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## Liquid Assets License Suspended After Brawl

The Borough Council slapped a 45-day liquor license suspension on Liquid Assets, a gentleman's club located on New Market Avenue, following a formal hearing on March 8. The maximum penalty could have resulted in a license suspension for 70 days.

Liquid Assets manager John Colasanti faced the council to answer charges stemming from a "near riot" that occurred at the club on January 15.

The charges arose after the incident required approximately 35 police officers from South Plainfield, Plainfield, Piscataway and Edison to be called to the scene to disburse the brawling crowd. No arrests were made.

Liquid Assets was formally charged with allowing the brawl and disturbance to take place because they failed to ensure adequate security to handle the crowd of approximately 150 to 200 people.

According to the testimony of

Sgt. Wayne Diana, a crowd of 150 to 200 people were present on the premises at approximately 1:30 a.m. when multiple fights broke out. He immediately called all South Plainfield police on duty to the scene and asked for assistance from neighboring police departments. Six officers from Edison, 12 from Plainfield and 10 from Piscataway responded to assist.

Sgt. Diana testified that when he entered the club and witnessed the brawl, he was concerned for his safety and that of the other responding officers. He added that he had to use OC Spray (pepper spray) to disburse the crowd.

Colasanti, who was in charge of operating the bar that night, testified that a large crowd was on hand because a special act was scheduled to perform that night. He said that he retained six security personnel, which was double the normal security detail in

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South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department firefighters shaved their heads to benefit St. Baldwick's Foundation. Pictured are Stephen Phillips, John Mocharski Jr., Alex Nieradka, Mike Mocharski, Nick Sacco, Nick Smith, Jurrien Kratz, Joe Altomare, Deputy Chief John Mocharski, Junior Firefighter Brian Roesch and Patrick Kelly. For story and additional photo, see page 6.

## Council Introduces Municipal Budget

By Jane Dornick

At a special public meeting held on Monday evening, the Borough Council introduced the 2012 calendar year municipal budget to be submitted to the state.

Preliminary figures show an increase of approximately \$905,000 over last year to \$26,250,574. Based on that number, the tax levy will be \$17,487,443. State aid is commensurate with last year at \$2,718,000. The remainder of the anticipated revenue to comprise \$26M comes in the form of miscellaneous monies such as court and permit fees and other sources.

Rates are down \$1.7M from last year to \$1,416,666,865. Healthcare costs for employees have also risen over last year.

Last year the Library Board of Trustees contributed \$146,302 to the budget for tax relief, but have yet to fill out the necessary paperwork to do so.

CFO Glenn Cullen stated that with the current tax levy figure of \$17M, the new tax rate would be 1.237, or

a tax increase of approximately \$78 a year per home with an average assessed value of \$122,900.

Other sources that are forecast to add revenue to the budget to lower the tax levy before its adoption is storm relief from FEMA in the amount of \$100,000. Additionally, there are anticipated borough land sales that could meet potentially total another \$200,000.

According to Council President and Finance Committee Chair Ray Rusnak, "The state requires that we introduce the municipal budget prior

to the end of March. I am positive that the introduced budget and adopted budget will be completely different. The challenges we face are the reduced revenues along with reduced surplus due to last year's hurricane and October snow storm, while moving the borough in a positive direction. It is still a work in progress, and we will meet the challenge head on."

Cullen hopes to be able to "cut a few more points" off the tax rate before the next public hearing date of April 30.

## Police Department Awards Honor Exemplary Service

The South Plainfield Police Department honored their own at an awards dinner held at 365 Bistro on March 21. The presentation of awards, medals and commendations recognized exemplary performance of law enforcement personnel as well as civilians.

This story will be presented in two

parts; part two will appear in the April 6 issue of the Observer.

**Chief of Police Award**  
Awarded to Officer Mark Bullock

Officer Bullock has led the police department in DWI arrests for the past nine years, including 19 in 2009, 40 in 2010 and 29 in 2011. These arrests, accomplished by one officer, total more than 25% of the DWI arrests made by the 50 officer department during the past three years.

In addition, Officer Bullock has totaled an average of nearly 100 arrests per year from 2009-2011. This represents a three-fold increase on the average patrol officer who averages 34 arrests per year. Many of these arrests by Officer Bullock include narcotic, weapons and other major offenses.

In 2010, Officer Bullock was recognized by the State of N.J. Division of Highway Traffic Safety as a Top Gun in the DWI Enforcement Program.

Officer Bullock was awarded the Chief of Police Award for his superior service to the police department and the Borough of South Plainfield.

**Honorable Service Medal**  
Awarded to Officer Michael Grasso;  
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## The Doctor Is In:

On Fridays during the month of March, Kennedy School students wore various themed clothing, which they dubbed, "March Madness." The first Friday in March began with Read Across America Day, followed by Career Day, Green Day, Crazy Clothes Day, and finally, Crazy Hat and Hair Day. Pictured are future doctors Brody Donovan and Max Strassburger doing their rounds on Career Day.

For a photo from Green Day, see page 12.

## County to Clear Streams Feeding Into Spring Lake

By Libby Barsky

With the dredging of silt from Spring Lake completed, plans are now underway to clean the streams that feed the lake.

The Borough Council approved the amount of \$5,000 for Borough Engineer Len Miller of T&M Associates to develop plans with the Middlesex County Mosquito Control Commission which would then require approval by the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection.

According to Miller, the plans will

cover the one and one half miles from Spring Lake Park to New Brunswick Avenue and include the clearing of branches, tree trunks and silt which impedes the flow of the Cedar Brook merging into the Bound Brook.

"I expect the work to be done this year," said Miller.

Meanwhile, work continues at Spring Lake Park with the clean up and seeding of the areas where mounds of dredged soil were heaped until it was carted away.

According to workers at Spring Lake Park, there are plans to resurface the walkways around the park which have started to crumble around the edges. No date was given for when that work would begin.



The School Boards Association of School Administrators held their 2012 Student Recognition Program on March 7 at New Brunswick High School. The event honors outstanding juniors and seniors in Middlesex County high schools. Pictured are South Plainfield High School students Crystal Myles and Samuel Steingart who were honored, along with (L-R) Principal Dr. James Pedersen, BOE member Sharon Miller, Interim Superintendent Dr. Gary Bowen, BOE Vice President Debbie Boyle, Crystal's uncle Locksley Douglas, guidance counselor Jason Sabino, BOE member Carol Byrne and Karen Steingart, Samuel's mother.





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councilmeetings

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

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

Agenda Meeting

Monday, April 2

Monday, April 16

Public Meeting

Monday, April 2

Monday, April 16

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

planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.

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

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

zoningboardofadjustment

Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, \*except where noted.

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

April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18

boardofeducation

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.) April 4.

Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.) except where noted\* April 11

BOEcurriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month at 4:30 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room,

Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 4 at 6 p.m.

BOEbuildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room,

Roosevelt Administration Building

culturalarts commission

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the PAL at 7:30 p.m.

April 17, May 15, June 19, July & Aug.-No Meeting,

Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

libraryboard of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.

April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

recreationcommission

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

April 10, May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

taxpayersadvisorygroup

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.

siteplansub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m.

Questions? 908-226-7621

April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9

businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

(No meetings July and August)

In My Opinion

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

To the Mayor and Council:

Just one question for the mayor and council. Why?

One legitimate reason why you are getting rid of Joann Graf as borough clerk. One honest answer, not just because you can.

I'm sure most of the town would like to know as well.

FLORENCE DECKER

Dear South Plainfield Residents,

The South Plainfield Police Athletic League (PAL) is a locally operated, volunteer-driven organization that is sponsored by the local law enforcement agency, but receives no direct funding from it. The South Plainfield Police Athletic League relies, in large part, on the support of the private sector. Over the past 10 years our local Police Athletic League has been able to operate without soliciting funds. During that time period the South Plainfield Police Athletic League has done the following:

- Increased the chance of academic success for the youth in PAL programs by providing annual scholarships to help these student-athletes achieve future goals;
- Provided support to all of South Plainfield's youth athletic programs, most recently sponsoring wrestlers and cheerleaders in local, statewide, and national events;
- Donated money to South Plainfield High School sports to update the high school weight training facilities; and
- Lent support to residents in need, by organizing fundraising events in the name of the recipient or by monetary donations to provide assistance.

Please consider lending your support to the South Plainfield Police Athletic League by making a mon-

etary donation to our organization. Donations can be mailed to the South Plainfield Police Athletic League, P.O. Box 176, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Remember, our youth is our greatest asset!

SINCERELY,  
CHRISTOPHER COLUCCI  
PAL PRESIDENT

Dear Editor,

The Baptist Youth Fellowship of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield (BYF) would like to thank and acknowledge the following businesses for their generous donations to our recent spaghetti dinner and a movie fundraiser. Special thanks to Ferraro Foods for the wonderful spaghetti sauce and delicious meatballs and to Front Street Harvest Market for the donation of the ready to serve fresh salad. We appreciate their continued support.

KAREN FLANAGAN,  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD

To the Editor:

When I hear veterans' hardships and now some are becoming homeless, I cringe at the thought. What is going on dear Senators and Congress? When I found out that some veterans' posts are increasingly dependent on the sales or donations given on the small paper poppies, I want to scream.

As I write you today, veterans are awaiting the outcome of more than one million claims for government benefits like disability or education promised them and thousands more are waiting for a VA doctor's appointment. Thousands of our veterans are on a seemingly endless waiting list—many gravely ill—feeling forgotten and alone.

More of the ones I personally know

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and the thousands of their comrades are flooding home from Iraq and Afghanistan. Many who have served in these wars and suffer from lifelong disabilities such as loss of limbs or sight, severe burns, traumatic brain injuries, devastating mental health issues and more are coming home with some sort of paralysis. The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) is becoming overwhelmed with younger soldiers suffering spinal cord injuries, often becoming wheelchair bound and bedridden.

How can we ever forget that these young soldiers put their own plans on hold, left the safety of home and family, and risked their lives to preserve our freedom and way of life?

We have four possible GOP nominees running for president and yet none of them speak about a national crisis involving veterans care. It is, after all, these men and women who made their lives possible and gave us the opportunity to vote.

Concluding, we all have the duty to stand by our veterans now and in the days ahead. I thank each and every veteran every chance I get. I always thank Mrs. Grennier for her expertise as well as all her staff for producing an excellent local newspaper. You show honesty is the best policy.

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The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board will sponsor a borough-wide cleanup the last week in April. The main clean up event will be on Saturday morning, April 21. Volunteers will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Ave., to collect equipment and cleanup assignments. They will target roadsides, parks,


streams and vacant lots. Residents are welcome to organize a crew, or to come on their own. All volunteers are invited back to Borough Hall at noon for a free, pickup picnic.

For more information, call Alice Tempel, the Clean Communities coordinator, at (908) 226-7621, or email her at atempel@southplainfieldnj.com.

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## SPHS Music Boosters

## MUSIC NOTES

Each year the South Plainfield High School Boosters of the Musical Arts awards scholarships to graduating seniors who will be attending college or other accredited educational institutions. All applicants must have participated in an extra-curricular activity (performance group which does not receive class credit) which is part of the SPHS music programs.

Copies of the scholarship application can be accessed on our website at [www.sphsmusicboosters.webs.com](http://www.sphsmusicboosters.webs.com) or on the music department website at [spboe.schoolwires.net/domain/140](http://spboe.schoolwires.net/domain/140).

Your completed application must be returned to Mr. Vroom, Mrs. Stasio or Mr. Mikolon on or before April 27. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Current Music Booster Fundraiser:** Oak Tree Wine & Spirits, located at 902 Oak Tree Ave., will donate \$1 when you purchase any wine with a "Wine Master" sticker, up to \$19.99 and \$2 for every bottle sold from \$20 and up. Tell the cashier to mark the sales to "SPHS Music Boosters."

### Important Music Booster Dates to Remember:

**April 11** at 7 p.m.—Music Boosters General Meeting in the high school chorus room

**April 14**—South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Opening Day Parade (Marching Band members)

**April 27**—Scholarship applications must be returned to high school music teachers

**May 2** at 7 p.m.—Music Boosters General Meeting in the high school chorus room

**June 6**—High School Spring Concert

**June 8**—Music Boosters Banquet  
All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend as they are throughout the year to keep informed of all the Music Booster activities.

## SPHS Class of 1962 Plans Reunion

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1962 will be holding its 50th class reunion on Wednesday, May 16 at the Resorts Casino on the boardwalk in Atlantic City.

The price of the reunion banquet is \$65 per person. Appetizers, an Italian buffet, desserts and coffee/tea will be served, with a cash bar from 6 to 11 p.m. A block of rooms are available at a discounted price for anyone interested in staying at Resorts.

For more information on our special reservation code, please call Jeanette (Reynolds) Keleher at (908) 246-8861 or Diana (Maniscalco) Zaslow at (203) 227-1346.



Councilman Alex Barletta accepts a proclamation declaring Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness from Mayor Matt Anesh at the March 5 council meeting.

## Donations to School District Benefit Donors and School

By Libby Barsky

At almost every monthly Board of Education agenda meeting there is mention of donations to the school district by individuals or by companies. There is usually no comment made by the board or administrators; the items are listed on the agenda to be read as a matter of record.

The March agenda meeting was no different. Three donations were noted; two of which were items the owners no longer needed. An upright Baldwin piano valued at \$2,000 was donated to Grant School, and laboratory equipment valued at \$150 was donated to the high school from J.H. Berge Inc. of 411 South Clinton Ave.

The third item was a hands-on gift by the Future Stars Parent Group to paint the bottom of the gym in the Roosevelt Administration Building at an estimated cost of \$1,000.

Other previous donations of books and money include 25 children's books valued at \$500 to the Kennedy School library by the Cotoia Family. This is an annual donation in remembrance of Mrs. Cotoia, who taught at Kennedy

School for many years.

The Plainfields Chapter of UNICO donated 11 copies of the book, *It Happened in Italy*, by Elizabeth Bettina. The book tells the story of the citizens of the small town of Campagna, Italy who converted a convent into a shelter to protect Jews from the Nazis during World War II.

In addition, Home Team Marketing made a \$500 donation to the district's athletic program.

In December, the board accepted a donation of furniture from South Field Crown Realty LLC of Craigwood Road. The items, which went to the high school, included two cherry desks, an oval desk, four tables, two wood shop cabinets and four light fixtures. Other items included file cabinets, room dividers, a round table and a mahogany desk.

During tax season, individuals and companies consider what they no longer need, whether these items might benefit the school district and if the donation qualifies as a tax deduction.

For information on donating, call the administration office at (908) 754-4620.

## SPHS Project Graduation Auction Set for April 28

This year will mark the South Plainfield High School PTA's 24th year of providing graduating seniors with a Project Graduation celebration. To help support this important event the SPHS PTA is sponsoring its annual auction fundraiser on Saturday, April 28 from 7 to 11 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at South Plainfield High School. To obtain tickets please see below for details.

**South Plainfield Community**—It is not too late to help! Together we can make this event a success for our graduating seniors with the help and support of the high school families, especially the senior class families, the South Plainfield community/educational organizations and the local businesses. Please support this worthwhile cause. Contributions can be in the form of a gift card, a single gift item, a theme gift basket or it can be a monetary contribution. Contributions can be sent to: South Plainfield High School, 200 Lake St. South Plainfield, NJ 07080, Attn: SPHS PTA. Make checks payable to:

SPHS PTA/Project Graduation.

**Auction Ticket Sales**—For ticket information or to reserve a table, contact Tracey Hartmann at (908) 750-6194. Please provide her with your name, phone number and the number of people you would like at your table.

**Auction Volunteers/Item Arrangements**—We are in need of volunteers. To be an auction volunteer (set-up, noon-3 p.m.; ticket sales, 6 to 7 p.m. or clean-up, 11 p.m.) or to help move prizes from the homes where they are being stored to the high school at 11:30 a.m. or to arrange for items to be picked up directly from your home or business, please contact the high school's main office at (908) 754-4620, ext. 248 or Sharon Miller at (908) 754-6461.

The SPHS Class of 2012, the SPHS PTA and SPHS sincerely appreciate your support. Together we can make this event a success for our graduating seniors. Together we can make a difference!

—Submitted by Sharon Miller

## Holy Week Services and Events at Wesley

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., invites the community to join in celebrating Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

**Palm Sunday**—April 1, Contemporary service at 9 a.m.; traditional service and procession at 10:30 a.m.

**Labyrinth Walk** (medieval prayer path)—April 1-6. Please call for times.

**Mundy Thursday Service**—Thursday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a special Holy Communion service reminiscent of the Last Supper.

**Good Friday Service**—Friday April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Easter Sunday (Resurrection Day)**—We will be joining the Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Spring Lake Park at 6:30 a.m.; Contemporary Service at Wesley at 9 a.m.; Traditional Service at Wesley at 10:30 a.m. with the Chancel Choir and Bell Choirs participating and a special time for children.

For more information, please call the church office at (908) 757-2838 or email us at [wumcsp@verizon.net](mailto:wumcsp@verizon.net).

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## Around Town

### Final Sacred Heart Lenten Fish Dinner

March 30

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church final Lenten fish dinner will be held on Friday, March 30. Dinners will be served from 5-7 p.m. in the Holy Savior Academy cafeteria, 149 South Plainfield Ave.

Adults, \$9; seniors, \$8; children \$5. Pay at the door. Take out available.

### Columbiettes Spring Fashion Show

March 31

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will host a Spring Fashion Show on Saturday, March 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd.

Fashions will be provided by Dress Barn of South Plainfield and modeled by members of the organization. Sandwiches, salads, desserts, coffee and different flavored teas. Tickets are \$12.

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

### Pilgrim Covenant Coffeehouse

March 31

It's not just coffee! Pilgrim Covenant Church, 3121 Park Ave., will hold a coffeehouse on Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults, \$7; children (6-11), \$5; children under five are free.

### Annual Lions Palm Sunday Breakfast

April 1

The South Plainfield Lions Club will be hosting its annual Palm Sunday Gourmet Breakfast on Sunday, April 1 from 8 a.m. to noon at the high school cafeteria. A donation of \$6 will be appreciated.

### VFW Country Breakfast

April 1

The VFW on Front Street will host a country breakfast on Sunday, April 1

from 8 to 11 a.m. Come and pick the lucky Easter egg to win a free breakfast! For more information, call (908) 688-9751.

### "Pub Theology" at St. Stephen Church

April 3

Pastor Chris of St. Stephen Lutheran Church will present a program entitled, "Pub Theology," on Tuesday, April 3 from 8-9 p.m. at Flanagan's, 2501 Plainfield Ave. Topic: How do we live our faith? This is an informal gathering for fellowship, refreshment and discussion. All are welcomed.

### Easter Bake Sale

April 7

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, 400 Delmore Ave., will hold an Easter bake sale on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Homemade Babka-Easter bread, stuffed cabbage rolls, poppy seed and nut rolls, pierogis, kiffles-cookies, kielbasi and sauerkraut, meatballs and noodles and more!

For information, call (908) 561-6366 or email nbvocpierogi@gmail.com.

### Easter Egg Hunt

April 7

The Recreation Department will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7 at 2 p.m. at the PAL Memorial Field. Residents age one to 10 are welcome. Bring a bag for the eggs and a camera to take pictures. Call (908) 226-7657 after 9 a.m. in case of inclement weather.

### Sunrise Service at Spring Lake Park

April 8

First Baptist Church of South Plainfield will celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 8 with a sunrise service at Spring Lake Park at 6:30 a.m. followed immediately by a delicious pancake breakfast at the church. Regular worship is at 10:30 a.m. Nursery available. First Baptist Church is located at 201 Hamilton Blvd.

For more information, call Pastor

Michele Lewkow at (908) 753-2382 or visit [www.fbcsouthplainfield.com](http://www.fbcsouthplainfield.com).

### Historical Society Monthly Meeting

April 10

Due to the Easter holiday school closure, the South Plainfield Historical Society will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at Miele's Art Studio, 30-32 South Plainfield Ave. (corner of Front Street and across from Mr. Subs).

Entrance is on Front Street; look for the blue awning. Park in the rear, or in the Harvest Market Parking lot.

### Education Foundation Annual Wine Tasting

April 13

The fourth annual Education Foundation/Oak Tree Liquors Fine Wine, Spirits and Craft Beer tasting fundraiser will be held on Friday, April 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Advanced tickets are a donation of \$30 or four for \$100; event night tickets are \$35 at the door. This is limited to the first 180 people, so get your tickets early.

For tickets or information, call Marjorie Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302, Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573, or Bob Boyle at (908) 599-0699 or visit [www.vision2001.org](http://www.vision2001.org).

### Troop 207 Spaghetti Dinner

April 14

Boy Scout Troop 207 will hold its annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Post, 243 Oak Tree Road. Tickets: \$7; includes salad, drink, bread, meatballs and spaghetti. Purchase at the door. Take out is available. All proceeds will go towards troop equipment and events.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (908) 757-3369 or (908) 413-1000.

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### SPCAC Line Dancing At the Senior Center

April 14

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will sponsor line dancing at the Senior Center on Saturday, April 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. Line dancing lessons and dancing by Wanda and Jim York. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free. All ages are welcome.

For more information, email us at [spcac.nj@gmail.com](mailto:spcac.nj@gmail.com).

### Brayden Carr Annual Fundraiser

April 15

In Brayden's Eyes, The Brayden Carr Foundation, will hold the annual fundraiser, "Bray's Run & Fun," a 5K run and 1.5 mile fun walk on Sunday, April 15 at 10 a.m. followed by a basketball game at 11 a.m. Rutgers men's basketball coaches/alumni vs. South Plainfield PBA. Register: 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. Fee: \$30 run/pp; \$20 walk per family w/children under 14; or \$10 students with ID. Game only: \$5.

Register online at [braydencarrfoundation.org](http://braydencarrfoundation.org) or send check or money order with registration form (available online) to: In Brayden's Eyes, The Brayden Carr Foundation, P.O. Box 129, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

### — Out of Town —

### Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

March 31

Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, 888 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 31 from 9 to 11 a.m. Donation: \$5 per person. Tickets available at the door. Juice, pancakes, sausage, bacon, fresh fruit, donuts, coffee, tea, games and prizes.

For more information, call (908) 688-3164.

### Easter Egg Hunt at Hydewood Park

March 31

Hydewood Park Baptist Church, located at 100 Norwood Ave. in North Plainfield, will host an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 31 at 10

### SENIOR CENTER Calendar

April 19-Bally's Atlantic City \$20pp Bus leaves 8:45 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center

May 20-23-Trip to Wildwood, \$210 double, \$261 single. Sign up at Senior Center

#### MONDAYS

Crocheting ..... 9:30-11:30 am  
Yoga ..... 10:30 am  
Art Class ..... 11:30 am  
Active Seniors ..... 11:45 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 ..... 9:00 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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a.m., rain or shine. The program is for children of all ages, and will include children's activities, prizes, a story time and refreshments. Everyone is invited.

If you are planning to attend, RSVP by calling (908) 754-6363.

### PJ Party at Temple Sholom

March 31

Temple Sholom, located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues in Fanwood, invites families with children six and under to a pre-Passover pajama party and dinner on Saturday, March 31 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Older siblings welcome. Cost: \$10 per family.

To register, call (908) 889-4900 or visit [www.sholomnj.org](http://www.sholomnj.org).

### Easter Cantata

March 31

The Choir of Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, 888 Stuyvesant Ave. and Chestnut Street in Union, will present an Easter musical, "Raise

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The Crown," on Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Free admission; free will offering accepted at the door.

For more information, call (908) 688-3164.

## African Art Exhibit At Kean University

**Through April 18**

The Karl and Helen Burger Gallery at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave. in Union, will host the exhibition, "Embodying The Sacred In Yoruba Art: Selections From The Newark Museum Collection" through April 18. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, call (908) 737-0392.

## "Messiah in the Passover" Service

**April 1**

Hydewood Park Baptist Church, located at 100 Norwood Ave., will present "Messiah in the Passover" on Sunday, April 1 at 10 a.m. This special service is a visual message illustrating Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, and how individuals can be redeemed from the bondage of sin. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, call the church at (908) 754-6363, or visit [www.hydewood.org](http://www.hydewood.org).

## Monmouth Symphony Presents Young Artists

**April 1**

The Monmouth Symphony Orchestra will present a classical music concert conducted by Roy Gussman and featuring violinist Soycong Park and composer Matthew Liu on Sunday, April 1 at 3 p.m. at the Count Basie Theatre, 99 Monmouth St. in Red Bank. Adults, \$35; seniors, \$30; and students, \$5.

For tickets, call the box office at (732) 842-9000.

## Metuchen-Edison Women's Club Mtg.

**April 4**

The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave., Edison. Amanda Hugelmeier, a certified instructor, will demonstrate different formats of exercise that are tailored especially for a women's busy life. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Diana at (732) 548-0925.

## Passover Seder at Temple Sholom

**April 7**

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains, located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at the corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues, will hold its annual Congregational Seder on Saturday, April 7 at 6 p.m. Cost: Adult non-members, \$30; child non-members, \$15; children under three, free. RSVP required.

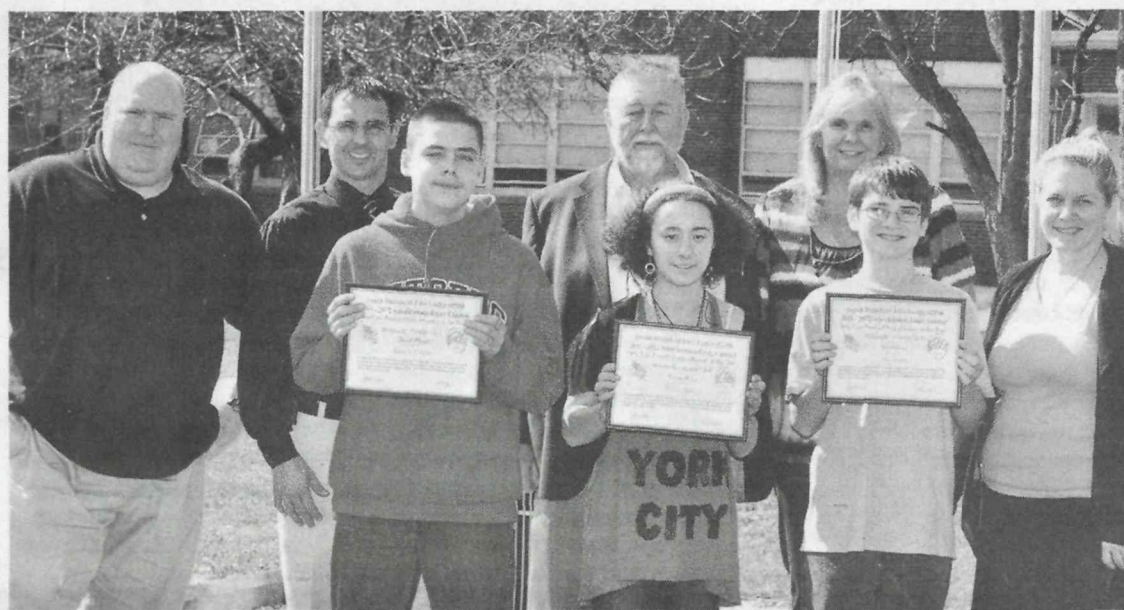
For more information, call (908) 889-4900, email [sholom@sholomnj.org](mailto:sholom@sholomnj.org) or visit [www.sholomnj.org](http://www.sholomnj.org).

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The South Plainfield Elks Americanism Committee sponsored the annual essay contest, "Why I Am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag." The Grant School winners are (L-R) Arianna Clark (first place), Ian McCoid (second place) and Daniel Ciardiello (third place). Also pictured are (L-R) Grant School Principal Ellen Decker-Lorys, Assistant Principal Robert Richkus, Special Ed Teacher Kathryn Boyle, Elks Exalted Ruler Dan Uken and Americanism Chairperson Eileen Uken. The winners each received a monetary award.



The Middle School winners of the Elks Americanism Essay Contest are (L-R) Brian Csobor (third place), Jessica Panek (second place) and Alex Egaty (first place). Also pictured are (L-R) Honors History Teacher Joe Blondo, Principal Kevin Hajduk, Elks Exalted Ruler Dan Uken, Americanism Chairperson Eileen Uken and History Teacher Barbara Pinelli. The winners each received a monetary award. Jessica went on to win second place in the Elks Central District. It was the first time in history of the South Plainfield Elks that a local student placed in the state finals.

## G&W Labs Wins Glitter Award

Stephen Greene, vice president and general council of G&W Laboratories, recently accepted the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's (CBA) Glitter Award. CBA President Joseph Diegnan presented the certificate and Glitter Award sign to Greene at 301 Helen St., one of the company's three buildings in South Plainfield.

G&W Laboratories was founded by Carl Greenblatt in 1919 and moved into the borough in 1977, when they built their pharmaceuticals factory at 111 Coolidge St. Since then, they purchased 301 Helen St. in 1995 and 101 Coolidge St. in 1999. Several expansions and renovations were needed as they grew over the years. This is a fourth generation privately owned business and is a leading national supplier of generic prescription and over the counter pharmaceuticals, specializing in suppositories and topical ointments, creams and gels. They currently employ 275 people, working three shifts.

The business, a longtime CBA member, is located adjacent to the Dismal Swamp, and the natural beauty of the wooded area enhances the landscaped grounds and handsome buildings. Outdoor maintenance is handled by A-Tech Landscaping, which keeps the grounds trim and litter free. Greene noted that their biggest problem is not litter, but the Canada Geese population. As a pharmaceutical manufacturer, G&W cannot afford to have people tracking bacteria from goose feces into the facility. They solve this problem by having all personnel entering manufacturing areas put booties on over their shoes.

Membership in the CBA is open to all businesses that share its goal of enhancing the appearance of commercial districts through property maintenance and litter control.

For more information, contact the Clean Communities coordinator at (908) 226-7621.



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- On March 11 Citgo Gas on Park Avenue reported that a window had been broken. No entry was gained.
- On March 12 a Cherry Street resident reported that eggs had been thrown at their vehicle.
- A Piscataway resident reported the theft of a bag of clothing that was left behind in a shopping cart in the parking lot at Marshall's.
- On March 13 Milton Henry Chrisp, 49, of Plainfield was arrested for burglary of several vehicles.
- Daniel George Zwatschka, 18, of South Plainfield was arrested for disorderly conduct.
- A Wadsworth Avenue resident reported the theft of a pair of sneakers and shoes from their vehicle.
- A Princeton Junction resident reported the theft of a wallet from a locker at LA Fitness. The lock had been damaged.
- On March 15 Parita R. Patel, 21, and Smitaben R. Patel, 45, both of Piscataway, were arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$250 worth of clothing.
- A Calderone Street resident re-

- ported that their debit card had been used to make fraudulent purchases on the Internet.
- On March 16 Venkata B. Konakanchi, 49, of North Brunswick was arrested for driving while intoxicated, no registration and no insurance.
- A Park Avenue resident reported that there was an attempt to make fraudulent purchases on the Internet with their credit card.
- A Kenyon Avenue resident reported that half of a 30 pack of Keystone Light beer was taken from their enclosed porch.
- On March 17 Simon O. Ayala, 37, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and failure to maintain a lane.
- Jennifer N. Gallegos, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested for obstruction.
- Charles D. Merryman, 21, of South Plainfield was arrested for obstruction, driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to report a motor vehicle accident, leaving the scene of an accident, no insurance, driving on a suspended license and failure to exhibit a driver's license.
- PTC Therapeutics Inc. on Corporate Court reported that graffiti had been painted on the side of their building.
- On March 19 an Edison resident reported that the driver's side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a computer hard drive had been taken while parked at Tiger Schulmann's Karate on Stelton Road.
- On March 20 Persis A. Pavri, 50, of North Brunswick was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting jewelry worth \$72.

### St. Stephen Church Holy Week Schedule

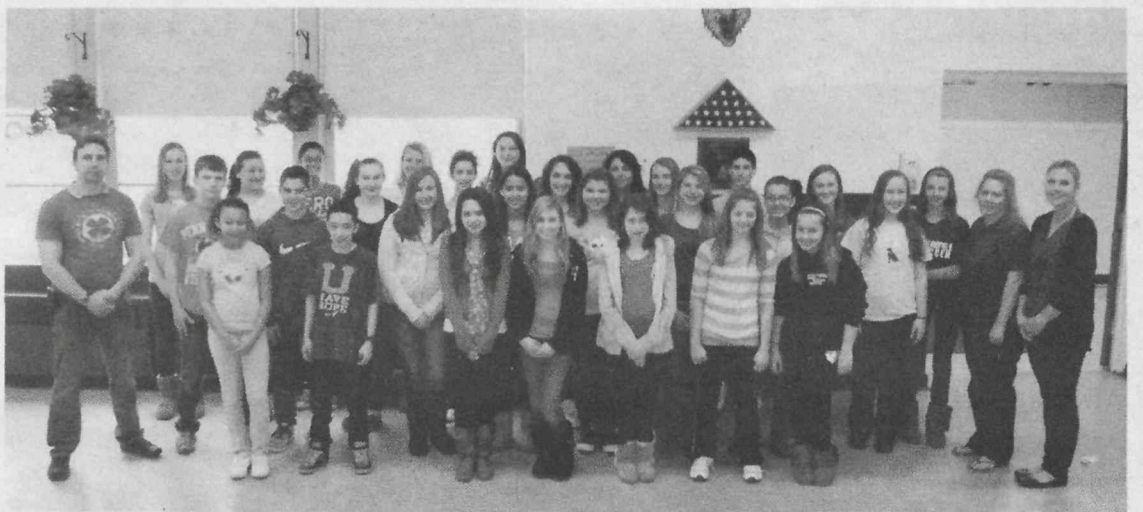
St. Stephen Lutheran Church, located at 3145 Park Ave. has announced the following Holy Week Services.

**Maundy Thursday**-April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

**Good Friday**-April 6 at noon and 7:30 p.m.

**Easter Vigil**-April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**-April 8 at 10:30 a.m.



Middle School Cancer Awareness Club members, advisors Cheryl Hughes and Barbara Pinelli, art teacher and firefighter Stephen Phillips.

## Cancer Awareness Club and Fire Dept. Partner to Support Research

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Middle School Cancer Awareness Club and the Volunteer Fire Department teamed up and held fundraisers for St. Patrick's Day to benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation. The Cancer Awareness Club collected pocket change during homeroom from students who wore green on March 16 for a total of \$70.

Members of the fire department par-

ticipated in a head shaving event held at the North Plainfield Fire Department. South Plainfield alone raised \$2,300.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and to give survivors long and healthy lives.

Members of the Cancer Awareness Club are Sarah Cargill, Selena Rodas, Sydni Surowiec, McKenzie Larsen, Stephanie Boettger, Sara Roman,

Meghan Hughes, Brittany Garcia, Zoe Nardacci, Grace Ochoa, C.J. Maszczak, Ceara McCormick, Jack Gillis, Camryn Schaeffer, Kevin Jones, Caitly Hughes, Karima Ahmed, Katherine Vill, Sabrina Gonzalez, Kimberly Ortiz, Kimberly Quindria, Claire Nagel, Nya Lang, Olivia Strangepede, Marianna Fahmy, Lucas Gonzalez, Brianna Leonard, Mary McNeil, Marissa Mulligan, Ashli Bell, Lanae Ali and Bianca Murcad.

## Holy Savior Academy to Hold Technology Fundraiser

Holy Savior Academy will hold its first major fundraiser on Wednesday, April 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Metuchen Inn, 424 Middlesex Ave. in Metuchen.

"A Reception for Technology" will feature an open bar and hors d'oeuvres. The Rev. Patrick Kuffner, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin parish in Middlesex, and board member Brendan Flynn of Metuchen are co-chairs of the event. The hosts for the event will be the Board of Trustees and the administration of the school. Tickets are available to the public at a cost of \$150 each or \$250 per couple. Tickets may

be reserved by calling the academy at (908) 822-5890.

Benefiting the technology department, the fundraiser will enable the school to purchase new equipment and update software and hardware capabilities. Holy Savior Academy is known for its emphasis on using technology as teaching tools and for parent communication. Like all areas of technology, constant updating must be performed to ensure that the technology is used to the fullest possible extent.

Holy Savior Academy currently uses smart boards (also called whiteboards), personal computers in its two computer

labs; campus-wide Wi-Fi capability; video conferencing which allows classes to visit museums, historic sites and other classes without leaving the school and NetBook carts. Instruction in the use of computers begins in Pre-K 3 and continues throughout all grade levels.

For more information, please visit HolySaviorAcademy.com or call the school office at (908) 822-5890.

### Education Foundation Raffle Tickets on Sale

The South Plainfield Education Foundation annual 50/50 raffle tickets are now on sale for \$5 each. The drawing will be held on Friday, April 13. Cash prizes are a percentage of the total sale of tickets.

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# Police Department Awards

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Letter of Commendation Awarded to Officer Roberto Vega and Detective Gary Cassio

On April 29, 2011 at 10:48 p.m., Officer Michael Grasso observed a black BMW on South Clinton Avenue. The vehicle pulled behind the building and a male was observed standing outside of the vehicle. Officer Grasso stopped the male along with the driver of the vehicle, believing they were engaging in a narcotics transaction. Officer Grasso placed the operator, a 25 year-old male, under arrest for an active warrant and subsequent to his investigation, seized 176 Roxicodone pills, marijuana and \$1,652 cash.

Officer Michael Grasso was awarded the Honorable Service Medal for this incident. Officer Roberto Vega and Detective Gary Cassio were awarded a Letter of Commendation for assisting in the arrest and recovery of the drugs.

## Honorable Service Medal

Awarded to Officer Brian Iarrapino; Letter of Commendation; Awarded to Officer Peter Magnani and Officer Steven Perhach

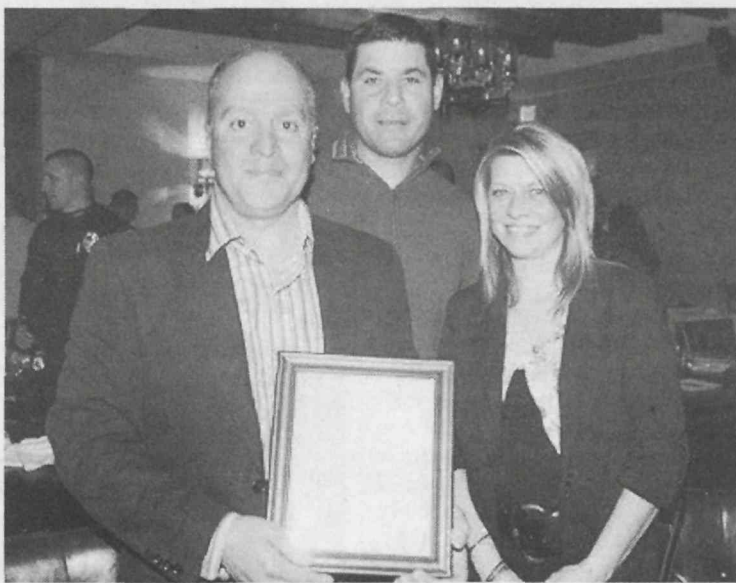
On August 19, 2011 at 3 p.m., Officers Brian Iarrapino, Peter Magnani, Stephen Perhach, Sherlyn Courtney and John Petriello responded to the area of 192 Garden Drive on a report of a strong armed robbery that just occurred. The victim, a 51 year-old female taxi driver, reported that five black males entered her vehicle in Plainfield and were transported to Garden Drive. When they arrived, the males forcibly took her purse, cell phone and cash and fled the vehicle. Officer Iarrapino recalled a previous incident the prior day involving similar suspects and he and other officers responded to a house on Robert Place, where they located the five male suspects hiding in the residence. One suspect, an 18 year-old male, resisted arrest and was forcibly taken into custody. The victim's property was recovered in the home by Officer Magnani.

Officer Iarrapino was awarded the Honorable Service Medal for this incident. Officers Peter Magnani and Stephen Perhach were awarded a Letter of Commendation for assisting in the arrests and recovery of merchandise.

## Honorable Service Medal

Awarded to Officer Mark Hollain and Officer Ahmed Stuckey

On September 11, 2011 at 1:09 a.m., Officer Mark Hollain observed an occupied vehicle parked in the Liquid Assets Gentleman's Club parking lot, with a female seated in the driver's seat. Officer Hollain approached the vehicle and found the 25 year-old female sleep-



(L-R) Civilian Franco Campanella, Police Chief James Parker and Maria Campanella at the South Plainfield Police Department Awards Ceremony.

ing. Officer Ahmed Stuckey arrived as a back-up. Officer Hollain observed a handgun on the passenger seat of the vehicle. The driver was arrested and a loaded Hi Point 40 caliber handgun was seized.

Officers Mark Hollain and Ahmed Stuckey were awarded the Honorable Service Medal for this incident.

## Honorable Service Medal

Awarded to Sergeant Peter Papa; Letter of Commendation Awarded to Detective Anthony Pacillo and Officer Kenneth Parada

On December 15, 2011, Sergeant Peter Papa, Detective Anthony Pacillo and Officer Kenneth Parada were assigned to a N.J. Motor Vehicle Commission Inspection Detail on Stelton Road. Officer Parada directed a 2006 Chevy Impala into the staging area, as it was not inspected. Sergeant Papa spoke to the driver and subsequently detected the odor of raw marijuana in the vehicle. Sergeant Papa observed marijuana in plain view and subsequent to the driver's arrest and further investigation, located 372 bags of heroin, 30 bags of crack cocaine, 31 bags of marijuana, a large bag of marijuana, a scale and packaging material. The driver, a 41 year-old male, was charged with distribution of CDS. His vehicle and \$2,500 cash was seized.

Sergeant Peter Papa was awarded the Honorable Service Medal for this incident. Officer Kenneth Parada and Detective Anthony Pacillo were awarded a Letter of Commendation for participating in the arrest.

## Life Saving Medal

Awarded to Officer Michael Molinaro, Officer Mark Hollain; Civilian Letter of Commendation Awarded to Franco Campanella

On January 21, 2010, Officers Molinaro and Hollain responded to West Nassau Avenue on a report of an unconscious male. Upon arrival, a neighbor, Franco Campanella, was administering CPR. The officers took over CPR and hooked up the defibrillator. A shock was delivered and CPR was continued until the pulse was regained. The patient was later transported to JFK Hospital where he made a full recovery. Without the early application of CPR by Franco Campanella and continued CPR and quick use of the AED by the responding officers, the patient would not have survived.

## Life Saving Medal

Awarded to Officer Peter Magnani and Communications Operator Darleen Marin

Officer Peter Magnani responded to a radio call reporting an imminent childbirth in a vehicle located in front of police headquarters. Officer Magnani, Communications Operator Darleen Marin and Firefighter Joe Abbruzzese assisted with the delivery. The infant was three months premature and breech. After a delicate delivery with complications, it was determined the newborn had no pulse and was not breathing. Magnani and Marin performed CPR on the newborn. Marin continued CPR in the ambulance during transport and Officer Magnani responded to the Rescue Squad to get an additional ambulance so the mother could be transported to the hospital for treatment. Due to the quick and resourceful thinking of these first responders, not only was a new baby brought into this world under extremely difficult circumstances, but that baby was revived and given an opportunity at life.

# John F. Kennedy Kindergarten Get Acquainted Program

It's time to register incoming kindergarten students for the Get Acquainted Program at Kennedy School. If your child will be attending Kennedy School in September, you may sign up for the program in the school's main office. Stop in between the hours of 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. to complete the registration form. Please note that this is not kindergarten registration. It is an optional program offered by the Kennedy School PTSO.

The purpose of the program is to help your child become familiar with the school. The hope is to ease some of the anxiety your child may have about coming to school in September. The program includes a visit with the principal, school nurse, members of

the faculty and staff, a mini bus ride and lots of fun.

The program will include two class meetings. Choose either morning or afternoon session as follows: Thursday, May 31 and Thursday, June 7 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, May 31 and Thursday, June 7 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.; Friday, June 1 and Friday, June 8 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; and Friday, June 1 and Friday, June 8 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Parents must assume responsibility for bringing children to school and picking them up at the end of class.

For information, please call Kennedy School at (908) 754-4620, ext. 330.

Registration forms must be returned to Kennedy School's main office by Monday, May 14.

Borough Council  
March 19  
meeting

## borough notes

The Borough Council approved the following at the March 19 meeting:

- The introduction of two ordinances amending Ordinance 1757-Article X entitled "Fees" and Ordinance 1363 entitled "Sub-Code Fees."
- Waive the rental fee for the Suburban Woman's Club to hold a luncheon/fashion show at the Senior Center on April 22.
- Appoint Emil H. Philibosian, Esq. to defend the borough in a tax appeal matter because the borough's law firm has a conflict of interest and are unable to defend the borough.
- Authorize Sterling DiSanto & Associates to provide appraisal services on the Stelton Road and West 7th Street projects at a cost not to exceed \$22,000.
- Award a contract to Pinto Brothers Disposal, LLC for public litter can maintenance from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$5,340.
- Authorize T&M Associates to

provide engineering services related to the preparation of a development fee spending plan at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 and the sub-slab and indoor air sampling activities associated with a vapor intrusion investigation at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

• Issue a refund check for \$36,866.22 to Mariano and Maria DeSantis, 242 St. Nicholas Ave. due to a tax appeal decision.

• Authorize the purchase and installation of two sets of video and audio recording systems for two new police vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$9,900.

• Reappoint Mario Abbruzzese to the position of Code Enforcement Officer from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013.

• Impose a penalty on JPRC dba Liquid Assets for an ABC violation.

• The purchase and installation of three complete mobile radios and mounts from Tactical Public Safety at a cost not to exceed \$14,045.25.

• The purchase of two mobile Dell computers at a cost not to exceed \$4,284.90.

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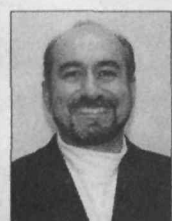
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# sports

## SPHS South Plainfield High School SPORTS SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, MARCH 30

4pm V&JV Softball-No. Hunterdon (H) Sc

### SATURDAY, MARCH 31

10am V Lacrosse E. Brunswick  
JV/11:30 Bus 8:45  
11am Fr Baseball-Don Bosco (H) Sc  
BV Track-Raritan Relays (A) Bus TBA

### MONDAY, APRIL 2

3:45pm Fr Baseball-Woodbridge (H)  
3:45pm V Tennis-Monroe (H)  
3:45pm V & JV Softball-Perth Amboy (H)  
4pm V & JV Baseball-Woodbridge (A)  
Bus 2:30  
4pm V Lacrosse-Monroe JV/5:30 (H)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 3

3:45pm Fr Baseball-Woodbridge (A)  
Bus 2:30  
3:45pm V & JV Softball-No. Brunswick (H)  
3:45pm GV Track-Monroe/Carteret (H)  
4pm V & JV Baseball-Woodbridge (H)  
BV Track @St. Joes/Monroe (A) Bus TBA

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

4pm Fr Baseball-Somerville (A) Bus 2:30

### THURSDAY, APRIL 5

3:45pm V & JV Softball-Monroe (A)  
Bus 2:30

## Golden Tee Results at the West Nine

There was a three-way tie for first place between Jim Murphy, Bob Gammel and Vince Powers at the Stableford Tournament held at the Plainfield West Nine on March 19.

Jack Kudrick came in first, and Bob Gammel and Wayne Lavender tied for second in a Callaway on March 26.

Due to the success of the program, tournaments will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Interested golfers should call Bill Castner, PGA professional, at (908) 769-3672 to participate.



**Surgent's Elite Level 8 gymnasts win first place at the New Jersey Men's Gymnastics State Championships in Colts Neck on March 17. (L-R) Matthew Dolan of South Plainfield, Eric Lung, Nick Guancione and Jacob Wyrzuc (not pictured) train at Surgent's Elite Gymnastics in Roselle Park. The four gymnasts are now qualified to compete in the Regional Championships which will be held at the West Point Military Academy, West Point, New York.**  
-Photo courtesy of Lou Mormile

BY GARY LAMPASONA

## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB

### SPJBC Accepting Scholarship Applications

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (SPJBC) is currently accepting applications for our college scholarships. The application can be picked up in the guidance departments of the following high schools: South Plainfield, Bishop Ahr, Edison; Saint Joseph, Metuchen; and Timothy Christian School, Piscataway.

Applications can also be obtained by

calling the SPJBC at (908) 754-2090.

Applicants must be graduating high school students (this June), a South Plainfield resident, and must have participated in the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club for a minimum of five years.

The filing deadline for application submission is Monday, April 2.

## Ponytail Softball Travel Team Tryouts

The 2012 South Plainfield Tiger's Travel Team Tryouts (formerly known as the South Plainfield All-Stars) are open to all South Plainfield girls who play ponytail/recreation softball, ages eight to 16.

Tryout dates at Ponytail Park are as follows:

- U10-Saturday, April 21 and

Sunday, April 22, 3:30 p.m.

- U12-Saturday, April 14 and Saturday, April 21, 4 p.m. at;
- U14-Sunday, April 22, 4 p.m.

If you have any questions, please email Jul McCormick at [spponytailsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:spponytailsoftball@gmail.com). For more information, visit our website at [www.leaguelineup.com/spponytail](http://www.leaguelineup.com/spponytail).

## Temporary Farm workers: Niagara County, April-November.

Three workers needed. Workers to harvest quality fruit; pick vegetables & do general orchard work. One month experience in the hand harvest of fresh fruit. Piece rate of \$.080 per bushel box Fresh Market Apples; guaranteed hourly adverse effect wage rate-\$10.56 and ¼ of total contract work days; free housing to out of area workers; work tools provided; one time transportation & subsistence reimbursed after working 50% of contract. Report to any State Dept. of Labor office or directly with employer. (716) 791-4746 NY1009705.

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## Colin Farrell Named This Week's Junior Journalist



**Junior Journalist winner Colin Farrell with teacher Cynthia Severino.**

Colin Farrell, Kennedy School fourth grade student, is this week's winner in

the Junior Journalist program. His winning entry, "The Tiny Green Lad," has earned him dinner for his family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

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

The final winner in this year's contest will be announced in next week's issue.

An end of year banquet celebrating the winners in this year's contest will be held on Wednesday, May 9. Students will have the opportunity to read their works, enjoy a catered dinner with their families courtesy of Hometown Heros and be recognized for their achievement by representatives of local and state government. In addition, the winner of the Ruth Kurland Memorial \$1,000 Savings Bond will be announced that evening.

For those students who would like to enter the contest, entries will be accepted starting this September. Watch

the Observer this fall for details on the 10th annual Junior Journalist contest.

### The Tiny Green Lad

By Colin Farrell

A long time ago in a land of green,  
Lived a wee little man who was quite mean.

He was just about two feet tall,  
And could cause a lot of trouble for someone so small.

You better watch out if he comes your way,  
Causing disasters is part of his day.

He spends his time making shoes,  
And if you catch him three wishes you can choose.

Though this little man is a bit old,  
He'll do anything to protect his gold.

This little fellow is pretty agile,  
In the blink of an eye he could've run a mile.

So if you see a man in a tinygreen suit,  
You'd better not blink cause he may have some loot.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE No. 1954

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COLA IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2.5 PERCENT, (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)** was introduced on first reading and advertised in the South Plainfield Observer on Friday, March 30, 2012. The ordinance will have a public hearing and final adoption at the April 16, 2012 public meeting of the Mayor and Council which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda meeting in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% or the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), whichever is less, over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, in any year in which the COLA is equal to or less than 2.5% increase its final appropriations by a percentage greater than the COLA, but not to exceed the 3.5% rate as specified in the law, when authorized by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the COLA for 2012 has been certified by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs as 2.5%; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, in any year in which the COLA is equal to or less than 2.5%, may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2012 budget by more than 2.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council hereby determine that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$394,415.40 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council hereby determine

that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2012 budget year, the final appropriations of Borough of South Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$765,693.43 and that the CY 2012 municipal budget for the Borough of South Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Joann L. Graf, RMC

\$58.27

March 30, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### LEGAL NOTICE

March 21, 2012-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on March 20, 2012.

A. Case #3-12-VNO 7000 Hadley Road, LLC. Block 528.01; Lot 46.05; RH Zone. 7000 Hadley Road. The applicant's request for bulk variances for an existing pylon sign and to permit each side of the sign to have 718.82 sq. ft. of space was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case #4-12-Hobby Lobby. Block 528; Lot 46.04; OBC-3 Zone. 4801 Stelton Road. The applicant's request for a bulk variance to allow (5) signs, where only (1) is permitted is hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$30.86

March 30, 2012

### LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of South Plainfield has made application to

NJ TRANSIT for a Type One (B) - Extended Van with dual rear wheel cutaway extended Van w/lift and a gas and/or diesel engine, enclosed stepwell etc. that can seat eight (8) ambulatory passengers and one (1) forward facing mobility device, to assist in providing transportation to senior citizens and/or people with disabilities in South Plainfield, New Jersey. This project will be partially funded with FTA 5310 funds under a grant submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

Any interested party who has a significant, social, economic or environmental interest is invited to provide comments within 30 days to:

Borough of South Plainfield  
2480 Plainfield Avenue  
South Plainfield NJ 07080  
Attention: Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator

\$30.86

March 30, 2012

### LEGAL NOTICE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Take notice that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6, application has been made to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Trenton, New Jersey, to receive title papers authorizing the sale for a 2000 Mercedes, VIN/Identification Number 4JGAB54E2YA166555. Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Special Title Unit, P.O. Box 017, Trenton, New Jersey, 08666-0017.

\$80.00

March 16, 23, 30, 2012

### LEGAL NOTICE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Take notice that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6, application has been made to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Trenton, New Jersey, to receive title papers authorizing the sale for a 1993 Nissan, VIN/Identification Number JN1EB31F4PU503976. Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Special Title Unit, P.O. Box 017, Trenton, New Jersey, 08666-0017.

\$80.00

March 16, 23, 30, 2012



## Robert Stein, 67

Robert Stein passed away on Tuesday, March 20 at Somerset Medical Center after a brief battle with lung cancer.

Born in Irvington, he resided all of his married life in South Plainfield.

He was employed by R&R Marketing in Clifton as a wine and spirits salesman for 42 years, retiring in January.

Robert served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, was a member of the South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763 and was an avid Yankees and Giants fan. His smile and energetic personality will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Surviving are his loving wife of over 42 years, Heide, who has promised to love him forever; three beautiful daughters, Jodi and husband Gene of South Plainfield, Jami and husband Brian of Chester and Robyn and husband Scott of South Plainfield. He was the proud grandfather of five grandchildren, Bobby, Annabella, Mackenzie, Cassidy and Shayna.

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

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, 2600 US Highway #1, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.



Robert Stein

Jackie attended St. Peter's School of Nursing in New Brunswick and served in the Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II. During her nursing career as a registered nurse, she worked at Birchwood and retired as supervisor of nursing services from the NJ Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park.

Jackie was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, serving as treasurer for 40 years, a member of the Board of Trustees, Sunday School teacher and custodian. She actively participated in the FISH Hospitality program, the church's bible study and Women's Evening Circle. She also was involved in the Raritan Association Women's Ministries, in particular the White Cross Program.

As an avid traveler, Jackie traveled the world visiting Australia, the Middle East, South America, Asia, Africa and Europe including an audience with Pope John Paul II. Later in life Jackie was able to combine her nursing skills with her love of traveling and her devotion to her faith by actively participating in missionary work in China, Ecuador, Nigeria and Kodiak, Alaska.

She is predeceased by her parents, Floyd L. Austin and Daisy Staton; a sister, Louise Apgar; and four brothers, Edward, Donald "Doc" and Floyd Austin.

Surviving are two sons, James Buckelew and wife Anne of South Plainfield and Richard and fiancé Linda Mixon of Bradenton, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Lori, Cindy, Jim, Ricky and fiancé Joy Santos, Stuart, Ryan, Meredith and Michael Moench. Also surviving are her former husband, Richard Buckelew, as well as four sisters-in-law, Elise Webster, Anne Frank, Betty Austin and Dot Buckelew; two brothers-in-law, Edmond and Bill Buckelew; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations in her memory

be made to Christian Medical & Dental Association, P.O. Box 7500, Bristol, Tenn. 37621, Attn: Maggie Combs.

## Helen V. (Malecki) Oschanski, 88

Helen V. (Malecki) Oschanski died on Friday, March 23 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Helen was a lifelong resident of South Plainfield. She worked for the borough in the Tax Assessors office for several years, was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church as well as the Polish National Home, both in South Plainfield.

She is predeceased by her husband, Michael Oschanski, Sr.; a sister, Chetelle Wrotny; and two brothers, Felix Malecki and Theophil Malecki, Sr.

Surviving is a son, Michael and wife Assunta of Saddle Brook; two brothers, Stanley Malecki and wife Helen and Teddy Malecki; and two grandchildren, Dylan and Ryan.

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

## John W. Labno, 75

John W. Labno died on Saturday, March 24 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Plainfield, John grew up and resided in both North Plainfield and South Plainfield.

He graduated from North Plainfield High School and served in the National Guard.

Mr. Labno worked alongside his late brother, Adam, for Adam's Roof Maintenance, formerly Winiski Roofing Services.

John enjoyed watching golf along with his wife, Barbara. He also enjoyed socializing, telling stories and jokes, but he also loved to fish and hunt.

In addition to his late brother, Adam, John is predeceased by another brother, Donald.

Surviving are his wife Barbara

(Winiski); a daughter, Catherine Kilroy and husband Jeffrey of Mt. Holly; two sisters, Dorothy Wyckoff of Bridgewater and Mary Lou Orlando of Raritan; and two grandchildren, Ashley and Casey.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

## Jacob J. Solowynsky, 88

Jacob J. Solowynsky of South Plainfield passed away on Monday, March 19 at VA New Jersey Health Care System in East Orange.

Born on November 19, 1923 in Newark to John and Elizabeth (Vichnievska) Solowynsky, he lived in South Plainfield for most of his life.

Mr. Solowynsky was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army who was awarded the American Service Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Purple Heart and the World War II Victory Medal.

Jacob was a machinist for Mack Motors in Plainfield for 20 years prior to his work as a water and sewer maintenance technician for the N.J. Turnpike for 25 years, retiring in 1985.

Mr. Solowynsky was predeceased by his first wife, Madge Solowynsky; a son, Richard Joseph Solowynsky; and by a brother, John Solowynsky.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Solowynsky of South Plainfield; a son, Harry John Mowrey and wife Charlotte of South Plainfield; a daughter, Joyce Ann Weldon and her companion Donald McKay of Panama City Beach, Fla.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Walter Solowynsky of Manville; and two sisters, Ann Kalasin of South River and Sophie House of Monroe.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

## Nan Solowynsky, 80

Nan Solowynsky of South Plainfield passed away on Wednesday, March 21 at Ruml's Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

Born on January 19, 1932 in South Plainfield to Henry Van DeVeer and Lila May (Kitchen) Case, she lived in South Plainfield her entire life.

Mrs. Solowynsky was a homemaker. She was predeceased by her husband, John Solowynsky; two sons, Henry and Thomas Solowynsky and three brothers and two sisters.

Nan is survived by two sons, John Solowynsky and wife Sheila of Beachwood and Teddy Solowynsky of South Plainfield; two daughters, Ann Wanchisen and husband Mark of Beachwood and Shirley Handwerger and husband James of South Plainfield; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, a twin sister, Bette Dargard of Bound Brook and Valeda Kababick of Arizona.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, N.J. 07834.

## Jacqueline "Jackie" (Austin) Buckelew, 85

Jacqueline "Jackie" (Austin) Buckelew passed away on Tuesday, March 20 in the Care One at the Highlands in Edison.

Born on November 13, 1926, Jackie was lifelong resident of South Plainfield. She attended school in South Plainfield and graduated from North Plainfield High School.

## Congregation Beth Israel Holds Monthly Coffee Clubs

Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains is hosting monthly Coffee Clubs for current and prospective members. Free coffee and bagels are set out in the synagogue lobby on Sunday mornings once a month, between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. These casual gatherings, held during the hours that religious school is in session, are sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel's Member Relations Committee.

"The synagogue lobby is a very busy place on Sunday mornings," said Marcia Wiener, member relations co-chair. "It's really nice for parents to be able to grab a bagel and chat with other parents while their children are

in Hebrew School. People can take a free cup of coffee before or after one of the many synagogue events going on, such as an Adult Education Class," Wiener said.

Congregation Beth Israel's next Coffee Club will be Sunday, April 29 from 9 to 11 a.m. For a complete listing of upcoming Coffee Clubs, call the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830, or contact co-chairs Marcia Wiener (mwienier@comcast.net) or Linda Ross (maxsmother@verizon.net). Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way at the corner of Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

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## Girl Scout Councils of New Jersey Honored

The Girl Scout Councils of New Jersey were honored on March 15 by the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly with resolutions recognizing the organization's 100th anniversary which took place on March 12.

Assembly Speaker Sheila Y. Oliver (D-Essex/Passaic) presented the resolution on behalf of the N.J. General Assembly, and Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen) presented the resolution on behalf of the N.J. Senate. Mary Connell, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Central & Southern N.J., made receiving remarks on behalf of the Girl Scouts Councils of N.J. Also in attendance were Susan Brooks, CEO of the Girl Scouts Heart of N.J.; Charisse Taylor, chief program officer of the Girl Scouts of Northern N.J.; and Pat Walsh, senior director of development of the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore, along with members of the Girl Scouts.

The resolutions commended the Girl Scouts for 100 years of dedication to building girls of courage, confidence and character who help to make the places they live better by becoming leaders within their communities. From Sandra Day O'Connor to Vera Wang and Hillary Clinton, the Girl Scouts have played

an instrumental role in developing today's female leaders.

"The Girl Scouts have fostered the highest ideals of American citizenship and civic responsibility for 100 years now, and we look forward to them doing the same for many, many more to come," said Assembly Speaker Oliver. "New Jersey is only as strong as its citizens and communities, and groups such as the Girl Scouts, with its commitment to excellence and perseverance, make our state a better place. The New Jersey Assembly is very pleased to honor the Girl Scouts, and we congratulate them on a stellar century of superb civic service and leadership."

"The Girl Scouts of the USA instill in their members a sense of pride and independence, and have given girls the self-confidence needed to be the leaders of today and tomorrow," said Senate Majority Leader Weinberg. "Throughout the organization's 100 year history, it has made a difference in so many lives. I am proud and honored to have been able to recognize the Girl Scouts on the floor of the state senate today, and I wish the organization many more years of success in encouraging young women to meet their potential."

"On behalf of the 150,000 regis-

tered Girl Scouts in the great State of New Jersey, I would like to thank Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg, Senate President Steve Sweeney and the women legislators who make up Troop New Jersey for this proclamation recognizing our centennial anniversary," said Connell. "As we move into our second century, we will be celebrating all year long and are extremely excited to do so in a big way with our upcoming big concert on June 23 at Liberty State Park."

The state's four councils have come together as The Girl Scout Councils of N.J. to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting, featuring a number of high-profile events and activities throughout the year. They began the statewide celebration with a large-scale bridging ceremony over the George Washington Bridge on November 13, 2011, and will conclude with The BIG Concert on June 23 at Liberty State Park, featuring concerts from headliner talent, a fireworks display over New York Harbor and 100 exciting activities.

The BIG Concert is open to adults and children of all ages. For more information, please visit [www.thebigconcertnj.com](http://www.thebigconcertnj.com).

## Free Oral Cancer Screening for Adults At Middlesex County College

Middlesex County College will host an oral cancer screening for adults on Tuesday, April 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dental Hygiene Clinic in LHommedieu Hall on the Edison campus. The event is free and open to the public; preregistration is not necessary. The noon to 1 p.m. hour is reserved for college faculty, staff and students; any adult is welcome from 9 a.m. to noon.

"April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month and it is a good time to focus on this issue," said Lynn Tobin, adjunct faculty member in the college's Dental Hygiene program.

"It is a disease that is often curable

if you catch it early, but can be fatal if not diagnosed in time. Oral cancer kills more than 8,000 people a year."

Anyone who receives a screening will be entered into a drawing for either an Oral B Power Toothbrush (\$160 value) or a Sonicare power toothbrush (\$110 value).

The screenings are aimed at those 18 and over. The procedure, which takes about 10 minutes once the patient is in the dental chair, will be performed by volunteer dentists and oral surgeons.

For more information, email Professor Tobin at [jaltobin@comcast.net](mailto:jaltobin@comcast.net).

## Liquid Assets License Suspended

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anticipation of the expected large turnout. Shortly after the entertainer performed a skirmish broke out in the bar, and Colasanti called the police for help. He testified that he did not anticipate nor condone the fighting that took place. He also admitted that there was a video of the evening's events, but upon advice of counsel he chose not to provide the video to the police.

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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

As we finish up the month of May... sorry, the month of March (well, it sure felt like May outside), here's some news from the South Plainfield Library.

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 30 so that staff may attend Sundra Randolph's retirement party. We'll be open on Palm Sunday for our usual Sunday hours, 1:30 to 5 p.m.; however, we'll be closed on Good Friday, April 6 and on Easter Sunday, April 8.

Next week, there'll be a few changes to our normal schedule of children's programs. First, we'll have the Monday Morning Movie, featuring a video presentation for toddlers, at 10:30. Storytime, for children ages three and over, will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. And Time for 2s & 3s, for children age two and three, is set for Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30.

Regarding the changes, the Wednesday storytime has been cancelled. Instead, there's the children's program, Move Along, featuring Mr. Scott the Music Man held over at the Senior Center (just down the street, past the helicopter) at 6:30 p.m. The program is for children of all ages; no pre-registration is required. In lieu of an admission fee, please bring non-perishable food items for the Middlesex County Community Food Drive. Also, due to the Friday closing, that day's Babytime program has been cancelled.

As for the rest of the week's programs, there's the Monday Night Movie, presenting a recently-released movie on DVD, which is set for 6:30. You don't need to register for the showing. Please call the library for title and content information.

In other news, you probably already know that the Ides of April (aka tax day) is fast approaching. We still have some federal tax forms and instruction booklets available, as well as access to other tax publications and information. If you need any of this information or access to related resources, please stop in while you can. And, be advised, our library staff members aren't tax experts, so we can't give out advice on how to fill out your return.

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the notarization process, but, like the tax matter previously noted, is prohibited from giving more specific advice or information. So, be sure you know what you need and have double-checked your documents. Also, if you need witnesses for your document, it's preferable that you bring your own and that they be fully informed about what they'll be signing. This will allow the process to run smoothly and with a minimum of hassle for everyone (which is always a good thing).

Finally, you might be aware that today is the last day of work (well, work around here, anyway) for our retiring director, Sundra Randolph. If you haven't already, feel free to stop by and wish her well. Then, on Monday, you can stop by again and wish our incoming director, Linda Hansen, good luck as she takes the reins. (The rest of us aren't going anywhere at present, but you can say hello to us, too.)

That's about all for now. For more information, check our website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us), visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary), or call us at (908) 754-7885. See you in... whatever month is next. It's tough to keep track of them anymore.



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### Good Friday Schedule at Recycling

The recycling complex on Kenneth Avenue will be closed on Friday, April 6 for Good Friday. The recycling center will be open instead from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 5.

The recycling center and the yard waste site will be open as usual from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 7.

Regular hours at the recycling center are 12 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and

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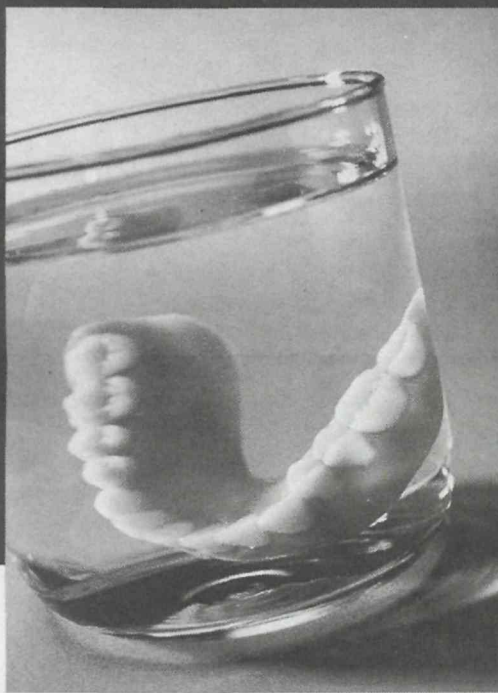
South Plainfield Parks and Rec is sponsoring a five day/four night trip to Montreal and Quebec City from June 25 through 29. Cost of the trip is \$599 per person.

The package includes: four nights accommodations including two nights in Montreal and two nights in Quebec; four breakfasts and three dinners; a visit to "Casino de Montreal" including a \$10 dinner credit and a \$10 gaming credit; a city tour of Montreal including Old Montreal, Notre Dame, Bonsecours Market, Olympic Park and Old Port; tours of St. Joseph's Oratory, Notre Dame Cathedral and Quebec City; visit to the Old City of Quebec and Ste. Anne de Beaupre; and a view of Montmorency Falls, a cascade higher than Niagara Falls.

Included in the price is motor coach transportation, baggage handling, hotel taxes and meal gratuities.

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