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LET'S PLAY BALL...Last week, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved funding for a project to improve ballfields and increase the number of ballfields in Scotch Plains and Fanwood under the county's Field of Dreams Grant Program. The Scotch Plains Recreation Department, the Borough of Fanwood and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will jointly fund the project by contributing \$100,000 each to match the county's grant of \$300,000. Pictured, left to right, are: Freeholder and Fanwood resident Linda d. Stender, Scotch Plains Recreation Chairman Ed Zazzali, and Scotch Plains Recreation Director Raymond T. Poirio.

Freeholders OK Funding For Fields at Park Middle

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Times

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders last week announced their approval of funding for a project to improve ballfields and increase the number of ballfields in Scotch Plains and Fanwood under the County's Field of Dreams Grant Program.

Through a shared services agreement between the Scotch Plains Recreation Department, the Borough of Fanwood and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, all three agencies will jointly fund a Park Middle School project by contributing \$100,000 each to match the County's grant of \$300,000.

The Park Middle School is the first recipient of the County's Field of Dreams grant program, which will also provide nearly \$1 million in funds for various improvements to three Scotch Plains-Fanwood recreational facilities.

The other sites slated for improvements are fields at the Union County Vocational Technical School and the field behind Route 22 across from McDonalds. All three sites will receive irrigation, drainage and regarding as well as other amenities to improve and increase the number of fields.

Freeholder Chairwoman of the Union County Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee, Linda d. Stender, said that this was the first shared services project to fund ballfields in Union County under this grant. The grant promised to give priority to applications that promoted shared services between com-

munities or organizations.

The Field of Dreams grant program was designed to expand current usage or acquire additional playing fields for Union County's 21 communities. The Freeholders have allocated \$2.1 million in matching grant dollars for acquisition or expansion of recreational playing fields

dollars and will be the protocol of more future projects. He cited the increasing numbers of field users, both young and old, numbering in the thousands, that would benefit from these improvements.

"The joint project between Scotch Plains and Fanwood has set a new benchmark and is a model for future shared services projects," Mayor Marks said.

He also thanked Scotch Plains Recreation Director Ray Porreo for his coordination and planning and Recreation Commission Chairman Ed Zazzali for his foresight for the project.

The freeholders approval of this project comes shortly after the board had voted down a proposal by township to turn a portion of the Ashbrook Reservation into ballfields on the grounds that it would be environmentally destructive to take down so many trees.

The Mayor remarked that, "the rocky roads of the past are behind us now," and he said that the community was grateful to the County for their assistance and support.

Also present at the press conference was Fanwood Mayor Louis C. Jung, Board of Education President Dr. Donald Sheldon, Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Vice Chairman Lewis Mingo, Jr., Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan and Scotch Plains and Fanwood Council members.

Freeholder Stender said that the first step in the process would be for the township to obtain an engineering firm to draft plans for the renovations and then to present the proposed improvements to the community for their input.

"The rocky roads of the past are behind us now."

- Scotch Plains Mayor
Martin L. Marks

throughout the County.

The Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, which funds the Field of Dreams Program, was approved by Union County voters last year and assesses a levy of 1.5 cents per \$100 of total real property valuation for a period of 20 years. It will provide funds to protect open space, improve parks and recreational facilities and preserve the county's historic treasures.

The Field of Dreams Program seeks to promote shared services projects to create a greater benefit to communities through partnerships, said County Freeholder and Trust Fund Committee member, Mary P. Ruotolo.

Scotch Plains Mayor Martin L. Marks, addressing the public at a October 17 conference, said that shared services was a way to save tax

Scotch Plains Officials Working To Develop Plans for Grant Funds

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Times

Just a few months after its ballfields expansion plans were dealt a severe blow when the Union County Freeholders rejected a proposal to develop part of the Ashbrook Reserva-

Fanwood Candidates To Debate Tonight

By FRED ROSSI
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The candidates for Fanwood Borough Council will meet tonight, October 25, in a debate sponsored by *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* and the Westfield Area League of Women Voters.

Two council seats are up for grabs. The council currently has a 4-2 Republican majority.

Democratic Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell is running for a second three-year term, while her running mate, Michael Brennan, is seeking to fill the seat being vacated by Democrat Karen Schurtz, who decided not to seek re-election.

They are opposed by Republicans Dr. Chester Lindsey, a former council member, and David Trumpf.

The debate, which will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building on Martine Avenue at 8 p.m., will be televised live on TV 35.

Questions will be posed to the candidates by a reporter from *The Times*; audience members will not be permitted to question the candidates.

The four candidates are expected to discuss a variety of issues, ranging from the scope of downtown development and its possible effects on local property taxes to senior and youth programs. A more detailed accounting of the candidates' responses to the questions will appear in next week's edition.

tion, Scotch Plains has suddenly found itself with close to one million dollars in county grant funds for expansion and renovation of parks and ballfields elsewhere in town.

At the Township Council's regular meeting on Tuesday night, Raymond T. Poirio, Director of Parks and Recreation, told the council that \$300,000 in matching grant funds will be provided by the county, under its Field of Dreams program, for the expansion of ballfields at Park Middle School.

The grants of \$100,000 each were made to the township, the Borough of Fanwood and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, which are undertaking the project as part of their shared services cooperation. Mayor Martin L. Marks lauded the shared services concept that secured the county funding, calling it "the wave of the future." Without the assistance of Fanwood and the board of education "this would not have happened."

Mr. Poirio also announced that an additional \$650,000 will be provided for the renovation of the fields at the Union County Vocational-Technical School facility and improvements to the field on Route 22 that is situated just east of Blue Star Shopping Center in Watchung.

Next spring, work is expected to begin on another ballfield on Plainfield Avenue that will include a soccer field and a Little League field. Deputy Mayor Frank S. Rossi said that, longer-term, it's hoped that similar work can be done at Brookside Park, Terrill Middle School and the high school.

In other business, the council approved an ordinance designating two township-owned lots on Morse Avenue as new "C-Conservation" zones, meaning that the property, as Mayor Marks put it, will "stay as it is."

During the public hearing on the

ordinance, several residents expressed their enthusiastic support for the change.

The council's meeting marked the final meeting for Democratic Councilwoman Sharynn Porter, who was appointed a year ago to fill the seat of

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Area Rescue Squads Gaining Updated Training as Precautionary Measure

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Times

Even though local communities in this area are seemingly unlikely targets for bioterrorist attacks, many area rescue squads are updating their training and are on heightened alert as a precautionary measure, according to Dan Sullivan, Chairman of the First Aid Council for the 2nd District, which covers most of Union County.

All local rescue squads have been advised by their district supervisory agency to practice universal precau-

tions with a heightened vigilance, reported Mr. Sullivan.

As a part of their required training, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and First Responders are taught safety precautions, said Westfield Rescue Squad Captain Michelle Urso. These include safety of the scene itself, recognizing the need for additional resources; such as Hazardous Materials teams, and keeping the emergency service workers safe through body substance isolation (BSI) precautions, Ms. Urso explained.

Along with practicing universal precautions, EMS personnel have always been directed to be on the look out for any patterns of symptoms that may signify a widespread outbreak of any kind and to report these observations to the proper authorities. These precautions have always been a part of the required training for EMTs and are adequate to handle the current circumstances, Mr. Sullivan stated.

Since 1999, members of rescue squads and fire departments throughout New Jersey have been offered an

elective class in Weapons of Mass Destruction by the New Jersey State Police. The class focuses on nuclear, biological and chemical agents, including how to identify the agents, recognize the signs and symptoms of exposure, and proper decontamination methods. This course has been an elective available to EMS personnel for the past several years.

The procedures for handling any potentially contagious call, whether it is hepatitis, AIDS, anthrax or smallpox would be the same, noted

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Candidates Celentano, Romano Debate Taxes, Development, Senior Citizen Initiatives at Forum

By FRED ROSSI
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The two candidates for one Scotch Plains Township Council seat squared off last week in a debate that focused on property taxes, downtown development and senior citizen initiatives.

Republican Guy Celentano and Democrat Patricia Romano are vying to fill the remaining year of an

unexpired four-year term.

Addressing local property taxes, the primary issue in council and mayoral elections in 1999 and 2000, Mr. Celentano said one way to keep taxes under control is to "continue with shared services," which he said had saved taxpayers "tens of thousands of dollars."

Mrs. Romano said taxes could be controlled by "keeping budgets under control," not only the municipal budget but also those of the county and the board of education.

Both candidates said they favored the convening of a constitutional convention for the purpose of reforming the system of property taxation in New Jersey. When asked which local government program or department they'd like to expand, if they had their druthers, Mrs. Romano mentioned, "something involved with children," such as recreation or ballfields. Mr. Celentano favored "something to benefit everyone in town," pointing to planned improvements at the Scotch Hills Country Club.

With the aesthetic improvements to the downtown business district nearly complete, the candidates were asked what steps should be taken to entice people to spend time and money in the business district.

Mrs. Romano, saying she has spoken to several businesspeople about ideas to improve downtown, listed identical building facades, further efforts at bringing in more businesses,

more summer sidewalk sales and a more comprehensive effort at promoting the downtown district.

Mr. Celentano, a member of the township Planning Board, noted that

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Ingrid McKinley for The Times

YOUNG RECYCLERS...Students from the Presbyterian Nursery School in Westfield visited the Fanwood Recycling Center on North Avenue in Fanwood. The pupils were completing their study on recycling and the effects of recycling on the environment. During a special tour, Manager Alan Ebersole detailed the importance of recycling for future generations. The center is open to all area residents on Wednesday and Saturday.

CANCELLATION OF PARTICIPATION IN CHRISTMAS CAROL MIFFS PARENTS

Insurance Benefits Sticking Point In BOE, SPFEA Contract Talks

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

A crack in the code of silence that traditionally surrounds public discussion of contract negotiations between the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA) appeared at the October 18 board meeting.

SPFEA negotiator Camille Berkowitz vowed there would be no settlement for as long as the "board insists on reducing insurance benefits." She called the board's pro-

posal an attempt to "take back" what "others had fought hard to win."

In his report on negotiations, Board member Lance Porter indicated the board's proposed change in the benefits package, with its enhancements, is "very comparable." He said, "We hoped to pass back to employees in the way of salary."

Board President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon added, "A settlement must be within the financial limitations the board will face this year and (over) the next two years." The contract between the board and SPFEA

is a three-year agreement.

Negotiating teams held their first meeting with a state mediator on October 17. This marked the 16th time the parties had met without resolution. Though no date has been set for the next mediation session, as many as three meetings may take place in the hope of achieving settlement before the process moves into the fact finding stage.

At that point, the sides hire and pay for a professional fact finder, who hears both sides' proposals and tries to resolve the situation.

In other business, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye made the unpopular decision to cancel

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SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

•An East Second Street resident reported the theft of a checkbook taken from his vehicle sometime overnight.

•A 1991 Acura was reportedly taken from the parking lot of the Union County Vocational Technical Schools on Raritan Road sometime during the day.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

•A West Broad Street resident reported the theft of two drills from his van that was unlocked while parked in the driveway.

•A wallet, containing a small amount of cash and personal ID, was reportedly taken from a desk in a Park Avenue store.

•An East Second Street resident reported the theft of a 9-millimeter gun. The incident occurred sometime during the past year.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

•A Jerusalem Road business reported finding a lock cut off of a fenced-in area and a dozen wooden pallets taken.

•A Union County Vocational Technical Schools student reported the theft of a cellular telephone taken from a purse in a classroom during the afternoon.

•A Westfield Avenue convenience store reported the theft of several hundred dollars from a register.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

•Police received a report of someone taking \$700 in cash from a residence in the 2300 block of North Avenue sometime overnight. There were no signs of forced entry.

•Someone reported the theft of musical equipment taken during an event at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School sometime during the evening.

Squads Gaining Updated Training as Precaution

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Fanwood Rescue Squad Captain Sue Davis, Ms. Davis recently took the updated Weapons of Mass Destruction Course and noted that there were more than the usual numbers of emergency service personnel taking the class, including police and firefighters as well as EMS personnel.

"Whereas in the past, many EMS volunteers may not have included that course in their electives, there seems to be a heightened interest in taking this course and it is being offered more often now," Ms. Davis said.

Ms. Urso reported that most of Westfield's rescue squad members have not elected to take the weapons course in the past, but that they intend on offering the level one part of that course at the Westfield Rescue Squad in the near future.

Mr. Sullivan wished to stress that the average, low profile person, who is not a high profile politician, famous media personality or a postal worker has a relatively low-risk of exposure to anthrax at this time.

"I am concerned that some of the media is hyping this anthrax threat and unnecessarily alarming the public," he said.

Mr. Sullivan pointed out that to really get a clear perspective on the anthrax threat there should be information on how much anthrax occurred in the general population prior to September 11. He pointed out that 33 anthrax exposures out of a population of 225 million is a relatively low number compared to a flu outbreak. His chief concern is that if these anthrax exposures are not quelled before flu season, then there will be widespread fear over not being able to differentiate between flu symptoms and anthrax infections.

A widespread panic over anthrax exposures could severely tax and overwhelm emergency services, he said.

Should there be a widespread outbreak of anthrax or smallpox, Mr. Sullivan commented, he is confident that the government and EMS would be prepared to handle the situation and to coordinate all of the necessary

services. Joanne Gurske, Captain of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, feels confident that the squads are ready and able to handle any bioterrorism threat that may come this way. All local rescue squads, Ms. Gurske explained, are a part of each town's emergency management plan, which coordinates EMS, police, fire and other services in the event of any type of widespread problem.

On September 11, there was a very well coordinated response by police, fire and EMS teams to the crisis, Ms. Gurske added. The local emergency management plans coordinated the efforts of hundreds of collaborating rescue squads in and around New York City. That same coordinated system would be put into place wherever a crisis occurred, she said.

Since the attacks on September 11, all local rescue squads have been advised by the FBI to keep their ambulances locked to forestall ambulance thefts. The directive originated over concerns that stolen emergency vehicles could gain access to restricted areas, Ms. Urso noted.

The Centers for Disease Control has issued informational releases to all emergency services regarding the safe handling of potentially hazardous materials, the protocols of who to call in the event of emergencies and information on general bioterrorism preparedness and response issues.

"Coordination of services is key to a well-planned response," said Ms. Davis. "The community services in this area are very well-coordinated and ready to deal with any and all possible emergencies," she said. Ms. Davis also wished to stress that a widespread terrorist attack in this area, in these local communities, was very unlikely.

Additionally, Mr. Sullivan pointed out that the over-usage of antibiotics such as Cipro, when not required or not properly prescribed, could cause more harm to the user in the long run.

Lauren Pass contributed to this story.

State's Economy Remains Strong Following Events of September 11

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Times

WESTFIELD -- According to New Jersey Department of Labor Commissioner Mark B. Boyd, New Jersey appears to have weathered the economic impact from the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center fairly well thus far.

The Commissioner said his office has been "keeping a close eye on the economy" to see what impact the tragedies of September 11 will have on New Jersey.

Mr. Boyd, a Westfield resident, has been paying particular attention to claims for unemployment insurance. While the number of claims has jumped since the tragedy, the increase has not been as significant as first feared by the Labor Department.

This past summer, the department registered 15,000 claims following the layoffs at Lucent Technologies at the end of June and beginning of July.

"Every week after that peak of 15,000, we saw our initial claims load fall every single week up until the week of September 11," he said. "We had gotten down to as low as 7,000 claims. And I really felt the economy of New Jersey was really performing brilliantly before September 11."

The travel and leisure segments of the economy have been hit the hardest over the past month. This includes restaurants, Atlantic City resorts, the limousine business, hotels, etc. In fact, the union that represents Atlantic City hotel and restaurant workers was concerned that the slowdown would result in layoffs.

In addition, Continental Airlines furloughed 4,000 workers. However, the airline hopes to bring back the bulk of those employees, Mr. Boyd noted.

"The New Jersey economy was, I think, very well situated to deal with the slowdown that was occurring nationally. Our unemployment rate was well below the national average. Post September 11, while it of course has been a shock to the New Jersey economy, it has not been as significant as I had feared," Mr. Boyd noted.

The week following the Trade Center collapse, the state's unemployment claims jumped to 9,000 and continued rising until hitting 11,000. Two weeks ago, the number dropped to 10,000.

"That clearly is a significant impact. That is an over 50 percent rise in your initial claims," he said. But he had feared the state would slip back into Lucent Technologies-type of numbers

from July, or that of post holiday layoffs. Holiday layoff claims this past January came in at around 20,000.

The Commissioner, noting the loss of some 30 million square feet of office space in Lower Manhattan, noted the importance of keeping those companies that had offices in the Trade Center in the region.

Mr. Boyd said New Jersey, New York and Connecticut need to keep working with the companies to ensure that they remain in the Tri-State region.

"You've got to keep them here. Because if a company moves to Florida, they're never coming back," he reasoned.

The Labor Commissioner, who has made literacy of the New Jersey workforce a key initiative of his office, noted that many lower-skilled workers also lost their jobs on September 11. This includes those persons who washed windows at the Trade Center or those vendors who sold their goods in the lobby area. He also noted that the skill requirements for security guards has been significantly increased in light of the current national security concerns.

Mr. Boyd noted that recent unemployment claim numbers, coupled with

4.5 percent unemployment, the lowest in the region, indicates that the state appears to be on a strong economic footing.

"This is a lot better than I thought it would be," Mr. Boyd noted, explaining the New York's has an unemployment rate of 4.9 percent, which identi-

cal to the national rate. Connecticut was at 4.7 percent. "New Jersey is doing exceptional," he added.

"The sky has not fallen. The economy has certainly weathered the initial phase of this," he said. "But, it is an ongoing fluid situation. And we'll see what happens next."

Insurance Benefits Sticking Point In BOE, SPFEA Contract Talks

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Terrill Middle School's participation in this year's Broadway production of *A Christmas Carol*. For years, select students under the direction of Mary Lou Farrell have been invited to be part of the production's Angel Chorus.

Dr. Choye said she based her decision on her concerns for the safety of the students in the uncertain climate generated by the September 11 tragedy, and on her assessment of the educational value of students' participation in the program, which falls under the Field Trip category.

"It's the unpredictability" of the times, said Dr. Choye, that has her most worried.

She agreed to let high school organizations such as the Junior Statesmen Association (JSA) proceed with their plans to attend conferences out of state, reserving her right to reconsider students' participation at any time. The board under the recently revised field trip policy must sanction trips such as these, which take students more than 100 miles from home, involve an overnight stay or require airline travel.

While JSA President Brian Kaplan was gratified by the Superintendent's decision, middle school parents were very disappointed.

Howard Mankoff called her decision "a horrible idea." Saying the decision goes against what President George W. Bush and New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani have been saying about "continuing to live your life," and what parents themselves have been telling their children, he added, "Why do we assume New York City is more dangerous than anywhere else?"

Maura Berger stated, "It's really a shame. There are some things we cannot control, but our kids need to live their lives."

Janice Baker said the decision should be a parental one.

Frank Gaglioti, who works in downtown New York and witnessed the planes strike both the World Trade Center towers, added, "We're depriving our kids of growth experiences if we don't let them go."

Bob McMillion said that not letting the children participate in the show is giving into the terrorists. "You don't want to do that," he said.

The only member of the audience to commend Dr. Choye's decision was Gail Carrick, a school adminis-

trator from Warren who lives in Scotch Plains. She indicated parents may not be aware of all the precautions administrators are taking, and agreed she would not be comfortable sending children into New York City.

In surveying the Westfield, Summit, Berkeley Heights and Cranford school districts prior to making her decision, Dr. Choye learned that two of those districts had already decided against field trips into New York.

During the meeting, the board revisited an earlier resolution to apply for funding under Union County's Field of Dreams program, which will provide \$300,000 in to the board, the Township of Scotch Plains and Borough of Fanwood for improvements to athletic fields in the community, primarily the fields behind Park Middle School, which are heavily used by both local children and adults.

Board members returned voted in favor of resolution late in the evening on October 11, following a closed executive session. By that time, both the public audience and TV-34 cameraman had left for the night.

Under the terms of the program, each participant must match the \$100,000 grant money with its own funding. According to Dr. Sheldon, that funding could take the form of cash or related support such as engineering services or other services related to the renovation project. He confirmed that any cash put up by the district would come out of the 2002-2003 Board of Education budget.

Board member Edward J. Saridaki, Jr. suggested the board take the lead as field renovation plans move forward.

"The interests of the school district should take priority over (those of) the community when it's on our property," he said.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. Kathleen Regan gave board members their first comprehensive overview of the administration's plans for the transition of fifth grade students into middle school in September 2002.

Presentations from Terrill Middle School Principal John Foulks and Park Middle School Principal Rocco Collucci outlined where fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students would be housed in their buildings, and how students would enter the schools each morning.

Dr. Regan explained, "We will maintain the integrity of the existing (fifth grade) curriculum with enhancements" such as a foreign language exploratory of Spanish, French, Italian and German, and additional physical education time.

Students will receive instruction in math, reading, writing/language arts and social studies from their homeroom teacher, but will rotate among other fifth teachers for science instruction.

Candidates

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he had voted in favor of subdividing the hedge property, a small tract of land adjacent to the Municipal Building, and developing it into a mixed-use commercial-retail building, a move that, he said, "could possibly create a nice downtown feel."

Both candidates said they supported next month's ballot referendum on the creation of a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for the local fire department and rescue squad. If township voters approve the referendum, a LOSAP would be created as part of an effort to ensure retention of existing members and to provide them with incentives for recruiting new volunteers for the fire department and rescue squad.

Both candidates also expressed general support for a proposal backed by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance that calls for enactment of an ordinance that would permit local police officers to enter a private residence and take legal action if they witnessed underage possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Addressing further services and programs aimed at senior citizens, Mr. Celentano favored "plenty of access to transit to enable them to move around town." He also praised the planned Broadway development, which will be an age-restricted housing development aimed at seniors. Mrs. Romano, saying that "seniors made Scotch Plains what it is today," favored consulting closely with them "to see what they would like done."

Park Middle

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the late Councilman Tarquin Jay Bromley. Mrs. Porter decided earlier this year not to run in next month's election to fill out the remaining year of the four-year term; Democrat Patricia Romano and Republican Guy Celentano will vie for the seat.

In tearful remarks to the council, Mrs. Porter, the first African-American to serve on the council, said she was "grateful for the understanding and respect I received" from her council colleagues and the professional staff at the Municipal Building.

"It's been my honor to serve you," she said.

At the start of the meeting, Mayor Marks issued a proclamation designating October 15 as Reverend Kelmo Porter Day in Scotch Plains in honor of Rev. Porter's 35th anniversary as Pastor of St. John's Baptist Church.

The council's next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20.

TV-36 Posts Airing Times For 'The First Nine Days'

WESTFIELD -- Westfield Community TV-36 has announced airing times for "The First Nine Days," a presentation of the New Jersey Naval Militia and its role following the events of September 11.

The announced schedule is: Friday, October 26 at 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 28; 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

The program is to be repeated over the next few weeks.

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