



**GOT YOUR BACK...**Evergreen School, Scotch Plains, families generously donated 88 backpacks loaded with school supplies and toiletries to be donated to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Students participated in the national campaign "We've Got Your Back" along with other schools in the district. Students involved in the school's Kids Care Program helped to sort and assemble the loaded backpacks.

## Scotch Plains to Hold Hearing on HUD Grant

SCOTCH PLAINS - Mayor Martin Marks has announced that a public hearing will be held on the HUD Revenue Sharing Block Grant, the 32nd year of the program, on Wednesday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue.

"We are attempting to set our own priorities and want to know how our own citizens feel the county allocation should be spent," said Mayor Martin Marks.

Scotch Plains has benefited from Community Development funds amounting to over \$3,750,000 since 1975. It is expected that approximately \$6,000,000 will be available to Union County for the program.

The hearing will be chaired by Thomas C. Douress, Robert Johnston, Philip Schick and Joseph Duff, official delegates to the Revenue Sharing Committee. Nineteen towns in Union County are eligible for funding. All projects must have a two-thirds majority of the total committee membership approval in order to become reality.

Application for projects will be available at municipal building and will include complete instructions concerning project eligibility.

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## NJ TRANSIT Reports Ridership on the Rise

AREA - The NJ TRANSIT preliminary ridership results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2006 show a continuing trend of ridership growth on trains, buses, and light rail services, with system-wide ridership up five percent for the three-month period ending September 30.

Bus ridership rose about three percent for all services, with the largest gains posted on New York-bound routes - up more than six percent. Rail ridership increased by more than 7 percent overall, with lines serving New York up between 5 and 7 percent.

Light rail services continue to experience double-digit growth, with Hudson-Bergen Light Rail up nearly 25 percent and River Line ridership increasing 18 percent.

Last month, NJ TRANSIT reported record fiscal year 2005 ridership across virtually all of its services, for the first time exceeding 800,000 trips on an average business day.

With this in mind, customers on the Northeast Corridor Line will find more frequent peak-period service and more seating capacity as a result of a new timetable that takes effect October 30. The new rail schedule adds four express trains to replace Amtrak Clocker trains and provides more service at several fast-growing Northeast Corridor stations.

In addition, NJ TRANSIT will add 16 "Holiday Express" trains on the Northeast Corridor and Morris & Essex Lines, introduce weekend service at Plauderville Station and add a new early-morning train from Montclair.

On the Northeast Corridor, most train departure times will change by a couple of minutes to enable NJ TRANSIT to add trains during the busy morning and evening peak periods. In the morning, NJ TRANSIT will add five trains, contributing to an additional 3,000 peak-period seats for New York-bound services. Two additional trains will be offered in the evening.

Beginning Monday, October 31, NJ TRANSIT will add four express trains to provide replacement service for Amtrak Clockers, which will be discontinued on October 28. The NJ TRANSIT express trains will offer more seating capacity than the Clockers, and will add a station stop at Hamilton, providing customers there with even more express options.

Unlike Clockers, the new trains will accept NJ TRANSIT single-trip tickets, in addition to NJ TRANSIT weekly and monthly passes. Clocker customers are advised to check the new schedule carefully for the NJ TRANSIT train that best fits their needs.

To accommodate the improvements that take effect October 30, train schedules have been adjusted throughout the day. Customers should carefully check new timetables, which are available at major stations and online at [www.njtransit.com](http://www.njtransit.com), for changes that may affect their travel patterns.

Customers with questions may call NJ TRANSIT at 1-800-772-2222.

## Halloween for Hurricane Victims

CRANFORD - The Little Gym of Cranford is donating 100 percent of the funds raised from its annual Halloween Party to Habitat for Humanity to benefit victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25 at the Little Gym located at 6 South Avenue. Everyone in the community is welcome. Children are urged to wear their costumes. All those who attend will enjoy free games, events, music, snacks and give-aways.

A donation of \$5 to \$10 per family is requested. For more information or directions please call (908) 497-1500. For more information about The Little Gym, please visit [www.tlcranfordnj.com](http://www.tlcranfordnj.com).



**A PENNY SAVED...**Students in Kim Shepcaro's special-education class at Franklin Elementary School delivered a donation to the Westfield Rescue Squad during a walking field trip last Tuesday. The Franklin Student Council held a Penny Drive for several weeks at the end of the school year last year, resulting in a total of \$427.15 collected to benefit the squad.

## Resolve to Present Series On Building Self-Esteem

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Resolve Community Counseling Center, a private, non-profit mental health agency located in Scotch Plains, will present a six-week workshop series entitled "What Is Self-Esteem?"

Participants will learn characteristics of healthy and unhealthy self-esteem, how one's inner voice contributes to self-esteem, why people say "yes" when they really mean to say "no," how individuals use food, alcohol and drugs to mask their true feelings and its effect on self-esteem and the steps that need to be taken to restore self-esteem. They also will learn how someone's low self-esteem can affect his or her children and others around them.

Maria Sikoutris-Diflorio, a therapist with Resolve, will be the facilitator. These workshops will be held on consecutive Mondays, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, December 5 and 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

To reserve a spot, please make checks payable to Resolve and mail it to: Resolve - Attention: Self-Esteem Workshop, 1830 Front Street, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076, or call (908) 322-9180. Registration is limited to 10.

## Children Are Invited To 'Trunk-O-Treat'

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains has invited families to "Trunk-O-Treat" for Halloween on Monday, October 31, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Congregants will gather in the parking lot of the church, located at 1961 Raritan Road, with treats loaded in their cars to hand out to trick-or-treaters. Children of all ages are welcome.

For more information, please call the church office during morning hours, Monday through Friday, at (908) 232-5678, e-mail [wilgrv@netzero.com](mailto:wilgrv@netzero.com) or visit [www.scotchplains.com/wgpc](http://www.scotchplains.com/wgpc).

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