

High St. Drainage, Tree Ordinance

to remove trees on private property. "It seemed overly restrictive," she said.

Tree Advisory Board member Mike Venditti said this concern has been a problem for 10 years and is why the ordinance has yet to be passed.

The ordinance proposed is modeled after Summit's tree ordinance, Tree Advisory Board member Barbara Krause said. She said a tree contractor has told her that Summit's ordinance is "one of the most workable" and "not confining to the tree experts who are doing the work."

An indoor market will open every Saturday morning, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center in the room behind the front desk and is to begin potentially December 13 and run through the end of March, as approved by the township committee. Five businesses were interested and have yet to complete the contracts, Commissioner O'Connor said. She said each week the businesses will rotate with two to three selling at a time. Some are local businesses.

Parking restrictions will change come January on South Union Avenue between Washington Place and Christopher Street. A resident of the area complained that commuters park there all day. The committee agreed to instill a two-hour parking limit from 9 a.m. to noon. The restriction would not apply to residents of the street.

The township is considering changing its official legal newspaper. "We have been disappointed in the coverage of our official newspaper," Mayor Andis Kalnins said. In recent months, *The Leader* has been the only newspaper having a reporter present at township meetings. The township clerk is researching the costs of legal advertising in other newspapers, including *The Leader*.

The next township committee workshop meeting is Monday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m., with an official meeting on Tuesday, December 16, at 8 p.m. The committee will hold a special year-end meeting on Tuesday, December 30, at 7 p.m.

Cran. Sgt. Luedecker Advanced, Vacant Prop. Code

fects Cranford," Mr. Peppy said. He said the area currently has flooding issues, and should the two homes be built it would affect flooding on Arbor Street, Locust Drive and Columbia. Mayor Andis Kalnins said he would have the township engineer look into the application. "It is certainly not going in the direction we are looking at," said Mr. Kalnins, referring to flood mitigation efforts set forth by the Mayors Council Rahway River Flood Control.

Thanks For Supporting Our Pancake Breakfast

The Garwood Lions Club would like to thank all the people that made our recent pancake breakfast a success. First, we would like to thank everyone that attended our annual breakfast at The Westwood on November 16. Thank you to The Westwood for continuing to host this event at no charge to the Lions Club. Also, thank you to Advanced Printing for donating your printing services for our placemat. Thank you to the many local businesses for taking an ad out in our placemat. We are grateful for your support.

The money raised from the pancake breakfast enables the Lions Club to support the blind community. In fact, we recently partnered with Mountainside and hosted a Union County blind meeting at the Columbian Club in Garwood. Thank you to the Columbian Club for donating the space for this event. Also, the Garwood Lions Club supports our local community by hosting a picnic for senior citizens, awarding scholarships to graduating seniors and eighth graders, sponsoring a t-ball team, hosting our annual Halloween Parade, and more. Thank you all again.

Sara Todisco
Garwood Lions Club

Regarding the Cranford Development Associates (CDA), the final brief was filed by the township council on Wednesday and concludes the paper process of the appellate court, Attorney Dabulas said. CDA is seeking to develop 215 and 235 Birchwood Avenue. The Township of Cranford had appealed the Superior Court's decision in favor of CDA's builder's remedy lawsuit to build the housing complex in what the township says is a wetland. Some 60 of those 360 units are slotted for affordable housing.

The committee congratulated the undefeated Cranford Cougars football team, which is playing in the state finals at Met Life Stadium on Sunday, December 7, at 1 p.m.

The police department held a ceremony for advancements and appointments within the department and the graduates of the Citizens Police Academy prior to the township committee official meeting.

Sgt. Russell Luedecker was advanced from detective to sergeant effective Monday, Decem-

Fed Up Over Athletic Field

As a taxpayer in Garwood for some 42 years, I can no longer have any patience with the snail paced construction of our athletic field complex. Two Costco stores can be built and opened in less time than it takes to build a complex that is not even one-tenth the size.

Will there be cost overruns as well? It is sad to watch this disaster unfold especially when we were given no choice in this matter to begin with.

Our tax dollars could have been put to better use.

Michael Love
Garwood

ber 1. Sgt. Luedecker has been a detective with the Cranford Police Department since 2005.

Timothy Handy, James Knight and Jason D'Agostino were appointed to the position of probationary patrolman effective December 1.

The township committee approved a resolution authorizing the appointment of Lynne Galvez as a communications officer within the Cranford Police Department, effective Monday, December 15.

Deputy Mayor Aduato and Commissioner Mary O'Connor were amongst the citizens who graduated from the Citizens Police Academy. At the Academy, students received interactive classroom lectures and hands-on demonstrations encompassing many aspects of law enforcement, including computer crimes, narcotic enforcement, traffic stops and juvenile laws. The Citizens Police Academy is part of the ongoing effort by the Cranford Police Department to work together with the community and to develop lasting relationships with the citizens of Cranford, according to a press release.

The Chamber of Commerce will host a series of holiday events Friday, Mayor Kalnins announced. Beginning at 11 a.m., the tree at the gazebo will be decorated by Girl Scouts and Daisies and refreshments will be served. From 1 to 4 p.m. at Lot 7 on Miln Street, horse-drawn carriage rides will be offered to residents. At 4:30 p.m. singing, the tree-lighting ceremony and an appearance by Santa Claus riding on a Cranford Fire Truck will commence.

The Cranford High School Madrigal Choir and members of the high school's jazz ensemble will perform on Wednesday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m., in the Cranford Community Center.

Local Letters to the Editor

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Too Bad The Letter Was Not Mentioned in Garwood Council Article

Something of vital importance was left out of the article regarding the rules and regulations for our new complex. Several residents did make comments, but the most important one came from a committee member, Richard King, who had received a letter about the complex, which BTW was not signed.

That letter contained incorrect information about the complex

and urged nearby residents to attend the special meeting. Upon checking into the letter, it seemed that other residents did receive it as well.

Too bad the letter was not mentioned in the article as well as the residents' comments about the project, mostly positive.

Pat Quattrochi
Mayor of Garwood