



GETTING THE POINTE...The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department recently conducted a review of fire procedures at the Garwood Pointe Mews development on North Avenue. They reviewed firefighting strategies, as well as deficiencies in the department's equipment to fight a fire at the complex.

Check-Out Hunger Program To Help Stock Food Banks

AREA - After five years of economic recovery, nearly 37 million people are still living in poverty, according to the latest Census Bureau report released at the end of August. Here in New Jersey, three-quarters of a million residents live in households earning less than the federal poverty level of \$20,614 a year for a family of four, according to the New Jersey Community FoodBank in Hillside.

As a result, emergency pantries served by the Community FoodBank are struggling to keep up with the requests for help from elderly people on limited incomes and working poor families whose paychecks don't stretch to the end of the month. Anti-poverty advocates in the state say that New Jersey's high cost of living means that 1.6 million people are poor even though many of them work full-time. "Too often, low-income families have to make difficult choices between paying the rent and buying food, or paying for medicine and buying food," said Kathleen DiChiara, executive director of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "Hunger is a devastating problem, and no one in a country as affluent as ours should be faced with these choices."

To help address this problem, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey has partnered with several leading supermarket chains to create the Check-Out Hunger campaign. This fall, in every A&P, Food Basics, Foodtown, Kings, Pathmark, ShopRite, Wawa, and Wegmans, shoppers will find \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5 donation slips on Check-Out Hunger placards at the cashier aisle. One hundred percent of every donation goes to the Community FoodBank or to one of the associated

food banks statewide. The Community FoodBank and the four other food banks in the New Jersey Food Bank Federation provide food assistance to charities serving almost one million low-income people, many of whom are children and the frail elderly, a spokesman for the Community FoodBank said.

New Jersey residents can assist local emergency pantries, senior meal programs, shelters, low-income day care centers and soup kitchens by supporting Check-Out Hunger at their local supermarket from October through January.

The Community FoodBank, the state's largest distributor of food to non-profit organizations serving people in need, distributed over 21 million pounds of groceries last year, ultimately reaching more than 530,000 low-income people in 18 of New Jersey's 21 counties.

The FoodBank also operates a free job-training program to prepare men and women for careers in the food service industry, a Kids Café Program, providing free evening meals to almost 1000 low-income children in after school programs and a Kids Division, which distributes new donated clothing and school supplies to kids in need.

The newest initiative is the Backpack Program providing packets of food to children at risk of hunger over the weekend when school meals aren't available. To learn more about the work of the Community FoodBank visit www.njfoodbank.org.

Overlook Opens New Medical Building

SUMMIT - Overlook Hospital opened its new 78,000 square foot, four-story medical services building adjacent to the hospital at 11 Overlook Road on September 25.

Referred to as the Medical Arts Center II, the new facility includes a full-service breast center, pain-management center, wound healing center with hyperbaric oxygen therapy and a women's center with classrooms for pre- and post-natal classes, parent education and services in integrative medicine, maternal-fetal medicine and plastic and reconstructive surgery.

The building also has 35,000 square feet of physician office and conference space.

Medical Arts Center II space remains available for lease through Colliers Houston and Co.

NJ Transit Adds Service In Hunterdon County

AREA - NJ Transit will add service between Raritan and High Bridge starting October 28 by extending eight trains - four in each direction. The additional service is made possible with the completion of a new passing track near White House Station that allows for bi-directional train traffic west of Raritan Station.

Raritan Valley Line customers will benefit from earlier morning peak-period service originating in High Bridge and later evening service west of Raritan, NJT officials said.

The first eastbound train will operate nearly an hour earlier than current service, and the last westbound train will operate about two hours later than it does today. New mid-day service between Raritan and High Bridge will give customers greater weekday travel flexibility.

"This extended service will provide flexibility to existing and new customers who can rely on NJ Transit for convenient early-morning, mid-day and after-work public transportation options," said NJ Transit Executive Director Richard Sarles.

The extended eastbound service includes two trains operating in the morning peak period and two trains during midday hours. The extended westbound service includes two mid-day trains and two trains operating after the evening peak period. There is no weekend service west of Raritan Station.

"We in Hunterdon County will benefit from the additional level of service that NJ Transit will be providing," said Hunterdon County Freeholder George Muller. "This helps Hunterdon residents make environmentally friendly travel decisions for work and recreation."

All extended trains will be renumbered into the 5700-series on new timetables, and existing 5700-series trains will have new departure times. Also, customers who have signed up for My Transit, NJ Transit's system for sending up-to-the-minute travel information to cell phones and other electronic devices, are reminded to update their account preferences to reflect the new train numbers.

The 3,700-foot passing track, located in Readington Township just west of White House Station, will be used to extend four eastbound and four westbound trains, NJT officials said. The eastbound trains that had originated at Raritan Station will originate at High Bridge Station, while the westbound trains that had terminated at Raritan Station will continue to High Bridge.

New timetables will be available at stations, ticket offices, at customer service offices and online at www.njtransit.com in mid-October.

FTC Seeks Penalties Against Telemarketer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has filed a complaint seeking civil penalties against a New Jersey-based telephone telemarketer for allegedly making misrepresentations nationwide to consumers when fund-raising for police, firefighter, and other non-profit organizations. The FTC said the telemarketer's action was in violation of a 1998 stipulated order and the Commission's Telemarketing Sales Rule (TSR).

According to the FTC, Civic Development Group, LLC (CDG) and its officers, Scott Pasch and David Keezer, mislead consumers by telling them that their telemarketers work directly for the charities for which they were calling, that consumers' donations would be paid to the charities, and that 100 percent of the consumers' would go to the charity.



Thomas Sloan

Security Expert Joins NYSE Euronext

NEW YORK - Thomas Sloan of Westfield has joined NYSE Euronext as vice president, International Security Operations NYSE Euronext.

Mr. Sloan is responsible for developing, implementing and directing company-wide security processes, serving as a liaison with global government security agencies and within the international operations, identifying significant security risks, and designing programs to prevent or reduce the loss of the organization's assets.

Mr. Sloan resides in Westfield with his wife, Gale.

Michael Fay Nominated for Conservationist Prize

INDIANAPOLIS - Michael Fay is one of 29 animal conservationists nominated to receive the Indianapolis Prize, the world's leading award for animal conservation.

Mr. Fay, a native of Plainfield and explorer in residence for the National Geographic Society and Wildlife Conservation Society, has been nominated for establishing more than a dozen national parks in Central Africa and spearheading the Congo Basin Forest Partnership.

Nominees' work spans the globe, representing a range of species from amphibians to zebras, and includes elephants, tigers, wolves and whales. The six finalists will be announced in early 2008. The winner will be honored at the Indianapolis Prize Gala, held September

28, 2008. In addition to receiving the \$100,000 prize, the winner is awarded the Lilly Medal, an original work of art that signifies contributions to conserving the world's most threatened animals.

The Indianapolis Prize was first awarded in 2006 to George Archibald, co-founder of the International Crane Foundation, who, through his decades of work, has contributed significantly to the preservation of the world's 15 surviving species of cranes.

The Indianapolis Prize was initiated by the Indianapolis Zoo to inspire communities to celebrate, protect, and preserve the natural world through conservation, education and research.



HORSEPLAY...Eighteen-year-old Simone March of Scotch Plains, pictured riding "Jack," earned the "Trooper of the Year" trophy and medal for accumulating the most points for attendance, horsemanship and dedication to the Watching Mounted Troop program during the 2006-2007 riding season at Watching Stable in Mountainside. Simone has rode for 10 years and has received the honor the last two years.

UCC Slates Annual Gala for Nov. 3 at Cranford Campus

CRANFORD - The 15th annual Union County College Foundation Gala, "Show Boat River Cruise," will be held on Saturday, November 3. The event will feature a cocktail reception in the Victor M. Richel Student Commons on the college's Cranford Campus, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue, followed by a gourmet buffet dinner and music.

The evening continues with a "Casino Night" where professional dealers will challenge guests to wager at poker, blackjack, craps, roulette and the Big Wheel for a wide range of prizes.

The Gala, the Foundation's largest annual fund raising event, will honor Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), a long-time supporter, and important sponsor of education initiatives at UCC, according to a UCC spokesman.

Opportunities to participate as a donor include reservations and sponsorships to attend the black-tie preferred event, advertising in the ad journal, or donations of raffle prizes.

In addition, 50/50 Gala Cash Raffle tickets are currently being sold. Only 300 tickets will be offered at \$100 each, awarding up to \$15,000 in cash prizes if all tickets are sold. Attendance at the event is not required to be a cash raffle winner.

All funds raised from this event will benefit the Foundation's endowment, which provides scholarships and innovative programs to deserving UCC students.

These scholarships will allow the students to continue their dreams of a higher education and job specific training. Each roll of the dice, turn of a card or purchase of a raffle ticket is a sure win for UCC students.

To make reservations and sponsorships, place an advertisement or purchase raffle tickets, contact Diane McCurdy, manager of special events, at (908) 709-7505, mccurdy@ucc.edu, www.uccfoundation.org or by mail to Union County College Foundation, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford 07016.

Luncheon to Benefit Animal Adoption Group

GARWOOD - The 10th annual Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption will hold its 10th annual luncheon/tricky tray/auction on Sunday, October 14, at the Westwood in Garwood. Doors open at 12:15 p.m.

The not-for-profit, all-volunteer group seeks donations of new items, baskets and sports and theater tickets for auction.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$40 and include a complete meal, with beer, wine or soda during the lunch hour, along with a door-prize ticket. Various prizes include the top raffle prize of a seven-day cruise to Bermuda on Norwegian Cruise Line.

For more details, donations or tickets, call (732) 388-8930.

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