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From the left: Derryck White, Alex Barletta and Dick Frank take the oath of office. White is joined by wife Lisa and children, Alexx and Noah. Barletta is joined by wife and son, Susan and Alex; and Dick Frank is joined by grandson, Jonathan. The council members were sworn in by Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno (far right).

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZES FOR 2012**

### Rusnak selected to serve as president for the all-Republican council

The 2012 South Plainfield Borough Council held a reorganization meeting at the Senior Center last Saturday. The event was attended by more than 400 residents. Honored guests included Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, Former Governor Donald DiFrancesco, State Senator Samuel Thompson, Former Mayor Charles Butrico, Police Chief James Parker, former CFO Charlie Haus, former council members

Darlene Pinto and Dennis Little, and BOE Vice President Debbie Boyle and BOE member Bill Seesselberg.

The ceremony began with Laine Harris performing the National Anthem and an invocation by Rev. Charles Mingle. Lt. Governor Guadagno administered the oath of office to the three incoming councilmen, Alex Barletta, Derryck White and Richard "Dick" Frank. Barletta and White

were elected in November to three year terms and Frank was elected for a one-year term to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Matt Anesh.

For the first time in borough history, the mayor and council is comprised entirely of Republican members.

Outgoing Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas and Councilman Franky Salerno each gave a brief speech thanking the residents of South Plainfield for their support during their three-year terms. Mayor Anesh presented both with plaques of appreciation for their time on the council.

The members of the council unanimously voted to reelect Ray Rusnak to serve as council president. After Rusnak was sworn in by Chief Parker, he announced the committee assignments for the 2012 council.

In the mayor's annual message, Anesh presented a synopsis of the events of the past year, including the numerous snow storms that required massive cleanups by the Public Works Department and the damage incurred in August when Hurricane Irene left many neighborhoods flooded.

He also reported on the accomplishments that occurred in 2011, including the submission of the Truck Bypass permit for state approval, new businesses such as GloPak Corp. which moved its facility here, the PSE&G expansion and new retailer Hobby Lobby which will be opening this year.

The mayor also spoke about the belt tightening which took place during 2011 in an effort to keep taxes down, including negotiating a new contract with the police department which saved the borough thousands of dollars, and the streamlining of the process of paying property tax bills by adding the convenience of accepting credit card payments. (See page 6 and 7 for mayor's full address and additional reorganization coverage.)

The firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer was reappointed as 2012 borough attorney. Mayoral and council appointments were announced and the members were sworn in by DiFrancesco.

All appointments received unanimous votes, as did the special appointments and special resolutions.



Members of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department

### New Fire Chief Sworn In, Commendations Issued

Veteran firefighter Tom Scalera was sworn in as fire chief at the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department's annual medal night and swearing in ceremony at the firehouse on December 30.

Scalera is the department's 11th fire chief in its 105-year history. He replaces Larry Del-Negro, who retired in 2011 after serving as chief for 10 years. Del-Negro has assumed the position of deputy chief.

Also sworn in were Deputy Chief John Mocharski, Sr., Joe Abbruzzese-captain 4, John

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Reed-captain 5, John Fergusoncaptain 6, Jason Campbell-lieutenant 7, Kevin Bulla-lieutenant 8 and Paul Melillo-lieutenant 9. The 2012 Executive Board president is Gary Stevenson; Dave Zushma is vice president; treasurer is Joe Sierzega; and trustees are Bill Conti, Ed Sihanek and John Abbruzzese.

Councilman/Fire Commissioner Rob Bengivenga presented Completion of Probation Commendations to firefighters Andrew Kociumbus, Alex Nieradka, Samantha Hogan, Nick Smith, Jurrien

Kratz, Nick Sacco and Nick Figler. EMT firefighters Shayne Lugo, Samantha Hogan and Stephen Phillips also received commendations.

A Group Meritorious Award for Rescue Operation was presented to Captain Joe Abbruzzese and firefighters William Conti and Daryl Forster for delivering a baby in a motor vehicle.

Another Group Meritorious Award for Rescue Operation at Kentile Floors, Inc. was presented to Captains Joe Abbruzzese and John Reed, Lt. Kevin Bulla and firefighters Mike Pelligrino, Ed LaFerrara, John Calvey, William Conti, Christina Tedesco, Andrew Kociumbus, Jurrien Kratz, Joe Altomare, Samantha Hogan and Dave Zushma.

# **Buteas Cites Assisting Residents Top Feat of Term on Council**

By Jane Dornick

Democrats Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno ended their three-year Borough Council terms at the annual Reorganization Meeting held on Saturday at the Senior Center.

Buteas and runningmate John Sorrentino were defeated by Republicans Derryck White and Alex Barletta in the November election. Salerno chose not to run for a second term.

Buteas said her greatest accomplishment on the council was "having the ability to assist residents with matters they brought to my attention." She said she also enjoyed "serving on many different committees and working with them to improve the quality of life for our residents."

A lifelong resident, Buteas holds a master's degree in public administration, and served on the Board of Adjustment, the Recreation Commission, Health Advisory Board, Senior Advisory Board, the Green Team, Environmental Commission, Booster Club, Suburban Woman's Club and the Public Celebrations Committee.

Celebrations Committee. invo Most recently, Buteas chaired mer



Mayor Matt Anesh thanks outgoing Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas for her service to the Borough of South Plainfield.

the Health, Welfare and Environment Committee and served on the Public Works and Economic Development committees. In the past she was liaison to the Board of Education Shared Services Program and helped initiate the Women's History Month Essay Contest in the schools.

"As for future plans," said Buteas, "I will continue to stay involved in our local government by remaining active on numerous committees."

Salerno was elected at the age of 25 in November 2008. Last year he served as chair of Public Works and served on the Recreation and Health, Welfare and Environment Committee.

"Thank you to all residents of South Plainfield. It's such a huge honor to me that I was able to serve for the last three years," said Salerno. "Thank you for making me the man I am today."



Girl Scout Troop 65042 from Holy Savior Academy spent the holiday season caroling. The troop visited both Whispering Knoll Assisted Living and Hartwyck at Cedarbrook Nursing Home to entertain the residents with Christmas carols. This troop loves to sing and they had a great time entertaining others with Christmas favorites. In addition to caroling, members of the troop sang at the Christmas Mass for the God's Special People organization at Sacred Heart Church.

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Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21, April 11.

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### Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

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Dear Editor,

I first would like to thank you for providing us with super service and an excellent outlet to voice our opinions. Your frankness and honesty does not go unnoticed.

This letter is also a special thank you to a very good hearted, caring pet lover, Ms. Johanna Galasso. I credit her with saving my puppy's life, whose name is appropriately "Loco" (Crazy).

On the evening of January 4, during rush hour, the crossing at Woodland and Maple avenues becomes a dangerous intersection. It's not where you want your confused pet (Loco) to go, especially accidentally, but he did!

Watching him dodge in and out between impatient drivers, Ms. Galasso noticed my predicament, stopped her car and opened her door, thus evading an accident, to save my puppy from certain death.

She would not accept a reward, so I would be more than happy to make a donation to an animal rescue center or adoption facility, which is how I obtained "Loco" in November. I seriously am going to change his name to "Lucky" thanks to Ms. Galasso.

Ms. Galasso, if you read this, please contact Mrs. Grennier at the South Plainfield Observer for my phone number so I can make a donation to your choice of facility. They need all the help we can give, especially the "No Kill" centers.

And thank you to the Observer for letting me recognize Ms. Galasso.

SINCERELY, DAVID N. BARNES, JR.

To the Editor:

Since the day after my great nephew, Zach Szala, was bitten by a snake, the outpouring of concern has been overwhelming. Zach went from a little boy on an outing with his family, to being revived in an ambulance on his way to the hospital where he would be placed on a ventilator, feeding tube and found to be partially paralyzed. So much happened in the days and weeks that followed; the prognosis was not known and there was so much uncertainty. There was, however, one constant. That was the support that came in the form of cards, letters, donations, gifts, visits from sports figures, members of bands, classmates and, most of all, positive thoughts and prayers. These came from people both





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known and unknown, and for that I am most grateful.

Zach was released from the hospital on December 30. Although most of the paralysis is gone, he still does not have full mobility. His diet continues to be limited, as does his movement and he'll require considerable medical treatment for an unforeseen amount of time. His recovery will be long, and Pm sure difficult. But Zach is strong as is his family and we all remain positive

for his future. I know it has been the prayers and positive wishes of family, friends and strangers that have seen-and continue to see-us all through this terrible and often frightening ordeal. Words cannot express how much your outpouring has meant to our family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

#### **BARBARA DRUMGOULD AND FAMILY**

To the Editor:

As we wrap up another successful year for the South Plainfield Social Services Department Holiday Project, words cannot express how appreciative I am for all the participation from our community.

Every school, church, organization, or individual who participated went over and above to make this a very suc-

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cessful year. Every family who signed up for our help was taken care of for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Every year, we fear with the economic climate that we will not get the participation from our community. The number of families who need our help increase but in return the number of people who are willing to help also increases.

When we are able to give to the least fortunate of our community, we in turn enjoy the holidays in a higher level.

Again, thank you to everyone who donated in a large or small fashion. Every can of food or toy was greatly appreciated and put to good use.

Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy 2012.

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

### **Attention South Plainfield Residents:**

Snow season is upon us and the Department of Public Works is asking all residents for their cooperation during snow removal operations.

1. Please remove all vehicles from the roadway. This will allow plowing trucks to properly clear your street from curb to curb. It allows water to drain into catch basins to avoid icy conditions, access to mail boxes, and most importantly, the ability for emergency vehicles to respond to calls for help. If your driveway space is limited, please ask a neighbor to share.

2. When snowblowing or shoveling driveways and sidewalks, please do

not direct the snow back into the roadway.

3. Do not allow children or pets to play near roadways during snow plowing operations. During nighttime operations, please ensure your visibility with reflective clothing or lights when shoveling snow.

Our objective is to make our roads as safe as possible, as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Have an enjoyable and safe

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### Gang Members Incarcerated for Armed Robberies in South Plainfield

Two members of a sect of the Bloods street gang, Sex, Money, Murder, have been imprisoned for initiating a 16 year-old boy into the gang and using him to help commit an armed robbery at a fast food restaurant and an attempt to rob another restaurant in South Plainfield. according to Middlesex

County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan. Danique Simpson, 18, of South Plainfield was sentenced to seven and a half years in a New Jersey state prison, and a co-defendant, James Richardson, 20, of Prospect Park was sentenced to serve 14 years in prison for their roles in the crimes.

The sentences were imposed in New Brunswick on December 19 by Superior Court Judge Bradley Fer-



Ryan Crouch



James Richardson Danique Simpson

encz, who said the defendants must serve 85 percent of their prison terms before they can be eligible for parole. He also reduced their prison terms by nearly two years for the time spent in custody since their arrests.

The terms were imposed after the defendants pleaded guilty on November 1. The guilty pleas were entered under an agreement reached with Middlesex County Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor Christopher

### Three Arrested in Attempted Burglary at Sal's Spirit Shoppe

South Plainfield Police responded to Sal's Spirit Shoppe on Park Avenue Monday afternoon on the report of an attempted theft. Responding officers were told that two males entered the store and attempted to steal a bottle of Cirac Red Berry, valued at \$37.99. As the perpetrators attempted to leave, they were confronted by an employee and a struggle ensued. They dropped the bottle, and fled the scene in a silver Toyota Camry.

Plainfield Police stopped the Toyota on Spruce Street a short time later and apprehended three suspects. The Toyota was reported stolen from Scotch Plains on January 3.

The two adults and one juvenile

male were positively identified as those involved in the robbery at Sal's Spirit Shoppe.

Jahquan Tereek Goffe, 19 and Bruce Darby, 18, both of Plainfield, as well as a 17 year-old male also from Plainfield, were arrested and charged with robbery, conspiracy to commit a crime and receiving stolen property. The juvenile is being held in the Middlesex County Juvenile Detention facility in North Brunswick. Goffe and Darby were each held on \$75,000 bail.

The employee was not injured during the struggle

The incident is being investigated by Officer Ahmad Stuckey and Det. Vincent Campagna

Following an intensive investigation by Detective Garrett Cassio and Detective Christopher Colucci, both of the South Plainfield Police Department, Simpson, Richardson and a third gang member, Ryan Crouch, 21, of South Plainfield were charged with

attempting to rob the Wendy's restaurant on Oak Tree Avenue on May 8 and robbing \$118 from a Burger King restaurant on Park Avenue on May 9.

During the investigation, South Plainfield police learned that the defendants initiated the 16 year-old boy into their gang during a ceremony which involved severely beating him for about 15 minutes in Piscataway.

They subsequently used the boy to rob both fast food restaurants.

The boy, whose identity is being withheld because of his age, pleaded guilty to juvenile offenses in Family Court in New Brunswick and is currently serving a seven year term in a juvenile facility.

Simpson was also a juvenile at the time of the offenses, but was waived up to Superior Court for trial as an adult. He subsequently pleaded guilty.

Crouch, who is facing eight years in prison for his role in the crimes, is scheduled to be sentenced on March 5.

Prosecutor Kaplan praised the South Plainfield Police Department and its detectives for their work on the case.

From the South Plainfield Library

**By Chris Grippo** 

Happy New Year! The South Plainfield Public Library wishes you a great year and we hope to see you often. The entire staff wishes to thank all our thoughtful patrons who gave us so many treats for the holiday season.

We are sure many of you have received e-readers for the holidays. In case you didn't know eLibraryNJ has e-books as well as audio books. There are e-books in both formats. You will need to have a South Plainfield Library Card and pin number to sign in (access is through our website: www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). If you have a Kindle the download is very straightforward in that all e-books in the Kindle format are only available from Amazon; however, if you have an e-pub format reader you will need to download software onto your computer, then download the book in which you are interested. Then you can load the book onto your e-reader using the wire connection which came with your reader. The loan period for the books will range from one to three weeks depending on the title and will automatically expire at the end of the loan period. You can check out up to five titles at one time (the system will tell you how many you have checked out). To further help you we are having two sessions to explain how to download books from our eLibraryNJ database. Both Kindle and e-pub (Nook, Sony, etc.) formats of e-books

will be discussed. The sessions will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26. It will be most helpful if you bring your e-reader device. No registration is required.

Of course eLibraryNJ still has audio books for download.

With the winter here and it getting dark early we are reminding everyone of our extensive new movies and television series on DVD that are available from the library. New first run movies circulate for two days and patrons cannot put holds on them. They are on a spinning rack by the circulation desk. Television series circulate for a week and are located with the regular DVDs in alphabetical order. Of course they are all free to rent, but there is a \$2/day fee should they become overdue.

Miss Linda and Miss Mija are back on track with their regular story and craft times. Story and craft times for ages three and up are Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Times for 2s and 3s are Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and Books and Babies is Friday at 10:30 a.m. All programs are drop in; registration is not required.

Should you wish to visit the library, we are located across the parking lot from Borough Hall at 2484 Plainfield Ave. Our phone number is (908) 754-7885. Our hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.





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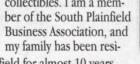




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The Greater Union County United Way theme for 2011 was "Changing Lives Together" and Tempil in South Plainfield provided \$10,000 to the campaign.

The campaign kickoff at Tempil began with a breakfast brunch. Guest speakers were Jeff Scheckner, community engagement manager of United Way Greater Union County and Agnes McLean, director of Homefirst Family Success Center, one of the many agencies United Way helps to support and fund. McLean brought Estella Crawley, a recipient of the services offered by Homefirst Family Success Center.

McLean informed the Tempil employees what Homefirst Family Success Center is all about and the services it offers.

The Tempil campaign ran for a month. Vendors contributed to the campaign. Their donations allowed the company to add a "Spin the Wheel" raffle drawing which encouraged employees to give and raise more funds for United Way.

Tempil's United Way Campaign was a success meeting both its goals of increased participation and dollars raised. Tempil and its corporation, ITW, are a strong supporter of United Way and with their matching of Tempil's efforts, Tempil raised in excess of \$10,000

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### Weight Watchers Housewarming Party

January 14

Weight Watchers is hosting a housewarming party on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 1-4 p.m. at its Hadley Shopping Plaza store. All are invited for this oneday-only offer that includes prizes, refreshments, recipes and more. Free and open to the public.

### Singles Lunch

January 15

A lunch for singles between the ages of 45-60 will be held at Ruby Tuesday, 4701 Stelton Rd. on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 12:30 p.m.

To register or for more information, contact Dennis Scalera at (908) 222-2683. Price is cost of meal.

### Edison Valley Playhouse Auditions

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### **Dental Health Fair**

January 29

The Plainfield Animal Hospital, located at 2215 Park Ave., will hold a dental fair on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. in celebration of National Pet Dental Health Month.

The festivities will include free dental check-ups, discounts on future services, tooth brushing and home care demonstrations, giveaways, contests, door prizes, tours of the hospital, refreshments and much more.

For more information, call (908) 755-2428 or visit www.plainfieldanimal hospital.com. Register by January 21.

### Be-A-Scout Workshop

January 30

Be-A-Scout Workshop #2 will be held on Monday, Jan. 30 from 7 to 8 p.m. at VFW Post #6763 on Front Street. This workshop is designed for the boys who couldn't make the first workshop, but still want the opportunity to find out all the outdoor excitement of the Boy Scouts of America. There is no cost for this event.

To pre-register, please contact Jim Donelson at (908) 361-9699 or by email: rvtroop125@aol.com. Please pre-register by Monday, Jan. 23.

### Sacred Heart Concert

February 12

The Sacred Heart Music Ministry will present "Another Night on Broadway" on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature music from such beloved musicals as West Side Story, The Sound of Music, Peter Pan and Beauty and the Beast.

For more information, call Dan Mahoney at (908) 756-0633, ext. 139. A free will offering will be taken at the door.

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### Elks Beef 'N Beer Nite

February 17

The South Plainfield Elks will host a beef 'n beer night on Friday, Feb. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. Hot roast beef sandwiches with your choice of sauteed onions and/or mushrooms and homemade salads. Hot sandwich and beer is \$10, sandwich only \$6. Proceeds will benefit the Special Children's Committee which assists our special needs children and defrays the cost of sending campers to Elks Camp Moore. Enjoy a hot sandwich and help a special needs child today!

### Franklin School PTO Auction/Raffle

March 24

The Franklin School PTO will hold its annual auction/raffle on Saturday, March 24. Proceeds will be used to fund several school programs.

If you are a business and would like to donate merchandise, a gift certificate or make a monetary donation, call Tara Rocco at (908) 668-1459.

### — Out of Town –

### Middlesex East **WOWs Open Dance**

January 13

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, Jan. 13 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Refreshments. Everyone welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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

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### SENIOR CENTER Calendar

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### MONDAYS

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Active Seniors8:30 am	
Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am	
Yoga10:30 am	
Art Class 11:30 am	

.....10 am-2 pm Bingo .... Ladies Social Group ...... 10 am

### WEDNESDAYS

Exercise Class8:45 an	1
Shopping 9 an	n
Line Dancing 10 an	
Computer10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pn	
Crocheting 1 pn	1
Tai Chi2 pn	1
THURSDAYS	

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.....10 am-2 pm

### Pray & Play at Temple Sholom

January 21

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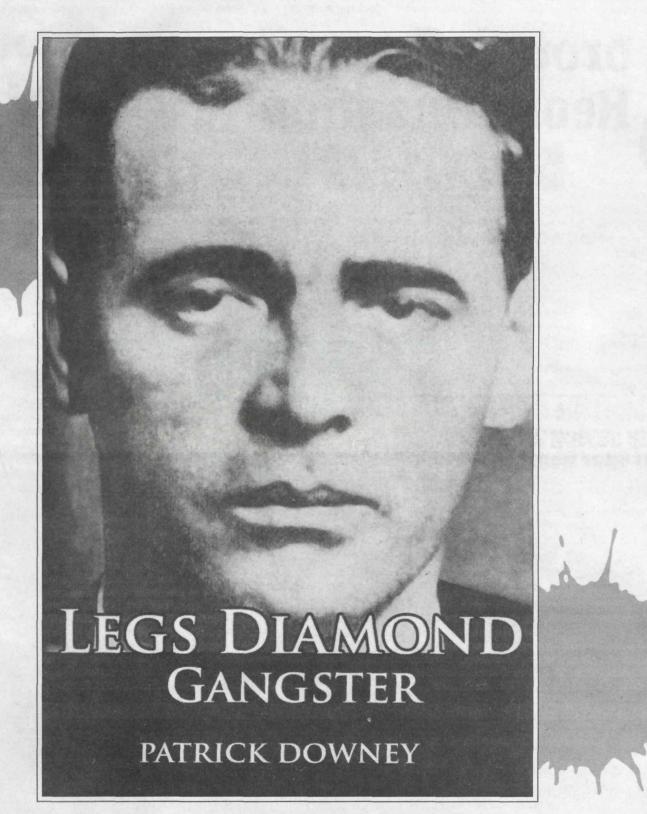
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Mayor Matt Anesh presents outgoing Councilman Franky Salerno with a plaque recognizing his service to the borough.



Police Chief James Parker swears in Ray Rusnak as council president while Rusnak's wife, Robyn, holds the Bible.



Former New Jersey Governor Donald DiFrancesco swears in the mayoral appointees.



### 2012 Council Appointments

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield and pursuant to ordinance #728 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D that:

NAME	BOARD	EXPIRES
Councilman Barletta	Affordable Housing Committee Liaison	12/31/2012
Walter Kurilew	Business Advisory Group	12/31/2013
Anthony Giammarino		
Robert Longo	Business Advisory Group	12/31/2014
John Pabst		
T & M Associates	Business Advisory Group (Engineer)	12/31/2012
Councilman Frank	Environmental Commission Liaison	12/31/2012
Dr. Alice Tempel	Greenbrook Flood Control	12/31/2012
T & M Associates	Greenbrook Flood Control - Alt II	12/31/2012
Councilman Frank	Greenbrook Flood Control - Alt I	12/31/2012
Robert Bengivenga Sr	Greenbrook Flood Control	12/31/2012
Councilman Bengivenga	Council's HCD Representative	12/31/2012
Councilman White		12/31/2012
Lubov Mack	Office on Aging Advisory Board	12/31/2014
Frank Notino	Taxpayers Advisory Group	12/31/2014
Councilman Bengivenga	Traffic Safety Advisory Comm Liaison	12/31/2012
Councilman Bengivenga	Truck By Pass Committee Liaison	12/31/2012
Councilman Rusnak		
Councilman Bengivenga	Shared Services Committee	



Some of the mayoral appointees are sworn in.

### **Council Committee Assignments**

ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & PUBLIC INFORMATION
Ray Rusnak, Chairman
Committee Members: Alex Barletta & Rob Bengivenga

PUBLIC WORKS

Tim McConville, *Chairman* Committee Members: Ray Rusnak & Dick Frank

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Alex Barletta, Chairman
Committee Members: Tim McConville & Dick Frank

HEALTH, WELFARE & ENVIRONMENT
Dick Frank, Chairman
Committee Members: Alex Barletta & Derryck White

PUBLIC SAFETY

Rob Bengivenga, Chairman

Committee Members: Derryck White & Ray Rusnak

RECREATION

Derryck White, Chairman Committee Members: Rob Bengivenga. & Tim McConville

### Mayoral Appointments With Advise and Consent of Council

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey, that:

NAME	BOARD	EXPIRES
Joseph DeAndrea Jr	Construction Board of Appeals	12/31/2014
	Construction Board of Appeals	
Frank Notino	Construction Board of Appeals	12/31/2014
George DeLucca	Construction Board of Appeals - Building	12/31/2014
Louis Pirizzoli	Cultural Arts Commission	12/31/2014
Melissa Carryl	Cultural Arts Commission	12/31/2012
Eva Sienkowitz	Cultural Arts Commission	12/31/2014
Mark Abramson	Cultural Arts Commission	12/31/2012
Marie Dolinski	Health Advisory Board	12/31/2014
Gayle Curran	Health Advisory Board	12/31/2014
Jackie Jackson	Community Dev. Citizens' Advisory	12/31/2014
Sue Goulet	Library Board of Trustees	12/31/2016
Jason Risoli	Property Board of Appeals	12/31/2014
Stephanie Bartfalvi	Public Celebrations	12/31/2014
Gary Prendergast	Public Celebrations	12/31/2014
Stephanie Wolak	Public Celebrations	12/31/2014
Tim Morgan	Traffic Safety Advisory	12/31/2014
Lt. Kevin Murtagh	Traffic Safety Advisory - Police Rep	12/31/2012
Bobby Capparelli	Traffic Safety Advisory - DPW Rep	12/31/2012
Councilman Bengivenga	Youth Guidance Council - Council Liaison	12/31/2012
Christopher Colucci	Youth Guidance Council - Police Rep.	12/31/2012
David Miglis	Zoning Board of Adjustment	12/31/2015
Gino Leonardis	Zoning Board of Adjustment	12/31/2015
Cindy Eichler	Zoning Board of Adjustment	12/31/2015
Ken Bonanno	Zoning Board of Adjustment	12/31/2015
Robert Hughes	Zoning Board Alternate I	12/31/2012
Frank Lemos	Zoning Board Alternate II	12/31/2013
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Some of the mayoral appointees are sworn in.

### 2012 Mayoral Appointments

By virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of South Plainfield, I, Matthew P. Anesh, do hereby make the following appointments to borough boards and commissions:

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APPOINTEE	BOARD	TERM
Dorothy Miele	Environmental Commission Chair	12/31/2012
Robyn Rusnak	Environmental Commission	12/31/2014
Jonathan Walezak	Environmental Commission	12/31/2014
Jennifer Bechtoldt	Mayor's HCD Committee	
	Representative	12/31/2012
Christine Faustini	Mayor's Library Board Rep	12/31/2012
Michael Pellegrino	Planning Board Class II	12/31/2012
Councilman Barletta	Planning Board Class III	12/31/2012
Anthony "Jake" Cataldo	Planning Board Class IV	12/31/2014
Joseph Wolak	Planning Board Alternate I	12/31/2012
Richard Houghton	Planning Board Alternate II	12/31/2013
Peter Smith	Planning Board Class IV	12/31/2013
William Ashnault Jr	Recreation Commission	12/31/2016
Wendell Born	Recreation Commission	12/31/2016
Councilman Bengivenga	Mayor's Representative-MCTCC	12/31/2012

#### elcome a n d thank you for joining us today for the Borough of South Plainfield's annual reorganization meeting. Today, we pause briefly to reflect on the challenges and

Mayor Matt Anesh

triumphs of 2011. We also take an opportunity to share some goals and objectives for 2012.

We welcome back Councilman Barletta after a brief recess. Your election to the borough council is evidence of the voter's confidence in your ability and performance as a public servant. Congratulations and best wishes on your new term.

We also welcome newly elected Councilman Dick Frank and Councilman Derryck White. The residents of South Plainfield have bestowed upon you a great honor that comes with great responsibility. Listen to their concerns, keep an open mind and draw upon your

Thank you to Councilwoman Buteas and Councilman Salerno for your service to the residents of the borough over

strengths to improve the borough for

the past three years. Many of the challenges we faced in 2010 continued to present themselves in 2011. Persistently high unemployment at the state and federal level coupled with a depressed real estate market and rising costs for basic necessities challenged residents of every New Jersey municipality. In spite of a tough economic environment, the 2011 governing body was able to introduce a budget that controlled taxes and spending. Taxes on the municipal level were on average \$138 less than 2009, producing a two-year savings of \$316 for a resident with the average assessment. Municipal spending was controlled for the second year in a row, without drastic cuts or interruption to essential borough services or community events, including our Labor Day Parade. Thank you Councilman McConville and Councilwoman Butueas and the entire Public Celebrations Committee for your hard work.

During 2011, we continued to ask our borough departments and employees to do more with less. After trimming the size of the boroughs workforce by more than a dozen positions through attrition and reorganization in 2010, departments across the borough continued to meet and exceed the challenges presented. Hurricane Irene and an October snowstorm both resulted in widespread power outages that challenged all borough departments and placed great strain on our Public Works and Public Safety Departments. Thank you to DPW Supervisor Bobby Capparelli and the entire Public Works Department. I'm proud of the hard work and accomplishments of our borough employees during 2011.

Our focus has been to run a lean local government. While we continue to have a historically trim workforce, we must ensure that we can meet our core responsibilities. Therefore, we've strategically replaced retired employees in our public works and police department. In doing so, we took advantage

of recently renegotiated labor agreements that are fair to our employees and our residents. Our new Policemen's Benevolent Associate contract focused on long-term and short-term changes aimed to reduce costs. We thank the PBA for working with the borough

during these tough times.

We welcomed a new police chief, James Parker, in January. Through his leadership and the dedication of our fine police force, overall crime decreased 6% from 2010. In addition, police department overtime was decreased 30%. Thank you chief, and thank you to the entire police department. Chief Parker and Council President Ray Rusnak were instrumental in coordinating a seamless plan to handle the PGA's Barclays tournament held at the Plainfield Country Club in August. While ensuring little disruption to the town, the borough also was able to guarantee all overtime and tournament related costs were covered by the PGA in advance of the first round

We also welcome a new fire chief in 2012, Tom Scalera. We owe a debt of gratitude to former Chief Larry Del-Negro for the last 10 years as chief and his continued service in 2012 as a deputy chief. Thank you Chief DelNegro, and congratulations and best wishes to Chief Scalera. It's no secret that South Plainfield has the best fire department in the state, volunteer or paid. This year the department responded to over 1,400 calls and logged over 16,000 firefighter hours. This November, after nearly 18 months of planning, community and business involvement, the fire department unveiled a training prop on borough property that will allow some training to occur locally, saving both valuable time and department funds. Thank you to the men and women of our fire department for all that you do.

The South Plainfield Emergency Medical Services also had a very active 2011. Our volunteer EMS force responded to nearly 900 calls and logged nearly 23,000 volunteer hours. With the assistance of EMS Chief Eddie Laferrera, Borough Administrator Glenn Cullen, Council President Ray Rusnak and Public Safety Liaison Councilman Robert Bengivenga, the borough was able to negotiate a daytime coverage contract with Somerset Medical at no cost to borough taxpayers and at an annual savings of \$15,000 compared with prior contracts. Additionally, Somerset Medical has offered to provide training to our EMS volunteers free of charge. Thank you to President Hackett and the men and women of the EMS for your continued dedication.

South Plainfield is also very fortunate to have a vibrant Office of Emergency Management. With the help of many C.E.R.T. volunteers, our OEM staff supports the borough with emergency coordination from structure fires to natural disasters. We are grateful for the excellent teamwork and lead-

ership displayed throughout 2011. Despite a challenging economic environment, South Plainfield continued to welcome new business to town and

### State of the Borough - Mayor Matt Anesh

was pleased to assist with the expansion plans of existing businesses. We welcomed family run manufacturing businesses such as GloPak Corporation to family run eateries such as Habaneros Mexican Grill. We were pleased to work with major corporations such as PSE&G to expand their current operations in town. And we like what we see ahead in 2012 including new retailers for Middlesex Mall such as Hobby Lobby to the planned multi-million dollar expansion of Ferro Corporation and the development of a regional claims office for Progressive Insurance.

We continued to invest in our town's infrastructure with the completion of Phase Two of the New Market Avenue reconstruction project. We paved Rahway, Kenyon, Oxford and McKinley streets. The borough was the beneficiary of a \$3.5M dollar grant from the State Local Aid Infrastructure Fund for the Park Avenue/Conrail bridge project. We continued to provide our Department of Public Works with the vital tools needed to successfully perform their mission. Through a variety of grants and funding we invested in vehicles for the recycling center, senior center and the police department, provided radios for our EMS department and equipment for our fire department.

In August, the borough unveiled a new website. While revamping the look and feel of the site, the borough also reduced the site maintenance costs by nearly 67%. Additionally, the borough entered into the social networking space with the launch of "The Borough of South Plainfield" Facebook page. Both the website and the Facebook page offered additional ways for residents to stay informed during critical events, such as Hurricane Irene to simple notices such as road closures and special events. Thank you to our Administrator Glenn Cullen and his staff for making these tools as effective as they have been for the borough.

We made improvements to our recreation complex by opening additional parking for both Pop Warner football and soccer games. We replaced the playground equipment at the community pool with the assistance of the Recreation Commission who funded over 60% of the costs of the new equipment. We hired a part time senior center coordinator to provide greater coverage and coordination for our senior center events. Mrs. Olano

is off to a great start and has instituted some exciting new programs such as the 'South Plainfield Side Pockets," a new billiards club launched in early October.

In September, we came together as a community to pay our respects for those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. We joined with community groups from the Elks to the American Legion and held a true community ceremony to mark the tenth anniversary of that tragic day. We thank the entire committee for all of their hard work. In another example of true community involvement, a team lead by Zoning Board member David Miglis provided a much-needed facelift to the Municipal Court and Council Chambers by volunteering their time and talents. The result, a brighter more modern looking chamber that featured 96 less light bulbs while offering a brighter space.

Our commitment to health and the environment was reinforced with the formation of the Green Team and the kick off of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign Health Fair. In 2012 we will seek community volunteers to join the Mayor's Wellness Campaign Committee to further these important initiatives.

2011 also marked a major milestone for the Hollywood Avenue Extension project with the filing of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection permit application. The borough has received preliminary feedback from the NJ DEP and additional funding has been put in place to complete engineering studies requested by the agency. Our Ad hoc committee formed under Council President Bengivenga in 2008 has accomplished their mission. I challenge the committee to optimistically look ahead and assist the borough in identifying much-needed resources to fund the road construction. I look forward to working with Councilman Bengivenga, the ad hoc committee, and the entire council and the state to see this much needed project progress through the permit phase.

As we turn the page on 2011 and look forward to 2012, we expect once again to be faced with a difficult economic climate. We must remain focused on delivering essential services to our residents while keeping taxes and spending in check. To do so we will need to continue to control overtime costs and leverage part time opportunities where it makes business sense. We will continue to look to build on our current portfolio of shared services agreements with Middlesex County and the South Plainfield Board of Education to find additional areas where we can drive down costs. Thank you to board member Debbie Boyle for your tireless work in promoting shared services opportunities in South Plainfield and for making our relationship a model for municipalities across the state.

In 2012 we must continue to focus on economic development. I thank Councilman Barletta for his hard work last year in improving communication and accessibility to elected officials for the business community. Councilman Barletta was a true partner and assisted me in promoting South Plainfield to current and prospective businesses. Today, I ask Councilman Barletta to expand our borough website to include a much needed Economic Development page. South Plainfield has much to offer and we must remain active participants to encourage smart economic growth. I look forward to working with the Business Advisory Group and the South Plainfield Business Association to build upon the great work they are doing to showcase business in our town.

And finally, we must continue to improve our communication and service delivery to our residents. During 2011, we offered new ways for residents to receive Yard Waste Decals and pay tax bills. We challenged a business as usual mindset to make dealing with local government more convenient. Make no mistake about it we are a large customer service organization. I challenge the council to work with your department heads and review how we interact with our residents. Continue to challenge the status quo and to pursue innovative and convenient ways for residents to interact with the borough. Let us raise the bar and set a model for all municipalities to strive for.

I'm optimistic about 2012. I believe that while we have accomplished much over the last year, our best days clearly lie ahead of us. I look forward to working with the council, department heads, borough employees and volunteer members of our boards and agencies to ensure our borough remains on the path to success. Your commitment, involvement and ideas are critical ingredients to our collective success.

May God bless you and your loved ones. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012.



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### **WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE**

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### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

10am G Fr Basketball-JFK (A) Bus 9:00 10am B Fr Basketball-JFK (H) 1pm GV Basketball-JFK JV/11:30 Bus 10 1pm BV Basketball-JFK (H) JV/11:30 G&B V Bowling-Joe Romer Trn (A) Bus TBA V Wrestling-Virginia Duals (A) NO BUS

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9am B&G VW Track-Bennet Center (A) Bus 6:45

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

3:45pm G&B V Bowling-Mother Seton @ Carolier (A) Bus 2:30

4pm B Fr Basketball-New Brunswick (A) Bus 2:30 6:00pm BV Basketball-New Brunswick

V Swimming-Metuchen (A) Bus TBA

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### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

3:45pm G Fr Basketball-Ridge (A) Bus 2:30 6pm B&G VW Track-Howell (A) Bus 4:30 7pm V Wrestling-South Brunswick JV/5:30 (A) Bus 3:30

7pm GV Basketball-New Brunswick (H)

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

3:45pm B Fr Basketball-Sayreville (A)

3:45pm G & BV Bowling-JP Stevens @ Carolier (A) Bus 2:30

3:45pm G Fr Basketball-Sayreville (H) 7pm BV Basketball-Sayreville JV/5:15

7pm GV Basketball-Sayreville (H) JV/5:15

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

2pm V Bowling-Joe Romer Trn @ Carolier (A) Bus 1:00

4pm V Swimming-East Side (A) Bus 2:30 7pm V Wrestling-Camden Catholic (H)

### 31st Central Jersey Winter Classic Filled to Capacity, Attracts 78 Teams

The 31st edition of the prestigious Central Jersey Winter Classic, hosted by Brunswick Zone Carolier, is running on full throttle.

The 78 team field of 48 boys teams and 30 girls teams boasts most of the top 20 in the Star-Ledger's state rankings. Powerhouses from North Jersey combined with outstanding contingents from the shore will bump heads with the highly competitive GMC teams in the showcase event of the year.

Tournament directors Ralph Fech and Lori Gerstl have noted that 100% of the profits from this event will be dispensed as follows: 50%

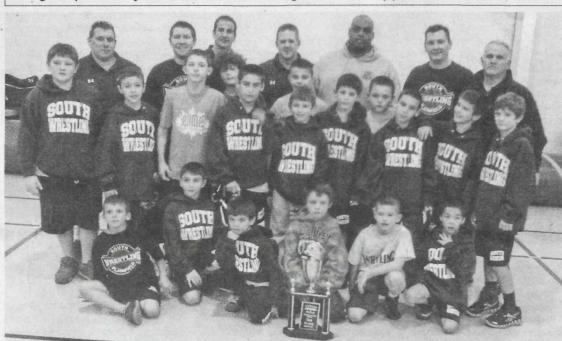
is earmarked for two scholarships which will be given to two senior bowlers from the GMC conference. The remaining 50% will be equally distributed to the following charities: Prodigal Foundation, Coaches Care Foundation, Brayden Carr Foundation, Cory Kline Memorial Fund and Jennifer Metzger Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14 at Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes beginning at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

A standing room only crowd is expected.



SPHS Wrestling Alumni Night-The Tiger wrestling team won its first District Title in 1977. Pictured are members of that District Championship Team. Join us on Friday, Jan. 20 as SPHS honors its wrestling alumni and celebrates the 50th Anniversary of SPHS Wrestling. Pre-match ceremony at 6:15 p.m. followed by the match against Camden Catholic at 7 p.m. All wrestling alumni are invited to join us for a post match reception at Flanagan's sponsored by the South Plainfield Wrestling Club. Adults only please.



Rec Wrestlers Place Third at Tyrant Duals-The South Plainfield Recreation Wrestling team took third place out of 10 teams at the Tyrants Duals in Hockessin, Del. The tournament was attended by top all star and club teams from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and Virgina. Enroute to their third place finish the young Tigers beat Howard County Elite, Md., 48-24; Team Virginia, 53-18; Tyrant Gold, Del., 67-3 and Tyrant Blue, Del., 37-24. Their only loss came to eventual champion Malvern Prep, Pa., 36-12. In the front row are: JJ Giordano, Jack Campagna, Jake DelVecchio, Anthony White and Jeffery Jacome; in the middle row: Zach DelVecchio, David Loniewski, Mike Marrero, Nick Loniewski, Brenden Hedden, Alex Amato, Luke Niemeyer, Tommy Fierro, Joe Heilmann and Joe Sacco; and in the back row: Coach DelVecchio, Coach Loniewski, Coach Giordano, Coach Sacco, Coach Green, Coach Amato and Coach Heilmann.

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### **Obituaries**

### Mary (Lapinsky) DeCarlo, 85

Mary (Lapinsky) DeCarlo passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Frackville, Pa., Mary had resided in South Plainfield since 1943

where she was a homemaker caring for her family as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

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Mary DeCarlo

Heart Church in South Plainfield and a member of the church's choir and the altar rosary society. Mary was also a member of South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763 Ladies

Her husband, Frank "Duke" De-Carlo, died in 2007. She is also predeceased by five siblings.

Surviving are a daughter and sonin-law, Debra and Charles Greenstein of Metuchen; a son and daughterin-law, Tony and Elaine DeCarlo of Somerset; a sister and a brother; Anna Hawryliak and Mike Lapinsky, both of Florida; five grandchildren, Dana Campbell, Ashley Greenstein, Charlie Greenstein, Jr., Alissa DeCarlo and Heather Kim; and five great-grand-

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

### Frederick J. Manthey, 93

Frederick J. Manthey died at his home on Monday, Jan. 2.

Born in Newark, he graduated from Irvington High School and has lived in South Plainfield since 1959.

Frederick was honorably discharged from the United States Army after faithfully serving his country during WWII. He was an administrative assistant to the vice president of NJ Transit in Maplewood. Frederick was very active with St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Metuchen.

He enjoyed visiting the sick and elderly at nursing homes and hospitals. Frederick would often stay and pray with them and as a Eucharistic Minister he would offer communion.

He is predeceased by his wife, Gladys Manthey, who died on March

Frederick leaves behind his children, Patricia Manthey and husband Dan Garvey of Watchung and Jeffrey Manthey of Boca Raton, Fla.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations sent to the Alzheimer Association, Northern NJ Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, N.J. 07834 would be appreciated.

### Adolph "Bob" Fioravanti, 72

Adolph "Bob" Fioravanti died on Saturday, Jan. 7 at Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Plainfield, Bob was a 1957 graduate of North Plainfield High and had lived in North Plainfield most of his life.

He retired in 2000 from TRW Transtechnology Corp. of Mountainside after being employed since 1986. Formerly, Bob was a foreman for Reichhold Chemicals in Carteret.

Bob loved spending time bowling, golfing and taking trips to AC. He was an avid Mets and Giants fan and enjoyed attending his grandson Brian's baseball games.

He is predeceased by his siblings, Virginia Frisco and Eugene Fioravanti.

Bob leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Jean (Wilson); two daughters, Gail Lissy and husband Richard of South Plainfield and Lisa Dutko and husband John of Edison; a son, Eugene and Liz Fioravanti of Colonia; three siblings, Dolores Bagonyi of South Plainfield, Joyce Puckett of Georgia and Joseph Fioravanti of North Carolina; and four grandchildren, Brian, Brittany, Samantha and Zachary.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations sent to the American Diabetes Association, Center Point II, Suite 103, 1160 Rt. 22 East, Bridgewater, N.J. 08807 or to the American Cancer Society, 2600 U.S. Highway 1, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902 would be appreciated.

### Catherine (Micko) Mackey, 93

Catherine (Micko) Mackey passed away on Monday, Jan. 9 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick

Born in Newark, she had resided in Roselle Park for 15 years and South Plainfield for 25 years before moving to Engelwood, Fla. in 1981. In the late 1990s, Catherine returned to New Jersey, residing in Bedminster before settling with her daughter in South Plainfield

She had been employed at the former Bruno Dress Shop of South Plainfield for 10 years before retiring

in 1983.

Mrs. Mackey was a member of the Ladies International Garment worker's Union Local #149 of Newark and a former communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa R.C. Church, South Plainfield.

She is predeceased by her husband, Leroy, who died in 2000; four siblings, Alice Skiba, Lillian Falkowski, Mary Albright and John Micko.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane Janus and husband Ronald of South Plainfield and Kathleen Nelson and husband Martin of Howell, Mich.; four grandchildren, Martin Nelson, Jr., Wayne Nelson, Shawn Janus and Kimberly Damiano, and six greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

### John R. Grambor, 69

John R. Grambor died on Saturday, Jan. 7 at his residence.

Born in Elizabeth, John graduated

from Red Bank High School and has lived in Plainfield since 1973

After eight years of honorable service, John was discharged from the United



John R. Grambor

States Navy in 1971. In 2008, John retired from EBI Medical Systems located in Parsippany as a reliability engineer. He loved fishing, woodworking and making model boats

John is predeceased by his parents, John C. and Anna E. (Kennedy) Grambor.

He leaves behind his wife of 42 years, Frances J. (Hartman) Grambor; three sons, R. Brian of Plainfield, Jack C. of Edison and Thomas E., also of Plainfield; a sister, Carol Ann Mc-Cabe of Coral Springs, Fla.; and three grandsons, Justin, Jacob and Daniel.

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



### Jeanne (Walker) McElwee, 92

Jeanne (Walker) McElwee passed away on Saturday, Jan. 7 at the

Woodlands Care Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, she settled in South Plainfield in 1948. Jeanne and

her late hus- Jeanne McElwee

band, Fran, were long-time devoted volunteers and foster parents for the United Family and Children Society of Plainfield. Since 1957 they have cared for over 200 newborn babies.

In addition, she was a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield and was honored at the 1996 church dedication to the Right to Life statue by the late pastor, Very Reverend Michael McGuire, for her services to so many newborns.

In addition to her husband, Fran who died in 1998, she is predeceased by two daughters, Maureen McElwee in 1954 and Kathleen Olimpio in 1979; and by four siblings.

Surviving are a daughter, Eileen Flavin of Maryland; eight grandchildren, Megan, Kelly, Christopher and Patrick "Walker" and Chad, Ryan, Eric and Jason Olimpio, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

### PBA, Middle School PTO **Benefit Volleyball Tournament**

The second annual benefit volleyball tournament is slated for Sunday, Jan. 29. The event is being co-sponsored by the South Plainfield PBA Local #100 and the South Plainfield Middle School PTO. The tournament will be held at the high school and middle school and will feature three divisions: Adults, teenagers and kids.

All proceeds from the tournament will go towards additional scholarships for borough high school students in 2012. Each year, the South Plainfield PBA Local #100 and South Plainfield Middle School

PTO offer multiple scholarships to graduating seniors based on merit, school activities and community involvement. These proceeds will help each organization reward additional deserving students from South

More information about registering and other activities that day will be released in the coming weeks. If you would like to sponsor prizes and/or product for the event, please contact Officer Pete Magnani at (908) 226-7678, email pmagnani@southplain fieldnj.com or call Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573.





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11th Grade-Charles Anyamene, Kevin Belanger, Kristel Buschan, Andrew Catalina, Michael DelGenio, Andrea Guerrero, Nicholas Marrone, Matthew McCue, Hiren Rana, Gerianne Scarpitto, Joshua Siepmann

10th Grade-Claudia Bashner, Kaitlyn Faustini, Antonio Garcia, Roweena Kanj, Melissa Molano, Monica Spooner, Kristen Wong, Kexin Cher Xu, Amy Zinsky

9th Grade-Rebecca Armand, Matthew Belanger, Taylor Brinks, Mark Butrico, Melanie Cheng, Holly DeLair, Hayley Dow, Moriah Garcia, Christopher Graves, Jordan Handwerger, Charlotte Macchia, Jordan Mandel, Gianna Marcovecchio, Het Patel, Riya Patel, Kara Podlovits, Brandon Rickert, Allison Scarinci, Leonard Scarpitto, Jennifer Teece, Kasey Walsh

#### Honor Roll

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

2012 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield will hold their Re-organization meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2012 beginning at 1:00pm at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Avenue, South Plainfield The following dates have been set as the official meeting dates for the Mayor and Council for 2012. All meet-

ings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey. All Agenda Meetings begin at 7:00pm followed immediately by the Public Meeting, unless otherwise noted

Re-organization Meeting January 7, 2012 at 1:00 pm at the South Plainfield Senior Center

Public Meeting

January 9, 2012	January 9, 2012
January 23, 2012	January 23, 2012
February 6, 2012	February 6, 2012
February 21, 2012 Tuesday	February 21, 2012
March 5, 2012	March 5, 2012
March 19, 2012	March 19, 2012
April 2, 2012	April 2, 2012
April 16, 2012	April 16, 2012
May 7, 2012	May 7, 2012
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January 13, 2012

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

The Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield authorized professional service contracts at their public re-organization meeting on January 7, 2012 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i). The contracts and the resolutions authorizing them are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk. The duration of the agreements are for the current calendar year 2012. The appointments are as follows

Borough Attorney: DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer, P.C. 15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey 07059 Contract Amount: \$135.00 per hour

Paul Garelick, Esq., 1862 Oak Tree Road, Edison, NJ 08820 Contract amount: \$21,901 total per attorney annual Edward Santoro Jr. Esg., 304 Maple Ave. South Plainfield, NJ 07080 Public Defender

Contract amount: \$8,750 annual Suplee, Clooney and Co., 308 E. Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 Borough Auditor: Contract amount not to exceed \$60,250 annual

Insurance Buyer's Council, 9720 Greenside Dr. Suite 1E.

Cockeysville, MD 21030 Contract Amount: \$35,500 annual Bond Counsel

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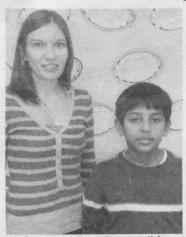




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### Menon Named Junior Journalist



Junior Journalist winner Adithyan Menon with teacher Megan Basile.

Adithyan Menon, Grant School fifth grade student, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist program. His poem, "Froapple," has earned Adithyan dinner for his family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

The program, which encourages students to express themselves through creative writing, is a joint cooperation between Hometown Heros and the South Plainfield Observer.

Students should submit their original works to their teachers, the Observer or to Hometown Heros. Winners are selected weekly; students and their works are published in the Observer. Hometown Heros makes arrangements to deliver dinner for the winner's entire family.

At the end of the school year in May, Hometown Heros and the Observer host a banquet celebrating all of the weekly winners and their families. A \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond

is awarded to one student by Hometown Heros; additional U.S. Savings Bonds are also awarded. Students are recognized by the mayor and the state assembly as well.

For more information, call the Observer at (908) 668-0010.

### Froapple

By Adithyan Menon

I grabbed my fishing rod, I headed to the lake. I threw it in the water, hoping for some maike.

I lay down on the grass, hoping for some sleep, But before I could move, I heard a big creeck.

My fishing rod was shaking, I pulled with all my might, I tried to reel it in, but it still wanted a fight.

I started to give up, But just a little bit. Even though I pulled so hard, I would never quit!

For what seemed like forever, I finally reeled it to the shore. It looked kind of awkward. Then, I finally remembered, it was a fisherman's galore.

It was a cross between a fish, brother, and an apple. So, I drank my Snapple.

I caught a Froapple!

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### Jim DiCarlo to Launch Innovative Food Waste Recycling Project in Hawaii

By Jean Fultz

Jim DiCarlo, a resident of Haleiwa, Hawaii and the son of South Plainfield pediatrician J. Patricia DiCarlo, is on a mission to change the way the world thinks about waste. Last year he started a company called Each One Teach One Farms after teaching aquaponics and sustainability to his seventh grade class.

"The idea came to me then that more people should have access to this information about sustainability and growing food...," DiCarlo says

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

holiday will not affect the recycling

complex hours of operation. The

recycling center will be open as usual

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday,

Jan. 14 and from 12 to 7 p.m. on

The yard waste site at the end

of Kenneth Avenue is on its winter

Tuesday, Jan. 17.

on his website, ThrowToGrow.com. "I am fiercely passionate about sustainable food production and living a more self-sufficient lifestyle that is in harmony with nature. I believe that everyone should be able to grow their own clean food.'

To that end, DiCarlo has been promoting Bokashi fermentation, or rapid anaerobic composting, as a way to recycle food waste in an effort to address the continuing landfill overflow problem. This process also provides rich soil that can be used by farmers and gardeners alike. Up until

schedule and will be open from 8 a.m.

schedule also will not be affected by

the holidays. Section 6 pickup will

take place as scheduled on Monday,

For updates, call the recycling

to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14. The curbside recycling collection

hotline at (908) 226-7620.

now, composting has been limited to individuals using a home composter, such as the Bokashi Bucket; however, composting has yet to be implemented on an industrial scale.

"I thought, 'What if I could scale up this Bokashi process to recycle much larger volumes of food waste, from larger waste generators like schools, hotels or supermarkets here in Hawaii," DiCarlo said.

Without the resources to further pursue his idea, DiCarlo turned to Kickstarter.com, a "crowd-funding" resource for "creative minds and 'out of the box thinkers'" that has gained in popularity in recent years.

According to San Diego-based company, TheDailyCrowdsource, "crowdsourcing" is the practice of tasking out a project to a "crowd" of people, rather than to just one person. Crowd-funding is just a small part of this innovative new trend. For example, in order to raise funds for a specific project like DiCarlo's, hundreds or even thousands of individual investors can contribute an amount as small as \$1. DailyCrowdsource. com highlighted DiCarlo's project on December 22.

Throw To Grow has received pledges of more than \$5,100 to date, but must reach its goal of raising \$15,000 by January 19 or the project will not be funded.

For more information or to donate to this project, visit throwtogrow. com and click on the "Pledge Your Support" link. DiCarlo can also be reached via his website by clicking on "Send Message."

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the South Plainfield Borough Council originally

scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2012 has been

changed to Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:00pm

in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Build-

ing, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield

Questions should be directed to the Clerk's Office

at 908-226-7606. Notice of this meeting has been

posted on the borough website and duly advertised

January 13, 2012

Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk



Student Council members Mackenzie O'Brien, Erika Rems, Jessica Forbes, Theresa Lanzetta, Robby Ginda, AJ Massaro, Brody Donovan, Samantha Morris, Sebastian Rohrer, Colin Farrell, Saru Castillo and Jordan Lovett with a kindness heart. Not pictured are members Nor-Eldin Nasr and Faith Abraham.

### **Kennedy Students Accept** The Kindness Challenge

**By Jane Dornick** 

Kennedy School Student Council members kicked off their Kindness Challenge on January 6 with an assembly to promote the event.

Large red paper hearts with the teachers name were placed outside of each classroom. Each time that a student does a kind or caring act towards a fellow classmate, they will get

a red paper link with their name on it to connect to the heart. Students are "challenged" to perform as many acts of kindness as they can so as to link the entire building and classrooms together with a chain of "kindness."

On Valentine's Day, February 14, the classroom with the most links in the chain will receive an ice cream party sponsored by the student

### Plainfield Animal Hospital **Hosting Annual Dental Fair**

Plainfield Animal Hospital, located at 2215 Park Ave., will hold a dental fair on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. in celebration of National Pet Dental Health Month.

The festivities will include free dental check-ups, discounts on future services, tooth brushing and home care demonstrations, giveaways, contests, door prizes, tours of the hospital, refreshments and much more.

National Pet Dental Health Month is held to promote public awareness of the importance of dental care for pets in order to prevent dental problems, gum disease and the general health of your pets. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, call or visit the website at www.plainfieldanimalhospital.com. If you plan to attend, you can register by calling (908) 755-2428 by January 21.

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