

## SP-F Memorial Day Parade To Honor Local Veteran Service Orgs.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Plans for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood 2012 Memorial Day Parade are now underway. This year's parade will be held on Monday, May 28.

Memorial Day pays tribute to American military personnel of all wars who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to our country. For over 65 years there has been a rich tradition of excellent community support from individuals and a wide variety of civic groups in Scotch Plains and Fanwood who have honored these fallen heroes by marching in the annual Memorial Day Parade.

This year's parade will honor the Veteran Service Organizations serving our communities: Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10122, American Legion (AL) Post 209 and Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 688.

These organizations provide a variety of services to veterans, such as assistance to disabled veterans and their families; visits to veterans' hospitals; promotion of veterans' memorials and observances; and support of military service members. In addition they support our towns through scholarship programs, charitable

endeavors and the presentation of patriotic and historical programs in the schools.



**HANGING AROUND...** Frank Chupko hangs from the hoist which is used to rescue pilots and any other personnel in need. Photo is circa 1970.

VFW Commander Frank Chupko, a Vietnam Veteran, stated that he's honored, on behalf of his membership, that the Parade Committee is publicly recognizing the good works achieved by these organizations. AL Commander Alex DiPace, a WWII Veteran, echoed those sentiments and noted that the American Legion has had a strong presence in Scotch Plains-Fanwood since 1932. Rick Harrison, president of the VVA, stated he was gratified for the public support of all three Veterans groups by our communities.

All area veterans are invited to march in the parade and experience how our towns welcome you and thank you for your service. The 2012 Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parade Committee invites all of our community organizations to participate. If you have a group that is interested, contact Toni Rollis, in the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, at (908) 322-6700, extension 1-314.

The committee looks forward to the support of our communities to provide the best parade ever in Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

## Strip for Unpaid Traffic Ticket?

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Libertarian Party denounces a U.S. Supreme Court decision, which on Monday struck down a legal complaint by a New Jersey man who was subjected to invasive strip searches after being erroneously detained on suspicion of an unpaid fine.

The Libertarian Party warns that the 5-4 ruling, supported by conservative justices along with Anthony M. Kennedy, establishes a new judicial precedent allowing invasive searches of individuals in detention for even minor infractions or by mistake.

"After this ruling, get ready to strip even if you have an unpaid traffic ticket," said Mark Hinkle, Libertarian Party chairman in a statement. "We are dismayed. This ruling sanctions new and unprecedented levels of invasion of privacy. Never before did U.S. courts allow such an outrageous affront to human dignity with so little justification."

The complaint was brought by Albert W. Florence, a black New Jersey man who was arrested by state troopers in 2005 on an outstanding warrant for an unpaid fine. The police record indicating the fine was unpaid turned out later to be erroneous. Moreover, an unpaid fine is not a crime under New Jersey law. However, Mr. Florence was held for a

week in two different jails before the charges were dropped. He was subjected to strip searches in both institutions.

Justice Kennedy, who wrote for the majority, argued that corrections officials "must have substantial discretion to devise reasonable solutions to the problems they face."

Writing for the dissent, Justice Stephen G. Breyer said the strip searches were "a serious affront to human dignity and to individual privacy."

Mr. Hinkle added: "Respect for individual dignity and privacy in America must be restored. It seems like the majority of the high court has decided to short-shrift the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which specifically bars unreasonable searches. We call for the repeal of the USA Patriot Act and other so-called 'home security' legislation that infringe upon the rights of rank-and-file Americans."

## Unelected Body

FOXNEWS...Republicans accuse President Obama of trying to 'intimidate' the Supreme Court after he suggested a ruling by an 'unelected' body against his health care law would be 'judicial activism.'

## Children's Specialized Hosp. Twigs, Friends to Host Stepping Out Dance

CLARK — The Stepping out With Children's Specialized Hospital Stars program is on Saturday, April 21. The cocktail party and dance contest will be held at the Gran Centurions in Clark, located at 440 Madison Hill Road, and will start at 7 p.m. Children's Specialized Hospital Friends, formerly known as the Auxiliary to the Board of Trustees of Children's Specialized Hospital, and Twigs request all replies be submitted with the \$75 admission fee no later than April 14.

In the spirit of their new name, this year's event is a new and exciting idea. With a membership of nearly 100 strong, Children's Specialized Hospital Friends will be hosting "Stepping out with CSH Stars" to benefit the hospital. In the style of "Dancing with the Stars," four of the hospital's "Star" participants will partner with professional dancers from Paragon Ballroom in Roselle Park to vie for the mirror ball trophy.

The "Stars" include Amy Mansue, president and CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital; Katharyn Nicolle, reigning Miss New Jersey and Children's Miracle Network advocate; Morris Lenczicki, vice-president of operations at L'Oreal USA and treasurer of Children's Specialized Hospital Board of Trustees, and Michael Harrison, a member of Children's Specialized Hospital Board of Trustees.

In addition, there will be several performances by the dancers from Paragon. The audiences will have the chance to support their favorite "Stars" by becoming part of their Fan Club for a fee of \$10. All proceeds from this event will go to support the renovations to the Mountainside and Toms River facilities.

For more information or to register: Visit [www.childrenspecialized.org](http://www.childrenspecialized.org) or e-mail [susan.cshfriends@gmail.com](mailto:susan.cshfriends@gmail.com).



Nick, Vinnie and Vinnie Losavio, Jr.

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## County Clerk Offers Election Info for Board of Education Candidates

ELIZABETH — Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi reminds anyone interested in running for school board that the annual board of education elections in Union County this year will be held on Tuesday, November 6, General Election Day, and that school board candidates must file their nominating petitions in her office by Tuesday, June 5.

Legislation signed by Governor Christie in January gave communities the option to change the date of their annual school board elections from April to November. All local Union County school districts have opted to move their elections to Nov. 6 this year. Unlike former years, the nominating petitions for local board of education candidates now must be filed with the county clerk's office.

"As a former school board member myself, I want to make sure that candidates for board of education positions have all the information they

need to file their nominating petitions on time so that their name will appear on the General Election ballot," Ms. Rajoppi said. "School Board candidates must file their nominating petitions at the county clerk's office by the deadline of Tuesday, June 5, before 4 p.m."

The clerk's office has created a web page of school board election information where details, qualifications and instructions about the board of education election can be found. See the website [www.ucnj.org/government/county-clerk/](http://www.ucnj.org/government/county-clerk/) and click on "Elections."

A candidate petition form can be obtained by calling the county clerk's office at (908) 527-4996 or by visiting the office at 2 Broad Street, Room 113, Elizabeth, NJ 07207. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, e-mail [L.Bobish@ucnj.org](mailto:L.Bobish@ucnj.org).

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