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Lizard Guy Enzo Cristantiello offers some "hands on" time for an up close examination of an Albino King Snake to Alexx and Noah White and their dad, Councilman Derryck White.

Library Hosts Visit from Lizard Guys

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Library hosted the return of the popular children's program, The Lizard Guys, on July 12. The show was geared towards children ages three to 10 and was held the contents of the mysterious bins

at the Senior Center to accommodate the large crowd. Admission was a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

Excited children sat on the floor, squirming in anticipation of learning set up on the stage and floor. The show presenter, Enzo Cristantiello, introduced himself along with his first animal.

The program consisted of seven different animals. The Fat Tail Gecko was a huge hit with the kids. Found in tropical Africa, the gecko stores fat in its tail which gives it the appearance of having two heads. If attacked the predator will hopefully grab the tail, which will subsequently grow back.

Cristantiello introduced a Bluetongued Skink and explained that the skink uses his tongue to scare away predators. The Sulcata Tortoise brought kids to their knees in an effort to see the huge animal which can be found in arid areas of Africa. Cristantiello explained that the turtles can grow almost as large as a man. They eat plants and can live for over 75 years.

The Eastern Box Turtle, which can be found in this area, was very small (Continued on page 7)

Pay Hike for Employees Board Moves Reserve for Higher Returns By Libby Barsky

Library Board Votes on

The South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees has amassed more than \$2M, which has been reserved in anticipation of the construction of a new public library in the borough. Noting the small amount of interest the funds were receiving, former library director Sunnie Randolph suggested inviting representatives from local banks to present proposals to the board for higher earning accounts.

At the July 10 meeting, the board selected to deposit the funds at Unity Bank. Five hundred thousand dollars will be moved into a two-year certificate of deposit earning .85% interest, and the remainder will be moved into a savings account earning .5% interest.

Unity Bank official Maria Hamilton also offered the opportunity for individuals to open any account (CD or savings) at Unity and benefit the library at the same time. If 15 new accounts are opened which designate the South Plainfield Public Library, Unity Bank will donate an additional amount to the library. Hamilton explained that by designating the library, extra rewards would be earned by the library; the funds would not come out of the individuals' new account but would be based on the amounts the accounts carry. All accounts would be anonymous.

The library closed prior to the public meeting so that the trustees could discuss salary increases for the staff. The board voted to increase staff salaries for this year by 1% and .5%. Previously librarians received cost of living increases; this year the increases are based on staff evaluations. Voting against the increases because they were considered "too small" were trustees

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Nominations Sought for Parade Grand Marshal

South Plainfield's 55th annual Labor Day Parade will be quickly upon us, and the Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal. The theme of this year's parade is "Throughout the Years 1860-Present."

If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, send the committee a detailed letter stating the reasons why this person should be considered for honorary grand marshal. Include candidate's name, address, evening phone number, your phone number and detailed list of volunteer activities and accomplishments. Deadline for nominations is August 10. Nominations may be sent to the Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

The Labor Day parade is also a great opportunity for all to meet the community. If you or your organization is interested in marching in the parade, building a float, having a concession stand or informational table at the middle school at the conclusion of the parade, complete an application available in Borough Hall or at www. south plainfieldnj.com. Send application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.



Rafalowski Selected



Paul Rafalowski

South Plainfield School District Curriculum Coordinator Paul Rafalowski will travel to Chicago this month to take part as a member of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Educator Leader Cadre. He will train with 24 other educators from New

new Common Core State Standards and new PARCC methods used in their assessment.

The Common Core State Standards is in part federally sponsored and adopted by 46 states coordinated by the National Governors Association, setting the standards defining the knowledge and skills students should have in their K-12 classes so they graduate high school and are able to succeed in college and work training programs The Common Core State Standards and the PARCC assessments is replacing NJASK-New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge standardized test which is administered to all New Jersey public school students.

Rafalowski, who taught math since 2001 at South Plainfield High School and the Middle School, received a master's degree in administration and supervision from the Graduate School of Rutgers University in May 2011. He was named curriculum coordinator for the district in January 2012.



South Plainfield residents (front to back) Anthony Fallet, Andrew Fallet and Rachelann Fallet get behind the wheel of an antique Ford at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad fifth annual car show. For story and additional photos, see page 6. -Photo courtesy of Louis Mormile

UUTUUUR CONCERT SERIES

Concert Series Continues With The Mark Heter Band

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders' free summer concert series continues with The Mark Heter Band-Wonderful Music from the Circus in the Spring Lake Park gazebo on Sunday, July

22, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.co.middlesex.nj.us.



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

Special Meeting-Public Hearing on 2012 Budget on Monday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 13 Tuesday, September 4 Monday, August 13 Tuesday, September 4

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

planning

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted. Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641 July 23*, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

zoning

Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, *except where noted. Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641 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.)

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

BOEcuriculum/technology/student activit

Meets once a month at 4:30 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

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. July & 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. 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

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 (third Wednesday), 7 p.m. 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

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.

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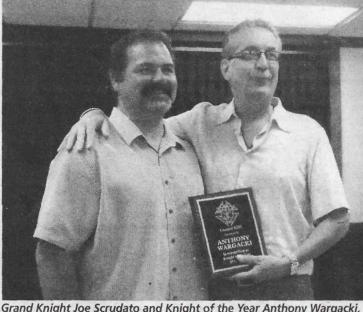
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Wargacki Named Knights Member of the Year



Grand Knight Joe Scrudato and Knight of the Year Anthony Wargacki.

Anthony Wargacki was named the Knights of Columbus Council #6203 2012 Member of the Year at an award ceremony held June 24. Wargacki received the award for his tireless support of the South Plainfield Knights and their community activities throughout the years.

Wargacki is a third degree Knight. For the past 35 years, he has supported the South Plainfield Council in many ways. Every second Sunday of the month he supports the handicapped adult Mass and lunch for God's Special People at Sacred Heart Church. He also helps out with the Knights' Special Citizens Drive held every April

as well as the Keystone Community Christmas party. In addition, he has supported many community organizations over the years.

Wargacki served in the U.S. Army from 1968 through 1970. From 1974 to 1975 he ran an after school program in Plainfield for inner city children and also a Bible study program for inmates at a jail in Somerset County. From 1975 through 1979 he volunteered at the Green Brook Manor Nursing Home, visiting elderly residents who did not receive regular visitors; supported the Big Brother program from 1982 to 1984; worked at Covenant House, which feeds and educates runaway teens in New York City from 1984 to 1987; worked at the Fish Food Distribution Center, an organization providing food to the needy, from 1984 to 1990, and since 1988 has supported the Fish Hospitality Program, which counsels and encourages homeless families. Wargacki was named Fish Volunteer of the Year in 2005.

Wargacki volunteers at the Woodlands Nursing Home every Tuesday, and on Sunday mornings he teaches Bible study at Sacred Heart Church. He supports the nuns at Mother Teresa Missionary of Charity in Plainfield on Wednesdays, and drives them when they go to the airport and on shopping trips.

Wargacki supports two of his neighbors on Geary Drive who are both 94 years old. He visits them every day and helps them with their daily activities around the house. With everything else Wargacki does, he goes to his mother's house every Wednesday (she is 94) to help out with her daily chores, yard work and doctor appointments.

Lastly, Wargacki is a great husband and a very spiritual man. He has been married for 40 years. He has two children, Kelly and Anthony, and one grandchild, Alexis, who is 11 years old.

Everyone who knows Wargacki also knows that he is willing and able to help anyone at any time.

Grand Knight Joe Scrudato said, "I have known Tony for over 10 years, and have the utmost respect and admiration for all of the community work he has done over the years. Tony is a person who embodies what a Knights of Columbus member is all about and how one should act.'

When you see Wargacki around South Plainfield, congratulate him on receiving this very worthy honor.

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To the Editor: As a member of the South Plainfield High School Music Boosters, I'd like to personally thank the following local businesses for working with our orga-

nization this past school year: Saladworks, Stop & Shop, Friendly's, Red Robin, TGIFridays, Harvest Market, Costco, South Plainfield Elks and the South Plainfield Observer. Their help is greatly appreciated. I ask readers to support those businesses that support

our children. Thanks again! **MADELINE CHRISTILLES**

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South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop President Bill Mott accepts a proclamation on behalf of the SDW from Mayor Matt Anesh.

SPSDW Presents Thoroughly Modern Millie!

This year's Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) cast will take their audience back to the Roaring 20s with the production of Thoroughly Modern Millie! Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 2-4 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Performances will be held in the high school auditorium. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students

The play, which takes place in New York City in 1922, tells the story of

young Millie Dillmount, who has just moved to the city in search of a new life. It's a New York full of intrigue and jazz-a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever. Filled with frisky flappers, dashing leading men and a dragon-lady of a villainess audiences will love to hate, Thoroughly Modern Millie! is a perfectly constructed evening of madcap mer-

McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals Renews Adopt-A-Spot Contract

McCriskin-Gustafson Home for Funerals, has renewed the funeral home's Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association to maintain Monument Park for another two years.

In 2010, McCriskin organized a major volunteer cleanup at the park, which had grown unkempt and littered. Weeds were removed and fresh plantings and mulch were installed. He then contracted with several local landscaping companies to take turns cutting the grass, trimming the hedges and removing weeds and litter.

This arrangement has worked very well to keep the park looking green

Rick McCriskin, president of and manicured. It is a suitable setting for the monuments honoring the men and women who have served their country and community in uniform. The companies that will continue to participate in this effort are: Lawn Control, John Gaster Landscaping, Charlie George Landscaping, Bolesta Landscaping, NuScape and New Image. Grass will be cut weekly, and hedges will be trimmed twice during the growing season.

The CBA is looking for more park adopters. Veteran's Park, Cotton Street Park and Shadyside Park are available.

For information about the program, call (908) 226-7621 or email atempel@southplainfieldnj.com.

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Grant School Sixth Graders Launch Rockets

Grant School sixth grade students launched their "rockets" on June 12 and 13 from the field behind the school. The rocket launch has been an annual ritual for the sixth grade for the past five years.

The students formed groups, and together built their rocket models using a variety of items, including tacky glue, sandpaper, rulers, tape and paint.

"This is a good demonstration of Newton's Laws of Motion as well as math skills," said Lori Stolz, Grant School sixth grade science teacher.

The students were required to read and follow directions to build their rockets. They painted the rockets with their groups, and some chose to name them.

Once the rockets were completed, they headed out to the field behind Grant School where they launched

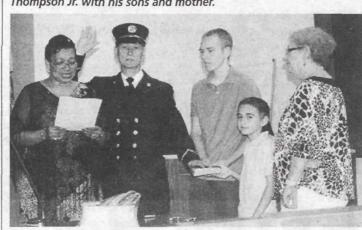
The rockets can reach an altitude of as much as 800 feet, depending on wind speed for the day.

This is an activity that students look forward to all year long as they celebrate the end of their sixth grade school year.

20 years experience



Two South Plainfield residents received City of Plainfield Fire Department promotions in a ceremony held last month in the Plainfield Municipal Court House. Sworn in by Plainfield Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs was Capt. Michael McCue, who was promoted to Battalion Chief in the Plainfield Fire Division, and Lt. Walter Thompson Jr., who was promoted to captain in the division. Pictured above is Battalion Chief Michael McCue along with his sons and below is Captain Walter Thompson Jr. with his sons and mother.



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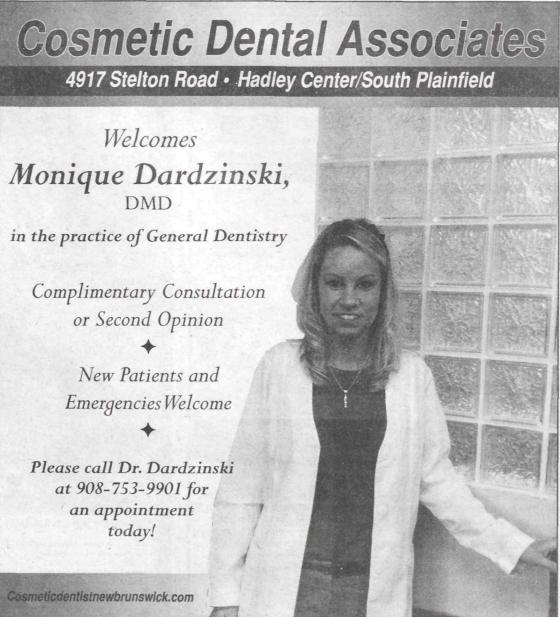
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Around Town

Musical Comedy Starring Katie Mott

Through August 12

Former South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop actor Katie Mott will star in the production of Nunsense, a musical comedy by Dan Goggin, at the Morristown Museum/Bickford Theater, 6 Normandy Heights Rd. through August 12. Tickets: \$40, general; \$36, seniors; \$20, students.

For tickets call (973) 971-3706 or email info@bickfordtheatre.org.

Summer Drama Yard Sale & Car Wash

July 21

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will hold a yard sale and car wash at the Middle School on Saturday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cast members and their parents will be selling a variety of household items while others will be cleaning cars, trucks and SUVs. Refreshments will be available to purchase. All monies raised will defray the cost of this year's production of Thoroughly Modern Millie! Stop in to find a bargain and drive home in a clean vehicle!

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Car/Motorcycle Cruise Fundraiser

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. Rain date: Saturday, July 28. Kathy recently had her third surgery for brain cancer and this will help her with her mounting bills.

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.

Elks Pancake Breakfast July 22

The South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave., will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 22 from 8 a.m.to noon to benefit the South Plainfield High School Marching Band, Chorus and Orchestra's 2012 Disney trip.

The menu includes pancakes, eggs made to order, French toast, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, juice and coffee. Cost: \$6, adults; \$5, seniors; \$4, children ages three to 12; children two and under are free.

For more information, call (908)

Costa Rica Information Night

July 25

Sacred Heart Parish is sponsoring a Costa Rican adventure trip, January 9-20, 2013. All are welcome to attend a presentation by Explorations of Collette Travel Services, Inc. on Wednesday, July 25 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center, 200 Randolph Ave. Learn about the incredible flora and fauna of the Tortuguero, Braulio Carrillo and Manuel Antonio National Parks, and the Sarapiqui and Arenal Volcano Rain Forests with additional cultural highlights in the capital city, San José. There is no charge and you need not be traveling in January to attend the presentation.

For details and to register, please call (908) 756-0633, ext. 125.

American Legion Post 243 Picnic

July 28

The American Legion will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, July 28 from 1-6 p.m. at the Chaumont Post, 243 Oak Tree Ave. Cost: \$18, adults over 21; \$12, children age six and over; free for children under six. Picnic food, DJ Aldo Velez, a horseshoe tournament and a water slide for the children will be available. Auxiliary members will again have their spectacular dessert room. Tickets are available at the post.

SPSDW's Thoroughly Modern Millie!

August 2, 3, 4 & 5

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop presents Thoroughly Modern Millie! on Thursday, Aug. 2,

Friday, Aug. 3 and Saturday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Performances will be held in the auditorium at South Plainfield High School. Ticket prices: \$12, adults; \$10, seniors and students.

For tickets or more information, call (908) 561-5255 or visit our website at www.spsdw.com.

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist

August 6-10

First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., will hold vacation Bible school for children entering kindergarten through eighth grade Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All Aboard the VBS Express! features fun, games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration: \$5 per child.

For information or to pre-register, call (908) 753-2382 or visit www.fbc southplainfield.com.

St. Stephen Church Vacation Bible School

August 13-17

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, located at 3145 Park Ave., is celebrating its fourth anniversary. This year's Vacation Bible School, "Sonrise~National Park," will be held Monday, Aug. 13 through Friday, Aug. 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registrations are being accepted for children in pre-k through sixth grade. RSVP no later than July 25 by emailing Billich@att.net or calling (908) 756-2537 with your child's name, age and grade they will be entering in September.

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

August 1-Taj Mahal \$20pp. Bus leaves 8:45 a.m.

August 17-Bally's \$20pp. (Includes Atlantic City Air Show) Bus leaves 8:30 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center.

MONDAYS

Zumba Gold...... 9:30-10:30 am Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am Yoga10:30 am Art Class......11:30 am

TUESDAYS

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

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Trip to Bally's/ Air Show in AC

August 17

The Senior Center is offering a trip to Bally's on Friday, Aug. 17. Cost is \$20pp (\$25 return) and includes the spectacular Atlantic City Air Show, Thunder over the Boardwalk." Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.

Sign up at the senior center or call (908) 754-1047.

Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing

September 12

Sacred Heart Church will host its third annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and hit the green. Snacks at the turn and a luncheon buffet.

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For more information, visit us online at www.playsinthepark.com.

Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

July 25

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 25 at 7:45 p.m. using the facilities of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. The public is invited to attend; a nominal donation is requested from non-members.

For local information, call (973) 994-1143.

Pushcart Players Red Riding Hood

July 25

Pushcart Players presents "Red Riding Hood and other stories" on Wednesday, July 25 at 11 a.m. in the Wilkins Theatre at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave. in Union. Tickets are \$15; discounted rates for groups of 20 or more.

For more information, visit www. kean.edu/premierestages or call the box office at (908) 737-7469.

Authentic German Biergarten/Car Show

July 27

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold an authentic German biergarten and Mercedes car show on Friday, July 27 from 5:30-10 p.m. Open to the public. Admission: \$2 per person. Rain or shine. Picnic tables, live music, German and American food and beverages available. No outside food/beverages. No bikes, skates, skateboards, scooters or glass containers. No pets allowed.

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

Upscale Singles Dance Party

July 28

Steppin' Out Singles upscale singles dance party will be held on Saturday, July 28 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call (862) 397-4723.

Free Silent Film Screening Series

August 1

The Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission Silent Film Screening Series continues with *Robin Hood* on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at Crossroads Theatre, 7 Livingston Ave. in New Brunswick. Free and open to the public. Please call to register.

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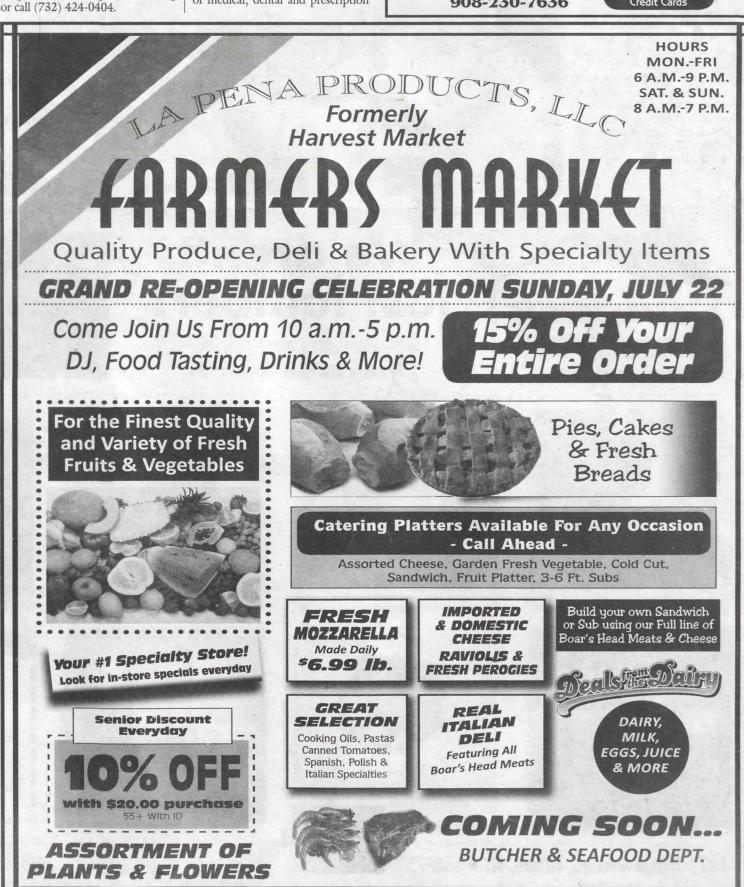
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Rescue Squad's Fifth Annual Car Show Features 84 Vehicles

By Patricia Abbott

The extreme heat did not deter the crowd that flocked to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad for the fifth annual car show. While the weather was hot, the cars were hotter, according to some car enthusiasts attending.

Both old and new cars filled the driveway and parking lot of the squad building and spilled on to the lawn and into the lot behind the library. The show included cars, motorcycles and trucks of all kinds. There were a total of 84 vehicles entered this year.

The general admission of \$5 included one ticket for a food item. Rescue squad members were very pleased with the turnout. Among those in attendance were Mayor Matt Anesh and members of the council.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, juice, water and Italian ices were available for purchase. Those with car entries received a ticket for two free food items. Manning the grills under the hot sun were "master chefs" Andrew Kolinski and Tim Kelly, who kept the food coming while attempting to keep themselves cool with strategically placed fans. Those selling beverages had misting fans to keep themselves cool as well. There were approximately 20 squad members on hand to keep things running smoothly

keep things running smoothly.

Deejay for the afternoon was Stick Shift Eddie, a lifelong South Plainfield resident. While sitting under a tent with his equipment and a huge array of music, Eddie filled the air with non-stop oldies. Eddie and his friends often sang along to the songs and encouraged others to follow. Eddie is a popular local deejay and has been a regular at the rescue squad car shows and events throughout the area. He will also be providing music for the Sweet Dreams Car Club car/motorcycle cruise fundraiser this Saturday in Veteran's Park.

The show had three judges with years of knowledge building, creat-



ing and working on cars: Munson McLeod, Adam Tennerbaum and Stephanie Bartfalivi. The judges had a difficult task as all the vehicles were in pristine condition. The vehicles were judged on a 10-point scale with a maximum of 200 points available. To make the job a little bit easier, the vehicles were broken down into different classes and categories, including custom trucks (early 1960s), modern day, muscle cars and more.

Squad member Cristina Diaz handled the awarding of trophies.

Among the presenters were the judges, Squad Chief Ed Laferrera, Mayor Matt Anesh and council members. Cristina said, "This is an event that takes months of planning and plotting and is based mainly on the donations of local businesses to help us fund it. We are so happy that we had a good turnout and that we had a lot of support from our local businesses. It was a hot day as usual, but we came together as a squad and were able to pull off an amazing day."

Councilman Rob Bengivenga,





Public Safety chairman, said, "It was another great car show hosted by our South Plainfield Rescue Squad. The weather was beautiful and the participants outdid themselves this year with a wide range of pristine automobiles. As the council liaison to the rescue squad, I would like to congratulate all of the winners and thank all of the participants. I am already looking forward to next year."

Photographer Louis Mormile shot many candid photos as well as photos of all the winners. For those interested in seeing his photos, visit www.louis mormilephotography.com.

The winning entries were as follows:

Classic Car (Early)—Harold
Reck, 1955 Chevy 210

Classic Car (Late)-Joe Lambert,
 1968 Chevy Camaro

Modern Car-Ken Jankoski,
2006 Ford Mustang

 Modified/Custom Car–John Bicsko, 1954 Mercury Monterey

 Classic Truck (Late)–Nick De-Grazia, 1970 Chevy C20

Modified/Custom Truck–Michael Townley, 1937 Chevy half-ton master pickup

Modified/Custom 4x4-Tony
Ketrow, 1978 Chevy Silverado
 Touring Motorcycle Terry Fy.

• Touring Motorcycle-Terry Evans, 2007 Harley Davidson Road King

Cruiser Motorcycle—Terry Evans,

1983 Harley Davidson Sportster
• Sport Bike–Albert W Brown, Jr.,

2008 Harley Davidson XL1200C

• Radically Modified Bike–Don Mulhearn, 2002 American Iron

Horse Legend
Street Rod-Rich Scalea, 1932
Ford 3 Window Coupe

• Classic American Muscle-Stephen Weber, 1969 Pontiac GTO

Modified American Muscle-Joe
 Murphy, 2010 Dodge Challenger
 Classic Corvette-Paul Batsarika,

1959 Chevy Corvette
• Sports Car–Gordon Lorig, 1965

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 Austin Healey 3000 MN III Replica
 Import–Anthony Menza, 1973

Rolls Royce Silver Shadow

Tuner-Jeff Smith, 2008 VW GTI
Pro Street-Frank Riccardi, 1978

 Special Interest–Tom Mancino, 1987 DeLorean DMC-12

Chevy Malibu

People's Choice Award-Mike
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• Most Likely To Get Pulled Over—
Frank Riccardi, 1978 Chevy Malibu

Best in Show (Truck)—Tony Ketrow, 1978 Chevy Silverado

 Best in Show (Motorcycle)—Terry Evans, 2007 Harley Davidson Road King

Best in Show (Car)—Rich Scalea,
 1932 Ford 3 Window Coupe



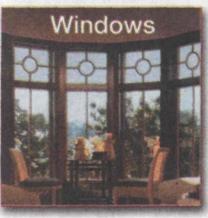
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Library Hosts Visit from Lizard Guys



Enzo Cristantiello handles a twelve year old Sulcata Tortoise.

(Continued from page 1)

in comparison to the Sulcata. When asked to decide which was older, the children immediately chose the large tortoise, and were surprised to learn that the box turtle was 40 years old and the large tortoise was only 12.

From one of the two wiggling bags on the stage Cristantiello removed a California King Snake which he allowed to curl up around him and roam under his shirt and out the sleeves to the delight of the audience. The second bag held a similar snake

that did not have the pretty pattern of the first; it was an Albino King Snake. Before introducing the final animal, Cristantiello took a huge bag from the stage and slowly brought out a large Albino Burmese Python. The snake drew a chorus of "oohs" and "aahs" from the fascinated children. After explaining a bit about the snake, he mounted the stage and invited the audience-one at a time- to come up and pet the snake. Two parents joined him on stage to help hold the huge snake. After everyone had the chance

to feel its smooth dry skin and parents took photos, the children received a coloring page of animals and excitedly headed out, still talking about the animals they had seen.

Cristantiello's presentation was filled with humor-always a plus when performing for children. On hand for the event was Councilman Derryck White and his children, Alexx and Noah.

The Lizard Guys website describes them as "A small group of animal enthusiasts with a patience threshold as high as your tax bill. To use the term 'kid-friendly' would be an understatement. The Lizard Guys consist of the same full-time presenters since its inception in 1995 because of their ability to not only educate (anyone can regurgitate information), but to both entertain and control various sized groups of children and adults."

The Lizard Guys is a division of Juniors' Venture, Inc., a New Jersey based educational entertainment group that provides live animal presentations with lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs and various bugs. Presentations normally last about an hour and include six to 10 animals. The audience is introduced to each animal-one at a time-by one of The Lizard Guys presenters. They hold them for the children to view as they explain the animal's habitat, diet, life expectancy and more. They have performed over 20,000 presentations for children and adults of all ages at birthday parties, daycare facilities, camps, scouts and special occasions over the last 14 years.

Library Director Linda Hansen noted that the library had hosted The Lizard Guys several times before. "It is always a very popular program, and the kids look forward to it each year," she said. The turnout for the event was 144 children and about 100 adults.

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- · On June 29 a Conklin Street resident reported the theft of a Honda Odyssey from their driveway.
- On June 30 Colette C. Sterinsky, 40, of Edison was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$143 worth of perfume and jewelry.
- · Lea Elizabeth Hafner, 21 of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, hazardous tires and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.
- On July 1 a Kingsland, Ga. resident reported the theft of an Apple iPad from their room at the Holiday
- · A Van Fleet Avenue resident reported the theft of a \$5 bill from their unlocked vehicle.
- · A Durham Avenue resident reported the theft of a pool filter, pump

and motor that was left out for sale on their property.

- · A Lee Place resident reported the theft of a kayak from underneath the deck of their home.
- · A Maltby Avenue resident reported that a male suspect walked into their home and ran off with a purse and wallet.
- · On July 2 Alexa I. Rocco, 18, of Middlesex was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
- · A South Plainfield resident reported that their Social Security card was not returned to them when obtaining a new driver's license at the MVC on Oak Tree Avenue.
- A Plainfield resident reported the theft of a purse from an unlocked vehicle that was parked at Quick Chek on Durham Avenue.
- · On July 3 Shane A. Steele, 36, of South Plainfield was arrested for unlawful possession of a weapon and five outstanding warrants.



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The comment period begins on July 20, 2012 and ends on August 20, 2012. As part of the public comment period, EPA will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

The Proposed Plan is available electronically at the following address: http://www.epa.gov/region02/superfund/npl/cornell/

Written comments on the Proposed Plan, postmarked no later than August 20, 2012 may be emailed to Garcia.Diego@epa.gov or mailed to Diego Garcia, U.S. EPA, 290 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866.

The Administrative Record files are available for public review at the following information repositories:

South Plainfield Library, 2484 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey USEPA Region 2, Superfund Records Center, 290 Broadway, 18th Floor, New York, New York

Please contact Pat Seppi, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, at 212-637-3679 for more information.





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Grant School's Fourth Marking Period Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

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Honor Roll

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Sacred Heart Church Plans **Third Annual Golf Outing**

third annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor.

Registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m. with a shogun start at 9 a.m. Fee per golfer is \$130 and \$520 per foursome. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive and hit the green. Hot dogs and soda or beer at the turn and luncheon buffet is included.

The following golf sponsorships are available: platinum (\$1,000 donation) includes a foursome, your corporate banner, a sign on the first tee and special recognition at the luncheon; gold (\$750 donation) includes a foursome, a sign on the 18th tee and recognition at the luncheon; and the silver sponsorship (\$500 donation) includes a twosome, a tee sign on the tee of your choice and recognition at the luncheon.

Non-golfing sponsorships start at \$600 and include a corporate banner and recognition at the luncheon. Two or more beverage and breakfast sponsors are needed for a donation of \$250. The personalized sponsorship for a

Sacred Heart Church will hold its \$150 donation includes a personalized sign on any hole of your choice. Also available is a luncheon only sponsor for a \$35 donation.

Four prizes (one per par 3) include a Ka'anapali golf package for two, a Mexico Tres Marias golf package for two, a Mandalay Bay package for two and a Samsung 51" plasma HDTV.

Sponsorships will help build bridges to the future by supporting Catholic education. Sacred Heart Parish has been committed to the education of children for more than 60 years. This pledge has not waivered despite a declining economy. The proceeds from this golf outing will fund much needed scholarships for parish children on the elementary, high school and college levels.

In today's world, much of the vital infrastructure of any organization is built on technology and the church is no exception. Parish data storage and management, daily communication among staff, 2,243 parish families, church organizations, diocesan and secular business activity, and ministerial outreach and support are among the many reasons why upgrades to computers, equipment and technical systems are needed.

For more information or to register online with a credit card, visit www. churchofthesacredheart.net. You can also mail the registration form and a check made payable to Church of the Sacred Heart, 200 Randolph Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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County's Fall Slo-Pitch Softball Leagues Forming

Teams are being sought for the Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Office's Fall Slo-Pitch Softball Leagues. All leagues begin play in late August.

Applications and payment are due by Friday, Aug. 3 and are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Final team rosters are due no later than Friday, Sept. 7.

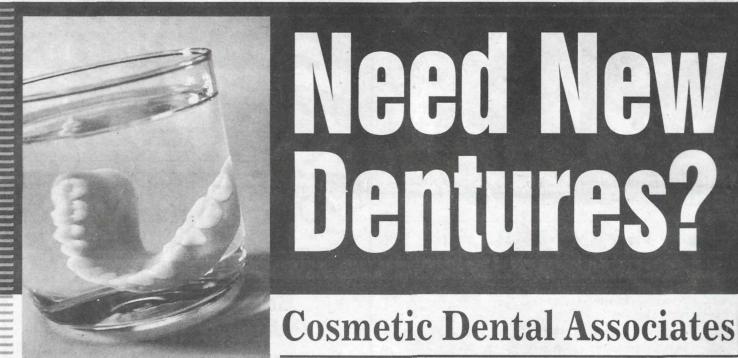
- · The Men's Monday/Wednesday League games start at 6:30 p.m. Games are played at Thomas A. Edison Park in Edison and Warren Park in Woodbridge. Entrance fee: \$325; additional \$100 refundable forfeit fee.
- The Men's Tuesday League games start at 6:30 p.m. Games are played at Thomas A. Edison Park in Edison and Warren Park in Woodbridge. Entrance fee: \$325; additional \$100 refundable
- The Co-Ed Softball League games start at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Games are played at Thomas A. Edison Park in Edison and Warren Park in Woodbridge. Entrance fee is \$325, with an additional \$100 refundable forfeit fee.
- · Sunday Morning Ladies League games start at 10:30 a.m. Games are played at Warren Park in Woodbridge. Entrance fee: \$175, with an additional \$100 refundable forfeit fee.

Umpire fees for all leagues are \$22 per team, per game.

More information can be found at www.sportsstandings.com/middlesex

Send application, rosters and checks made payable to Treasurer-Middlesex County, to: Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Office, Attn: Erin Carroll, P.O. Box 661, New Brunswick N.J. 08903, or return in person to the office at 1030 River Rd., Piscataway between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

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After hitting a beautiful tee shot that split the middle of the first fairway, Captain Matt Frederickson of Windows Plus turned and grinned at Dale Dube, his former teammate, and the big grin seemed to say, "So, ole buddy, you thought you'd be in for an easy match? Well, take that! We're here to play!"

And play they did. Windows Plus pulled off a surprising 13-7 victory over 2 Buds, 2 Dubes. It was a fine team effort: Dave Brennan carded a 37, Dave Romano shot a 38 and John Greenwald came through with a 39

Jeff "Bam Bam" Orth crushed his drive on number one and had only a wedge to the green and made double bogey, a sure sign it wasn't going to be his night. On the seventh hole-a hole he owns-he stroked a lovely shot that finished eight feet, four inches from the cup, ordinarily a sure bet to win the closest-to-the-pin competition. But, just a few groups later, Joe Diller put one an inch-and-a-half closer. Orth's only consolation for the night was that his 38 gave him a share of medalist honors for 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, and he didn't have to buy a round. Don Hall also turned in a 38 in a losing effort.

Dale "The Needler" Dube was so untracked that his game went so far south that Jim Parker offered to put in a call to the Key West Police Department and ask them to send out some

Stung by their loss last week to KC's Korner, the Fearsome Foursome on Alfie's Boys played really well, but still barely got by Dirty Harry & Friends, 11-9. Captain Danny Griffin led the way with a 2-over 35, and got plenty of solid support from John Gaven, Mike Gokey and Dan "The Other Man" Picciottoli, who all had 36s.

Kevin McCormick shot a 36 and Charlie Oates had a 39 for Dirty Harry & Friends, who almost pulled off a major upset.

Captain Tony Cotone, Jr. is really enjoying his ride on the KC's Korner Express as his team rolled on without a defeat as they kept their streak alive, but they had to settle for a 10-10 tie with Sport & Social.

Nick Vertuschi, who was still sporting a nine-handicap a few weeks ago was on fire and carded a truly impressive 33 that featured two birds two toughest holes, the first and sixth. With his current eight-handicap, that gave Vertuschi a net 25, the low net round of the season. Efrain Solis continued his steady play for KC's Korner and turned in a 38.

For Sport & Social, Scott Mac-Donald earned medalist honors with

Mark "The Golden Bird" Chichvar went to an Izod outlet store in Secaucus and picked out a flaming orange golf shirt with matching shorts, an orange

belt with a huge white buckle, orange socks with big white stars, and orange shoes with three white stripes. He was intent on setting his team afire, but his wife wouldn't let him out of the house. So Chichvar, head hanging down low, had to settle for his old red shirt; his Tiger Woods Sunday special. To his delight, the shirt and all those weekend practice rounds in Pennsylvania finally paid off as he fired a superb 2-over 35 with a brilliant birdie on the first hole to lead his team to a 14-6 triumph over the first place Italian-American Club.

Chichvar got a lot of help from his inspired teammates: Steve Shock looked sharp in posting a 37, Kris Krantz had a good night and carded a 38, and Wally Heinzer contributed a 40 as McCriskin-Gustafson enjoyed one of their best nights of the season.

For the Italian-American Club, Rich Pellegrino and Lou Colicchio both had rounds of 40 to share the medal for

Guy Severini was smiling as he got to the scoring table after he shot a 37, and his partner, Wunderkind Danny McCreesh had posted a terrific 1-over 34, but his expression turned to a frown as he added up all the scores and concluded that, once again-because of the handicap system-his team had lost even though all his golfers had played really well. Jay Coppola, who is pounding his drives and chipping beautifully, posted a 2-over 35, and Joe Diller had a nice round of 38. But all of their fine play was not enough as Twin City dropped another one, 14-6.

John Dominic once again led the way for the South Plainfield Funeral Home with a 37, and Vinnie Welch looked sharp in posting a 38.

Whatever back problems Jim Parker of Witty's Liquors had earlier in the season are apparently all gone as Parker is now stroking the ball beautifully and sparked Witty's Liquors to a 12-8 victory over a tough Unique Sports Accessories squad. Parker had a terrific 2-over 35 and Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas left a few out there but still managed a nifty 37 to contribute to the win. Chris "The Hawk" Dillon shot a 38 for Unique Sports while Ted "Ole Reliable" Stanik and Mike Dillon both turned in rounds of 39.

In next week's feature match, National Division leaders, the Italian-American Club, will take on their closest rival, the South Plainfield Funeral Home, led by John Dominic who is among the top three individual pointearners in the league.

Low scores for the night: Nick Vertuschi, 33; Danny McCreesh, 34; Dan Griffin, 35; Jay Coppola, 35; Mark Chichvar, 35; Kevin McCormack, 36; John Gaven, 36; Dan Picciottoli, 36; Mike Gokey, 36.

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Tiger Sharks Attack East Brunswick Sandpipers

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team won the meet against the East Brunswick Sandpipers with a score of 152-124.

South Plainfield Slow to start the meet with only a third place win in the 10 and under Individual Medley was Shannon Yan. Then the 11/12 girls Jenna Yan and Aubrey Marish took first and second, and Gracie Piekarski finished third for the 13-18 age group.

None of the 10 and under boys were able to place in the freestyle, but Andrew Galarza (11/12) and Anthony Gurrieri (13-18) were able to place first. Matthew Chan (11/12) placed second while Marcel Green (13-18) placed third.

When the girls swam freestyle, the 8 and under girls swept their event. Amanda Pina, and sisters Faith and Hope Best, placed first, second and third respectively. Darlene Fung (11/12) and Gracie Piekarski (15-18) also placed first in freestyle. Kristy Tam (9/10) and Elizabeth Chiu (11/12) placed second. Finishing the event were Shannon Yan (9/10) and Aubrey Mrish (13/14) placing third.

The boys placed first in four out of five races for backstroke. Taking first were Corey He, brothers Andrew and Daniel Galarza, and Charlie Butrico. Brothers Jonathan and Tyler Wu placed second and third for the 9/10

Once again the 8 and under girls swept the butterfly event. Swimming first, second and third were Amanda Pina, and Faith and Hope Best. In the 9/10 age group Kristy Tam came in third place. Jenna Yan and Elizabeth Chiu placed first and second for the

11/12 year olds. Darlene Fung took first for the 13/14 age group, while Amy Zinsky finished the event with a third for the 15-18 year olds.

Not to be outdone, the boys placed first in all the breaststroke events. Corey He (8 and under), Samuel Zhang (9/10), Matthew Chan (11/12), Daniel Galarza (13/14) and Anthony Gurrieri (15-18) all received blue ribbons. Brothers Enzo and Charlie Butrico placed second in their age groups, while Tyler Wu and Aris Chung placed third for their age groups.

Finishing the meet with a definite win for the team were three relay teams: the boys (13-18) freestyle relay team of Anthony Gurrieri, David Wang, Joe Cornelius and Daniel Galarza; the girls (8 and under) medley relay team of Faith Best, Amanda Pina, Hope Best and Amanda Hernandez; and the girls (9-12) medley relay team of Shannon Yan, Kristy Tam, Jenna Yan and Darlene Fung.

The team would like to thank the volunteer coaches who give of their time to help with the team; Jen Otlowski and Amanda Rowlands.

-Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley



Chico Perez and Wayne Kelley recorded a 5-under par to come in first in the Golden Tee blind partner tournament at the Plainfield West Nine Golf Course. George McDonald and Rich Sangimino finished second.

Tournaments are held each Wednesday and are open to all golfers who are ready to tee off by 8:30 a.m.

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Obituaries

Hugh Clark, 93

Hugh Clark passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 12 in his sleep at

Born and raised in Harrison, Hugh settled in South Plainfield and worked as an insurance adjuster for Continental

Mr. Clark was a dedicated husband and father who enjoyed a very special relationship with his sons.

In 2007, his son Ronald passed away at the age of 53, as well as his beloved



wife Hope, who died in 2010.

Surviving are a son Kevin, and four beloved nieces and a nephew.

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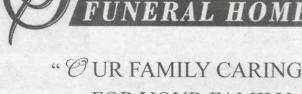
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Library Board Votes for Pay Hike for Employees

(Continued from page 1) Pat Massey, Nina Rohrer and Gary Jones. Board member Robert Bengivenga voted for the pay increases and

handed out a flier from NorthJersey. com stating, "The union representing full time faculty, librarians and professional staff at nine state colleges had reached a tentative labor contract with the state" that, if ratified, would be retroactive to July 1, 2011 and would have no pay raise in the first two years, "followed by pay increases of 1% and 1.75% in the final two years".

Board President Eric Aronowitz, who abstained from voting on the pay increases, said, "Our employees are the most dedicated of the public employees I have known." After the effects of Hurricane Irene last year, Aronowitz had praised the library staff for its dedication to the clean up after the library was flooded.

As an example of the recent dedication of one staff member, Aronowitz noted, "One of our full time employees had surgery on Tuesday and was back on Saturday."

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From the South Plainfield Library

By Kenneth Morgan

First of all, there's still time to sign up for all three of our summer reading programs. Stop by the Circulation Desk for more information.

We've got a lot of children's programming next week and I mean, a

lot of children's programming.

• The Monday Morning Movie presentation for all ages is scheduled for Monday at 10:30 a.m.

· Kidcraft for children ages three and over is set for Monday evening at 6:30. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. There's a \$1 materials fee, payable upon registration.

Storytime, with stories, songs and crafts for children ages three and over, is set for Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15.

· Tuesday Tales, featuring multicultural activities for children ages seven and over, takes place on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Pre-registration necessary.

• Toddler Time (a.k.a. "Time for 2s & 3s"), featuring stories, songs and crafts for children ages two and three will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30.

· The library's Chess Club starts at noon on Wednesday. It's for players age six and over, from beginner

to advanced. Bring your own chess set, or use one from the library. Preregistration is requested.

• The library's Pokemon Club starts at 1 p.m. on Wednesday. You don't have to sign up, but you have to bring your own card sets.

 A special program called Balloon Magic, featuring magician Joe Fisher, will be held on Thursday evening at 6:30. This hands-on workshop will be held at the Senior Center. As of presstime, there's still space available, but you must sign up in advance. In lieu of an admission charge, attendees should bring non-perishable food items for the South Plainfield Food Pantry.

 Babytime, with stories and songs for kids two and under, is set for Friday morning at 10:30.

· And Friday Fun, with games and craft activities for children ages seven and over, is scheduled for Friday afternoon at 3:30.

I'm pretty sure that's all of the children's activities for next week. If you have any questions, please call us and ask for Miss Mija or Director Linda.

Now, for those of you in a slightly higher age bracket, we've got some adult activities next week:

· First, there's a program on e-books on Tuesday at 1 p.m. The program will give some basic pointers on how to download and use e-books, particularly those available via our website. It's presented free; no preregistration is required.

· On Wednesday, we'll have an Origami workshop led by Nancy Avella. It's for adults and young people, 12 and over. The program is free, but space is limited; you must pre-register.

• A computer class, Introduction to Microsoft Word, will be held on Thursday afternoon from noon to 1 p.m. It'll give you tips on how to use Word and what features are available on the latest version. It's also free, but space is limited here, too. Preregistration is required.

On Thursday evening at 6:30, we'll feature another classic Film Noir presentation. There's no admission charge and no pre-registration is needed. Please call us for title and content information.

Okay, we've got room for a couple of quick computer advisories. If you're using our computers and you're signed on to a site (email, for example), please make sure you sign out before you finish up. You don't want someone else to be able to access your information. When you're done, don't turn off the computer! Just click the lower right hand corner of the screen, then click "End Session" to sign out.

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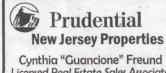
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From the Green Team: Helpful Bees

By Sandy Pleeter, **SP Green Team Associate Member**

For many, the word "bee" denotes fear or repulsion, but, unlike wasps (who are often mis-

taken for bees), they south plainfield are not generally aggressive and, in fact, provide great

benefits to the environment. Though most common in warm, arid regions such as the Southwestern United States and Mexico, they can be found all over the world except at very high altitudes, in polar regions and on some small islands. In total, there are about 20,000 known species of bees, all of which can be categorized into 11 types of families (such as cellophane, sweat or leafcutter bees) based on traits such as mouthparts and wing veins. Between these species, other characteristics and behaviors also vary. For example, in addition to the commonly-known bright yellow, bees can be black, gray, red, green or blue and anywhere from 0.08-1.6 inches in length.

Similarly vast differences can be seen in living habits. Some bees are solitary, with females living in burrows with only their own young. Others live in small nests with one queen and one to three worker bees, all females of the same generation. Types of bees

(including the widely-known bumble bee) classified as "primitively eusocial" also live in small colonies that consist of a queen and daughter workers, all

of whom are very similar in appearance and behavior. These colonies die out in autumn, alteam lowing only the fertilized queens to

remain during winter. Other eusocial bees live in large, complex colonies with two generations of female bees, the younger serving as workers and the older as queens. Bees in this type of colony operate by assigning individuals specialized functions, such as defending the colony, collecting and storing food and reproducing, based on the environment in which the colony resides. They communicate through chemicals, touch, sounds and, in the case of the honey bee, even symbolic dance.

Bees attain needed protein from pollen (which most collect using body hairs) and energy from nectar or oils of flowers. During this process, bees also perform what is perhaps their most useful function: trailing pollen from flower to flower, which, provided that the pollen transmitted was collected from a flower of the same species as the receiving flower, allows the plants to reproduce. Some bees, such as honey bees and stingless bees, also

make honey from nectar.

Types of bees found in this area include Orchard bees (also known as Mason bees), Halictid bees (also known as sweat bees, though most are not attracted to sweat) and bumble bees. Mason bees can be anywhere from three-eighths to one-half inch long. They are black, with long hairs attached to the thorax and sides of the head, a prominent mandible, black legs, a long tongue, clear or brownish wings and, in females, a pollen brush below the second and third sections of the thorax. Halictid bees are small, usually between three and 10 millimeters and black or metallic green in color. Bumble bees, as many know, are larger, hairy, and usually black and yellow in color. (Carpenter bees-which are similar in size to bumble bees and can be metallic and black, blue, light brown, light green or yellow in color-can also be found locally, but this species often causes more harm than good.)

Because of their role in pollination, bees are beneficial to gardens. Therefore, if it is necessary to spray the garden to keep out pests, this should be done in the evening, when the bees are not active.

Information on gardens is from Alice Tempel; information on Mason bees is from www.e-Nature; everything else is from www.everything-

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(L-R) Matty Hannon prepares to cut the ribbon opening Relay for Life; TSPA student stlyes hair; and cancer survivors and supporters enjoy dinner prepared by volunteers.

South Plainfield's First Relay for Life Raises Over \$3,400

The South Plainfield Middle School PTO hosted the first annual American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" on June 15 and 16. The event was held at Jost Field and would not have been a success without the the help of the following volunteers:

South Plainfield PBA #100 members, the South Plainfield High School Peer Leadership advisors and students, Superintendent Dr. Stephen Genco, members of Mayor Matt Anesh's Wellness Committee, and the Cultural Arts Commission. PBA #100 donated water for the cancer survivors and PBA President Pete Magnani, Vice President Lloyd McNelly and firefighter Kevin Bulla manned the grill, along with Dispatcher McConville. Detective McNelly made cancer survivor bracelets, which were sold to the public and offered to the survivors. Funds from the bracelets were donated to the Cancer Society. The South Plainfield Athletic Booster Club snack stand was manned by President Barbara White-

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fleet, Mickey Wrublevski (who helped to organize the setup), Lisa Gerber, Diane Zekas and Cultural Arts Commission members Mark Abramson and Paul McCullen. Leslie Rippon, athletictrainer donated the coolers and cups. Norm Loenser volunteered in the snack stand and also served as MC.

The Peer Leadership team assisted the Cancer Society in setting up and stayed until 3 a.m. They also manned the ticket booth. Volunteers included advisors Marla Vandermark, Anthony Emmons, Paul Seyffart, Kim Walsh, Danielle Butrico, Troy Heilmann, Jeff Pellegrino, Nick Muglia, Joe Pellegrino, Michelle Keane, Jessica Pietscher, Kristin Forbes, Emily Pittenger, Samantha Hunterton, Sarah Hunterton, Kendall Christ, Christine Geczy, Patrick Boyle, Brandon Shaw, AJ Celentano, Taylor Hagy, Monica Spooner, Cher Xu, Alexis Cargill, Allison Ratti, Jamie Pagdonsolan, Jared Aronowicz, Chris Butrico, Austin Jenkins, Adam Butrico, Mr. and Mrs.

\$17,009,733.00

Shaw, and Guidance Counselor Eileen Boettger. High School Principal Jim Pedersen formulated a permission slip for those students who were involved during the evening into early morning hours. The students also organized volleyball tournaments, kickball, badminton, tug-o-war, face and nail painting

David R. Jaipersaud, administrative director of pediatrics of the Childrens' Hospital at St. Peter's University Hospital, who is also a member of the Mayor's Wellness Committee, hosted a nutritionist, a professional manicurist and hair designer to assist with hair cuts for "Pantene Long Lengths" for cancer survivor wigs.

Alison Gibson and her husband donated homemade baked ziti for the cancer survivor dinner and also donated sparkle tattoos for all those wanting tattoo art stick-ons. The Middle School PTO supplied chicken fingers and ziti for the cancer survivor dinner. Also helping out were Suzanne Butrico, Eileen Brady, and Megan and

The "Cancer Survivor" and caregiver walk began immediately after opening ceremonies. Mayor Anesh, Council President Ray Rusnak, Councilmen Robert Bengivenga, Alex Barletta, Derryck White, Tim McConville, and Dick Frank held the ribbon while Matty Hannon and fellow walkers cut the ribbon. Cancer survivors then led friends and relatives on the first lap around the track before enjoying dinner. At 9 p.m. luminary bags were

provided four hair stylists and mani-

Michael Boyle.

placed and adorned the track.

The Salon Professional Academy

Summary of Revenues - Current Fund Anticipated To Anticipated From Total Miscellaneous Revenues \$6,009,673.00 \$6,517,768.04

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2012 Municipal Budget Amendment

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Appropriations - Current Fund	Anticipated From	Anticipated To
Operating Expens Salaries & Wages	\$9,726,609.00	\$9,691,109.00
Other Expenses	\$11,002,388.00	\$11,074,723.04
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$2,213,438.00	\$2,204,938.00
3. Capital Improvements	\$80,000.00	\$55,000.00
4. Debt Service	\$1,310,671.00	\$1,337,721.00
Total General Appropriations	\$26,560,574.00	\$26,590,959.04

Summary of Revenues - Sewer Utility Fund	2012		
	Anticipated From	Anticipated To	
Operating Surplus	\$175,000.00	\$247,100.00	
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$6,371,825.00	\$6,321,825.00	
Total Sewer Utility Revenues	\$6,634,825.00	\$6,656,925.00	

Summary of Appropriations - Sewer Utility Fund	Anticipated From	Anticipated To
Operating Expens Salanes & Wages	\$474,000.00	\$479,000.00
Other Expenses	\$5,630,925.00	\$5,650,925.00
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
4. Debt Service	\$26,900.00	\$29,000.00
Total Sawer I Itility Appropriations	\$6.634.825.00	\$6 656 025 00

Summary of Revenues - Pool Utility Fund	2012		
	Anticipated From	Anticipated To	
Deficit (General budget)	\$52,000.00	s46,000.00	
Total Pool Utility Revenues	\$247,975.00	\$241,975.00	

Summary of Appropriations - Pool Utility Fund	Anticipated From	Anticipated To
Operating Expens Salaries & Wages	\$164,175.00	\$169,675.00
4. Debt Service	\$11,500.00	- \$0.00
Total Pool Utility Appropriations	\$247,975.00	\$241,975.00

Notice is hereby given that the budget amendment was approved by the Borough Council

of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex on March 26th, 2012.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building

2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, on July 23rd, 2012, at 6:30 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget amendment for the year 2012 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons

Copies of the detailed budget amendment are available in the office the Borough Clerk, at the Municipal Building , 2480 Plainfield Avenue, Plainfield , New Jersey, 07080,(908) 226-7605, during the hours

\$164.25 July 20, 2012

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY **Legal Notice**

Special Council Meeting and **Change of Council Meeting Date**

A special meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council has been scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the South Plainfield Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080. The purpose of the meeting is for a public hearing and potential adoption of the amended CY2012 Municipal Budget. The amended CY2012 Municipal Budget can be viewed on the municipal website or at the Municipal Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Borough Council of August 13, 2012 has been re scheduled for August 20, 2012 beginning at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the South Plainfield Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Amy L. Antonides, RMC/CMC Municipal Clerk

July 20, 2012

\$31.34 BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

TAKE NOTICE that a Professional Service Contract was awarded by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield by Resolution 12-204 on July 16, 2012, as follows

CONTRACTOR:

Shropshire Associates, LLC

NATURE OF SERVICES: Specialty Services to provide Traffic Engineering

COMPENSATION:

Total Fee not to exceed \$7,000 without further approval of the Borough Council of the Borough of outh 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

\$30.86 July 20, 2012



Pete Magnani and Kevin Bulla cooking at Relay for Life.

curists. Thank you to Aimee Stone and John Sickles from the academy.

Joey "G" Entertainment donated his DJ expertise along with the help of Stephanie Danella, providing music and entertainment. Magician Anthony Muccigrossi transformed balloons into adorable animals for all of the children attending the event.

Special Events Manager Megan Ptaszenski for Relay for Life was on hand at the many meetings held before the kick off event. Sodexo employees assisted in setting up tables and chairs. Peer leader students stayed until 3 a.m. to help cleanup. Nancy Grennier and the South Plainfield Observer continuously advertised the "Relay for Life" and attended the event and took many pictre.

South Plainfield Middle School PTO President Debbie Boyle and Principal Kevin Hajduk would like to thank all who participated, saying "Without the help of all those involved, the participation of residents, non-residents and our students this would not have been a huge success. Our event raised \$3,401, all donated to the American Cancer Society. Thank you from the heart and soul of our town."





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