



OPTIMISTIC...State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21), center, speaks to the Optimist Club of Westfield on February 9 about issues currently before the Senate. Senator Kean said he was optimistic about the prospects for enacting "pay to play" legislation that will ensure greater integrity in government operations. Also pictured is Optimist President Mike Walsh.

2-1-1 Will Help Residents Find Free Tax Prep Help

COUNTY - Thousands of low-income residents of Union County missed out on over \$19 million in unclaimed federal and state tax credits in 2002. But Union County's 2-1-1 helpline and a coalition of nonprofit agencies are working to make sure people claim the tax benefits they are entitled to this year.

"All residents have to do is dial 2-1-1 to get the ball rolling," said Sandy Erwin, Interim Chief Executive Officer at United Way of Greater Union County.

United Way, 2-1-1 First Call for Help and dozens of participating agencies in Union County and throughout northeastern New Jersey are also working to get the word out about Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and how the 2-1-1 helpline can help.

EITC is a federal and state program that allows working individuals and families with low incomes to claim federal and state income tax benefits. Through this program, many people will actually end up with a refund check from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), even if they didn't owe any taxes to start out with.

2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember and universally recognizable telephone number that connects individuals and families to the health and human services, community resources, and government assistance they need, Ms.

Blood Drive Is Slated This Sunday at 'Y'

WESTFIELD - New Jersey Blood Services will hold a blood drive this Sunday, February 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A van will be parked outside the Westfield Area "Y" on Ferris Place in Westfield.

Donations will be made inside the van. No appointment is necessary. A signed or picture form of identification will be required for all donors. For more information, please call the Westfield Area "Y" at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 251.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted Resolutions at its February 14, 2005 meeting for the following applications heard at its January 10, 2005 meeting:

Peter Genakos, 244 Canterbury Road, seeking permission to extend their front porch contrary to the requirements of Section: 11.07E6 & 12.03C,D,E of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Harold Wood & Jeehiun Lee, 724 Hanford Place, seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section: 12.04F.1, 11.09E6 & 13.01G1b of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Gary & Jennifer Siegel, 266 East Dudley Avenue, seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section: 12.04F.1, 12.04G & 12.04F1 of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Mark & Kimberly Benou, 564 Lawrence Avenue, seeking permission to erect a front porch addition across the front of their house contrary to the requirements of Section: 11.06E6, 12.03D, 12.04G, 13.02C1, 13.02H1 of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Janet Schaffer, 153 Madison Avenue, seeking permission to install an in-ground pool in the backyard contrary to the requirements of Section: 13.02D3 of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Edward & Tricia Brown, 160 Gallows Hill Road, seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section: 11.05E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Michael & Lynn Fernandez, 12 Sandra Circle, seeking permission to enclose a screened in porch to erect a family room contrary to the requirements of Section: 11.06E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Mark Edwards, 226 West Dudley Avenue, seeking permission to erect a double garage contrary to the requirements of Section: 11.06E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Sherry & Andrew Hines, 28 Stoneleigh Park, seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section: 11.05E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Thakorji Corporation, 1120 South Avenue West, seeking permission to erect additional signage contrary to the requirements of Section: 16.04E of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Stephen & Michele Mannino, 40 Barchester Way, seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section: 11.06E7 of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Tim & Holly Grom, 417 Saint Marks Avenue, seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section: 11.06E6 & 12.04F of the Land Use Ordinance. **Approved with conditions.**

Lori A. Boyd, Secretary Board of Adjustment
1 T - 2/17/05, The Leader Fee: \$67.83

Garwood Knights Collecting Baby Items for St. Joseph's

GARWOOD - The Garwood Knights of Columbus, Monsignor John M. Walsh Council No. 5437, are collecting new items for babies on behalf of St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth.

Needed items include disposable diapers in sizes small, medium and large; pacifiers; small towels; bottles; laundry detergent; baby food; cereal; canned vegetables; hats and mittens.

The Knights also are requesting donations of baby care items such as baby powder, baby shampoo, baby oil and lotions, small washcloths, soap

(white), brushes and combs, baby wipes, Q-tips, Vaseline and like items.

Donations may be dropped off after 4 p.m. at the Council Hall, located at 37 South Avenue in Garwood (opposite PathMark). Parking is available behind the building on Willow Avenue, and individuals are asked to use the side door entrance.

Due to state and federal laws, the Knights cannot accept furniture, car seats, cribs, playpens or clothes. For more information on the collection program, please call (908) 789-9809 after 4 p.m.

Single Parents Are Invited To Gathering Tomorrow

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Area "Y," which has been offering monthly social events for single parents and their children, will present an evening get-together for adults only tomorrow, Friday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sun Tavern in Fanwood.

Upon arrival, attendees can ask the hostess where the group from the "Y" is sitting, or ask for Jill Brown. The Sun Tavern is located at 15 South Avenue.

The next Single Parent Family event will take place on Friday, February 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

Older children will be able to do

Synagogue Posts Date For Ethics Discussion

SCOTCH PLAINS - The HAZAK group and Adult Education Committee at Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains will reprise their combined program, the Second Annual Jewish Ethics Forum, on Sunday, February 27.

The event, an interactive discussion between a panel of professionals, will take place at 11 a.m. at the synagogue, located at 18 Shalom Way.

Members of the panel will include Rabbi George Nudell, attorney Heidi Grossman and Dr. Michael Rosenberg. The audience will explore ethical questions encountered in daily living. David Littman will be the moderator.

Admission and refreshments will be free, but reservations are required. Interested persons are asked to call the temple office at (908) 889-1830.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WESTFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Westfield School District, Union County, New Jersey, at the Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, for the following supplies, equipment or services:

BID FOR: B06-03 TRAINER- HEALTH SUPPLIES FOR THE 2005- 2006 SCHOOL YEAR

BIDS DUE: MARCH 21, 2005 AT 2:00 PM

The bids will be received at the Administration Building, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, on the date and at the time indicated, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be in strict compliance with specifications. Specifications may be secured from, Purchasing Office 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 (908) 789-4407. Bids must be made on the proposal forms in the manner designated. Proposals must be endorsed on the outside of the sealed envelope, with the name of the bidder, the bidder's address and the name of the supplies, equipment, or services for which the bid is submitted. It is understood and agreed that proposals may be delivered before the time or at the place specified for opening. The Board of Education assumes no responsibility for bids mailed or misdirected in delivery.

The Board of Education of the Town of Westfield, in Union County, New Jersey, reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids for the whole or any part and waive any informalities in the interest of the Board of Education. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

Bidding shall be in conformance with the applicable requirements of N.J.S.A.18A:18A-1 et seq., pertaining to the "Public School Contracts Law". Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Affirmative Action Regulations of P.L. 1975, C.127, (NJAC 17:27).

BIDDERS NOTE: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Westfield Board of Education, for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total bid, however, not to exceed \$20,000.

By order of the Town of Westfield Board of Education, Union County, New Jersey, Robert A. Berman Board Secretary
1 T - 2/17/05, The Leader Fee: \$52.53

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, PROCUREMENT

SEALED BIDS will be received from bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.1 et seq., in the NJDOT MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, until 10:00 A.M. on 3/22/2005 and opened and read for:

RT. 1 & 9 @ NORTH AVENUE, SEC. 16, CONTRACT NO: 045950180, RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING, FROM NORTH OF NORTH AVENUE TO SOUTH OF FAIRMONT AVE. CITY OF ELIZABETH

UNION COUNTY FEDERAL PROJECT # 100% STATE DP # 04146

Pursuant to NJSA 52:32-44, For Federal aided projects, bidders must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue, prior to the time of contract execution. Appropriate proof of registration should be provided to NJDOT as soon as possible after receipt of the Notice of Award.

Pursuant to the "Public Works Contractor Registration Act", N.J.S.34:11-56.48 et seq. (P.L. 2003, c. 91), bidders must register with the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance. The Department, in accordance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252 U.S.C., 49 C.F.R., Parts 21 and 23 issued pursuant to such Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any bidder on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in the contract award. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 NJAC 17:27. Drawings, specifications, and bid documents may be inspected or obtained for a fee of \$95.00, for full size drawings, at the NJDOT Engineering and Operations Building 1st floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 during business hours. Names and addresses of prospective bidders for this project may be acquired by telephoning 609-530-8585 during business hours. Their fax number is 609-530-4503. Drawings, special provisions, and bid documents may also be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our various Design Field Offices at the following locations:

200 Stierli Court Route 79 and Daniels Way 1 Executive Campus Rt 70
Mt. Arlington, NJ Freehold, NJ Cherry Hill, NJ
973-770-5141 732-308-4025 856-486-6624
3 T - 2/17/05, 2/24/05 and 3/3/05, The Leader Fee: \$186.66

rock climbing, while younger ones will have an opportunity to ride toys around the gym. Everyone will have a chance to make ice cream sundaes from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

If one family brings another that has never been to the group's events before, both families will be admitted for free. Otherwise, the cost is \$5 per family.

Individuals interested in attending either event are asked to respond in advance by calling (908) 233-2700, extension no. 233, or by sending an e-mail to jill.brown1@comcast.net.

Hope Chest Thrift Shop Conducts Dollar Sale

WESTFIELD - The Hope Chest Thrift Shop, located at 26 Prospect Street in Westfield, is holding a one-dollar-per-item sale of all women's and children's clothing through Monday, February 28.

Managed by volunteers from the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care Women's Auxiliary, the shop features designer clothes for women, men and children. The merchandise is clean and pressed and described as being in excellent condition.

Proceeds from the shop help subsidize hospice care for patients who are unable to meet expenses through Medicare and Medicaid or other funding sources.

The shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For directions or further information, please call the shop at (908) 233-9973.

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BID FOR: B06-02 ATHLETIC SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS FOR THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

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1 T - 2/17/05, The Leader Fee: \$52.53

PUBLIC NOTICE



LEARNING ABOUT TREES...Dean Talcott visits Lisa Szustwal and her fourth grade students at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Interparochial School in Scotch Plains to teach students about trees as part of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County 4-H Master Tree Steward Program. Pictured above with the students, from left to right, are: Ms. Szustwal, Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Al Mirabella and Mr. Talcott. For more information about the Master Tree Steward Program, please call Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County at (908) 654-9854.

Psychologist Slated to Speak On Schizophrenia For NAMI

COUNTY - Robert Fieo from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry in New York City will be the guest speaker at a free presentation by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Union County.

It will take place on Tuesday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Osceola Presbyterian Church, located at 1689 Raritan Road in Clark. The church is wheelchair accessible.

Mr. Fieo is a psychologist and clinical research coordinator working on subjects dealing with schizophrenia. He is conducting research funded by the National Institute of Mental Health regarding the genetics of schizophrenia and problems concerning cognitive function associated with the disease.

This research study is being carried out in cooperation with several hospitals, healthcare and rehabilitation facilities in New Jersey and New York. A question-and-answer period will follow and refreshments will be

See it all on the Web!
www.goleader.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD after public hearing on January 26, 2005 granted approval to Sugar Roc Properties for the property at 49 First Street, Fanwood, New Jersey being Block 65, Lot 8.

Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at Borough Hall during normal business hours.

Gary S. Goodman
Attorney at Law of New Jersey
23 North Avenue, East
Cranford, New Jersey 07016
Attorney For
Sugar Roc Properties, LLC
1 T - 2/17/05, The Times Fee: \$18.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

ORDINANCE 609-2005
INTRO: 2/10/05

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed bond ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 10th day of February, 2005, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Board of Chosen Freeholders to be held at its meeting room in the County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ on the 24th day of February, 2005 at 7:00 o'clock, P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Administration Building of the County, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk of the Board in said County Administration Building in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Nicole Tedeschi
Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
County of Union State of New Jersey

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 1 AND 4.E. OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 516-00) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$9,836,770 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS", ADOPTED OCTOBER 11, 2000.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 516-00 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$9,836,770 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS"

adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County") on October 11, 2000 (the "Prior Ordinance") is hereby amended to add the acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery to the categories of purposes authorized to be undertaken, and shall hereafter read as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union (the "County"), State of New Jersey is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said County, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements and acquisitions includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. Section 4.E. of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to add the acquisition of a filing system for the use of the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services, to the specific purposes authorized to be undertaken, and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 4.J.E. Project Seniors in Motion; Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services - (A) Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of ten vans for Project Seniors in Motion and (B) acquisition of a filing system for the use of the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 400,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 20,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 380,000
Period of Usefulness 5 years."

Section 3. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.
1 T - 2/17/05, The Leader Fee: \$134.64