

Local Students Earn Degrees from Drew

AREA - The following local students earned Bachelor of Arts degrees from Drew University at the school's 141st commencement on May 16: Lauren Cordes of Westfield, Alec Jaslow of Westfield, Rachael Mikelson of Cranford and Domenica Papparatto of Mountainside.

Gerald Stern, New Jersey's first poet laureate and a winner of the National Book Award, spoke to students at the ceremony along with Drew President Robert Weisbuch.

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More Education News

Leanne Hewit Makes Clemson Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Leanne Hewit of Westfield has again made the dean's list at Clemson University, majoring in Health Science. She needed to attain a 3.5 GPA out of a possible 4.0.

Ms. Hewit is the daughter of David and Carol Hewit of Westfield, and is a graduate of the Westfield High School's Class of 2007.

Schreiber Makes Grove City Dean's List

SCOTCH PLAINS - Katie Schreiber, a 2006 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and daughter of Jennifer and Andrew Schreiber of Fanwood, has made the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the spring 2009 semester at Grove City College.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have an average of 3.4 out of a possible 4.0, or better than a B+ grade.

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PUBLIC NOTICE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

ORDINANCE NO. 686-2009 INTRO: 5/28/2009 FINAL: 6/25/2009

Was introduced and passed on first reading by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders at a REGULAR MEETING on May 28th 2009, and said Ordinance has been published with Notice of Introduction thereof and of the time and place fixed for its further consideration and the Board has duly held a hearing thereof and has given all persons interested an opportunity to be heard. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders that said Ordinance be and the same hereby is finally passed and adopted, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted on June 25th 2009, and the 20 day period of limitations within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such Ordinance can be commenced has begun to run from the date of first publication of this statement.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Administration Building of the County of Union, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk of the Board in said Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

PREAMBLE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION OF THE LAWS, ORDINANCES, POLICIES AND RESOLUTIONS OF UNION COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN LEGISLATION NOT INCLUDED THEREIN" ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION ON AUGUST 19, 1993.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that the Laws of Union County - Administrative Code and General Policies & Legislation are hereby amended as follows in the attached Appendix A:

Strikeover indicates language being deleted. Bold and underlined indicates language being inserted.

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CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE
[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union 4-28-1976 by Ord. No. 1; amended in its entirety by Ord. No. 9-1984. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE XVIII, Department of Parks & Community Renewal

[Adopted 6-26-1997 by Ord. No. 452; Amended 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]

§ 1-100. Department established; purpose; organization.

[Amended 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]

A. General Purpose; Departmental Organization. There shall be a Department of Parks and Community Renewal for the purpose of promoting and developing the planning, development and growth of the County of Union, coordinating all aspects of such through the efficient and effective use of financial, operational and administrative resources and to proactively address the needs of County residents. The Director shall be fully responsible for the Department's operation.

B. There may be a Deputy Director who shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal and shall be responsible for developing plans and coordinating the implementation of plans for renovating existing park facilities and constructing new facilities.

The Department shall have a Bureau of Recreation and a Bureau of Administrative Support. The Chief of each Bureau shall be the head of the Bureau and shall report to the Deputy Director of Parks and Community Renewal. The functions of the Bureau of Recreation and Administrative Support are developing and administering programs to facilitate the public use and enjoyment of County parks, playgrounds, the Watchung Reservation, open spaces and places of recreation; operating all County recreation facilities; and coordinating park and recreational facilities, programs and special events of the County with other public and private recreational facilities within the County. The functions of the Bureau of Administrative Support are to establish and maintain essential records and files relative to the programs offered by the Department, ensure payroll conformity, prepare and reconcile contract bids and bills, and maintain construction progress schedules and reports.

C. The Department shall have a Bureau of Governmental Relations and Community Outreach. The Bureau Chief shall report to the Director of Parks and Community Renewal. The function of the Bureau of Governmental Relations and Community Outreach is to develop and administer programs to facilitate the public use and enjoyment of County parks and recreational facilities in consolidation of County grant programs for maximum effectiveness. The Bureau shall include the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

D. The Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs functions and responsibilities shall include: (1) Create, support and encourage programs promoting public interest and participation in local arts, history and culture.

(2) Maintain an annual preservation awards program commending noteworthy historic preservation. (3) Educate the public on local, state and municipal efforts to preserve historical sites. (4) Maintain an historic inventory as a resource for federal and state agencies and local planners.

[Amended 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 664]

E. The Department of Parks & Community Renewal shall consist of the following Divisions:

- (1) Division of Planning and Community Development.
(2) Division of Information Technologies [Added 7-22-1999 by Ord. No. 503]
(3) Division of Park Maintenance and Administrative Support [Added 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]
(4) Division of Golf Operations [Added 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]
(5) Division of Parks Planning and Environmental Services [Added 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]

[Amended 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]

§§ 1-108 through 1-110-111. (Reserved)

§ 1-111. Division of Park Maintenance and Administrative Support.

[Added 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal, the Division of Park Maintenance and Administrative Support functions shall include preserving and improving all County park and recreational facilities; providing the necessary technical resources to assure a smooth operation of all County park and recreational facilities; and providing custodial and janitorial services for all park facilities, including providing for the care, cultivation, planting and replanting of all lawns, flowers and shrubs on County property. Further, shall be responsible for the supervising, coordinating and directing the provision of a variety of financial and administrative services that support the policies and objectives of the department.

B. Division head. The Director of the Division of Park Maintenance and Administrative Support shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal for its operation.

C. Division organization:

(1) Within the Division, there shall be the following subdivisions:

- (a) The Bureau of Construction and Trades.
(b) The Bureau of Horticulture and Park Maintenance.
(c) The Bureau of Recreation.

(2) Bureau Chief. The Chief of each Bureau shall be in charge of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Park Maintenance and Administrative Support.

(3) The Bureau of Construction and Trades functions shall include:

- (a) Preserving, caring for, laying out, constructing and improving park and recreational facilities, the Watchung Reservation and open spaces.
(b) Providing technical and mechanical services required for the safe and efficient operation of the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems within the County park system.

(4) The Bureau of Horticulture and Park Maintenance functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (a) Providing custodial and janitorial services for all park facilities.
(b) Providing for the care, cultivation, planting and replanting of all lawns on County property.
(c) Providing for the care, cultivation, planting and replanting of flowers and shrubs on County property.

(d) Providing for the care, cultivation, planting and trimming of trees on all County parkland. [Amended 2-5-2004 by Ord. No. 587].

(5) The Bureau of Recreation's functions shall include:

- (a) Developing and administering programs to facilitate the public use and enjoyment of County parks, playgrounds, the Watchung Reservation, open spaces and places of recreation.
(b) Operating all County recreation facilities.
(c) Coordinating park and recreational facilities, programs and special events of the County with other public and private recreational facilities within the County.

§ 1-112. Division of Golf Operations.

[Added 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal, the Division of Golf Operations functions shall include the management and maintenance of all County golf facilities.

B. Division head. The Director of the Division of Golf Operations shall be in charge of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal for its operation.

C. Division organization:

(1) With in Within the Division, there shall be the following subdivisions:

- (a) The Bureau of Golf Services.
(b) The Bureau of Golf Maintenance.

(2) Bureau Chief. The Chief of each Bureau shall be the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Golf Operations.

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(3) The Bureau of Golf Services functions shall include the management and operation of all County golf facilities.

(4) The Bureau of Golf Maintenance functions shall include providing for the care and maintenance of all County golf facilities.

§ 1-113. Division of Parks Planning and Environmental Services.

[Added 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal, the Division of Parks Planning and Environmental Services shall be responsible for developing plans and coordinating the implementation of plans for renovating existing park facilities and constructing new facilities.

B. Division head. The Director of the Division of Park Planning and Environmental Services shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal for its operation.

C. Division organization:

(1) Within the Division, there shall be the following subdivision:

- (a) The Bureau of Planning and Environmental Conservation.
(b) The Bureau of Horticulture

(2) The Bureau of Planning and Environmental Conservation's functions and responsibilities shall include:

(a) Responsible for developing plans and coordinating the implementation of plans for renovating existing park facilities, constructing new facilities, and environmental programs.

(b) Implementing and coordinating Household Special Waste, Computer and Electronics, and Battery/Motor Oil Filters recycling events funded through the Solid Waste Services Tax.

(c) Implementing and coordinating the Scrap Tire Management Program to fund cleanup and disposal of scrap tires found on public lands.

(d) Providing administrative and coordination assistance to municipalities in implementing the Clean Communities Program.

(e) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of the Division of Park Planning and Maintenance.

(f) Preparing and Disseminating all mandated statistical programmatic reports to appropriate agencies and officials.

(g) The Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Planning and Environmental Conservation shall also serve as the District Recycling Coordinator.

The Bureau of Horticulture's functions and responsibility shall include:

Providing for the care, cultivation, planting and replanting of all lawns on County property.

Providing for the care, cultivation, planting and replanting of flowers and shrubs on County property.

ARTICLE XIX, Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities

[Added 7-18-1991 by Ord. No. 337; amended 4-14-1994 by Ord. No. 390; 6-26-1997 by Ord. No. 452; 12-11-1997 by Ord. No. 458; 6-25-1998 by Ord. No. 478; 7-22-1999 by Ord. No. 503; 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664; 3-27-08 by Ord. No. 667; 1-4-2009 by Ord. 680-2009]

§ 1-111. General purpose; departmental organization.

D. The Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities shall include the following divisions:

- (1) The Division of Public Works.
(2) The Division of Engineering.
(3) The Division of Facilities Management

(4) Division of Park Maintenance

§ 1-112. Division of Public Works.

C. Division organization:

(4) The Bureau of Shade Tree and Conservation's functions and responsibilities shall include:

(a) Providing for the planting, replanting, trimming and care of trees within County road rights-of-way. [Amended 2-5-2004 by Ord. No. 587].

(b) Operation of the County's compost facility and ancillary work.

(c) Providing for the care, cultivation, planting and trimming of trees on all County parkland.

§ 1-114. (Reserved) Division of Park Maintenance

(A) Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, the Division of Park Maintenance's functions shall include preserving and improving all County park and recreational facilities.

(B) Division Head. The Director of the Division of Park Maintenance shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities.

(C) Division Organization

a. Within the Division, there shall be the following Bureaus:

- a. The Bureau of Parks-Sector I
b. The Bureau of Parks-Sector II

b. Bureau Chief. The Chief of each Bureau shall be the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Park Maintenance.

c. The function of each Bureau shall include the provision of care and maintenance of all County park and recreational facilities within its' respective Sectors.

§ 1-115. Division of Facilities Management.

[Added 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664; Amended 3-27-08 by Ord. No. 667]

C. Division Organization.

(1) Within the Division, there shall be the following Bureaus:

- (a) Bureau of Custodial Maintenance.
(b) Bureau of General Trades.
(c) Bureau of Stationary Engineers.
(d) Bureau of Construction Management.
(e) Bureau of Administrative Support.

(2) Bureau Chief. The Chief of each Bureau shall be the head of the bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Facilities Management.

(3) Bureau of Custodial Maintenance's functions shall include providing custodial and janitorial services for all County buildings, with the exception of Runnells Specialized Hospital and providing custodial and janitorial services for all park facilities.

(4) Bureau of General Trades' functions shall include providing technical and mechanical services for the safe and efficient operation of heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, plumbing and electrical systems of County buildings, with the exception of Runnells Specialized Hospital.

(5) Bureau of Stationary Engineers' functions shall include maintaining and operating the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems in all County buildings, with the exception of Runnells Specialized Hospital.

(6) The Bureau of Construction Management's functions and responsibilities shall include supervising construction projects on all County-owned facilities and preserving, caring for, laying out, constructing and improving park and recreational facilities, the Watchung Reservation and open spaces.

(7) The Bureau of Administrative Support's functions shall include operating, facilitating and supervising the County's printing & duplication services and signage services.

CHAPTER 49, FEES

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

Article V, Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Fees

[Adopted 4-27-2006 by Ord. No. 627. Amended 12-4-2008 by Ord. No. 676-2008]

§ 49-9. Tipping Fees Charged to Municipalities for Compost.

The following fees are hereby established for individual municipalities to be charged when utilizing the County of Union Compost Facility:

A. Tipping Fee of \$2.00 per cubic yard of un-compacted leaves accepted for composting at the County of Union Compost Facility;

B. Tipping Fee of \$3.00 \$4.00 per cubic yard of compacted leaves accepted for composting at the County of Union Compost Facility.

CHAPTER 115, SAFETY CODE

[HISTORY: Established by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union on October 19, 1983 by Ordinance No. 195; amended on October 29, 1987 by Ordinance No. 280. Amended in its entirety on June 30, 1999 by Ordinance No. 500; amended on December 12, 2000 by Ordinance No. 521; amended on March 29, 2001 by Ordinance No. 530; amended on April 10, 2003 by Ordinance No. 569; amended on December 4, 2003 by Ordinance No. 584 & 585.]

ARTICLE I - General Provisions

§ 115-2. Construction, Scope, and Enforcement.

F. Penalties. Any person who is found guilty of committing an act which is prohibited or which is declared to be unlawful or an offense, or is found guilty of the non-performance of an act which is required to be done by this Ordinance, or is found guilty of violating either a rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this Ordinance, or any of the terms or conditions of any permit issued hereunder, and for which this Ordinance provides no specific penalty, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days or by a fine not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than two to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both; and shall further be subject to the replacement, repair or restoration of any damaged County property, if the unlawful act or offense involved the damage or destruction of County property.

§ 115-4. Obedience to lawful instructions from a police officer.

No person shall fail to obey the lawful instructions of a Union County Police officer or interfere with an officer in any way, either directly or indirectly, in the proper performance of his duties. Any person who violates this subsection shall, upon conviction, be liable for a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and up to thirty days imprisonment in the County Jail.

ARTICLE III - Animals

§ 115-12. Penalties.

Any person who violates the provisions of this Article shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each and every offense.

§ 115-13. Animal Conduct.

A. No person shall cause by inciting, urging, provoking, encouraging, ordering or issuing commands or permit any animal or creature owned by him/her or in his/her care, custody and control to attack any human being or any other animal on County property.

B. Animal fighting. It shall be unlawful for any person to train any domestic or wild animals for fighting while on County Park property. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage any domestic or wild animal in fighting on County Park property.

C. Penalty. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey Statutes, any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the above subsections or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each violation. In addition, if any person is found guilty of a second or subsequent offense under this Ordinance, the animal or animals in question shall be confiscated by the County of Union.

ARTICLE IV - Bicycles, Scooters, Recreational Vehicles and Snowmobiles

§ 115-18. Penalties.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Article shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each and every offense.

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ARTICLE V - Noise

§ 115-23. Penalties.

Any person who is found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day such violation is committed or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such:

ARTICLE VI - Disorderly Conduct

§ 115-29. Explosives and Firearms.

[Amended 3-10-2005 by Ord. No. 611]

E. Paintball guns. It shall be unlawful for any person to bring into or have in his possession while on any property, or in any park or recreational facility owned or under the control of the County of Union, a paintball gun, paintball markers, paintball grenades or any other "fire-arm type" device/weapon that is capable of releasing a non-traditional bullet such as a paintball, BB, or pellet by any means including gas, air or spring-loaded. A violation of this subsection shall, upon conviction, result in a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

F. Exceptions. Notwithstanding the above, it shall not be a violation to possess or discharge any of the aforementioned devices at a County-approved event and in a County-approved and designated area.

§ 115-37. Penalties.

Any person who is found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this Article for which there is no specific penalty, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense, a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the second offense, and a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the third and each subsequent offense thereafter; and shall further be subject to the replacement, repair or restoration of any damaged destruction of County property. Each day such violation is committed or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such:

ARTICLE VII - Tree Protection

§ 115-42-115-42A. Enforcement.

[Amended 3-10-2005 by Ord. No. 611]

The County of Union's Director of the Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department of Parks and Community Renewal is hereby charged with the responsibility for the enforcement of this ordinance and may serve notice to any person in violation thereof; however, such notice shall not be a prerequisite for the issuance of a summons. The Director will notify the Union County Police Department ("County Police") of any violation(s), who shall investigate said violation(s). The County Police is independently authorized to issue any summons for violations of this ordinance, as appropriate. The County Counsel and/or municipal prosecutors are hereby authorized to prosecute violators in any legal proceedings as may be required.

ARTICLE VII - Encroachment of County Property

§ 115-46. Findings & Establishment of Ordinance.

A. Establishment. There is hereby established the County of Union Encroachment Ordinance.

B. Findings. Information obtained from the County of Union Department of Parks and Recreation, and Community Renewal has indicated an increase in the number of encroachment violations by residents bordering County-owned lands. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has made it a priority to maintain the integrity of County-owned lands for the beneficial use of all residents. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has furthermore made it a priority to maintain and preserve County-owned lands in a healthy and environmentally good condition. This ordinance establishes policies, regulations, and standards necessary to ensure that residents do not encroach upon County-owned lands.

ARTICLE VIII - LOCAL SUPPLEMENTAL VIOLATIONS BUREAU SCHEDULE

The following Local Supplemental Violations Bureau Schedule for Non-Traffic matters shall be in effect for offenses committed on and after the effective date of this Amendment:

Table with 3 columns: Ord. No., Short Description, Payable Amount. Lists various violations like buying/selling alcoholic beverages, possession of fireworks, dog leashes, etc.

This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

CHAPTER 138, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union; Part 1, 5-6-1982 by Ord. No. 160; Part 2, 11-23-1971 as Res. No. 690-71. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Safety standards - See Ch. 115. Transportation policy - See Ch. 133.

PART 1, GENERAL REGULATIONS

ARTICLE VII, Handicapped Parking

§ 138-17. Handicapped parking. The locations described in Schedule XV (§ 138-45), attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as parking for handicapped persons only. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall, upon conviction be liable for a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

ARTICLE XVI - LOCAL SUPPLEMENTAL VIOLATIONS BUREAU SCHEDULE

The following Local Supplemental Violations Bureau Schedule for Traffic matters shall be in effect for offenses committed on and after the effective date of this Amendment:

Table with 3 columns: Ord. No., Short Description, Payable Amount. Lists traffic violations like parking prohibited, reserved parking, etc.

This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law 1 T - 7/2/09, The Leader Fee: \$844.56