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## GOODNIGHT IRENE!



Photo submitted by Anthony Salerno

The South Plainfield Public Library at the intersection of Plainfield and Lane avenues is closed indefinitely after Hurricane Irene swept through the borough. See more photos on pages 22 and 23.

### Borough Deluged By Hurricane Flood Rains

Hurricane Irene passed through South Plainfield Saturday night and caused power outages, neighborhood floods, road closures, flooded basements and many downed trees throughout the borough. The most dangerous part of the storm damage were the fallen trees which took down

live wires with them.

There were no reported injuries during the storm, which may be attributed to the preparations residents took prior to the storm's arrival. Residents and businesses began receiving automatically generated calls from Emergency Management personnel starting on

Thursday, and the calls continued until after the storm passed. The messages advised people the oncoming storm and what to do to prepare for the high winds and rain. Thousands of sand bags were handed out at the Department of Public Works building on Friday and Saturday. At times the lines were so long they extended to Metuchen Road and beyond.

Flooding was extensive throughout town. Roads that normally don't flood were under water most of Sunday and Monday, making it very difficult to get around town. People spent most of Sunday walking around with cameras to survey the damage due to high winds and heavy rain. Major flooding occurred along New Market Avenue, Plainfield Avenue in front of Borough Hall and Fred Allen Drive and the surrounding streets near the Bound Brook.

The water in Spring Lake overflowed its banks, flooding Plainfield Avenue, Monument Park and Borough Hall, completely surrounding the building and stranding it like an island. Borough hall was closed on Monday until noon due to the flooding. The building did not sustain any water damage with the exception of a small amount of water in the basement.

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*Honoring  
Our Heroes*

The South Plainfield Labor Day Parade Public Celebrations Committee invites you to the

**54th Annual Labor Day Parade**



54th Annual Labor Day Parade Grand Marshals—Joseph Belardo, Judy Moretti (representing Trista Moretti) and Rose and Mike Santoro (representing Michael Santoro). Detailed information begins on page 14.

**9-11 MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**South Plainfield Town Observance**

**Monument Park**

**Sunday, September 11, 2011 - 12:45 pm**



*Community Event*

*Honoring the innocent lives*

*lost on that tragic day*

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# FYI

**Borough Council & BOE**

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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 meetings

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

### Agenda Meeting

September 6 (Tuesday)  
September 19

### Public Meeting

September 6 (Tuesday)  
September 19

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

## planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641  
Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 1, \* Dec. 13\*

## zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641  
Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10\*, Dec. 8\*

## board of education

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.  
Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.)  
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.) Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21 and April 11.

## 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

## cultural arts commission

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the PAL at 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

## library board of trustees

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

## 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  
Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

## taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at  
Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

## site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

## environmental commission

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

## business advisory group

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

## ad hoc alternative truck route committee

To be announced. 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605

# In My Opinion

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## To the Editor:

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All in all he is extremely professional and easy to do business with and I highly recommend him.

**SINCERELY,  
SAUNDRA SZABO-SMITH**

## Dear Editor,

With the worst of the hurricane behind us and the clean-up ahead, I want to recognize the extraordinary work of the Office of Emergency Management, Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Rescue Squad, Volunteer CERT members and the Department of Public Works during this challenging time.

Working without sleep and facing the effects of the storm in their personal lives, our emergency services and DPW put the needs of our community first and worked day and night to ensure the safety of our borough.

I want to personally thank all of the volunteers and employees who worked during this hurricane to keep our residents safe.

**SINCERELY,  
COUNCILWOMAN  
CHRISSY BUTEAS**

## Dear Neighbors,

Earlier this week South Plainfield saw the worst flooding it's seen in at least a quarter century. Trees and branches fell to the ground, several thousand homes and businesses lost power, and water spilled over the banks of Spring Lake and the creeks

that flow from it. When Hurricane Irene passed through our state, it definitely left its mark on South Plainfield.

As I write this letter, some sections of town are still without power, dozens of basements are still flooded and the cleanup is still in progress. Despite the work still to be done, I wanted to pause for a moment and thank our residents, our town employees and all the volunteers who rose to the occasion when it came time to battle this storm.

I first want to thank the countless volunteers who took to the streets to make sure residents were safe and to help with the cleanup. Our fire fighters, EMS personnel and CERT team members showed why South

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Plainfield has a reputation as a community that cares.

I also want to thank our police department and public works employees. These two departments, as usual, went above and beyond. Officers who  
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## To the Editor:

In Brayden's Eyes, The Brayden Carr Foundation, is proud to announce the launch of our non-profit organization and two upcoming events (listed below) that will support a bright future for kids with seizure disorders and their related physical needs through varying scholarships.

The foundation was created in memory of our son, Brayden James Carr, whom we lost in May 2011, to honor his indomitable spirit and infectious enthusiasm for life. Through your support, Brayden's smile will shine on, his laugh will be heard and his eyes will forever be bright.

Run or walk in Brayden's memory in the South Plainfield Education Foundation's Annual Labor Day Event on Monday, Sept. 5 and they will provide a scholarship for a South Plainfield student with a seizure disorder in Brayden's name. (Remember to check the box for Brayden on the race application.)

The Brayden Carr Foundation is

very proud to present our Annual All-Star Coaches Clinic at Rutgers University Athletic Center on Friday, Sept. 30. It is open to all and will feature: Jeff VanGundy, 11 year NBA



Brayden James Carr

head coach and ESPN analyst; Larry Brown, Naismith Hall Of Fame coach; John Calipari, two time National Coach of the Year; Bill Self, 2008 NCAA National Champion; Bob Hurley Sr., Naismith Hall Of Fame coach, St. Anthony's High School; and Mike Rice, head coach, Rutgers University. Don't miss this first class event with on-site local and national vendors sponsored by WFAN Sports Radio, Rutgers Athletics, Modell's Sporting Goods and the New Jersey Nets.

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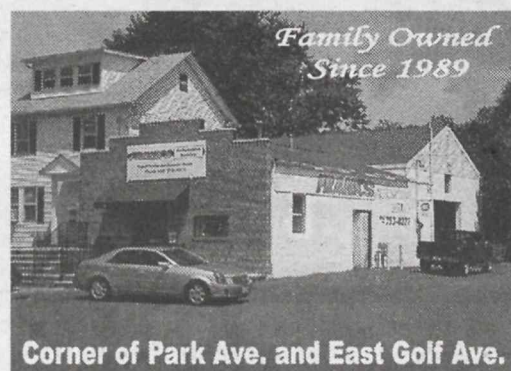
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## Student Interns Enthusiastic About Working for Borough this Summer

By Libby Barsky

Payal Sindha, a member of the National Honor Society who is starting her senior year at South Plainfield High School, wanted to spend her summer as a volunteer. She was about to apply to become an aide at JFK Hospital when she saw a notice for positions as an intern at Borough Hall. Payal talked to her guidance counselor about the internship and decided to be an intern working in the borough instead of volunteering at a hospital.

Now that her summer internship is over she's very glad she made the decision to apply for the intern position, a job which offered no pay, but provided a great deal of opportunity to apply her computer skills.

"It was a great job," Payal said enthusiastically. She worked Tuesdays and Thursdays for eight weeks.

Her first days were spent in the Health Department helping residents applying for dog and cat licenses. From there she spent two hectic days in the tax office where residents were paying their third quarter tax bill. Then she worked in the assessors department creating a spread sheet program. Toward her last days, she helped Mayor Matt Anesh and CFO Glenn Cullen set up the Borough's Facebook page. She also helped out



Intern Nii Mills using mailing machinery at Borough Hall.

at the police department informing residents whose homes were near the Plainfield Country Club about the new parking regulations during the Barclays golf event August 22-28.

Last year Cullen started the internship program, where high school students were brought in to work at borough hall to fill in for the days staff members were on vacation.

One of last year's interns was Richard Rotella, a junior then entering his senior year. His work was so appreciated as an intern, that Cullen asked Rotella to return this summer and

work a five day week with a salary in the borough's tax office. In the fall he will be a student at The University of New Haven, where he plans to study forensic science.

Rotella's younger brother, Jacob, is continuing in his brother's footsteps as an intern. His jobs include filing, checking the payroll and registering dogs and cats.

Nii Mills, who will be a senior at SPHS, had volunteered in the PAL Safety Town program last year and wanted to do more. He applied and received an intern position. Nii also gave out dog and cat licenses, distributed compactor coupons and performed various clerical duties.

In all, seven interns worked in the borough during the summer: Rajath Kenath, Nii Mills, Andrea Muglia, Jacob Rotella, Payal Sindha, William Walsh and Albert Vill. Not every intern was a student at SPHS. William Walsh is a student at St. Joe's in Metuchen, but he lives with his parents in South Plainfield.

## Holiday Schedule At Recycling Center and Curbside Collection

Section 1 curbside recycling collection will be done on Saturday, Sept. 10 instead of on Monday, Sept. 5, because of the Labor Day holiday.

The South Plainfield Recycling Center will be open on its regular schedule during the Labor Day weekend: open from 8 a.m. to 3

p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2 and Saturday Sept. 3 and from 12 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6. The yard waste site will be open as usual 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and 12 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Call the recycling hotline at (908) 226-7620 for updates.

## Let's Not Forget 9/11

Mohn's Flowers is asking for your help in paying tribute to our servicemen and women on the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

They are asking that you bring a picture of someone you know who is serving in the armed forces in a 5x7 or 8x10 frame by Monday, Aug. 29 and write a little something about them. Mohn's is located at 2325 Plainfield Ave.

Mohn's plans to display the photos in their window during the month of September.

Also, if you lost someone on 9/11, please bring their photo in and write a little something about that loved one. Mohn's will give you a yellow ribbon for you to place on your tree. Please join Mohn's in a tribute to all these wonderful people.

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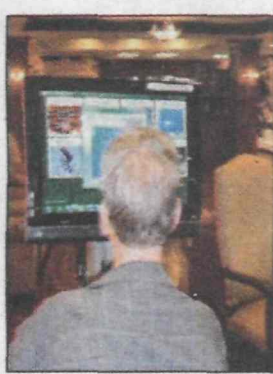
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# events

## Around Town

### Elk's Family Picnic Has been Cancelled

September 3

The South Plainfield Elks Family Picnic scheduled for Saturday, September 3 has been cancelled due to flooding. We hope to reschedule it soon. Thank you for your support.

### 9/11 Auditions Tribute At Jo-Ann's Dance

September 10

Dance Auditions, hosted by Jo-Ann's Dance Studio, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 starting at 2:30

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spobserver@comcast.net

p.m. for registration. South Plainfield resident Elise Counts, along with choreographers Christina Rak-Samson and Courtney Goerge, will be on hand to discover their principal dancers for the show, *Broadway Meets NJ* at the Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick on November 6 to honor and pay tribute to our 9/11 families and survivors.

Free tickets will be offered. Submit your 9/11 story for tribute nomination to [www.therisingphoenix.org](http://www.therisingphoenix.org).

### VFW Country Breakfast

September 11

The South Plainfield VFW will hold the first country breakfast of the season on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 8 until 11 a.m. Come in, relax, see old friends and enjoy a tasty breakfast.

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

### Open House at First Baptist Church

September 11

First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, located at 201 Hamilton Blvd., invites all to our Sunday School Open House on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sign up for classes and check out our newly renovated Noah's Ark Nursery. Refreshments served. Hope to see you there!

### SPHS Athletic Booster Club Meeting

September 13

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:15 p.m. before the "Meet the Coaches Night" in the high school cafeteria.

All parents/guardians of SPHS student-athletes are encouraged to attend this meeting and find out what we do to support them and the athletic programs.

### "Meet The Coaches Night" at SPHS

September 13

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club will sponsor "Meet The Coaches Night" on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Coffee and desserts will be provided.

Also, visit our table to join the Athletic Booster Club. Membership is only \$5 and helps support our student-athletes.

### 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 information, email [plorance@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:plorance@churchofthesacredheart.net).

### St. Stephen Annual International Festival

September 16, 17 and 18

St. Stephen, located at 609 Lane Ave. will hold its annual International Festival September 16-18. Friday, 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 2 to 8 p.m. The festival offers foods from four different cuisines: Middle Eastern, Greek, Slavic and American entrees and desserts. The kid's corner section features two semi-trailers of board walk games, a castle bounce house, face painting, crafts and apple decorating.

For questions, email [saintstephenchurch609@gmail.com](mailto:saintstephenchurch609@gmail.com) or call (908) 756-0410.

### Ice Cream Social

September 18

Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, John Sorrentino and Paul McCullen, South Plainfield Democratic candidates for Borough Council, cordially invite you to attend a free ice cream social at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Sunday, Sept. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Come out and meet the candidates and enjoy an ice cream sundae as well. All South Plainfield residents are welcome!

## SENIOR CENTER Calendar

ANNUAL SENIOR PICNIC  
September 29, 1-3 p.m. - \$15

GERMANFEST  
October 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. - \$60

HUNTERDON HILLS  
December 8, 4:30-9:30 p.m. - \$60

### 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  
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 pm  
Exercise Class ..... 1:15 pm

### FRIDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm

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

### Senior Center Picnic

September 29

The South Plainfield Senior Center picnic will be held on Thursday, Sept. 29 at the senior center from 12 to 4 p.m. Delicious food. Catering by Elmer's: chicken, fries, onion rings, corn on the cob, coffee and dessert. Entertainment by Ian Gallagher.

Tickets are \$15. Don't miss out-sign up at the senior center.

### 1961 Class Reunion

October 1

South Plainfield High School Class of 1961 will host the 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Raritan Center in Edison.

For information regarding tickets and plans, email Brenda Belardo Ribar at [class1961sphs@gmail.com](mailto:class1961sphs@gmail.com).

### UNICO Celebrates 41st Anniversary

October 15

Plainfield's UNICO will celebrate its 41st anniversary of the Unification of Italy on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the senior center, located at 90 Maple Ave.

Entertainment by Marianna Giancarla Biribin and Steve Berger.

\$25 donation per person includes Italian food and soft drinks; BYOB.

For tickets, call Robert Bengivena at (908) 753-0247 or Renato Biribin at (908) 561-6685. No tickets sold at the door.

### Sacred Heart Rosary Society Pilgrimage

October 18

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will host a pilgrimage to The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor, near the hamlet of Garrison, N.Y. on Tuesday, Oct. 18. Bus leaves at 8 a.m. from the church

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For information and reservations, call Kathy at (908) 756-3772 or Nancy at (908) 561-5917.

### Oktoberfest

October 27

The senior center will be sponsoring a trip to the Oktoberfest at Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort in Hawley, Pa. on Thursday, Oct. 27. Bus leaves 8 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Festival style meal, German show with the Joe Lastovica Band. Cost of \$60 per person includes transportation. Sign up at the Senior Center.

### — Out of Town —

### Singles Dance Party

September 4

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Sunday, Sept. 4 at 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Woodbridge Hilton, GSP Exit 131A. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$17.

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

### Metuchen-Edison Women's Club

September 7

The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m., at The Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave. in Edison. Guest speaker will be Nancy Zerbe, president of the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park.

Guests are welcome and light refreshments will be served. For additional information, contact Diana at (732) 548-0925.

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### Bridge Lessons

September 8, 12

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For more information visit [www.essexbridgecenter.com](http://www.essexbridgecenter.com) or call (973) 535-9262.

### BBQ and Barchu at Beth Israel

September 9

Congregation Beth Israel, located at 18 Shalom Way in Scotch Plains will hold its second annual BBQ & Barchu, on Friday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. Dinner on the synagogue's outdoor patio, followed by communal singing to welcome the Sabbath. Family-friendly services for Friday night will begin at 7:30 p.m. A dessert reception will conclude the evening. The event is open to the community. Dinner costs: \$20 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 years old.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830.

### UNICO Ellis Island Trip Announced

September 10

UNICO Raritan Chapter is planning an outing to Ellis Island on Saturday, Sept. 10. Bus departs from the Stop and Shop parking lot, Rt. 202 and Orlando Drive in Raritan at 8:30 a.m. Upon arrival at Liberty State Park, a ferry will take us to the island. Tickets: \$30 per person.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (908) 655-7388 or (908) 526-5470.

### Festival at Our Lady of Fatima

September 10

Our Lady of Fatima Church will hold an International Festival on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 5 to 11 p.m. in the parish education and recreation centers located at 499 New Market Rd. in Piscataway. Admission: adults (11 yrs+) \$10, Children (4-10) \$5, 3 and under free. Enjoy international foods, cultural exhibits, multi-cultural entertainment, music and dancing.

For information, contact Roberta Maurer at (732) 245-9124 or e-mail [RebaSpec@optonline.net](mailto:RebaSpec@optonline.net).

### Open House at Flight School

September 10

American Flyers Flight School at the Morristown Airport will be hosting an open house and barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 10. The event kicks off at noon with a free lunch and continues with tours.

American Flyers is located on the west side of the Morristown Airport. For more information, call (973) 267-3223.

### Country Fair and Polish Festival

September 11

The Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception will hold their 43rd Annual Country Fair and Polish Festival Sunday, Sept. 11 on the grounds of their U.S. Provincialate and Novitiate located at 1000 Cropwell Road in Cherry Hill. Rain or shine.

For further information, call (856) 296-3973 or (856) 424-1962.

### Meet and Greet Membership Fair

September 11

Congregation Beth Israel, located at 18 Shalom Way in Scotch Plains will hold a Meet & Greet Membership Fair on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The event is open to the community and refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Davida Berkowitz at (908) 889-1830.

### Worship/Classes Kick Off at Willow Grove

September 11

Join us at our 10 a.m. worship service for all ages at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, located at 1961 Raritan Rd. in Scotch Plains, with our Fall Kick Off and Homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 11.

For more information, call the church office at (908) 232-5678, or visit our website at [www.willowgrovechurch.org](http://www.willowgrovechurch.org).

### Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Fundraiser

September 18

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth and Middlesex Counties will hold its fifth annual volleyball tournament on Sunday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Main Street Beach in Manasquan. Teams of 6-8 people; each member is asked to raise a minimum of \$75 in pledges to participate. Music, refreshments, prizes.

For more information or to register a team, call (732) 544-2224 or visit [www.bbbsmmc.org](http://www.bbbsmmc.org).

### Parenting Workshop

September 21

A free parenting workshop, "Helping Your Special Needs Child Learn Crucial Life Skills," will be presented at Newmark School, 365 Emerson Ave. in Plainfield on Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. Open to the public. Space is limited.

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# Buono, Diegnan and Barnes Announce Campaign Kickoff and Call to Action

Senator Barbara Buono, Assemblymen Patrick Diegnan, Jr. and Peter J. Barnes III recently announced their candidacies for re-election to the New Jersey Legislature in the 18th District.

"I am excited to begin our campaign for the citizens of the 18th Legislative District," stated Senate Majority Leader Barbara Buono (D-Metuchen) about starting her re-election efforts with her Assembly colleagues. "With our shared values for fighting for and improving the lives of working families, this is a team of leaders willing to stand up for the middle class and not millionaires. We're calling on all volunteers to contact our campaign and let us know what you can do to help us fight back."

"Together we can make a statement that shared sacrifice must truly be shared," Buono added.

In the last two years, the mostly suburban 18th Legislative district has borne the brunt of over \$1 billion in school and municipal aid cuts, resulting in a loss of services and increased property tax burden for residents.

"I want to contrast my record of advocating for fully-funding our district's schools with the unconscionable cuts to education in suburban school districts supported by the Governor and our opponents," said Assemblyman Diegnan (D-South Plainfield). "My values include supporting our district's most vulnerable citizens instead of balancing the State budget by cutting senior property tax relief. It's time to stand up for our community."

The three Democrats are encouraging volunteers to reach out to their campaign so motivated citizens can get involved.

"Whether it's walking door-to-door, making phone calls or requesting a lawn sign, we hope you'll join



Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Senator Barbara Buono and Assemblyman Peter Barnes

us in fighting against radical policies that hurt middle class families," said Assemblyman Barnes (D-Edison). "A campaign is about talking to people, and to do that we need volunteers to help get our message out to the voters."

The 18th District Democrats have a campaign headquarters in Wick Plaza, located at 561 Rt. 1 in Edison. The

candidates also have taken to social media to bolster their campaigns and encourage volunteers and voters to search for them online. Seven Middlesex County municipalities will be casting their votes in the 18th Legislative District this November: East Brunswick, Edison, Helmetta, Highland Park, Metuchen, South River and South Plainfield.

## POLICE REPORT

• On August 17 Yovaira J. Cruz, 25, of Avenel was arrested for possession of a fraudulent inspection sticker and an outstanding warrant.

• A Garden Drive resident reported the theft of change and an insurance card from their vehicle

• A Florence Place resident reported the theft of change and an insurance card from their vehicle.

• On August 18 Ana I. Munoz, 42, of South Plainfield was arrested for failure to exhibit a valid insurance card and an outstanding warrant.

• Dipali Jitendra Patel, 21, of Edison was arrested for tinted windows, failure to exhibit a valid insurance card, no insurance and an outstanding warrant.

• A Dunham Avenue resident reported the theft of a backpack from their unlocked vehicle that was parked at Quick Chek on Sampton Avenue.

• On August 20 Blas E. Morilla, 30, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving

and speeding.

• Roberto Campohermoso, 20, of Union was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

• On August 21 a Cambridge Street resident reported the theft of four aluminum car rims from their rear yard.

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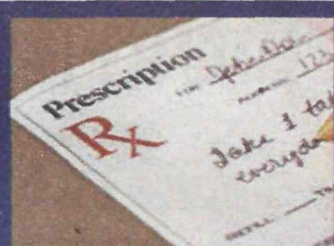


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From the Democrats

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## We Are Grateful for Everything You Do

The Democratic team of Chrissy Butcas, John Sorrentino and Paul McCullen want to express their deep gratitude to all the residents and workers of South Plainfield who worked tirelessly during the past week on behalf of our town. The pro-golf tournament started off the week with thousands of visitors packing our roads and visiting some of the business establishments in town. Our police department, Police Chief James Parker, Office Emergency Management (OEM) Director Mike Zushma and members of the OEM did an outstanding job keeping the traffic problems to a minimum.

Everyone was hit hard by Hurricane Irene. Things would have been a lot worse if it had not been for the efforts of the following: Superintendent of Public Works Bobby Capparelli and members of the Public Works Department, Chief Parker and members of the police department, Larry Del Negro and members of the fire department, members of the rescue squad, the Mayor and members of the council. A very special thank you goes out to Mike Zushma and his wife, Linda, and his staff for the hours of work they put in to keep the residents of South Plainfield informed and safe. Mike is supposed to be a part-timer,

but he spent endless hours this week working overtime for the people of South Plainfield.

Chrissy, John and Paul are grateful to be given the opportunity to serve the people of South Plainfield. In the coming weeks we will present our proposals to make South Plainfield a better place. We are so grateful that we live in a place where the community always rises to the top to face any challenge and is always willing to help a neighbor in need.

The Democratic Team would also like to acknowledge and thank the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders for securing the funds needed to repair the bridge over the railroad tracks near the corner of Park Avenue and Oak Tree Road. In last week's paper the impression given was that South Plainfield had applied for the funds needed to do the project. As everyone knows, Park Avenue is a county road and it was the Freeholders who have been working on the project for over five years. We are grateful that the bridge will be fixed.

Chrissy, John and Paul were disappointed that the Mayor did not take the opportunity to address the vacant super food store that was right behind him in the parking lot. The Democratic candidates have made the economic stability of the town their number one priority. Unlike councilman Barletta, Chrissy, John and Paul believe that it is the responsibility and duty of the governing body to secure and increase the ratable base in town so our taxes will not go up again like they did this year. They are committed to bringing businesses back into town and filling up all the vacant commercial spaces with thriving enterprises that will give the residents some tax relief and business opportunities to our unemployed.

## It's About Getting it Done

Pointing out how Mayor Anesh and the new GOP administration have worked to take the town in a new direction, Council candidates Alex Barletta, Derryck White and Dick Frank this week talked about their plans for an even better South Plainfield if elected in November.

"We know results count," said Barletta, who was appointed to the council in January. "That's why we're so proud the town is moving in the right direction. And it's even more important that we keep it going that way."

Barletta pointed to spending as an example of the type of results he thinks are making a difference. "Spending went up for years under the Democrats. Yet spending is down for the second year in a row under the new administration. No other town in the area has a record like that."

White, whose children attend Riley School, agreed, "The council is working hard to control taxes and spending, which is important for families trying to make ends meet. I'll work just as hard if the voters give me that chance."

In 2010 the average homeowner saw the municipal part of the tax bill (the part controlled by the council) drop by \$178. Even after a small increase this year, the average resident will still be paying \$138 less than in 2009 under the Democrats.

Over two years, the municipal part of the tax bill is down 8.2%. By contrast, county taxes, which are controlled by the Democrats, are up 19.3%.

"People are struggling," explained Frank, who's seeking a one-year term on the council. "They can't afford the constant increases."

The three candidates also stressed

the importance of being in touch with the needs of residents. "We have to control spending, but we also need to maintain the services people rely on," said Barletta.

The trio pointed to a string of accomplishments under the new administration as examples of where they want to take the borough:

- The council worked with the PBA on a new contract that phases out longevity, reduces starting salaries, and controls healthcare costs. A renegotiated public works contract reduced starting salaries by 30%.

- The borough workforce is about 15% smaller, something the council accomplished without the major layoffs seen in nearby towns. While payroll costs are going up in other towns, they actually went down in South Plainfield this year.

- Debt service is down based on reduced borrowing.

- The borough has a new, updated website that's costing taxpayers about a third of the costs for the old one.

- Residents no longer have to separate recyclables, even though the borough is paying less for recycling costs. This happened when the council for the first time bid out recycling.

"These are just examples of the smaller, more efficient government that is becoming the norm in South Plainfield," explained Barletta.

"Our goal is to continue to take the town in this direction," added Frank. "Give us the chance, and we'll do just that."

"We believe we have a lot to offer," added White. "We're not career politicians looking to build a resume or climb the ladder. We're your neighbors, people who want to work together and get the job done."

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# Local Social Network Garners National Participation

When Laura Mazro Matusz launched a Facebook (FB) page two weeks ago, she never dreamed that it would have 1,100 plus participants and over 3,100 entries in just a matter of days. The FB page is, "You know you're from \*SOUTH PLAINFIELD\* when..."

Laura says "I created this page a few hours after I had to go back to South Plainfield for a meeting I had there. As I drove through my 'hometown,' I had so many memories flooding back to me and I thought, 'Hmmm, wouldn't it be nice to create a place for everyone else to hear, speak, share and remember their childhood memories?'"

Laura, who now lives in Somerset County, succeeded with a simple title to a Facebook page. It may not qualify as spreading like a "virus" in today's internet lingo, but participation quickly grew. There are many people who grew up in South Plainfield who now live all over the country. Their memories of the good times they had in their neighborhoods, schools and within their families have become a living record on this FB page. Some of the entries have the written flavor of an oral history of our town.

Lori Reick Zielinski, a SPHS grad, commented, "It has brought back so many fond memories, as I have lived here for over 51 years now! And I have made some new 'friends' who saw my posts and said they knew me

or my husband who also has been here 51 years! Wonderful!"

Paul Howe, a SPHS 1964 grad, who had a career with the Department of Defense and traveled the world, now is retired and living in West Virginia. "I moved from the borough in 1964 and had only been back a few times over the decades. I miss the people and the memories." Howe continues, "It is fun to meet up with my childhood friends on this page and re-hash old times. Even going so far as creating bogus arguments about whose memory is correct about some of the events of our youth."

Some members of the group, like Frances A. Davis, who now lives in Danville, California, is an alum of Sacred Heart School. The topic she started about the grade school resulted in 45 quick comments that covered four decades of personal reminiscences about the school and faculty.

Bill Frink, a retired South Plainfield policeman and a life-long resident, enjoys participating as one who has witnessed many of the changes that have taken place during the past 65 years. Paul Howe calls him the brains of the outfit because he has been everywhere in South Plainfield.

Some people were surprised at what they learned on the Facebook page. Debbi Spisso Mathews, a 1971 graduate of SPHS who now lives in Texas, was following a thread when it occurred to her that she and Laura

had the same great-grandfather and were distant cousins.

There are fascinating threads that capture the history of South Plainfield during the past several decades; short discussions and comments on the first area shopping mall, the corner stores run by different families, the teachers at Franklin and Grant Schools, Hadley Airport and even the adventures at the old mansion off of Woodland Avenue. Some participants have been able to revive a memory of when Plainfield was the destination for local shopping and were able to name the stores on Front Street.

Michele Scalera Hall, whose grandfather once owned a local school bus company, started a thread about Sacred Heart Church and very quickly got over 100 comments that covered a couple of generations of memories from the 1950's to the present.

The membership on the page is open to anyone who cares to participate. It has attracted attention from many former South Plainfield residents who no longer make the borough their home, as well as some life-long residents.

When Mazro Matusz received some thank you notes for starting the page, she responded by writing, "So thank you, because I have already laughed out loud so many times and even shed a tear...I see great memories flooding this page along with people honoring those that have left us. So above anything else, this page has brought together friends and strangers alike ~ and for that I thank you ~ for allowing me to share in YOUR memories."

## You Know You're From South Plainfield, When...

By Mark Ensel

You remember Rudolfo's,  
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The root beer at Stewart's,  
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# Knights and Squires Build Handicap Wheelchair Ramp



Completed ramp at Ghanem's house

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus built a very special project on August 13. Twelve members of the Knights of Columbus joined by six Squires built a 50 foot wheelchair ramp for a South Plainfield resident in town who has Cerebral Palsy. In late July the mother of NyBil Ghanem came to the Knights to see if we could help build a ramp as our Squires had built two ramps for other elderly residents in town in the past. NyBil's mother let us know her son is 27 years old and she could no longer pick him up and carry him into their house and she needed the help of the Knights desperately.

Upon looking at the scope of the ramp, Past Grand Knight Bill Butrico realized it would be difficult for the Squires to build this ramp alone so he asked if our council could help. Over a two day period and in only about 14 hours, our council was able to construct the ramp for NyBil to use.

On August 12 the Squires and three Knights dug 12 holes for the concrete footings and built two of the deck landings. Then on August 13, starting at 8 a.m., 10 Knights and various Squires completely built the rest of the ramp in only eight hours. This was a total team effort to help a handicapped resident in town.

The Knights also covered the total



Knights and Squires construct handicap ramp.

cost of the ramp materials, which was over \$1,500. If the family had the ramp built it would have cost them well over \$3,000.

The following members of the Knights of Columbus helped out: Joe Scrudato (Grand Knight), Harold Bolton, Jamie Larson, Bill Butrico (Project Leader), Gerry Butrico,

Charlie Butrico, Pat Flanagan, Tom Pollock, Walter Adenau, Joe McGeehan, Joe DeAndrea and John Roesch. The following Squires helped out: Kevin Flanagan, Sean Flanagan, Brian Roesch, Albert Vill. Will, Walsh and James Butrico.

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## Business Association Hosting Taste of the Town

The South Plainfield Business Association (SPBA) will be hosting its first Taste of the Town night on Friday, Oct. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the senior center.

Local restaurants from South Plainfield are being asked to participate by showcasing their specialty

foods for guests to sample. Approximately 20-25 restaurants are expected to participate that evening. This is a great way for residents to taste some of the delicious cuisine that is available in South Plainfield. It is also an

opportunity for local restaurants to meet with their present and future customers.

Dan Ratti, owner of Oak Tree Discount Liquors, has already signed up and will have his usual sample wines and liquors on hand.

Presale tickets cost \$20 and \$25 at the door. So plan on coming out to support the SPBA and enjoy an evening of gourmet food.

The SPBA is a non profit 501 (c) (3) association. All proceeds will go to scholarships for South Plainfield High School graduates.

For information in participating or tickets, call Chairman Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573, Vice Chairman Chrissy Butcas at (908) 447-3466 or SPBA President Nancy Grenier at (908) 668-0010.

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## Environmental Commission Teams With Environmental Educator For Labor Day

By Dorothy Miele, Chairperson, So. Pfld. Environmental Commission

Dave Street, the popular environmental educator known throughout New Jersey, is teaming up with the South Plainfield Environmental Commission and its Green Team on Labor Day to introduce its latest undertaking—Community Asset Mapping (CAM). Also called Green Mapping, CAM will provide a collective web-based inventory of the positive and valued aspects of South Plainfield such as educational facilities; parks and recreation sites; natural assets including wetlands, trails and open space; past and present sites of historical interest; locations of civic, scout and faith-based organizations as well as business associations and locations, to name just a few categories. The web-based map will show “pages” of information with a click of the mouse. It will be periodically updated by the Green Team. Asset mapping answers the question “Where are we now?” while also revealing gaps where improvements can be made, all of which can lead to a sustainable community for future generations.

## Volunteers Needed For Fall Litter Cleanup

The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board (CCAB) will sponsor a targeted public lands cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 17.

South Clinton Avenue is a high traffic road through an industrial district that includes wooded parcels. Many of the businesses are meticulous about property maintenance. Several have earned the Clean Business Association's prestigious Glitter Award. Others are less careful about cleaning their road frontage. Cluttered loading docks, open trash dumpsters, uncovered trucks and careless motorists all contribute to roadside litter. The CCAB believes that clean business districts attract high quality businesses that strengthen the borough's commercial sector and tax base.

The cleanup runs from 9 to 11 a.m. Gloves, trash bags, safety vests and other equipment will be provided. Volunteers will meet at the Highland Woods Nature Center at 115 Sylvania Place.

Call Alice Tempel, the Clean Communities Coordinator, at (908) 226-7621, or e-mail her at atempel@southplainfieldnj.com for more information.

### WE NEED YOU

Civic participation is essential at all age levels, from students to seniors. Your opinion on what you would like listed on the map is essential. In addition, residents can join the Green Mapping Committee and help collect data and decide what listings make the final version of the published map.

A printed survey will be available at the Environmental Commission/Green Team booth at the Labor Day Picnic. Jonathan Walezak, dual member of the Environmental Commission and Green Team, is leading the CAM effort and will be available at the Labor Day booth to hand out surveys or answer questions. Residents can also find the survey at the Environmental Specialist's office in Borough Hall, the *Observer* office, the Public Library and eventually on line.

If you can't visit the booth on Labor Day and would like more information or would like to join the Green Mapping Committee, please contact Jonathan at jwalezak@gmail.com or the Environmental Commission at spnaturetrails@verizon.net.

## View South Plainfield's Past at KC's Korner

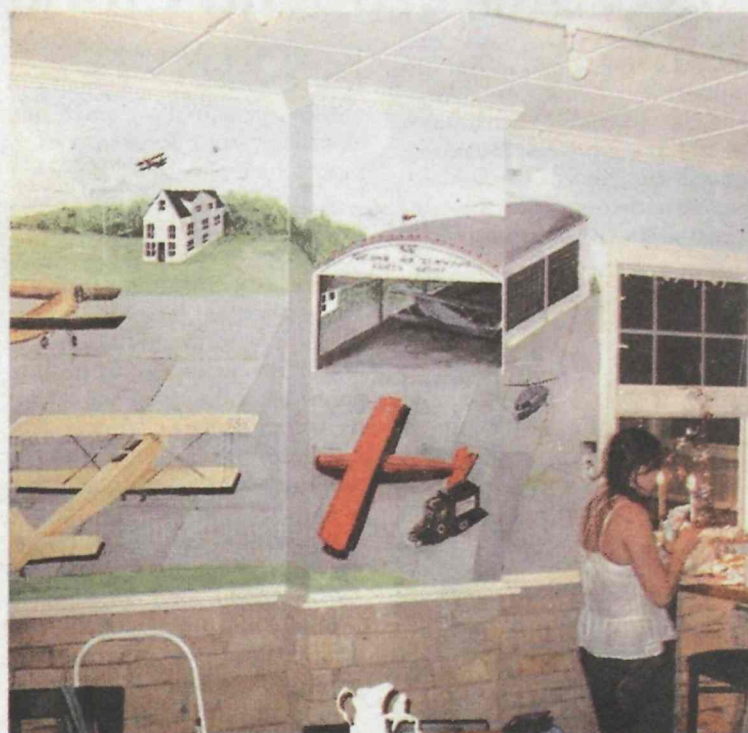
Even though the buildings are gone and time has passed changing the face of South Plainfield, you can still enjoy a view into the past with a visit to KC's Korner.

Historical murals can be seen on two sides of the bar depicting a view of the old train station in its environment from the 1930s and another mural depicts old Hadley Airport from the 1940s.

Two artists, a father and daughter team, worked for hours capturing the look of days gone by. Paul Soisson, a local resident, along with his daughter Chelsea Soisson, a student attending Maryland Institute of College Art (MICA) in Baltimore, have completed a perspective of the past working from only a few historical photos and their imagination. The dimensions and unique wall structure created some interesting challenges, but both murals add color, depth and a new perspective on a different time.

KC's Korner has gone through some major changes in recent years with the addition of a small restaurant section, a greatly expanded menu and a new look for the bar itself with interesting new taps and a clean lighter décor.

Stop by and enjoy the cooking of an accomplished new chef and melt into the past while a local freight train can at times provide sound effects for the train mural.



Artist Chelsea Soisson works on the mural on the wall of KC's Korner.

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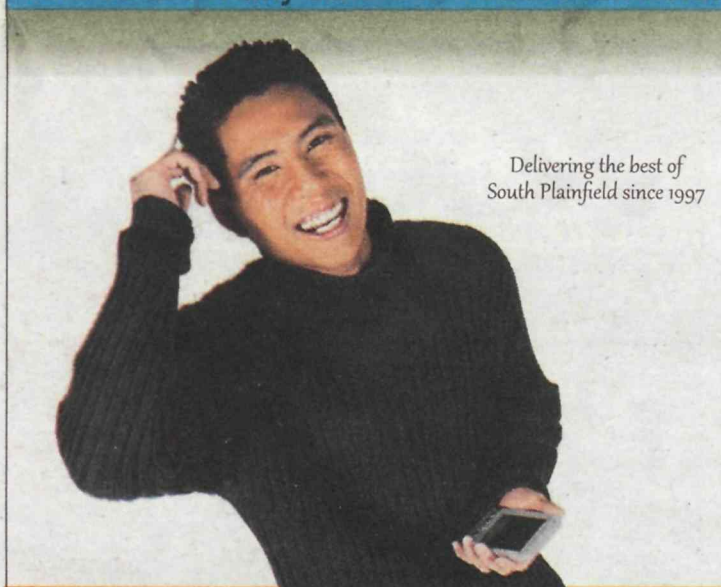
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# Kids Learn All About Money at Save, Share, Spend Library Program

By Libby Barsky

Using authentic U.S. currency (dollars and coins), Joyce A. Signorile of Central Jersey Federal Credit Union introduced the concept of save, share, spend to 10 youngsters ages five to



Joyce Signorile of Central Jersey Federal Credit Union with two plastic bins hiding change at Save, Share, Spend program.

12 years old at the South Plainfield Public Library on August 15.

Signorile initially handed out increasingly larger denominations of paper currency from a one dollar bill to a twenty dollar bill, including a rare two dollar note no longer being printed, for the children to examine and identify. Signorile cautioned about counterfeit bills. She demonstrated how to identify a legal bill from a counterfeit one by holding up the bill and showing the side of the portrait of the president up to a light to see a smaller fainter replica of the picture on the lower right corner of the bill.

She also had the children plunge their hands into plastic containers containing coins covered by shredded paper. The object was to feel and then tell what denomination the coin was before looking at it.

Most of the youngsters present were familiar with coins which they collected in piggy banks to be used for something they wanted. Signorile asked the children what they wanted. While most of the children present spoke of small items they wanted—one girl said, "A car."

"You will be saving for a long time.



Alexis Rati handling paper currency.

If it's put in a piggy bank it doesn't collect interest," Signorile noted. She suggested that money should be placed in a savings account.

Besides saving coins to spend, Signorile suggested a portion of the amount be directed to donating to charitable causes.

Signorile's theme, "Save, Share and Spend" was summarized by a graphic drawing of a circle which divided \$100 into three sections, \$10 for sharing such as a donation to \$45 for saving and \$45 for spending.

## In My Opinion

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were already putting in long hours and extra days to handle the Barclays golf tournament worked even longer hours (and with very little sleep) to safeguard our residents. In much the same way, our public works employees worked from late in the night Saturday until late in the day Sunday to try to get things back to normal. Some put in 24-hour shifts only to return to work first thing Monday and start all over again.

Our Office of Emergency Management also deserves our appreciation. Without the planning and preparation of this team, we would not have seen the speedy and efficient response to the storm that we did.

Members of our Borough Council and administration also chipped in

and deserve our thanks. Council members staffed our emergency response center, and the next day some even joined me and a team of volunteers to help clear the streets of storm debris.

Finally, a big thank you goes to our residents, most of whom heeded my request to stay in their homes during the storm and during the early cleanup while roads were still flooded.

The way our town worked together to battle Hurricane Irene makes me proud. South Plainfield has a reputation as a close-knit town and as one where abundant volunteers work tirelessly for a better community and to help those in need. Last weekend's storm is just one more example why that reputation is well deserved.

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## Seeing Eye Plans Open House

The Seeing Eye, Inc., will host its first open house in more than 30 years on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will provide a glimpse of places that are not showcased during the organization's regular tours. Visitors will be able to take a guided tour of the campus, watch training demonstrations, meet Seeing Eye® dog handlers and puppy raisers and

talk to instructors.

"The Seeing Eye has been located in Morris County for more than 80 years, but we find that there are still some residents that haven't had the opportunity to learn what's behind the great work we do," President and CEO Jim Kutsch said. "Many people have seen Seeing Eye instructors, students and dogs on the streets and in the shops around Morristown. This event is the perfect opportunity to come and learn about the work that goes on behind the scenes."

Tickets are \$5 for adults; children five and under are free. Tickets must be purchased in advance and presented at the door. Visit SeeingEye.org/OpenHouse for more information.

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## Teens Turning Green Launches Project Green Challenge

Youth led non-profit Teens Turning Green (TTG) is mobilizing high school and college students across the country to green their lifestyles through the 30-day Project Green Challenge, powered by Natracare. From Oct. 1-30 students will take on one challenge a day, each focused on a specific action aimed at building a powerful, diverse and far reaching movement that inspires youth to transition from conventional to conscious and take small steps that will help sustain a healthy and just world.

Throughout the month of October, daily challenges will be outlined on ProjectGreenChallenge.com and in emails sent to each registered participant.

Participants will share their responses and experiences on ProjectGreenChallenge.com, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Participants that complete the 30-day Challenge can apply for the "challenge finals." Ten finalists will be selected to participate in Green University, a two-day eco-summit held in the Bay Area, California Dec. 3 and 4.

Finalists will be flown to San Francisco where they will learn from esteemed eco leaders, present experiences from the 30-day Challenge, and work together to create unique platforms for social action. These platforms will then be implemented by Teens Turning Green and youth

nationwide in 2012. Green University will culminate with the selection of the Project Green Challenge Champion by a panel of judges. The champion will win prizes, including a college scholarship, grocery gift certificate, bicycle, head-to-toe eco makeover with clothing, hair, skin and body care products, eco dorm or bedroom makeover and more, as well as the opportunity to work with TTG in the coming year.

"The challenge aims to raise awareness amongst our generation about conscious living, informed consumption, and the collective impact of individual actions. The idea started as a way to empower my friends and peers

to take action in their own lives and on their school campuses," said Erin Schrode, 20, Project Green Challenge program director and co-founder of TTG. "We want to inspire everyone to make simple, fun changes that will have a lasting impact on our health and that of the planet."

Schrode, along with her mother, TTG founder and executive director Judi Shils, and 15 TTG interns from around the country spent the last four months developing the concept, partner collaborations, and multimedia platform. They've reached out to hundreds of colleges, universities and high schools to take part. Participating schools include Bard College, Boston University, Brown University, Drexel University, Furman University, Harvard University, Indiana University, Marquette University, New York University, Northern Arizona University, Towson University, University of Alabama, University of Arizona, University of Georgia, University of Texas, Wellesley College, and many more.

"Initial response to Project Green Challenge has been incredible and inspiring. Environmental science teachers are using the Challenge as a basis for curriculum during that month. Student government, Greek life and eco councils are spearheading the

movement on many campuses," said Shils. "Our hope is to have hundreds of schools and organizations participating. These students from across the country will collaborate with TTG to develop social action platforms and work to change the world in powerful and impactful ways."

For more information, to sign up, and get involved, visit ProjectGreenChallenge.com or call (415) 289-1001.

## Middlesex County Public Health Rape Crisis Intervention Center Recruiting Volunteers

The Middlesex County Office of Public Health Rape Crisis Intervention Center is looking for county residents 18 and older to volunteer as confidential sexual violence advocates.

Carol Barrett Bellante, chairperson of the county's Public Health and Education Committee said, "Volunteers are vital to our center and an important part of our commitment to comfort and advise victims of sexual violence."

Advocates are needed to provide support to survivors of sexual violence via our 24-hour hotline and during medical and legal accompaniments. Volunteers will undergo a mandatory 50 hour training period which will begin on Sept. 7 and continue through Nov. 5.

During the program individuals will be trained in the dynamics of violence recovery, crisis intervention and advocacy. Responsibilities will

include offering support, information and referrals for victims of sexual violence, family members, and members of the community.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact the Rape Crisis Intervention Center at (732) 321-1189 x321 during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Please call for more information or to schedule an interview.

Katherine Antonitis, acting director-Health Officer of the Middlesex County Office of Public Health stated, "The Rape Crisis Intervention Center of Middlesex County is a public service functioning under the auspices of the Middlesex County Office of Public Health which has been providing services for county residents for over 30 years. A confidential sexual violence advocate can be reached by calling our free 24-hour hotline at 1-877-665-RAPE (7273)."

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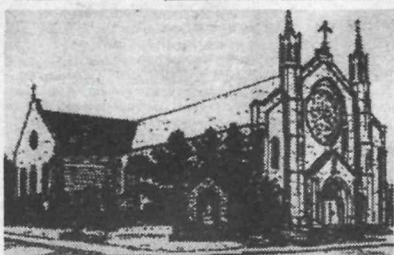
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# Honoring Our Heroes

## 54th Annual Labor Day Parade

### Annual Labor Day Parade to Honor Our Heroes

The 54th Annual Labor Day Parade, a South Plainfield tradition, is just one of many activities that will take place on Monday, Sept. 5. The day begins with the 21st annual 5K race and Family 1.5K walk at 9:30 a.m., registration for the race begins at 8:15 a.m. Trophies are awarded when all the racers have completed the course.

Roads along the race and parade route will close at 9 a.m. At exactly 10 a.m. the Labor Day parade officially kicks off from the PAL building and continues on to the Middle School.

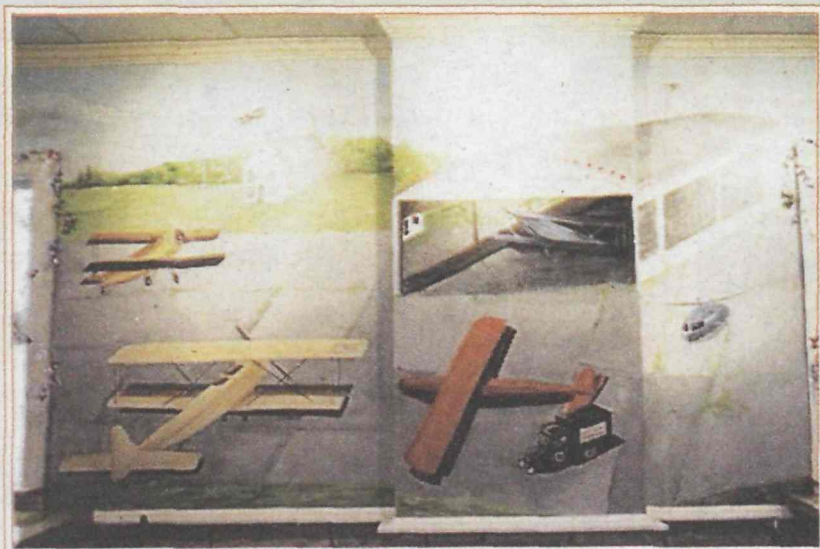
This year, for the first time in the parade's history, there will be three honorary grand marshals leading the parade—veterans Joseph Belardo, Trista Moretti and Michael Santoro. Moretti and Santoro, both deceased, will be represented by members of their family.

The New Jersey State Police are scheduled to lead off the parade. Also, another first, the

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54th Annual Labor Day Parade Grand Marshals—Joseph Belardo, Judy Moretti (representing Trista Moretti) and Rose and Mike Santoro (representing Michael Santoro).



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## Labor Day Race and Walk to Raise Substance Abuse Awareness

The South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness (SPA-SA), the Club at Ricochet and the South Plainfield Education Foundation (SPEF) will hold the 21st annual Labor Day 5K Race on Monday, Sept 5. The South Plainfield Education Foundation will partner with the Brayden-Carr Foundation to help fund a new scholarship in Brayden Carr's memory.

The 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk will also be held this year in support of family togetherness and a positive drug free, fun-filled fitness lifestyle.

The entry fee for walkers is \$5 per person and/or family; 5K

runners \$20.

Computer timing will be handled by Best Race Systems. Race results will be posted at [www.bestrace.com](http://www.bestrace.com).

The race will begin and end on Lake Street next to the South Plainfield Middle School. Both the run and walk begin at 9:30 a.m.; register at 8:15 a.m.

All proceeds from the race support the efforts of the SPASA and the SPEF in making the South Plainfield community drug free and to inspire our students to achieve academically with positive incentives and education grants and scholarships.



Marchers in last years Labor Day Parade.

### 2011 Parade Marching Entries

- American Legion Post 243
- Boy Scout Troop 125
- Boy Scouts of America
- Car Nutz Car Club
- Circus Gorilla Comedy Car
- Cub Scouts of America
- Daren the D.A.R.E. Lion
- Driverless Comedy Car
- Funny Factory Calli-A-Bike
- Funny Factory Cowboy Mobile
- Funny Factory Stiltwalkers
- Funny Factory Stunt Car
- Gamin' Ride
- Gilson Heating & Cooling
- LaBella Dance Studio
- Living Hope Outreach Center
- McGruff the Crime Dog
- Middlesex County Right to Life
- MOMS Club of South Plainfield and Piscataway
- Wes Roll, privately owned car
- National American Miss Princess of New Jersey
- New Jersey Preteen Sweetheart
- National Teenager Ma'Sonia McPherson
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- South Plainfield Football Eagles
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- South Plainfield Knights of Columbus
- South Plainfield Police Department
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- South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department
- St. Stephens Evangelical Lutheran Church
- The Plainfield Salvation Army
- The Unforgettable Autos- 1960 Plymouth Savoy - Ben Deutschman, 1976 Pontiac Trans Am
- South Plainfield Mayor Matthew Anesh
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- Councilmembers Robert Bengivenga, Jr., Timothy McConville, Christine Buteas, Franky Salerno, Alex Barletta

**Fireworks  
at 8:45 in  
Spring Lake  
Park!**

## Annual Labor Day Parade to Honor Our Heroes

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New Jersey Jets Flight Crew Cheerleaders will be participating. The parade will feature, bands, civic groups, floats, clowns, numerous cartoon characters, and much more. Trophies will be awarded in several categories at the completion of the parade.

Reviewing stands are located

in front of Borough Hall and the middle school. Announcers will be Al Czech and Bill Cochrane.

After the parade, everyone is invited to visit the lawn of the Middle School and enjoy some great food while they visit the vendor booths. There will also be supervised activities and contest for the children. Entertainment will be provided by "Blackrose"

on the lawn of the Middle School starting at 12:30.

The celebration moves to Spring Lake Park at 6 p.m. where the band "Amp'd" will be performing. Fireworks by the International Fireworks Company begin at 8:45 p.m. Roads close at 8:15 p.m. Arrive early for a good seat and enjoy the fireworks show.

### Concessions

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- SPHS Music Boosters Club - Hot Dogs and Soda
- North Jersey Kettle & Italian Specialties

### Parade Marshals

Parade marshals and banner carriers are still needed for Monday's parade. Volunteers must be over the age of 17 and 13, respectively. A meeting will be held today at 7 p.m. in borough hall for all volunteers.

For more information, call (908) 226-7629.

### 2011 Parade Marching Bands

- Col. D.B. Kelly Pipe and Drum Band
- Jersey Brass Band
- NJ Polka Band
- Sharpshooters Band
- Oriental String Band
- Plainfield Salvation Army Rag Timers
- South Plainfield High School Tiger Marching Band

### Parade Committee Members

- John Sorrentino, Chair
- Timothy McConville, Council Liaison
- Kimberly Anesh
- Alissa Bengivenga
- Debbie Boyle
- Chrissy Buteas
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- 1962 Joseph E. Delaney
- 1964 Harry Eagle
- 1965 Nathan Snyder
- 1966 Andrew A. Phillips
- 1967 Frank Diana, Sr.
- 1968 Albert Leibner
- 1969 Jane D. Boettger
- 1970 Irving Babes
- 1971 John A. Bori
- 1972 George L. And Marie Page
- 1973 Frank X. Mittermeier
- 1974 Joseph A. Mondoro
- 1975 Julius "Supe" Celentano
- 1976 Anna Tom
- 1977 Louis Defillipo
- 1978 George Rude
- 1979 Hanry Apgar
- 1980 Mary Mazepa
- 1981 John Shaw
- 1982 Joseph Bori & James Saverd, Frank Diana & John Cotone
- 1983 Nicola Risoli
- 1984 Harry Schulte
- 1985 Esther Armstead
- 1986 Reverend Charles Mingle
- 1987 John George
- 1988 Edward Niemczyk
- 1989 Leonard Capraro
- 1990 Adam Phillips
- 1991 Theresa Micali
- 1992 Ferdinand Thiel
- 1993 Arlene M. Kelly
- 1994 Mary Chapman
- 1995 Tulio Capparelli
- 1996 William Desabato
- 1997 Michael English
- 1998 William Cochrane
- 1999 Eleanor Haines
- 2000 Charles Decker
- 2001 Daniel J. Gallagher
- 2002 Joseph Deandrea
- 2003 Joe Zekas
- 2004 John Mocharski
- 2005 John Cotone
- 2006 Shirley Thompson
- 2007 Owen Kelly
- 2008 Richard Mccriskin
- 2009 Ed Kubala
- 2010 Charles Butrico

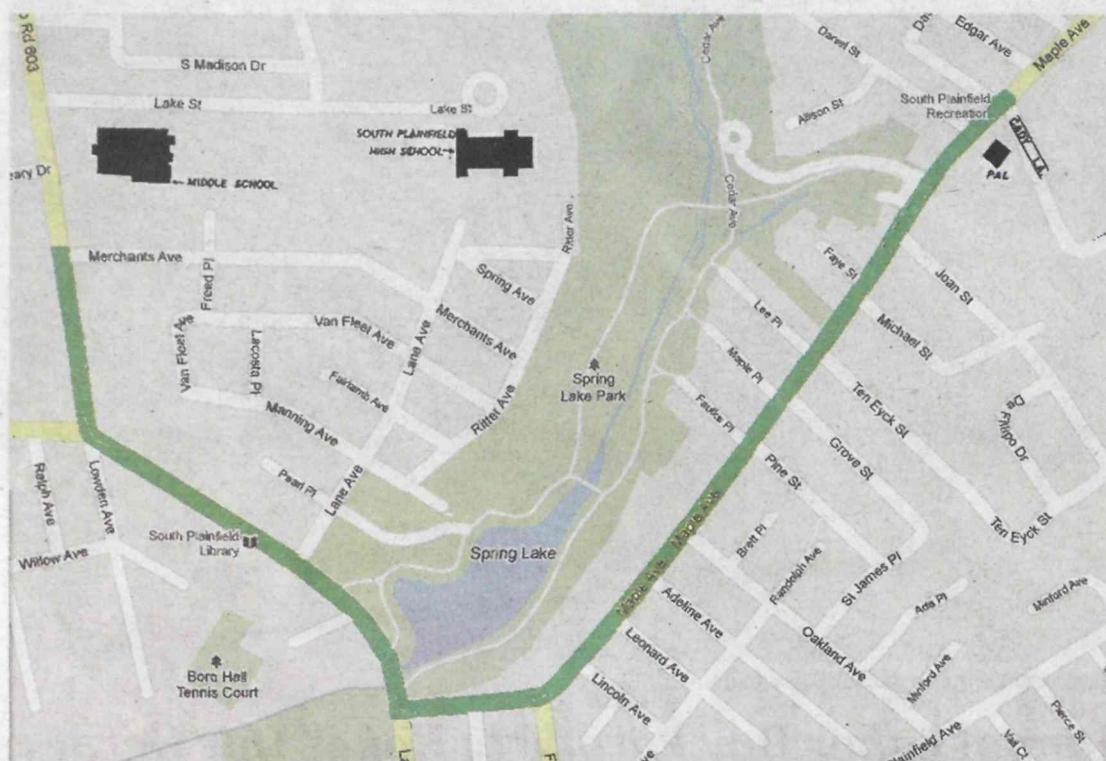
### Vendor Activities on Middle School Lawn

- Living Hope Outreach
- St. Stephen's Orthodox Church
- Cedarcroft Bible Chapel
- South Plainfield Music Booster
- Summer Drama Workshop
- Solaris Health System (JFK)
- SPHS Football
- SP Historical Society
- SP Environmental Commission
- Sustainable SP Green Team
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# 54th Annual Labor Day Parade



54th annual Labor Day Parade route

## Schedule of Activities

(All times are approximate and subject to change)

- 8:15 a.m. Registration starts for 5K Run and 1.5 mile Family Fitness Walk (at the Middle School)
- 9:00 a.m. All roads on parade route will be closed
- 9:30 a.m. 5K Run and 1.5 Mile Fitness Walk begin
- 10:00 a.m. **Parade Kicks Off at PAL on Maple Avenue**
- 12:00 p.m. Parade Ends/Activities Begin  
Trophies are awarded, refreshments all afternoon on the Middle School lawn
- 12:00 p.m. **Activities Begin at Middle School**
- 12:30 p.m. Entertainment by "Blackrose"
- 6:00 p.m. **Evening Activities Begin at Spring Lake Park**  
Entertainment by "Amp'd"
- 8:45 p.m. Fireworks by Garden State Fireworks

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Best overall entry as determined by judges
- GEORGE W. L. PAGE TROPHY\***  
Best civic entry
- MOST OUTSTANDING FLOAT\***  
Best overall
- BEST YOUTH ENTRY\***  
Best youth group
- BEST CIVIC ENTRY\***
- MOST PATRIOTIC ENTRY\***
- MOST OUTSTANDING VISITING ENTRY\***  
Best appearing entry from outside of South Plainfield
- BEST ANTIQUE VEHICLE\***  
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Best overall marching entry

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## Fall Season Updates for Football and Field Hockey Announced by NJSIAA

With the fall interscholastic sports season about to begin, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Association (NJSIAA)—the non-profit group that represents the best interests of more than 250,000 student athletes from 433 accredited public, private and parochial high schools—has announced a pair of significant updates. One deals with on-field, protective equipment, while the other focuses on exactly which playing sites will be used for championship competition.

Effective immediately, all field hockey players will be required to wear high-impact goggles (either plastic or metal mesh) while in a game. This rule change applies to all varsity, junior varsity and freshman level competition, and is in keeping with an April 2011 mandate by the National Federation of State High School Associations related to eye-wear and field hockey competition.

Protective goggles are specifically designed to reduce the likelihood of a player being injured by the hard, heavy balls used in field hockey or by swinging sticks. Previously, the use of mouth guards by field hockey players was mandated by the NJSIAA, but individual athletes chose whether or not to utilize protective eyewear.

In football, all sectional state

championship games will be played at neutral sites. Such an arrangement is already standard practice in north and central region finals, but many south regional championship games have regularly been held at the home field of one of the participants. The issue with a championship finalist hosting a game is, of course, that certain teams are given a distinct or at least perceived advantage.

For the 2011 football season, championship games will be played at Kean College, the Meadowlands stadium, Rutgers University and the College of New Jersey.

“Helping our student athletes avoid injury, and keeping competition as fair and balanced as possible are among our core responsibilities as an organization,” notes Steven J. Timko, the association’s executive director. “And by making these two changes—the protective goggles for girls’ field hockey and the switch to all neutral sites for football state finals—we’re continuing to live up to these responsibilities with excellent new regulations that I anticipate everyone will embrace.”

In another change specific to football, seven has been set as the total number of games a given team must play against in-state competition. This


rule revision will free up the schedules of select, elite squads to arrange for games against similarly elite teams from other states, while also helping preserve some traditional, inter-state rivalries.

At the conclusion of each interscholastic sports season—fall, winter, and spring—NJSIAA committees evaluate all sports to identify necessary revisions to rules and regulations.

### About the NJSIAA

Established in 1918, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletics Association (NJSIAA) is a voluntary, non-profit organization comprised of 433 accredited public, private and parochial high schools. A member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, the NJSIAA conducts tournaments and crowns champions in 32 sports. Championship competition for girls is sponsored in basketball, bowling, cross country, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, outdoor track, winter track and volleyball. Boys’ championships are determined in baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, fencing, football, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, outdoor track, winter track, volleyball and wrestling.

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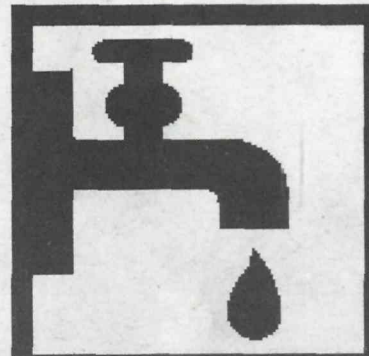
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- Extend the County bike trail through South Plainfield.
- Work with the County to revitalize Spring Lake Park.
- Revitalize South Plainfield with a new community Beautification Commission.

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- Create a comprehensive traffic safety plan to make our roads safer and control speeding:
  - o Limit large trucks on residential roads.
  - o Make one way streets.
  - o Create four-way stop intersections.
  - o Improve signage alerting residents to the dangers of speeding.

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- Assist our seniors with issues from housing to access to benefits.
- Eliminate long lines at the compactor by making it available twice monthly.
- Initiate evening hours for several Borough offices at least once a week.
- Increase transparency in government.

Join Councilwoman  
 Chrissy Buteas, John Sorrentino  
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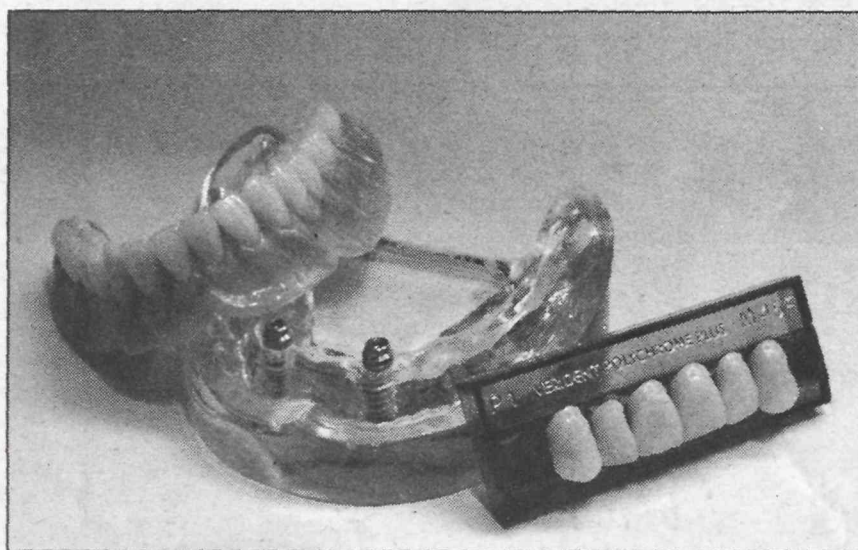
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# Milestones

## Director of Sales at South Plainfield Hampton Inn Named

Buffalo Lodging Associates, LLC, a hotel development and third party management company, announces that Caroline Langhorn has been brought on as director of sales for Hampton Inn South Plainfield/Piscataway. The hotel is located at 205 New World Way.

Caroline comes to Hampton Inn South Plainfield from a Holiday Inn in Budd Lake, NJ, where she was a senior sales manager for the corporate and wedding business segment.

Hampton Inn South Plainfield/Piscataway is owned and operated by Buffalo Lodging Associates, LLC, a hotel development and management company. Buffalo Lodging Associates owns and operates hotels throughout the Eastern United States and Ontario, Canada.

For more information about Buffalo Lodging Associates' group of award-winning hotels, please visit [www.buffalolodging.com](http://www.buffalolodging.com).

## Students Achieve Dean's List at TCNJ

The following South Plainfield students have earned the esteemed honor of placement on the dean's list at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) for the Spring 2011 semester:

Daniel Quinn, a communication studies major; James T. Seyffart, a finance major; Anthony M. Simone, a

finance major; Rachel Smith, an English major; Alexandra Skula, an open option human and social science major; Robert W. Harrington, a political science major; Ryan P. Harrington, a pre-elementary education-M/S/T major; Lauren O'Day, a pre-special education-M/S/T major; Christopher Kedmenec, a computer engineering major; and Stephen Coppi, an electrical engineering major.



Miriam Shellmanner Walton

## Miriam Walton Celebrates 90th Birthday

Miriam Shellmanner Walton was born in Drums, Pa. on August 29, 1921. She is one of 11 children. She was married to Walter Walton who passed away in June of 1995.

Miriam has two sons, Richard and Robyn; two daughters, Sandy and Barbara, who predeceased her; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

Miriam moved from Pennsylvania to settle in New Jersey in 1945 and currently resides in Plainfield, New Jersey.

## Washington College Welcomes Sarah Roibal

Washington College in Chestertown, Md., is pleased to welcome Sarah Roibal, who is entering as a freshman this Fall to join the College's Class of 2015.

Sarah is the daughter of Ms. Lisa Roibal from South Plainfield.

Founded in 1782 under the patronage of George Washington, Washington College is a private, independent college of liberal arts and sciences located in colonial Chestertown on Maryland's Eastern Shore.



Matthew M. Hoppe

## Matthew M. Hoppe Named to Dean's List

Matthew M. Hoppe has been named to the dean's list at Rider University for the spring 2011 semester.

Appointment to the dean's list require a 3.25 or better GPA, completion of at least 12 credits and no C's.

Matt is a 2009 graduate of South Plainfield High School, majoring in secondary education/history. He begins his junior year this fall.

## Aimee Maiorino Named to Rutgers Dean's List

Aimee Maiorino was named to the dean's list at Rutgers School of Biological Sciences for the 2011 spring semester with a 3.75 GPA.

Aimee is majoring in Environmental policy. She is a 2005 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

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# GOODNIGHT IRENE!



Entrance to Spring Lake Park; the gazebo can be seen in background under water.



A tree is uprooted on 10th Street.

(Continued from page 1)

The library was not as lucky. The building sustained damage to the floor, carpeting and some equipment. The library is currently closed to the public until further notice. Residents are asked to call the library before they come for the latest information on reopening. The community pool was forced to close down for a few

days for extensive cleanup. It should be open for the Labor Day weekend, if not before.

A tree fell down onto the railroad tracks near Sherban's Diner, blocking trains in both directions. Sherban's experienced heavy flood damage, and the parking lot was flooded most of Sunday.

Many residents who lost electricity had their power restored by Sunday

evening with the exception of those who had fallen trees with live wires. PSE&G had to remove those trees for safety reasons. DPW workers were out early Sunday and continued to work throughout the week clearing debris and trees that blocked roads.

Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma is advising residents to take photos of their dam-

age. A special meeting for residents who wish to submit a claim with FEMA will be announced shortly.

The compost site was open all week from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for residents to bring in their debris. The DPW will pick up any debris that is left on the curb, but ask that if you can bring it to the compost site it will expedite the clean up. The composter will be open

on Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For those residents who have large bulk items to dispose of, the borough has moved up the town-wide Fall bulk pickup. It will begin the week of September 12 in District 1. For full schedule logon to southplainfieldnj.com. We will publish the full schedule in next week's *Observer*.

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Tree lying across railroad tracks near Sherban's suspended train traffic.



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# Sports

## WEEKLY RESULTS

### SOUTH PLAINFIELD SOCCER CLUB

Submitted By Dawn Hutchison

## Club Prepares for the Fall 2011 Season

If you're driving around town these days and throughout much of the summer, you can't help but notice all the groups of soccer players hard at work. Just a sign of the upcoming Fall season at the South Plainfield Soccer Club. With 13 teams registered for the fall, we anticipate some exciting soccer, from the U8 levels through U13. We have several brand new teams at our younger ages, U8 Terminators, U9 Girls Fury and the U10 Xtreme. We welcome these and all our new players to the club and wish all our teams great success and lots of fun throughout the season.

Each season, our members will be out in the community with our canning fundraiser. Please support our club members by donating as you see them at some of your favorite establishments in town. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the club

and assists us with all of our operating costs such as field maintenance, training and fees. Through your support, we are able to keep our registration fees reasonable and affordable for all the families that wish to participate in our program.

We are also still in need of a few players for our U8 boys team. If you have a child who enjoys soccer and would like to get involved in the travel program, please contact the club at (908) 755-3550. Leave a clear message with your name, child's name and birth date, along with a contact number and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Congratulations to U-14 Storm. In a hard fought match, the U14 Storm lost to Monroe Wild in the Semi Finals of the Mid NJ Youth Soccer Association playoffs. After going undefeated in the spring season, the Storm faced off in the first round of the playoffs against a very competitive Woodbridge Thunder squad and managed a 1-0 victory. It was an exciting match and a milestone for the team, as it was their first time winning their flight and advancing to the playoffs. There are 48 teams in the U14 bracket

and finishing in the top four is a notable achievement for the boys and hopefully a good start to their high school soccer career. The U14 Storm consists of Kevin Shulca, Anthony Rovayo, Matt Roesch, Brandon Rickert, Patrick McCoid, Paul Licato, Sean Hutchison, Jose Guardado, Nicholas Grasso, William Garner, Carl Cirilli, Chris Cieszkiewicz, Mark Butrico and Enzo Butrico. Congratulations to the boys and good luck as many of the boys take to the field as part of the SPHS freshmen Tigers Soccer Team. We know how hard they train and hope to see them enjoy all the benefits of their hard work with a successful season.

For more information about the club, visit our website at [www.sopfldsoccerclub.com](http://www.sopfldsoccerclub.com). Please be sure to follow all the up to date news about the club at our website and here in the Observer.

## Sacred Heart to Host Second Golf Outing at Cranbury Course

Sacred Heart Parish will host its second annual golf outing at Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m.; the driving range will be available. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Prizes awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive and hit the green. Hot dogs, soda or beer at the turn and a lunch buffet are included in the package.

A platinum sponsorship (\$1,000 donation) includes a foursome, your corporate banner, a sign on the first tee and special recognition at the luncheon. A gold sponsorship (\$750 donation) includes a foursome, a sign on the 18th tee and recognition at the luncheon. A silver sponsorship (\$500 donation)

includes a twosome, a tee sign on the tee of your choice and recognition at the luncheon. An event sponsor (\$600 donation) includes your corporate banner and recognition at the luncheon. Breakfast sponsors (\$250 donation) requires two or more sponsors, beverage cart sponsors (\$250 donation) requires two or more sponsors and individual sponsors have their personalized signs on any hole of their choice. Fee per golfer is \$130 and fee per foursome is \$520.

To register, send your check payable to: Sacred Heart Golf Outing, Oak Tree Professional Building, 142 Oak Tree Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. For information, call Manual P. Sanchez at (908) 355-3000, ext. 17.

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## Cory Kline Golf Tournament Set for September 30

The second annual Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament will be held this year on Friday, Sept. 30 at Rutgers Golf Club, 777 Hoes Lane West in Piscataway. Cory, the son of retired South Plainfield Police Officer Gary Kline and wife Linda, passed away on September 22, 2009 just a few days after being diagnosed with leukemia, leaving behind his wife, Nicole, and young children, Elizabeth and Jaxon.

The golf tournament was the idea of Cory's father, who wanted not only

to bring family and friends together to do something Cory enjoyed so much, but also to raise money for his wife and children. Last year, 124 golfers and a total of 150 people attended. This year, organizers moved the tournament to a Friday in the hopes that more people will be able to participate and plan a weekend of more than just golf.

The \$150 cost per golfer includes lunch and beverages. Payment must be received prior to confirming your

place. Checks can be made payable to Gary Kline and mailed to 375 Wampee St. NW, Calabash, N.C. 28467. If using PayPal, send to Gary's PayPal account: [juveyman@aol.com](mailto:juveyman@aol.com). Sponsorships and/or messages are available for \$100 and will be displayed in a continuous loop on each golf cart's nine inch monitor.

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# sports

## WEEKLY RESULTS

### Tiger Sharks Swim Team Wins 2011 League A Championship

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team took first place and won the League A Championship of the New Jersey Swim Conference on July 30. With a combined score of 281.50, South Plainfield had quite the lead over the second place team, the Blue Dolphins of Bridgewater, who scored 239. Third place went to the Cranford Gators with a score of 207.

Ten of the top swim clubs in Central New Jersey compete each year in the League A Championship. The younger swimmers ages eight through 12 competed at the Brookside Swim Club in the morning, while swimmers 13 and older competed at the Somerset Valley YMCA. South Plainfield was the host for the older swimmers. Each team's swimmers competed in either two individual events and two relays, or three individual events and one relay. A swimmer scored points for their team if they placed in first through sixth place.

South Plainfield swimmers won the following awards:

**Individual Medley 100m:** (10 and under) Matthew Chan-first, Darlene Fung-first, Brendan Tang-second and Jenna Yan-third; (11/12) Andrew Galarza-second.

**Freestyle 25m:** (eight and under) Tyler Wu-fifth.

**Freestyle 50m:** (9/10) Matthew Chan-first, Darlene Fung-first, Brendan Tang-fifth, Stephanie Chiu-fifth and Jenna Yan sixth; (11/12) Nicolas Gurrieri-second and Andrew Galarza-fifth.

**Backstroke 25m:** (eight and under) Corey He and Shannon Yan-third.

**Backstroke 50m:** (9/10) Stephanie Chiu-sixth.

**Breaststroke 25m:** (eight and under) Tyler Wu-first and Ryan Park-fifth.

**Breaststroke 50m:** (9/10) Matthew Chan-first, Jenna Yan-first and Brendan Tang-fourth; (11/12) Chandler Carter-fourth and Andrew Galarza-sixth.

**Butterfly 25m:** (eight and under) Shannon Yan-third and Corey He-

sixth.

**Butterfly 50m:** (9/10) Stephanie Chiu-third; (11/12) Nicolas Gurrieri-sixth.

#### FREE RELAYS

**100m:** (eight and under) Max Strassburger, Tyler Wu, Corey He and Ryan Park-third; Colin Carey, Zack Brown, Dominic Faustini and Ryan Carey-fourth; and Alexandra Galarza, Allyson Betyeman, Amanda Pina and Shannon Yan-fifth.

**200m:** (9-12) Chandler Carter, Elizabeth Chiu, Stephanie Chiu and Aditi Bhattacharya-third.

#### MEDLEY RELAYS

**100m:** (eight and under) Corey He, Max Strassburger, Tyler Wu and Ryan Park-second; Alexandra Galarza, Shannon Yan, Amanda Pina and Allyson Betyeman-fourth.

**200m:** (9-12) Darlene Fung, Jenna Yan, Aubrey Marish and Chandler Carter-first; Brendan Tang, Matt Chan, Nicolas Gurrieri and Andrew Galarza-second.

**Individual Medley 200m:** (13-18) Gracie Pickarski-fifth and Maggie Valentino-sixth.

**Freestyle 100m:** (13/14) Paul Stanik-first, Samantha Soto-third and Daniel Galarza-third; (15-18) Ali Huber-second and Gracie Pickarski-fifth.

**Breaststroke 100m:** (13/14) Eugene Kim-first; (15-18) Amy Zinsky-sixth.

**Butterfly 100m:** (13/14) Samantha Soto-second and Eugene Kim-third; (15-18) Bryce Uzzolino-sixth.

**Backstroke 100m:** (13/14) David Wang-first and Daniel Galarza-third; (15-18) Maggie Valentino-fourth and Charlie Butrico-sixth.

**Freestyle 50m:** (13-18) Ali Huber-second and Bryce Uzzolino-third.

#### FREESTYLE RELAYS

**200m** (13-18) Ali Huber, Samantha Soto, Maggie Valentino and Ellen



Zinsky-first; Eugene Kim, Paul Stanik, Daniel Galarza and Bryce Uzzolino-first.

#### MEDLEY RELAYS

**200m** (13-18) Daniel

Galarza, David Wang, Eugene Kim and Bryce Uzzolino-first; Samantha Soto, Ali Huber, Grace Chung and Maggie Valentino-fourth; Charlie Butrico, Enzo Butrico, Patrick Osadacz and Paul Stanik-sixth.

A few days later the best swimmers from each of 40 swim teams in Central New Jersey competed in the All Conference Championships. Swimmers had to score in the top six places to win a medal. Once again, South Plainfield was one of the shining stars of this event. Winning medalists were:

**Darlene Fung:** 50m freestyle-first conference record and 100m freestyle-

first conference record.

**Matthew Chan:** 50m breaststroke-first conference record and 100m IM-second.

**Ali Huber:** 50m freestyle-sixth and 100m freestyle-sixth.

**Shannon Yan:** 25m freestyle-third, 25m backstroke-sixth and 25m butterfly-third.

**Brendan Tang:** 100m freestyle-third and 50m freestyle-first.

**Daniel Galarza:** 100m freestyle-fourth and 100m backstroke-third.

**Tyler Wu:** 25m breaststroke-third.

**Jenna Yan:** 50m breaststroke-first and 100m IM-first.

**Brianna Tang:** 50m backstroke-fourth and 100m IM-fifth.

**Eugene Kim:** 100m butterfly-fourth and 200m IM-fourth.

**Samantha Soto:** 100m butterfly-second and 200m IM-fifth.

**Boys 9-12 relays:** Andrew Galarza, Nicolas Gurrieri, Brendan Tang, Matthew Chan-second in both the medley and freestyle relays.

**Girls 9-12 relays:** Brianna Tang, Aubrey Marish, Darlene Fung, Jenna Yan-first in the freestyle relay and third in the medley relay.

**Boys 13-18 relays:** Bryce Uzzolino, Anthony Gurrieri, Daniel Galarza, Eugene Kim-third in the freestyle relay and fifth in the medley relay. Their freestyle relay while coming in at 1:48.81 with a third, the first and second place times were 1:48.65 and 1:48.76 respectively. It was an amazing race and a great way to end the summer swim.

A special thank you goes out to Barbara Valentino, who gives unselfishly throughout the year to make the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks happen. She attends meetings, organizes the events, and contacts everyone. All the Tiger Sharks and their parents salute their "fins" to Barbara Valentino!

-Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

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Under tight security in Hangar

17, the airport's official depository of WTC artifacts, the volunteers solemnly and respectfully took possession of the five-foot-long, 338-pound portion of a rusty, twisted steel beam recovered from the Twin Towers site nearly a decade ago. The beam is 34 inches wide and 29 inches high.

"It's quite humbling to be entrusted with this symbol of American resilience," said Barbara Aras, president of the 82-year-old nonprofit NJSFAC, which represents more than 20,000

EMS volunteers affiliated with 350 first aid and rescue squads throughout the Garden State.

"More than 1,000 of our volunteers in more than 400 ambulances responded to Manhattan, Liberty State Park and Giants Stadium on 9/11," Aras said. "They witnessed horror, but also saw innumerable acts of kindness and selflessness that remain ingrained in their memories."

On 9/11 and for two weeks afterward, New Jersey's EMS volunteers assisted by answering routine 9-1-1 emergency medical calls in New York City and standing by at Chelsea Pier and Ground Zero, Aras said. During that time, she added, NJSFAC-affiliated volunteer crews also answered every 9-1-1 call received in their own municipalities.

NJ EMS volunteers have provided assistance to New York and Pennsylvania neighbors on numerous occasions, including: the first attack on the World Trade Center in 1993; the Northeast blackouts in 1997 and 2003; the "Miracle on the Hudson" plane landing, with more than 20 ambulances and 100 volunteer EMTs providing passengers and crew with medical assessments, treatment and transport to hospitals; and most recently the "Christmas Blizzard of 2010."



(L-R) NJSFAC members Ken Weinberg, Sue Meyer, Mary Luster and Ed Burdzy ready to load a portion of the WTC beam to a truck for transfer.

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"Of the 2,232 requests made for 9/11 artifacts, the NJSFAC was among 1,132 organizations to be chosen," Executive Director Edward Jan Burdzy said.

Burdzy, of Holland Township, Treasurer Ken Weinberg of Pittstown, Membership Secretary Sue Meyer of Summit and Mary Luster of Kingwood Township, the NJSFAC's 10th District chairperson, accepted the artifact on the council's behalf.

"This steel beam represents the irrepressible spirit our volunteers display every day, answering hundreds of thousands of calls annually — free of charge — and we are grateful for the honor and responsibility of its safe-keeping," Burdzy said.

The council plans to display the WTC beam prominently in the exhibit hall during its annual convention and educational symposium at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City Oct. 20-22. Council-affiliated volunteers who responded on 9/11 will be asked to sign a plaque, which will be displayed with the artifact at NJSFAC headquarters in Sayreville.

During the convention, members also plan to hold a 10th anniversary memorial service for all who lost their lives on 9/11.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notification of Environmental Investigation and Cleanup

Former Tevco, Inc. Facility

690 Montrose Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ, Block 407, Lot 7

NJDEP Preferred ID Number: 291492

Date: August 22, 2011

In accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) regulations for "Notification and Public Outreach," SNPE, Inc., on behalf of Tevco, Inc., provides herein information relating to environmental remedial activities being conducted at the above referenced site.

Former operations conducted at the site consisted of nail polish formulation and manufacturing. Investigations have been ongoing at the site since the detection of groundwater contamination in 1989. The groundwater is impacted with acetone, toluene, 2-butanone (MEK), ethanol and isopropyl alcohol.

SNPE has initiated groundwater remediation under a NJDEP approved cleanup plan which is expected to take approximately 1 to 2 years to complete. SNPE has completed updated receptor evaluations which show no threat to ecological or human receptors. All work is being performed in accordance with local, state and federal requirements.

For additional information or to obtain a copy of the complete site fact sheet, please contact Thomas Myers at Sovereign Consulting Inc. at (609) 259-8200. Mr. Myers is the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) of record for this site. You may also direct questions to the NJDEP Office of Community Relations (OCR) at 609-984-3081.

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September 2, 2011

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### LEGAL NOTICE

August 26, 2011—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on August 25, 2011.

A. Case #32-10-R & D Auto Body & Towing, Block 284; Lot 18; M-3 Zone. 602 New Market Avenue. The applicant's request to expand a non-conforming use was hereby DENIED.

B. Case #11-11-JH Reid General Contractor, Block 472; Lot 7.03; M-3 & OBC-3 Zones. 3230 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request for the expansion of a non-conforming use and amended preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

C. Case #18-11-Michael Buteas, Block 136; Lot 14; R-75 Zone. 1260 South 11th Street. The applicant's request for (2) bulk variances in order to erect an add-a-level, garage, porch and deck was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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## SCHOOL BOARD

## Notes

All district schools will open on September 7, 8, 9 as half days and lunch will be served on those days.

Schools and district offices will be closed September 29 in observance of Rosh Hashanah.

**Franklin School**—September 19—back to school night; September 23—Family B-B-Q; September 28—School Picture Day.

**Grant School**—September 12—late bus begins; September 19—distribution of "Kids Books"; September 22—Back to School Night.

**Kennedy School**—September 20—Back to School Night.

**Riley School**—September 12—Back To School Night.

**Roosevelt School**—September 13—Back to School Night; September 30—School Picture Day

**Middle School**—Book Fair—September 13, 14 and 15, sponsored by PTO (need parents); September 15—Back to School Night; PTO meeting—September 6 at 6 p.m. PTO Activity Fee per student is \$30 for the year.

**High School**—September 27—Back To School Night.

## Obituaries

## Mary L. (Dellipoali) Belardo, 90

Mary L. (Dellipoali) Belardo, died on Monday, Aug. 22 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Mrs. Belardo had been a longtime resident of South Plainfield.

Mrs. Belardo was a lifelong devoted sponsor and advocate of the South Plainfield Athletic program. She cherished her family and always said "It doesn't matter what you have. If you have your family, you are rich."

In addition, Mary treasured the love and friendship of her extended family and friends at The Woodlands Genesis Eldercare in Plainfield.

Mrs. Belardo is predeceased by her husband, Joseph; a grandson, Scott Ribar and by all of her siblings.

Surviving is a daughter, Brenda Ribar and husband Ken of South Plainfield; a son, Joseph M. Belardo and wife Nancy also of South Plainfield; and five grandchildren, Keith

Ribar (Robin), Kendall Ribar, Mary Belardo (Jason VanDerveer), Joseph Belardo Jr. (Bethann) and Patrick Belardo (Beth). Also surviving are six great-grandchildren, Olivia and Lily Belardo, Julian and Elliot Belardo, Emma Ribar and Jonathan VanDerveer.

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

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# Opening Day School Lunch Menu

Beginning in September, lunch will be served on early dismissal days in all schools.

The opening menu for South Plainfield Schools on Wednesday, Sept. 7 are as follows:

## Elementary Schools

Choice of grilled cheese sandwich, hot dog on a bun, ham sub, fun bag: yogurt, baked pretzel, hard boiled egg or cheese cubes, carrot sticks, juice and milk. Lunch also includes choice of two sides and milk.

## High School, Middle School and Grant School

Choice of grilled cheese sandwich, French toast sticks w/syrup, made to order deli sandwiches or homemade pizza. Lunch also includes choice of two sides and milk.

Lunch prices are as follows: elementary \$2.10, milk \$.60; middle and Grant \$2.25, milk \$.80; and high school \$2.50, milk \$.80. Reduced lunch at all schools is \$.40. Prepaid lunch is available at all schools.

Beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 7 a cold grab and go breakfast will be available daily at the high school, Middle and Grant schools and all elementary schools. Breakfast will be available 15 minutes before home-room. High school offering a hot breakfast sandwich daily. Breakfast price is \$1.35, reduced is \$.30.

View your school's menu on the South Plainfield School District's Website, [www.spnet.k12.nj.us](http://www.spnet.k12.nj.us).

## Trip to Trapp Lodge, Indian Head Resort

The Adult School is sponsoring a fall trip to the Trapp Family Lodge and Indian Head Resort, Tuesday, Oct. 11 to Saturday, Oct. 15.

The trip includes visits to the White Mountain Cider Co., Cabot Creamery, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, Tuckerman's Brewery, Castle in the Clouds Estate and the Cog Railway.

Package includes round trip motor-coach transportation, one night lodging at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, VT and three nights at Indian Head Resort, Lincoln, N.H., four full breakfasts, one boxed lunch, four full dinners, afternoon tea and cookies, welcome and farewell cocktail receptions, several tours, ride to the top of Mt. Washington aboard the Cog Railway, all baggage handling, taxes and gratuities except for drivers, tour guides and chambermaids.

Price is \$898 per person double occupancy.

For full itinerary, questions or reservations, call Sheina at the Adult school at (908) 754-4620, ext. 213.

From the South Plainfield Library

# Bookmarks

Patrons should note that the library was closed during the flood and as of presstime had not reopened. Please call (908) 754-7885.

By Danielle Aronowitz

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. We have increased our limit of DVDs that you can borrow to eight on a card. The fine is still \$2/day. You cannot place holds on our two day loan movies, which are the new releases and they can be renewed only once. The seven day loan DVDs are able to be held and renewed twice. Be advised that there is a \$.50 charge per item for putting it on hold and you have to pay the hold fee regardless of whether you pick the item up.

We now loan out video games. We have games for the Playstation 3, X-Box 360 and the Nintendo Wii. We are just beginning to build our collection, so we don't have that many games yet. If you don't find anything on your visit, come back and check again. Patrons can check out one video game per card and are allowed only one renewal. Video games circulate for one week and the fine for video games is the same as DVDs, \$2/day. There are no holds allowed on video games.

We also now have Playaway Views. They are different than the other Playaways we have in our collection. Playaway Views are pre-loaded video players that have multiple videos, and contain up to 6 hours of content. Most of our views are for children. There is some non-fiction that may appeal to older patrons. Patrons may borrow two Playaway Views per person. The Playaway Views circulate for one week and may be renewed once. The fine for Playaway Views is the same as DVDs, \$2/day.

With school starting again, our policy regarding children under the age of 18 is back in effect: Between the hours of 2:30 and 6 p.m., anyone 17 and younger must have their library card 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 stays with them while they are on the computer.

Our new circulation system will now allow you to be notified through email that your holds are available, when items are overdue, and it will also be able to notify you a couple of days in advance of when an item is going to be due. This should help to

avoid overdue charges. If you would like this to be available to you, you need to go to the circulation desk and provide us with your email address to receive these notifications.

In September, we are going to be offering two computer classes and one class on business databases. The first class will be on computer basics which includes turning a computer on, personalizing the desktop and creating folders, among other topics. This program will be held on Sept. 21 at 10:30 a.m. Space is limited and registration is required. On Sept. 27 the library will be holding a class on how to use our business databases such as Frost and Sullivan and Reference USA. Space is limited and registration is required. On Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. there will be a class on how to set up an email account. Space is limited and registration is required.

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Storytime programs are canceled and will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 4 with our regular schedule. The next Library Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. All who wish to attend are welcome.

We are open six days a week and closed on Sundays until Sept. 18. Our hours are: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1:30 to 5 p.m. (beginning Sept. 18).

The library now has a Facebook page where we post information about upcoming events and special programs. You can find it at: <http://www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary>.

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



**PUBLIC LIBRARY CLOSED**—Be advised that the library will be closed to the public until further notice due to water damage from the hurricane. It is unknown when the library will reopen. As of presstime, Friday is a possible date for reopening, but call before visiting, (908) 754-7885.

## International Festival Sept. 16-18

St. Stephen, the Protomartyr Antiochian Orthodox Church is holding its Annual International Festival September 16-18. Friday hours are 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 8 p.m. The festival offers foods from four different cuisines: Middle Eastern, Greek, Slavic and American entrees and desserts. Crowd favorites include gyros, kibbee, kielbasa, pierogies, kifta, musaka and old fashioned hot dogs and hamburgers with your own choice of side dishes. Entrees are \$5, sides \$3 and desserts \$2. Also featured is a clam and shrimp bar. The kid's corner section features two semi-trailers of board walk games, a castle bounce

house, face painting, crafts and apple decorating. Four booths featuring jewelry and gift items, athletic wear, a book bazaar and an Icon stand are available for shopping.

On Sunday, the Super Raffle will be drawn featuring an iPad 2, LCD flat screen HDTV, a Coach pocket-book and an Apple Store gift card. Music from each region will be played throughout each day. On Saturday night, the tables will be pushed back and the music will be turned-up for dancing. Church tours are available for all interested. The church is located at 609 Lane Ave., just behind the South Plainfield High School parking lot.

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"Color choices are very personal and when selling your home, it's critical to appeal to the greatest number of potential buyers," said Allegra Dioguardi, president of Styled and Sold Home Staging in New York. "With so many people beginning their search for a home on the Internet today, your home and listing photos must stand out from your competition. Color is one very simple way to do this."

Added Eric Brown, one of the authors of House Selling for Dummies: "Painting your house's exterior

before you put it on the market will give the biggest bang for your fix-up buck, as long as you are using colors that conform to the neighborhood's decorating norm."

Colors affect human beings in many ways, and by using the principles of color psychology, you can make your home stand out from the competition, sell more quickly, and at a higher price. In short, the stimulus and effect of colors normally cross cultures. Blues will feel cool, reds and oranges feel warm. Deeper shades of color imply intimacy and serenity.

Your home's exterior color is the first thing most potential homebuyers see when they drive up or inspect the property on the Web. The correct color may be the most powerful and cost effective design tool at your disposal.

What is "correct" these days? Brown's research shows that homes

Painted in pale yellows with cream or beige accents have sold fastest during the past few years.

In general, lighter colors are favored for exterior as they make the property seem larger. Conversely, painting your sideboards with a darker color will make the house seem smaller, though dark colors can draw more attention to a home's details.

For those painting an older home, you may want to consider historical accuracy, as this could be a big selling point as well.

When choosing interior colors for the home, consider the purpose of each room. Kitchen and dining areas painted in "food colors" such as coffee browns, celery greens and scrambled-egg yellows will make the rooms feel more natural.

Hallways are a great place to bring in the exterior colors for overall harmony.

According to Jeanette Fisher's, *Joy to the Home: Secrets of Interior Design Psychology*, since deeper shades of color imply intimacy and serenity, she recommends painting master bedrooms a medium shade of green or blue for warm selling seasons, and rouge red for cooler weather. Other bedrooms can be painted in creamy tones of green, blue, or a pale shell pink.

For your bedroom and bathroom, cool colors can form a relaxing atmosphere with paint. Consider shades of blue, green or even lavender.

Of course, common sense should help you with any color choices. You need to match other things in your home and keep a comfortable environment as well.

Submitted by Greg Young, who can be reached at (908) 875-9910. Prudential NJ Properties is an independently owned and operated member of Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc., a Prudential company. Equal Housing Opportunity.



Dustin Johnson, winner of the 2011 Barclays Golf Tournament, with the first place trophy. —Photo courtesy of Louis Mormile

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