

Union County Seeks Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers

WESTFIELD — The Union County Local Information Network and Communication System (LINCS) has launched a unit of the Medical Reserve Corps and is seeking volunteers.

Earlier this month, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) announced the statewide initiative to recruit and coordinate volunteers to assist during a public health emergency in partnership with state county and local health departments.

The New Jersey Medical Reserve Corps was created through the New Jersey Citizens Corps program, a federally organized program that is designated to strengthen the state's overall homeland security activities.

The Union County Medical Reserve Corps (UCMRC) is part of the statewide collaboration, and is actively looking for citizens to help Union County communities respond to a terrorism event or natural disaster.

"Today, the possibility of a major public health emergency, whether manmade or naturally occurring, is ever present," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor, a Health Officer and Weapons of Mass

Destruction specialist. "The volunteers of the Medical Reserve Corp will play a critical role assisting Union County's Public Health and Emergency Management professionals contain and treat potentially deadly disease outbreaks. We will need a strong volunteer corps to help us save lives."

UCMRC volunteers needed include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Many community members such as interpreters, office workers and legal advisors can also fill key positions.

Anyone interested in joining can do so by attending the first monthly Union County MRC meeting, scheduled for Monday, September 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Union County Office of Emergency Management, 300 North Avenue, East, 2nd Floor, Westfield.

Interested volunteers can contact the Union County Nursing Coordinator, Ella Shaykevich at (908) 518-5620 or eshaykevich@ucnj.org for more information. Residents can also enroll over the internet by visiting <http://www.ucnj.org/lincs/volunteer>.

New Jerseyans Are Warned About Higher Energy Bills

NEWARK — New Jersey Ratepayer Advocate Seema Singh urges consumers to conserve. "In light of continued increases in natural gas costs, I strongly encourage consumers to renew their conservation efforts now," said Ms. Singh. "We unfortunately are all in for a very tough winter with higher heating bills."

Ms. Singh suggests taking the following actions: use energy efficient heating appliances; consider budget billing (contact your supplier for details); be aware of financial assistance programs that can help pay for heating bills; winterize your home now; contact the Ratepayer Advocate office for the free Consumer Conser-

vation Handbook, which is filled with money-saving energy tips. The book can be obtained by calling (973) 648-2690 or visiting www.rpa.state.nj.us.

The Division of the Ratepayer Advocate is an independent state agency that represents the interests of consumers of electric, natural gas, water/sewer and telecommunications and cable TV service. It participates in every proceeding whenever New Jersey companies seek changes in rates or services. The advocate also gives consumers a voice in setting long-range energy, water, and telecommunications policy that will affect the delivery of services well into the future.

Spencer Resigns As SCC CEO

TRENTON — John Spencer, Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC), announced last week that he would be resigning from his position at the SCC in September to accept a job opportunity in New York City.

Mr. Spencer submitted a letter of resignation effective September 7 to Acting Governor Richard Codey yesterday.

"It has been an honor to serve as the head of the SCC for the past two years, an agency that is literally transforming the face of public schools throughout the state," said Mr. Spencer.

"I will leave the SCC proud of what we have accomplished during my tenure here - 30 new schools built, 43 currently under construction, and 59 more projects in the pipeline. There is no doubt that the job has had its challenges, but the rewards of building state-of-the-art schools for the children of New Jersey have far outweighed them."

"But our work is not yet complete, and there is much more to do. I have an aggressive agenda set for my final three weeks, and I look forward to working with staff and the SCC Board of Directors in getting the job done."

Mr. Spencer was appointed by then Governor McGreevey in September 2003 to serve as the CEO of the SCC, which is responsible for implementing the largest school construction program in New Jersey's history.

Leukemia Society To Hold Fundraiser

WESTFIELD — On Sunday, October 4, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will hold an "Afternoon Out For a Cause" at Sweetwaters Steak House from noon to 4 p.m. in Westfield. Tickets are \$30, which include two drinks, beer or wine only. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served.

All proceeds will be donated to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society/Team In Training. For more information, please contact Maria or Jennifer Sanguiliano at (908) 232-9030.



21st District News Disease Mgt. Becomes Law

Sen. Thomas Kean, Jr. - Westfield
Asm. Jon Bramnick - Westfield
Asm. Eric Munoz - Summit

Governor Richard Codey has signed legislation sponsored by Senator Tom Kean, Jr. Assemblyman Eric Munoz, and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, all R-21, that creates a 19-member Disease Management Study Commission into law.

"The study commission created under my legislation would bring together 19 members charged with exploring the principles behind disease management and determining what potential such programs hold to improve health care quality in New Jersey while reducing health care costs," said Senator Kean. "The commission is to examine other states' experiences and to evaluate financial and non-financial incentives as well as technologies."

"It is my hope that this commission will be able to translate what many have called the future of healthcare delivery into real-time applications that will work for New Jersey," said Assemblyman Munoz, a prime sponsor of this legislation and a trauma surgeon at the University of Medicine and Dentistry on New Jersey (UMDNJ) in Newark.

"One way to reduce health care costs and to better serve patients is to increase our focus on preventative health measures," said Assemblyman Munoz.

"This legislation creates a panel that is charged with studying ways to expand the reliance on these preventative health measures," said Assemblyman Bramnick. "The commission will bring together all the appropriate players - including Commissioners of Health and of Insurance and repre-

Jr. Optimist Club Tells Photo Contest Winners

WESTFIELD — The Junior Optimist Club of Westfield has announced the winners of its annual Photography Contest for children and teens in grades kindergarten through 12. The theme for this year's contest was "Animals in Action." The winners in each age bracket were as follows: For grades K-3, Jeremy Cohen 1st place, Jacob Boyle 2nd place; for grades 4-7, Max Mancini 1st place, Zach Helfand 2nd place; for grades 8-12, Evan Falk 1st place, Ezra Margolin 2nd place.

The Junior Optimist Club was formed nine years ago by the Optimist Club of Westfield, and consists of Westfield High School students. The Jr. Optimist Club is involved in community service projects such as the Recreation Commission's Haunted House and Tamaques Fun Run, PANDA Drug Awareness Week, and Holiday Toy Drive.

sentatives from the medical as well as the business community."

The legislation originated from a proposal made by Dr. Douglas Ratner, Director of Internal Medicine at Overlook Hospital. Dr. Ratner, a medical colleague of Assemblyman Munoz, is a board certified doctor in internal and preventative medicine at Overlook and a recognized leader in developing disease management programs.

Consignment Shop To Re-open Sept. 7

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Service League's Thrift and Consignment Shops, located at 114 Elmer Street, will reopen for business on Wednesday, September 7 at 9 a.m.

The Thrift Shop offers clothing for the whole family. Books, toys and jewelry are also sold at very affordable prices. Shoppers are invited to browse through the newly stocked shelves. Donations to the shop will be accepted starting on September 7.

The shops are open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information, call the Thrift Shop at (908) 233-2530 and the Consignment Shop at (908) 232-1223.

Astronomers Set Sept. Meeting Date

CRANFORD — On Friday, September 16, Amateur Astronomers Inc. will conduct its monthly membership meeting at 8 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Nomahegan Building at Union County College, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

A lecture on "Finding Extra Solar Earths," will be given by Dr. Russian Belikov, a professor of physics and astronomy at Princeton University. He works with NASA's terrestrial planet finder mission.

Informal meetings take place every Friday at the Sperry Observatory. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, please call (908) 276-STAR or visit www.asterism.org.



James Halleran for The Leader and The Times
NOW WHAT...The Westfield Zoning Department halted construction on this new home at 251 Silva Place due to lack of demolition permit by the contractor.

Westfield Halts Construction On Sylvania Place Home

By JAMES HALLERAN
Specialty Writer for The Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Construction on a Sylvania Place home has been shut down by the town after the building department determined the work on the single-family home involved a complete reconstruction.

The initial permit was for the addition of a second and third floor, officials said.

The town's zoning department halted construction last week. Fellowship Partners LLC, the owners of the lot at 251 Sylvania Place, had a standard remodeling permit to add two floors, which only requires approval of the town's Building Department, according to Town Engineer Ken Marsh. The building permit was issued on June 9.

However, during the remodeling, it was determined that the project had to be upgraded to a demolition of the Cape Cod style home, Mr. Marsh said. The owners of the lot corresponded with the building department via a letter on July 29 requesting a demolition permit.

According to Zoning Officer Kathleen Neville, the zoning department was not alerted by the building department of the change in construction plans.

"The owners of the lot (Fellowship Partners LLC) had corresponded with the (building) department via a letter

on July 29. The construction department gave approval (to go ahead with the demolition) without checking in with the zoning department. The owners of the property are currently going forward in correcting the situation," said Ms. Neville.

Fellowship Partners LLC had demolished the entire house except for the floorboards, the left side and the foundation of the house. Only a skeleton frame exists today on the property.

A demolition permit, which is needed for new construction projects, carries more restrictions than a building permit, Mr. Marsh said.

The engineer noted that to obtain a demolition permit, one must have approval from the town council. The council also has the right to reject such permits.

Fellowship Partners LLC did not return telephone calls for comment on this story.

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