

### Scotch Plains Recreation Events

**Musical Instrument Workshop, Monday, October 29, to Monday, December 17.**

Registration will take place Wednesday, October 17, to Wednesday, October 24, at the Recreation Office in the Municipal Building. All classes take place at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, 150-152 East Broad Street, Westfield. Classes are as follows:

**Mondays at 3:30 p.m.,** beginner strings (for children in grades 3 through 6). This class includes violin, viola, cello and string bass. The cost is \$50 per child.

**Beginner group piano (pre-school, 4 years to kindergarten age).** The class is available at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at a cost of \$50 per child.

**Tuesdays: beginning orchestra (one year experience required).** The class, which costs \$64 per person, will be given from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

**Junior Orchestra (first position on all four strings).** The class will be held 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. at a cost of \$64 per person.

An additional cost will be charged for materials, which will be paid directly to the Workshop at the first session. Rental information will be available at the first session.

An adult must accompany pre-k and kindergarten children.

**Scotch Plains Halloween Parade,** sponsored by Scotch Plains Recreation Commission, Wednesday, October 31.

Participants will meet in the front

of Park Middle School at 6 p.m. The parade will continue down Park Avenue to the Village Green (adjacent to the Municipal Building).

**Coaches Certification Program, Wednesday, November 7, 7 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.**

This Coaches Safety Training Program will be conducted with the cooperation of the Rutgers Youth Sports Council. The three-hour session meets the requirements to indemnify coaches for liability under Little League laws. Pre-registration is required.

Residents may call the Scotch Plains Recreation Department to register. There is a \$25.50 fee for non-residents, which must be paid at the session.

**Senior Line Dancing**

This class is held at the Towne House in Green Forest Park on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. beginning November 7 and continuing through December 12.

The cost is \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents.

**Vanity Fair Outlet Shopping Trip, Reading, Pa., Wednesday, November 7.**

The bus will leave from Green Forest Park at 8:30 a.m. and return around 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents \$22.

This fee includes transportation, a shopping bag and various food coupons. Those interested can register at the Scotch Plains Recreation Department in the Municipal Building, Room 113.

**Family Chemical Wizardry Workshop, 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, December 9, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Cafeteria.**

The workshop will feature hands-on activities and dynamic chemistry demonstrations for children in grades 1 through 6. Parents can participate in

this program, which will feature making a glob from glue, copper coat nickels with electricity or collapsing a can with just air.

The cost is \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. Registration is taking place in the Recreation Office through Friday, November 9.

**Radio City Tickets Are Now On Sale**

The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission is sponsoring a trip to Radio City Music Hall on Tuesday, December 11. The bus will depart from the Green Forest Park parking lot at 3 p.m. for the 5 p.m. performance.

The bus will return to Scotch Plains immediately following the show. Residents can register from Monday, October 15 to Friday, November 9. Non-residents can register from Monday, October 29 to Friday, November 9. The cost is \$55 per ticket for residents and \$60 for non-residents.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Teen Ski Program to Shawnee Mountain, Pa.**

Ski trips are open to persons aged 13 to 18. Buses will leave from Green Forest Park on Fridays at 3:30 and return around 10:30 p.m.

Ski trip dates are as follows: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1 and 8 2002. Prices vary depending on the ski package chosen.

For any questions on Recreation Department programs, please call (908) 322-6700, Extension 221.

## Assembly Candidate Spera Accuses Linden Mayor of Making Threats

By DEBORAH MADISON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

LINDEN - State Assembly candidate for the 22nd District, Gabriel Spera of Scotch Plains has charged Linden Mayor John T. Gregorio with making verbal threats against him.

In an exclusive report to *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*, Mr. Spera explained that while in attendance at a luncheon in Linden at the Congregation Anshe Chesed Synagogue on October 17, Mayor Gregorio approached him, while he was seated at a table, and allegedly said to him, "I've heard that you've been badmouthing me all over Linden. I'm going to make it bad for you. You're saying there was a deal made between me and my son-in-law to profit him."

According to the police report, Mayor Gregorio then addressed GOP advisor William Palermo, who was also seated at the table and said to Mr. Palermo, "Bill, you keep him out of Linden."

Mr. Spera said he then readdressed Mayor Gregorio by questioning, "Are you threatening me?"

And, according to Mr. Spera's account in the police report, Mayor Gregorio responded, "Yeah."

Mr. Spera responded by saying, "What are you going to do? Sue me?" To which Mayor Gregorio responded, according to Mr. Spera, "Anyway you want. Let's step outside and settle this thing right now."

Mr. Spera also alleged that Mayor Gregorio told him to "stay out of Linden."

Mayor Gregorio told *The Leader* and *The Times* that several people came up to him at the luncheon and

told him that Mr. Spera was saying some "very negative" things about him, and making insinuations that were inappropriate at that function.

However, he claimed that his remarks to Mr. Spera were nowhere near the threatening magnitude that Mr. Spera has insinuated.

"I told Mr. Spera that you can be against the trash train, but don't say negative things about me," Mayor Gregorio said. He admitted that he said to Mr. Spera, "If you keep this up, you'll have to deal with me," meaning that he would bring a libel suit against Mr. Spera, Mayor Gregorio said.

He also told Mr. Spera, "Now I'm going to work hard against you," referring to campaigning, but that comment was nowhere near the threatening intonation that Mr. Spera alleged in the police report.

Mayor Gregorio also admitted that he told Mr. Palermo, "Bill, if he's going to continue talking about me like this, then keep him away from here," meaning that this kind of negative smear-campaign was inappropriate at that luncheon function, Mayor Gregorio said.

Mr. Spera attempted to relate the story of this incident at a candidate's forum held in Plainfield on October 17, but the hosts of the forum, the League of Women Voters, would not permit him to tell the public about the incident, stating that it was not relevant to the purpose of the forum.

"The whole incident regarding Mayor Gregorio's behavior and the issue of the deals being brokered for the trash train are relevant to the way in which politics is conducted in Linden, which is a part of this district," Mr. Spera commented. "That is what we are campaigning to change."

Mr. Spera insisted on pursuing this by publicizing his "distorted version of the incident," then he would have to look into his legal remedies.

Mr. Spera said he has not yet decided whether he will press charges.

Ms. Walsh told *The Leader* and *The Times* that immediately prior to the incident, several people at that luncheon asked Mr. Spera and herself how they felt about the Linden trash train proposal and they addressed the issue. She said that their Democratic Assembly opponents, Linda d. Stender and Assemblyman Gerry Green, were also "working the tables and campaigning during the luncheon."

"The fact is, nothing we said about the trash train or Mayor Gregorio's involvement hasn't already been reported in numerous newspapers," Ms. Walsh said. "It is widespread public knowledge that the whole deal is under investigation for the impropriety of his involvement in brokering a deal for his son-in-law. We think that is pertinent to his politics and the whole campaign."

Ms. Walsh said that in all of her years in politics, she has never seen anyone behave so inappropriately as did Mayor Gregorio.

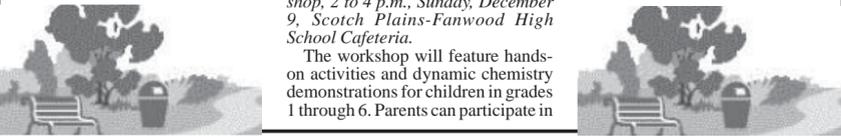
"I was a Mayor for many years, and this was not behavior becoming of a Mayor," Mr. Spera remarked. "This is not an appropriate way to conduct politics."

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