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Cleanup of the silt buildup in Spring Lake is underway.

## Spring Lake Dredging to Alleviate Local Flooding

By Libby Barsky

Within the center of Spring Lake, silt from runoff water flowing through the lake during heavy rains has created weedy islands located on both sides of the second bridge. In recent years, Spring Lake has lost its smooth finish and peaceful look. Although the weeds and grasses growing on the earth provide cover for a heron and egret to fish and roots for mallard ducks to feast on, the new islands also provided a haven for mosquitoes.

The Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Middlesex County Mosquito Control Commission (MCC), implemented a clean up plan for the lake, which is currently underway. The parks department had assessed the need for the cleanup, and the mosquito commission is providing

the manpower and machinery to do the actual work, according to MCC Executive John Krantz.

Piles of dirt extracted from the lake sat next to the huge earth mover as driver Patrick McNulty of the MCC carefully directed the machine into the water to bring up the dirt of the larger of the two islands.

"The dirt is wet and needs to dry before it's taken away. They've taken away four truckloads of dirt," McNulty said, who was enjoying working the large machinery, especially when the biggest challenge was keeping the crane from sliding into the water.

"This is the best time of year to do this, when there is no odor from the methane gases that build up under the dirt," he said.

Spring Lake Park was developed through a deal with the Middlesex Water Company, whose wells are on the

property, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which had to approve the lake's water flow before Department of Environmental Protection approval was given for the project because the lake is in a flood plain.

The park, which officially opened in 1983, was transformed from a marshy trail into a recreational area in the center of South Plainfield. It boasts three footbridges with biking/walking trail, recreational areas that include tennis and basketball courts, a playground for children, two parking lots accommodating 101 cars and two comfort stations. There is also a gazebo by the lake where free summer concerts are held and where many a bride and groom have said "I do." Spring Lake Park is also the location of the free fireworks display held at the conclusion of the borough's Labor Day celebration.

## Search for Library Director Continues

By Libby Barsky

At the first meeting of the new year on January 10, the Library Board of Trustees held its reorganization meeting, and welcomed mayoral appointee, Christine Faustini, who will be a member of the board for one year. Mayor Matt Anesh, with the advise and consent of the Borough Council, selected Susan Goulet to be a member of the Library Board of Trustees for a five-year term. By statute, the superintendent of schools is also a member of the Library Board of Trustees, and Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gary Bowen was welcomed to the board. Dr. Bowen selected South Plainfield High School librarian Patricia Massey as his alternate. Members of the public attending the meeting included former Library Board member, Donna Eagan, who decided not to submit her name for reappointment when her five-year term ended last year. Eagan was recognized

and praised for her commitment to the library.

The board voted for Eric Aronowitz to continue as president; Gary Jones will be vice president; and Nina Rohrer returns as treasurer. Barbara Pleasant, who had held the paid position of secretary and recorded the board's minutes, resigned. Library Director Sunnie Randolph has been taking the minutes since Pleasant resigned. The secretarial position will revert to a paid service after the board reviews the four applications received, Aronowitz said.

With Randolph retiring in April, the Library Board of Trustees will be interviewing six candidates for the position on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. The candidates were selected from resumes that were screened and submitted by Pro Libra, the professional service for librarians, Randolph told the board.

Randolph reported on the visit of

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Pictured with Roosevelt School's Wish Trees are teacher Desiree Noland and Principal Robert Diehl.

## SPHS Wrestling to Host Alumni Night, Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The South Plainfield High School wrestling team will honor its wrestling alumni and coaches this evening prior to their match with Camden Catholic. They will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the high school wrestling program.

The high school fielded its first team during the 1961-62 season when then head coach Al Ranger organized and developed a wrestling program at both the high school and middle school level. Coach Ranger enjoyed a 23-year career as head coach, compiling a re-

cord of 166-82-6. Since then the high school program has been under the leadership of four head coaches: Tom Baker, who was a longtime assistant of Coach Ranger's; Mike Buggey, SPHS's former athletic director; Bill Pavlak; and current head coach, Kevin McCann.

Few athletic programs have had the consistent level of success that SP wrestling has enjoyed. This is certainly due to the foundation created by Coach Ranger. The program has a total record of 575 wins, 153 losses and 10 ties. During these years, the wrestling teams have accumulated an impressive amount of titles and championships. They won 22 division championships, 18 conference cham-

pionships and 29 district titles; 27 of these were won consecutively, which stands as the current New Jersey state record. The program has captured nine State Sectional Titles and six State Group Team Championships.

Come out and join us as we recognize our wrestling alumni and coaches. The ceremony is expected to start at 6:15 p.m. with the match immediately following at 7 p.m. The South Plainfield Wrestling Club will be sponsoring a reception at Planagan's after the match for all wrestling alumni, family and friends.

If you have any photos or newspaper articles you can share with us, call Joe Sacco at (908) 500-7336 or email to [spwrestling@spwrestling.com](mailto:spwrestling@spwrestling.com).

## Wish Trees Provide Catalyst For a More Peaceful World

Yoko Ono's "Wish Trees" have been exhibited in many museums and cultural centers around the world. People are invited to write their personal wishes to help make the world a better place and keep the idea of world peace in mind.

At Roosevelt School, Desiree Noland decided to have her computer classes create their own wish trees to participate in this worthwhile project. Students and faculty wrote down their personal heartfelt wishes on a tag which they tied to their trees, which were exhibited throughout the holidays.

The wishes were then taken down and sent to Yoko Ono's Imagine Peace Tower in Iceland to be added to the exhibit. The students truly enjoyed the project and were proud to know they were able to participate in such an incredible project.

"I hope 'Imagine Peace Tower' will give light to the strong wishes of World Peace from all corners of the planet and give encouragement, inspiration and a sense of solidarity in a world now filled with fear and confusion. Let us come together to realize a peaceful world."

~Yoko Ono~





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February 6  
February 21**Public Meeting**  
February 6  
February 21

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

Jan. 24, Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

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Feb. 8, March 14 and April 4.

**Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.) except where noted\***  
Feb. 15, March 21, April 11.**BOE curriculum/technology/student activities****Meets once a month at 4:30 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.**

Feb. 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July &amp; Aug.-No Meeting, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

**library board of trustees****Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.****recreation commission****Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7716**

Feb. 16 (Thursday), March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

**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 plans sub-committee****Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.****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****South Plainfield Observer**

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**Opinion:****Gov. Christie Must Put Politics Aside, Help Needy****By Barbara Buono**

When leaders of political parties in New York state recently agreed to raise the tax rate on the wealthiest to help the middle class, a truly revolutionary concept was born—politicians putting the needs of the people ahead of their own personal ambitions.

In New Jersey, unfortunately, Gov. Chris Christie has set his sights on the national stage and repeatedly refused to consider the democratically led effort to create a more progressive tax rate because it would defy the rules of the conservative playbook.

This same steely denial of the realities of the working class is evident on the conservative side of every major debate taking place in Washington—whether it's on debt reduction, extending the Social Security payroll tax cut or the merits of the Occupy movement.

Overlooked is the growing number of Americans now living in, or just above, poverty. In New Jersey, the number of residents receiving food stamps has doubled in the past four years. Recently released Census figures based on a new poverty formula show that nearly 50 million Americans are poor and the number of those living just above the poverty line is far greater than once believed.

What makes this new formula

**Sen. Barbara Buono**

unique is that it takes into account government assistance such as food stamps, housing aid, subsidized lunches and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Once these factors are considered, roughly three million people rise above the poverty line, proving government assistance can and does make a difference in the lives of working families.

Sadly, those on the right have no qualms about slashing these assistance programs, proving their empathy extends only to the super rich while the plight of poor and middle-class families is viewed with rote disregard.

According to the Tax Policy Center, only three percent of small business owners are in this top tax bracket and many are not the typical job-creating small businesses one would envision; rather, they are hedge fund managers, doctors or lawyers.

People earning \$1.5M have saved an average of more than \$130,000 a year under the Bush tax cuts and \$8,900 thanks to Christie's veto of the millionaires tax. On the other hand, a family of four earning \$24,343, the

federal standard of poverty under the new Census formula, has lost \$156 in Earned Income Tax Credit benefits at the hands of Christie's ax, money that could go toward utility bills, doctor visits or groceries.

Another difference between what millionaires have reaped versus what working poor families have lost is what they would do with these allotments. Families living paycheck to paycheck typically use any extra income to purchase much-needed goods and services, or vital health care. Any extra income received by working families not only helps them get by, but in turn, stimulates the economy. By many accounts, the wealthy typically pocket their tax breaks, generally doing very little with it.

There is an overwhelming tide of public support for asking the rich to contribute a little more, 64 percent of New Jerseyans to be exact, according to a recent Quinnipiac University poll. From an economic perspective, many experts believe that directing government assistance to those most in need will actually benefit the economy far more than padding the pockets of those already well-off.

It would be refreshing if, just once, Christie would put down the conservative playbook and follow the lead of his New York counterparts to join with Democrats in helping those who are truly in need first.

**South Plainfield Residents: Be Prepared for Snow**

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 snowplow-

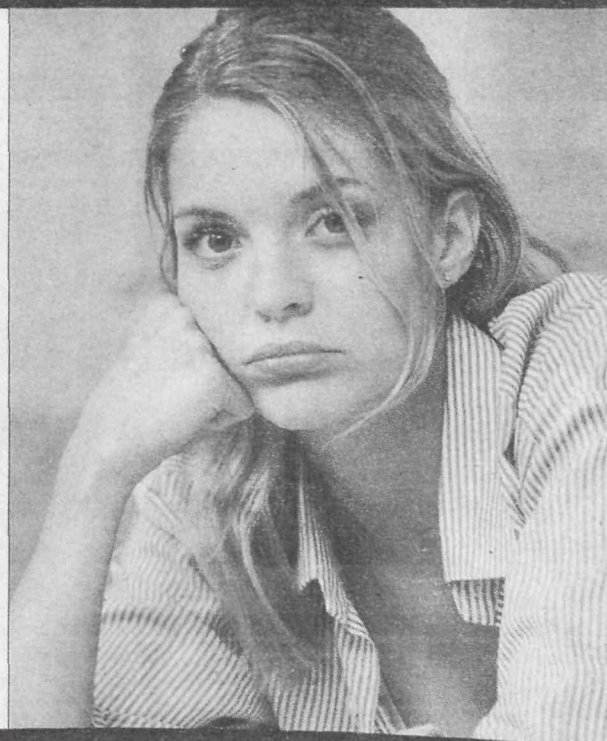
ing operations. During nighttime operations, please ensure your visibility with reflective clothing or lights when shoveling snow.

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## NEWS

### Suburban Woman's Club

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield met at the American Legion facility and enjoyed a social hour prior to the business meeting. Lucy Hudson presided and reports were shared with the membership.

Following the recommendation of the NJS-FWC Legislation department to urge Congress to vote for a bill important to the Federation, Cathy Wells, the club's legislation chairman, prepared a letter to send to Congressman Leonard Lance asking him to vote in favor of the House Bill supporting education for girls in Asia, Africa and other third world countries. Cathy made copies of this letter and distributed them to all of the club members present. Each member signed a copy of the letter and placed it in a stamped envelope for mailing. The envelopes and stamps were provided by members.

Following the meeting, Helen Hunter, ACSW, LSW, gave a talk on "Aromatherapy: Using Oils for Healing." Hunter received her master's degree in social work from Rutgers University specializing in gerontology, has ACSW certification from the National Association of Social Workers and is licensed as a social worker in Connecticut, New York, Florida and New Jersey. She has over 29 years of experience working with the elderly and their families and has been a geriatric care manager, social worker consultant and trainer for the past 13 years. She is also a published author on the subject of elder care and family issues. She uses aromatherapy in her program of elder care and shared

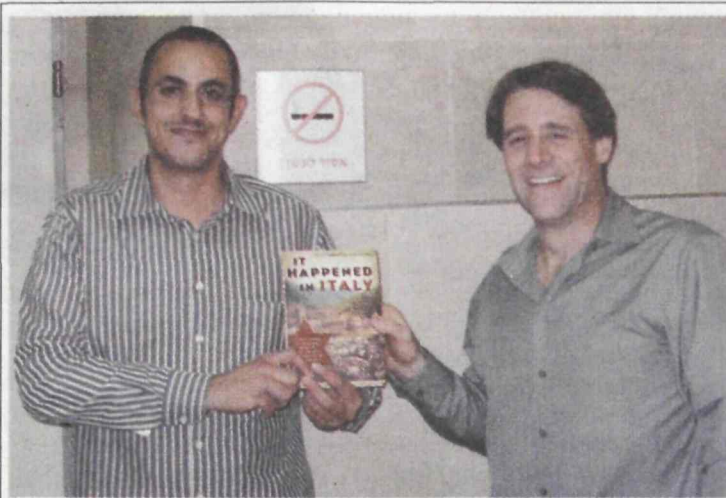


Helen Hunter

with club members how the use of essential oils from plants has been used for therapeutic purposes for nearly 6,000 years. Hunter brought a number of bottles of these oils and shared them with her audience. The women were asked to rub a drop of oil on their hands to experience the fragrance and relaxing properties of each. Information on

the various oils was shared and Hunter explained that the power of touch when using aromatherapy and essential oils is very powerful and is often a soothing and calming therapy treatment for those who are suffering from a variety of physical and mental conditions, particularly when they are approaching the end of life. Many home care agencies, hospitals and hospice care programs, as well as church healing groups, use aromatherapy as a regular practice for their clients and families.

Women interested in joining this club are welcome to contact Membership Chairman, Grace Bertucci at (732) 549-9633 for information.



FROM TEL AVIV, ISRAEL—John DeAndrea, son of Plainfields' UNICO President John DeAndrea, presents "It Happened in Italy" to Noman Tziony, an associate who received the book, and will forward it to his rabbi. The book is an accounting of how Italians defied the Holocaust. The chapter's goal is to get the book into 100 schools and libraries by the end of the school year. Anyone interested in participating in the program should call Renato Biribin at (908) 472-0164.

### Plainfield Animal Hospital to Host 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](http://www.plainfieldanimalhospital.com). If you plan to attend, you can register by calling (908) 755-2428.

### A Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Those of us living in South Plainfield have many churches to attend, such as Wesley Methodist, First Baptist, Rescue House of Prayer, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, St. Stephen Lutheran Church and Pilgrim Covenant Church, to name a few. While this illustrates the many ways we have available to worship God, there is one faith-filled event, held every year, that focuses on our unity in the Lord and what we share in our common faith. This is called The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and you are invited to attend.

Celebrated between January 18-25, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated by congregations and parishes throughout the world. The South Plainfield Ecumenical Christian Churches have prepared a special service focusing on church unity. The theme this year is "We Will All Be Changed by the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

The service will be hosted by Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave. on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. We invite children of all ages; childcare will be available. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Wesley Church at (908) 757-2838.

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## Roseo Family Renews Cedarbrook Stream Crossing

Lisa Roseo has renewed her Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association for the next two years. She and her family have been maintaining the stream crossing at Cedarbrook and Morris avenues since 2005. They will continue doing cleanups of the roadside and adjacent open space area that stretches around onto Morris Avenue at least quarterly.

This wooded area near Riley School and the senior residence seems to attract litter and illegal dumping, so it is important to have regular cleanups. The Roseos are active participants in the borough's Clean Communities Program, joining in town-wide cleanups and trail maintenance days at the Highland Woods Nature Reserve.

Other stream crossings that need to be adopted are Belmont and South Clinton avenues. Roadsides that front on wooded areas such as Metuchen Road, Tyler Place and Coolidge Road are also open for adoption.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621 or email attempel@southplainfieldnj.com.

## Church Service for Christian Unity

January 22

The South Plainfield Ecumenical Christian Churches will celebrate The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. at a special service hosted by Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave. This year's theme is "We Will All Be Changed by the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Enjoy spirit-filled music, testimonies and worship with your brothers and sisters in faith. Child-care available. Light refreshments.

For more information, call (908) 757-2838. Come, join us and see what we all have in common!

## Educational Health Fair at Senior Center

January 25

The South Plainfield Senior Center in conjunction with the Society on Aging of New Jersey (SANJ) will host an educational health fair on

Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 9-11 a.m. (See story on page 5)

Please RSVP to reserve your seat and refreshments by calling (908) 754-1047 or sign up at the senior center.

## Dental Health Fair

January 29

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For more information or to register, call (908) 755-2428 or visit www.plainfieldanimalhospital.com.

## 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.

## 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 —

## Pray & Play at Temple Sholom

January 21

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains invites families with children four and under to a Shabbat Pray and Play featuring music, maracas and puppets on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. Older siblings are welcome. For more information, call (908)

## SENIOR CENTER Calendar

**2012 Annual Membership Fees (\$10) are now due!**

**HEALTH FAIR—January 25.....Free**  
**SANDS TRIP—September 26.....\$28.50**

Please stop in & check out our new and exciting programs.

### MONDAYS

Active Seniors ..... 8:30 am  
Crocheting ..... 9:30-11:30 am  
Yoga ..... 10:30 am  
Art Class..... 11:30 am

### TUESDAYS

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

### WEDNESDAYS

Exercise Class..... 8:45 am  
Shopping ..... 9 am  
Line Dancing..... 10 am  
Computer.. 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm  
Crocheting ..... 1 pm  
Tai Chi..... 2 pm

### THURSDAYS

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

### FRIDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm

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889-4900, email sholom@sholomnj.org or visit www.sholomnj.org.

## Blackrose to Perform

January 21

Blackrose, a band playing classic rock and roll music and today's hits will be performing at Molly Maguire's, 1085 Central Ave. in Clark on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

For more information, call (732) 388-6571.

## Metuchen-Edison Women's Club Mtg.

February 1

The next Metuchen Edison Women's Club next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at The Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave. in Edison. Join us for a discussion presented by chiropractor Dr. Tricia Mastropietro on the causes, treatment and prevention of low back pain and sciatica. Free and open to the public. A complimentary consultation will be offered to everyone who attends.

For more information, call Joanne at (732) 548-6874.

## Upscale Singles Dance Party

February 4

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton Grand Ballroom, 20 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. Admission: \$17.

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



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## Health Fair Offers Advice For Seniors

The South Plainfield Senior Center in conjunction with the Society on Aging of New Jersey will host a SANJ Educational Health Fair on Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 9-11 a.m.

Ana Conlin, director of Public Relations for the Society on Aging of New Jersey, and the SANJ Union County Directors Skeeter Reid and Michelle Curry have put together an educational health fair with 10 participating vendors/sponsors and an educational panel of expert speakers. This is a free event open to all seniors age 55+; the children of the seniors are also welcome.

Many seniors are unaware of the options available when facing a health-related crisis. Often they are guided by people who have limited knowledge or understanding of services available. In light of this, SANJ decided to host the health fair at the senior center. The forum will feature a panel of experts in geriatric health who will speak on their area of expertise. The purpose of this is to educate seniors on services available should a crisis present itself. The presenters are from local home care agencies, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospice groups, physical therapy and more. This is not a "sales pitch," as our speakers will be speaking from an educational standpoint, providing vital information to the seniors before there is a need. This will enable them to make an educated decision when the time comes. A question and answer period will follow.

Light refreshments will be co-sponsored by the SANJ and Right at Home. Free blood pressure screenings will be provided.

Please RSVP to reserve your seat and refreshments by calling the senior center at (908) 754-1047 or sign up at the senior center.

Everyone attending the health education forum will be given a raffle ticket for some fabulous door prizes to be given by the SANJ sponsors.



## The Value of a Home Energy Audit

By Robert M. Longo  
Associate Member of the  
South Plainfield Green Team

A home energy audit, also known as a home energy assessment, is the first step to assess how much energy your home consumes and to evaluate what measures you can take to make your home more efficient. An audit will also show you problems that may, when corrected, make your home safer and more comfortable, as well as show you ways to conserve water and electricity.

You can conduct your own energy audit if you know where to look for air leaks, water waste and other key areas of a home's inefficiencies. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Savers website, [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov), has guidelines to help homeowners conduct do-it-yourself home energy assessments. For instance, DOE recommends that homeowners make a list of obvious air leaks, such as through gaps along baseboards or at the edges of flooring and at wall and ceiling junctures. The potential energy savings from reducing drafts in a home can be as high as 30% per year according to DOE.

You also should check the filters on heating and cooling equipment to see if they need to be changed, to keep your furnace and air conditioners functioning at maximum efficiency; and if these or other appliances are more than 15 years old, consider replacing them with newer models that meet federal Energy Star efficiency criteria.

A professional energy auditor with dedicated assessment tools and the knowledge of how to use them will in all likelihood carry out a more comprehensive assessment than you can do yourself. Such assessments often involve the use of equipment such as blower doors, which measure the extent of leaks, and infrared cameras, to reveal hard-to-detect areas of air infiltration and missing insulation.

A comprehensive home energy audit will include the following:

**1. Combustion Safety:** A combustion safety test on all fuel burning appliances to check for spillage of natural draft combustion appliances, and the content of the exhaust gases

in furnaces and water heaters.

**2. Building Envelope:** The energy auditor will look for proper levels of insulation and check the integrity of the air barrier through a visual inspection and by using a blower door test. The former tells where the big air leaks are, and the latter quantifies the total amount of air leakage in the house.

**3. HVAC:** Most homes use more energy for heating and cooling than for anything else, so assessing how well the heating and cooling systems are doing is vital. The energy auditor should look at both the equipment and the distribution system. If it's a forced air distribution system, they probably will also measure the amount of duct leakage in each system.

**4. Moisture Problem:** Energy auditors often look for moisture problems in your home and will help find the source so you can eliminate the problem. Most of the moisture problems originate from drainage issues on the outside of the house and should be solved on the outside.

Once the home energy auditor has finished with the onsite assessment of the house, they will prepare a written report including a scope of work that prioritizes the improvements you could make based on their cost effectiveness. Items such as air sealing and duct sealing are usually at the top of the list of energy improvements.

While a professional home energy audit will cost about as much as a shiny new iPad, the cost savings over time can be significant. If you choose to hire a home energy auditor, you should look for one who is certified by the Building Performance Institute (BPI). As with any contractor you allow in your home, you should always ask for references and check them out.

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Borough Council  
January 17  
meeting

## borough notes

The following took place at the January 17 Borough Council meeting:

The mayor read three proclamations: To declare National Wear Red Day for Women on February 3 and Catholic Schools Week-January 29 through February 5, and to recognize former Chief Larry DelNegro for 10 years of outstanding service to South Plainfield.

Ordinances were introduced to purchase a Ford F-350 Ambulance at a cost of \$40,000; install storm sewers on New Durham Avenue and other roads at a cost of \$15,200; establish the rates for the South Plainfield Community Pool for 2012 and amend Chapter 216 entitled, "Fees of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield."

Appointed Marjorie Reedy as a member of the Business Advisory Group to fill the unexpired term of Don Duffy, who moved.

Approved the resolution to go out to bid for two garbage trucks to be used for annual bulk, leaf and senior pick ups.

Two bond ordinances were introduced, one for \$113,050 to provide for the purchase of vehicles for the borough and the second for \$570,950 for the purchase of a new fire truck.

The council authorized the municipi-

pal clerk to enter into a maintenance agreement with Munidex for one year at a cost not to exceed \$854.

Approved a tax refund to Leon Gwiazdowski in the amount of \$566.33 and refund of plumbing permit fee to Giovanni Leonardis due to cancellation of bathroom installation.

Awarded a contract to Pierce Equipment to purchase a combination catch basin-sewer cleaning truck for the Public Works Department at a cost not to exceed \$289,936.

Approved the purchase of qualification and duty ammunition from Eagle Point Gun/T.J. Morris & Son at a cost not to exceed \$8,486.49, a John Deere Frontier GM1190R rear discharge grooming mower and chain shield from Power Place at a cost not to exceed \$6,500 and the purchase and installation of necessary equipment to outfit a supervisor vehicle from Triangle Communications at cost not to exceed \$12,717.95.

Authorized a professional service agreement with Edmund & Associates for the borough's financial and revenue collection system maintenance.

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Esther Faus, Middle School Spanish and Prima Lingua teacher, announces the winners of the geography bee. Robyn Stewart of South Plainfield finished first; Anuva Goel of Piscataway placed second; and Simu Singh of Piscataway took third.

## Robyn Stewart Wins Geography Bee

Robyn Stewart of South Plainfield, a seventh grader at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, won the school's first Geography Bee on January 10. Robyn topped a field of eight participants in the contest.

Anuva Goel of Piscataway finished second and Simu Singh of Piscataway placed third. The contest was run by Esther Faus, Middle School Spanish and Prima Lingua teacher, and Noreen Jafri, Middle School science and math teacher.

The National Geographic Society holds a National Geographic Bee for students in thousands of schools across

the United States and around the world. This year, middle school students enrolled in the Geo Bee Club were able to compete for the opportunity to be at the annual National Geographic Bee competition for the first time.

Robyn will advance to the next level of the competition, which will be a written examination to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to compete at the national championship. First prize is a \$25,000 college scholarship. The national competition is held May 22-24 in Washington, D.C.

## Chris Abbott Graduates Montclair Univ.

Christopher Harrison Parkhurst Abbott, a 2004 SPHS graduate, recently received his BA in theater studies from Montclair State University.

Christopher attended Middlesex County College and was later accepted at Montclair State where he pursued a degree with a theater career in mind.

Chris' career vision began early at Franklin Elementary School. He is a veteran of Summer Drama Workshop and SPHS Players, and he has performed extensively at Middlesex County College as well as Mystic Vision Players, Cranford Dramatic Society and others.

Chris worked as a fight choreographer and assistant director with Almost Famous Players (AFP) for many years. He has performed with the AFP Fight a Pirate at the Labor Day parade and volunteered at various school functions.

Chris is active with Bucks County Renaissance Faire and New Jersey Renaissance Faire and Kingdom. He is a founding member of newly formed 3D Juggling, which has performed throughout the area.

Christopher is the son of Patricia Abbott and grandson of Joan Abbott, both of South Plainfield.



Taylor Kurilew

## Taylor Kurilew Presents Senior Voice Recital

Taylor Kurilew presented her senior voice recital on November 19 in Leshowitz Recital Hall at Montclair State University. She was accompanied by pianist Steven W. Ryan.

Taylor has been preparing for and working up to this big event since becoming a music education/voice major at the John J. Cali School of Music. Even though this recital was a major requirement and a miraculous accomplishment in her educational degree as an undergrad, there were still countless hours of practicing for voice lessons and voice juries every semester, piano classes, education requirements, performances and much more. Each and every one of those obligations have all played a big part in molding her not only as an aspiring educator but as a performer.

Taylor's program for her recital consisted of works by Haydn, Weber, Fauré, Chausson, Paladilhe, Mozart, Schubert, Rachmaninoff, Nicolai, Sedek and Dvořák. There was an array of different arias, art songs, a classical musical theater piece and an art song written for Taylor by composer Martin A. Sedek. There was also a surprise visit from world renowned pianist Terrence Wilson, who is a family friend. Wilson played an Etude by Prokofiev in dedication to her recital.

Taylor is a 2008 graduate of South Plainfield High School and the daughter of Walter and Gwenn Kurilew.

## Middlesex Co. College Students Named to Dean's List

A total of 1,063 students were named to the dean's list for Fall 2011 at Middlesex County College. They include the following from South Plainfield:

Michelle Bello, Courtney Lynn Cullen, Patrick Foy, Joseph Fugazzi, Steven Paskowitz, Jennifer Perez, Sahara Sawyer, Lori Ann Sepkowski, Meghan Ruth Toolan, David Alston, Ashley Alvarado, William Brown, Jonathan Caruso, Ray Anthony Coletta, Jacqueline Conte-Ainsworth, Dianne Kaye Dio Dimayuga, Mark Anthony Grayon, Amanda Iavarone, Iris Ivaniuc, Ashley Koehler, Natalie Madurski, Shane Edward Melanson, Chelsea Nicole Ng, Prabha Pamnani, Priya Patel, Mark Sprenger, Michael Troia and Robert Yulick.

## Barton Honored After Contributing For Mules

Senior Scott Barton of South Plainfield earned All-Centennial Conference honorable mention after helping the Muhlenberg College football team to another winning season.

After playing mostly on special teams last season, Barton started all 10 games at guard for a Mule offense that averaged more than 150 rushing yards per game. It was the first all-conference recognition of his career.

Muhlenberg finished the season 7-3, including a 7-2 mark in conference play, to finish second in the conference. Two of the three losses came to teams ranked in the top 10 in the country in the final regular season poll. The Mules have recorded at least seven wins in four of the past five seasons.

## Wardlaw-Hartridge Announces Upper School Honor Rolls

South Plainfield student Michael Olano achieved honor roll with distinction status (GPA of 93 or higher, with no individual grade below a B) and Jay Raval made the honor roll (GPA of 87 or higher, with no individual grade below a C) at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison.



Heather Hearne and Angelo Pascale

## Hearne, Pascale To Wed

Jim and Rose Hearne of South Plainfield joyfully announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Angelo Pascale, son of Rich and Peg Pascale of Piscataway.

Heather graduated from South Plainfield High School in 2000. She graduated from Kean University and is now a teacher at Kennedy Elementary School in South Plainfield. She also coaches the South Plainfield Special Athletes as well as the South Plainfield Middle School Cheerleaders.

Angelo graduated from Piscataway High School in 1999. He works for the CSX Railroad as yardmaster in South Kearn.

The happy couple reside in Piscataway and plan to have a destination wedding in Mexico during the Summer of 2013.

## Chantiyana Beckett Graduates From Flagler College

Chantiyana Minyan-Saadia Beckett of South Plainfield was awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Flagler College. Chantiyana was one of approximately 180 Flagler seniors at the spring commencement ceremony held December 10 on the college campus in St. Augustine, Fla.

## Bryan Hunt Receives Bachelor Of Science Degree

Bryan R. Hunt of South Plainfield received a bachelor of science degree in management from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania.

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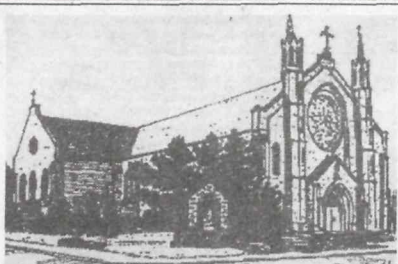
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## Danielle DeCarlo Named Junior Journalist Winner



Junior Journalist winner **Danielle DeCarlo** with teacher **Christine Dispenziere**.

Danielle DeCarlo, Riley School fourth grade student, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist program. Her story, "Best Friends," has earned Danielle dinner for her 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.

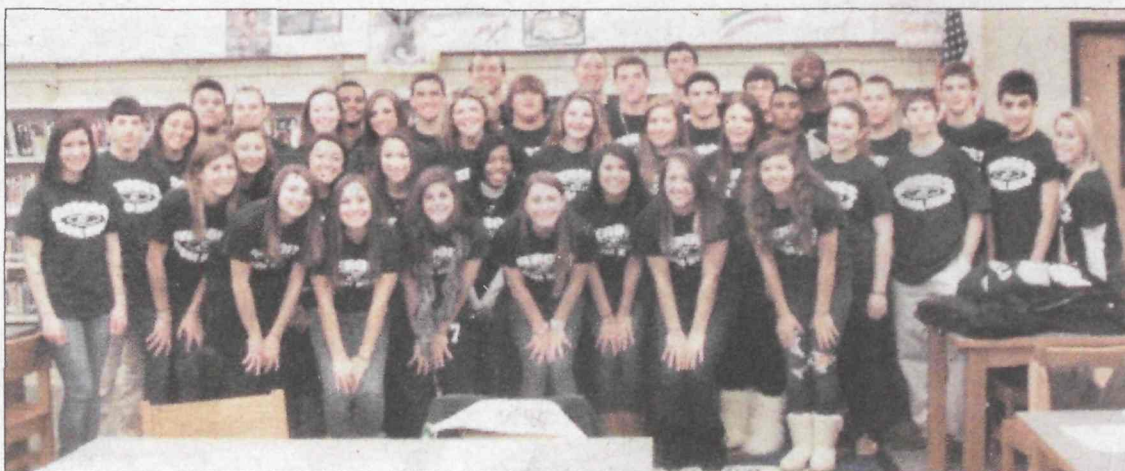
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### Best Friends.

By Danielle DeCarlo for Brianna Padovano, my best friend!

This is how it all began. When my mom was pregnant with me, there were new neighbors that lived across the street from us. My mom went to introduce herself. "Hello my name is Debbie," my mom said. "Hello my name is Nancy," she replied. Nancy told my mom that she was pregnant. My mom said that she was pregnant, too. Nancy's daughter was born first and she was named Brianna. Five weeks later I was born and my name is Danielle. When I was five months old I met my best friend. Of course at that time I didn't know how very close we would grow to be. There is probably not a moment that we are not together. When I'm not around Brianna I'm sad. It's almost like we're sisters and I will explain why right now. Brianna and I always walk together. People ask all the time, "Are you sisters?" We love to go to the beach

in the summer, especially Belmar Beach. We love to ride the waves on our belly boards. When there is a big wave that is too high to jump, we hold hands and go under the wave together. We always know what each other is thinking and feeling. We have a saying when we are both sad and it goes like this, from my house to your house we will always be the best of friends forever! We just about do everything together. We even went to get our flu shots with each other. No matter if Brianna and I fight we will always be best friends! It's really weird how much we have in common. She likes the color purple and so do I! When we shop at Justice, we get the same clothes. We are the same size, we have the same hair color, the same color eyes and the same personality. My one wish is to have Brianna as my best friend and to have her in my life forever.



Peer Leadership Heroes & Cool Kids members along with mentor Keith Elias visit Grant School sixth grade.

## Grant School Gets a Visit from Heroes & Cool Kids

South Plainfield High School Peer Leadership Heroes & Cool Kids members, along with athlete mentor and former Giants and Colts football player Keith Elias, visited with Grant School sixth grade classes on January 4. The program began with the high school students introducing themselves as an "icebreaker." They also held a question and answer session on good nutrition.

Heroes & Cool Kids, which began in 1999, is a not-for-profit organization based in New Jersey. The program utilizes the services of current and former professional athletes whose personal life experiences enable them to train high school student leaders. The athletes train high school students to mentor fifth and sixth grade students on important life skills including sportsmanship, conflict resolution and positive lifestyle choices highlighting drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention.

Heroes & Cool Kids is currently implemented in nine counties around

New Jersey. The athletes and high school students make three site visits to the schools each year.

To prepare, the high school students must complete three training conferences before. Each conference includes interactive breakout sessions that allow students to work with former professional athletes and students from other area high schools. A follow-up visit to refine the training is scheduled at each high school prior to the elementary school visit.

The first visit is dedicated to getting acquainted with their high school

mentors and dispelling myths and fears about high school. The second visit is geared towards bullying prevention as well as conflict resolution on and off the field and a third visit is about making positive lifestyle choices highlighting drug, alcohol and tobacco use prevention.

The Heroes & Cool Kids program has been conducted within the district for the past seven years and is currently under the direction of Peer Leader Advisors Marla Vandermark, Anthony Encinas, Jessica Kriskowski and Anthony Emmons.

## Library Board to Hold Special Meeting

The South Plainfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center located at 90 Maple Ave. The purpose of this meeting will be to interview candidates

for the position of library director.

The board will open the meeting and then proceed into executive session, at which time the interviews will be conducted. No formal action will be taken at the conclusion of the interviews.

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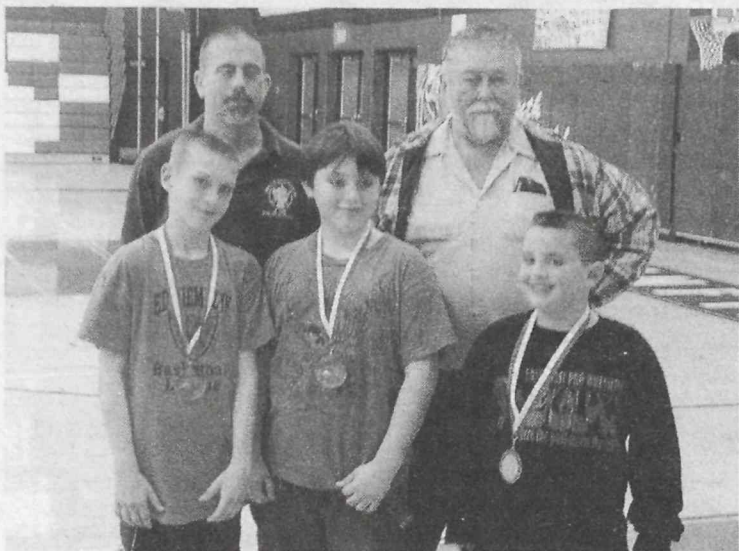
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The South Plainfield Elks hosted a local lodge hoop shoot on December 17 at South Plainfield High School.

The Hoop Shoot Free Throw Basketball Shooting Contest is the largest non-commercial, co-educational sports program in America and is sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. More than three million children ages eight to 13 participate each year. Children advance through the local, district, state, regional and national levels.

The program builds character while promoting integrity, hard work, quality family time and good sportsmanship.

The first place winners are: Category U8-Drew Cesario, Category U12-Patrick Kelly and Category U-14-Connor Adams. Congratulations to the winners!

For more information, visit us on the web at [www.elks.org/hoopshoot](http://www.elks.org/hoopshoot).

Submitted by Debra Czech, PVP-  
State Public Relations Chairman

## PBA, Middle School PTO Benefit Volleyball Tourn.

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 Plainfield.

For more information about registering your team or to sponsor prizes and/or product for the event, please contact Officer Pete Magnani at (908) 226-7678, email [pmagnani@southplainfieldnj.com](mailto:pmagnani@southplainfieldnj.com) or call Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573.

## SPHS

### WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

South Plainfield High School

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

10am G Fr Basketball-JFK (H)  
12pm V Wrestling-Old Bridge JV/10am (A) Bus 8:00  
1pm G V Basketball-JFK (H) JV/11:30 B&G V Bowling-Woodbridge Classic (A) Bus TBA

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 23

7pm V Wrestling-Hunterdon Centr (H) JV/5:30

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

3:45pm G&B V Bowling-Colonia @Caro-lier (A) Bus 2:30  
3:45pm G Fr Basketball-Ridge High School (A) Bus 2:30  
3:45pm B Fr Basketball-Cardinal McCarrick (H)  
3:45pm B&G V Winter Track-JFK (H)  
4:15pm V Swimming-Elizabeth @Dunn

Center (A) Bus 3:15  
7pm G V Basketball-Cardinal McCarrick JV/5:15 Bus 3:45  
7pm B V Basketball-Cardinal McCarrick (H) JV/5:15

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7pm V Wrestling-Piscataway (H) JV/5:30  
B&G V Swimming-Teaneck (A) Bus TBA

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

3:45pm B Fr Basketball-Monroe (A) Bus 2:30  
3:45pm B&G V Bowling-S. Amboy @ Carolier (A) Bus 2:30  
3:45pm G Fr Basketball-Monroe (H)  
7pm B V Basketball-Monroe JV/5:15 Bus 3:45  
7pm G V Basketball-Monroe (H) JV/5:15

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

3:30pm V Swimming-HunSchool (H) Bus 2:30  
V Wrestling-GMC Trn. (A) Bus TBA

### RECREATION WRESTLING

Submitted by Joe Sacco

## 18 Wrestlers Take Home Medals

The South Plainfield Recreation Wrestling Team had a busy weekend participating in several tournaments. At the Middlesex Novice Tournament the young Tigers had a strong showing with 18 wrestlers taking home medals.

Finishing in first place were Noah Santos and Nick Campagna. Second place went to Bradley Zelek, Jeffrey Jacome and Tyler Balent; third place to Louis DiFrancesco, Joseph DiFrancesco, Roger McCoy, Derek Glenn and Isaias Ramos; fourth place to Julian Irizarry; fifth place to Mahmoud Jadullah, Daniel Borsos and Ryan Patterson; and sixth place to Diego Amariles, Mustafa Beg, Connor Patterson and Benjamin Connolly.

At the Caldwell Tournament in West Caldwell, Anthony White had a first place finish at 55 lbs. Second place went to Tommy Fierro; third place to Steven Twist, Colby Huber

and Johnny Padovano; and fourth place to Anthony Penyak.

At the Toms River state qualifier, Jake DelVecchio had a first place finish, while brother Zach DelVecchio had a second place finish. Also finishing in second place was Ryan Marston. By finishing in the top three at their respective weight classes, all three will advance to the state tournament in early March.

Several wrestlers traveled to Virginia to watch South Plainfield High School take third place at the Virginia Duals in Hampton, Va. While there, they had a chance to compete in the VA Duals Kids National Championships. Finishing in first place for the young Tigers were Alex Amato, Joe Sacco and Luke Niemeyer. Third place went to David Loniewski, who went 5-1 on the day losing to eventual champ Ricky Couch of Maryland, 2-1.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1944**

An ordinance authorizing the "acquisition of a Ford F-350 type #1 Ambulance and the installation of storm sewers on New Durham Avenue and other various roads, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, January 20, 2012 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned assets be funded by existing funds in the Capital Improvement Fund. The funding requirements shall be identified by asset as follows:

Ambulance	\$40,300.00
Storm Sewers	15,200.00
Totals	\$55,500.00

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$55,500.00.

That the cost for the equipment shall be \$55,500 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be ten (10) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Joann L. Graf, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
\$45.52 January 20, 2012

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE No. 1945**

**NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on January 17, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, in the Borough on February 6, 2012 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Vehicles in and by the Borough Of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$119,000 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$113,050 Bonds or Notes of The Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."

Purpose: The acquisition of an emergency service sports utility vehicle/truck and refurbished garbage trucks, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$119,000  
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$113,050  
Grants Appropriated: N/A  
Section 20 Costs: \$11,900  
Useful Life: 5 years  
Joann Graf, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.  
\$40.79 January 20, 2012

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE No. 1946**

**NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing

body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on January 17, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, in the Borough on February 6, 2012 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Acquisition of a Fire Truck in and by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$601,000 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$570,950 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."

Purpose: The acquisition of a fire truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$601,000  
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$570,950  
Grants Appropriated: N/A  
Section 20 Costs: \$60,100  
Useful Life: 10 years  
Joann Graf, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
\$35.12 January 20, 2012

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

January 13, 2012-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on January 12, 2012.

A. Case #16-11-A.S. Mundy, 2401 Roosevelt Avenue; Block 304; Lot 5.01; M-3 Zone. The applicant's request for (2) use variances for a contractors storage yard & a temporary residence & (5) bulk variances was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case #35-11-Catherine Golden, 530 Harrison Avenue; Block 166; Lot 23; R-75 Zone. The applicant's request for a deck lot coverage variance & a shed rear yard setback variance was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary-Board of Adjustment  
\$30.40 January 20, 2012

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1947**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR USE OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL FOR 2012** was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, January 20, 2012 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 as follows:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD** that the following rates shall be established for use of the South Plainfield Community Pool for 2012:

	On or Before 4/30	After 4/30
Resident	\$275 & 10 passes	\$325 & 10 passes
Family	\$150 & 10 passes	\$200 & 10 passes
Individual	\$50 & 10 passes	\$70 & 10 passes
Senior Citizen	\$530 & 10 passes	\$530 no passes
Nonresident	\$260 & 10 passes	\$260 no passes
Family	\$120 & 10 passes	\$120 no passes
Individual		
Senior Citizen		

**DAILY ADMISSION PASSES**

Everyone must provide proper identification

	Monday - Friday	Weekends/Holidays
	Resident	Nonresident
All ages before 5:00pm	\$8	\$20
All ages after 5:00pm	\$5	\$8
Groups - 20 or more*	\$5	\$5

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

Joann L. Graf, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
\$53.08 January 20, 2012

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing was held on December 13, 2011 for an application made by Cragwood LLC (the "Applicant") for preliminary and final major site plan approval from the South Plainfield Planning Board (the "Board"), seeking approval for PSE&G to occupy approximately 55,775 s.f. of space within an existing building for executive and administrative offices, laboratory use and a training facility and to make various site improvements to the existing facility to accommodate PSE&G's occupancy. The property which is the subject of this application is designated as Block 528.01, Lot 47 and is located at 40 Cragwood Road in South Plainfield (the "Property"). The Property is located in the M-2 zoning district. Said application was approved by the Board on December 13, 2011 and memorialized by Resolution on January 10, 2012. The resolution of approval, plans, application, and other supporting documents are on file at the office of Planning and Zoning, in the Borough Hall, located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, during regular municipal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

This notice is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10i.

Day Pitney LLP  
Attorneys for the Applicant  
\$37.01 January 20, 2012



## Search for Library Director Continues

(Continued from page 1)

representatives from FEMA earlier in the day (January 10). "I showed them photos of the damage and showed what was done to get everything back in place, but we still have to replace some ceiling tiles after we are sure the roof doesn't leak," she said. "One of the things they would like to know is if a project could be made better and I told them that if the library were rebuilt on this site [the foundation] would have to be two and one half feet higher."

The Library Board spent \$125,000 to remediate the flooding damage caused by Hurricane Irene. So far, the library has received \$49,000 from insurance carried by the borough. The board also expects to receive payment from a borough policy carried by an additional extra insurance carrier and through FEMA claims.

During public comments, resident Frank Lemos suggested the library's monthly meeting minutes be placed on its website to accommodate those who can't come to meetings.

## Community Colleges Offer Training for Vets

Community colleges, through the NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development, the New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA) and the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development (NJDLWD) announce a new training program to help qualified New Jersey veterans get back to work.

The pilot program will launch at Middlesex County College in February. The 12-week program will prepare New Jersey veterans for entry into careers at New Jersey fabricated metal product manufacturing companies.

Interested candidates should contact Veronica Jones, NJ state veterans representative, at (732) 418-3359 or email [veronica.jones@dol.state.nj.us](mailto:veronica.jones@dol.state.nj.us).

## police report

• On Dec. 13 a Plainfield resident reported the theft of an HTC tablet that was left on a table at Red Lobster.

• A Maple Avenue resident reported the theft of a men's Diamondback bike from their rear yard.

• On Dec. 16 a Harrison Avenue resident reported the theft of a 6 ft. ladder from their driveway.

• On Dec. 17 a Hillside Avenue resident reported the theft of a Pioneer speaker box, two speakers and a Craftsman 100 piece tool box from their unlocked vehicle.

• On Dec. 20 a Plainfield Avenue resident reported the theft of a ceramic snowman decoration from their front lawn.

• Anthony J. Williams, 47, of Iselin was arrested for driving on a suspended license and several outstanding warrants.

• On Dec. 22 Lawrence A. Windham, 45, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, possession of a controlled substance, possession of controlled substance in a motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• A Tremont Avenue resident reported that the passenger side of their vehicle had been keyed.

• Joseph M. McAteer, 51, of Fords was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

• On Dec. 23 Patrick Blewitt, 37, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

• Octavia Anger Carter, 33, of South Plainfield was arrested for no insurance and an outstanding warrant.

• A Maple Avenue resident reported that an account had been fraudulently opened in their name with Dish Network.

• A Banta Road resident reported the theft of a Dunkin' Donuts gift card in a bag from atop their garbage pail.

• A Lexington Avenue resident reported that all four of their vehicles tires had been slashed.

• On Dec. 24 Martin E. McMullen, 46, of Plainfield was arrested for careless driving and two outstanding warrants.

• On Dec. 25 Jose A. Abrego was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, careless driving, no insurance and failure to exhibit documents.

• On Dec. 26 Catalina Montero, 57, of Plainfield was arrested at Burlington Coat Factory for shoplifting \$144.94 worth of clothing.

• A Sherman Avenue resident reported the theft of a Sony camera, Gateway laptop, Leica laser pointer, a wallet and several Christmas cards from two of their vehicles.

• On Dec. 27 Frederick L. Campbell, 43, of Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and no insurance.

• Robert J. Marks, 57, of Sayerville was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

• Audra J. Catalini, 42, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• Lakeisha N. Hill, 23, of Philadelphia, Pa. was arrested for no insurance and an outstanding warrant.

• A Clinton Avenue resident reported the theft of a 2008 Toyota Scion which was subsequently recovered in Plainfield.

• A Central Avenue resident reported the theft of a Magellan GPS from their vehicle.

• An Oak Tree Avenue resident reported the theft of their child's purse that was left in the restroom at Wendy's.

• On Dec. 29 a Rahway Avenue resident reported the theft of a Magellan GPS from their vehicle.

• On Dec. 30 Dana M. Jonas, 31, of Middlesex was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• A Bergen Street resident reported that their debit card had been used to make \$340 worth of fraudulent monetary withdrawals.

• On Jan. 1 Denzel Jerome Clark, 20, of Scotch Plains was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

• A Vail Court resident reported the theft of a pair of Nike sneakers and a Burberry watch from their unlocked

vehicle that was parked at the corner of Pershing Place and Tompkins Avenue.

• A Pershing Place resident reported that their vehicle had been ransacked and \$5 in change was missing.

• A Hayward, Calif. resident reported the theft of their cell phone that was left at MJM Designer Shoes on Hadley Road.

• On Jan. 2 a Linke Court resident reported the theft of a Garmin GPS, two folding knives and change that was taken from their vehicle.

• On Jan. 3 Rodolfo Betanzo-Galvez, 31, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, expired registration, careless driving, driving on a suspended license and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

• Michael Leroy Gray, 45, of Neptune was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• On Jan. 6 Rashonda K. Blanding, 31, of Rahway was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and two outstanding warrants.

• On Jan. 7 Johnny Urrutia, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested for operating a vehicle in possession of a controlled substance.

• Timothy S. Yuill, 20, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• A Monmouth Junction resident reported the theft of their handbag that was placed on the ground outside Kohl's.

• Park Avenue Diner reported that a couple exited the rear of the diner without paying for their food.

• On Jan. 8 a Tooz Place resident reported that the rear door of their home had been damaged. The bedroom and closet were ransacked; however, nothing was taken.

• On Jan. 10 Dirk C. Goberdhan, 30, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and failure to stop.

• Jose L. Arriazalemus, 37, of North Plainfield was arrested for possession of a fraudulent inspection sticker and an outstanding warrant.

• The Knights of Columbus on Hamilton Boulevard reported the theft of two sewer grates.

• On Jan. 11 George C. Becker, 48, of West Crescent Parkway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and failure to maintain a lane.



### It's a Winner!

Debbie and Charlie Kurland of Hometown Heroes delivers dinner to Junior Journalist winner Riya Patel pictured with her mom, Reshma, and sister, Pooja.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### ORDINANCE NO. 1949

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A WELLNESS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE** was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, January 20, 2012 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to establish a Wellness Campaign Committee as required to allow the Borough to attain and maintain the designation of Healthy Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough, Chapter 17 titled "Boards, Committees and Commissions" shall be amended to add Article V to be titled "Wellness Campaign Committee", and to include the following sections:

17-30. Establishment; Membership and Terms; Compensation

a. The Wellness Campaign Committee shall consist of four members. Each member shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council.

b. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- (1) One member shall be assigned to develop, plan, organize and execute programs for the youth of the Borough;
- (2) One member shall be assigned to develop, plan, organize and execute programs for the employers of the Borough;
- (3) One member shall be assigned to develop, plan, organize and execute programs for the seniors of the Borough;
- (4) One member shall be assigned to develop, plan, organize and execute programs for the benefit of the community at large; and
- (5) Two at-large members assigned to develop, plan, organize and execute programs for the benefit of the community at large.

c. Each member shall be appointed for a four-year term, with the exception that initial appointments shall be for one-year appointments for two members; two-year appointments for two members; and, three and four-year terms for two members so that one or two positions on

the Committee shall terminate each year. It shall be in the discretion of the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council as to which member is initially appointed to the aforesaid terms.

d. All members of the Wellness Campaign Committee shall serve without compensation.

17-31. Qualifications for Membership

The qualifications for membership are as follows:

- a. A resident and taxpayer of the Borough of South Plainfield;
- b. Over the age of 18; and
- c. Neither a present nor past elected or appointed official of the Borough of South Plainfield. This prohibition is intended to apply to Borough government, and is not intended to apply to past or present members of the Board of Education.

17-32. Meetings; Chairperson

The Committee shall meet regularly and shall, at its first annual meeting each year, elect one from its number as chairperson, who shall preside over all meetings.

17-33. Rules and By-Laws

The conduct of the Wellness Campaign Committee at its meetings and activities shall be governed by rules or by-laws which shall be established by the Committee within three months of its creation.

17-34. Powers and Duties

The Wellness Campaign Committee shall be responsible for the development, plan, organization and execution of programs designed to help the Borough attain and maintain the Healthy Town designation from the State of New Jersey. They shall lend their advice to the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk and Borough Council on all matters dealing with the Healthy Town designation. They may employ individuals or organize support groups of volunteers with the authorization and consent of the Governing Body to assist the Borough in maintaining the Healthy Town designation.

17-35. Reports and Expenses

The Wellness Campaign Committee shall report to the Health, Welfare and Environment Committee of the Borough Council. Any funds appropriated to the Wellness Campaign Committee by the Governing Body shall be disbursed by the office of the Borough Administrator. Any payment on account of expenses or claims must be supported by vouchers.

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

Joann L. Graf, Borough Clerk

\$65.94

January 20, 2012

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### ORDINANCE NO. 1948

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 216, ARTICLE II, SECTION 216-6 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED: "FEES"**, was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, January 20, 2012 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 216, Article II, entitled "Marriage Ceremony Fee", Section 216-6 entitled "Trust Fund Donation", be amended as follows:

Effective with the adoption of this Article, \$50.00 of the above-referenced fee will be placed in a dedicated trust fund and donated to the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Awareness Team, and will benefit the operations of the Borough's Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Program.

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

Joann L. Graf, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

\$34.18

January 20, 2012

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

January 11, 2012. Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on January 10, 2012.

A. Case #744/Site-Cragwood, LLC. Block 528.01; Lot 47; M-2 Zone. 40 Cragwood Road. The applicant's request for (6) waivers and preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$28.50

January 20, 2012

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by John Shore requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit mother/daughter which is not a permitted use; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 230 Arlington Avenue, Block 342, Lot 9.01, R-10 zone on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 7, 2012 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

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

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January 20, 2012

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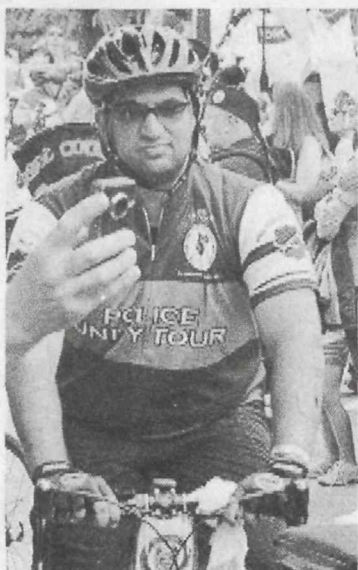
## Corrections Officer Rides for Unity

By Jane Dornick

Lifelong South Plainfield resident Eric Milstein, a senior corrections officer for the past nine years with the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility in Yardville, participated in the Police Unity Tour bicycle ride for the second time in May 2011. This May, Milstein will ride for Unity again. The primary purpose of the tour is to raise awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Museum in Washington, D.C.

Milstein was among some 1,200 members nationwide who made the 300 mile journey from East Hanover to D.C. in just three days. Because of their efforts, the Police Unity Tour was able to donate \$1.5M to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and completely restore the memorial.

The Police Unity Tour was organized in 1997 by Officer Patrick P. Montuore of the Florham Park Police Department with only 18 riders who raised \$18,000. The tour begins on May 9 of each year and arrives in D.C. on May 12. On May 13, bikers participate in a candle light vigil for the 18,983 fallen officers throughout the country whose names are engraved on



Eric Milstein

the wall of the memorial.

"When I ride through the memorial I do take a minute to remember the South Plainfield Police officers [Cady and Conklin] and leave pictures," said Milstein who thought he would never complete the entire ride. He does, however, consider it an accomplishment that he did and according to him it was a life changing experience. "It's not about me. I ride for all officers who were killed in the line of duty."

Officer William Cady died at the age of 29 on April 19, 1975 when he was struck by a car while on foot at a traffic stop and Officer Richard Conklin, only 27 years old, was shot with his own gun during a struggle with a patient he was transporting on January 21, 1972.

Aside from his full time job as a corrections officer, Milstein also works part time as a 911 dispatcher for the borough. In the past, he has been a member of the rescue squad and volunteer fire department.

In order to participate in the upcoming Police Unity Tour in May 2012, Milstein is seeking tax deductible donations from local businesses to fund the \$1,750 needed for the trip.

For more information on how to sponsor Milstein's ride, he can be reached at (732) 921-4962, email [eric.milstein@gmail.com](mailto:eric.milstein@gmail.com) or visit [firstgiving.com/fundraiser/ericmilstein](http://firstgiving.com/fundraiser/ericmilstein). To learn more about the Police Unity Tour or the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum, go to [policeunitytour.com](http://policeunitytour.com), [nleomf.org](http://nleomf.org) and also on Facebook—Milstein's Police Unity Tour Team NJDOC.

Correction officers are sworn law enforcement officers and have the same authority as all police officers in the state.

## Gold Tee Senior Golf Program at West Nine

Senior golfers have taken advantage of the unseasonable mild weather to extend the golf season and participate in a series of Gold Tee Tournaments at Plainfield West Nine. Bill Castner, golf professional at West Nine, designed the program for all seniors 62 and over to compete for fun and prizes for the 18 hole price of \$20 including gas cart.

West Nine is open daily when there is no snow. The last event was a

handicapped stroke won by Jay Capola. Jack Ford came in second and Bob Kosovan came in third. The first event was a calloway won by Frank Fidell, with Herb Bradley hitting the longest drive. The second event was a two man best ball, won by Herb Bradley and Jim Carovillano. A two man scramble was won by Bob Pero and Jim Lenox.

Events will be scheduled throughout the winter depending on the

weather and a special opening day event will be held in the spring. All seniors, men and women, may participate. It is not necessary to have a partner for a team event as players will be paired, but it will be possible for friends to play as a team.

Any golfers interested in being notified of upcoming Gold Tee events should email Castner at [castnerpgga@gmail.com](mailto:castnerpgga@gmail.com) or call West Nine at (908) 769-3672.

## Teens for Jeans Clothing Drive

Aeropostale stores and the DoSomething.org are sponsoring the fifth annual Teen for Jeans clothing contest which provides homeless children with jeans. The contest runs until February 10. The school that collects the most jeans will win \$5,000, brand new Aeropostale jeans for every student and a party for the entire school. Jeans should be clean, in good condition and have no

holes in them. They can be dropped off at any participating school in the district.

Every school that signs up will get a free Teens for Jeans school banner to hang up in their school. Two participants will be randomly selected to receive \$500 college scholarships.

For more information on the contest, log on to [sodomething.org/teenforjeans-old/home](http://sodomething.org/teenforjeans-old/home).

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Danielle Aronowitz

Get involved with your library and become a "friend." We are looking to restart the South Plainfield Friends of the Library group. This group will hold fundraisers that help the library as well as sponsor special programs. All are welcome to join; you do not have to be a resident of South Plainfield. If interested, come to the library to pick up a sign-up form. If you have any questions, please see the library staff.

Why pay for movie rentals? Come to the library where renting movies is free. We have a great selection from hot new releases to television shows to classics. Some recently released DVDs that we own are: *Abduction*, *The Ides of March*, *Killer Elite*, *I Don't Know How She Does It*, *Hangover II*, *Margin Call*, *Straw Dogs*, *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*, *Cowboys & Aliens*, *Fright Night*, *Colombiana*, *Midnight in Paris*, *Conan the Barbarian*, *The Debt*, *The Help*, *Friends with Benefits*, *Glee the Concert Movie*, *Our Idiot Brother*, *30 Minutes or Less*, *Moneyball*, *Warrior* and *Dolphin Tale*. We also have new music from Hot Chelle Rae, Miranda Lambert, The Band Perry, Florence + the Machine, Black Keys and LMFAO.

We will be following our regular schedule for the children's programs. The storytime program for 2s and 3s is held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Storytime for

ages four and up is held Wednesday night at 6:30, and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. The Babytime program for ages up to two years is held Friday morning at 10:30. No registration required. Please try to get to the storytime programs on time because it can get very disruptive if people come in the middle of the program. For more information about the programs, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

On Monday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a jewelry making program for young adults. Kids will be able to make beaded necklaces or bracelets. The program is limited to children in grade seven and up and registration is required, so please sign up as soon as possible.

On Monday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a special Valentine Kidcraft at the library. Kids will be making things with a Valentine's Day theme. A \$1 materials fee and registration is required, so sign up as soon as possible.

The library is open seven days a week except on holidays during the school year. The hours are as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays 1:30 to 5 p.m.

If there are any questions, visit our Facebook page, call (908) 754-7885 or visit us on the web at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

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## Be-A-Scout Workshop Jan. 30

The 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. A small social will be held afterwards. The 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.

The Boy Scouts of South Plainfield would like to thank the *South Plainfield Observer* for advertising the first workshop event on the front page. Scouting would also like to thank the four sponsor organizations in town

for their continued support for the programs as well as other organizations who support the scouting movement such as the Elks Club and Polish Home on New Market Ave. "It's really great to see different organizations support the scouts by either advertisement or letting us give presentations to their clubs," said Scoutmaster Jim Donelson.

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

There is no cost to attend.

## South Plainfield Schools Calendar

February 1 - Close of second marking period for school district

### Grant School

January 20 .....Family movie night

### Roosevelt School

January 27 .....Multi-Cultural Day

### Middle School

January 30 .....Joe Corbi pizza fundraiser due date

February 9 .....Parent/teacher conferences (new date)

January 29 .....PBA/PTO volleyball tournament at middle school and high school. Please see PTO website, PBA Facebook, spboe.org, PTO facebook or contact PBA President Pete Magnani at (908) 226-7678 or PTO President Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573.

"Jeans For Teens" Project for Middle School and PTO runs through February 10. All schools accepting new or used jeans for the homeless. The goal is 5,000 pairs of jeans in all sizes, please.

January 28 .....CJMEA-Regional Band and Orchestra auditions

### High School

January 23 .....AM Classes Midterms

January 24 .....AM Classes Midterms

January 25-27 .....High School Midterms - 1/2 Day

January 30 .....Full Day-Midterms

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## BOE Makes Appointments, Adds New Hires

By Libby Barsky

Michael Stallone, who has worked in the district as a long term substitute, was appointed Middle School mathematics teacher by the Board of Education during the December 21 meeting. Stallone is a graduate of the University of Scranton with a BS in education. He was a long term substitute in the high school self contained classroom and a long term middle school mathematics teacher. He replaces Grant School math teacher Paul Rafalowski who was appointed district curriculum coordinator in November.

Alicia Torchia was appointed long term substitute fifth grade teacher at Grant School from January 2 to May 18. She replaces a teacher on childcare

leave. Torchia previously substituted for John Orfan at Grant School from September 9 through December 19, while Orfan assumed the duties as assistant principal for Robert Rickus, who was on medical leave.

Kathleen Murano was appointed interim assistant transportation supervisor, replacing Totaram Ramsaywack through June 30 or until a permanent replacement is hired.

The board officially endorsed the application by the Borough Council to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a grant to finance the construction of additional crosswalks at school sites and bicycle paths to provide safety to school children and encourage them to walk or bike to school. The board's endorsement

was added to the borough's grant application to NJDOT.

The BOE accepted a grant of \$25,980 from the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group. Business Administrator James Olobardi will submit a plan to the group on how the grant will be used to enhance school safety.

The board approved Hometown Driving School of South Plainfield to provide a behind the wheel driving program as a winter session offered through the Adult School. The program provides six hours of instruction and transportation to the DMV for an eye and written test. Classes will be available through June 30 at a cost to each student of \$210. If a second written test is required, there is an additional fee of \$35.

The Adult School can be reached at (908) 754-4620, ext. 213 or 215 for further information.

## Obituaries

### Thomas J. "Nonnie" Adams, 80

Thomas J. "Nonnie" Adams died on Thursday, Jan. 12 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Plainfield, Thomas was raised on the family farm in Edison and moved to South Plainfield in 1965.

Thomas was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps after faithfully serving his country during the Korean War. He served in the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines (Artillery) 1st Marine Division FMF-Fleet Marine Force. As a proud and hardcore marine, Thomas was very active with the South Plainfield VFW Post 6763, serving as past commander; the American Legion Chaumont Post 243; the J.J. Gardner Detachment, Marine Corps League; as well as the Disabled Veterans of America.

Thomas retired from Thul's Machine Shop in Plainfield as a machinist. He was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield. He belonged to the National Rifle Association and to the Association of NJ Rifle and Pistol Clubs. Thomas enjoyed country music and loved spending time with his family and friends.

He is predeceased by his parents, John and Anna Adams; and by his loving wife, Margaret P. (Devoc) Adams, who died in 1992.

Thomas leaves behind four children, Darvene A. Sprenger and husband Mark of South Plainfield, Michelle M. Adams and fiancé James Mosco of South Brunswick, Margaret E. Marciniak and husband Steven and Daniel J. Adams, all of South Plainfield; two sisters, Carol Bock of Warren and Frances "Patty" Ammerman of Brick; and three grandsons, Mark Thomas and Luke and Daniel Sprenger.

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

### Richard Emery Hunt, 52

Richard Emery Hunt died suddenly on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Born in Plainfield, Rick was raised in South Plainfield and moved to Green Brook in 1988.

Rick was the owner of Hunt Plumbing and Heating, a licensed master plumber working in the industry for 30 years. Rick was a nine year board member of the Green Brook Little League, and he took pride in his coaching and mentoring young athletes. Rick also served as a basketball coach for the Green Brook Recreation Association. He was also an active member of the South Plainfield Elks.

Rick's hobbies included his great love of fishing, spending time on the ocean with his sons and friends on his boat searching for his fish. He greatly enjoyed fishing trips with great friends to Costa Rica. Rick was an excellent golfer and skier. His greatest passion was time spent with his children, either in their pool, backyard or any adventure that he always joined them on. Rick loved the New York Giants and attending games, but his greatest time was watching his sons play football and baseball. He attended every game with great pride. Rick strived to be a loving and committed parent and excelled as a father, creating a strong love and everlasting bond with his children. Rick possessed a charismatic personality and he was befriended by many, many loving supported friends.

Rick was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Joan M. Diller.

Rick is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Sharon Diller Hunt; two sons, Matthew Emery and Richard Charles; a daughter, Morgan Joan, all of Green Brook; his parents, Emery and Florence of Manasquan; a sister, Nancy and husband Don Potts of Orlando, Fla.; a brother, Robert and wife Sharon of South Plainfield; his father-in-law, Charles E. Diller; in-laws, Margaret Diller, Joseph and Christine Diller and Joseph and Laura Sulovski; and 11 nieces and nephews, Joe, Jake and Jenna Sulovski, Melissa and Lindsay Diller, Kevin, Steven, Robbie Potts, Bryan, Chelsea and Tyler Hunt, all of whom he loved very much.

The family has chosen to honor Rick by donating the ultimate gift, "The Gift of Life." His donation of various organs and tissue were made possible by the NJ Sharing Network.

A memorial service was held under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

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