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## Pritchard Industries Awarded BOE Management Contract Sodexo to Continue Food Service

By Jane Dornick

For the first time since 1999, the Board of Education voted unanimously to award the maintenance, custodial and grounds operation management services contract to Pritchard Industries, Inc. of Florham Park instead of Sodexo. Pritchard Industries, Inc. was the lowest bidder and received a two-year contract beginning July 1 through June 30, 2014 for a total sum of \$4,016,769.72.

Sodexo's last two-year contract with the board was \$2,026,370 per year. Aramark Management Services LLC had submitted the lowest bid in 2010, which was \$200,000 less than Sodexo, the highest bidder. Board attorney Joe Roselle stated at the time that the three bids lower than Sodexo's were disqualified due to "conditional language."

"We have to take the responsible lowest bidder, even if it ends up being the highest bidder," said Roselle.

Last year, several Sodexo employees spoke out at numerous board meetings about being unfairly underpaid. At least 10 of the approximately 49 workers in the borough were not receiving contracted wages. Fol-

lowing the public complaints, some employees saw their pay bumped up; however, their wages are still below the minimum required by the contract between the board and Sodexo.

The director of the Schools Division for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 32BJ expressed concern about Pritchard Industries, Inc. being unable to pay their portion of employee health benefits and wages with the low bid.

The contract also includes cooperative pricing on maintenance services at the PAL building consisting of maintaining five restrooms, offices, conference rooms, locker rooms, weight rooms, basketball and wrestling gymnasiums and common areas.

"It was just an option if the borough was interested in switching over its custodial services at the PAL," said Borough CFO Glenn Cullen.

Sodexo School Services received approval from the board for the fifth year contract renewal for the operation and management of the school food service program for 2012/2013. Board President Jim Giannakis is a general manager at Sodexo.

With 14 branch offices operating

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Natalie Jefferson, Shaquan Phillips and Jordan Jefferson, along with family friends, observe the memorial for Alize Jefferson, Grant School student and victim of the February 23 fire on Clinton Avenue.

## Alize Jefferson Remembered At Memorial Dedication

Grant Elementary School held the dedication of a Garden Memorial on June 11 in memory of 12 year-old student Alize Jefferson who was killed in a tragic fire at her Clinton Avenue home on February 23. Alize's brothers, Tyler Davis, Christopher Jefferson and Elijah Taylor, and grandmother, Ann Jefferson, also perished in the blaze.

Alize's mother, Natalie Jefferson, who survived the fire, and brothers Shaquan Phillips and Jordan Jefferson attended the ceremony along with friends of the family.

Principal Ellen Decker-Lorys welcomed the crowd which included the entire student body, teachers and faculty and borough officials.

PTO President Barbara Rhoads addressed the audience and teacher Susan Grey read her own poem, *For Alize-My Butterfly*. Students Allyson Sanchez,

Hannah Rhoads and Kayla Greenleaf read the poem, *I Hope You Dance*.

Superintendent Dr. Stephen Genco addressed those in attendance along with Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. Frank Cocchiola, Mayor Matt Anesh and Councilman Derryck White.

Students Angela Squero, Jailine Jaramillo, Jenna DaSilva and Crystal Woodring read the poem, *Fly*, as five doves were released.

At the conclusion, students and adults released 750 purple balloons into the air in Alize's memory.

Also attending the ceremony was Board of Education President Jim Giannakis, Vice President Debbie Boyle and board member Sharon Miller, Curriculum Coordinator Paul Rafalowski, Riley School Principal Leo

Whalen, Police Chief James Parker and Captain Robert Barrone.

Members of the PTO and student council met in April to begin planning the memorial. "Never could we have imagined the support we've received from our family, friends, co-workers and local businesses," said Rhoads.

New Image Landscaping donated plants and a tree for the garden; Kaila's Love Doves donated the doves for release; the Boyle Memorial Foundation donated the slate border; and Gerry Butrico installed the border.

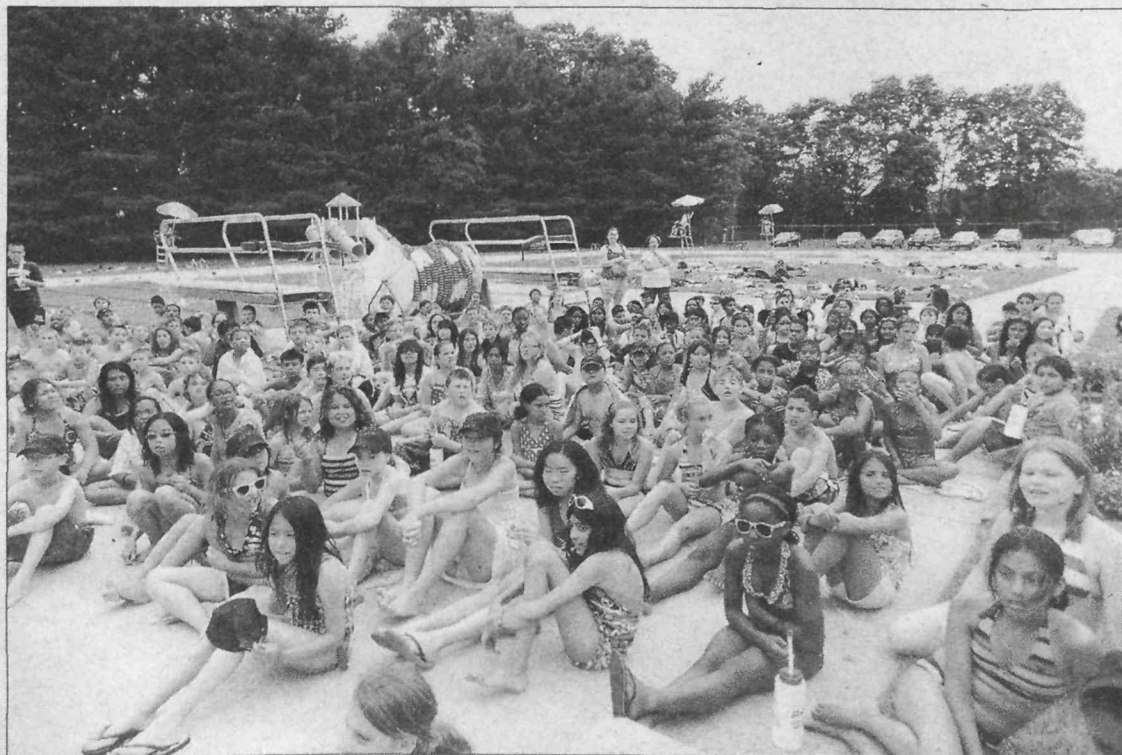
Sixth grade student council volunteers Bill Schocklin and Andrew Rhoads prepared and helped plant the garden. The PTO donated the flowers, garden plaque and hallway plaque in memory of Alize.

## DARE Graduates Enjoy Picnic at Community Pool

DARE Police Officer Lloyd McNelly hosted an end-of-the-year picnic at the Community Pool for Grant School fifth grade DARE graduates on June 15. The students swam, played games and enjoyed the day in the sun. Pizza and sandwiches were served for lunch and Italian ices for

dessert. At the end of the day, DARE water bottles, bracelets, Daren the Lion stuffed animals, basketballs and a Schwinn bicycle were raffled off.

The prizes and food were provided by Target, Canada Dry and Bett-A-Way, Ciccio's Pizza, Hometown Heros and Rita's Italian Ice.



Grant School fifth grade DARE graduates enjoy the end of the year picnic held at the Community Pool and hosted by DARE Officer Lloyd McNelly.

## Candidates for November 6 BOE Election Announced

June 5 marked the filing deadline for candidates running for three open seats on the school board. This year there will be seven candidates vying for three open seats on the Board of Education in the Tuesday, Nov. 6 elections.

School board elections and the public vote on the budget were previously held annually in April; however, in an effort to increase voter turnout and save on the cost of running special elections, Governor Chris Christie in January signed into law legislation (Bill A-4394/S-3148) moving school board elections to November. The school board voted in February to adopt the resolution changing the date.

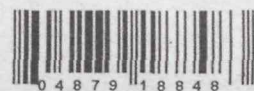
Three incumbents are running for reelection for another three-year term, Board President Jim Giannakis, Carol Byrne and Bill Scesselberg. Both Giannakis and Byrne are multi-term veterans. This was Scesselberg's first term. All three candidates ran unopposed three years ago.

After a four-year hiatus, former board president, Jeff Seider, is seeking reelection. Seider had previously served on the board from 1999 through 2001. Steve Bohn, who was an incumbent last year, lost his bid for reelection and is vying for another term.

Michael Gregov, who ran for election last year and was defeated, is running again this year. A newcomer is Kimberly DeAngelis Anesh, wife of Mayor Matt Anesh.

Candidates positioning on the ballot will be drawn in August. District board members elected in November will take office at the beginning of January.

Since the district voted to move the election, taxpayer approval is no longer required for a base budget; however, any proposal to exceed a 2% tax levy cap will require voter approval in November.





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

**Agenda Meeting**

Monday, July 16

**Public Meeting**

Monday, July 16

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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

June 26, July 10, July 23\*, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

**zoning board of adjustment**

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

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

July 3, July 17, Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18

**board of education**

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

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

Aug. 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12

Regular Public Meeting (begin at 6:30 p.m.) except where noted\*

Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17

**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.

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.

July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

**recreation commission**

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August

PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7716

Sept. 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 plan sub-committee**

Meets once a month (third Wednesday), 7 p.m.

July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

**environmental commission**

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

Questions? 908-226-7621

July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9

**business advisory group**

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

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**In My Opinion**

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**To the Editor:**

Our first Holy Savior Academy 5K Run/1 Mile Family Walk held on June 16 was a great success. We had almost 100 participants enjoy a great time with family and friends.

We want to thank all of our sponsors for donating to our cause. Thank you to all of the borough employees who made the day run smoothly. A special thank you goes out to all of our volunteers. Without your efforts, our event wouldn't have been possible!

**THANK YOU ALL,  
CARL ADLASSNIG  
HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY****Dear Business Members:**

Again this year, the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness (SPASA) and the South Plainfield Education Foundation (SPEF) will be sponsoring the 5K Labor Day Run and Family Fitness Walk on September 3. This will be our 22nd year! As you may be aware, SPASA is involved in providing educational based substance awareness programs for the South Plainfield community. The SPEF provides scholarships, educational programs and academic incentives to the students of South Plainfield. Both programs are dedicated to reducing the incidence of substance abuse in our community by targeting the youth population.

To become a major corporate sponsor a minimal donation of \$300 is all that is required. Your company's name (logo) will appear on each runner's t-shirt (over 150) much larger than our community sponsors. Your company will also receive additional billing in our awards section on all applications which will be posted on the town website, the SPEF website and the Best Race website. Your company's name will appear with all news releases involving the advertising of the race. This includes pre-race and post race coverage. If you would like to become a community sponsor the minimum donation is \$50.

The SPEF is a non-profit organization, and SPASA is an indirect function of the Borough of South Plainfield and of Middlesex County, so your donation is tax-deductible. Our tax-exempt number is 22-3326699. This will be handy for tax purposes and to research our organization. We will provide a receipt for your donation upon your request.

It would be greatly appreciated if your business would be one of our sponsors of this race. To re-emphasize, we use all proceeds to help develop substance awareness programs, scholarships and academic incentives for the youth in South Plainfield. We had 245 runners and 44 walkers participate in last year's event. Please feel free to contact me, Marjorie Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302 or email mreedyl@lynn-huddsteel.com if you have any questions. Feel free to visit our website, which can be found by clicking the Education Foundation link at the school district website, www.spboe.org, or you can visit www.vision2001.org.

**SINCERELY,  
MARJORIE M. REEDY,  
5K RACE COORDINATOR****To the Editor:**

New Jersey residents should be concerned about the negative impacts of hydraulic fracturing (a.k.a. "fracking")—specifically, the waste generated by the fracking process.

Fracking involves injecting millions

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of gallons of water, chemicals and sand into shale rock formations in order to release natural gas. The waste generated by this process contains radioactive elements and carcinogens.

When fracking occurs near waterways, the waste can contaminate water supplies. When the waste is not illegally dumped into waterways, it must be properly disposed of. Unfortunately, New Jersey has been asked to take on some of this waste. So far, two shipments of fracking waste have been received by a company in Elizabeth.

To address this problem, State Senator Gordon, Assemblywoman Wagner and Assemblyman Gusciora have introduced a bill to help protect New Jersey from fracking waste (A575 in the Assembly and S253 in the Senate). New Jersey residents concerned about fracking waste coming to our state should contact their representatives in the legislature and urge them to support these important bills.

**REGARDS,  
EDDIE KONCZAL****American Legion Elects New Jersey State Commander**

Eugene J. O'Grady, a resident of Barnegat, was elected New Jersey State Commander of the American Legion on June 8 at the annual convention held in Wildwood.

Commander O'Grady, a Lebanon/Grenada era veteran who served in Hanau, Germany with the United States Army from 1982 to 1984,

will head the state's largest veterans organization for the next year. A 19-year member of the American Legion and an Honorary Life Member of John Wesley Taylor American Legion Post 232 in Barnegat, Commander O'Grady has held several offices at the post, county and department levels. Commander O'Grady is a graduate of the National American Legion College, Class of 2001.

This past year, Commander O'Grady served as a department vice-commander and he strongly believes in the Four Pillars of Americanism—Children and Youth, National Security and Veterans Rehabilitation—upon which the American Legion was founded upon. His goal for the upcoming year is to emphasize these Four Pillars and to ensure each Legionnaire uses these pillars as a base to build a strong home for all of New Jersey's veterans.

Commander O'Grady is married to Sharon, and has a son, Shawn, and a daughter, Shannon. He is looking forward to an exciting year.



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## Fire Department Hosts Wine Tasting Event

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield Fire Department held a wine tasting fundraiser on June 9 at the American Legion. Despite the competition from the Feast of Saint Anthony, a crowd of over 90 people were on hand to enjoy the evening and support the fire department.

Six vendors offered something for everyone's taste. There were samplings from a wide variety of alcoholic beverages, including beer, wine and liquors from across the country. Guests had the opportunity to sample drinks straight or mixed with juice or soda. The vendors were provided by event sponsor Dan Ratti of Oak Tree Wine and Liquors located on Oak Tree Road.

In addition to the assorted beverages, guests also sampled a variety of delicious food from KC's Korner, Paulo's Barbecue, Adelines Ristorante and Muscle Maker Grill.

Other vendors participating included Stephanie Robbins of Glassy Chic Designs, who offered custom painted glassware, Avon Walk for Breast Cancer and t-shirts created by Veronica Konya. This was Konya's second year doing the Avon Walk. She is a secretary for the fire department.

Door prizes consisted of a case of four different beers, which were provided by John Hoyos, Esoteric Fermentation Consultant from Hunterdon Distributors, LLC.

Among those on hand for the wine tasting were Mayor Matthew Anesh and councilmen Rob Bengivenga (fire commissioner) and Dick Frank.

"Events like this not only make it easy to decide on a good reasonable wine, but also it's a showcase of the town's fine restaurants," commented Exempt Fireman Ray Petronko.

The hit drink of the evening was St. Germain, a liqueur from France.



Suburban Woman's Club members at annual installation banquet.

## News from the Suburban Woman's Club

The annual Installation Banquet of the Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield was held on June 7 at The Spain Inn in Piscataway. Ann Ribinsky Brown, past College District vice president, installed President Lucy Hudson, Vice President Natalie Bergen, Federation/Corresponding Secretary Mary Ann Iannitto, Treasurer June Flannery and Recording Secretary Diana Cotone.

A short business meeting followed the luncheon and installation.

President Hudson called on club chairmen for reports. Legislation Chairman Cathy Wells prepared letters to legislators for members to sign and send supporting the federation's three resolutions passed at the recent annual convention in Atlantic City.

Two members were recognized as having been club members for 50 years: Beverly Montwid and Mary Ann Iannitto.

Membership and legislation chairmen were recognized by the federation for their work this past year.

Two members received awards at

the College District Spring Conference: Mary Ann Iannitto, Gold Grand Award for her watercolor painting and spring silk flower arrangement, and Lucy Hudson, second place ribbon for her silk flower arrangement. Mary Ann's painting and flower arrangement went on to the state competition and she received third place for her painting.

The club year will resume in September and members will be preparing for the first fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 6: a yard sale to be held at the American Legion.

All interested women are welcome and may call Kathy Tracy at (908) 756-3772 for membership information.

## borough notes

The following was approved at the June 18 Borough Council Meeting:

- Appointed two new police officers, Craig Magnani and Justin Melanson effective July 16.

- A refund in the amount of \$80.55 to Robert and Debra Strani of 316 Clinton Pl. for overpayment of taxes.

- A tax refund for a judgment in the amount of \$72,376.47 to Navika Capital/Southfield Crown Realty, 1 Cragwood Rd. as well as a tax credit of \$17,223.95 to be applied to outstanding taxes.

- A tax refund of \$7,926.70 to Oak Tree Associates, 904-910 Oak Tree Ave.

- A block party on August 5 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Audubon Avenue from Morril Drive to the dead end requested by Sherlyn Courtney.

- A contract between Middlesex County and South Plainfield for a "Skywatch" Surveillance Platform, which can be borrowed from the county on an as-needed basis.

- A LOSAP reimbursement in the amount of \$1,573 to Richard Thomas, 13119 Drayton Pkwy. in Fort Wayne, In.

- The renewal of liquor licenses for 2012/2013 and authorizing the municipal clerk to issue 2012/2013 liquor licenses to those that have met all state and borough requirements and paid all appropriate fees.

- Denial of the 2012/2013 plenary retail consumption liquor license for JPRC Inc., aka Liquid Assets, located at 118 New Market Ave.

- Permit a shed within a drainage easement located at 609 Jackson Ave., for property owners Steven and Eileen Senz.

- Cancellation of \$200,000 from the Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Fund to be credited to Capital Fund Balance.

- Purchase 2012 leaf bags utilizing cooperative pricing which has awarded the bid to Dano Enterprises, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, or \$0.319 per bag.

- Re-appointed Michael Zushma as the Office of Emergency Management Coordinator for a three year term effective July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2015.

- Appoint Anne Daley as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

- Authorize the tax collector to prepare and mail estimated third quarter 2012 tax bills.

- Publish the 2011 Municipal

**The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling the Entertainment Book for \$30.**

Contact Lou Peralta at  
(908) 756-6406.

Audit Synopsis with recommendations made by the registered municipal accountant pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-7.

- A professional service agreement with AHA Affordable Housing Administrators for specialty housing rehabilitation services to assist the borough with its COAH administration.

- Authorize municipal clerk and mayor to execute a solid waste shared service agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority for an amount not to exceed \$345 per pull.

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served with side of honey dijon mustard  
Eggplant Parmigiana Panini-Pan-fried chicken  
topped with mozzarella & tomato sauce  
Roast Beef And Mozzarella Panini-Sliced  
Roast Beef topped with Mozzarella  
Veggie Panini-Eggplant roasted red peppers,  
mushrooms & mozzarella cheese, sprinkled  
with balsamic vinaigrette dressing  
Cheese Steak Panini-w/onions & tomatoes  
Chicken-Grilled chicken marinated  
w/hot salsa, cheddar cheese,  
roasted peppers



# events

## Around Town

### Vacation Bible School at Wesley

June 25-29

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., Vacation Bible School for children ages four through 12 will be held Monday-Friday, June 25-29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (arrive by 6:15 p.m.) Cost: \$10 per child; \$20 per family. Registration required.

For more information or to register, please call (908) 757-2838 or email wumcsp@verizon.net.

### Rescue Squad Car, Truck & Bike Show

July 8

The fifth annual Rescue Squad Car, Truck & Bike Show will be held on Sunday, July 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (raindate July 15) at the squad building, 2520 Plainfield Ave. Proceeds will benefit the South Plainfield Volunteer EMS Squad.

Show trophies for the best custom bike, best muscle car, best street rod, best import, best truck and more. All vehicles are welcome. Vehicle registration is \$20; general admission is \$5 and includes two hotdogs or two hamburgers. Food, a 50/50 raffle, and music by DJ Stick Shift Eddie. Vendors are also wanted.

For registration or vendor information, please contact the Rescue Squad at (908) 420-3721 or email webmaster@southplainfieldems.org.

### "Sharpen Your Skills" At Pilgrim Covenant

July 9-August 20

Pilgrim Covenant Church is hosting a Sharpen Your Skills tutoring program offered by Three Bridges July 9-August 20 for children in grades K-5 to improve their reading, math and writing skills. Parents may choose a 90-minute tutoring session for two, three or four days per week.

For more information, call Rosie Bayak at (732) 662-8277 or email threebridgesllc@gmail.com.

### Library Bd. of Trustees Special Meeting

July 10

The Board of Trustees of the South Plainfield Free Public Library will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, July 10 at 6 p.m. at the library, located at 2484 Plainfield Ave. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss personnel issues related to the library. It is anticipated that the board will go into executive session immediately after convening the meeting. Formal action may be taken at the conclusion of executive session. The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held following this special meeting.

### Car/Motorcycle Cruise Fundraiser

July 21

Street Dreams Car Club will hold a car/motorcycle cruise fundraiser for

Kathy Regenye on Saturday, July 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Veteran's Park in South Plainfield. Rain date: Saturday, July 28. Kathy recently had her third surgery for brain cancer and we hope to help her with her mounting bills through this event.

In addition to the cars and motorcycles, there will be music and crafters/vendors. Vendors are needed.

For more information, please contact Ron at (908) 482-0008.

### — Out of Town —

### Big Brothers/Big Sisters Host Casino Night

June 22

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth and Middlesex Counties (BBBSMMC) will hold the fourth annual casino night fundraiser on Friday, June 22 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Convention Hall, 1300 Ocean Ave., Asbury Park. Tickets: \$75 in advance; \$90 at the door. Music, open bar and food tastings from local restaurants. All proceeds benefit BBBSMMC's 1:1 mentoring program.

For tickets or sponsorship information, call (732) 544-2224, ext. 310.

### Blackrose to Perform

June 23

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at the Fire House Eatery & Pub, 455 St. Georges Ave. in Rahway on Saturday, June 23 at 9:30 p.m. No cover charge.

### BKS1radio.com Networking Event

June 30

Business owners are invited to join BKS1radio.com for a live radio broadcast on Saturday, June 30 at 6 p.m. at 1105 North Ave. in Plainfield to share their business and services. Also, join in a discussion of the chal-

lenges small businesses face and what small businesses mean to the vitality of a community.

RSVP to bks1radio@live.com or call Patricia at (908) 240-4031 to reserve a time slot to present your business or service on air.

### Singles Dance Party

June 30

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, June 30 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 20 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call (732) 494-6200.

### 4th of July Singles Dance Party

July 3

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting a 4th of July singles dance party on Tuesday, July 3 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/shorts/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call (732) 494-6200.

### Art Camp/Workshops At duCret School

Beginning July 9

The duCret School of Art, NJ's oldest non-profit art school and community art center located at 1030 Central Ave. in Plainfield, is holding adult art workshops and summer art camp for children and teens, beginning July 9. Visit [www.ducet.org](http://www.ducet.org) for a complete list of available workshops.

For more information, call (908) 757-7171.

### German Biergarten

July 13

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, will host an au-

### SENIOR CENTER Calendar

July 5-Taj Mahal \$20pp. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center.

July 19-Bally's \$20pp. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center

#### MONDAYS

Zumba Gold ..... 9:30-10:30 am  
Crocheting ..... 9:30-11:30 am  
Yoga ..... 10:30 am  
Active Seniors ..... 10:45 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 ..... 9:00 am  
Crafts Class ..... 10 am  
Computer.. 10, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm  
Exercise Class ..... 1:15 pm

#### FRIDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm

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thentic German bieregarten on Friday, July 13 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Open to the public, outdoors, rain or shine. Admission: \$2 per person. Picnic tables available.

For more, call (732) 574-8600.

### St. Helen's Caregiver Support Group

August 6

St. Helen's Church Caregiver Support Group, for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones, will meet on Monday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. Informational and sharing sessions.

For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1214.

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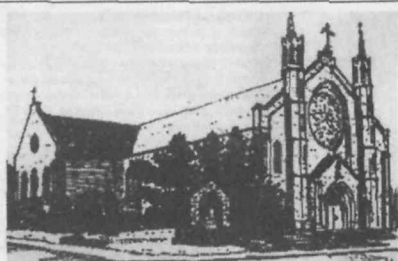
Sunday 9:00, 11:30 a.m.

Daily 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

7:00 p.m. Monday (Church), Thursday (Parish Center Chapel)

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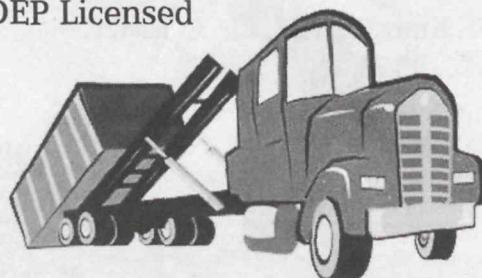
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(L-R) Retiring Kennedy School Special Education teacher Sheryl Lawrence was recognized at the June 13 Board of Education meeting. She is pictured with Kennedy School Principal Lisa Parker and former Riley School art teacher Barbara Harris.

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green team

## Yellow Jackets: What You Should Know

By Sandy Pleeter,  
SP Green Team Associate Member

Yellow jackets are perhaps one of the most infamous pests that emerge during warm weather. Though often referred to as bees, yellow jackets are actually classified as wasps and therefore have several different characteristics. While they do exhibit similar yellow-and-black coloring, yellow jackets, unlike bees, have a smooth, slim shape with a narrow border between the two regions of their bodies, the abdomen and thorax. Yellow jackets are also more aggressive than most bees and, because their stingers are free of the barbs seen on those of bees, can sting several times before dying.

Yellow jackets live in large groups, often with thousands in one hive. Usually, hives contain 2,000-6,000 cells but can be much larger in particularly conducive areas. During the day, the wasps leave the hive in search of nourishment: nectar, meat, fish, insects and other food left out in trash cans or picnics. If confronted by a perceived threat, such as fast move-

ment, infringement on their hives or even more seemingly-innocuous actions, they often forgo their mission to sting.

Fortunately, as long as the victim is not allergic to the venom, a single yellow jacket sting is not life-threatening, and ensuing symptoms such as pain, redness and swelling can be relieved by application of an ice pack.

For one who is allergic, however, a sting can prove very serious or even potentially fatal. Signs of an allergic reaction to yellow jacket venom include hives, rashes, difficulty breathing or swallowing, hoarseness, coughing, tightness in the chest, confused thinking and slurred speech. Anyone who experiences these symptoms either directly or several hours after being stung should seek medical attention.

Information on removal of yellow jacket nests is available on pest products.com; however, the safest way to remove a nest is, of course, calling a professional.

Information for this article was provided from www.orkin.com.

## police report

• On June 6 Cesar Marcelo Palma, 41, of South Plainfield was arrested for terroristic threats.

• Montrose Molders on St. Nicholas Avenue reported the theft of a tractor trailer. It was later found abandoned on the N.J. Turnpike.

• On June 7 Harmandeep Singh, 26, of Carteret was arrested for driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain lane, maintenance of lamps, unclear license plate, failure to stop and speeding.

• Virginia A. Stiles, 46, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• Curtis J. Walker, 50, of Eatontown was arrested at Marshalls for shoplifting a \$40 pair of shoes.

• Rosario DeLourdes-Chase, 54 and Manuel M. Carrera, 59, both of North Plainfield, were arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$190 worth of various clothing.

• Tayir S. Pugh, 29, of Plainfield was arrested for the theft of a cell phone charger, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and no license.

• An Irving Street resident reported the theft of a Tom Tom GPS and change from their unlocked vehicle.

• On June 8 a Plainfield resident reported the theft of their wallet which was left on the basketball court at Spring Lake Park.

• On June 9 Ana I. Mayorga, 28, of Plainfield was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$257 worth of various clothing.

• Melissa R. Tippet, 35, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

• A New Brunswick Avenue resident reported that their Social Security number had been used to fraudulently open an account with Dish Network.

• On June 10 Sharon D. Ingram, 41, of Plainfield was arrested at Shoppers World for shoplifting \$46 worth of various clothing.

• Quadirah M. Banks, 26, of North Brunswick was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$490 worth of perfume.

• Samson Moses Leo, 22, of Elizabeth was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.



Practical Crafters celebrate their tenth anniversary at the senior center.

## Ten Years of Tea Parties Celebrated at Senior Center

Practical Crafters celebrated 10 years of hattitude, cat logic and creativity on May 24 at the tenth annual Tea Party at the South Plainfield Senior Center. Tree Orlando, center director, shone as the day's honorary "Mistress of Ceremonies."

The party began with surprises. Class Instructor Ronda Wisniewski honored her mother, Flora Van Orden, with the "Original Practical Crafter Lifetime Achievement Award." This year's party also featured surprise entertainment: a vocal solo from the Mad Hatter-in-Chief and a whimsical performance by Whozit the Clown.

After that, Tea Party tradition reigned. The "Parade of Hats" let students showcase this year's original creations, while guests made their choices for funniest, prettiest, most creative and most practical-ly crafted hats. Refreshments allowed time for conversation while students and guests enjoyed a variety of tasty,

homemade treats. Finally, the big moment arrived: the awarding of prizes, student awards and door prizes. As the party ended and guests departed, one question remained: "What will they do for an encore?"

The summer session of Practical Crafting will run through August 16. In September, to begin the next decade of Practical Crafting, a special workshop/demonstration is planned. More information will be available at the senior center after August 1.

### Awards:

Lifetime Achievement: Flora Van Orden, Marge and Steve Machat, Gloria Harupa; Guest Instructor: Julie Toigo, Meryl Samuels-Turner; Above and Beyond: Judith Roseman, Beatrice Chiovarou, Joyce Chase-Thorp; Welcome Wagon: James Blackburn, Rose Nagy, Margaret Flynn; Funniest Hat: James Blackburn; Prettiest Hat: Bea Chiovarou; Most Creative Hat: Olivia Mayta; Most Practical-ly Crafted Hat: Rose Nagy.

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## Elks Celebrate the American Symbol of Freedom at Annual Flag Day Ceremony

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks held the annual Flag Day ceremony on June 14 (Flag Day) at the lodge on New Market Avenue. The event was open to the public, and many community members attended.

The service was conducted by Exalted Ruler Irene Polanco and her officers. After welcoming the guests, South Plainfield High School senior Lainie Harris performed *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Polanco and the officers presented their introductory exercises which were followed by a prayer led by Chaplain Celeste Ginder.

*Columbia the Gem of the Ocean* was played as each honor guard and flag bearer took their position. The flag they represented was then described by an officer. Members of Boy Scout Troop 124, Cub Scout Troop 224 and Brownie Troop 388 served as flag bearers and escorts. There were a total of nine flags.

According to the Elks website, "The flag of the United States of America is the emblem of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks which is distinctively American and intensely patriotic. Our American Flag flies majestically over our homes, our communities and our public space thereby proclaiming and

signifying our pride and confidence in America."

Over the years our flag has changed dramatically. From the landing of the Pilgrims in 1620 until 1775, the Flag of England was the flag of the people of America.

In 1775, the Pine Flag was adopted for all colonial vessels and this was the banner carried by the continental forces at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The southern colonies, from 1776 to 1777 used the Snake Flag with its bold motto, "Don't Tread on Me!"

In response to a general demand for a banner that was more representative of our nation, Congress on June 14, 1777 provided: "That the

Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes of alternating red and white; and that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation."

While there is no tangible evidence, it is believed that in May or June of 1776 a committee consisting of George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross commissioned Betsy Ross to make a flag from a rough design they left with her. It is said that she suggested that the stars should have the original 13 stars and stripes representing the original 13 colonies. In 1795, two additional stars were added to represent Vermont and Kentucky as States of the

Union. The Congress, on April 14, 1818, adopted a resolution that on and after July 4, 1818 the number of stripes would remain 13 and that the blue field should carry one star for each of the two states in the Union and that a new star should be added for each state thereafter admitted.

Since 1918, there had been no change in the flag design except that 28 new stars were added before July 4, 1912 and that this Flag of Forty Eight Stars flew over this nation for 47 years, including World War II and the Korean Conflict, until just before the Vietnam War.

On July 4, 1959, a star was added for Alaska, our first non-connected state, and a year later Hawaii added a fiftieth star. Our present flag consists of 50 stars and 13 stripes.

At the ceremony, Councilman Alex Barletta spoke about the significance of the American Flag and how we can honor it in our towns. He also expressed thanks to the Elks for teaching our children the significance of the flag.

After the conclusion of the flag ceremony, scholarships were awarded. Central District Vice President Barbara Muller and Past Exalted Ruler John Muller presented \$1,000 scholarships to the following students: Marissa Smith, daughter of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Peter Smith and wife Sandy, and Matthew Ginder, grandson of Lodge Chaplain Celeste Ginder.

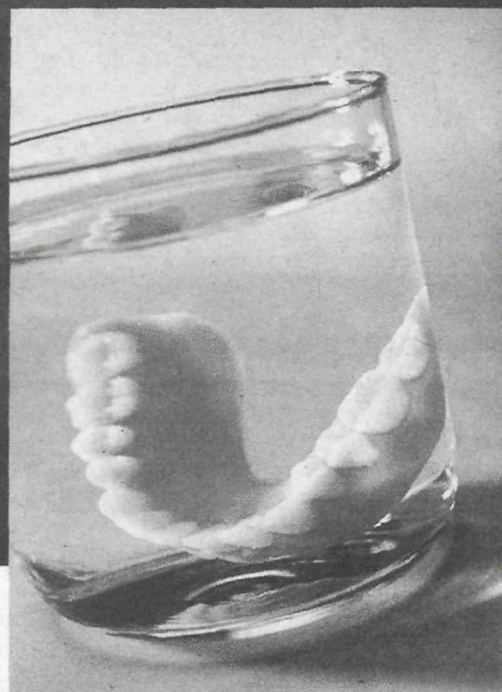
Various Elks' websites offer much information about the history of Flag Day. The Elks are involved in numerous patriotic endeavors, but few are aware that it is the Elks who founded Flag Day and they continue to hold it as an annual event open to the public.

Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of our country is a requirement of every member, and is an integral part of our obligation. In 1907, the BPO Elks Grand Lodge designated by resolution June 14 as Flag Day.

The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the group's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. It was not until 1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country.

By proclamation of President Benjamin Harrison, the Pledge of Allegiance was first used on October 12, 1892, during Columbus Day observances in the public schools. The original verbiage is as follows:

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands: one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The pledge was amended subsequently by the substitution of the words "the flag of the United States of America" for the phrase, "my flag." The newly worded pledge was adopted officially on Flag Day, June 14, 1924. By joint resolution of Congress, the pledge was further amended in 1954 by the addition of the words "under God."



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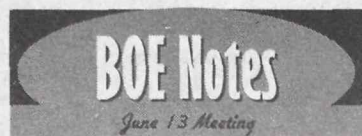
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By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education approved the completed teacher revision of the curricula to align with the new Common Core Standards in Language Arts, K-12; Math, grades 3-4 and 9-12; and Science, K-12. Curriculum revision continues in Social Studies, Spanish Heritage 2, French and World Languages, Visual and Performing Arts, 21st Century Life and Careers, Information Literacy and Technology.

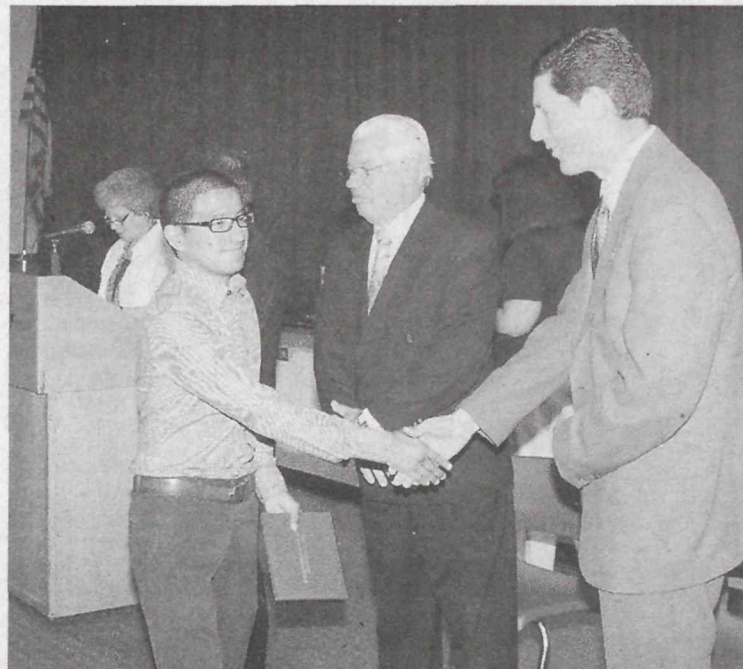
The board approved the following: Adult Education classes, Latchkey, Future Stars and Behind the Wheel driver classes, trips and inter-session classes based on sufficient enrollment.

The Adult High School program originally operated with government grants, but for the past year the district has incurred the expense. Interim Superintendent Dr. Frank Cocchiola will present his report on the Adult High School program and advise the board whether it should continue to be offered.

A donation to John E. Riley School of one office desk, 20 office chairs and two conference room tables valued at \$300 was made by Philips Lighting of Somerset.

Robert Stoffel of Integrity Consulting Group was appointed Broker of Record for Health Services from July 1, 2012 to January 3, 2013. Lee Nestel, president of Centric Insurance, was appointed Broker of Record for all property and liability from July 1, 2012 to January 3, 2013. The firm McManimon and Scotland LLC was appointed Bond Counsel Firm of Record and AHERA Consultants Inc. were appointed as Asbestos Consultant at a cost of \$2,125.

Despite Vice President Debbie Boyle's objections regarding the 40% markup on parts and materials because probable number of parts used would result in higher costs, the board awarded Tom's Automotive of Metuchen to provide the maintenance and repair services on school vehicles because their labor rate of \$30 per hour was the lowest of the three bids received.



## Twenty-five Receive Diplomas at Adult School Graduation

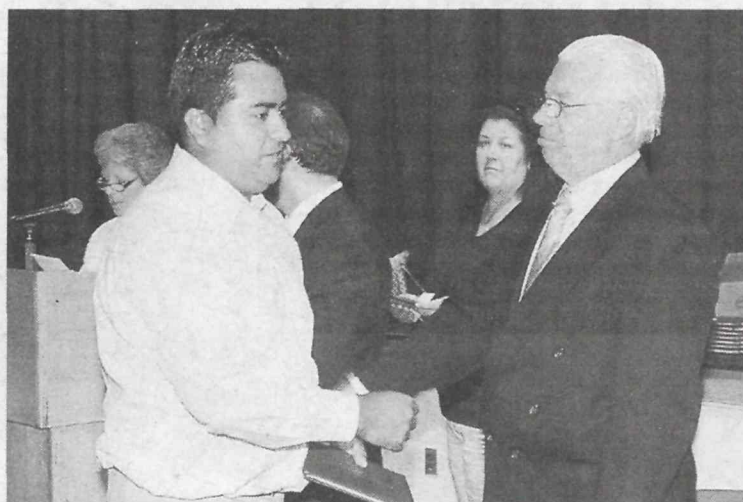
The South Plainfield Adult High School held its 35th annual commencement exercise on June 11 in the high school auditorium.

Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. Frank Cocchiola welcomed the graduates and their families and introduced the guest speakers, Superintendent Dr. Stephen Genco and Mayor Matt Anesh. Adult School Supervisors Ann Snee and Eileen Stellakis introduced the staff of the Adult School. Also in attendance was Paul Rafalowski, curriculum coordinator.

Diplomas were then presented to the graduates and they were con-

gratulated by the staff and guests.

The 2012 Adult High School graduates are: Cristina A. Aguirre Lopez, Erick M. Alvarez, Jhonathan Ernesto Cardona, James Cianfrocca, Marissa Elizabeth Colon, Dijon Cunningham-Hill, Carolin Diaz-Jimenez, David Forero, Franck Gavino, Blake R. Gentile, Matthew Giordano, Azra Y. Jameel, Jimmy Jimenez, Marvin Martinez, Carlos Ixcuna Mateo, Shantoya McClain, Thomas Miller, Jody S. Murillo, David Nguyen, Marcelino Sam, Jessica Thalia Sanchez, Kyle Santoro, Blair Thomas, Tyara Waal and Daniel Zwatschka.



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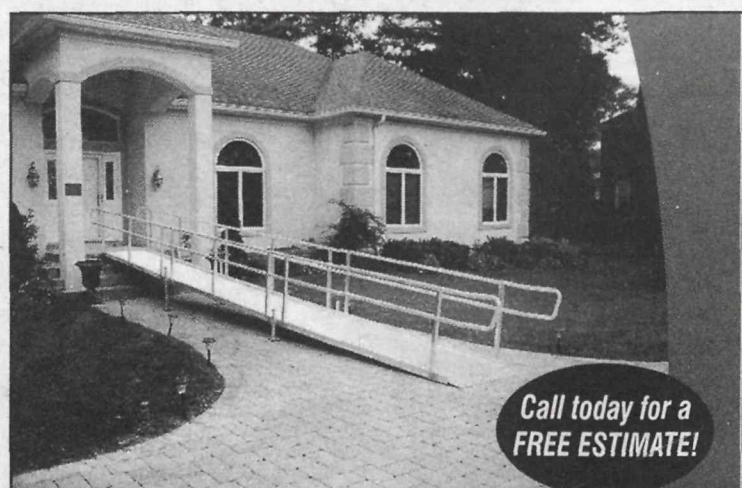
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Students enjoy watching the Ping Pong Tournament.

## Model UN Club Hosts Ping Pong Tournament

South Plainfield Model United Nations Club hosted the second annual Ping Pong Tournament on May 31 at South Plainfield High School.

The tournament was a rousing success, with 45 players competing in the tournament (including students, parents, alumni and borough residents), while approximately 80 people attended to show their support. In light of the high turnout, there were two brackets of players—one for students and one for adults.

In the final three game championship, the student winner, SPHS sophomore Cody O'Connor, played against the adult winner, local business leader Muneeb Abdeljaber. Despite a strong showing from Cody, Muneeb emerged victorious, repeating last year's success. Both individuals earned a cash prize as well as the praise of their peers who attended.

Beyond the ping pong aspect, the tournament served as both a fundraiser



(L-R) Champion Muneeb Abdeljaber, Model UN Club adviser and Social Studies teacher Miten Shah, and second place winner Cody O'Connor.

for the Model UN Club's June 5 trip to the United Nations and Permanent Mission of Egypt to the UN and a way for all people to socialize in a fun, informal environment.

As stated by club adviser Miten

Shah, "It was a great time for all those involved and a positive way to wind down the school year."

There are already plans to expand the tournament next year to include even more South Plainfield residents.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

So, now it's officially summer and we can all take it easy, right? Not here at the library; we're even busier than usual. Here's why:

First of all, a schedule note: we'll be closed on Sundays from July 1 until September 2. Sunday hours will resume on September 9. Also, our Notary Public (who occasionally writes newspaper columns) will not be available this Monday, June 25.

Turning to our children's programs, Monday will be the first day you can register for this year's Summer Reading Club, "Dream Big, Read!" It's open to children of all ages; details are available in the children's room. We'll also have summer reading programs for young adults and somewhat-less-than-young adults; details on those are available at the circulation desk.

Meanwhile, our story programs will be returning next week. For those who've forgotten the schedule following the three-week break, here it is again: "Storytime," for children ages three and over on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Time for 2's & 3's, (a.k.a. toddler time) is held Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. And Babytime, for children ages two and under on Friday morning at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories, songs and a craft activity for older kids. You don't need to pre-register for these programs.

Staying on the subject of children's programming, we'll be resuming our Friday Fun program, for children ages seven and over, next Friday, June 29 at 3:30 p.m. It'll feature games and a craft activity. No pre-registration is required. We'll also be re-starting our Monday Morning Movie program for children on July 2. Watch our monthly calendar, and future issues of the *Observer*, for details about other summer programming, like the Chess Club, the Pokemon Club, and other events. For more information, check with Miss Mija or Director Linda (when she's not too busy).

On the subject of movies, our Monday Night Movie program will be on hiatus during the summer, due to upcoming Summer Reading events. We will be continuing with our Film Noir series; please call for dates, showtimes and content information. The next showing will be on Thursday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. It won't be a film noir offering, but I can say that it's a very recent "Best Picture" winner.

In our continuing effort to make the best use of our available space (and to make sure you're paying attention), we've moved some more stuff in our collection. The folio books (that's the big, oversized books) are now found on the shelves over by the fire door in the main room, facing the staircase. Also, our biography section has now been moved upstairs, on the shelves on the book elevator side. Don't hesitate to ask if you need help finding anything.

Finally, we've got some space for a review of those items available for sale at our circulation desk (and, no, the staff doesn't get a cut of the profits). Ear buds are available for \$1.25 each. For computer storage, we have floppy discs for \$1 each and flash drives for \$10 each. For those who borrow a lot of items at once, we have library bags available (plastic for 50¢, canvas for \$2). We've just added Summer Reading t-shirts of all sizes, both adult and child, for \$5 each. And, of course, we have a wide variety of Gertrude Hawk chocolate bars for \$1 apiece. Proceeds from these go towards our building fund. We'll let you know when the library-brand lawn furniture is available. (Just kidding!)

That's all for now. Call us at (908) 754-7885 for further information. You can also check our website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us) or look us up on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary). See you later.

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**Event Photos For Sale**

Photographs of local events by South Plainfield Observer contributing photographer Louis Mormile are available for purchase at [www.louisormilephotography.com](http://www.louisormilephotography.com).

The website has password protected photo galleries. To request the password, click on "Contact" at the bottom of the web page and fill out the form by providing the name of the event you are inquiring about, along with your name, address and telephone number.

Currently available include more than 270 pictures from the SPHS Gold Card Picnic and Spring Concert. Additional photos of various local sporting events, etc. are also available.

## VFW Volunteer Group Forming

A volunteer group is forming to help the South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars. The group will help with property maintenance and other programs the VFW may need help with in the future.

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# sports

## 31st Annual Central Jersey Classic Surpasses Expectations

The 31st edition of the prestigious Central Jersey Winter Classic, hosted by Brunswick Carolier Lanes, was running on full throttle. The 75 team field of 46 boys teams and 29 girls teams boasted most of the top 20 teams in the *Star Ledger's* state rankings. Powerhouses from North Jersey combined with outstanding contingents from the shore bumped heads with the highly competitive GMC teams in the showcase event of the year.

Franklin's Sergey Eccles hit perfection as he crushed the pocket for a perfect 300 game. Ryan Kenny of Manchester scorched the lanes in a record setting performance with games of 277-278-257, posting a booming 812 high set in leading the Hawks to

the team championship.

Last year's girls champion team, Brick Memorial, made it two in-a-row as it successfully defended its championship on the strength of Kelly Nicosias' 212-259-247 record setting 718 set and aided by a rock solid team performance.

Tournament directors Ralph Fech and Lori Gerstl reported that 100% of the profits from this showcase event were dispersed as follows: 50% was earmarked for two scholarships for two senior bowlers from the GMC conference, and the remaining 50% was equally distributed to deserving charities. Scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 each were awarded to South Brunswick's Maxine Dienes and South Plainfield's Ryan Riccardi. Donations of \$500 each were given to Prodigal Foundation, COACHES Care Foundation, Brayden Carr Foundation, Cory

Kline Foundation and Jennifer Metzger Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Top 12 Boys Teams were: Manchester (3,363), Jackson Memorial (3,342), Woodbridge (3,302), Sayreville (3,224), Franklin Township (3,173), Brick Memorial (3,165), John F. Kennedy (3,153), East Brunswick (3,140), Jefferson (3,135), Morris Hills (3,131), Colonia (3,084) and Howell (3,055).

Top 12 Girls Teams were: Brick Memorial (3,010), Brick Township (2,999), Manchester (2,921), Cardinal McCarrick (2,880), South Brunswick (2,707), Colonia (2,694), Howell (2,672), East Brunswick (2,581), Jackson Liberty (2,550), Carteret (2,507), North Brunswick (2,483) and Eastern (2,475).

The tournament directors extend a special thank you to the 35 GMC teams that participated in this event.

### Golden Tee RESULTS

Jim Carovillane came in first with a net 31; Jeff Orth was second with 32; and Wayne Kelley and Vic Palmer tied for third with 33 in a stroke play event at the Plainfield West Nine.

Tournaments are held every Wednesday at 9 a.m. and are open to all. Call the West Nine at (908) 769-3672 for more information.

## Call for Students for Sports Tournament

The South Plainfield Elks would like to sponsor students who are interested in participating in the New Jersey State Elks Association Youth Sports Tournament. The tournament is set for July 15-17 and will once again be held at the Fernwood Resort in the beautiful Pocono Mountains.

The tournament is open to boys and girls ages 13-18 who would like to compete against their peers from

throughout the state in the sports of bowling, golf and tennis. There is no cost to the athlete, and scholarships will be awarded to the best competitors in each sport in senior and junior divisions. The deadline for applications is Sunday, July 1.

For further information and applications, please contact Sharon Reuter at (908) 791-1214 or email s-ugaree@comcast.net.



The Future Stars Preschool three-year-old class celebrated the end of the year party playing games, having races and working together with laughter. Everyone enjoyed themselves. To cool down a bit, they all took a seat to enjoy a refreshing ice pop (below). All of the children will miss their teachers; they are due much respect for teaching the children each and every day they spent with them. They are very caring people who shine through each and every child.



## Obituaries

### Kathea "Ileen" Etwarroo, 75

Kathea "Ileen" Etwarroo died on Friday, June 15 at JFK Medical Center.

She was born in Guyana on November 12, 1936 and came to the United States in 1992 where she resided upon her death.

She was the wife of the late Jadoon-andan Etwarroo; the mother of Roy, Annie, Shadwick, Andra, Janet, Winston, Cameel, Moses, David, Rebekah, Amos and the late Peter; mother-in-law of Michael, Howard, Tony and Arron; and will be missed by daughters-in-law, Eleanor, Anita, Sunita, Nelly and Yvonne.



Kathea Etwarroo

Kathea was also the sister of Dato, Mamie and Pearly; grandmother of 34 and great-grandmother of 18.

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

### Rudolph E. Penza, 83

Rudolph E. Penza died on Friday, June 15 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Mr. Penza resided in Pennsylvania for most of his life.

He was a social studies teacher at East Chester High School in East Chester, N.Y. and also coached their high school football team.

Mr. Penza was a graduate of Lafayette College in Lafayette, Pa. and also served with the Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He is predeceased by his wife, Sally,

and a brother, Gale Penza.

Surviving are four daughters, Karen Clark of Pennsylvania, Jill Penza of Connecticut, Debbie McDermott and husband Ed of River Edge and Kristine Dziomba and husband Tim of South Plainfield; a son, Rudy Jr. of Queens, N.Y., 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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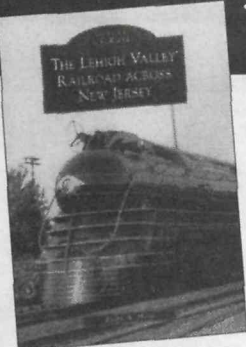
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# Middlesex County College Holds 45th Annual Commencement

A total of 1,458 degrees and certificates were awarded at Middlesex County College on May 17 at the 45th annual commencement exercises witnessed by more than 3,000 guests. The event was held in the Quad in the middle of the campus under beautiful, sunny skies.

Valedictorian Jessica Soto of Old Bridge delivered the class welcome, sharing her experiences and aspirations. Jessica was co-president of the college chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two year colleges.

"We all have unique stories, unique perspectives," she said. "Before attending MCC, I was the manager of a law firm for six years. I was married and just had my second child. School

seemed like a far-fetched goal, one that could not compete with my well-paying law firm job. But you know the saying, 'If you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life.' I didn't love my job but I wanted to, as I'm sure you all do. We want to work and be proud and love what we do. And so I came here.

"For many of us, community college may not have been our first choice, but it turned out to be the right choice. It is the place we all needed in order to grow. I grew more during the time I spent at Middlesex than I thought possible. For me, Phi Theta Kappa was a big part of that growth. I can remember some amazing moments that I will always cherish: hanging cranes for the Tsunami

fundraiser, screaming at the top of my lungs during the breast cancer walk on campus, and watching my incredibly talented classmates break dancing in the quad during the Student Activities Fair. And mostly, I remember the friends I have made."

Approximately 600 members of the Class of 2012 participated in the exercises, representing the 325 graduates of August 2011, 407 of January 2012 and 676 of May 2012. Participants included several students who fulfilled the requirements for more than one degree or certificate during this academic year.

Dr. Karen L. Hays, vice president for academic and student affairs, presided. Greetings were delivered by Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, college president; Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Christopher Rafano, Freeholder director; and Charles Tomaro, Freeholder liaison to Middlesex County College.

Dr. Arthur T. Peterson of the Department of Accounting, Business and Legal Studies led the academic procession as grand marshal.

Dr. La Perla-Morales, sixth president of the college, conferred degrees and certificates to the graduates, who were introduced by Dean Marilyn



Amanda Iavarone of South Plainfield (L) and Leah Sant Angelo of Edison (R).

Laskowski-Sachnoff and Dean David Edwards. Dr. Hays presented the candidates for graduation and conferred the Frank M. Chambers Award for Academic Excellence to nine graduates, in recognition of their earning a 4.0 grade point average.

Jessica is a Chambers Award winner and she is joined by the Salu-

tarian, Charles Hahn of New Brunswick; Sylwia Adamczyk of Piscataway; Diana Castano of Perth Amboy; Megan Giles of Woodbridge; Robert L. Kenney III of Montclair; Michelle Knip of Metuchen; Jodi Beth Silverman of North Brunswick; and Anthony V. Zecca of Edison.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

## SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2011 AUDIT REPORT OF  
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S. 40A:5-7

## COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

	DECEMBER 31, 2011	DECEMBER 31, 2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Investments	\$ 7,814,393.70	\$ 7,983,773.35
Taxes, Assessments, Liens and Utility Charges Receivable	1,482,641.26	1,127,909.01
Property Acquired for Taxes-Assessed Value	4,714,000.00	4,714,000.00
Prospective Assessments Funded	152,170.08	152,170.08
Accounts Receivable	1,457,714.45	1,541,911.99
Fixed Capital - Utility	14,355,858.58	14,355,858.58
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted - Utility	587,531.59	251,531.59
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation-General Capital	13,447,834.00	13,076,688.97
Deferred Charges to Revenue of Succeeding Years	2,500.00	27,266.37
General Fixed Assets	36,278,240.00	35,845,445.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 80,292,883.66</b>	<b>\$ 79,076,554.94</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Bonds and Notes Payable	\$ 13,881,571.05	\$ 13,611,926.02
Improvement Authorizations	2,156,006.05	2,070,567.19
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	6,682,771.85	6,486,308.40
Amortization of Debt for Fixed Capital Acquired or Authorized	12,943,390.17	12,435,880.17
Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable	6,609,682.77	6,238,337.76
Fund Balance	1,741,221.77	2,388,080.40
Investment in General Fixed Assets	36,278,240.00	35,845,445.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 80,292,883.66</b>	<b>\$ 79,076,554.94</b>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN  
FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010
<b>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</b>		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 1,210,000.00	\$ 1,465,000.00
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local Property Tax Levies	6,810,414.96	6,923,452.34
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	782,778.17	352,230.39
Collection of Current Tax Levy	71,657,697.87	69,337,975.64
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 80,460,891.00</b>	<b>\$ 78,078,658.37</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Budget Expenditures	\$ 24,877,779.33	\$ 24,502,093.82
County Taxes	13,682,553.71	12,378,281.80
Local District School Taxes	40,976,710.00	39,953,837.87
Other Expenditures	49,770.05	21,907.35
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 79,587,913.09</b>	<b>\$ 76,856,220.84</b>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE  
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010
<b>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</b>		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 162,699.37	\$ 5,000.00
Collection of Sewer Use Charges	6,683,320.44	6,746,650.53
Miscellaneous	101,422.45	55,983.78
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,947,442.26</b>	<b>\$ 6,807,634.31</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	\$ 6,011,933.00	\$ 5,236,275.00
Capital Improvements	4,000.00	2,000.00
Deferred Charges and Regulatory Expenditures	19,766.37	32,500.00
Debt Service	502,000.00	528,000.00
Other Charges	80,000.00	40,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 6,617,699.37</b>	<b>\$ 5,838,775.00</b>
Excess in Revenue	\$ 329,742.89	\$ 968,859.31
Fund Balance, Beginning	972,932.96	259,073.65
	<b>\$ 1,302,675.85</b>	<b>\$ 1,227,932.96</b>
Less: Utilized as Anticipated Revenue		
Sewer Utility Operating Fund	162,699.37	5,000.00
Current Fund	380,000.00	250,000.00
Fund Balance, Ending	<b>\$ 759,976.48</b>	<b>\$ 972,932.96</b>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE  
SWIMMING POOL UTILITY OPERATING FUND

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010
<b>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</b>		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,559.66
Collection of Pool Membership & Fees	181,026.86	162,234.00
Miscellaneous	16,588.94	15,901.73
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 198,615.80</b>	<b>\$ 180,695.39</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	\$ 222,477.00	\$ 197,559.66
Capital Improvements	500.00	
Deferred Charges and Regulatory Expenditures	6,000.00	5,500.00
Debt Service	13,500.00	19,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 242,477.00</b>	<b>\$ 222,059.66</b>
Adjustment to Income Before Fund Balance:		
Realized from General Budget for Anticipated Deficit	\$ 43,861.23	\$ 41,364.27
Excess in Revenue	- 0 -	- 0 -
Fund Balance, Beginning	4,000.00	6,559.66
	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,559.66</b>
Less: Utilized as Anticipated Revenue		
	1,000.00	2,559.66
Fund Balance, Ending	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That professional service contracts awarded by the governing body, include an exact or not-to-exceed amount.

That the practice of issuing confirming orders be discontinued.

That the court administrator enters all bail receipts and disbursements into the court software, and verify that monthly cash proofs/bank reconciliations match to the cash bail on account per court software.

That the recreation/pool department turn over their daily receipts within 48 hours.

A Corrective Action Plan, which outlines actions the Borough of South Plainfield will take to correct the findings listed above, will be prepared in accordance with federal and state requirements. A copy of it will be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk in the Borough of South Plainfield.

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, for the calendar year 2011. This report of audit, submitted by Suplee, Clooney & Company, Registered Municipal Accountants and Certified Public Accountants, is on file at the Borough Clerk's Office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Attest:  
Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

\$344.93

June 22, 2012



## French, Spanish Societies Hold Induction Ceremony

South Plainfield High School French and Spanish Honor Societies inducted new members at ceremonies held on May 22.

The French Honor Society-La Société Honoraire de Français-was founded by the American Association of Teachers of French for students of French in American secondary schools. The South Plainfield chapter has been active since 1980. The society demands a high level of scholarship and achievement in French studies and seeks to promote interest

and enthusiasm in the study of Francophone culture and civilization.

Inducted into the French Honor Society were Tara Anne Dunn, Allison Nicole Gorman, Marah Angelica Magpie, Matthew M. McCue, Emily Reineke, Fernando Sanabria Jr., Angelica G. Smith and Nicole Stanczak.

The Spanish Honor Society-La Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica-was founded by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in 1953 for students of North Ameri-

can high schools. The original chapter in South Plainfield was founded by Miss Doris Cerwin in 1960. This honorary society demands a high level of scholarship in Spanish studies and entitles members to apply for study and travel scholarships. They may also contribute original works of art, prose and poetry to the official publication, *Albricias*.

Inducted into the Spanish Honor Society were Jordana Approvato, Cameron Bashner, Claudia Bashner, Christopher Butrico, Danielle Butrico, Daisey Castro, Pamela Chacon Castro, Kendall Christ, Cinthia Diaz, Alexa Douras, Caitlyn Driscoll, Kristin Forbes, Taylor Hagy, Troy Heilmann, Meghan Heim, Kevin Jakaria, Rowena Kanj, Brian Lopez, Deirdre Macchia, Eric Makowski, Jesse Masters, Rebecca Moskal, Amber Mullens, Christina Naphor, Chloe Ng, Devynn Nolan, Tania Rincon, Ashley Robjohns, Hayley Robjohns, Joshua Rochette, Emily Skula, Gabrielle Smith, Monica Spooner, Jennifer Tran, Alex Valladares, Caroline Vill, Steven Vincent, Wahid Walli and Kristen Wong.



## LEGAL NOTICES

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

June 13, 2012

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on June 12, 2012.

- A. Case #12-01-Susan Krystopik, Block 380; Lot 4.01; R-10 Zone. Wooden Avenue. The applicant's request for (4) waivers and minor subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- B. Case #724/Amended-Zaremba Group; dba: Progressive Insurance Co. Block 523; Lots: 2.01 & 3-5; OPA-1 Zone. McKinley and West Streets. The applicant's request for (2) waivers, preliminary and final major subdivision approval and preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$31.34

June 22, 2012

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

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The ordinance read by title upon second reading herewith has been adopted at the meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, held on June 18, 2012, and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, has begun to run from the date of the publication of this notice.

## ORDINANCE NO. 1965

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 305, LOT 2

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk - South Plainfield

\$29.45

June 22, 2012

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

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The ordinance #1966 was read by title upon second reading herewith has been adopted at the meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, held on June 18, 2012, and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, has begun to run from the date of the publication of this notice.

## ORDINANCE 1966

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$210,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$199,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk - South Plainfield

\$31.81

June 22, 2012

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## ORDINANCE #1964

"An Ordinance Providing Fees for the Purpose of Opting Out of Health Benefit Coverage Provided by the Borough of South Plainfield"

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk - South Plainfield

\$28.97

June 22, 2012

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

TAKE NOTICE that a Professional Service Contract was awarded by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield by Resolution 12-187 on June 18, 2012, as follows:

CONTRACTOR:  
AHA Affordable Housing Administrators

NATURE OF SERVICES:  
Specialty Housing Rehabilitation Administrative Services to Assist the Borough with its COAH Administration

COMPENSATION:  
Total Fee not to exceed the variable fee schedule contained within the Agreement, without further approval of the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield. A copy of the Contract is available for public inspection and review in the Office of the Municipal Clerk at the Borough of South Plainfield's Municipal Building.

DURATION:  
Until completion of this matter.

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk - South Plainfield

\$32.28

June 22, 2012

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