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Shubanjali School Spreads Message of Love in SP

SCOTCH PLAINS Shubanjali school of Performing Arts, a non-profit organization based in New Jersey, presented a winter spectacular recently in Scotch Plains.

Being presented during the Christmas holiday season and with the evening's program titled "Santa 'n Shiva," the event brought the true meaning of the holiday season, as

well as the spirit of the eastern and western cultures through melody and rhythm.

More than 70 kids trained under the guidance of Suba Parmar, artistic director of Shubanjali School of Performing Arts, danced with smiles to a variety of Bharatanatyam and folk dance pieces in their costumes to present the underlying essence of human existence - the search for one's true self and the joy of loving and sharing.

The program began with a piece that aesthetically blended a pushpanjali with a verse from 'jingle bells' that elicited applause.

After an array of traditional and folk pieces, Guru Suba Parmar presented the Ahir Bhairavi piece "Akadapam Bhaaje Damaru," replete with difficult karanas and intricate rhythmic footwork extolling the formless universal consciousness, Lord Shiva.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WESTFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE - 2007

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Westfield Memorial Library will meet in regular public meeting, at which the public may attend and participate on the following dates in 2007 in the Program Room of the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m., the said meeting dates being the following Thursdays, unless otherwise noted.

January 25, 2007	Thursday
February 22, 2007	Thursday
March 22, 2007	Thursday
April 26, 2007	Thursday
May 24, 2007	Thursday
June 28, 2007	Thursday
September 27, 2007	Thursday
October 27, 2007	Thursday
November 15, 2007	Thursday
December 20, 2007	Thursday

1 T - 01/04/07, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

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Claire J. Gray
Town Clerk

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1891 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD CHAPTER 11, "FIRE PROTECTION," ARTICLE II, "FIRE DEPARTMENT"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Westfield in the County of Union as follows:

SECTION I.
That section 11-10 entitled "Fire Chief to be Executive Head of Fire Department, Promulgation of Rules, etc." is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11-10 Fire Chief to be Executive Head of Fire Department, Promulgation of Rules, etc.

The Fire Chief shall be directly responsible to the Appropriate Authority, within the meaning of applicable law of the State of New Jersey, for the efficiency and routine day to day operations of the Fire Department and shall have the authority to assign day-to-day duties to its members and other personnel of the Department and shall make reports in writing each month to the Appropriate Authority of the operations and conduct of the Fire Department during the preceding month.

The Fire Chief shall, among other duties:

- Administer and enforce rules and regulations and special emergency directives for the disposition and discipline of the Fire Department and its officers and personnel;
- Have, exercise and discharge the functions, powers and duties of the Fire Department;
- Prescribe the duties and assignments of all subordinates and other personnel; and Delegate such authority, as he or she may deem necessary for the efficient operation of the Fire Department to be exercised under his or her direction and supervision.

That section 11-22 entitled "Composition of Uniformed Force of Paid Firemen" is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-22 Composition of Uniformed Force of Paid Firemen

The regular uniformed force of paid firemen shall consist of the following:

- A Fire Chief
- No more than two Deputy Chiefs
- No more than four Captains
- No more than nine Lieutenants
- No more than twenty four Firefighters
- No more than seventy five volunteer members

The Town Administrator is designated as the Appropriate Authority and shall be responsible for the overall performance of the Fire Department. The Appropriate Authority shall promulgate and adopt Rules and Regulations for the governance of the Fire Department and for the discipline of its members.

SECTION II.
Any or all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION III.
In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holdings shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION IV.
This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner provided by law.

1 T - 1/4/07, The Leader Fee: \$87.72

More Education/Area News

Seventh Grader Establishes Gymnastics Scholarship

WESTFIELD - As a community service project, Edison School seventh grader Abigail Goldring of Westfield has established a scholarship fund at Sargent's Elite School of Gymnastics.

The purpose of the fund is to enable a child to get involved in gymnastics who would not be able to participate otherwise. Abigail, who is on the B level team at Sargent's, said, "Gymnastics is so much fun and is great exercise. It has helped boost my self-confidence. I know that some people may not get to experience this pricey activity, so I spoke with Sargent's about trying to launch a fund so that more kids could participate in gymnastics."

To start off, Abigail gained the support of Jim Sargent, the owner, and her coach, DJ Sargent. The Sargents promised to match any money that Abigail raised.

Abigail developed a flyer to describe the project and distributed the flyers to all team members in the gym. She also contacted family members and friends to introduce them to this project and sought donations

from area businesses. So far, she has raised more than \$700, which will be used to subsidize students for weekly classes or Sargent's summer camp.

The first recipient of this scholarship is looking forward to beginning classes in January 2007. Abigail plans to continue raising funds so that other children can take advantage of this opportunity. To make a contribution, or to inquire about the fund, contact Jolene in the Sargent's office at (908) 317-0523.

For more information, visit surgentselitegym.com or contact the Westfield office.



CHECK IT OUT...Abigail Goldring hands DJ Sargent a check for the Sargent's Elite Camp Scholarship

Sierra Club to Feature Bird Habitat Protection

AREA - The Sierra Club will present Mary Penney in a discussion of the D&R Greenway Land Trust's partnership with Mexico and Guatemala to preserve forests in the New Jersey Sourlands and in the Yucatán Peninsula of Mexico extending into Guatemala.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at The Library of The Chatham, located at 214 Main Street in Chatham. There is no admission fee and the public is invited to attend.

D&R Greenway has formed a partnership with Amigos de Calakmul, a land trust in Mexico that protects the tropical forest surrounding the Calakmul Biosphere Reserve in the Yucatán. The presentation will concentrate on the importance of both forests as breeding and winter habitats for migrant birds. For more information, please call (973) 263-0344.

See it all on the Web!
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
DWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2007

Be advised that the Downtown Westfield Corporation will meet at the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) office at 105 Elm Street, Lower Level on the following days and times in the year 2007:

Annual DWC Reorganization Meeting
January 29, 2007 at 7:30 pm
Annual Re-organization Meeting

BOARD MEETINGS	
All meetings are at 7:30 pm:	
February 26, 2007	March 19, 2007
April 16, 2007	May 21, 2007
June 18, 2007	July 16, 2007
August 20, 2007	September 17, 2007
October 15, 2007	November 19, 2007
December 17, 2007	

Sherry Cronin
Executive Director
1 T - 1/4/07, The Leader Fee: \$24.99

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Chief of Police shall be directly responsible to the Appropriate Authority for the efficiency and routine day to day operations of the Police Department and shall have the authority to assign day-to-day duties to its members and other personnel of the Department and shall make reports in writing each month to the Appropriate Authority of the operations and conduct of the Police Department during the preceding month.

The Chief of Police shall, among other duties:

- Administer and enforce Rules and Regulations and special emergency directives for the disposition and discipline of the force and its officers and personnel;
- Have, exercise and discharge the functions, powers and duties of the force;
- Prescribe the duties and assignments of all subordinates and other personnel; and
- Deem such authority as he or she may deem necessary for the efficient operation of the force to be exercised under his or her direction and supervision.

That section 18-8 entitled "Suspension of members of Police Department; hearing on suspension; appeal to town council; reinstatement of suspended members" is amended to read as follows:

Section 18-8 Disciplinary Actions in Police Department

Disciplinary actions, including removal, fine, reductions in rank from or in office, or suspensions with or without pay, before or after a hearing, shall be taken against members of the Police Department upon just cause in accordance with applicable New Jersey law and the Rules and Regulations of the Police Department. Police officers may be disciplined for the reasons set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-147, including but not limited to misconduct or disobedience of the Rules and Regulations. All Disciplinary actions taken following a hearing shall be subject to the approval of the Appropriate Authority.

SECTION II.
Any or all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION III.
In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holdings shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION IV.
This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner provided by law.

1 T - 1/4/07, The Leader Fee: \$109.65

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on January 24, 2007 at 2:30 PM at the Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Planning Board will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at: 4 Tower Place, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 26 Lot 1, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Carol Khan.

The applicant requests to install a pool, which is in violation of Section 184-134E of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Set Back; Permitted: 15 feet; Present: 28 feet; Proposed: 10 feet.

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours (9 AM - 2 PM, Tuesday-Friday) from the Secretary of the Planning Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

Applicant:
Carol Khan
4 Tower Place
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
1 T - 1/4/07, The Times Fee: \$32.64

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Claire J. Gray
Town Clerk

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1890 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD CHAPTER 18, "POLICE," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Westfield in the County of Union as follows:

SECTION I.
That section 18-2 entitled "Composition of Police Department; Chief" is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18-2 Composition of Police Department; Chief

There shall be a police department, the head of which shall be the Chief of Police. He shall be appointed by the Town Administrator with the consent of the Mayor and approval of the Town Council, and shall receive such annual compensation as provided in the salary ordinance.

The Police Department shall consist of the following:

- A Chief of Police
- No more than two Captains
- No more than seven Lieutenants
- No more than nine Sergeants
- No more than eight Detectives
- No more than thirty four Patrol Officers
- No more than fifteen Special Law Enforcement Officers

The Town Administrator is designated as the Appropriate Authority within the meaning of applicable law of the State of New Jersey and shall be responsible for the overall performance and supervision of the Police Department. The Appropriate Authority shall promulgate and adopt Rules and Regulations for the governance of the Police Department and for the discipline of its members.

That section 18-7 entitled "Chief of Police to be Executive Head of Police Department" is amended to read as follows:

Section 18-7 Chief of Police to be Executive Head of Police Department

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WINNING HEARTS AND MINDS...Students in Debbie Skaar's second grade class at Evergreen Elementary School proudly display their collection of mittens and gloves. The children were reading "The Mitten" by Jan Brett and decided to incorporate a service project. All the mittens and gloves were donated to "Hearts for Humanity," a local charity benefiting needy families.



WE THREE KINGS...Lisa Grawehr's 4-year-old class at Holy Trinity Interparochial School celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by performing "The Nativity Story" for their parents.

Celebration Children's Choir To Hold Auditions on Jan. 9

CRANFORD - Auditions will be held for the Celebration Children's Choir on Tuesday, January 9, from 6 until 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Lincoln and Walnut Avenues in Cranford.

The Celebration Children's Choir is a tuition-free opportunity for talented singers between the ages of 9 and 13 to sing a variety of music ranging from classical to Broadway. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church. The season begins on Tuesday, January 16, and will include concerts with the Celebration Singers adult choir on May 18 and 19.

The Children's Choir is sponsored

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS (IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231, P.L. 1975)

NOTICE is hereby given by the Township of Scotch Plains of the following 2007 schedule of meetings of the Construction Board of Appeals to be held in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

Wednesday, January 10th -- 8:00 a.m.
February 7th
March 7th
April 4th
May 2nd
June 6th
July 11th
August 1st
September 5th
October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th

The above schedule allows the option of calling a special meeting when necessary.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains will require the services of a Township Risk Manager during 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains adopted a resolution on January 10, 2006, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq., known as the "New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act"; which established a fair and open process for the award of certain contracts with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 per year, where those contracts are not subject to public bidding or competitive contracting under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, Requests for Qualifications and proposals for the said contract were advertised at least ten (10) days before the proposals were to be submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager and the Township Clerk have received and opened the proposals in public and the Township Council evaluated any proposal on the basis of being the most advantageous to the Township of Scotch Plains, price and other factors being considered; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation considered, as to each proposal:

- Experience and reputation in the field;
- Knowledge of the Township of Scotch Plains and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- Availability to accommodate any required meetings;
- Compensation proposal; and

WHEREAS, funds have been certified for this position by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, as follows: That Commerce National Insurance Services is hereby appointed as Township Risk Manager for the year 2007.

A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the Times as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.
Dated: January 2, 2007

Township of Scotch Plains
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 01/04/07, The Times Fee: \$46.92

by the Celebration Singers, an adult non-profit organization not affiliated with any church or school.

The Celebration Children's Choir is under the direction of Tom Pedas, former music teacher with the Cranford and Linden public schools.

The New Jersey Music Educators Association named Mr. Pedas "Master Music Teacher" of New Jersey. Also, his choirs have won top honors at choir competitions and he consistently places many singers in State and National Honors Choirs. He has also directed musicals for several area theatre companies and schools.

The Choir consists of 50 youngsters from several different communities. The Children's Choir performs selections on its own and also in concert with the Celebration Singers, giving an intergenerational flavor to the concert.

For additional information or directions to the auditions, call Mr. Pedas at (908) 245-2339.

Dr. King to Be Honored During Shabbat Service

WESTFIELD - On Friday, January 12, Temple Emanu-El will celebrate the work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at its Shabbat service at 8:15 p.m. The temple is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The Reverend Ronald Allen, senior pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Summit, will be the guest speaker. In addition, the temple's choir will sing. For more details, please contact Carolyn Shane, executive director, at (908) 232-6770 or cshane@twjn.org, or visit the temple's website at twjn.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains will require the services of a Township Auditor during 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains adopted a resolution on January 10, 2006, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq., known as the "New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act"; which established a fair and open process for the award of certain contracts with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 per year, where those contracts are not subject to public bidding or competitive contracting under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

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WHEREAS, the evaluation considered, as to each proposal:

- Experience and reputation in the field;
- Knowledge of the Township of Scotch Plains and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- Availability to accommodate any required meetings;
- Compensation proposal; and

WHEREAS, funds have been certified for this position by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, as follows: That Supple, Clooney & Co. is hereby appointed as Township Auditor for the year 2007.

A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the Times as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.
Dated: January 2, 2007

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
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