

Fanwood Resident Discovers Importance of Listening

It has been nearly nine years now since Joan Bonner of Fanwood answered the telephone one day and heard the panic of a young college student distraught over a car accident she had caused. That was the day — her first as a CONTACT We Care telephone volunteer — when Joan learned the true value of listening.

"I listened. I reflected back her guilt and sorrow. I let her know I heard what she was saying," said the 65-year-old retired Plainfield school teacher.

"The caller started out upset.



Joan Bonner

She couldn't talk to anyone. She felt they didn't understand her," said Mrs. Bonner. "By the end of the conversation she was thanking me."

Now, years later, Mrs. Bonner not only continues to volunteer eight hours a month for the Union County based telephone hotline and crisis intervention service, but also serves on the agency's volunteer Board of Directors.

"I know I'm making a difference. I'm there for people," she remarked.

Mrs. Bonner, the mother of six children and grandmother of 14, took the steps to become a CONTACT

telephone volunteer following her mother's death.

"I had been taking care of my mother following her stroke and had been totally cut off from doing things in the community for more than two years," she explained. "I was still actively teaching, and wanted to volunteer in the community," she said.

A volunteer stint at a local nursing home proved unsuccessful for Mrs. Bonner. "I wasn't comfortable with it. It was too close to my mother's death."

"I had heard CONTACT's volunteer training would be beneficial to me as a teacher," said Mrs. Bonner. "The listening skills I learned really did work with the students!"

Mrs. Bonner stays busy in retirement. She was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission in Fanwood four years ago, and works part-time at Enchantments Too in Fanwood. "I use my listening skills when dealing with customers," she said.

Describing herself as fortunate, Mrs. Bonner said volunteering at CONTACT is a way to give back.

"Things might have been difficult at various times in my life, but we never wanted for the basics," she said. "I always had support from others and someone to talk to."

"Some of the people who call CONTACT We Care say they have no one to talk to, but often they are not alone. They may be living with family, but they feel they can't talk to them," Mrs. Bonner observed.

"What makes CONTACT's service so special is that callers find a nonjudgmental listener," she concluded.

For more information on becoming a telephone volunteer, please call CONTACT We Care at (908) 889-4140.

CONTACT is a member of the United Way, CONTACT USA, and Lifeline International.



NEW LOOK...Members of the Sign Committee at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains have been very busy changing the outdoor sign for spring. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Kim Schurtz, Amanda Miller, Tracy Salmon, Hannah Greenspan and Annie Weber, and back row, Jessica Neuringer.

Mr. LoAlbo Leads Project For Kids at St. Jude's Ranch

Robert LoAlbo, a Sales Associate on staff at the Westfield office of Burgdorff ERA, has launched a project that will not only help to recycle some paper goods, but also benefit children at St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

"Close to 30 years ago, a project to turn Christmas cards into ornaments was devised as a project that children in residence at the ranch could use to

earn some extra money," Mr. LoAlbo explained. "To day the project has expanded greatly and all types of greeting cards are

welcomed by the ranch," he added. The children precision cut the card fronts and glue them onto pre-printed card backs.

The sale proceeds are divided between the child who made the card, their savings account, their cottage fund for special group outings and reimbursement to the ranch for expenses.

Any occasion card is useful, Mr. LoAlbo said. Used cards may be dropped off to him at the Westfield ERA office and he will ship them in bulk to the ranch, which is located in Boulder City, Nevada.

The ranch is focused on the needs of abused, abandoned and neglected children of all races and faiths, according to Burgdorff ERA spokesman Tim Schoch.

Mr. LoAlbo, who has been a licensed real estate professional since 1994, is retired from the Bureau of Fire Prevention in Plainfield.

He is a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield and was selected last year as "Father of the Year." He and his wife, Marina, have two sons.

Robert LoAlbo

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-13568-91.
KEY FLORIDA BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. THE ESTATE OF GEORGE SOYKA, JR.; WILLIAM J. SOYKA; ELIZABETH P. SOYKA ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 22, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$16,424.71.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 550 BAYWAY AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.
Tax Lot No. 123 in Block No. 4.
Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 100.00 feet wide by 33.34 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the WESTERLY side of BAYWAY, 133.33 feet from the SOUTHERLY side of CLARKSON AVENUE.
There is due approximately the sum of \$17,020.90 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF

SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, Attorneys
406-J Lippincott Drive
Marlton, New Jersey 08053
CH-753646 (WL)
4 T - 3/12, 3/19,
3/26 & 4/2/98 Fee: \$171.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 98-03-R
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV OF CHAPTER 89 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD CONCERNING STOPPING AND STANDING OF VEHICLES
was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on MARCH 12, 1998.
Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T — 3/19/98, The Times Fee: \$15.30

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14411-94.
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF WASHINGTON, D.C., PLAINTIFF vs. ALBERTO MORANTE & ADELA MORANTE, H/W ROBERT AND GLADYS VILLEGAS; ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 5, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$83,405.22.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, commonly known as 622 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, Tax Lot No. 647, Block No. 12. Dimensions of lots (approximately): 25 feet by 145 feet. Nearest cross street: Fairmount Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of \$85,694.86 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF

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CH-753656 (WL)
4 T - 3/19, 3/26,
4/2 & 4/9/98 Fee: \$171.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

302 ELM STREET

WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of the School District of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, New Jersey, that a Public Hearing for the proposed budget for 1998-99 will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 1998, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 8:00 P.M.
The budget will be on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, for examination by the public between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. each school day, or by appointment.
Robert C. Rader
Board Secretary

The Westfield Leader
Publication Date: March 19, 1998

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1998-1999

ADVERTISED ENROLLMENTS		UNION — WESTFIELD TOWN		
ENROLLMENT CATEGORY	OCT. 15, 1996 ACTUAL	OCT. 15, 1997 ACTUAL	OCT. 15, 1998 ESTIMATED	
00011 Pupils on Roll Regular Full-Time	4,613	4,742	4,848	
00012 Pupils on Roll Regular Shared-Time	36	25		
00021 Pupils on Roll — Special Full-Time	102	560	634	
00022 Pupils on Roll — Special Shared-Time	1			
00040 Private School Placements	56	54		
00052 Pupils Sent to Other Dist.-Spec. Ed. Prog.	23	24	3	
00060 Pupils Received	8	1		
00070 Pupils in State Facilities	2			
00080 Resident Enrollment Per State Aid Calc.		4,890	5,538	

ADVERTISED REVENUES		UNION — WESTFIELD TOWN		
BUDGET CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	1996-97 ACTUAL	1997-98 REVISED	1998-99 ANTICIPATED
GENERAL FUND				
00121 Budgeted Fund Balance - General Fund	10-303		2,139,399	2,088,884
Revenues from Local Sources:				
00150 Local Tax Levy	10-1210	42,942,204	44,047,718	45,177,689
00200 Tuition	10-1300	105,002		1,000
00241 Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410			4,000
00250 Miscellaneous	10-1XXX	1,070,609		
00253 Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX		681,200	700,200
00260 SUBTOTAL		44,117,815	44,728,918	45,882,889
Revenues from State Sources:				
00300 Transportation Aid	10-3120	430,800	446,491	386,791
00310 Special Education Aid	10-3130	1,817,154	2,041,500	2,304,792
00320 Bilingual Education	10-3140	92,425	34,336	31,958
00340 Stabilization Aid	10-3171	92,468		
00353 Academic Achievement Reward Program	10-3193		214,541	63,210
00360 Other State Aids	10-3XXX	162,739		
00370 SUBTOTAL		2,595,586	2,736,868	2,786,751
00408 Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances			2,184,697	
00409 Act (Excess) Deficiency of Rev. (Over)/Under Expend.		761,840		
00410 TOTAL GENERAL FUND		47,475,241	51,789,882	50,758,524
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
00420 Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	62,508	68,327	
Revenues from State Sources:				
00427 Distance Learning Network Aid	20-3213		195,605	227,058
00430 Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	176,374	161,619	
00431 TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES		176,374	357,224	227,058
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
00440 P.L. 103-382 Title I	20-4411-4414	96,966	79,871	15,852
00450 P.L. 103-382 Title VI	20-4415-4416	18,157	20,973	530,735
00460 I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420	372,577	487,947	30,351
00500 Other	20-4XXX	30,180	40,469	
00510 TOTAL REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		517,880	629,260	576,938
00520 TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		756,762	1,054,811	803,996
DEBT SERVICE				
00530 Budgeted Fund Balance	40-303			2
Revenues from Local Sources:				
00550 Local Tax Levy	40-1210	627,489	597,562	615,976
00570 TOTAL REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES		627,489	597,562	615,976
00590 TOTAL LOCAL DEBT SERVICE		627,489	597,564	615,976
00640 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND		627,489	597,564	615,976
00660 TOTAL REVENUES/SOURCES		48,859,492	53,442,257	52,178,496

ADVERTISED APPROPRIATIONS		UNION — WESTFIELD TOWN		
BUDGET CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	1996-1997 EXPENDITURES	1997-1998 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	1998-1999 APPRO. PRIATIONS
GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE				
00770 Regular Programs - Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	17,868,270	19,302,297	20,152,778
00780 Special Education - Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	2,549,648	2,570,625	2,751,603
00790 Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	819,936	634,950	684,536
00800 Bilingual Education - Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	167,777	175,363	163,297
00820 School Sponsored Co-curricular Activities - Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	174,917	237,974	191,380
00830 School Sponsored Athletics - Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	650,173	657,615	705,375
Undistributed Expenditures:				
00860 Instruction	11-000-100-XXX	2,368,712	2,724,686	2,755,598
00870 Attendance and Social Work Services	11-000-211-XXX	51,211	61,037	96,805
00880 Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	747,265	827,960	780,716
00881 Other Support Services - Students - Related and Extraordinary	11-000-216,217	627,759	713,279	815,511
00890 Other Support Services - Students - Regular	11-000-218-XXX	962,866	1,026,915	1,182,955
00900 Other Support Services - Students - Special	11-000-219-XXX	965,661	1,004,665	1,016,007
00910 Improvement of Instructional Services	11-000-221-XXX	604,069	643,274	783,228
00920 Educational Media Services - School Library	11-000-222-XXX	1,015,318	1,189,876	1,050,305
00921 Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	5,170	77,140	109,825
00930 Support Services - General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	910,711	1,081,056	1,065,088

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BUDGET CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	1996-97 ACTUAL	1997-98 REVISED	1998-99 ANTICIPATED
00940 Support Services - School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	2,787,925	2,790,462	2,685,724
00950 Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	3,680,495	4,321,475	4,301,726
00960 Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	1,114,307	1,254,863	1,247,214
00970 Business & Other Support Services	11-000-290-XXX	995,326	1,026,716	1,049,305
00971 Personal Services - Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	4,811,192	5,482,808	5,411,090
00980 Food Services	11-000-310-XXX	40,562	61,000	61,000
00990 Total Undistributed Expenditures		21,688,549	24,287,212	24,412,097
01000 TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		43,919,270	47,866,036	49,061,066
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
01020 Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-73X	489,847	655,667	115,176
01030 Facilities Acquisition & Construction Services	12-000-4XX-XXX	3,025,209	3,223,839	1,532,318
01040 TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		3,515,056	3,879,506	1,647,494
SPECIAL SCHOOLS				
01050 Instruction	13-422-100-XXX	38,599	41,464	42,981
Summer School:				
01060 Support Services	13-422-200-XXX	2,316	2,876	6,983
01070 Total Summer School		40,915	44,340	49,964
01230 TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS		40,915	44,340	49,964
01240 GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL		47,475,241	51,789,882	50,758,524
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
01250 Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	62,508	68,327	
Distance Learning Network Aid:				
01259 Support Services	20-213-200-XXX		135,605	227,058
01260 Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	20-213-400-XXX		60,000	
01261 TOTAL DISTANCE LEARNING NETWORK AID			227,058	195,605
Other State Projects:				
01265 Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	20,286	25,819	
01270 Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	19,723	25,167	
01280 Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	66,155	76,470	
01290 Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	31,887	34,163	
01320 Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	38,323		
01330 Total State Projects		176,374	357,224	227,058
Federal Projects:				
01340 P.L. 103-382 Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	96,966	79,871	
01350 P.L. 103-382 Title VI	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	18,157	20,973	15,852
01360 I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	372,577	487,947	530,735
01400 Other Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	30,180	40,469	30,351
01410 Total Federal Projects		517,880	629,260	576,938
01420 TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		756,762	1,054,811	803,996
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS				
01430 Debt Service - Regular	40-701-510-XXX	627,489	597,564	615,976
01480 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		627,489	597,564	615,976
01490 Total Expenditures/Appropriations		48,859,492	53,442,257	52,178,496