



LIGHTING THE COMMUNITY...Scotch Plains Mayor Martin L. Marks is pictured with new light fixtures, which have been installed at the Village Green, adjacent to the Municipal Building on Park Avenue, and near the Scotch Plains Public Library on Bartle Avenue.

News Highlights

County Closes Meisel Field

SPRINGFIELD - The County of Union has closed Meisel Park in Springfield after environmental testing revealed unacceptable levels of three contaminants.

The high levels of arsenic, lead and an insecticide were discovered in soil samples taken from the football field by Matrix Environmental of Florham Park. Matrix conducted groundwater tests and soil sampling at the football field in June and July.

A local resident notified the county last year that a chemical dye plant, the American Chemical Company, had operated at the site in the 1920s, which led to the county having the park tested.

"The safety of our residents comes first and we have ordered the park shut indefinitely," said Deputy County Manager George Devaney.

The park had been used by the Jonathan Dayton High School varsity football team. That program, however, was suspended due to a lack of participation. A junior varsity program is being implemented, but that team will play its games on the road.

formation, please call Ron Kelly at (908) 753-8218.

Annual 9-1-1 Day Held This Week

CLARK - On September 11, the annual National 9-1-1 Day was observed, an event honoring public safety telecommunications.

The day was initiated by former President Ronald Reagan in 1987.

"Thousands of dedicated public safety dispatchers, call takers, and telecommunications throughout the State of New Jersey provide dramatic life-saving services by talking distressed callers through CPR, calming hysterical crime victims and making difficult decisions using limited information to save lives or reduce property damage on a daily basis," said Jennifer F. Cottone, Public Safety Telecommunicator with the Clark Police Department.

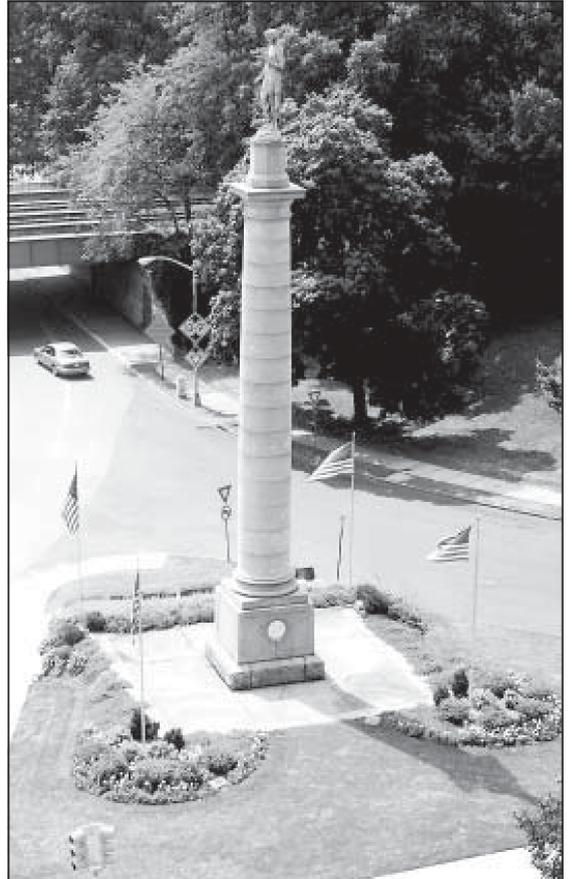
"The critical functions performed by both sworn and civilian personnel play a significant role in the daily lives of citizens everywhere, though this day is set aside for us to be honored," he said.

Retirement Event Set for Dan Kelly

WESTFIELD - A retirement celebration for Dan Kelly, retired Westfield Public Works Superintendent, will take place on Friday, September 21, at the Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road in Clark.

Cocktails will be served at 7 p.m., followed by dinner and presentations beginning at 7:30 p.m., with music and dancing throughout the evening. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be obtained by calling Barry Batzel at (908) 789-4100, extension no. 608. Guests are asked to respond by September 14.

Mr. Kelly, who retired earlier this year, served the Town of Westfield for 45 years in the Public Works Department and also served for over 35 years as a volunteer in the Westfield Fire Department. He was also an active member of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Public Works Association, serving as treasurer for the past five years.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

A PLEASANT VIEW FROM ABOVE...An interesting view of the Monument to World War I veterans can be seen from the tower of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield. Clio, the Greek muse of history, is positioned on top of the monument. The tower, which is 70 feet high, may be, perhaps, the highest structure in Westfield that allows a person to safely stand without safety equipment.

Babysitters Training Courses Offered by Local Red Cross

WESTFIELD - The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will host two babysitters training courses for youth ages 11 to 15.

The first class will be on Saturday, October 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be offered again on Thursday and Friday, November 8 and 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

This course is designed for current and future babysitters. It teaches youth the best ways to keep the children in their care safe.

Topics will include making good decisions, supervising children of different ages, safety inside and outside the home, handling emergencies, age-appropriate activities, performing basic infant care (feeding, diapering, burping), basic First Aid and more.

To give adolescents the feeling of how to interact with a real baby, the course uses dolls called "Baby Think It Over." These are infant simulators or babies that cry at random, unpredictable times, if they are held in the wrong position, if the head is not supported or if it is handled roughly.

The simulators were purchased with a grant provided through the Westfield Foundation.

Two classes being offered to teenagers this fall are CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and First Aid. The infant/child CPR class will be offered on Thursday, September 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., while the First Aid class will take place on Saturday, November 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both classes are certification American Red Cross courses.

All classes will be held at the Chapter House, located at 321 Elm Street in Westfield. Interested individuals must pre-register. Space is limited and offered on a first come basis.

The chapter hosts the babysitters training course every month. Those interested may call (908) 232-7090, stop by the Chapter House or send an email to johnsonl@crossnet.org.

Crime At Lowest Mark In 19 Years

TRENTON - State officials last week reported that overall crime in New Jersey declined by 4 percent in 2000, thus continuing a five-year drop in crime and criminal activity throughout the state.

The annual 2000 New Jersey Uniform Crime Report tabulated 265,840 index offenses in 2000, compared to 277,472 recorded in 1999, thus marking the lowest number of crimes since 1972, when 233,517 total crimes were reported.

The categories of rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft all showed declines last year.

Vendors Sought For Flea Market

SCOTCH PLAINS - As part of the annual Scotch Plains Day street fair set for Saturday, September 22, the Scotch Plains Lions Club will sponsor a flea market and craft fair at the Scotch Plains Municipal Parking Lot at 430 Park Avenue.

Vendors are needed. For more in-

Upcoming Trips Revealed For Y's 'Older Adult' Set

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Y, located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield, has just announced its fall schedule of trips for the "Older Adult" set.

These trips are open to the public and reservations are being taken on a first come, first-served basis.

The season will begin with a trip to Wilmington, Del., on Thursday, September 20. Included will be lunch at the elegant Hotel du Pont and a tour featuring an exhibit called "Syria: Land of Civilizations."

Included in the exhibit will be 385 pieces, most of which have never been shown in the United States. Among the items showcased will be intricate jewelry, delicate cloth remnants and other treasures from six

major periods of civilization. The fee for this trip is \$75 per person.

An excursion will take place to Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Va., from Monday through Thursday, October 1 to 4.

A highlight of this trip will be a day spent touring the Hillwood Museum and Gardens, the last residence of Marjorie Merriweather Post, which houses the largest collection of Russian Imperial Art outside of Russia.

Tour participants will be served high tea at the museum. The trip will include breakfasts, dinners and nightly entertainment.

For more details, please call the Y at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 240.

Toastmasters to Hold Humorous Speech Contest This Evening

WESTFIELD - Toastmasters International of Westfield will hold its annual Humorous Speech Contest tonight, Thursday, September 13, at 7:45 p.m.

The contest will take place at Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield, 240 Springfield Avenue. The public is invited. Richard Hopen of Westfield is Contest Chairman.

This year's contestants include Stan Karp of Westfield, Scott Linde of Edison, Lena Hollman of Scotch Plains, Phil Munkacsy of South Bound Brook and Max Florville of Metuchen.

'Women in the Word' To Begin Semester At Evangel Church

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Evangel Church has announced that the new semester for "Women in the Word" will begin on Wednesday, September 26, at 9:30 a.m.

"Women in the Word" is an opportunity for women of all ages to study God's word and to enjoy fellowship, worship and crafts.

The fall session will meet at the church, located at 1251 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month through December.

Child care is available for all ages, including those who are home schooled. There is no charge and all are invited to attend. To register, please call the Evangel Church office at (908) 322-9300.

Good News

Be well-balanced-temperate, sober-minded; be vigilant and cautious at all times, for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.

I Peter 5:8 The Gospel

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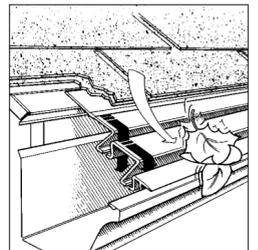
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