \$43.

The public hearing on the budget will be held at 7 p.m. in the municipal building, 2480 Plainfield Ave.

New Hire Brings Police Force Total to 49

## Borough Adds Police Officer to Force

Ahmad Q. Stuckey was sworn in as the Borough's newest police officer at Monday night's Borough Council meeting. Stuckey, a former officer for the Newark Police Department for three years, will begin his position on Monday. He is pictured (center) with his sister (left), Sharell Vines; fiancé Willow Brown, daughter Ahmya Stuckey, and his parents, Theresa and Leman Stuckey.



## Federal Audit Reveals BOE Funds Misuse

Funds Were Earmarked for Students with Disabilities

By Libby Barsky

In February representatives of the N.J. Department of Education Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance visited South Plainfield to monitor the federal funds disbursed by the district from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. These federal funds were specifically dedicated to students with disabilities and include the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and State Fiscal Stabilization Funds, creating instructional programs for students who were at risk of failure, an afterschool program and professional development for teachers through the Rutgers Institute for Improving Student Achievement.

The audit report found 17 items in need of correction, according to Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. Frank Cocchiola, who reported on the findings at the June 15 BOE meeting. A corrective action plan was devised, approved and accepted at the June 30 meeting.

Many findings related to improving notification and information to parents and included the following corrections:

- The letter notifying parents that Grant School is a "School in Need of Improvement" will be revised to include a comparison of the school to others in the district and state, as well as what the district and state will do to address the status, and what parents can do in response.

- The letter offering Supplemental Educational Services to parents of eligible students needing help will be revised to include a comprehensive list of providers, not just those providing web-based services.

- The Child Find program to locate and identify handicapped children ages 0 to 21 will be advertised in a local newspaper a minimum of two times a year.

Other findings included disbursements inappropriately charged to federal funds:

- \$325 was used to cover registrations, including participation in NJSIAA girls and boys basketball clinic, Kean University workshop to teach difficult words in sex education and registration for N.J. Music Education annual conference.

- \$10,026.25 to the ARRA and IDEA accounts for software equipment "that are unrelated to special education students."

- \$179,786 to the ARRA and IDEA funds for two 54 passenger buses for use by regular students (an allowable use) and \$120,000 for two 25 passenger buses modified for ambulatory and non-ambulatory (allowable) was initially charged to the general fund.

"No money is being returned," said Interim Business Administrator Nicholas Pulcio.

The \$325 and \$10,026.25 and the difference of \$59,591 from the purchase of the buses will be reimbursed to the ARRA and IDEA basic fund by making the proper budget transfers for the reversal of accounts for these activities.

## SPHS Class of 2011 Enjoys Project Graduation Party

By Patricia Abbott

After the 2011 South Plainfield High School graduation ceremony, the graduates celebrated at the Project Graduation party held at The Club at Ricochet.

Project Graduation is an annual, all night party for the high school

graduating class. The Project Graduation Committee, which includes the PTO and volunteers, work year-round to organize the event.

Sign-ins began at 10:30 p.m. Upon entrance students relinquish their car keys which are not returned until the event's conclusion the following morning.

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County's Free Outdoor Concert Series

## Concert Series Continues With Mark Heter and His Band

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders' free summer concert series continues with performances in Spring Lake Park.

"We are pleased to present our Music in the Parks series to our residents," said Freeholder Stephen J. "Pete" Dalina, chair of the county's Parks and Recreation Committee. "It's a great way to spend quality time outdoors."

All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jackie Neill, recreation supervisor, at (732) 745-3936 or visit [www.co.middlesex.nj.us](http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us).

Sunday, July 17: Spring Lake Park Gazebo, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Mark Heter and His Band; Thistle Rose and Shamrock-Music of Scotland, England and Ireland

Sunday, July 24: Spring Lake Park Gazebo, 6:30-8 p.m., The Live Sounds of Magic-Rich Aiello, Leader

## Council, Board of Ed to Switch Website Providers

Both the Borough Council and the Board of Education will be switching website providers.

Zumu Software will take over as the service provider for the borough's website in September. For the past seven years, Pat Vargo, a former borough employee, along with Mike Rossi, has been servicing the borough's website, [southplainfieldnj.com](http://southplainfieldnj.com) and will continue to manage the website on a month to month basis. The council could decide on a definite date for Zumu to begin hosting the website at the special meeting on July 25.

The terms of the contract are: "To perform all services required to provide any training and provide web hosting services for a fee of \$1,500 for the first year and \$100 a month thereafter." The contract is expected to begin in September, after Labor Day.

"The effort to seek another provider started when Charlie Buttrico was mayor," said Mayor Matt Anesh. Ac-

cording to Anesh, a company called Main Street made a very generous offer to redesign the website at little or no cost to the borough, but Main Street never followed through on the offer.

It was through a suggestion from Board of Education Vice President Debbie Boyle that the borough contact the BOE's website provider, Zumu Software, for an estimate as Vargo's contract was expiring. At the time Anesh admits he didn't think anyone would offer a comparable fee.

On its website, Zumu states, "We offer the best total package in the industry from free of charge set up and go service to advanced features to support world class hosting and data management." The Board of Education's website, [www.spboe.org](http://www.spboe.org),

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A SPHS graduate enjoys the "money booth" at Project Graduation.





# In My Opinion

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

## To the Editor:

I read last week's "In My Opinion" and I thought I was reading *The New York Times* or *The Star Ledger* editorial pages, both liberal propaganda outlets. The three articles printed mentioned Republicans 16 times in a disparaging light.

I will go to the library and get a copy of the 'give back' law. Yes, our governor did sign legislation to have public employees pay a larger percent of their taxpayer funded pensions and health insurance. In a state that has a realistic 16% unemployed or underemployed, that whining is falling on deaf ears.

The Republicans just took over the

municipality and they are responsible for a mismanaged budget? Obama has been in the White House 31 months and still blames Bush for his problems.

Maybe the library should have been moved to the Montrose Avenue site, but it seems that past politicians influenced the veto of that money saving endeavor. That would have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars. Perhaps, if the Democrats ceased their venomous attacks on Republicans and stopped mimicking the White House occupant, and tried to work together, the town you work for will be better served.

**BILL MCCARTHY**

## Want to stay informed about the business of your Council and BOE?

**FYI**

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To purchase a complete copy of a council or BOE meeting, contact the Observer. (Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

## council

Meets twice a month on Mondays, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

July 25 (Special Meeting).....July 25

August 15.....August 15

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## planningboard

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

July 26, Aug. 9, Aug. 23, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 1, \* Dec. 13\*

## zoningboardofadjustment

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

July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10\*, Dec. 8\*

## boardofeducation

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.  
Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.) Aug. 17,

Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 14 and April 4.  
Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.) Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21 and April 11.

## BOEcurriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room,  
Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

## BOEbuildings & grounds

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Roosevelt Administration Building

## culturalarts commission

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the PAL at 7:30 p.m.  
No meeting July and August, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

## libraryboard of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.  
Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

## Dear Editor,

One has to wonder about the letter in last week's paper from Democrat John Sorrentino. Is he purposely misstating the facts? Or is he just totally out of touch? Either way, is this the type of uninformed person we want on the council?

Here are a few facts for Mr. Sorrentino:

1. Spending this year is less than last year, which was less than the year before. When the Democrats were in control, spending went up every year for more than a decade. Under Republican control, spending has gone down two years in a row;

2. Municipal taxes (the part controlled by the council) will be less this year than two years ago. Can Mr. Sorrentino say the same for the county taxes, which are controlled by his party? No, they are going up almost \$100;

3. The borough's payroll is less this year than last year, and it is less than two years ago. Smaller, more efficient government is becoming a reality;

4. South Plainfield has the best record on taxes in Middlesex County. No town saw a bigger tax cut last year. In fact, the vast majority of towns saw taxes go up. Reduced state aid and falling revenues due to the economy will mean that residents will pay a little more this year than last year, but they still won't be paying as much as they did two years ago, when the Democrats ran things.

So far this year, the Democrats, through their library board members, have done everything they can to block tax relief. In addition, the Democrats on that board have now decided that despite the economy it's time to give out raises above what the other borough employees got. The question remains, Mr. Sorrentino, why should the library director, who makes \$100,000, get a 3% raise when the rest of the borough employees are getting less? When our seniors on Social Security are being denied a cost-of-living increase? Please tell us why.

What's really happening here is simple. The Democrats are desperate to create a campaign issue and are livid that the new administration has shown the fiscal responsibility they lacked when they were in charge. Under the Democrats, spending soared.

But in just two years of control, the Republicans cut spending and cut taxes, which is just the opposite of what's going on everywhere else. We're finally on a fiscally responsible path, and the same people who got us off in the wrong direction want us to think that they can now do what they could not do then. And they even want to take us back to their failed policies. The people of South Plainfield, in my opinion, are too smart to let that happen.

**COUNCILMAN ALEX BARLETTA**

## Dear Editor,

Every year, South Plainfield is the home to the greatest Labor Day festivities in New Jersey. The parade, the community picnic, the games, the rides, the music, and finally the fireworks have always made our town a terrific place to be at the end of the summer. And for the past nine years, we have had John Sorrentino and the members of the Public Celebrations Committee to thank for all their hard work and dedication. John has proven himself to be a tireless worker, a great organizer, and a very good fundraiser. He is a proven leader and would be a tremendous asset to our council. He will have my support come November for Borough Council.

**SINCERELY,  
JOANN WILCOX**

## To the Editor:

As someone who has a long history of government involvement, it astounded me to read a letter to the editor in last week's paper. Apparently, in the view of some, we no longer have one of America's most cherished rights, the right to free speech.

For centuries Americans have had the right to freely disagree with government. But, at least according to the Democrats who wrote last week's letters, that right does not extend to disagreeing with the library board; a board that spends over a million of our tax dollars each year. Apparently we are supposed to sit idly while that board squanders our money and blocks the council's proposed tax relief.

These same letter writers would also have you think that the board is composed of nonpartisans whose motives are beyond reproach. I wish that were true. In fact, the woman

## Submit Your Letters to the Editor

Send your letters to South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax to 908-668-8819, or via email: spobserver@comcast.net. **Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m.** Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Limit letters to no more than 200 words. We reserve the right to refuse a letter, to edit for clarity or length, and to limit the number of letters submitted on the same subject. Submission is not a guarantee of publication. We do not accept anonymous letters. Letters are strictly opinion.

who wrote to complain about "politics" last week (in a letter jam-packed with the word "Republicans") holds a highly political position: Democrat committeeperson.

Furthermore, to say the board has no political ties defies reality. The chairman, a Democrat, owes his livelihood to the Democrat freeholder board. The Democrat party treasurer, a former Democrat party secretary and well-known Democrat supporter, are also part of the group. Politics infests that board. And, unfortunately, politics (namely, trying to keep the other party from getting things done) seems to be its number one goal.

It astounds me how they've even made choosing a new library site partisan. The Walgreens site has the attributes everyone agreed were needed (central location, one story, ample parking, etc.) Yet the same people who had no problem plopping the library onto an industrial site (Montrose Avenue), now can't seem to find flaws quickly enough. Doubling the size is not good enough. What next? Will the door knobs be the wrong color?

Let's also debunk one other myth: The library did not develop a surplus through stellar fiscal management. Boards throughout the state have surpluses due to a flaw in the funding formula, and that's why a law was passed to require them to give these surpluses back to taxpayers. Unfortunately, this board found a clever loophole.

Obviously Democrats on the board have little regard for taxpayers. While the board sits there with a huge pot of money, people are hurting and crying out for relief. It's a shame that a small group of partisans can defeat the will of the people.

**DENNIS LITTLE**

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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

If you can take a break from fanning yourself with this issue, let's look at some summer season news from the South Plainfield Library.

First up, an important announcement: following a one-week postponement, the next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is set for this Tuesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. It's open to the public and will include discussion of the library's current and future plans, including the proposed (and seriously-debated) new building project. No pre-registration is required. There will be a public comment period early in the meeting.

Next, we've got a whole lot of programs for children and young adults next week. (And by "whole lot," I mean a near column-full.) Let's run through the schedule:

- Today and next Friday morning at 10:30, there's "Baby Time," the song and story program for kids ages two and under.

- Tomorrow morning at 10, we have Wii gaming for all ages. No pre-registration is required. Then, at 1 p.m., Shizuka Mori will lead the "Introduction to Japanese" language program for young people ages 12 and over. It's free, but you must sign up in advance.

- On Monday, there's the "Monday Morning Movie" program for children at 10:30. That evening, at 6:30, there's the next "Kidcraft" program for kids ages three and over. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required; there's also a \$1 materials fee. At 7:30 p.m. there's an Origami program with Nancy Avella for those age 12 and over. It's free, but you must pre-register.

- On Tuesday morning at 10:30, there's "Storytime" for children ages four and over. Later on at 1 p.m., there's the multi-cultural story and craft program, "Tuesday Tales" for kids entering second grade and over.

- On Wednesday morning at 10:30, there's "Time for 2s & 3s," for

children ages two and three. At noon, there's the children's chess club for players of all ages and skill levels. And at 6:30 p.m., there's the Wednesday "Storytime" program.

- On Thursday, there's another "Time for 2s & 3s" at 10:30 a.m. and another "Storytime" at 1:15 p.m. At 6:30, there's the "Thursday Night Movie" for teens, and Nancy Avella leads another Origami program, again for ages 12 and over, at 7 p.m.

- And there's also still time to sign up your kids for the Summer Reading Club, "One World, Many Stories." The sign-up table is back by the fiction shelves in the main room.

Got all of that? If you have questions, including title and content information for the movies, please call and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

Hey, we still have some room left! So, here's another announcement. We've just added a whole new category to our collection. In response to a number of requests, we've added some video game discs. At present, we have discs suitable for PlayStation 3, Wii and Xbox360. (Sorry, no Activision.) The discs may be borrowed, one disc per borrower, for one week, with one renewal. Due to high demand, no reserves are permitted on these discs. In addition, the overdue fine for the discs is \$2 per day per disc. You'll find them on the rack by the circulation desk, alongside the new DVDs. Two advisories: first, be very careful not to lose or damage these discs, as they are not cheap to replace. Second, some of the discs are not family-friendly. Please take note of the clearly-marked rating on the case and be aware of what you're getting. If you have any questions, feel free to ask. And we'll see if we have the space and the budget to add pinball machines for us older folks.

That's about all we can fit this week. Call (908) 754-7885 for more information, or check our website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). You can also look us up on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary).

## Roosevelt School Students Enjoy Sessions With Authors Kim and Danny Adlerman

By Libby Barsky

Musician Danny Adlerman came with his guitar and wife Kim brought her easel to Roosevelt School last month to entertain the students and describe how they work together to write and illustrate their popular children's books.

This special all day author's program was sponsored by Roosevelt School and its PTO organization. The program was held in librarian Christine Brandenburg's media center. The tables were removed so the students could sit on the carpet and the adults sat on chairs arranged in the back of the room. The sessions were kept small, usually two classes together; i.e., kindergartners and first graders and third and fourth graders in the morning and kindergartners, then first and second graders during the afternoon.

Danny composes songs for adults and children as well as writes many stories that Kim illustrates. In the sessions with the students, Danny played his songs and alternated with Kim, who described the intricate process of illustrating books. She explained that her process includes visualizing an idea by using photos and sketching, and she utilizes real materials like sand and sticks to create the special 3-D look of many of her pictures. Kim demonstrated the process used to create the pictures for their popular book, *Africa Calling*, which was chosen by the New Jersey State Library for their children's book list of Pick of the Decade 1995-2005.

Kim also demonstrated the process she used to choose how the pictures will appear on the page of a proposed



Winners of the pizza lunch with Danny and Kim Adlerman (in the first row): Christian Duarte, Sam Cheung, Suekhraj Goraya, Katherine Lenau, Anthony Luisi and Jonathan Nguyen; in the second row, Roosevelt Principal Robert Diehl, Liesl Co, Esha Tripathi, Danny Adlerman, Kim Adlerman, Samay Dhawan, librarian Christine Brandenburg and Kausik Das.

book once the images are made. "It takes three or four weeks of consults with the art director," said Kim.

What both presenters stressed is the roles of the editor and the art director and the need to make revisions to make a better book.

"Sometime your teachers ask you to make it better," said Danny. For the book, *Rock-a-bye Baby*, which is based on the nursery rhyme, he said his editor asked him to re-write one rhyme 13 times.

"The Adlermans inspired me to do more writing this past week. It really made my writing better. We have these scoring guides on what we write. I used to get 80s, and this week I've gotten 90s and 100s because of the more details I put into the writing," said Vishika Patel.

To prepare for the Adlermans' visit, students from kindergarten through second grade were asked to draw a picture, and those in grades three and four were asked to write a story or a poem. The winner in each class was awarded an opportunity to have lunch with Dan and Kim.

The winners were: in kindergarten, Suekhraj Goraya and Anthony Luisi; first grade, Samay Dhawan and Katherine Lenau; second grade, Christian Duarte and Esha Tripathi; third grade, Sam Cheung and Liesl Co; and fourth grade, Kausik Das and Jonathan Nguyen.

When contacted a week after the Adlerman visit, some of the students suggested that the Adlermans write more chapter books and perhaps do a comic book about the future.

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# events

## Around Town

### SDW Car Wash/ Garage Sale

July 16

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will hold a garage sale/ car wash at the middle school on Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be everything from TVs to clothes, Lenox/glassware, games, toys and so much more. Come out and help support SDW. All proceeds benefit this year's production of *High School Musical*.

### duCret School of Art Student Showcase

July 16-August 12

A multi-media showcase of works by young award-winning artists, including two students from South Plainfield, will be the summer exhibit, July 16 through August 12, at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. The opening reception is Saturday, July 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. Regular hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call (908) 756-1707.

### Introduction to Japanese Program

July 16

The language program, Introduction to Japanese, will be presented at the library on Saturday, July 16 at 1 p.m.

Led by Shizuka Mori, the program will cover basic Japanese

phrases and greetings and is for ages 12 and over. The program is being presented free; participants must pre-register.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885.

### Blood Drive

July 23

A community blood drive will be held on Saturday, July 23 at the municipal building, 2480 Plainfield Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donors will receive two Mets tickets. One donation can save up to three lives. Walk-ins welcome. For an appointment, call 1-800-933-2566 or go to [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org).

### Cedarcroft Free Bible School

July 25-29

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., will hold a free Bible school entitled, "Gospel Light's Son-Surf Beach Bash VBS," Monday, July 25 to Friday, July 29 from 9:30 a.m. to noon for ages four to those entering eighth grade. (Mothers' class is Tuesday-Friday.) Bible stories, crafts, skits, games and songs.

For info, call (908) 757-7598.

### Business Association Monthly Meeting

July 28

The South Plainfield Business Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Sherban's Diner. The group

will receive an update on traffic and road closures during the upcoming Barclays Golf Tournament. All businesses are encouraged to attend.

For information about the business association, call Nancy Grennier at (908) 668-0010 or visit [spba.biz](http://spba.biz).

### American Legion Post 243 Picnic

July 30

The annual Chaumont Post #243 picnic is open to the public. Early bird tickets are \$16 for adults, \$8 for ages six-20. Children five and under are free. The picnic will feature a water wipeout ride, an Army rock climbing wall for ages 16 and up and the annual horseshoe tournament. DJ Stick Shift Eddie will provide music from 1-6 p.m. Great picnic fare including an Hawaiian-themed dessert room hosted by the auxiliary will also be available.

For tickets, call (908) 668-9414 or visit the post any day after 2 p.m.

### Vacation Bible School at First Baptist

August 8-12

Spread the Word! Join First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., for vacation Bible school, August 8-12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. \$5 per child entering kindergarten through fifth grade.

To pre-register, call (908) 753-2382 or visit our website [www.fbc-southplainfield.com](http://www.fbc-southplainfield.com).

### St. Stephen Vacation Bible School

August 8-12

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., will celebrate its third annual Vacation Bible School, Monday-Friday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. during the week of August 8 through 12. This year's theme is "ReNew: The Green VBS."

Registrations are being accepted (through July 15) for children in pre-K through sixth grade by emailing Michele Billich at [Billich@att.net](mailto:Billich@att.net) or calling (908) 756-2537. Provide child's name, age and grade they will be entering in September.

### Sacred Heart Parish Golf Outing

September 14

Save the date! Sacred Heart Parish will hold its second annual golf outing at Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 14 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information, email [sacredheartgolf@churchofsacredheart.net](mailto:sacredheartgolf@churchofsacredheart.net).

### — Out of Town —

### Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

July 17

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, July 17 from 7 to 11 p.m. at The

## SENIOR CENTER Calendar

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#### MONDAYS

Crocheting ..... 9:30 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  
Shopping ..... 9 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  
Crafts Class ..... 10 am  
Computer.. 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm  
Exercise Class ..... 1:15 pm

#### FRIDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm

Daily Activities: Morning coffee, pool, cards, board games, art, yoga and crafts.

Lunch Served Monday-Friday.

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.

Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrissey Ave. in Avenel. Light refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO.1937

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 July 11, 2011. 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 July 25, 2011 at 7 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Road and Storm Sewer Improvements in and by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$400,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$380,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."

Purpose: Various road and storm sewer improvements, consisting of the resurfacing and repaving of Rahway Avenue and Kenyon Avenue and various related storm sewer improvements, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$400,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$380,000

Grant Appropriated: N/A

Section 20 Costs: \$35,000

Useful Life: 10 years

Joann Graf, Clerk

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

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## Authentic German Biergarten

July 22

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold an authentic German biergarten on Friday, July 22 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. New and antique cars from Mercedes Automobile Show; music by Barry Adler Band. Open to the public, rain or shine. Free parking, free admission. Picnic tables available. German and American food and beverages available. No outside food/beverages allowed.

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

## EAS Art in the Garden Tour

July 23

Edison Arts Society sixth annual Art in the Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, July 23 (rain or shine) beginning at 10 a.m. with a reception at the Pines Manor followed by the garden tour from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Six beautiful and unusual residential gardens in Edison and Metuchen will be open to the public. Tickets purchased in advance are \$20/adults and \$15/students; children under 12 are free. Day of event tickets are \$25.

For tickets, call (732) 225-1261 or visit [www.edisonarts.org](http://www.edisonarts.org).

## Aerie Eagle Charity Motorcycle Run

August 6

Somerset Aerie Eagle Riders Club motorcycle run to benefit our veterans will be held at Eagles Aerie, 350 Woodside Lane in Bridgewater on Saturday, Aug. 6. Sign-in from 9-11 a.m. \$20 per rider, \$15 per passenger/walk-ins and includes registration, food, beverage and band after the run. Classic cars welcome.

For more information, email [eaglesriders@njfoc.org](mailto:eaglesriders@njfoc.org).

## police report

• On June 23 a Leeds Drive resident reported that the driver's side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a Garmin GPS taken.

• On June 24 a Park Avenue resident reported that their vehicle had been keyed.

• On June 25 a Woodland Avenue resident reported that two of their unlocked vehicles had been ransacked and a vehicle registration card had been taken.

• A Sprague Avenue resident reported that the driver's side view mirror of their vehicle had been damaged while parked on Clifford Street.

• A Redding Avenue resident reported that their driver's side window had been smashed and an iPod Nano was taken.

• On June 26 a Linden resident reported that their cell phone was stolen after they allowed a stranger to borrow it to make a call while at Joe's Crab Shack. The suspect jumped into a vehicle and fled.

• A Wooden Avenue resident reported that an attempt was made to pry open their garage and kitchen windows. No entry was gained.

• On June 27 a Somerset Avenue resident reported the theft of a boy's Huffy bike from their fenced in side yard. A folding umbrella chair had been taken from their front porch a few days earlier.

• On June 29 Ryan J. Carey was arrested for failure to exhibit a valid registration and insurance card, no insurance and an outstanding warrant.

• A Piscataway resident reported that the passenger side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a pocketbook was taken while parked at LA Fitness on New World Way.

• Another Piscataway resident reported that the driver's side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a pocketbook was taken while parked at LA Fitness on New World Way.

• A Piscataway resident reported the theft of a Dell laptop from their vehicle parked at Kohl's.

• The supervisor of grounds at Woodland Manor on Calderone Street reported that a Bobcat skid steer had been driven over wires to a cement mixer breaking them.

• On June 30 a Wooden Avenue

resident reported that a backpack blower, leaf blower and a lawn mower were taken from their landscape trailer. The lock had been cut.

• A Hillside Avenue resident reported that a PVC drain pipe in their front yard had been pulled out and broken.

• A Watchung resident reported the theft of two backpack blowers, hedge trimmer, weed wacker and lawn mower from a landscape trailer parked on Easton Boulevard.

• On July 1 Micro Smart Inc. on Kennedy Road reported the theft of a lawn mower, backpack blower, gas can and trimmer from their landscape van.

• On July 2 a Regency Place resident reported the theft of a pressure washer, chain saw and air compressor from a locked shed. The door had been pried open.

• On July 3 a Kaine Avenue resident reported that the back door knob of their residence had been removed.

• On July 4 a North Brunswick resident reported the theft of \$1,300 from their wallet which was dropped in the parking lot of Joe's Crab Shack on Stelton Road.

• A West Crescent Parkway resident reported the theft of a bike from their unlocked garage.

• On July 5 Christopher J. Jones, 24, and Jared Collins Jones, 22, both of South Plainfield were arrested for aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

• Sean P. Healy, 33, of South Amboy was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• On July 6 a Linden Avenue resident reported that the driver's side door of their vehicle that does not lock was left open. Nothing was taken.

• A Pierce Street resident reported the theft of loose change from their unlocked vehicle.

• A Ritter Avenue resident reported that two Garmin GPSs and a cordless hammer drill were taken from their unlocked truck.

## Cleaning Products May Be Hazardous to Your Health

By Sandy Pleeter,  
Green Team  
Associate Member



Though many try to keep their homes healthy by cleaning with various sprays, cleansers and antibacterial scrubs, such substances may actually cause much more harm than good. In fact, research has linked several of these chemicals to health problems that can cause pain, discomfort and impaired bodily functions. Therefore, by making simple switches, people can greatly improve their well-being and that of family and friends for years to come.

One potentially hazardous chemical, triclosan, can be found in many household items, such as soaps, toothpastes, cosmetics and deodorants. Some researchers hypothesize that this substance may aggravate allergies, asthma and eczema—a theory supported by studies that have found greater prevalence of these ailments in subjects who have been exposed to larger amounts of household chemicals. Triclosan has also been linked to photoallergic contact dermatitis, a type of skin irritation that occurs when exposed areas are subjected to sunlight.

Sodium hydroxide, commonly found in drain cleaners, can cause even more severe irritation. This substance may cause chemical burns that can lead to permanent scarring of the skin and blindness when spilled or squirted in the eyes. Oven cleaners—especially those in the form of aerosol sprays, which increase the likeli-

hood of inhaling the fumes—can be equally harmful. Like sodium hydroxide, they can severely damage the skin, eyes, lungs and breathing passages on contact.

If you choose to use these products, you should read the cautions on the labels carefully and take them seriously. "Use with adequate ventilation" means open the windows and use an exhaust fan. "Eye and skin protection" means safety glasses and rubber gloves.

To avoid these dangers, homes can be cleaned safely and effectively by taking steps to utilize more natural products. For example, replace antibacterial agents with simple soap—it boasts almost equal germ-fighting potential with a lot less risk. Clean toilet bowls and tile with vinegar, borax or washing soda and ovens with a mixture of baking soda, salt and water paste. Purchase dish detergent that does not contain phosphates or chlorine. Use a mixture of baking soda and water to clean carpets and upholstery and fight odors by purchasing an exhaust fan or simply opening a window.

A healthy home should never be hazardous to your health.

*This information is from the South Plainfield Sustainable Jersey Green Team. This and future news releases are meant to provide the community with an understanding of how the choices they make can lead to a more sustainable future for themselves and the Borough of South Plainfield.*

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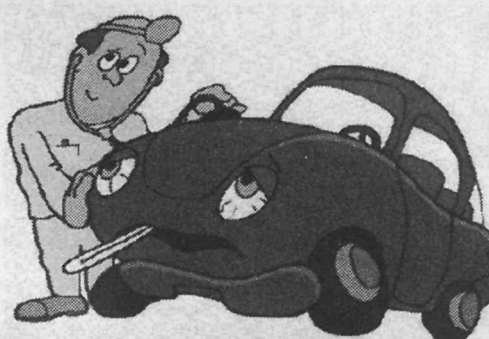
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Krista Malecki and Philip DeGennaro

### Krista Malecki, Philip DeGennaro To be Wed

Scott and Pamela Dudak, along with Gerald and Donna Malecki of South Plainfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Krista Lynn Malecki, to Philip Anthony DeGennaro, son of John and Andrea DeGennaro of South Plainfield.

The bride to be is a 2005 graduate of South Plainfield High School and a 2009 graduate of William Paterson University. She is currently employed as a registered nurse at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of South Plainfield High School and is employed as a service manager at Goodyear in South Plainfield.

The couple is planning a Fall 2012 wedding.

### Skwiat Named to Montclair Dean's List

Theodore J. Skwiat, a 2009 SPHS graduate, was named to the dean's list for both the fall and spring semesters at Montclair State University where he is majoring in physical education and health teaching. To achieve this

### Ashlee Cybulski Graduates from DeVry University

Ashlee Anngelina Cybulski graduated with a bachelor's degree in applied science in computer information systems from DeVry University's North Brunswick campus on June 25, marking the 80th commencement anniversary at Alexander Hall, Princeton University in Princeton.

Ashlee, a 2007 graduate of South Plainfield High School, is the daughter of proud parents Paul and Barbara Cybulski of South Plainfield.



Ashlee Anngelina Cybulski

honor, students must maintain a 3.5 or higher semester GPA.

Teddy, the son of Kathy and Ted Skwiat and grandson of Elizabeth Mack of South Plainfield, just completed his sophomore year.



Aiden Xavier Maxfield

### Maxfields Welcome New Baby Boy

Proud parents Kelly and Eric Maxfield welcomed the arrival of a son, Aiden Xavier Maxfield.

Aiden Xavier was born on June 7, 2011 at 8:13 p.m. weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz. and is 20½ inches.

### Siclari Receives Degree from Widener Law

Joseph Siclari of South Plainfield received a juris doctor degree from Widener Law Delaware Campus on May 21.

Widener University is a metropolitan university that connects curricula to social issues through civic engagement. The School of Law is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and holds membership in the Association of American Law Schools. Widener provides an all-around comprehensive legal education program with special certificates available from its Health Law Institute, the Law & Government Institute, the Taishoff Advocacy, Technology and Public Service Institute, and the Institute of Delaware Corporate and Business Law. Visit [law.widener.edu](http://law.widener.edu) for more information.

### Kurilew Named To Dean's List at Montclair State

Taylor Lynn Kurilew, a 2008 graduate of South Plainfield High School, was named to this year's dean's list at Montclair State University.

Taylor is also the recipient of the Morris Choral Society Scholarship and the Montclair State University John J. Cali School of Music Thomas and Michelle Wilt Scholarship. The Wilt Scholarship is presented annually to only one student who has shown excellence in performance in the music program.

Taylor, who will be a senior at Montclair this fall, is pursuing a degree in music education with a concentration in voice. She is the daughter of Walter and Gwenn Kurilew of South Plainfield.



Taylor Lynn Kurilew

Share your good news  
with the community....  
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Nicole Benak

### Nicole Benak Graduates from Monmouth Univ.

Nicole Benak graduated magna cum laude from Monmouth University on May 18 with a bachelor of arts degree in education and history. She will continue her education at Monmouth University for a master's degree.

Nicole, a 2007 graduate of South Plainfield High School, is the daughter of proud parents, Frank and Marie Benak.

### Garrett Gianneschi Graduates from The Univ. of Conn

Garrett Brook Gianneschi of South Plainfield graduated from The University of Connecticut with a bachelor of arts degree.



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(L-R) Jason Risoli, Mike Colucci, vice president of Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO; and Anthony Bengivenga, president of Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO.

### Jason Risoli Joins UNICO

Jason Risoli of South Plainfield was installed as the newest member of the Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO at the chapter's annual scholarship awards dinner at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield.

Jason was a scholarship recipient in 1995 at a similar awards dinner. He is the grandson of the late Nick "Blackie" Risoli, past president of the Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO.

### Bosse Graduates from Fairfield Univ.

Julianne Bosse of South Plainfield, who studied in Fairfield's School of Nursing, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in nursing at Fairfield University, a Jesuit university founded in 1942 in Fairfield, Conn. on May 22 on Bellarmine Hall Lawn during two ceremonies, one in the morning for undergraduates, and one in the afternoon for those receiving graduate degrees.

More than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students from 36 states, 47 foreign countries, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are enrolled in the university's six schools. Fairfield prepares students for leadership and service through broad intellectual inquiry, the pursuit of social justice, and cultivation of the whole person.

The Honorable Maryanne Trump Barry, a highly regarded judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals Third Circuit and a community leader with a strong commitment to education and service for those in need, delivered the undergraduate commencement address at the morning ceremony. Navy Rear Admiral Brian Monahan, a 1982 graduate of Fairfield who is the attending physician for the United States Congress and United States Supreme Court and has been the lead investigator on clinical trials for anti-cancer drugs, delivered the graduate commencement address in the afternoon.

### Michael Boyle Named to Dean's List at Pace Univ.

Michael Boyle, son of Robert and Deborah Boyle and a 2009 graduate of South Plainfield High School, has been named to the Spring 2011 Dean's List at Pace University.

Recently, Michael was awarded the prestigious Pace University Summer Research Grant, which provides support to engage in an intensive 10 week summer research project with a faculty mentor. During the semester, Michael worked in the research lab of Dr. Dan Strahs studying the effects of ultraviolet light on aquatic bacteria. Michael also conducted research on gene cloning in yeast, presenting a poster entitled, "Testing the Functionality of the Cloned *S. cerevisiae* STE7 gene," at the Department of Biological Science Research Poster Session.

### Crilley Named to Honor's List at Fairleigh Dickinson

Kristie Crilley of South Plainfield has been named to the honor's list for the Spring 2011 Semester at Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham in Madison.

To qualify for the honor's list, a student must carry a 3.5 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses).

### Boyle, Ratti Named To Dean's List at Fairleigh Dickinson

Megan Boyle and Timothy Ratti of South Plainfield have been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2011 Semester at Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham in Madison. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must carry a 3.2 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses).

### Anderson, Rao Graduate from Fairleigh Dickinson

Krista Anderson and Smitha Rao, both of South Plainfield, graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus in May.

The university's Metropolitan Campus, located in the dynamic NY/NJ corridor in Teaneck, features a university atmosphere with an international perspective, attracting students from the U.S. and around the world. Undergraduates have access to the resources of a major graduate center and nearby New York City as an integral part of their learning experience.



Drew MacKenzie, Danny O'Shaughnessy, Tim Nuber, Brandon Pauls, James Conrad, William Walsh, Jonathan Conrad, Troy Harzula and Jorgen Holt-ermann. Not pictured: Anthony Austin, Matt Manning, Matt Frank, Josh Siepmann, Kevin Belanger, Troy Kurilew and Douglas Veit.

### Brandon Pauls Completes Project to Earn Eagle Scout Award

Brandon Pauls completed his Eagle Scout project with the help of his fellow scouts from Troop 309 on May 7. Brandon's project involved landscaping for the Parsonage (the pastor's home) for Wesley Methodist Church.

Brandon was in close contact throughout the planning stages with

Dave Hartpence, president of the Trustees of Wesley. The final project involved seven hours of digging, rototilling and planting trees, shrubs and flowers to beautify the front of the parsonage.

Brandon would like to thank all of the scouts and adults who helped make his project a success.

### Mackey Graduates from Fairleigh Dickinson

Kerry Mackey of South Plainfield graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham in Madison in May.

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# Sports

## Tiger Sharks Beat Glen Ridge Swim Club

By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks won their first meet of the season on June 29 when they swam against the Glen Ridge Swim Club. The final score was 167-109.

Sweeping the 11/12 individual medley event were Andrew Galarza (1), Brendan Tang (2) and Manav Shah (3). Anthony Gurrieri also came in second for the 13-18 age group.

South Plainfield swimmers took seven out of eight first place wins in the freestyle events. Taking home blue ribbons were Darlene Fung (10 and under), Brianna Tang (11/12), Tyler Wu (eight and under), Brendan Tang (9/10), Andrew Galarza (11/12), Daniel Galarza (13/14) and Anthony Gurrieri (15-18). Jenna Yan (10 and under), Ali Huber (13-18), Nicolas Gurrieri (11/12) and Eugene Kim (13/14) placed second. Chandler Carter (11/12) and Ryan Park (eight and under) placed third.

In the breaststroke events the South

Plainfield girls were able to place first in all the heats. Placing first from the youngest to the oldest were

Shannan Yan, Jenna Yan, Brianna Tang, Samantha Soto and Ali Huber. Stephanie Chiu placed second for the 9/10 age group, while Geri Huber (11/12) and Grace Chung (13/14) placed third.

In the butterfly events Tyler Wu placed first and Ryan Park placed third for eight and under. Aris Chung placed third for the 9/10 age group. Nicolas Gurrieri placed second for the 11/12 year-olds. Daniel Galarza placed first and Eugene Kim placed second for the 13/14 age group. Enzo Butrico placed third for the oldest boys.

Backstroke events gave first place wins to Shannan Yan (eight and under) and Darlene Fung (9/10). Stephanie Chiu (9/10), Chandler Carter (11/12) and Maggie Valentino (15-18) placed second. Amanda Pina (eight and under), Aubrey Marish (11/12) and Samantha Soto (13/14) placed third for the same events.

Heat winners were: Sasha Galarza (eight and under backstroke), Amy Zinsky (15-18 breaststroke), Elizabeth Chiu (11/12 breaststroke and backstroke), Patarick Osidacz (13/14 freestyle), Cristina Butrico (15-18 freestyle), Zack Brown (9/10 freestyle), Ellen Zinsky (15-18 backstroke), Kristy Tam (9/10 breaststroke), Allison Betyeman (eight and under breaststroke), Gwen Cheung (9/10 freestyle and backstroke), Aditi Bhattacharya (9/10 freestyle and backstroke), Peter Wu (11/12 freestyle) and Colin Carey (eight and under freestyle).

South Plainfield swimmers captured five of the six relay events. First place ribbons went to: Free relay (eight and under): Shannon Yan, Amanda Pina, Sasha Galarza, Allyson Betyeman; (9-12): Aubrey Marish, Brianna Tang, Darlene Fung, Jenna Yan; (13-18): Grace Chung, Samantha Soto, Maggie Valentino, Ali Huber; medley relay (eight and under): Max Strassburger, Colin Carey, Tyler Wu, Ryan Park; (9-12): Andrew Galarza, Adam Nathoo, Brendan Tang and Nicolas Gurrieri.

Thank you to all the parents who support and assist with the team.



The 11U All Star team with their first place trophy and their individual trophies.

## 11U Green Machine All Stars Win Father's Day Tourney

The 11U South Plainfield Green Machine Summer All Star Baseball Team played in its second tournament of the year in the Carteret Father's Day Tournament.

In the preliminary round, South Plainfield played Cranford and Carteret in their bracket. The Green Machine won both games and only gave

up four runs in two games.

In the semi-finals the Green Machine played Cranford again and won the game 14-2 with great pitching by Andrew Bisgaard and Joey Hielmann.

In the championship game the Green Machine had a rematch with Carteret and won the championship with a score of 6-4.

In the preliminary games against Cranford and Carteret, Andrew and Joey pitched solid games, striking out many batters and walking very few batters. Mike Castagno, David Chatel, Jack Scrudato and Brandon Wizda led the team with many clutch hits. Defensively the Green Machine was at its best; the Green Machine only had three errors in all of their games.

Luke Tamburro shared catching duties with Niko Vasquez as Manager Joe Scrudato moved Niko to shortstop for his defense.

The whole team played great over  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
Middlesex COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. F-043799-10

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Tania C. Stewart  
f/k/a Tania Williams

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCAFFERTY & McKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 5000 - Mellon Independence Center, 701 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532, phone # (215) 627-1322, an answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which Bank of America, N.A. is plaintiff, and Tania C. Stewart f/k/a Tania Williams, et al are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-043799-10 within thirty-five (35) days after July 15, 2011 exclusive of such date or if published after July 15, 2011 (35) days after the actual dated of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of governing the courts.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated December 27, 2007, made by Tania C. Stewart as mortgagor(s), to Bank of America, N.A. recorded on January 15, 2008, for Middlesex County in Book 12792 Page 0228 Instrument # MG 2008 001707 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage has not been assigned; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 207 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Lot: 16 Block: 124.01.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 249-7600.

YOU, Tania C. Stewart f/k/a Tania Williams, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the record owner of the mortgaged premises and because you executed the bond or note and mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency thereon, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

Jennifer M. Perez, Clerk  
Superior Court of New Jersey  
\$51.46 July 15, 2011



Sports

Notes from the

Jim Pomovets

Memorial Golf League

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division	W.....L.....T
Alfie's Boys .....	6.....3.....0
Twin City Pharmacy.....	5.....2.....2
Dirty Harry & Friends.....	5.....3.....1
KC's Korner.....	4.....3.....2
Witty's Liquors .....	3.....4.....2
Oak Tree Dental.....	3.....6.....0

National Division	W.....L.....T
Unique Sports Accessories	6.....3.....0
So. Plainfield Funeral Home	4.....4.....1
2 Buds, 2 Dubs.....	4.....5.....0
Italian-American Club.....	4.....5.....0
McCriskin's .....	4.....5.....0
Sport & Social .....	2.....7.....0

**By Bob Nilan**

Last week, first-place Alfie's Boys faced the challenge of taking on Twin City Pharmacy, one of the powerhouse teams in the league. They met that challenge and came away with a big 16-4 win. This week they were up against a different kind of test: giving away a lot of strokes to Dirty Harry & Friends.

Charlie Oats made the task really formidable by coming up with his best round of the season, a nifty 2-over 35, highlighted by a superb eagle on the fourth hole. Then when Orlando Roman and Ed Rodriguez posted a pair of 40s, it was just too much to overcome, and Alfie's Boys dropped their match to Dirty Harry & Friends, 12-8.

Irish Danny Griffin was in fine form and turned in a sparkling 1-over 34, and Bill Tankiewicz pitched in with a 39 as Alfie's Boys held on to first place despite the loss.

After their crushing defeat last week, Twin City Pharmacy came out blazing and shot down Oak Tree Dental, 13-7. Guy Severini led the way with an impressive 2-over 35, Joe Diller added a 37 to his string of fine rounds, and Danny Stanzione contrib-

uted a 38 to keep Twin City right on the heels of the division leaders. Frank Oades was the only member of Oak Tree Dental to break 40, and he did it in nice fashion with a 3-over 36.

Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas was at his booming best two weeks ago when he fired an even-par 33, but he fell back into spraying his prodigious drives all over the countryside, leaving himself some awkward approach shots to the greens. Despite his problems off the tee, Bickunas still managed to post a 38, and that was good enough to help his team gain a 10-10 tie with KC's Korner. Bob Chase ripped some boomers of his own on his way to a 39 for Witty's Liquors. Billy "Cappy" Capparelli continued his excellent play for KC's Korner and once again earned the medal for his team with a 38. Rich Steele of KC's Korner informed his wife of the change in his wish list for Christmas—instead of a tennis racquet, Steele says he would simply prefer some checkers.

Over in the National Division, Unique Sports Accessories had a critical match against 2 Buds, 2 Dubs. After losing two-in-a-row, Captain

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1929

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT  
AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on May 2, 2011 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinances Numbered 1815 and 1816, Both Amended by Bond Ordinance Numbered 1827, of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Both Finally Adopted April 7, 2008 and Amended July 21, 2008, in Order to Amend the Descriptions to Include Additional Projects."

Purpose: Sections 3(a) of Bond Ordinances numbered 1815 and 1816 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, both finally adopted April 7, 2008 and amended by Bond Ordinance numbered 1827, finally adopted July 21, 2008, are amended to include in addition to the other purposes previously authorized, the following purposes:

(a) The engineering and design of road improvements on New Market Avenue Phase #2, Rahway Avenue and Kenyon Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$0  
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0  
Grant Appropriated: N/A  
Section 20 Costs: \$0  
Useful Life: N/A  
Joann Graf, Clerk  
\$39.85 July 15, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO.1934

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY OVER A PORTION OF WOODEN AVENUE, BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, July 11, 2011 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 15, 2011.

Joann L. Graf  
Municipal Clerk  
\$27.56 July 15, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO.1935

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:12-13 JERSEY was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, July 11, 2011 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 15, 2011.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO.1936

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE # 1777 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS BOROUGH EMPLOYEES AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SAID COMPENSATION JERSEY was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, July 11, 2011 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 15, 2011.

Joann L. Graf  
Municipal Clerk  
\$28.98 July 15, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Joseph Falcone requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit (1) a 3' x 20' side deck. Zoning ordinance requires 8' side yard setback; homeowner proposes 5'9" side yard setback. (2) 25% lot coverage allowed, 26.5% lot coverage proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 330 Clinton Place, Block 220, Lot 6 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 11, 2011 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m.

\$38.50 July 15, 2011

Gerard D. Penyak, 52

Gerard D. Penyak died on Wednesday, July 6 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Rahway, Jerry was raised in the Scranton area of Pennsylvania and had resided in South Plainfield for the past 25 years.

Jerry worked as a roofer in the family business of J.T. Penyak Roofing Co. in South Plainfield and was also a member of the United Union of Roofers Local 4 in Parsippany.

He is predeceased by his mother, Melba and by a brother, David.

Surviving are his father, Joseph Penyak and wife Vivian of Covington, Pa.; two sons, Christian of Allentown and Christopher of Wind Gap, Pa.; two brothers, Joseph T. Penyak and wife Madeline of South Plainfield and Robert Penyak of Califon.

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

Michael James Fry, 25

Michael J. Fry of South Plainfield died unexpectedly on Saturday, July 9 at his home down the shore.

Born in Edison, Michael spent most of his life in South Plainfield.

Michael was a 2004 graduate of South Plainfield High School and he furthered his education at Kean College, obtaining a bachelor's degree in business in 2009.

He currently worked with his father as a manager for Distribution by Air located in Somerset.

He was an avid musician, having a love for music as well as sports, especially the N.Y. Yankees and N.Y. Knicks.

Michael formerly belonged to Boy Scout Troop 17 and the South Plainfield B.P.O.E #2298.

He is predeceased by his maternal grandmother, Joyce Kelliher in 2004 and his fraternal grandfather, William Fry in 1999.

Michael leaves behind his loving family, parents Kenneth and Kathie Fry of South Plainfield; a sister, Lauren Fry, also of South Plainfield; his maternal grandfather, James Kelliher of Scotch Plains; and his fraternal grandmother, Catharine Fry of South Plainfield.

He will be missed by his aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

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Obituaries

In lieu of flowers the family requests that you make donations to the South Plainfield Ponytail Association or South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club.

Jeanette "Jan" (Mondello) Maher, 77

Jeanette "Jan" Mondello Maher prayerfully entered the Kingdom of God in peace surrounded by her loving children on Monday, July 4 at her home.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she resided in Plainfield for most of her life, graduating from Plainfield High School.

She worked at Mack Trucks, St. Bernard's Rectory, and retired from AT&T/Lucent in Berkeley Heights.

She settled in South Plainfield in 1998.

Jan's passion for life was serving others through various charities, including Center for Hope in Scotch Plains, The Hope Chest in Westfield, St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Plainfield (also known as St. Mary's Dinner Program), Park Hotel in Plainfield, Starfish Food Bank in Plainfield and the Listening Program at Franklin School.

Her hobbies included watching her N.Y. Giants, reading books on the beach and being an active member of many prayer and Bible study groups.

Jan is predeceased by her husband, Joe; her parents, Carlo and Jean Mondello; and a sister, Rosemary Falzarano.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Joseph Maher Jr. and Marion O'Leary from Haddonfield/Ireland, Mary Ann and Joseph Simpson of Barnegat, Patty Lattoz of South Plainfield, Ed Maher and Donna Sherbo of Point Pleasant Beach, Terry and Jay Gomes of Old Bridge; two brothers, Carl Mondello of Hurley, N.Y. and James Mondello of Palm City, Fla. Jan also leaves behind nine treasured grandchildren, Joey and Kimberly Simpson, Jon and Dylan Maher, Cory Limone, Joey and Caitlin Sherbo, Nicole and Jason Gomes.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made in

her memory to St. Mary's Dinner Program, c/o 516 West Sixth St., Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

Linda Ann (Dudasik) Paris, 61

Linda Ann (Dudasik) Paris died on Saturday, July 9 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

She was born in Passaic and had resided in South Plainfield for the past 40 years.

Linda was employed as a copublisher for Contemporary Bride in Piscataway.

Linda was predeceased by her parents and by a brother.

Surviving are her husband, Gary and their children.

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

Annie (Gogoff) Kosinski, 89

Annie (Gogoff) Kosinski died on Sunday, July 10 at CareOne the Highlands in Edison.

Born in New York City, Annie has lived in South Plainfield since 1978.

Annie worked for Lancome Cos-mair in Piscataway as a machine operator in production. She was very active with her job and could be found working at many of the company functions.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister whom will be missed dearly.

She is predeceased by her husband, Eugene, who died in 1966; and by two siblings, Joseph Planata and John Gogoff.

Annie leaves behind a daughter, Carol Ann Routel and husband John of Readington Township; two sons, Eugene Kosinski and Paul Kosinski, both of South Plainfield; and two granddaughters, Candace Marie and Lisa Renee Routel.

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## Students Artwork Selected for Exhibit at Swain Galleries



"Lilypads and Big Blue" by Thomas Seiz (oil/acrylic)

A multi-media showcase of works by young award-winning artists selected from the Annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of Art will be the summer exhibit, July 16 through August 12, at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. The opening reception is Saturday, July 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. On view will be pastels, oils, stained glass, digital photography and more. Guests are invited to mingle with and query duCret students and faculty members.

The artwork that will be showcased at Swain Galleries by South Plainfield students include "Summerhills" and "Lilypads and Big Blue" by Thomas Seiz (oil/acrylic-honorable mention); "Rome" by Christopher

Peel (photography-third place); and "Pensive Woman" by Thomas Seiz (mixed media-second place).

Regular hours at Swain Galleries are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries, family owned and operated, established in 1868 and celebrating 143 years, features fine art, custom framing and specialty gifts. They are located at 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. For more details about the show, call (908) 756-1707.

The duCret School of Art is NJ's oldest private art school and is located in an 1896 Georgian revival mansion complex. The school is nationally accredited and approved by the State of New Jersey Department of Education/Labor and Workforce Development. duCret offers a three year full time and part time art program, 35 summer workshops, children's and teens summer art camp and three evening open studios for the general public. Information can be obtained by contacting the school at (908) 757-7171 or visiting the web site www.duCret.edu.

## Notes from the Jim Pomovets Memorial Golf League

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Chris Dillon was determined not to make it three, and he came through with his best effort so far, a superlative even-par 33, and his team needed every stroke of that outstanding performance as they barely edged out 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, 11-9. Marc Bamrick was terrific in putting together a 35 to help USA gain this narrow victory. Jeff Orth earned the medal for 2 Buds, 2 Dubs with his round of 39.

Wayne Lavender of the South Plainfield Funeral Home continues to improve each week, and his 39 sparked his team to a 12-8 win over the Italian-American Club. Bob Nilan just missed sharing medalist honors for the victors with his round of 40. With this key win, South Plainfield Funeral Home moved into second place.

Rich Pellegrino of the Italian-American Club left a few strokes out there, but still was low-man for his squad with his 42.

Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar of McCriskin's Home For Funerals has been under a lot of pressure the past few weeks from his mother-in-law, Eleanor, who has been riding him because he hasn't been playing well and hasn't been

getting his name in the paper. Chichvar responded by putting together his best round of the season, a 3-over 36, that featured two lovely birdies on the fourth and sixth holes.

Chichvar has asked his mother-in-law to give him a really hard time this week with the intention of helping him to play better golf. Eleanor said that would be no problem.

Steve Schock contributed 39 to help McCriskin's gain back-to-back victories

## 11U Green Machine All Stars

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the Father Day's weekend. Jacob Rivera, David Chatel, Chris LaCasale and Justin Newman made great plays at second and third base to stop rallies by Carteret in the championship game. But the web gem and play of the championship game was made by Centerfielder Jack Scudato. In the top of the sixth, with two outs, Carteret staged a late inning rally with runners on second and third base. The Carteret batter hit a low line drive into centerfield, and Jack ran in to try and catch the ball as the ball kept dropping. Jack drove head first in the air (he looked like Superman flying through the air) and made a great diving catch on the turf and was able to hang on to the ball, thus ending the game and winning the championship. If the ball got

after losing four-in-a-row.

Dennis Bibby showed flashes of his old self, i.e. before his injury, in registering a 41 for Sport & Social to earn medalist honors for a team that's still struggling to find its groove.

**Low scores for the night:** Chris Dillon, 33; Danny Griffin, 34; Mark Bamrick, 35; Charlie Oats, 35; Guy Severini, 35; Mark Chichvar, 36; Frank Oades, 36; Joe Diller, 37; Kevin Bickunas, 38; Billy Capparelli, 38; Danny Stanzione, 38.

past Jack the game surely would have been tied or may have been an inside the park home run to give Carteret the lead.

The Green Machine coaches would like to thank the parents and family members, and especially SPJBC Board Member Gary Rohrer, for coming to all of the games Father's Day weekend. The South Plainfield parents were by far the loudest fans all weekend.

The team is Andrew Bisgaard, Mike Castagno, David Chatel, Joey Heilmann, Chris LaCasale, Justin Newman, Jacob Rivera, Jack Scudato, Luke Tamburro, Niko Vasquez, Conner Wolpin and Brandon Wizda. The team was managed by Joe Scudato with Assistant Coaches John Wizda, Dave Delrio, Dan Tamburro and Angelo Rivera.

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## Council, BOE to Switch Provider

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is one of 62 schools Zumu hosts that is displayed in miniature on its site.

Coincidentally, after two years with Zumu the BOE is switching its provider to School Wires as of July 1 through July 30, 2012. What makes School Wires attractive to the BOE is the ability to have a web page for every teacher in the district. Zumu could provide a web page to 100 teachers.

According to Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. Frank Cocchiola, School Wire has the capacity to provide teachers with access to students online

live or on tape if the school is closed.

Staff members, including Annemarie Stoeckel, district supervisor of technology; Helen Gaub, Jim Viers and Renan Santana attended a three-day training session.

The program for the school year is being funded by a Pandemic Grant from the federal government. Costs for professional services amounts to \$9,390.67 for the period June 1-30. The cost of the program from July 1 through June 30, 2012 is \$10,088 with \$7,488 for web hosting service and \$2,600 for the licensed software fee.

## Project Graduation Celebration

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The evening began with a fire drill provided by the fire department, Emergency Management Team and the rescue squad in the parking lot.

The large array of food offerings included a variety of sub sandwiches, candy, chips, cold beverages and snacks. Parent volunteers barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs.

The celebration's activities began as soon as students entered the club. Throughout the night a deejay played music and roamed with a microphone speaking to the guests. Activities were available all night in various areas of the club—from the lobby, aerobics room, patio, to the downstairs pool area and rainbow room. They included the fast-paced money booth, ping pong, foosball, air hockey, a rock climbing wall, indoor and outdoor pools, basketball, racquetball, Xbox Connect and casino games Texas Hold'em and blackjack.

A favorite activity for the grads was the Polaroid key chain photos they posed for. In addition, the grads had airbrushed boxer shorts made in the design of their choice, tattoo

artists who offered a choice of henna, airbrush, crystal and hand painting. Caricature artists created renditions of individuals or small groups. A roving magician also entertained the crowd.

Games and contests included a Funarama Game Show hosted by the deejay, lip synch, mummy wrap and balloon burst contests and an unusual game of "musical people."

The popular volleyball tournament was a fun and fierce competition. At around 1 a.m. some of the students began to crash with blankets on the floor, but the naps were short-lived and the fun began again. At 5 a.m. students received 2011 shirts bearing the names of the entire class.

Breakfast included pastries, juice, milk and more. Yearbooks were signed and goodbyes were exchanged amid hugs and tears. The 2001 Project Graduation ended with the graduates heading home to sleep.

Project Graduation would not be possible without the many volunteers, including parents and teachers, as well as donations from local businesses and from the South Plainfield Education Foundation.



## Future Stars Students Create Parting Gifts for Teachers

As the Future Stars Preschool year came to an end in the 2½ year old class, the children enjoyed making their last two projects.

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## Nominations Sought For Grand Marshal

The Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal. The theme of this year's parade is "Honoring Our Heroes."

If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, send a detailed letter stating the reasons why this person should be considered. Include candidate's name, address, evening phone number, your phone number and detailed list of volunteer activities and accomplishments.

Send nominations by July 25 to The Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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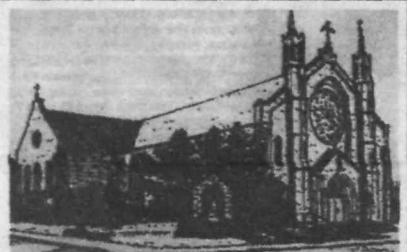
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