



## POLICE BLOTTER

### Westfield

Tuesday, September 27, an Elmer Street resident reported a burglary to his apartment and the theft of approximately \$1,230 worth of property, including a portable computer and a DVD player.

Tuesday, September 27, a Mountain Avenue resident reported the theft of an eight-foot-high, inflatable Disney character lawn ornament.

Thursday, September 29, Katy Melnick, 36, of Newark was arrested in the 300 block of Brightwood Avenue on a criminal warrant issued by the Westfield Municipal Court. She posted \$350 bail.

Thursday, September 29, Louis Ortiz, 43, of Cranford was arrested at Westfield police headquarters on contempt-of-court warrants out of Westfield, for \$500, and Roseland, for \$180. Ortiz posted bail.

Thursday, September 29, Damian King, 30, of Linden was arrested at West South Avenue and Crossway Place on a contempt-of-court warrant for \$300 from Scotch Plains, for which he posted bail.

Thursday, September 29, Betsaida Aguilar, 25, of Palisades Park was arrested at South Avenue and Crossway Place on a \$200 contempt-of-court warrant out of Bergenfield and posted bail.

Friday, September 30, John Harrington, 23, of Westfield was arrested in the 200 block of Kimball Avenue on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant from North Hunterdon for \$204. Harrington posted bail.

Friday, September 30, Todd Aurand, 28, of Roselle Park was arrested in the 800 block of Central Avenue on two outstanding contempt-of-court warrants out of Cranford - one criminal and one traffic - for a total of \$1,000. He was turned over to Cranford police.

Saturday, October 1, Christina Hood, 29, of Belleville was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at Central Avenue and Park Street on a contempt-of-court warrant from Clark for \$110. She posted bail.

Saturday, October 1, a Westfield resident reported the theft of \$131 in currency from his wallet that was left unattended at an Elm Street grocery store.

Sunday, October 2, during a motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Brightwood Avenue and Clark Street, Jerijan Baldwin, 60, of Bennington, Vt. was arrested on two outstanding con-

tempt-of-court warrants from South Plainfield, for which he posted a total of \$375 bail.

Sunday, October 2, Ramiro Mojica, 28, of Franklin was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at Ripley Place and Livingston Avenue on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant for \$35 out of Parsippany. Mojica posted bail.

### Scotch Plains

Monday, September 26, a Terrill Road resident reported being the victim of harassment. The victim stated that a former coworker called her on her cell phone several times and made inappropriate comments to her.

Tuesday, September 27, a student of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School reported the theft of a cell phone from his locker. The phone was valued at \$400. There are no suspects at this time.

Tuesday, September 27, a resident of Victor Street reported an attempted burglary to his residence. The victim stated that sometime overnight, unknown suspects broke a window to his house. Entrance was not gained.

Tuesday, September 27, a Henry Street resident reported damage to his driveway lights. The victim stated that several lights were broken sometime overnight. There are no suspects at this time.

Sunday, October 2, a business owner on East Second Street reported being the victim of criminal mischief. The victim stated that unknown suspects threw eggs at his business.

### Mountainside

Monday, September 26, an unknown black male with dreadlocks ran from a patrol stop initiated by Union County Police on Route 22. The suspect ran across Route 22 towards Famous Dave's Restaurant. It was reported that the suspect might be in possession of a handgun. A perimeter was established and the area was patrolled by Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Westfield and Berkeley Heights Police Departments. The suspect was observed entering 7-11 and then running down Mountain Avenue. The suspect entered the wooded area known as the Barnes Tract. A search of

the area did not produce the suspect and police eventually called off the search. The incident is still under investigation.

Thursday, September 29, Jaolil Spruiel, 19, of Plainfield was arrested for receiving stolen property and for eluding and resisting arrest. The subject was spotted on Route 22 traveling at a high rate of speed. When an officer ran a plate check, the vehicle was determined to be stolen. The subject tried to elude police and crashed the vehicle in Echo Lake Park. He attempted to avoid arrest but was successfully brought into headquarters where he gave police a false identity. Further investigation determined his true identity.

Friday, September 30, Angelo Chavez, 26, of Bloomfield was arrested for driving with a suspended license following a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Friday, September 30, Mia Flake, 26, of Scotch Plains was arrested on Route 22 for driving while intoxicated (DWI) following a motor vehicle stop. The subject was also cited for disorderly conduct and was transported to Muhlenberg Hospital from headquarters for suicidal behavior in the holding cell.

Saturday, October 1, a victim reported his vehicle was robbed while parked at Loews Theatre. The victim reported that the driver's-side door lock was broken and his wallet and cell phone were reported missing from the glove compartment.

Saturday, October 1, Anabela S. Jeronimo, 41, of Harrison was arrested while driving on Cornell Parkway for driving with a suspended license. She was also issued a summons for driving an uninsured vehicle.

Saturday, October 1, Hugo V. Dias, 19, of Harrison was arrested for outstanding warrants following a motor vehicle stop on Cornell Parkway.

## 100th Anniv.

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Lawn chairs lined the old train station, which has never been used for an outdoor event. Children danced to YMCA and adults enjoyed conversation and birthday cake.

Former Fanwood mayor and current State Assemblywoman Linda Stender (D-22), pulled up a lawn chair.

"My husband and I choose to live in Fanwood because of the strong community," she said. "I was here for the centennial of Fanwood and being here brings back great memories."

During intermission, Harry Pasquito of the Greaseband said, "It's an honor to be here for Fanwood's 110th Anniversary. Fanwood is a unique town, a one of it's kind. It looks like people of all different ages showed up today for the event. Towns like this are why it's great to live in America."

Sunday, October 2, Pedro Castillo, 22, of Plainfield was arrested for DWI following a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Sunday, October 2, a victim reported that his vehicle was broken into while parked at Arirang Restaurant. The victim reported the driver's-side door lock was broken and items were removed from the trunk. Officers obtained a surveillance video from the restaurant and witnessed the individual rummaging through the vehicle. The incident is still under investigation.

### Fanwood

Wednesday, September 28, Lawrence F. Thomas, 51, of Plainfield was stopped for investigative purposes on Kings Street and Terrill Road and was later arrested on outstanding warrants.

Wednesday, September 28, David Richardson, 30, of Newark was arrested for outstanding warrants following an investigative stop.

Thursday, September 29, Cedric A. Smith, 38, of Jersey City was arrested for outstanding warrants following a motor vehicle stop.

## FW Zoning

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to his property, gave him letters of their approval of his proposal.

The previous owners of this property had applied for similar subdivisions in 1979 and in 1983, which were denied by the board. The board discussed whether this was the same application previously applied for or if it was substantially different. Mr. Mega advised the board that this was a substantially different application coming under a C-2 variance, which did not exist prior to 1984, permitting the new application.

The application was also significantly different, Robert Kraus, attorney for the applicant, pointed out because the previous applications did not propose to raze the existing house and the lot sizes were substantially different.

Another application was tabled after the board determined that some of the calculations and measurements were ambiguous. Andy Lorenzetti applied for a bulk variance to expand his home at 130 Tillotson Road by adding several rooms on the second floor and adding an addition to the ground floor. There was some uncertainty as to whether the set backs requested were rear yard or side yard set backs.

Due to the lack of clarity, the application was postponed until the architect could clarify the ambiguities. Both the Lee and Lorenzetti applications will be carried to next month's board meeting on Wednesday, October 26.

The Staggard Place special meeting and the agenda meeting will be held on Monday, October 17. Both meetings will be held in the Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m.

## GOP Appeals for McWilliams

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lot, citing the "sore loser's" provision.

Calls to Robert Varady, a Union Township attorney representing the County Democratic Committee, and to Committee Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo, were not returned by press deadline.

In terms of the appellate court's decision, Mr. Foerst said the ruling contained "no basis of fact, no analysis or discussion." "I was surprised by the timing (of the decision)," said Mr. Foerst, noting the court only received legal briefs hours beforehand.

The Appellate Court gave Republicans until today, October 6, by 5 p.m. to file a new candidate for Plainfield mayor. The GOP's primary election winner, Cheryl Arana, dropped out of the race on September 13, citing personal reasons.

## Scotch Plains Day Events On Tap This Weekend

By SUZETTE F. STALKER  
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SCOTCH PLAINS - Township residents and visitors are invited to participate in Scotch Plains Day weekend festivities, which will kick off tomorrow night and culminate with the annual street fair Sunday.

The Scotch Plains Recreation Department, Scotch Plains Lions Club and Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA) are the sponsors. The week-end-long celebration serves as an opportunity to showcase businesses in the Towne Centre and to recognize those who have played pivotal roles within the community.

Events will get underway Friday evening, October 7, with a bon fire, 7 p.m. pep rally and 8 p.m. screening of the film *Star Wars* on the Evergreen Elementary School field behind Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, the Scotch Plains Lions Club will again present its market in the municipal building parking lot on Park Avenue, with vendors offering crafts, food and "flea market" type merchandise. The Lions Market will be located next to the Farmers Market.

On Sunday, October 9, the street

fair will take place from noon to 5 p.m. in the Town Centre. Park Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic for the duration of the festival, which will feature rides, games and a performance by the band The Nerds.

On Sunday, the Lions Club market will relocate from the municipal lot to Park Avenue. Proceeds from the annual market benefit Lions' charities, as well as a scholarship.

"It's been our biggest fundraiser," said Ron Kelly, Scotch Plains Lions Vice President, of the market. "We've had a lot of people calling us for vendor space."

Space permitting, vendors may set up tables in the municipal lot until Saturday morning. The fees are \$25 for two car spaces, \$35 for three car spaces and \$45 for four car spaces.

## Redevelop

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tional 10-foot set back, and the alleyway requirement was moved from every 100 feet of building space to the end of lot lines, instead of in the middle of buildings.

The revisions that were included advised the council to remove references to the inclusion of apartments and multi-family dwellings and to only permit townhouses for this area. Another recommendation was to limit height to no greater than three stories or 35 feet.

The proposed revisions also recommend that the issue of height calculations be revisited to bring clarity to a confusing issue. All other changes to the residential area were tabled and will be decided on an individual basis.

Prior to voting "no," Mr. McDonald reiterated that these were important decisions and problems that should not be decided on in an hour or under the pressure of moving along other applications.

## SP Council

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state's bow hunting-first stance "patently political," saying that officials in Trenton were "kowtowing to the hunters lobby."

The deer population's increasing size in recent years has caused a number of car accidents as well as resident complaints of deer wandering off the reservation and into neighborhood yards, where they destroy landscaping and tip garbage cans.

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**Mayor's Saturday Hours Prove Effective for Residents**

By BETSEY BURGDOFF  
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WESTFIELD - Mayor Andrew Skibitsky has opened his office door for the past few months on Saturday mornings to give residents an opportunity to talk with the mayor one-on-one in a venue much more personal than town council meetings.

Since the first Saturday he has met with approximately 10 residents each morning.

"I'm not sure I've ever

courts would be ready or an alternate plan was in place.

Mayor Skibitsky immediately placed a phone call to Town Administrator Jim Gildes, who stated that the courts were being repaired, not resurfaced and would be completed in the next two weeks.

"If the weather cooperates, it should be done in two weeks," Mayor Skibitsky added. "Lights and courts,

point being, we serve as an extraordinary ambassador for the city of Westfield."

Mr. Wroe stated the Westfield Symphony Orchestra would like the town to participate in an in-kind contribution by donating the police presence required when the orchestra performs in town to help with traffic, parking and the crossing of pedestrians attending the performances. In the past,

When he was sworn into office on June 21, Andy Skibitsky promised to make our local government more open, more accessible and more accountable.

He kept his promise.

In fact, every Saturday morning you can find Andy Skibitsky hosting meetings with local residents at Town Hall.

This gives residents an opportunity to talk to the Mayor and share their concerns on a time frame that fits their schedule.

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