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Mayor Matt Anesh (right) discusses plans to rebuild the Park Avenue bridge with Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno and DOT Commissioner Jim Simpson. The state announced on Monday that South Plainfield will benefit this year from a \$3.5 million grant that will fund the project, the largest grant being given out in the state as part of a \$14.6 million grant program.

BOE Considers Limiting Public Participation

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education approved the first reading of a revised policy on public participation at board meetings at the August 17 meeting. The revised policy would limit the amount of time for public comment at board meetings to three minutes. Before voting on the second reading and final adoption of the policy—which is expected to take place at the next meeting—the board requested the board attorney to look into limiting public participation when the issue is of a repetitive nature.

The repetitive speech refers to a continuing discussion of trust issues with Sodexo, the company the board has contracted to operate its custodial, maintenance and grounds work for the district.

On January 19 employees for Sodexo came before the board and explained their concerns about discrepancies in their pay and asked the board to request their certified pay sheets. By the

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Borough to Receive \$3.5 Million Grant for Bridge Replacement

South Plainfield will receive \$3.5 million this year to replace a bridge on Park Avenue that dates back to the Great Depression. Mayor Matt Anesh joined Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno on Monday when she visited South Plainfield to announce \$14.65 million in grants that are being given out statewide.

"South Plainfield received the largest grant in the state," said Anesh. "Initially we will be receiving \$3.5 million, but over five years the project will cost \$21 million, all of which will be state funded."

"The funding we are announcing

today will enable local governments like South Plainfield to move forward with high-priority improvement projects and safety initiatives without putting pressure on local property taxes," Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno said in a statement. "By investing in our infrastructure and ensuring the health of our transportation assets, we will support New Jersey's continued economic growth, encourage additional business attraction and create more jobs in cities and towns across the Garden State."

"I don't think the borough has ever gotten this much money for a project,"

said Councilman Alex Barletta, who heads the council's economic development committee. "If we had to do this on our own, the bridge would never get replaced. The cost is almost as big as our entire budget."

"The mayor has been working since he was a councilman to make sure this project goes well, and I want to thank him for his efforts," added Barletta. "Back in 2008 he and Councilman Bengivenga spearheaded paving Metuchen Road, which will be an indispensable alternate route during the construction. This funding is a vital next step for the project."



WE WANT YOU
Parade Marshals and Banner Carriers Are Needed on Labor Day

The 54th annual Labor Day parade is in need of parade marshals and banner carriers. The parade will take place on Monday, Sept. 5 starting at 10 a.m.

If you are interested in being a parade marshal or banner carrier, you must be over the age of 17 and 13, respectively. All parade marshals and banner carriers will receive six hours of community service for volunteering.

Banner carriers should report to the PAL Building on Labor Day no later than 8:30 a.m. for their assignment. For all parade marshals, there will be a meeting on Friday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. in borough hall to pick up t-shirts and assignments in the parade line up.

Call (908) 226-7629, leave your name and telephone number, and indicate if you are volunteering to be a parade marshal or banner carrier.



Borough Issues Hurricane Preparedness Info

Department of Public Works (DPW) employees began preparing sand bags for residents to pick up free of charge in anticipation of the arrival of Hurricane Irene this weekend. According to the Office of Emergency Management, heavy rain and flooding is expected, and it is suggested that residents prepare to protect their property in basements. Evacuations may occur in low lying areas. Sand bags can be obtained today between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the DPW on Spicer Avenue.

Benefit Softball Game Scheduled

The annual benefit softball game between the South Plainfield Police Department and Fire Department is back and will take place on Friday, Sept. 9. The event will be held at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club, Field 4, located at 450 Kenneth Avenue.

The benefit softball game marks the 10th anniversary of 9/11. A short ceremony will be held prior to the

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PARK AT YOUR OWN RISK—A sign posted at Plainfield Animal Hospital on Park Avenue (above) warns of potential consequences for motorists who park illegally in their lot. Parking is at a premium around the borough due to the influx of participants and spectators expected to attend the Barclays Golf Tournament, and has caused detours and forced road closures. Some property owners are offering up their driveways for a fee.

Want to stay informed about the business of your Council and BOE?

FYI

Borough Council & BOE Council meetings air on Comcast Channel 96 Mondays at 7 p.m. BOE meetings air on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

To purchase a complete copy of a council or BOE meeting, contact the Observer. (Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

council meetings

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

Agenda Meeting September 6 (Tuesday) Public Meeting September 6 (Tuesday) September 19 September 19

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 board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted. Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641 Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 1, * Dec. 13*

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted. Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641 Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10*, Dec. 8*

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.) Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 14 and April 4. Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.) Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21 and April 11.

BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month on Wednesdays at 4 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. No meeting in August - Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

library board of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m. Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

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 No meetings in August - Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7621

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

To be announced. 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605

County Awards Bid For Solar Energy Project

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, at its regular meeting, awarded a contract to construct a massive solar energy project that is expected to save \$13M in energy costs over the next 15 years.

The county will be entering into a power purchase agreement with Edison-based SunDurance Energy, which will develop and build the project, and Bedminster-based KDC Solar LLC, which will finance the program. The project will be completed at no cost to the county.

The 6.79 megawatt ground-mounted system will be built at the county's Apple Orchard Lane complex in North Brunswick. The successful developer has stated that the solar panels will produce enough energy to provide 100 percent of the power needs at the complex.

Once complete, the county will save between \$722,000 and \$1.15M

each year for 15 years, according to estimates. Currently, the county pays 13 cents per kilowatt hour for energy. This rate is expected to increase every year. The solar panel rate will be a flat 4.5 cents per kilowatt hour for the life of the 15-year project.

"The solar project is precisely what our 'Go Green, Save Green' program is all about," said Freeholder H. James Polos, chair of the county's Public Works and Transportation Committee. "By moving to an alternative, environmentally friendly way of producing power, we are not only benefitting our environment, we are saving significant dollars and are creating high-paying construction jobs here in our county."

"I cannot underscore enough the importance of the project from an environmental standpoint and from an economic standpoint," said Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro, chair of the

County's Engineering and Planning Committee. "We will save \$13 million in taxpayer money by producing our own energy in an environmentally friendly way."

"The Solar Energy Savings Program is a natural outgrowth of the many energy-efficient programs Middlesex County has undertaken over the past several years under the guidance of my colleague Freeholder Polos," said Freeholder Director Christopher D. Rafano. "In fact, this project was one of the recommendations made in an energy audit of our Apple Orchard Lane complex that Freeholder Polos championed. I want to recognize both Freeholder Polos and Freeholder Tomaro for their work on behalf of the County and our taxpayers."

Middlesex County was recognized in 2007 with the Clean Energy Leadership Award from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

In My Opinion

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

Dear Editor,

This September, the Borough of South Plainfield will erect a monument to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 bombing of the World Trade Center. The monument will contain a piece of steel recovered from ground zero and it will serve not only as a lasting tribute to the memory of the lives we lost, but also as a testament to our strength as a nation and as a people.

We invite members of the community to be a real part of this effort by showing their support with a financial contribution. It is the generosity of our residents that will make this very special memorial possible. Those wishing to make a donation

should make checks payable to the "Borough of South Plainfield" and deliver them to the clerk's office in Borough Hall.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions. I can be reached at (908) 447-3466 or christinebuteas@comcast.net.

**SINCERELY,
COUNCILWOMAN
CHRIS BUTEAS**

Dear Editor:

I do not understand why the "Barclays" event is allowed to inconvenience residents to the extent that it does and I know other residents are asking the same question. I am employed in Union County and due to road closures and traffic, I will be leaving my home in South Plainfield, where I pay taxes to reside elsewhere just so I can get to work.

It has been made very clear to me that South Plainfield is more worried about catering to the "athletes" and "spectators" than they are about their own residents simply being able to proceed with their summer plans or

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get to their places of employment to make a living.

The \$100,000 the town will receive from the PGA will no doubt be going to pay the extra officers on duty, clean up and other fees being incurred. In my opinion, the outcome of The Barclays is an enormous, stressful inconvenience to residents.

I believe this event should be banned in the future or very strict measures taken to assist the South Plainfield residents rather than "put them out."

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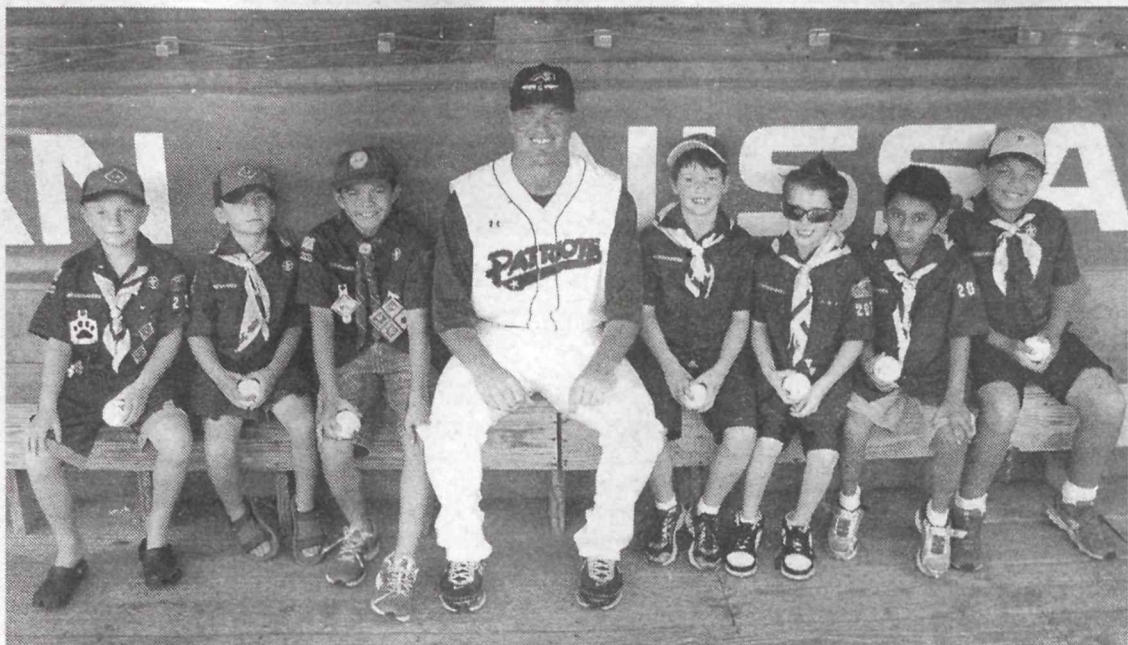
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Patriots pitcher Derell McCall is pictured with Cub Scout Pack 207 scouts (L to R): Jacob Arntz, Joey Cassio, Nick McGeehan, Tanner Price, Patrick Berry, Om Nerurkar and Daniel McLeod.

Pack 207 Enjoys Great Seats at Patriots Game

Cub Scout Pack 207 got great seats at the Somerset Patriots game on August 20. The scouts were "Baseball Buddies" with the players for the game, sitting in the dugout, getting autographs and smiling for their fans!

They also stood with the players at each base on the infield during the *National Anthem*. All scouts received a baseball which they got signed by many members of the team, as well. The night ended with a 14-1 Patriots

victory over the Bluefish and a spectacular fireworks show. The scouts would like to thank Ken Greco and the rest of the Patriots staff for making this a really fun night for them.

Principal Transferred, New Teachers Hired

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education, at its August 17 meeting, approved the transfer of Grant School Principal Leo Whalen to Riley School, at his request. He will replace former Riley Principal Al Czech, who was appointed High School Athletic Director replacing Michael Buggey, who has resigned.

The Board also recalled Jessica Wilson from the Reduction in Force (RIF) list to continue as high school special education teacher, a position she held for two years.

Tracey Gerlitz was also recalled from the RIF list. She will return to the middle school as a basic skills

language arts teacher.

Jan Marie Sethman was appointed occupational therapist assistant and will work throughout the district replacing a contracted service provider. She holds an associate degree from Union College and had worked at the Center School in Highland Park for the last 22 years.

The Board approved the appointment of Michele Charney-Hulse as learning disabilities teacher consultant at the middle school. She received her masters in education from Rutgers University and had been teaching disabled students concurrently in three districts: Cranford, Mountainside and Garwood during the past seven years. She will replace Patricia Higgins.

Kimberly Brancato was appointed as high school special education teacher. She graduated from Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry N.Y. with a BS degree in behavioral science and special education. She previously taught the handicapped in the Bronx for five years at Lehman High school, Middlesex County Educational Services Commission at Middlesex County College, the McKinley School in New Brunswick and the YWCA in Princeton.

Joseph Szaro was appointed as high school special education teacher, replacing Gregory Genz. He is a 2004 graduate of Thomas Edison State College and in 2007 received his masters from St. Peter's College Jersey City in administration and supervision. He has worked for the Freehold Regional High School District as a special education language arts teacher for Carteret Board of Education and the South Amboy Board of Education as a history and special education teacher.

Colleen Ford, who graduated in May from the College of New Jersey with a degree in art education, will replace Jennifer Gil as art teacher for a year at Grant School.

Amy Leso was appointed as an elementary teacher at Riley School. This is an additional position. A graduate of Lycoming College, Williamsport Pa., she has been a long term substitute and instructional support aide since 2008, mostly in Riley School.

Let's Not Forget 9/11



Mohn's Flowers is asking for your help in paying tribute to our servicemen and women on the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

They are asking that you bring a picture of someone you know who is serving in the armed forces in a 5x7 or 8x10 frame by Monday, Aug. 29 and write a little something about them. Mohn's is located at 2325 Plainfield Ave. Mohn's plans

to display the photos in their window during the month of September.

Also, if you lost someone on 9/11, please bring their photo in by August 29 and write a little something about that loved one. Mohn's will give you a yellow ribbon for you to place on your tree. Please join Mohn's in a tribute to all these wonderful people.

BOROUGH NOTES

The following action took place during the August 15 Borough Council meeting:

- A contract was awarded for the New Market Avenue road project, Phase II to Stilo Excavating, at a cost not to exceed \$283,042.27.

- An amendment to extend the 2010 contract between South Plainfield and the Middlesex County Department of Senior Services for Information and Assistance and also Assisted Transportation services was approved.

- Authorized an increase in the police records department change fund from \$20 to \$50.

- Authorized the establishment of a petty cash fund for the South Plainfield Office on Aging in the amount of \$200.

- Approved a block party request by Gary Rohrer on Randolph Avenue from Front Street to his driveway, on Monday Sept. 5 from 2 to 7 p.m.

- Waived the fire permit fee for borough organizations participating in Labor Day festivities at the middle school on Monday, Sept. 5.

- Approved the Chapter 159 Budget Amendment in the 2011 Municipal Budget in the amount of

\$20,777 from the Middlesex County Dept. of Human Services as part of the Municipal Alliance Program; \$167,371.00 from the NJDEP Recycling tonnage Grant program, and \$37,648.48 from the NJDEP Clean Communities Grant program.

- Authorized the municipal clerk to certify to the state that the governing body has reviewed and discussed the completed CY2011 Best Practices inventory as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer Glenn Cullen during the August 15 public meeting.

- Authorized the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check of \$1,603.97 to Joseph Ball Jr., 206 Morris Avenue for overpayment of taxes.

- Authorized the repair of the Fire Department's truck #6 by Absolute Fire Protection, at a cost not to exceed \$31,083.16.

- Authorized the hiring of Marie Lanza as a concession staff member at the community pool.

- Authorized the hiring of Matthew Moates as assistant pool manager.

- Accepted the resignation of Destiny Jazikoff as assistant recreation leader aquatic.

- Authorized hiring Dan Occhipintias as a part time groundskeeper.

Trip to Trapp Lodge & Indian Head Resort

The Adult School is sponsoring a fall trip to the Trapp Family Lodge and Indian Head Resort, Tuesday, Oct. 11 to Saturday, Oct. 15.

The trip includes visits to the White Mountain Cider Co., Cabot Creamery, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, Tuckerman's Brewery, Castle in the Clouds Estate and the Cog Railway.

Package includes round trip motor-coach transportation, one night lodging at the Trapp Family Lodge in

Stowe, VT and three nights at Indian Head Resort, Lincoln, N.H., four full breakfasts, one boxed lunch, four full dinners, afternoon tea and cookies, welcome and farewell cocktail receptions, several tours, ride to the top of Mt. Washington aboard the Cog Railway, all baggage handling, taxes and gratuities except for drivers, tour guides and chambermaids.

Price is \$898 per person double occupancy.

Special BOE Meeting on Tuesday

Be advised that the South Plainfield Board of Education will hold a special business meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Avenue.

Formal action will be taken on personnel matters and any other operational needs of the school district as may be required.



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GERMANFEST
October 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.—\$60

HUNTERDON HILLS
December 8, 4:30-9:30 p.m.—\$60

MONDAYS
Crocheting 9:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class 11:30 am

TUESDAYS
Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS
Aerobics 8:45 am
Shopping 9 am
Computer..10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS
Active Seniors 8:45 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer..10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Exercise Class 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS
Bingo 10 am-2 pm

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Back to School Extravaganza

August 27

A back to school extravaganza (gifting back to school supplies for those in grades K through college), will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 12 to 4 p.m. at The Tabernacle, 1253 New Market Ave. Light refreshments, giveaways and a motivational kick-off by Youth Pastor Nancy Salter.

Register at visittabnback2school.eventbrite.com/. For more information, call (908) 222-9990 or by email c.brewer@thetabernacle.com.

Adult School Bus Trip To U.S. Tennis Open

August 29

The South Plainfield Adult School is sponsoring a trip to the US Tennis Open in Flushing Meadow, N.Y. on Monday, Aug. 29. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. To purchase tickets, call (908) 754-4620, ext. 213.

Elk's Family Picnic

September 3

The South Plainfield Elk's annual family picnic will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3 from 1 to 6 p.m. Rain-date is September 4. The picnic will feature many activities for children of all ages including arts and crafts, games, moonwalk, plus a buffet with kid-friendly foods. There will be plenty of food and entertainment for the adults and a horseshoe tournament. Ticket prices: adults-\$15 in advance, \$20 at door; children (7-17)-\$7 in advance, \$10 at door, children under 7 free. Adult tickets paid in advance will be eligible for

door prizes.

To purchase tickets, call (908) 668-9750 or contact Bill Reuter at (908) 791-1214.

VFW to Hold Country Breakfast

September 11

The South Plainfield VFW will hold the first country breakfast of the season on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 8 until 11 a.m. Come in, relax, see old friends and enjoy a tasty breakfast.

For more information, call (908) 668-9751.

SPHS Athletic Booster Club Meeting

September 13

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:15 p.m. before the "Meet the Coaches Night" in the high school cafeteria.

All parents/guardians of SPHS student-athletes are encouraged to attend this meeting and find out what we do to support them and the athletic programs.

"Meet The Coaches Night" at SPHS

September 13

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club will sponsor "Meet The Coaches Night" on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Coffee and desserts will be provided.

Also, visit our table to join the Athletic Booster Club. Membership is only \$5 and helps support our student-athletes.

Sacred Heart Parish Golf Outing

September 14

Save the date! Sacred Heart Parish will hold its second annual golf outing at Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 14 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

For information, email plorange@churchofthesacredheart.net.

St. Stephen Annual International Festival

September 16, 17 and 18

St. Stephen, located at 609 Lane Ave. will hold its annual International Festival September 16-18. Friday, 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 2 to 8 p.m. The festival offers foods from four different cuisines: Middle Eastern, Greek, Slavic and American entrees and desserts. The kid's corner section features two semi-trailers of board walk games, a castle bounce house, face painting, crafts and apple decorating.

For questions, email saintstephenchurch609@gmail.com or call (908) 756-0410.

Senior Center Picnic

September 29

The South Plainfield Senior Center picnic will be held on Thursday, Sept. 29 at the senior center from 12 to 4 p.m. Delicious food. Catering by Elmer's: chicken, fries, onion rings, corn on the cob, coffee and desert. Entertainment by Ian Gallagher.

Tickets are \$15. Don't miss out-sign up at the senior center.

1961 Class Reunion

October 1

South Plainfield High School Class of 1961 will host their 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Raritan Center in Edison.

For information regarding tickets and plans, email Brenda Belardo Ribar at class1961sphs@gmail.com.

UNICO Celebrates 41st Anniversary

October 15

Plainfields' UNICO will celebrate its 41st anniversary of the Unification of Italy on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the senior center, located at 90 Maple Ave.

Entertainment by Marianna Giancarla Biribin and Steve Berger.

\$25 donation per person includes Italian food and soft drinks; BYOB.

For tickets, call Robert Bengivenga at (908) 753-0247 or Renato Biribin at (908) 561-6685. No tickets sold at the door.

— Out of Town —

Blackrose to Perform

August 27

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Stagehouse Tavern, located at 366 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains on Saturday, Aug. 27.

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events

Around Town

port Alliance monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 7:45 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. in Morristown. The public is invited.

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

Singles Dance Party

September 4

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Sunday, Sept. 4 at 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Woodbridge Hilton, GSP Exit 131A. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$17.

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

Bridge Lessons

September 8, 12

Essex Bridge Center, located upstairs in VFW Post #2856, 95 W. Mt. Pleasant Ave. in Livingston, will be offering beginning bridge lessons. Morning sessions: Thursday, Sept. 8, 9:10-11:40 a.m.; evening sessions: Monday, Sept. 12, 6:30-9 p.m. First six lessons of this series and the book for the course will be free. No partner necessary. Free light refreshments will be served.

For more information visit www.essexbridgecenter.com or call (973) 535-9262.

BBQ and Barchu at Beth Israel

September 9

Congregation Beth Israel, located at 18 Shalom Way in Scotch Plains will hold its second annual BBQ & Barchu, on Friday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. Dinner on the synagogue's outdoor patio, followed by communal singing to welcome the Sabbath. Family-friendly services for Friday night will begin at 7:30 p.m. A dessert reception will conclude the evening. The event is open to the community. Dinner costs: \$20 for adults and \$12 for

children under 12 years old.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830.

UNICO Ellis Island Trip Announced

September 10

UNICO Raritan Chapter is planning an outing to Ellis Island on Saturday, Sept. 10. Bus departs from the Stop and Shop parking lot, Rt. 202 and Orlando Drive in Raritan at 8:30 a.m. Upon arrival at Liberty State Park, a ferry will take us to the island. Tickets: \$30 per person.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (908) 655-7388 or (908) 526-5470.

Festival at Our Lady of Fatima

September 10

Our Lady of Fatima Church will hold an International Festival on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 5 to 11 p.m. in the parish education and recreation centers located at 499 New Market Rd. Admission: adults (11 yrs+) \$10, Children (4-10) \$5, (3 and under) free. Enjoy international foods, cultural exhibits, multi-cultural entertainment, activities for children, raffles, music and dancing.

For information, contact Roberta Maurer at (732) 245-9124 or e-mail RebaSpec@optonline.net.

Country Fair and Polish Festival

September 11

The Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception will hold their 43rd Annual Country Fair and Polish Festival Sunday, Sept. 11 on the grounds of their US Provincial-ate and Novitiate located at 1000 Cropwell Road in Cherry Hill. Rain or shine.

For further information, call (856) 296-3973 or (856) 424-1962.

Visit St. Stephen International Festival

St. Stephen, the Protomartyr Antiochian Orthodox Church is holding its Annual International Festival September 16-18. Friday hours are 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 8 p.m. The festival offers foods from four different cuisines: Middle Eastern, Greek, Slavic and American entrees and desserts. Crowd favorites include gyros, kibbee, kielbasa, pierogies, kifta, musaka and old fashioned hot-dogs and hamburgers with your own choice of side dishes. Entrees are \$5, sides \$3 and desserts \$2. Also featured is a clam and shrimp bar. The kid's kornor section features two semi-trailers of board walk games, a castle bounce house, face painting, crafts, and apple decorating. Four booths featuring jewelry and gift items, athletic wear, a book bazaar and an Icon stand are available for shopping.

On Sunday, the Super Raffle will be drawn, featuring an iPad 2, LCD flat screen HDTV, a Coach pocket-book and an Apple Store gift card. Music from each region will be played throughout each day. On Saturday night, the tables will be pushed back and the music will be turned-up for dancing. Church tours are available for all interested. The church is located at 609 Lane Ave., just behind the South Plainfield High School parking lot.

Have questions? Contact us by email at saintstephenchurch609@gmail.com or by phone at (908) 756-0410. Visit our website www.ststephenchurch.net to see pictures from last year's festival and directions to the church.

Rosary Society Pilgrimage Planned

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will host a pilgrimage to The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor, near the hamlet of Garrison, N.Y. on Tuesday, Oct. 18. Bus leaves at 8 a.m. from the church parking lot off South Plainfield Ave. and returns at approximately 5 p.m.

Cost of the trip is \$60 and includes bus, driver's tip, hot buffet lunch and water and snacks on board. While at Graymoor, there will be a tour, Mass and time to explore on your own.

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

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

"What, summer's almost over? Where did it go? I was just getting used to it." No doubt many of you are pondering those thoughts. While you're doing that, let's also look at some late-August news from the South Plainfield Library.

We'll start with some schedule reminders. First, we'll be closed on Sunday, Sept. 4 and Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day and on Sunday, Sept. 11, in observance of Patriot Day. We'll be resuming Sunday operating hours (1:30-5 p.m.) the following Sunday, Sept. 18.

Following all the hustle and bustle of the Summer Reading Club and related activities, Miss Linda and Miss Mija are taking a bit of a break. So, our regular children's programs have been cancelled throughout September. They'll resume in October.

In order to respond to concerns over available space, we'd like to clear out some of our book sale inventory ASAP. So, please stop by and check out what's available; there's still a pretty good selection there. Prices are as marked. On a related matter, we're not currently accepting donations of books or A/V materials, due to the same space concerns. We'll let you know when it's OK to bring them again.

Here's another (sort of) space-related note: in our continuing effort to make the best use of our available space and to keep you on your toes, we've rearranged a few things in the building. First, our community suggestion box is now located in the new book section, right next to the new adult non-fiction shelves. Feel free to leave your comments and suggestions there. Next, the juvenile reference books, previously located in the children's room, may now be found on the reference shelves in the adult area. And third, we've shifted a few things near the classics area (right next to the reference shelves) to allow for shelving of our illustrated classics book collection. If you're still a bit

lost, don't feel bad; we're adjusting to the new stuff as well. Just stop by the circulation desk and we'll help you out.

Another reminder: if you discover that an item you've borrowed is damaged in one way or another, please let us know right away. This will allow us to see about repairing or replacing it as soon as possible, and it prevents another patron from getting stuck with a problem title. And when you tell us, please go into detail about what the problem is (What page is torn? What track on the CD won't play?). This will further help us determine the extent of the damage. As always, thanks very much for your help on this.

Finally, we've just added some interesting DVDs to our collection. Specifically, they're video footage of South Plainfield Labor Day parades from the years 1984-1986, and 1988-1989. They're normally kept on the adult non-fiction shelves; ask at the desk for assistance in finding them. And, if you're interested in more material like this, check with the South Plainfield Historical Society. Ask at reference for contact information.

That's about all for now. For more details, check our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary. If you're old-fashioned, call us at (908) 754-7885. We'll be back next Friday. In the meantime, get ready to wonder where autumn went in such a hurry, too.

Public Works Tree Preservation Program

The Public Works Department is in the process of implementing a tree preservation program. As a proactive approach to maintaining our trees, they will be trimming and elevating trees throughout the borough on an as needed basis.

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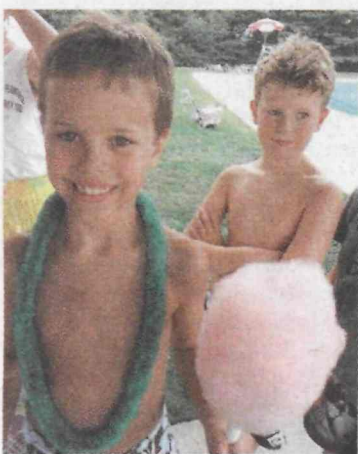
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Hawaiian Celebration a Night of Appreciation for Pool Members



Braden Dobrynio ready to eat cotton candy made by lifeguard Kristin Forbes and Chelsey Colucci at Pool Hawaiian Night.

By Libby Barsky

Dark clouds and the threat of rain didn't stop the annual Hawaiian Night at the community pool on August 18.

After an early afternoon closing at 4 p.m. to prepare and decorate for Hawaiian Night, the pool reopened again at 6 p.m., and by 6:30 the clouds began to darken. By that time long lines had formed with people patiently waiting to reach the table to

fill their plates with hamburgers, hot dogs and cheeseburgers, with sides of sauerkraut, chili, baked beans and potato and macaroni salads.

The professional grill donated by Sal's Liquors was manned by Lou Colicchio, who kept adding hamburger patties to the flames to keep up with demand while Eddie Sullivan foil wrapped them in buns as quickly as possible.

"All the food was purchased," said Lou Colicchio, who works at PAL and is the pool snack bar manager during the summer. "It's a night of appreciation for the members of the pool," he explained. The amount of food consumed totalled 200 hot dogs, 340 hamburgers, 35 boxes of pizza and 30 pounds each of potato salad and macaroni salad. Soda, coffee and cookies were also available.

Cotton candy on a paper cone was handed out to the kids. Both the machinery and the supplies to make candy were donated by Somers Syrup of Edison according to snack bar worker Chelsey Colucci, who was making the soft pink fluff and handing it out with the help of lifeguard Kristin Forbes. Many lifeguards were on duty watching the swimmers.

The sound of thunder brought on the sound of the pool's warning system—a loud horn-like siren warning everyone to leave the water. With no one in the water, the lifeguards were free to join the ongoing activities—spinning the hula hoops and joining the limbo line.

In the end, the clouds lightened, and the community pool party continued with neighbors meeting, eating and talking while kids worked the hula hoops and limbo danced. It was a very successful Hawaiian Night.



Snack bar manager Lou Colicchio and worker Eddie Sullivan worked the grill to feed hungry pool members.



Lifeguard Kristin Forbes (above) serves up cotton candy for a waiting patron, and kids take on the challenge of the limbo (below).



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Scott Pierce (above) tees off in a practice round on Tuesday. K.J. Choi (above right) and Jim Furyk sign autographs for fans who came out for pre-tournament play. Live action began Thursday after presstime. For the latest on the tournament, including details on spectator parking and busing, visit www.thebarclaysgolf.com.



BOE Announces Employee Retirements

(Continued from last issue)

The following members of the South Plainfield Education Association have retired and will not return this September: Leslie DiLollo, Nancy Donahue, Michele Fidler, Greg Genz, Barbara Harris, Patricia Higgins, Louise Mruz, Kathleen Murano, Tracy Murray, Anthony Porcile, Joanne Otlowski, Dan Radakovich, Donna Rowlands and Linda Schwebel.

Kathleen Murano has just completed her position as the assistant transportation Supervisor in the Transportation Department. A graduate of Mercer County Community College, she has been employed in the South Plainfield School District for 25 years. At the high school Murano has volunteered for Summer Drama doing the lighting board for their shows. She was also a classroom mother at Riley School for many years and a den mother for Cub Scouts.

She currently enjoys swimming, gardening and surfing the Web, as well as spending time with her family, her grandchildren and traveling. Murano stated, "I will miss the wonderful people I have worked with in the district for many years."

Joanne Otlowski was the librarian at John E. Riley School. She has taught in South Plainfield for 21 years, but has enjoyed a career in education for 39. Prior to becoming Riley's librarian she also taught sec-

ond, fourth and sixth grades at Kennedy, Franklin and Roosevelt schools. She is a graduate of Glassboro State College (Rowan University), Newark State (Kean University) and Rutgers University. Otlowski earned a B.A. in kindergarten-primary education, an M.A. as a reading specialist, and endorsements on her masters in educational media specialist.

She is a member of the Middlesex/Union County and New Jersey Associations of School Librarians, as well as SPEA, NJEA, MCEA and NEA. At Riley School she has been the student council advisor for four years and on the Professional Development and Character Education Committees. She has been a Girl Scout volunteer and also participates in the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

In addition, she enjoys crocheting, gardening, reading and travel. Her post-retirement plans include spending time with her grandchildren, traveling and working in her flower beds and yard at home.

Donna Rowlands has been employed in South Plainfield for over 23 years and has worked as a paraprofessional in many capacities. Her current assignment is at Grant Elementary School. Other positions include extended kindergarten at Riley, sixth grade at the middle school, autistic preschool and 5/6 at Grant. She was trained by COSAC for working

with autistic preschoolers. Rowlands noted, "I truly enjoyed these years of my employment. They were very rewarding."

Linda Schwebel is a member of the math department at the Middle School, where she was honored as "Teacher of the Year" in 1996 and also received the "Caring Award." She graduated from Radford University with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics/english grades 7-12. She has taught the children of South Plainfield for 21 years and has been an educator for 30. She maintains professional membership in the Association of Math Teachers of New Jersey (AMTNJ) and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

Other retirees include: **Leslie DiLollo**, a paraprofessional in many capacities, most recently at Roosevelt School; **Nancy Donahue**, fifth grade teacher at Grant Elementary; **Louise Mruz**, who was an elementary teacher for 39 years at Franklin, Riley and Roosevelt, as well as having a long tenure as past president of the South Plainfield Education Association; **Tracy Murray**, choral director and vocal music teacher at the high school; **Anthony Porcile**, a member of the Transportation Department, and **Dan Radakovich**, who taught woodworking in the industrial arts department at the high school.

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BY GARY LAMPASONA

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leaguelineup.com/spjbc and mail it in. If you would like to be a manager or coach, please note that on your registration form.

You can also call the clubhouse at (908) 754-2090 for more details and to register.



Sacred Heart to Host Second Golf Outing at Cranbury Course

Sacred Heart Parish will host its second annual golf outing at Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m.; the driving range will be available. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Prizes awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive and hit the green. Hot dogs, soda or beer at the turn and a lunch buffet are included in package.

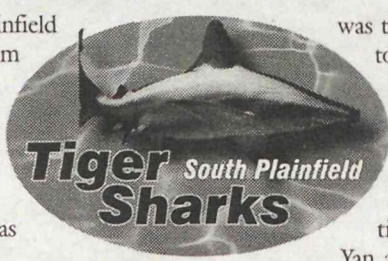
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Tiger Sharks Finish Meets With Big Win

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team competed in their last meet on July 23 with a big win against Hillsborough YMCA. The final score was 176 to 94.



was the only older boy to place, with a second place finish.

Freestyle for the girls gave first and second place ribbons, respectively, to Shannon Yan and Amanda Pina

(eight and under), Jenna Yan and Stephanie Chiu (9/10), Brianna Tang and Elizabeth Chiu (11/12) and Ali Huber and Gracie Piekarski (15-18). Second place wins went to Jenna Yan (10 and under) and Gracie Piekarski (13-18).

Freestyle events for the boys gave a first place ribbon to Brendan Tang and a second place ribbon to Matthew Chan in the 10 and under age group. 11/12 year old winners were Andrew Galarza-first place and Nicolas Gurrieri-third place. Eugene Kim

Backstroke winners were: first place Corey He and Tyler Wu in third place (8 and under); second place Brendan Tang and third place Aris Chung (9/10); first place David Wang, second place Daniel Galarza (13/14) and third place Charlie Butrico (15-18).

Butterfly events had three first place winners for the Tiger Sharks. They were Shannon Yan (8 and under), Darlene Fung (9/10) and Ellen Zinsky (15-18). Stephanie Chiu (9/10), Aubrey Marish (11/12) and Maggie Valentino (15-18) placed second, while Amanda Pina (8 and under), Geni Huber (11/12) and Amy Zinsky (15-18) placed third in the same event.

Ryan Park, Tyler Wu and Corey He swept the eight and under breaststroke. Not to be outdone, the 9/10 boys did the same with Matthew Chan, Aris Chung and Adam Nathoo. Peter Wu placed third in the 11/12 year old age group. Eugene Kim placed first and Daniel Galarza placed second in the 13/14 age group. Charlie Butrico placed second and Marcos Toapanta placed third for the oldest boys.

The 9-12 Free Relay took first place with Matt Chan, Andrew Galarza, Nicolas Gurrieri and Brendan Tang. The girls took all the medley relays with first place wins; eight and under winners were Shannon Yan, Allyson Betyennan, Sasha Galarza and Amanda Pina. 9-12 winners were Darlene Fung, Brianna Tang, Jenna Yan and Aubrey Marish, and the 13-18 group winners were Ellen Zinsky, Ali Huber, Maggie Valentino and Elizabeth Chiu.

Cory Kline Golf Tournament Set for September 30

The second annual Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament will be held this year on Friday, Sept. 30 at Rutgers Golf Club, 777 Hoes Lane West in Piscataway. Cory, the son of retired South Plainfield Police Officer Gary Kline and wife Linda, passed away on September 22, 2009 just a few days after being diagnosed with leukemia, leaving behind his wife, Nicole, and young children, Elizabeth and Jaxon.

The golf tournament was the idea of Cory's father, who wanted not only to bring family and friends together to do something Cory enjoyed so much, but also to raise money for his wife and children. Last year, 124 golfers and a total of 150 people attended. This year organizers moved the tournament to a Friday in the

hopes that more people will be able to participate and plan a weekend of more than just golf.

The \$150 cost per golfer includes lunch and beverages. Payment must be received prior to confirming your place. Checks can be made payable to Gary Kline and mailed to 375 Wampee St. NW, Calabash, N.C. 28467. If using PayPal, send to Gary's PayPal account: juveyman@aol.com. Sponsorships and/or messages are available for \$100 and will be displayed in a continuous loop on each golf cart's nine inch monitor.

For information, call David Haynie at (917) 359-7834, email david-haynie@hotmail.com or Gary Kline at (910) 579-5946, email juveyman@aol.com.

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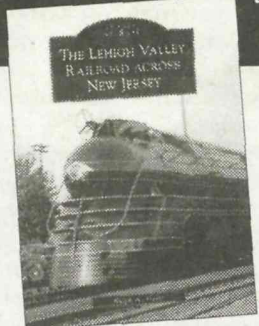


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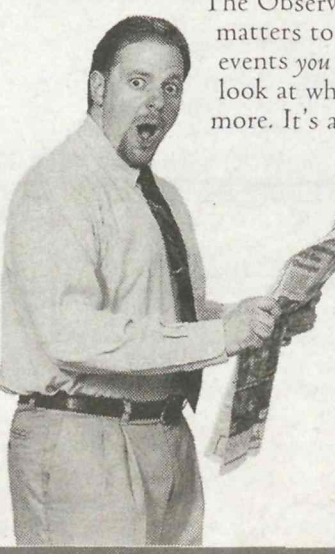
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Swimmers who have reached the age of 13 have made a commitment to the sport. Many of these swimmers have swum for area club teams since they were young and many now swim for their high school swim teams. The featured 13-18 year old swimmers are: Matilda Mercer, Paul Stanik, Grace Chung, Eugene Kim, Timmy Nuber, David Wang, Gina Cummings, Shannon Pepe, Daniel Galarza, Elissa Mackenzie, Emma Piedilato, Rebecca George, Enzo Butrico, Edward Sheaffer, Madison Faustini, Kelley O'Brien, Patrick Osiadacz, Cher Xu, Samantha Soto, Michael Petritsch, Eric Ivaniuc, Taylor Crews, Amanda Rowlands, Amy Zinsky, Marcos Toapanta, Ali Huber, Kaitlyn Faustini, Joey Valentino, Dale Uzzolino, Charlie Butrico, Taylor Aljian, Dennis Popov, Caroline Vill, Anthony Gurrieri, Liam McDermott, Kristen Forbes, Victoria Lee, Wayne Chan, Evy Peregrin, Gracie Piekarski, Cristina Butrico, Maggie Valentino, Bryce Uzzolino, Joey Cornelius, Dylan McDermott, Keith Horvath, Lauren Shea, Ellen Zinsky, and Chelsea Cullen.

On July 28 there was a special celebration in honor of head coach, Laurie Post, who has finished her 20th year coaching the Tiger Sharks. Maggie Valentino and Michael Boyle organized the event with special relay races. Food was donated by the swimmers and their parents and music was provided by Greg Lind. Former swimmers stopped by to swim in the relays or just give Laurie their best wishes. Former swimmers who attended the event were Calvin John Smiley, John Bostic, Josh Dec, Kareem Montani, Michael Boyle, Doug Porzio, Aidan McDermott, Chelsea Cullen, Emily Piekarski and Joey Valentino.

Finishing their swim careers with the Tiger Sharks are seniors Ellen Zinsky, who will attend the College of New Jersey, and Keith Horvath and Lauren Shea, who will both be attending Middlesex County College. The Tiger Sharks wish all of them much success and happiness as they enter the next phase in their lives.

The Tiger Sharks finished their dual meet season in second place as they entered the league championship on July 30. Details of the championship in next week's column.

—Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Parents and Kids Celebrate With Jews Clues!

This year, Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains offers a new twist on its popular Jews Clues program. The new "Celebration Series," which is designed for children ages two to four with a caregiver, will explore holidays, stories and traditions through play, music, arts and crafts.

Sessions take place several Sunday mornings this year at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. Cost is \$15 per session or \$50 for the full series for non-members.

"When the families arrive each morning, they go on a hunt for the three 'Jews clues' hidden around the room," explains Director of Education Michelle Shapiro Abraham. "When they find the clues, they figure out together what Jewish holiday they are learning about that day."

All families are welcome to participate in this exceptional program. Temple membership or any previous knowledge of Judaism is not required. The Jews Clues Celebration Series offers a wonderful way to get to know other young families while gaining tools to bring Judaism into your home. To register, or for more information about Temple Sholom's worship and programs for young families, please visit www.sholomnj.org or call (908) 889-4900.

About Temple Sholom

Founded in 1913, Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish Congregation led by Rabbi Joel N. Abraham. The temple and its religious school is home to about 250 families from the greater Scotch Plains-Fanwood area.

Food Pantry in Need of Donations

The South Plainfield Food Pantry is in desperate need of food donations. Any food item is greatly appreciated. Food can be dropped off anytime at the South Plainfield Municipal Building in the Social Services Department located at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

We are especially in need of the following items: one dish meals (canned pasta, spam, tuna, stew, etc.), cereal, canned fruit, pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly.

Cheryl Lynne (Walters) Zweeres, 62

Cheryl Lynne (Walters) Zweeres, died on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at home surrounded by her family.

Born in Camp Kilmer, Cheryl had resided in Hawaii and Germany before settling in South Plainfield 32 years ago.

She had been employed as a teacher's aide in the special education department at South Plainfield Middle School.

Cheryl will be sadly missed by all who have known her and will always be remembered for her compassionate and caring nature, for always putting everyone before herself, her fantastic sense of humor and wit and as one who loved animals. Most importantly, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and especially her granddaughter.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Thomas; a son, Sean and wife Stephanie of High Bridge; a daughter, Rebecca Makowski and husband Frank of Middlesex; and a beloved granddaughter, Riley Rose Makowski. In addition, she is survived by her siblings and their spouses, Karen and Barry Van Hoose of Shorewood, Ill., Robin and Arnie Arce of Brick, Heather and Marcos Roman of Ewing and Glenn and Carol Walters of Sewell, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the America Melanoma Foundation, 4150 Regents Park Row, Suite 300, La Jolla, Calif. 92037.

Ramona Ziminski

Ramona Ziminski died on Monday, Aug. 15 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

She was born in New Brunswick and resided in Bridgewater with her family. Mrs. Ziminski graduated from the Girls Catholic High School in Roselle,

and continued her education at Kean University in Union where she earned a B.A. marketing degree.

Ramona is survived by her husband, George, and a daughter, Michelle Ziminski, as well as several extended relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Ramona to the Sarcoma Foundation of America www.curesarcoma.org.

Salvatore J. Wood Jr., 83

Salvatore J. Wood Jr. passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 17 surrounded by his family.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Sal resided in the city for most of his life. He then resided in South Plainfield for several years and recently resided in Bonita Springs, Fla.

Sal worked for HOB Chevrolet in North Plainfield for over 20 years, then went into business for himself, operating Sal's Corner Deli located in North Plainfield.

Mr. Wood was a devout Catholic. He served as a Eucharistic Minister for Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield, and was active with the Knights of Columbus. He served as past grand knight for the Watchung Council #552 and was a member of the South Plainfield Council #6203, Cranford Council #6226 and the Linden Council #2859. In 1977 he became grand knight for the Linden Council and continued to serve as their council advocate.

He was a past faithful navigator for the Watchung Assembly and was also a member of the color guard. Sal served as the former treasurer of the Union County Federation was a district deputy for Union County and named District Deputy of the Year in 1970. In addition, for 45 years Sal volunteered at the Runnels Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights and had been recognized for his years of service.

He is predeceased by his wife, Mary. He is survived by his children, Julia Wood and husband Dominick Verdic of Scotch Plains, Salvatore J. Wood III and wife Yolonda of Fla., Chris and Sandra Wood of North Plainfield and Jerry and Janet Wood of Bricktown; a sister, Elizabeth Va-

lente and husband Thomas of Scotch Plains; two brothers, Michael Wood and wife Jean of Basking Ridge and Frank Wood and wife Mary of Plainfield. He also is survived by five grandchildren, Jason and Justin Wood and Catherine, Caroline and Colleen Verdic and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Triboro Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 98, Seaside Park, N.J. 08752.

Zoltan J. Petercsak 87

Zoltan J. Petercsak died on Friday, Aug. 19 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., Zoltan grew up in the Bonhamtown section of Edison and settled in South Plainfield in 1947.

He worked for Lockheed Electronics in Watchung as an experimental machinist.

A Veteran of WWII, Mr. Petercsak served with the Marines and was stationed in the Pacific and the Philippines. Before his honorable discharge in 1946, he achieved the rank of sergeant.

A communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield, Zoltan's most cherished moments were spent with his family, particularly with his two great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Kmosko; two sons and their spouses, Robert and Janis Petercsak of South Plainfield and Thomas and Diane Petercsak of Branchburg; a brother, Elmer Petercsak and wife Nancy of Oakhurst; a granddaughter, Melanie Carballo and husband Donald, and two great-grandchildren, Cassidy and Sara Carballo.

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

Paul Glowatsky, 56

Paul Glowatsky died on Saturday, Aug. 20 at his residence.

Born in Plainfield, Paul was raised in South Plainfield and had lived in Highland Park for the past 30 years.

Paul liked to smoke cigarettes and enjoyed spending time with his family, especially going out to eat at Red Lobster and White Castle.

He is predeceased by his father, Paul, who died in 1986.

Paul is survived by his mother, Elizabeth (Yurko) Glowatsky of Plainfield and two siblings, Paulette Almquist and husband Stewart of Tannersville, Pa. and Diana Dover and husband Frank of Opelika, Ala. He also is survived by six nieces and nephews, Dee Dee Wedge, Stewart Almquist Jr., Cindy Bennett and Steven, Christina and Scott Almquist and many extended family and friends.

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

Patricia J. (Cresho) Ogrodnik, 67

Patricia J. (Cresho) Ogrodnik died on Monday, Aug. 22 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Carbondale, Pa. to her late parents, Nicholas and Julia (Mustowski) Cresho, she had been a resident of South Plainfield for 46 years.

Patricia liked Elvis and TV game shows and enjoyed her time spent with her family.

She is predeceased by her husband, Frank J. Ogrodnik.

She is survived by a daughter, Christine Ogrodnik and fiancé Jeffrey Catalini of South Plainfield; a son, Michael and wife Deanne of California; four grandchildren, Tiffany Ogrodnik and fiancé Michael Innes, Stephanie, Layla and Logan Ogrodnik; a sister, Maryann and husband Wally Gordziewski and two nieces, Roseanne Holland and Diane Fratesi. She will be missed by Donna and David Cieszkiewicz and their family, as well as many extended family and friends. Services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Keith Dziombak requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit (1) proposed garage exceeds 576 square feet; 952 square feet is proposed; (2) exceeds 25% lot coverage allowable; 28.3% proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 5 Trista's Way, Block 282, Lot 50.04 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 8, 2011 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

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

\$38.50 August 26, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Andrew Bohl requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit proposed portico which lacks 30' front setback from Rahway Avenue; 27' proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1702 So. Central Avenue, Block 45, Lot 4 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 8, 2011 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Zekas requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 21' above-ground swimming pool to encroach into the secondary front yard setback on E. Crescent Pkwy, 30' required, 10' proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 2410 Linden Ave, Block 77, Lot 14 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 8, 2011 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Rita Siegel requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an existing 10' x 12' wood shed to stay in its present location at 36" from side property line; 5' is required; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 137 Ivy Street, Block 160, Lot 1 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 8 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

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Labor Day Race and Walk Raise to Benefit Substance Abuse Awareness

The South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness (SPASA), the Club at Ricochet and the South Plainfield Education Foundation (SPEF) will hold the 21st annual Labor Day 5K Race on Monday, September 5. This year, the South Plainfield Education Foundation will partner with the Brayden-Carr Foundation to help fund a new scholarship in Brayden Carr's memory. More than 300 runners competed last year. The 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk will also be held this year. More than 30 walkers participated in the event last year and organizers hope to increase this number in support of family togetherness and a positive drug free, fun-filled fitness lifestyle.

The entry fee for walkers is \$5 per person and/or family. T-shirts and substance awareness information packets will be given to the first 40 participants who pre-register by today for the walk.

This year's 5K run pre-entry registration is \$15 (by today); the registration fee after today and on race day will be \$20. The first 100 pre-registered 5K entrants will receive a T-shirt along with a packet of various items

and substance awareness information. Computer timing will be handled by Best Race Systems and race results will be posted on the Internet at www.bestrace.com. Do not mail applications after today due to the possibility of not arriving to the post office box in time.

The race will begin and end on Lake Street next to the South Plainfield Middle School. Both the 5K run and the 1.5 mile walk will begin at 9:30 a.m., depending on the parade marshals, with registration starting at 8:15 a.m. There will be two tables set up, one for pre-registered runners and another for race day registrations.

All proceeds from the race support the efforts of the SPASA and the SPEF in making the South Plainfield community drug free and to inspire our students to achieve academically with positive incentives and education grants and scholarships.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the borough's webpage, southplainfieldnj.com. Mail application and check to South Plainfield Education Foundation or S.P.E.F., Attn: 5K Race and Fitness Walk, P.O. Box 733, South Plainfield N.J. 07080.

54TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE



Some of the trophies to be awarded at the annual Labor Day parade.

Be a Part of the Labor Day Parade

South Plainfield's 54th Labor Day parade will be held on Monday, Sept. 5. This year's theme is "Honoring Our Heroes."

The parade is just one part of the daylong events. The annual community picnic will be held on the front lawn of the Middle School with live musical entertainment, food, games, rides and more. It's the perfect opportunity for businesses to meet the community. A great turnout is anticipated. Space is limited. Participants are advised to return a completed application and the appropriate check donation as soon as possible so as many vendors as possible can be accommodated.

Applications may be picked up at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Applications, along with check or money order made out to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or the South Plainfield

Volunteer Fire Department, should be mailed to The Public Celebrations Committee, Attn: Debbie Leporino, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. Vendors who arrive on the day of the parade who failed to send in an application will be denied admission.

Vendors must arrive between 7 and 7:30 a.m. at the middle school as roads will be closed shortly thereafter. The application only reserves a designated spot at the middle school. Vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, etc. No vehicles will be allowed on the middle school lawn or sidewalk area.

Applications received after August 12 will require an additional \$50 donation.

For more information, email Leporino at SPLaborDayParade@aol.com, or log on to the borough website, southplainfieldnj.com.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County Hosts Gala

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth & Middlesex Counties (BBB-SMMC) will hold the 13th annual Matching Smiles Gala on Friday, Oct. 14 at Navesink Country Club in Middletown.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception, seasonal beer tasting and silent auction at 7 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing. A live auction will be a highlight and will include an opportunity to "Sponsor-A-Match" where attendees can pledge the cost of bringing a child together with a caring, adult mentor and of supervising the match for the first year.

The Provident Bank will be honored for their many contributions to BBB-SMMC and our community. In addition, there will be "Bigs" and "Littles" in attendance to greet guests and to give testimonials about how the mentoring relationship has changed their lives for the better.

To purchase tickets or sponsorships call (732) 544-2224 ext. 321 or email mbull@bbbsmmc.org.

BOE to Limit

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March 17 board meeting, the workers' paychecks increased and Board Attorney Mark Zitomer stated the board had received \$50,000 from Sodexo.

Phoebe Schell, spokesman for Union 32BJSEIU, who is advocating for a labor union in South Plainfield, has been present at all BOE meetings along with workers who speak out against Sodexo and its record.

Board member Christopher Hubner has responded to remarks by reminding the workers their dispute is with Sodexo and not with the board of education. The board has a contract with Sodexo for their service and it is Sodexo who hires the workers.

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Summer Drama Wraps Up

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop can chalk up yet another successful season. The youth theater group celebrated their 40th anniversary with this year's production of Disney *High School Musical*. The show was a hit with the audience; the group sold a record number of tickets for the show. Some people returned to see the show multiple times.

The group worked five days a week rehearsing, preparing, building and more in an effort to perfect the show. *High School Musical* was the perfect choice that offered students the chance to portray roles they knew best, those of high school students dealing with classes, friends, jealousy, sports, loyalty, detention and, of course, romance.

SDW President Bill Mott said, "This show was a wonderful way to celebrate 40 years of SPSDW. It had the highest ticket sales of the last five years, and each show was as good if not better than the previous one. The staff and students have all formed special friendships that will last for years to come. Many of the alumni were seen at the various performances; they come back to see old friends and support the program because 'We Are All in this Together'."

This year's 40th anniversary was made even more special when the board was notified that three performers from last year's *Seussical the Musical* had been nominated for the prestigious NJACT Perry Awards. Intern Rocco Serverini and student Cory Singer were nominated for Outstanding Youth Actor in a Musical and Kelly Kline for Outstanding Youth Actress in a Musical. The awards will be presented on September 17 at the Double Tree Inn in Somerset.

The website njact.org provides insight into the awards. The NJACT Perry Awards are given for outstanding achievements in community theater. NJACT bestows Perry Awards in 33 performance and technical categories based upon NJACT reviewer scores. Candidates with the top seven scores in each category are considered nominees. The candidate with the highest score in each category receives the Perry Award.



Carousel Hair Invites Public To Celebrate 35th Anniversary

Carousel Hair Salon owners Marty and Joe Papa will celebrate their 35th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 28. They plan to share their anniversary celebration with the community by giving out free gifts and services from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The salon will offer free hair foils, refreshments including hors d'oeuvres, cake, beverages and the opportunity to meet the staff. They will also offer a number of door prizes, including a \$25 gift certificate to be used on any service in the salon.

The three professional cosmetologists working with Marty will offer guests a choice of highlights, lowlights or vibrant colors. Foils are normally five dollars each, making this event a great opportunity for savings, as well as a fun afternoon. Kids can return to school with a cool new look and parents can save a few dollars. Note: children must be accompanied by an adult.

Marty noted that each client will have a choice of three to five foils

depending on the desired result. Colors are usually applied in one or two foils. The staff will take their time, paying close attention to each client. Marty will not be rushed due to a crowd. She is anticipating an overflow of guests, and those who cannot be accommodated will receive a gift certificate for the service at a later date.

The salon offers a wide array of services, including their newest—airbrush tanning and feather extensions. They also offer facials, pedicures, manicures, wax treatments, makeup, facial and body waxing, roller sets, pin curls and waves, perms and much more. Carousel will soon be online with a full price list at carouselhairandbodyworks.com.

"Come in and meet us. You will see how we have survived the demanding business of cosmetology for so many years. Thanks for the 35!" said Marty. Carousel Salon is located on Oak Tree Road, for more information or appointment call (908) 668-8397.

Annual Benefit Softball Game Set for September 9

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festivities to honor those lives lost on that tragic morning.

The first event of the evening will be a home run derby which is open to the public. Participants can enter the contest for a nominal fee of \$15 and compete for home run bragging rights and prizes. The number of rounds in the contest will depend on the number of entries.

The home run derby begins at 6 p.m., with the benefit softball game immediately following. There will be food, beer and soda available throughout the evening. Refills of beer will be available with the purchase of a \$10 commemorative mug.

Last year, the fire department edged out the police department in an exciting game. This year, the police are looking to rebound and reclaim the trophy that the firemen have been bragging about since last year.

All proceeds from the event will go towards additional scholarships for borough high school students in 2012. Each year, the South Plainfield PBA Local #100 and South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department offer multiple scholarships to graduating seniors based on merit, school activities, and community involvement. These proceeds will help each organization reward additional deserving students from South Plainfield.

If you are interested in entering the home run derby or if you are a local business who would like to sponsor part of the event with a sign, banner, or food/product, please contact Officer Peter Magnani of the South Plainfield Police Department at (908) 226-7678 or email him at pmagnani@southplainfieldnj.com.

A rain date is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 23.



South Plainfield Historical Society quilt raffle tickets are now on sale. The raffle takes place after the Labor Day parade.

Purchase Tickets For Labor Day Lone Star Quilt Raffle

The South Plainfield Historical Society annual quilt raffle is underway. This year's selection is the Terra Lone Star in Common Amish Quilt and measures 97 inches by 111 inches to fit your queen size bed. It is a collection of earthtones, set in the center of a patchwork of browns. The quilt is from Lancaster County, and was handquilted with approximately five handquilted stitches per inch. A combination of pleasing earthtones makes this Terra Lone Star in Common Amish Quilt a beauty that will shine in your home.

The quilt will be on display in the South Plainfield Public Library for the month of August with the raffle taking place after the Labor Day parade at the Middle School. Please stop by the library to check out the quilt and purchase your tickets. Tickets may also be obtained from any Historical Society member or by visiting Nicasastro's Garage on Hamilton Boulevard.

To purchase tickets, call Bill Tuthill at (908) 756-3654 or Kathy Horvath at (908) 754-7268.

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