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Tri-County Red Cross Thanks Area Supporters

As 2006 draws to a close, it is time to offer a hearty "thank you" to the many of you who supported us during the year.

As chairman of the American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter of New Jersey, I have seen first-hand the extraordinary work of our staff and volunteers who serve twenty-two communities throughout Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties.

Through the year we responded to 51 local disasters, most of them home fires, affecting 275 adults and 102 children. We trained more than 15,000 people in areas such as CPR, life guarding and first aid, provided 9,300 medical-related trips to people who had no other means of transportation, conducted blood-collection services and provided emergency communications linking military personnel with their families locally.

In response to major disasters on a national level, such as Katrina, we trained 180 people in disaster response, deployed 38 individuals to the affected areas for 2-3 week periods and assisted 81 displaced

families with housing and other social services.

Our goal is to ensure that every family in our community is "Disaster-Ready." This could mean a home fire prevention plan, someone in every household being CPR-trained, or certifications in such areas as first-aid, water safety and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) use. We urge you to make this your family's 2007 priority and to let us help you get there.

Tonight, tomorrow, any minute now, one of our neighbors is going to turn to the Red Cross for help. It is through your support and generosity that the Tri-County Chapter will be there for them. Thank you, again.

For more information, please see www.tricountyredcross.org.

Sheldon Goldberg
Tri-County Chapter
American Red Cross
Plainfield

Government Wants Our Money; Keeping Us in the Dark

I could not agree with you more (editorial, Dec. 7) that the public entities must keep the public informed of their actions. The Scotch Plains Mayor and Township Council do make efforts to keep us apprised. In fact, their public meetings are televised live and repeated many times; in addition there are interviews with the local printed media.

However, the state, county and the school board are just the opposite. It is apparent, they want to govern and spend our money while keeping us in the dark.

The governor and those running Trenton, gave us four committees to look at property tax reform. They met for months, talked mostly to the unions, left the minority party out of the decision making and just a couple days before a union protest on medical and pension reform, decided that these topics should be discussed behind closed doors.

The governor seeing the resentment told the legislature to go ahead with their recommendations, but reminded them that he had veto power. This served to take the wind out of the sails for any reform. So much for the governor's "800 pound gorilla."

When it comes to the county, they have been cited by a Union County prosecutor for failure to comply with the Sunshine Law (i.e., N.J.S.A. 10:4-13).

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS 2007 REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Regular Meetings of the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, NJ will be held in Council Chambers, First Floor, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ at 7:30 p.m. on the following Mondays in 2007, unless otherwise indicated:

- January 8
- January 22
- February 12
- February 26
- March 12
- March 26
- April 9
- April 23
- May 14
- Wednesday, May 30
- June 11
- June 25
- July 9
- July 23
- August 13
- August 27
- September 10
- September 24
- Wednesday, October 10
- October 22
- Wednesday, November 14
- November 26
- December 10

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in touch with the Board Office during normal business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, etc.)

All interested parties may be present and be heard. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in touch with the Board Office during normal business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, etc.)

Why are their meetings not held live on TV and repeated? Why is there no call in like our town has? Why is it that the Union County Watchdogs never have a shortage of material to investigate and are forced to issue OPRA after OPRA request?

The county on the other hand said that the Watchdogs are wasting public monies. This makes one think that only the county wants to control the spending of taxpayer's dollars. When one questions the spending, (they say) that it is wasting; but when the money is appropriated in Elizabeth, it is not. Union County Freeholders — how many went to the Chicago nationwide convention, and how much did they spend on this boondoggle?

The local access TV channel does show the town council meeting, but never a county meeting, unless it (the county) appears to tell us how great they are, or to show us local sports.

What is TV34 an ESPN want-a-be? Why can't the school board meetings be televised? Why not tell us where our dollars are going? Does the BOE believe that they are in compliance with the Sunshine Law? Why can't we have comprehensive meeting minutes and when will the public be informed as to the discussions in Executive Session? At one time, the school board meetings were televised each Monday night. Why can't we return to this openness?

It is about time that we demanded performance. Should we not get it, we must vote them out of office, turn down school budgets, reject bonds for lights on fields, issue petitions or recall elected officials.

Albert Muller
Scotch Plains

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS 2007 REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, regular meetings of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey will be held in Council Chambers, First Floor, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays in 2007:

- January 4, 2007 [Reorganizational]
- February 1, 2007
- March 1, 2007
- April 5, 2007
- May 3, 2007
- June 7, 2007
- July 12, 2007
- September 6, 2007
- October 4, 2007
- November 1, 2007
- December 6, 2007
- January 8, 2008 [Reorganizational]

All interested parties may be present and be heard. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in touch with the Board Office during normal business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, etc.)

Barbara Horev
Board Secretary
1 T - 12/14/06, The Times Fee: \$31.11

HELP WANTED

Exercise Physiologists/Trainers
New Fitness Ctr in Scotch Plains looking for friendly, dependable CPT's to develop, supervise & assist members of all ages & abilities w/exercise program. Degree and/or Cert. Req'd. Call Sheri (609) 683-7888 or email sherif@fitnessandwellness.org

HELP WANTED

Prudential NJ Properties'
Westfield Office is hiring full-time agents, both new and experienced. Corporate training program/in-house training. Call Margie for confidential interview at (908) 232-5664, ext. 103.

More Government News

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22nd District News

Treat Divorcing Couples With Dignity in the Law

Senator Nicholas Scutari, Linden

The end of a marriage is always a deeply sad and difficult occasion. When two people get married, it is with the expectation that their union will last forever, and that they will provide each other with strength, support and companionship throughout life's journey. As a society, we recognize that marriage is a serious and special commitment, and we therefore confer numerous unique rights, privileges and responsibilities on married couples.

However, we also recognize that marriages do not always work, and that it is necessary to have a mechanism in place that allows for the dissolution of a marriage while at the same time protecting the rights of each spouse and, if need be, their children. I firmly believe, as do we all, that people should have the right to make decisions about themselves and their families with dignity and privacy.

I introduced Senate bill 1467 because I feel that New Jersey's existing divorce statutes do not respect that basic right. By establishing irreconcilable differences as grounds for divorce, we will create an avenue for couples who have mutually decided that their marriage has irreparably failed to part without adding undue stress or acrimony. Currently, in order to seek a "no-fault" divorce in New Jersey, couples must be separated and living in different residences for a period of 18 months, at the end of which it is determined that there is no reasonable prospect for reconciliation.

Many couples feel that this time frame is unreasonable and unrealistic, forcing them to put their lives on hold for a year and a half when they have already deter-

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CLERICAL POSITION

Full-time, entry-level position available for busy municipal office. Qual candidate must be self starter/quick learner, detail oriented & able to multitask. Proficient in Microsoft Office. Good comm skills & pleasant personality. Fax resume (908) 789-4129 Bldg Dept.

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Substitute School Nurses
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Dr. Richard O'Malley
(908) 232-3232 x 140
Mountainside Board of Education
1497 Woodacres Drive
Mountainside NJ 07092
E-Mail:
snugent@mountainsideschools.org
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FREELANCERS WANTED

Strong, detail-oriented writers with professional demeanor needed to cover local government meetings. Must be able to meet deadlines, know how to write a lead, and take an active interest in their beats in order to develop news stories. Please email resume and clips to: editor@goleader.com

DRIVER WANTED

Driver needed to take 7th grade female to and from Roosevelt Intermediate School starting January 2007. Please contact Melissa at (484) 459-0920.

SCOTCH PLAINS DAY CAMP

Wanted: Specialty Instructors in Art, Music, Sports, Nature, Ropes; also Preschool Certified Teachers & Assts. 8 weeks Jun-Aug. Fax resume to (908) 889-4070 or email to campyachad@jccnj.org

NANNY WANTED

Single mother of 3 looking for responsible nanny who drives and speaks English, from 2:30-8pm, M-F and some Saturdays. Please Call (908) 233-8128

HELP WANTED - MEDICAL

Medical Office - Flex hours.
Good Phone skills.
Experience Necessary.
Knowledge of Insurance,
Pre-certs and Referrals.
Fax resume to (732) 892-0444

P/T CHILD CARE NEEDED

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

The Tax Assessment List for The Township of Scotch Plains for the 2007 Tax Year will be open for inspection on Wednesday, December 27, 2006 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Tax Assessor's Office, RM. 122, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Michael A. Ross, CTA
Tax Assessor
1 T - 12/14/06, The Times Fee: \$11.73

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains held on December 7, 2006, the following decision of the Board was memorialized: **Approved**, a Conditional Use Variance and Waiver of Site Plan for Westfield Hall, Inc., 2265 South Avenue, Block 8201, Lot 14 to convert the former Friendly's Restaurant into a House of Worship.

Barbara Horev
Secretary
Zoning Board of Adjustment
1 T - 12/14/06, The Times Fee: \$14.79

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

This is to certify that the within resolution is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted on December 5, 2006 by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield.

Claire J. Gray
Town Clerk
RESOLUTION
CODE REVIEW & TOWN PROPERTY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 5, 2006

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield will meet in Conference Session, at which meeting the public may attend and make comments, and address Council to discuss and consider matters of public business, upon which no formal action will then be taken but which may subsequently be acted upon in a regular Council Meeting, on the following dates in 2007 in the Administrative Conference Room in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 8:00 p.m., the said dates being the following Tuesdays, unless otherwise noted:

- January 9 and 23
- February 6 and 20
- March 6 and 20
- April 10 and 24
- May 8 and 22
- June 12 and 26
- July 31
- August (None)
- September 4 and 18
- October 2 and 23
- November 7 (Wednesday) and 27
- December (None)

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield will meet in regular public meeting, at which the public may attend and participate, on the following dates in 2007 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 8:00 p.m., with a preliminary meeting at 7:45 p.m. in the adjacent Council Conference Room which the public may also attend, the said meeting dates being the following Tuesdays, unless otherwise noted:

- January 16 and 30
- February 13 and 27
- March 13 and 27
- April 17
- May 1 and 15
- June 5 and 19
- July 10
- August 7
- September 11 and 25
- October 16 and 30
- November 20
- December 4

1 T - 12/14/06, The Leader Fee: \$54.57

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

The Tax Assessment List for The Borough of Fanwood for the 2007 Tax Year will be open for inspection on Wednesday, December 27, 2006 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building Lobby, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood.

Michael A. Ross, CTA
Tax Assessor
1 T - 12/14/06, The Times Fee: \$10.71

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

This is to certify that the within resolution is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted on December 5, 2006 by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield.

Claire J. Gray
Town Clerk
RESOLUTION
CODE REVIEW & TOWN PROPERTY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 5, 2006

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:45A-1, the Organization Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield for the year 2007 will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

1 T - 12/14/06, The Leader Fee: \$16.83

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE IS hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 the following ordinances entitled:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER VII TRAFFIC OF THE REVISED GENERAL PLAINS, 1978 WITH REGARD TO TIME LIMIT PARKING

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING SECTION 23-3.2, ZONING MAP OF CHAPTER XXIII, ZONING OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, 1978 RE-ZONING BLOCK 1105, LOT 1.03 FROM THE "P" TO THE "B-2" ZONE

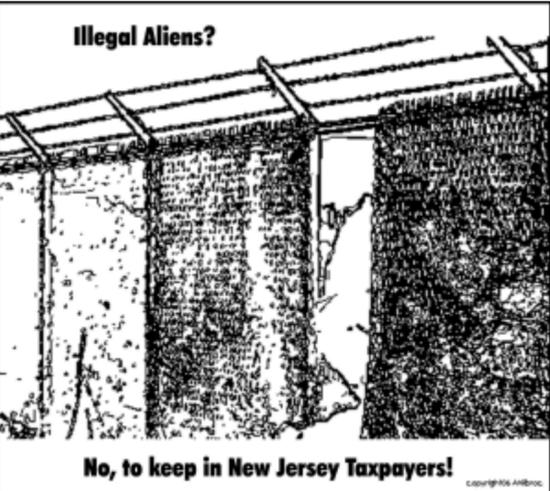
AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER XXVIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, REGARDING RATES FOR TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICES

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER VII TRAFFIC OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, 1978 WITH REGARD TO TIME LIMIT PARKING

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 01-06 ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 2006 ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

were adopted on second and final reading.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 12/14/06, The Times Fee: \$44.37



PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES 1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, PO BOX 605 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

SEALED BIDS will be received from bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.1 et seq.; in the NJDOT MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; until 10:00 A.M. on 1/9/07 and opened and read for:

Maintenance Beam Guide Rail & Attenuator Repair Contract, North-2007, Various locations including and North of Route 57, Counties of Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Union and Part of Warren, 100% State DP NO: 06440

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C.127 N.J.A.C. 17:27.

Effective October 15, 2004, Pursuant to P.L. 2005, C. 51 (formerly known as Executive Order 134) apparent low bidder must provide a completed, signed Contractor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Forms within seven (7) state business days from the project bid date.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, Business Registration, proof of valid business registration shall be submitted by a bidder with its bid proposal at the time of bid for 100% State funded projects.

Pursuant to the "Public Works Contractor Registration Act", N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. (P.L. 2003, c. 91), bidders must register with the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance.

The Department, in accordance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252 U.S.C., 49 C.F.R., Parts 21 and 23 issued pursuant to such Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any bidder on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in the contract award.

Drawings and specifications for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bidx.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe follow the instructions on the website. The fee is \$35.00 per month for unlimited access to view and download the documents and additional \$95.00 per month for unlimited access to download the plans, directly payable to Bid Express.

Drawings, special provisions, and bid documents may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our various Design Field Offices at the following locations:

- 200 Steril Court Route 79 and Daniels Way 1 Executive Campus Rt 70
- Mt. Arlington, NJ Freehold, NJ Cherry Hill, NJ
- 973-770-5141 732-308-4025 856-486-6624

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