

## Union County Collects Household Special Waste

COUNTY- The County of Union will sponsor another "Household Special Waste Collection Day" on Saturday, June 8, so that Union County residents can get rid of unwanted household special waste in a safe and environmentally proper manner. The collection will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Lucent Technologies, 600 Mountain Avenue in New Providence.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. Pre-registration is not required for this special Saturday collection. All residents need to do is drive to the site with their household special waste and workers at the sites will remove it from their vehicles.

"Household special waste" includes oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, solvents and thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), and mercury switches." Freeholder Mingo stated

Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted. Latex (water-based) paint and empty

### Jill Jack Race Supports Westfield Ed. Fund

WESTFIELD-The Education Fund of Westfield is teaming up with the Jill & Jack 5K Road Race to be held on Saturday, June 15, at Westfield's Kehler Stadium on Rahway Avenue. The public is invited to the four different events planned for the day. Last year, over 500 hundred people participated.

The 5K race features the Women's Games Championship at 8:30 a.m. The race is sanctioned by USA Track and Field and is a USATF-NJ 500 Point Grand Prix Event through flat residential streets and Tamaques Park.

The Square Mile Road Race begins at 9:20 a.m. and will be run on residential streets.

The Bucket Race starts at 9:50 a.m. and will consist of co-ed teams with a bucket of water running 600 yards on the Kehler Stadium track.

Kids' Games for children grades K through 8 begin at 11:00 a.m. Participants will compete in running, jumping and throwing contests.

Refreshments, T-shirts, gifts, awards, prizes and entertainment will be provided.

The Education Fund of Westfield will use the proceeds from the event to enhance programs for students of the Westfield Public Schools. The non-profit organization provides funds and resources to assist the public schools in maintaining and enhancing the quality of education in Westfield.

"The organization has been around since 1991," said President Danielle Walsh. Contributions to the fund are sought and should be made payable to The Education Fund of Westfield, Inc., P.O. Box 2221, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090-2221.

For information on the Race, call 908-317-9813.

cans be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper can be added to hasten the drying.

A complete list of the household materials that will be accepted is available at the Union County Bureau of Environmental Services website at: [www.unioncountynj.org/oem](http://www.unioncountynj.org/oem).

The household special waste collection will be held rain or shine, for the Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required. For more information, please call the Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

### Green Brook Flood Control Update Given

According to a report by J.B. WILEY, JR., P.E., P.P., the Legislative Branch of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission held in Green Brook Township on April 27, had over 40 people in attendance to discuss progress in regards to construction.

The updates mostly dealt with the construction of the new bridge connecting East Main Street in Bound Brook Borough with Lincoln Boulevard in Middlesex Borough.

Mayor Patricia Walsh of Green Brook also noted, "the new Green Brook Township Building is rapidly progressing towards completion, which is expected this summer." Mayor Walsh also stated, "the new building places all of the occupied floors safely above the flood level."

"The fruits of the efforts of many years are now becoming visible in actual construction," stated Senator Rich Bagger.

In regards to the protection of the upper portion of the project, Mr. Thurman P. Simmons, a former member of the Scotch Plains Township Council stated, "It was pointed that several years ago, the State of New Jersey agreed with the Federal authorities that plans for protection for the upper portion of the basin should be put on hold until a plan has been agreed upon which is acceptable to all of the affected municipalities and Counties; meeting the requirements of the Federal laws, including restrictions against the use of the Watchung Reservation which holds realistic promise that the plan will meet the Federal test of benefits greater than the cost, and will merit support by the effected Municipalities and Counties, and the Green Brook Flood Commission which they created."



DEMANDING A RE-MATCH...On April 19, in honor of his 50th birthday, and in support of the Fighters Initiative for Support and Training (FIST), Westfield Police Chief Barney Tracy fought Jerry Cooney at Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn, NY. Chief Tracy lost the match. Unofficial reports say there will be a rematch in either Mindowaskin Park or the Westfield Armory.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Perrotta

## Mountainside Sidewalk Art Fair To be held on June 15

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Mountainside Chamber of Commerce, a division of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, will hold the Mountainside Sidewalk Art Fair on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Mountainside, on Mountain Avenue between New Providence Road and Mountain View Terrace. The rain date is Saturday, June 22.

The Westfield Art Association artists will be selling fine art, including oils, watercolors, sculpture, photography and other media.

Valley National Bank will sponsor a Moonwalk ride for children to enjoy from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in their parking lot.

Children's Specialized Hospital will sponsor Face-Painting, and Brighton Gardens of Mountainside will be handing out balloons. Quality Portraits will have a drawing for a free In-Home Portrait Session with a free 16x20 Family Portrait.

Union County Voice Magazine will have entry forms for a Children's Essay Contest with a "My Hero" theme. The winner's essay will be published in the July issue of the magazine.

Mountainside Indoor Tennis Center will have a tennis demonstration area with activities and prizes for children and adults. Fleet Bank, Crowning Achievements, and Dr. Robert Wortzel, D.M.D. will provide other activities.

There will be a Children's Art Display featuring the theme "My Hero" in their work. Their artwork will be hung on snow fencing in the grassy

area next to the Fleet driveway at the corner of Mountain View Terrace. Lynn Slotkin, "The Queen of Art" at Deerfield School, will co-ordinate that effort. Children who do not attend Deerfield School are also invited to participate in the event. Artwork depicting "My Hero" can be dropped off at Rejuvenations, 887 Mountain Avenue by Friday, June 14. For further information, please contact the Chamber of Commerce office at (908) 233-3021.

### SP-F Service League Awards \$12,500 In Scholarships

Five area students have been awarded scholarships, of \$2,500 each, by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League. Those students are: Jay Cordes, Scotch Plains, a freshman at American University; Jacqueline Dempsey, Scotch Plains, a senior at Worcester State College; Katherine L'Heuraux, Scotch Plains, a senior at Rutgers; Jennifer Perryman, Scotch Plains, a senior at University of Delaware and Jennifer Stearns, Fanwood, a sophomore at James Madison University.

Funds for these scholarships are derived from sales at the Thrift Shop located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains.

Call Joan Suter at (908) 232-0625 with questions or for information.

## Bagger Measure Extends Law On Who Can Buy Handguns

New Jersey's law which disqualifies a person from obtaining a firearms purchaser identification card or a permit to purchase a handgun would be expanded, under legislation released from the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee on May 30.

The bill's sponsor, Senator Richard H. Bagger, said this legislation was prompted by a request from the Chief of the Green Brook Police Department.

"Chief Martin Rasmussen pointed out that there is a quirk in our state's gun permit law that allows a juvenile who has built a bomb and brought it to school to later buy a handgun," Mr. Bagger explained.

"Under current law, if a juvenile has a gun-related offense in his record, he or she is not eligible for a gun permit. However, a juvenile with a record involving explosives is eligible to own a firearm. This bill would close that loophole," he added.

The senator noted that the measure is designed to help protect the public from young people with a history of anti-social behavior.

"Under this bill, juvenile delinquents with offenses that include unlawful possession of a weapon, explosive or destructive device would never be al-

lowed to either own or sell firearms in our state," he said. "It is simply a matter of common sense and public safety."

Under current law, a person is disqualified from ever obtaining a firearms purchaser identification card or a permit to purchase a handgun if, as a juvenile, that person was adjudicated delinquent for an offense which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime and that offense involved the unlawful use or possession of a firearm.

"This bill (S-160) would expand the scope of the disqualifying offense from one which involved the unlawful use or possession of a firearm to include weapons, explosives and destructive devices," said Senator Bagger.

"Unfortunately, we have seen a number of incidents involving young people where they have constructed home-made bombs or other incendiary devices," he remarked.

"This legislation takes into account the changing nature of our society and the need to further protect the public from individuals who have a violent history. If a young person is convicted of an offense involving a bomb of some sort, they are not the type of individual who should be either selling or owning handguns in our state," he said.

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