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**WORTHY FUNDRAISER...** Friends and residents turned out on Sunday to participate in a yard sale fundraiser on South Avenue in Fanwood for 22-year-old Jeannine Roy, who needs \$200,000 for a double lung transplant. Jeannine, who attended Coles Elementary School, Terrill Middle School and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis when she was 1 year old. The next fundraiser will be held at the Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights on Friday, November 8. For more information, please call (973) 390-2353.

## Council Reveals Receipt Of Proposals From Developers on FW Downtown

By ELIZABETH CORRELL  
Specially Written for The Times

Officials presented an update on downtown revitalization efforts during Tuesday's regular meeting of the Fanwood Borough Council, revealing that four proposals have been received from developers.

The borough's 11-member committee that was selected to review the proposals met for the first time on September 23. It is scheduled to meet again this month for further discussion.

Once the review is completed, the committee plans to recommend one or more developers and will hold a public forum to summarize the results of their analysis of the bids.

Under other business Tuesday, a resolution was passed regarding a shuttle bus agreement with NJ Transit. The shuttle bus was provided as part of a federal program and will be used to transport Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents to and from the Fanwood train station.

The terms and conditions of the agreement state that NJ Transit will contribute 50 percent towards the operating costs, up to \$30,000 for the first year, \$20,000 for the second year and \$10,000 for the third year.

An operating agreement will be established jointly with Scotch Plains. The shuttle program is expected to begin in early 2003.

In a separate discussion, Councilman Stuart Kline reported that

71 percent of the total tax levy has been collected. September's total was only \$83,070, as the month was not one of the four tax collection dates.

Councilman Kline stated that in September, there were 84 parking violations, 201 moving violations and 10 criminal violations. In addition, 56 parking violations, 188 moving violations and 14 criminal violations were processed.

A total of \$21,419 was collected in fines, of which 50 percent is kept by the borough, in the amount of \$11,933. There were two court sessions during the month, including a special session for a Board of Health conference.

Councilman Thomas Ryan, Jr. reported on a "beacon" program which provides special light bulbs to senior citizens in the borough. The light bulbs are to be installed in exterior light fixtures outside the home, for use in an emergency.

When the citizen needs assistance and has called emergency personnel, they can also switch on this outdoor light, which will flash rapidly day or night, assisting the police, ambulance or fire officials in locating the residence. Sergeant Thomas Jedic distributed the light bulbs at the Senior Citizens meeting on October 7.

Water restrictions continue to be posted on Fanwood's Channel 35. Councilman Ryan stated that there have been very few violations reported and thanked citizens for their adherence to the rules.

Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell reported on a recent public forum that was held regarding the Fanwood Historic Preservation District, which she said was attended by approximately 50 people.

A historic preservation expert, Nancy Zerbe, addressed questions and concerns of the audience at the forum. She explained that property values go up in historic areas, that homeowners are not told what to do with their properties and that public encroachment has been stopped in other historic areas.

It is expected that a resolution on this issue will be presented in November. Councilwoman Mitchell thanked the Historic Preservation Commission for the five years of hard work that went into this project.

As part of the council's agenda, Mayor Louis Jung presented four proclamations highlighting various issues and events that are being observed during the month of October. The first proclamation announced CROP Walk 2002, planned and sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium.

"Half the proceeds will go to World Hunger Relief Services for the United States and abroad and

the other half will go to local churches that maintain a food kitchen to assist those who struggle with hunger and thirst, a universal problem," the proclamation stated.

The walk will be held on Sunday, October 20, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Participants are asked to sign in at the church basement at that time. Immaculate Heart of Mary is located at 1571 South Martine Avenue.

The second proclamation honored National Red Ribbon Week, October 19 to 26. This event "started in 1986 as a memorial to

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## SP Council Debates Ordinance To Create Conservation Zone

By FRED ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Times

After some unexpected debate and discussion, the Scotch Plains Township Council gave its unanimous approval to an ordinance designating a three-acre parcel of land on Westfield Avenue as a conservation zone.

The township-owned property is located next to the Public Works storage yard and across the street from the park and ballfield complex being developed.

Property designated as a conservation zone means it would be off-limits to development of any kind—be it residential or commercial or even the development of a new park.

During the council's regular meeting on Tuesday night, a resident, commenting on the conservation zone ordinance, suggested turning the property into a passive park containing some benches, walking paths and playground equipment.

Councilwoman Geri Samuel signaled her agreement and expressed her belief that the ordinance should be tabled until further discussion.

Councilman Frank Rossi, however, said turning the property into a park would be inconsistent with the goal of preserving the land.

Mayor Martin Marks and Councilwoman Paulette Coronato agreed, and Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins said installing playground equipment would require the property to be fenced off for safety reasons.

Councilwoman Nancy Malool said that perhaps Recreation Director Ray Poerio could look into the possibility of setting aside a small portion of the property for use by small children.

In other business, the council approved the awarding of two bids for various park improvements. Hi-Gear Construction of Somerville was awarded a \$310,200 contract for field improvement work at Farley and Jerseyland Parks while SITA Construction of Goshen, N.Y. was awarded a \$229,570 contract for concrete and asphalt work at the Kramer Manor Park tennis and basketball courts and the basketball courts at

Farley and Jerseyland Parks.

The council also gave final approval to three closely related ordinances. One ordinance will mandate right turns on Park Avenue from the Church Street intersection and the school's exit driveway during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times at park Middle School.

The second prohibits parking or standing of vehicles on the west side of Park Avenue from Church Street to a point 100 feet to the north.

The third ordinance establishes a bus stop on the same side of Park Avenue across from the Church Street intersection.

The council introduced amendments to the local solid waste and recycling code that will regulate the placement of litter, vegetative waste and other matter in front of homes. The council's action comes in response to some complaints about homeowners placing vegetative and solid waste in front of their homes weeks in advance of the scheduled pick up by the township, thus creating either an eyesore or a traffic hazard. The amendments would al-

low residents to place materials at their curb no earlier than 10 days prior to any scheduled pick up, such as during the local spring clean-up or fall leaf and branch collection. The amendments will also set out penalties for those in violation, with the first penalty being a written warning and then, if the problem is not remedied, fines of \$50 to \$200 for the first offense and \$200 to \$1,000 for subsequent offenses. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 22.

The Council put off introducing an ordinance that would restrict the use of landscaping equipment to certain hours of the day. Mayor Marks said there were still questions of which entities would be exempt from the restrictions, but that pending further review and discussions, the ordinance will be reintroduced sometime in the near future.

Councilwoman Malool reported that the fountain that will hopefully be put into place in the Village Green, which will be renamed in honor of the late Assemblyman Alan August-

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**BEST WISHES...** The Scotch Plains Board of Trustees honored former Library Director Norbert Bernstein on his retirement on October 6 at L'Affaire in Mountainside. Pictured, left to right, are: Friends of the Library President Ted Czarnowski, Mr. Bernstein's wife, Estelle, Mr. Bernstein, and Michelle Willis.

## School Bd. Policy Committee Proposes Changes; Technology Program Agreement to Be Weighed

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL  
Specially Written for The Times

A second and final reading of five new policies to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education policy manual will be read at next week's Public Meeting to be held at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Evergreen Elementary School.

During Tuesday evening's agenda setting meeting, board member Susan Dyckman, a member of the Policy Committee, reported that the five policies to be adopted next week include Conflict of Interest, Evaluation of the Superintendent, Internet Safety, Board of Education Meetings and Board Committees. She also noted that there were six policies that were awaiting a second reading at next week's meeting to be rescinded.

These policies, which include Policy Committee, Board Committees, Board of Education Meetings, Committee of the Whole Meetings, Communications addressed to or directed to the Board of Education and Agenda Setting Sessions, date back as early as 1974 and as recent as 1995.

In addition, Ms. Dyckman stated that the Policy Committee was scheduled to introduce a first reading on six additional policies regarding Dress, Grooming and Appearance Policy, Public Records, Community Relations, Special Board of Education Meetings to Conduct Official Business, Agenda Preparation and Standing Board Committee Functions and Duties.

These new policies will go to a second reading next month.

Finally, Ms. Dyckman noted that there were three additional regulations to be read at next week's meeting, and pointed out that regulations could be adopted after only one reading. These policies include: Regulations, Dress Grooming and Appearance for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Procedure for Inspecting or

Requesting Copies of Documents and Exhibit Form to Request to Inspect or Receive Copies of Public Records.

Commenting on this report, Board President, Lance Porter said, "Our policy committee has been very active in looking at our policy manual, which is 4 to 5 inches thick. They are modernizing the policies and I want to recognize the good work that the policy committee is doing."

In other business, it was noted that a motion that the school board approve the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program Agreement for four district schools would be introduced at the Thursday, October 17, meeting.

Through this agreement, The Christopher Academy will receive \$1,400, the Baptist Christian Day School will receive \$400, St. Bartholomew the Apostle Interparochial School will receive \$8,664 and Union Catholic Regional High School will receive \$27,246.

Anthony DelSordi, Business Manager and Board Secretary, noted that this money will come from the state of New Jersey and will be awarded specifically to parochial schools

within the district.

In other business, it was reported a motion to approve Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) Music Department field trips will also be heard at next week's meeting.

The trips consist of the musical group, the Moonglowers, participating in the New Jersey Board Convention on Wednesday, October 23, held in Atlantic City and the Music Departments Spring Festival of Music Competition, which is held in Boston in April.

During the meeting, two student liaison reports were heard. The first was from SPFHS senior Ray DiNizzo, who is active in DECA, an association of marketing students at SPFHS, and on the soccer team. He said that he was also active in student government, the Student Movement Against Cancer (SMAC) program and a program called Hats off to Chemo, where students collect hats for kids that have to undergo chemotherapy and disperse them to children or teens in area hospitals.

He reported that SPFHS was scheduled to hold a freshman picnic in the

courtyard on October 10 to encourage them to become active in their school. He added that many freshmen have already become active in the organizations that he was associated with and that many freshmen were involved in freshman student government elections. He also noted that plans were underway for this year's homecoming, which is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day weekend.

Junior Charles Bacci, who is also active in DECA, SMAC and on the football team, reported that students were already getting ready for homecoming weekend by planning and putting together their homecoming floats.

He also reported that students have also been active in visiting Ashbrook Nursing & Rehabilitation Center to help the residents celebrate their birthdays. He stated that students have been frequenting the home just to socialize, sing, dance and bring treats.

He added that students were planning a "Winter Wonderland" dance in January and that the Junior Prom was scheduled to take place on Friday, May 2, at the Westwood, in Garwood.

## Maple Trees Cut Down Illegally On County Land in Mountainside

By HORACE R. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Times

The Union County Police have under investigation an act of the illegal cutting of 24 to 25 trees on county property in the Watchung Reservation adjacent to Tracy Drive and near Moxon Pond.

Spokesman for the county, John Salerno, told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that the trees were mostly mature maples. He added

that although the assessed value may be substantial, the trees were irreplaceable.

The Union County Freeholder Board passed a resolution appropriating \$5,000 and authorizing a professional services agreement with Gary Lovallo, a Certified Tree Expert No. 273, President/Owner of Consulting & Municipal Foresters Co., Inc., of Old Bridge for quantifying losses to parklands due to an

encroachment.

One individual, who is a homeowner in the area, is the focus of the investigation as this individual allegedly hired a company to do the cutting.

"This may be his downfall," said Mr. Salerno.

The county legal department is reviewing what action to take — which may occur as early as the end of this week.

**Vote**  
**Candidate Forums**

The Scotch Plains Candidates Forum will be held tonight — Thursday, October 10, at 6 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Township Municipal Building.

The Westfield Candidates Forum will be held Thursday, October 17, at 8 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building.

The Fanwood Candidates Forum schedule will be released shortly. There will be no Candidates Forum for Mountainside this year.

The public is invited to attend the forums. The events will be aired several times on local television stations up to the time for election of November 5.

Westfield TV-36 has released its schedule for airing the Westfield Candidates Forum. These times are set for Friday, October 18, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, October 20, at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.; Monday, October 21, and Wednesday October 23, at 12:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, October 22, and Thursday, October 24, at 1 a.m. TV-36 will repeat the schedule the following week.

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## Town Bought Holiday Decorations For DWC

By LAUREN S. PASS  
Specially Written For The Times

WESTFIELD -- Before the creation of the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC) solicited the merchants for funds to purchase the Christmas trees to hang on the streetlight poles each year and to install the sockets in the light poles.

The light sockets cost upwards of \$40,000, according to Bill Moore, who chaired the holiday decoration project for the WACC for many years. The sockets were installed progressively over a number of years.

Recently, it was brought to the attention of *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that, currently, the wreath decorations are only hung in the downtown area by the DWC. The trees used to also be hung on North, South and Central Avenues, leading shoppers into the downtown area. The businesses west of the South Avenue Circle, and those east of Central Avenue are not included in the DWC's area.

The responsibility of handling the ornaments changed hands in 1997 when the trees needed to be replaced. This occurred shortly after the formation of the DWC, during a time period when the WACC was in financial straits and had a low membership rate.

According to DWC Executive Director, Sherry Cronin, the decorations are only placed within her jurisdiction because she is "constrained to the district."

The yearly installation, which costs \$9,600, is paid out of the DWC's budget, which includes the hanging of the wreaths and the 65 "Welcome Home to Westfield" banners.

The electricity bill is currently paid in full by the Town of Westfield, however according to Mr. Moore, the WACC used to pay a portion of the electric bill each year.

Mrs. Cronin stated that the DWC had paid \$35,000 for the decorations, and was then reimbursed by the Town. It was confirmed through the Town Clerk, Bernard Heenehy, that a payment was made to the DWC in the amount of \$35,000 in December 1997.

According to Joe Spector of The Leader Store, who is a member of the WACC and the board of the DWC, it was his understanding that the WACC sold the trees for approximately \$5,000, and that that money was supposed to go toward decorations for the businesses not in the DWC's district.

According to Debbie Schmidt, WACC Director, the trees were sold to a town in Pennsylvania.

Ms. Schmidt also said that five additional wreaths were purchased last year and hung on South Avenue to honor Bob Santos, the owner of Westfield Cleaners, who passed away.

These ornaments were purchased through a grant given by the Westfield Foundation and she added that the WACC has applied to the foundation again this year for more ornaments.

"I would support another program, but I don't have the funding," Mrs. Cronin said.

According to Jebb Corbett, a member of the of the WACC Board of Directors, this was "a problem that came up that needs solving."

Town Administrator James Gildea said that some of the PSE&G streetlights may be coming down on Central Avenue because of the streetscape project. He added that this could mean there will be extra ornaments which the Town could hang on streets outside the DWC's district.

### Breznitsky, Hessemer Volunteer in Community

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa. reported that first-year students Erin Breznitsky and Allison Hessemer, both of Scotch Plains, experienced the value of helping others during their first week on campus.

On Freshman Community Service Day, which was held on August 24, Erin and Allison participated in one of 43 volunteer projects in Selinsgrove and surrounding communities.

A writing major, Erin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Breznitsky of Scotch Plains.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hessemer of Scotch Plains, Allison is an education/elementary major.

## WF Master Plan OK'd by Planning Bd.; New Retail Proposed for Central Avenue

By JAMES FOERST  
Specially Written For The Times

WESTFIELD -- The direction of Westfield's efforts to plan for development changed on Monday with the approval of the revised Master Plan by the Westfield Planning Board.

"The Master Plan is a policy document intended to guide town officials in the use and development of land in Westfield," according to Town Planner Blaise Brancheau.

The Town of Westfield first utilized a Master Plan in 1965. Prior to that time, the town enacted various land use ordinances but there was no controlling document. New Jersey statute requires that municipalities draft and approve a Master Plan. Although the Master Plan does not have the force of law, it is the basis for zoning regulations which are enacted by the Town Council.

Mr. Brancheau advised the board that they are required to file the new Master Plan with the Union County Planning Board within 30 days. He added that, "the Town Council will be required to introduce legislation adopting the Master Plan and approving new zoning ordinances in accordance with the Plan."

Mr. Brancheau added, "This should be implemented as soon as possible. Until this is adopted by the Town Council, there will be conflict in land usage in those areas around town which have been changed."

In other business, plans for redevelopment of the Central Avenue corridor in Westfield continue with a proposal by C.F.G.R., LLC, to construct a 28,136 square-foot

building on the properties located at 430, 500 and 510 Central Avenue near Sussex Street.

According to Edward Dec, a professional engineer of Guarriello, Dec & Associates, LLC, the proposed plan calls for the demolition of a portion of the present structures with the addition of more street frontage and a third floor.

The first floor of the property will consist of approximately 7,000 square feet of commercial or retail space with seven apartments on both the second and third floors.

According to the applicant, it is proposed that the building be constructed in the "classical Mediterranean style." The principals of C.F.G.R., LLC, have constructed

and continue to build a new commercial and residential development at the corner of Central Avenue and Cacciola Place.

The application requested a variance from the parking ordinance which requires one space for every 300 square feet of commercial building area.

The parking requirement for residential space is reduced, according to the ordinance, for a combined requirement of 42 parking spaces. The application made allowance for only 33 spots. The board was adamant about meeting the parking requirement.

William Ziff, board member stated, "We have a chance to actually plan for the future development of this area."

Robert Newell, Planning Board Chairman, echoed this sentiment, asking the applicant, "Although it may not be a busy commercial area

now, how do we know that that won't change in the near future? What if a national retail chain store occupies the first floor? Don't we need to plan for that?"

The application was carried to the November meeting, where the applicant will present additional testimony and introduce a new plan that will purportedly meet the town's parking requirement.

The board also approved the refurbishment of Doerrer Park, which is located on Elm Street between the former Fleet Bank building and Acquaviva.

According to Sherry Cronin, Executive Director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, the park's namesake, Fred Doerrer, was the President of the National Bank of Westfield which formerly occupied the property.

The plans for the private park include some new plantings, a brick paver walkway and benches.

### Berkeley Heights Pupils Enroll at Syracuse Univ.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS -- Berkeley Heights residents Alexandra Batorsky, Jacob Di Iorio, Michelle Munick and Storey Pizzo, were among the approximately 3,100 new first-year and transfer students who have enrolled at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Alexandra is enrolled in Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts. He is majoring in interior design.

Jacob and Storey are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University, where they are majoring in arts and sciences.

Michelle, who is enrolled in Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, is majoring in public communications.

## Fanwood Council Receives Proposals On Downtown Area

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Enrique Camarena, a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was brutally murdered while fighting the illegal use of drugs."

Red ribbons will be displayed throughout the borough, including at Borough Hall, district schools and places of worship. The theme for this year is "Freedom is Drug Free, Plant the Promise."

A Red Ribbon Relay is scheduled for Saturday, October 19. The Fanwood portion will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Fanwood Memorial Library at North Avenue and Tillotson Road and conclude at the Knights of Columbus building on North Avenue.

To demonstrate support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an additional proclamation described how "volunteers from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation will tie pink ribbons around municipal trees to symbolize courage, hope and support of a cure for those afflicted with this dreadful disease."

The Mayor pointed out that "cancer is a major health problem in the nation, affecting all of us in some way." He went on to say, "it is estimated 203,500 new invasive cases of breast cancer are expected to occur in women in the United States, and an estimated 39,000 women will die of breast cancer, in 2002."

He emphasized that the fight against this disease, "requires the general support of concerned citizens for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment."

October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

ence Awareness Month. "The crime of domestic violence deprives individuals of privacy and dignity" through the "systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual and psychological control, including abuse of children and the elderly," according to the council proclamation addressing this issue.

The proclamation pointed out that "the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group of people and cross all economic, racial and societal barriers." It also stated "the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole throughout the United States and the world."

Mayor Jung urged "all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs working toward improving victims' safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions."

A flu clinic will be held on Monday, October 28, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Fanwood Municipal Building. Anyone unable to attend this clinic may check Channel 35 for a list of other towns providing flu shots.

Councilwoman Mitchell encouraged all residents to donate canned goods to the Scotch Plains Food Pantry, which urgently requires assistance for needy families in the area. Donations may be dropped off at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building or given to food collection centers at local houses of worship.

## Rat Infestation Creates Problem On Maple Court in Mountainside

By MARY RONK  
Specially Written For The Times

MOUNTAINSIDE -- Though the work session is usually closed to public discussion, at the end of the session, Mayor Robert Vigilanti opened the meeting to two Mountainside residents.

Jan Wojtkunski and Emma Pomo, who both reside on Maple Court and have been combating a rat infestation problem on their two properties since July.

Ms. Wojtkunski, a resident for the past 30 years, has had the Board of Health and exterminators to her property to review the problem with no resolution. Her request to the council was to ask that they help her and her neighbors investigate the source of the infestation.

The council showed great concern and asked that Ms. Wojtkunski

ask her exterminator to investigate not only her property but that of the surrounding areas as well.

Mayor Vigilanti asked that she contact the borough next week with an update. From this update the Borough will determine if further action will be taken.

Mayor Vigilanti opened the work session this past Tuesday with a great deal of humor and good spirit regarding the Fall Festival.

The Mountainside Fall Festival is scheduled for this Saturday, October 12. This third annual event will begin at 3 p.m. with a 3K Police Trot and games and fun for all. Additionally, there will be a softball game at 7 p.m. with some friendly competition between the Mountainside Police Department and Mayor Vigilanti and Borough Council members.

Topics of discussion at this work session were the renewal of the Atlantic Health System Hospital Corporation Telecommunications Service Contract. This Emergency Medical Services (EMS) dispatch

service agreement has been approved and the final contract will be coming next week for the council's approval.

Resolutions were also covered. The first was 102-2002, an amendment to Inter-local Services Agreement with the County of Union Community Development Block Grant Program.

Also, a resolution for a refund in the amount of \$402.67 granted to Mark Stellwagen Block 4.C Lot 18.L for a tax appeal.

A liquor license renewal for Fidelity Equity Corp was approved for one additional year.

The council also approved insurance coverage for the Police Athletic League (PAL). PAL will be defined as a Mountainside Government Agency in order to receive coverage. All of the organization's specific activities will be insured. PAL will be responsible for all costs and payments incurred.

A second reading will be held next week for ordinance 1052-2002, to amend the code of the Borough of Mountainside by amending Chapter XI, Section 11-2.4 and 11-2.4B.1 and adding a definition for a residential dwelling unit to Section 11-2.1.

A first reading of ordinance 1053-2002 will be held next week to amend Chapter VII of the Code of the Borough of Mountainside by amending Chapter VII, Section 13, non-moving traffic violations.

For next week's public meeting, the Mayor will discuss an application received from the Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care for an off-premise 50/50 raffle. The Mayor will also be reviewing additional organizations applying for various grants.



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## SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

A resident of Cicilia Place reported that fraudulent activity was made against his First Union Bank account for a lost of approximately

\$3,000.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

A Birch Street resident reported the theft of a bicycle from an unlocked garage sometime during the last few days.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Police received a report that several mailboxes had been damaged in the area of Highlander Drive.

Two 17-year-old males from Scotch Plains were taken into custody pursuant to a motor vehicle stop, which was suspected of causing the damage. Complaints are pending further investigation.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Theft of money from a wallet left by a juvenile outside of the Scotch Plains Public Library on Bartle Avenue during the evening was reported to police.

At approximately 4:45 p.m., police received a report that two male suspects entered the CVS Pharmacy on Park Avenue. Both men approached the register, attempting to purchase cigarettes.

As the store employee opened the cash drawer, one of the suspects reached over the counter and took approximately \$250.

As the suspects fled the store, they encountered a 47-year-old female from Parsippany and grabbed a pocketbook she was carrying.

After a brief struggle, the suspects were able to make off with the pocketbook, which contained approximately \$150 in cash, a cellular telephone, and personal effects.

No injuries were reported in the incidents.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Police received a complaint that a mailbox had been damaged on Michael Lane at approximately 6 a.m.

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