



**NOT JUST BAGELS...**The former JVA on Elm Street in Westfield has been remodeled and transformed into NJB, which stands for "Not Just Bagels". NJB carries an extensive collection of gourmet cream cheeses, sandwiches and beverages.

## SP-F Receive \$55,180 To Support Recreation

SCOTCH PLAINS-The Township of Scotch Plains and the Borough of Fanwood will receive \$55,180 from the State Department of Community Affairs to centralize coordination of recreational activities.

The township, borough and Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education share ballfields for various sports programs. Scotch Plains, the lead agency, will use the grant to develop a joint system that will coordinate facility maintenance and eliminate scheduling conflicts and the duplication of services.

"Governor McGreevey and I are committed to offering assistance to municipalities that want to create a

more efficient way of providing services to their residents," said Commissioner Susan Levin.

"I commend Senator Joseph Suliga, Assemblyman Jerry Green, and Assemblywoman Linda Stender for their efforts to ensure that these towns have the resources and space necessary to manage their sports programs," said Commissioner Levin.

Project plans include the installation of hardware and software to organize the scheduling and maintenance of facilities. A part-time supervisor will oversee the operation of the system and serve as the contact for township, school and sports league administrators.

## Chambers of Commerce Merge, Ms. Rosa Appointed VP

By HORACE CORBIN  
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

ELIZABETH-The Union County Chamber of Commerce and the Central New Jersey Chamber of Commerce have merged to form the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, headquartered in Elizabeth.

Recently appointed Vice President, Donna Rosa, told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that Gateway is now the fourth largest Chamber of Commerce in the state and is the fastest growing. Ms. Rosa said that although the merger was official in February, publicity would be launched in the fall to increase awareness of the new organization.

Mr. James Coyle, President of the past Union County Chamber of Commerce serves as President of Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Rosa replaces Mrs. Susan Jacobson of Westfield to become Vice President.

Ms. Rosa of Nutley joined the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce as Vice President of Membership Services. She also will serve as Executive Director of the Route 22 Chamber and will manage the Linden, Kenilworth, Roselle Park, and Springfield Chambers of Commerce, which come under Gateway umbrella.



Donna Rosa

Ms. Rosa was a consultant for the United Nations Development Programme working with field offices in Panama, Latvia, Russia and China to help the United Nations partner with local businesses. Previously, she worked with New Business Search & Development International, setting up and managing the U.S. subsidiary of a European consulting firm. She has managed multi-million dollar accounts and marketed new products for a number of companies.

She will help the Gateway Chamber increase membership and expand services. Ms. Rosa can be reached at donnarosa@gatewaychamber.com or by calling (908) 352-0900.



**CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF...**The Scotch Plains Township Council Democratic candidates kicked off their campaign for council at a recent barbecue. Pictured, left to right, are: candidates Geri Samuel, George Gowen, and Shelia Ellington.

## Scotch Plains Recreation Events

**Basketball Programs:** Third through eighth grade basketball program begins on Thursday, August 27 through September 20 in the recreation department. The fee is \$30 for early registration, \$40 after September 20. Registration will be opened until October 11.

**Overnight Vacation Trips:** Sponsored by Scotch Plains, Mountainside and New Providence Recreation Departments. The trip is to Pigeon Forge, Tenn. on September 28 to October 4.

**Junior Golf Tournaments:** Scotch Hills Country Club on September 8. Please register at the Recreation Office by the Wednesday prior to each tournament.

**Teen Programs for the Fall:** Programs include but are not limited to: Teen Club/Sports Night at the High School gyms, Shawnee Ski Program and Teen Talent Night/Karaoke. The Babysitting Program for ages 11 to 16 will be held on Saturday, October 5.

**Adult Programs for the Fall:** Programs include but are not limited to: Aerobics, Yoga, Line Dancing, Adult dance classes, Self Defense, Co-ed Volleyball, Coaches Basketball Clinic, Walking Club, Senior Spirits and more.

**Special Events:** Special events include but are not limited to: Scotch Plains Day on September 28, Spelling Bee (TBD), Halloween Celebration on October 31 and Santa's Arrival on December 8.

**Mayors Gala:** Tickets are on sale for the Mayors Gala, on December 6, at the Recreation Office. In addition, nomination forms for Volunteers of the Year can be obtained at the Recreation Office.

**Theme Park Tickets:** Great Adventure, Hershey Park, Sesame Place, Morey's Piers, Camelbeach, Dorney Park and Mountain Creek at discounted rates. Tickets can be purchased at the recreation office.

**Summer Concert:** The next concert is scheduled Thursday. The fall/winter brochure will be available at the end of August. For more information, contact the recreation office at (908) 322-6700.

## Democrats Begin SP Council Campaign With Barbecue

SCOTCH PLAINS—The Democratic candidates for the Scotch Plains Township Council, Geri Samuel, Shelia Ellington, and George Gowen, kicked off their campaign at a barbecue held at the home of Louis and Ann Beckerman on August 11.

Kenneth Lipstein, Scotch Plains Democratic Committee Chairman, introduced the candidates to the crowd, noting their respective qualifications.

Ms. Samuel has been on the Township Council since 1999 and served as mayor that year. She has served Scotch Plains not only as a councilwoman, but also on a number of committees, including the Municipal Alliance, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Housing Board and Cultural Arts Committee.

Ms. Samuel has also been a member of the League of Municipalities, Towne Centre Task Force, Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Committees, Recreation Commission, Environmental Commission, Council Liaison to the Scotch Plains Fire Department, Planning Board, and Master Plan Review Committee.

Ms. Ellington is an attorney, and in addition to her law degree, holds a masters degree in public administration. She served as a judicial law clerk and as a prosecutor in the Union County Prosecutor's Office and in the New Jersey Attorney General's

Office where she prosecuted government corruption.

Mr. Gowen has an extensive business background in the area of information technology. His responsibilities have included market research and analysis, corporate communications projects, introduction of emerging technologies, strategic planning, managing budgets, selecting and overseeing vendors, and directing project teams. He currently operates his own Internet related business.

"Each of these three candidates brings a background and quality which will greatly benefit the residents of Scotch Plains," Mr. Lipstein commented.

"When elected to serve together, they will give Scotch Plains one of the best councils the township has ever seen," he said. "Just as important as their qualifications, is their commitment to fulfill the obligations of their elected term."

"Each candidate is devoted to giving the residents of Scotch Plains the government they deserve," Mr. Lipstein added.

Also in attendance were Tim Carden, Democratic candidate for the United States House of Representatives for the Seventh Congressional District, and Jerry Green, Assemblyman for the 22nd New Jersey Legislative District.

Mr. Carden spoke about healthcare issues and the problem of corporate corruption. Mr. Green, who also serves as Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, spoke about various legislative initiatives and issues pending in Trenton.

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**ENJOYING A VERY RARE OCCASION...**Brothers of Sigma Pi Fraternity at Lock Haven University, Pa. (Classes 1969-72), most meeting for the first time in 30 years, recently celebrated a reunion. David B. Corbin, holding poster, Assistant Publisher and Sports Editor of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*, was pleasantly surprised to discover that fraternity brother Jim Peterson, back row center, resides in Westfield.

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