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UCPO takes control of Clark PD due to alleged misconduct

By EmilyAnn Jackman **Staff Writer**

CLARK - On Thursday, July 23, it was announced that the Union County Prosecutor's Office will take over the Clark Township Police Department, effective immediately; the takeover encompasses law enforcement and internal affairs functions. This announcement comes approximately two weeks after the UCPO took control of the Fanwood Police Department on July 13, after the Fanwood police chief left the department abruptly.

According to the media release, in addition to the UCPO's control over Clark Police Department, the prosecutor's office will conduct a full investigation into "credible allegations" of misconduct involving the leadership of the police department.

With a strong urge to earn and restore the trust of the community, Attorney General Gurbir Grewal is said to have pledged the full support of his office to assist and work with UCPO's investigation, according to the UCPO.

According to the media release, Grewal and acting Prosecutor Lyndsay Ruotolo released the following joint statement: "The residents of Clark Township deserve police leaders that meet the highest standards of the profession. We will conduct a full inquiry into credible allegations of misconduct, and at the same



time we will continue to work with our local partners to build greater trust between Clark's law enforcement officers and the community they serve."

In an effort to uncover what misconduct took place and who was involved in any incident that may have caused this full investigation, LocalSource reached out to the Office of the Attorney General, where Director of Communications Steven Barnes released this statement: "Upon completion of the investigation, See UCPO ASSUMES, Page 3

Councilman questions town's use of Clean Communities grant in Hillside

By EmilyAnn Jackman **Staff Writer**

HILLSIDE – Hillside Councilman George Cook has called into question Mayor Dahlia Vertreese's use - or misuse, as he alleges - of the town's Clean Communities grant funding. The grant was awarded to the township for the Community Clean Team program, which hires area teenagers to clean the town's streets. The program began July 6.

Cook's issue lies not with the teenagers, but with how he alleges the money has been used.

"I want to make it clear that the teenagers working for the town under the

nothing wrong, and I'm proud of them for on July 24. "The issue is with how monies were used.³

The N.J. Department of Environmental Protection awarded the \$31,869.38 grant to the township on June 10, according to NJDEP.

'Clean Communities grants help municipalities and counties with the important task of removing unsightly litter, often from roadways and around stormwater collection systems, to enhance quality of life," acting NJDEP Commissioner Catherine McCabe said

Clean Communities grant have done upon the announcement of the grant.

Cook alleges that, in addition to cleanhelping to clean up our town," Cook said ing the streets, the hired teens are being used for labor outside the purview of the grant.

"The teenagers were hired to clean up around town where needed," Cook said. "But other than clean, the teenagers were seen distributing a newsletter from the mayor door to door. In my opinion, the newsletter was political in nature, as it contained an attack against the council, false information about the budget and painted the mayor in a positive light."

According to Cook, the teenagers are See COOK, Page 16



Residents grow increasingly frustrated with USPS

By Yael Katzwer Editor

No post on Sundays ... or most other days, according to many frustrated U.S. Postal Service customers. Many residents from towns throughout Essex and Union counties have reached out to the newspaper in the past few weeks to complain that their mail is arriving late - if at all.

A woman from Union Township described her experience, saying, "Monday there's no mail, Tuesday there's no mail, Wednesday there's no mail, Thursday there's no mail, then, finally, Friday, I get all the mail I was supposed to be getting during the week."

Other residents have described similar experiences, where they don't receive any mail for several days and then receive a bumper crop of mail, leading them to believe that they had mail to be delivered and it simply wasn't being delivered.

George Flood, the Postal Service's Northeast Area spokesperson, told the newspaper that the post office is struggling with the impacts of coronavirus and is doing its best.

"In these challenging and unprecedented times, the Postal Service has not been immune to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has not been business as usual. We are dealing with the same employee availability, child care, elder care, health and quarantine issues impacting other essential government

services, businesses and the general population," Flood said. "Our employees are doing a great job as we flex our available resources as best we can to match the workload created by the impacts of the ongoing pandemic.

"Another factor that is impacting public perceptions is the change in mail volumes," he continued. "While the number of packages is above Christmas period, the steep and sudden decline in letter mail during the pandemic may be misconstrued at the mailbox as delivery delays."

But some residents are not buying this reasoning. A Maplewood man argued that he is not receiving less mail than prior to the pandemic – he is merely receiving it in late bundles.

"Postmarks have dates on them," he said. "I can see that this letter was mailed two weeks ago from three towns over. It shouldn't have taken two weeks to get here."

Another Maplewood resident reported that she is enrolled in "informed delivery," meaning each morning she receives an email with pictures of the mail items she can expect to soon receive. Nevertheless, she sometimes receives mail items days after receiving notice of them, similarly receiving no mail for several days and then all the mail from the past few days at once.

'Why would they send it every morning if it's a random assortment of mail that you might get at some point?" she questioned.

Postal Service customers, Flood is sympathetic and urges anyone unsatisfied with their service to contact the post office and communicate their issues.

"We are committed to providing the best possible service and value consumer feedback as a tool for identifying specific areas of opportunity to improve," Flood said. "Northern New Jersey residents are

As frustration levels are rising among encouraged to share their thoughts with us by contacting our toll-free customer care center at 1-800-ASK-USPS - 1-800-275-8777. Another convenient way is to send us an email by clicking on 'Contact Us' at the bottom left-hand side of our USPS.com homepage and follow the prompts. Every call and email will be carefully documented and appropriate action taken to strengthen service."



Photo Courtesy of Summit

PARKING NOTICE - The Broad Street Garage, located at 301 Broad St. in Summit, will be closed for repair work from 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 23. Overnight parking permit holders may park in the Broad Street east lot adjacent to the garage during construction. For alternate overnight parking locations and options, contact Parking Services at 908-522-5100 or email parking@cityofsummit.org.



Athletic director from Union takes prestigious seat

By EmilyAnn Jackman **Staff Writer**

UNION – Congratulations are due to David Frazier, director of athletics at Rutherford High School and former New Jersey State Interscholastic Sports Association Executive Committee president, as the Union Township resident has earned an illustrious seat to serve as an at-large member of the National Federation of State High School Associations board of trustees. His four-year term was announced earlier this month.

"I was formally appointed on July 1, 2020, at the NFHS National Council meeting," Frazier said on July 24. "The National Federation of High School Associations is the national leader and advocate for high school athletics. The NFHS writes the playing rules for high school sports and provides guidance on various national issues. The goal of the association is to ensure students have an opportunity to enjoy healthy participation, achievement and good sportsmanship in education-based athletics."

Frazier is ready to take on the challenges that come with this new position.

"As the Section 1 and 4 at-large BOT member, I am responsible as a representative to serve the interests of those two sections on the national level," Frazier said. "Section 1 encompasses New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts,

Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Section 4 encompasses Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin. I vote on their behalf and interests in rules, regulations, policies, changes, etc."

The NFHS board conducts general business, interprets the organization's constitution and bylaws, exercises all powers and duties expressed or implied in the constitution and bylaws, and acts as an administrative board in the interpretation of and final decision on all questions arising from directing NFHS affairs, according to a media release.

According to the media release, NFHS at-large representatives are typically acting principals, superintendents or other educational leaders.

Identifying today's climate with that of the trials and tribulations of being an athlete, Frazier - keeping in mind his own past as a former Division 1 All-American triple jumper - said the difficulties of being an athlete seem small when compared to those of persons of color.

"Actually, I'm not sure my being a former athlete has much to do with identifying the tribulations and hardships in dealing with social issues such as the Black Lives Matter movement," Frazier said. "The main issue of Black Lives Matter deals with the social injustices towards people of color. It has obviously become more mainstream and more people in



David Frazier

America and around the world have become more aware since the death of George Floyd. What I can say is that the hardships of being an athlete pale in comparison to the hardships that people of color have and continue to endure.'

In addition to his new position, the New Jersey native has his hands full, as he currently chairs the NJSIAA's COVID-19 Sports Advisory Task Force, Eligibility Appeals Committee, and the NJSIAA Advisory Committee.

"The NJSIAA COVID-19 Task Force is

comprised of mostly athletic directors from around the state - eight including myself - who are analyzing national trends regarding the COVID pandemic and how we can best return to sports in New Jersey," Frazier said. "We are looking at multiple models from now to the end of the school year that allow studentathletes an opportunity to participate should the pandemic cause a disruption in the '20-'21 school year. As chairperson, I am responsible for keeping us on task and taking the great ideas of each of my colleagues and directing us toward a common goal: getting the kids of New Jersey back to athletics as quickly as possible, in a safe manner, and one that focuses on their education."

Having previously been a member and president of the NJSIAA Executive Committee, Frazier said he believes his passion and past experiences have shaped him for this new position.

"Serving on various committees throughout my career continues to prepare and teach me to get the best out of the people you work with," Frazier said. "It is not about egos or about individual accolades. It's about our passion for high school athletics and serving the student-athletes of New Jersey. I am fortunate that this is an excellent group to work with."

As to this new opportunity, Frazier is humbled to have been nominated.

"I am truly honored to have been nominated and excited to now be a member of the NFHS board of trustees," Frazier said. "I have the utmost respect for the organization and think their mission and beliefs are in line with my personal beliefs on high school athletics. I am really looking forward to working with a great group of professionals and hope I can serve the sections I represent and the BOT to make a positive impact on how high school sports are governed in the country."

UCPO assumes control of 2nd PD this month

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acting Prosecutor Ruotolo will release a public report. We have no additional comment."

LocalSource reached out to the Clark Police Department for comment, but the department did not comment by press time.

According to the media release, Ruotolo will assume conthrough a process known as "supersession," which permits the on a temporary basis.

prosecutor, as the county's chief law enforcement officer, to supervise the law enforcement responsibilities of local police departments within the county.

According to the media release, UCPO Capt. Harvey Barnwell will serve as officer-in-charge of the township's police department. He will be assisted by UCPO Lt. Cassie Kim, who will be responsible for the department's internal affairs unit, trol of the police department's law enforcement functions and UCPO Sgt. Andrew Dellaquila, who will provide support



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Stamler Police Academy graduates 39 officers

UNION COUNTY — On July 21, 39 graduates of the John H. Stamler Police Academy took their oaths of honor in a ceremony celebrating the academy's 122nd graduating class.

"Not only did the 122nd graduating class persevere through a global pandemic to complete their training, but they now enter the law enforcement profession at a time when law enforcement is under immense scrutiny. We are so incredibly proud of this new class of officers, who take to heart the knowledge that in every action they take and every reaction they have, they have the power to define what it means to be a police officer," acting Union County Prosecutor Lyndsay Ruotolo said.

As the first recruit class to graduate during a global pandemic, the 122nd class experienced an unprecedented 23 weeks at the academy. While classes began normally in January, as COVID-19's threat to public health grew unavoidable, recruits began meeting virtually in March to continue their physical and academic training. The class returned to in-person instruction in June with measures in place to protect the health and safety of recruits and academy staff.

"The 122nd graduating class faced more challenges than other recruit classes that have successfully completed the academy," academy Director Eric Mason said. "We are proud of all our graduates and wish them the best as they pursue their law enforcement careers."

The graduating class includes newly appointed officers from the Jersey City Police Department, Plainfield Police Division, Rahway Police Department, Roselle Police Department, Roselle Park Police Department, Union Township Police Department, Union County Police Department, Union County Sheriff's Office and Weehawken Police Department.



Photos Courtesy of Mark Spivey

During the ceremony, several meritorious awards were presented to graduating recruits for exemplary performance in training. The John H. Stamler Police Academy Merit Award and the Officer Anthony J. Lordi Jr. Fallen Officers Memorial Award were presented to Officer Matthew F. Melody, Union Township Police Department; the Union County Police Chiefs Academic Achievement Award was presented to Michael J. Gabriel, an alternate route graduate; the Charles Jotz Best Marksman Award was presented to Officer Danny Mirao, Union Township Police Department; the Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control Award was presented to Officer John P. Dougherty, Springfield Police Department; the Most Dedicated in Physical Fitness award was graduating class.

presented to Officer Eric J. Borrero, Roselle Police Department; the Best All Around in Physical Fitness Award and the Physical Fitness Challenge Award were presented to Officer Christian Brown, Plainfield Police Division: and the 200 Club of Union County Award was presented to Officer Michael Plaia, Union Township Police Department.

"I am incredibly proud of the graduating class and their ability to adapt and overcome the challenge of attending the academy during a pandemic," said Jonathan Parham, director of countywide police policy, planning and training for the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

While recruits usually graduate from the academy in a large, formal ceremony, this year's abridged and more informal commencement took place outside the Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains to ensure graduates and their limited number of guests had space to observe proper social-distancing guidelines. In place of a keynote speaker, recruits were addressed by Mason, Ruotolo, and Union County Police Department Chief Chris Debbie, who is also president of the Union County Police Chiefs Association. Recruits and their families were joined by Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Chairperson Alexander Mirabella and Vice Chairperson Angel G. Estrada, Sheriff Peter Corvelli, First Assistant Prosecutor Doreen Yanik, UCPO Chief of Detectives Patricia Gusmano, and chiefs and directors from across the county.

The John H. Stamler Police Academy has been in continuous operation since 1946. The academy partners with the Union County Police Chiefs Association, the Union County Prosecutor's Office and local agencies to provide instructors, resources and support for each

Hillside BOE to rename Coolidge, Washington schools

Board of Education voted unanimously to rename Calvin memory. The renaming ceremony will be held on Sun-Coolidge and George Washington elementary schools in honor of two former members of the Hillside educational community.

Calvin Coolidge School will be renamed Deanna Taylor Academy. Taylor was a teacher at Coolidge School, as well as a program coordinator for the school district under the leadership of Principal Ellen Decker. Back in 2003, Taylor led her estranged husband out of the school building – a move that possibly saved the lives of her colleagues but resulted in her death. After Taylor's death, children are products of Hillside Public Schools. The and staff in the Hillside Public Schools."

day, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m.

George Washington School will be renamed Ola Edwards Community School. Edwards, a resident of Hillside, served the district for 30 years, as a cafeteria worker and later as a school custodian. Edwards dedicated her life to the Hillside schools community and its students, taking tremendous pride in and ownership of her job responsibilities. Her love for children led her to become a foster mother to 10 children while raising her own child, Tony - all 11

HILLSIDE – At its June 23 meeting, the Hillside the Deanna Taylor Scholarship Fund was created in her renaming ceremony will be held on Aug. 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Board of Education President Kimberly Cook shared the following statement: "We're breaking the glass ceiling by honoring two women whose commitment and dedication to the Hillside school district are consistent with the goals and philosophy of the Board of Education."

Acting Superintendent Robert Gregory said, "I'm proud to work for a school board that ensures the full diversity of our community is represented and our schools reflect the names of dedicated employees and noble residents who were champions for our students

County doubles funding for COVID-19 relief grants

UNION COUNTY — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is doubling the amount of funds available to assist small businesses under the Union County COVID-19 Relief Grant Program. The freeholder board initially authorized the grant program on July 9 with \$2 million in funding. The board added another \$2 million in funding during its regular meeting on July 23 for a total of \$4 million. The additional funding will prioritize businesses certified as being owned by minority, female, veteran, LGBTQ and/or disabled persons.

"We added another \$2 million to the program due to the overwhelming response we received to the initial grant offering, and the emphasis on certified minority, women, veteran, LGBTQ (and/or) disabled owners will help ensure that small businesses in Union County continue to reflect our diverse population

UNION COUNTY — The Union County ard of Chosen Freeholders is doubling e amount of funds available to assist all businesses under the Union County VID-19 Relief Grant Program. The eholder board initially authorized the ant program on July 9 with \$2 million as we seek to regain our economic footing during this time of crisis," Freeholder Chairperson Alexander Mirabella said. "Small businesses make key contributions to the Union County economy and to our quality of life, and their survival is vital to our recovery as a community."

> Union County received more than 750 applications from businesses meeting the eligibility guidelines in response to the first round of \$2 million in funding. The guidelines include having had 25 employees or fewer before the COVID-19 outbreak.

> The Union County COVID-19 Relief Grant Program is funded by the COVID-19 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act federal relief fund.

Qualified businesses can receive up to \$20,000 in assistance for three months of rent, property mortgage, utility and insurance expenses. Questions can be sent to dmesaros@ucnj.org.

Book sessions at Springfield Public Library

Springfield Public Library's "Zoom in on Books" will take place online via Zoom every Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. Chat with old friends from the Really Good Book discussion group and meet fellow book lovers. Talk about the books you are currently reading and recommend old favorites.

To join each weekly session, email Susan Tegge at stegge@sfplnj.org at least 24 hours in advance to be given the session's link and password.





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Davis Fund awards record \$38,000 in scholarships

graduates from Elizabeth High School's Class of 2020 shared a record \$38,000 in scholarships from the Albert and Louise Davis Scholarship Fund of the Rotary Club of Elizabeth. Since the fund's establishment in 1986, a total of \$646,000 has helped further the education of 417 graduates.

These "American Dream" scholarships will allow the graduating seniors to attend schools such as NYU Shanghai, The College of New Jersey, USC, UCLA, Rutgers University, Rutgers School of Pharmacy, St. Peter's University, Montclair State University, Kean University, Northeastern University, University of Pennsylvania, Lehigh University, Fairleigh Dickinson University and Union County College.

Applicants were evaluated on the basis of grade-point average, extracurricular activities, civic involvement and financial need.

'We always get outstanding applications, but this year our students truly raised the bar," said Kenneth Richuso, president of both Elizabeth Rotary and the Davis Scholarship Fund. "Our scholarship Dwyer Academy, Kimberly Silva.

ELIZABETH - Thirty-four deserving recipients are pursuing careers in such diverse fields as dentistry, pediatric, film, neurology, nursing, physics, chemical engineering and psychology. We are all very honored to help them pursue their goals.'

> The 2020 Davis Scholars from the Cicarell Academy are Dahiana Bertran, Stephanie Cueva, Gabriela Duran, Belicia Kensah, Gabriela Lopes, Rowan Nagy, Sanzina Nina, Nicole Ortiz, Kiasia Robinson, Gabriela Rodas, Tiffany Rojas, Wanda Silva, Varrononika Siryon, Keyri Sorto and Jason Zheng.

> Scholars from the Hamilton Academy are Madison Castro, Alexis Frias, Estalin Jadan, Lateefat Lawal, Alejandra Marte, Adamary Perez and Tabitha Saintiien.

> Those from the Halsey Academy are Sarahi Cordero, Valerie Esquival, Paula Jara, Keren Morales, Michelle Roa and Karen Simbaina.

> Scholars from the Jefferson Academy are Ariana Montoya and Kaileigh Volker; from the Bollwage Academy, Laura Tellez and Joyce Villamar; from the Edison Academy, Aaliyah Bell; and from the



Photo Courtesy of Doug Harris

Davis Scholar Kimberly Silva, right, is pictured volunteering during last year's Groundwork Elizabeth Tour de Elizabeth. With her is Kelly McCracken Villanueva, adviser for the Elizabeth Rotary Interact Club.

Linden man arrested for Roselle drive-by shooting

ROSELLE – Roland Carenard, 24, of Linden, has been arrested and charged in connection with a drive-by shooting that left two people injured in Roselle last fall, acting Union County Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo and Roselle Police Chief Brian Barnes jointly announced in a July 24 press release.

Carenard is charged with two counts apiece of both second- and third-degree aggravated assault, as well as four counts of related second-degree weapons offenses and one count of third-degree receiving stolen property.

Just before 10 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, members of the Roselle Police Department responded to the 1200 block of Morris Street, where a small crowd had gathered for an informal vigil for a local deceased person,

according to Union County Assistant Prosecutor Meghan Tomlinson, who is prosecuting the case.

Near that location, police located two adult shooting victims, a number of shell casings and a Ford Explorer SUV reportedly used in the shooting. The two victims were transported to Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth for treatment.

A joint investigation involving members of the prosecutor's office's newly formed Intelligence-Driven Prosecution Unit and the Roselle Police Department identified Carenard as a suspect in the case after physical evidence connecting him to the crime was reportedly recovered and analyzed. He was charged on Tuesday, July 14, and turned himself in without incident last week.

In a statement announcing the charges, Ruotolo said, "With this result, the Intelligence-Driven Prosecution Unit has again demonstrated its ability to collaborate closely with our local police agencies in tackling challenging investigations into violent crime."

Anyone with information about this matter is still being urged to contact Prosecutor's Office Detective Anthony Reimer at 908-347-2991 or Roselle Police Department Detective Ivan Romero at 908-245-9200.

Convictions on second-degree criminal charges are commonly punishable by up to 10 years in state prison.

These criminal charges are merely accusations. Every defendant is presumed innocent unless or until proved guilty in a court of law.

RPPD arrests man for inappropriately touching woman

Union County police departments have released the following reports of incidents to which their officers responded during the previous weeks.

Roselle Park

• Sunday, July 12: At 12:15 p.m., Patrolman Ryan Hokanson and Patrolman James Cantrell, as well as Roselle Park detectives, responded to the 100 block of West Webster Avenue on a report of a female being assaulted. After speaking with witnesses, police reportedly determined that the female had been inappropriately touched by a person walking by. A pedestrian stop was then conducted on a person matching the description given to officers by the witnesses. Following an investigation, Satnam Bhatoa, 28, of Roselle Park, was taken into custody. Bhatoa was charged with one count for a theft of a safe from an unsecured

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of criminal sexual contact and lodged in the Union County Jail pending a future Union County Superior Court date. According to police, this appears to be an isolated incident and no one was reported to be injured.

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• Monday, July 20: At 11:45 a.m., a report was taken for a theft of money from a tip jar at a Beechwood Road business. Security cameras captured a man reaching into the tip jar twice at 11:15 a.m. and removing an undetermined amount of money, believed to be between \$10 and \$15 in miscellaneous bills and coins.

Saturday, July 18: A report was taken

between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The safe contained numerous personal documents, in addition to approximately \$600 in foreign currency; one Louis Vuitton blue leather document holder, valued at \$1,500; one platinum engagement ring, valued at \$35,000; and one white gold wedding band, valued at \$500.

• Friday, July 17: A Glenwood Place resident reported that, sometime between July 1 and 3, someone stole from their home one gold-banded ring with one diamond and one amethyst stone laid in, valued at \$1,000, and \$180 in cash.

• Wednesday, July 15: An Oak Ridge Avenue resident reported that someone entered their unlocked motor vehicle, sometime during the overnight hours. Nothing was taken.

• Sunday, July 12: At 10:23 a.m., a

motor vehicle that occurred sometime report was taken for an attempted motor vehicle theft. An unknown man attempted to gain entry to the locked vehicle, which was parked in the driveway of a Dale Drive residence, on July 11 at 3:51 a.m.

• Saturday, July 11: At 7:33 a.m., a report was taken for a theft of a motor vehicle from the driveway of a Midland Terrace residence. The victim reported that they last saw the vehicle, a 2018 white BMW X3, at approximately 9 p.m. the night before. The vehicle, which had previously been stolen and returned with one of the key fobs missing, did not have the remaining key fob in the vehicle at the time of the theft. The vehicle was valued at approximately \$35,000 at the time of the theft.

• Monday, July 6: At 11:53 p.m., a report was taken for a package theft from the front steps of a Badeau Avenue See SUMMIT, Page 17

Cranford superintendent releases survey results

Superintendent of Schools Scott Rubin sent an update to the community with the results of the recent survey sent out to gauge the community's comfort level with school reopening in the fall. Rubin said the district would provide another update on its plans on or about July 31. In the meantime, community members are encouraged to continue providing feedback online at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdN6eq6s6biGDqHYnhrQjbkDo7F7r9fqClE 2gmPB9TbFoylag/viewform.

The district is currently considering a few plans for reopening. In Plan A, based on current state guidance requiring 6 feet

CRANFORD – On July 23, Cranford of social distancing, school for preschoolers through fifth-graders will be open every day on a modified schedule that will roughly follow a single session day with no lunch or recess period. Middle School students will be split into two cohorts, with one group attending school in-person on Mondays and Wednesdays and alternating Fridays and another group attending school in-person on Tuesdays and Thursdays and alternating Fridays; each cohort will attend school on a modified schedule, which will roughly follow a single-session day. High school students will be split into three cohorts, with each group attending school in-person every third day, following

a modified single-session-day schedule. Teachers at all grade levels will livestream what is taking place in the front of the classroom so that students who are not scheduled to be in-person or who remain on virtual instruction can follow along with the class from home.

In Plan B, should the state amend its requirements and allow districts to use 3foot social-distancing with face coverings, schools will be open to all students every day, on a modified schedule, which will roughly follow a single-session day, with no lunch or recess period. Teachers will livestream what is taking place in the front of the room so that students who

remain on virtual instruction can follow along with the class from home.

For both plans, parents may opt to keep their children learning remotely, and all faculty and students entering the buildings will have their temperatures checked and will be required to wear face masks.

Special education programming will be based on each child's IEP and may entail supplemental and extended programming. Time will be provided during the day to allow for handwashing, mask "breaks," snacks and physical movement. Free and reduced-price take-home lunches will be provided for those who qualify. See **DISTRICT**, Page 8



UC employee, veteran moves closer to pageant title

military veteran and community advocate, has advanced to the final round of the Ms. Veteran America pageant, a national competition celebrating women who have served in the military and have established a record of service in their communities.

Williams serves as coordinator for Union County's Office of Veteran Services.

"Janna Williams connects veterans with resources and programs, and she plays an invaluable role in the freeholder board's commitment to serving our military community," Freeholder Chairperson Alexander Mirabella said. "We would like to congratulate Janna and wish her much success as she competes for the title of Ms. Veteran America."

Williams, a United States Air Force veteran from Roselle, is pursuing the title that honors her three years of service as an airman and her nearly 20 years of accomplishments as an advocate for military veterans.

She serves veterans through her work coordinating veteran services in Union a member of several civic, community

UNION COUNTY - Janna Williams, a County and as the founder of Vets4U, a nonprofit organization that provides food, clothing and other resources to military veterans in need.

> "I am beyond excited about making it to the finals," said Williams, who has lived in Roselle for nearly 16 years. "I consider myself a veterans advocate and a leader of the veteran community. This will give me the opportunity to take my advocacy and passion for helping veterans to a higher level."

> Williams worked in the pharmaceutical division of her military unit while stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, and Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, Calif. During her service, she was named "Airman of the Quarter" and received the Wing Commander "Attitude Is Everything" honor, along with other accolades.

> After her service, Williams took a position in New Jersey as an accredited veteran service officer for the Union County Office of Veterans Services and is



Janna Williams

and veteran service groups.

She served on the Roselle Board of Education and the Roselle Planning Board. Williams has also been recognized for her

community service with the NAACP Community Service Award in 2017, the U.S. Congress Award and other honors.

Williams is a single mother of three children: Jayla, Laci and Elijah. She is the daughter of Lorraine Shipp, a U.S. Navy veteran.

Williams competed on June 27 and 28 in a virtual competition and secured her spot in the final round, scheduled to be held Oct. 11 in Orlando, Fla. The semifinals were originally scheduled to take place in Las Vegas but were converted to a virtual competition due to the coronavirus outbreak and the ensuing travel and social restrictions.

Williams is fundraising for Final Salute Inc., a charity that helps homeless female veterans find shelter and other resources. Those interested in donating can do so through her Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/JannaW4MV A2020/, her Twitter page at @JannaW4MVA2020 or by visiting https://charity.gofundme.com/finalsaluteinc.

District outlines different reopening plans, gets feedback

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According to the district, the earlier dismissal of students will provide additional time to sanitize the school buildings on a daily basis. The district plans to adjust the daily opening and dismissal of schools so that high school and middle school students will be released prior to the elementary school students, so that they may provide additional assistance to families.

In Plan C, should the state require districts to close all in-person instruction, the district will activate an Enhanced Emergency Education Distance Learning Plan. Teachers will provide a single-session virtual day, roughly following each student's typical schedule.

The district is asking all parents and guardians to begin "mask-training" their children, so they will be more comfortable wearing face masks for a long period of time at school.

According to the district, 2,689 participants completed the survey regarding the plans to reopen. Of those surveyed:

• 84.27 percent plan on sending their child to school for in-person instruction as outlined in Plan A, while 13.76 percent plan on having their child participate 100percent virtually if Plan A is implemented.

• 79.29 percent plan on sending their child to school for in-person instruction as instruction every other day may mitigate

plan on having their child participate 100percent virtually if Plan B is implemented.

• 93.47 percent plan to send their child to school if all students were required to wear a face covering, regardless of social distancing. This number is based upon those who responded that they would send their child to school for in-person instruction as outlined in Plan A.

• 87.03 percent would permit their child to wear a face shield as an alternative face covering to be used only when students are socially distanced 6 feet or more while at their desks. This is based upon those who responded that they would send their child to school for inperson instruction as outlined in Plan A.

According to the district, through the feedback, there were many requests for all students to attend school every day. In particular, more in-person time was requested at the high school level and there were questions as to why each day could not be longer.

Factoring in the number of students who have opted for virtual instruction, the district believes it can modify the high school model so that high school students could attend school every other day, in alignment with the plan for the middle school.

The high school providing in-person

outlined in Plan B, while 18.82 percent the question about elongating the singlesession day, but here are some of the district's reasons to dismiss students after a single session at the high school: Lunch will not be served, keeping students from gathering in large numbers without masks to eat; it would be a long, possibly hot, day wearing a face covering; high school students will be dismissed earlier than the elementary school students to be available to assist with childcare needs; during the afternoon hours, teachers will provide additional support virtually for all students, including those who remain on virtual instruction; and additional services, such as special education, interventions, enrichment and ESL may be provided in the afternoons as needed.

> Many respondents asked if students would be required to wear face coverings. According to the district, the answer is "yes," regardless of social distancing. The district will purchase face shields for each student should they choose to wear one instead of a mask, but these will be used only when the students are socially distanced 6 feet and remain sitting at their desk. The district will provide face-covering breaks throughout the day.

> There were requests for a cohort model at the elementary school level, as well as questions about what those section sizes would be. A follow-up survey was sent to

elementary school parents on July 21. According to the district, 27.57 percent of the 1,099 respondents stated that, "If a cohort model was available, they would prefer their child to attend every other day in-person and participate through livestreaming on the other day, resulting in smaller class sizes." The district is currently exploring whether it is possible to accommodate this preference while still accommodating the majority of respondents who want their child to come to school every day.

There were questions about whether individuals could move from virtual to inperson and vice versa. The district would like to be flexible on this issue but also needs to plan in advance for scheduling purposes and to ensure it is abiding by social-distancing requirements. Therefore, after the plan is shared with the community on or about July 31, parents and guardians will have about a week to decide whether they would like their children to attend school in-person or virtually. Although parents can always change their mind to opt for virtual instruction, a requested move to inperson instruction will be honored and should be expected to be implemented on the following dates: Nov. 12, Jan. 27 and April 13. The district is also still awaiting further guidance from the state. See **RUBIN**, Page 9

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Students benefit from Summit Foundation gift

CRANFORD — The Union County College Foundation received a donation of \$10,000 from the Summit Foundation to fund scholarships for UCC students. The Summit Foundation has served local communities by providing grants to address local needs for more than 50 years.

"Union students appreciate the support provided by the Summit Foundation," UCCF Executive Director Doug Rouse said. "The Summit Foundation works to improve the lives of those in their community, and we are thankful they have chosen to support our students."

The grant issued by the Summit Foundation will support the Union County College Foundation's Operation Graduation program. This student-success initiative was developed six years ago and has had a dramatic impact on the students at Union and has helped hundreds of students graduate on time. During the past six years, the graduation rate at Union County College has more than quadrupled.

For additional information about making a difference in the life of a student at UCC, contact Union Rouse at Douglas.rouse@ucc.edu.

Rubin outlines current plans

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Some respondents wanted to know what differences would be implemented in virtual learning in the fall as opposed to this past spring. The district plans to provide an updated plan to the community on or about July 31. However, here are some enhancements that you can expect to see with regard to virtual instruction: It will take place within a 4-hour block of time; this does not mean your child will be watching the screen for four hours straight — rather, there will be a combination of whole group, small group and

independent exercises, just like when your child is in school. Attendance will be mandatory, and video will have to be turned on. The teachers will use Google Classroom/Google Meet, ensuring consistent platform use throughout the district. The teachers will livestream the front of the classroom; no students will be seen just the teacher and the actual instruction.

The district is currently working with the Cranford Health Department, which is leading the efforts in developing the protocols to be followed if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID.





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Hot enough for you?

It's hot out there. We expect hot days during the summer, but this summer seems to be one long heat-

wave. You can argue that this is due to global warming or that the temperatures go through highs and lows and we're just on an upswing right now. None of that really matters when we're approaching triple digits before the heat index is even factored into the equation. Heat is only the first danger though. Then there's the humidity, sucking all the moisture out of the air and you. It can make you sick and it can even kill you.

When temperatures are extremely high, take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones. Stay in an air-conditioned location as much as you can. Avoid direct sunlight and the burns that accompany it. Drink plenty of fluids, even if you don't feel thirsty. Schedule outdoor activities carefully, wearing loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing and sunscreen, as well as pacing yourself. Take cool showers or baths to lower your body temperature when feeling flushed. Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you. Never leave children or pets in cars. And stay informed: Check the local news for health and safety updates.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has

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issued a warning about exposure to excessive heat. In addition to temperature, other factors that impact

your ability to regulate heat include old age, youth, obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug or alcohol use. Consider everything when trying to moderate your temperature. Signs of heat stroke include an extremely high body temperature — more than 103 degrees Fahrenheit; red, hot and dry skin; rapid, strong pulse; throbbing headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; and unconsciousness. Pay attention to the symptoms; it may save your life or the life of a loved one.

If someone is suffering from heat stroke or heat exhaustion, get them to a shady area and give them water to drink. Cool them off with a sponge, tub of cool water, garden hose, wet sheet or whatever is available. Monitor their body temperature until it drops to 101 to 102 degrees Fahrenheit. Do not give them alcohol to drink. If they don't improve, seek professional medical help as soon as possible.

We can beat this heat, but only if we act smartly and don't ignore the warning signs.

Summer camp at home

Fear of COVID-19 has led to many parents not sending their children to summer camp and, as July comes to a

close, another month at home with nothing for your children to do can seem an eternity. And that's assuming the school year begins in September with even a semblance of normalcy. With that in mind, we suggest parents look toward summer camp ideas at home that can keep children occupied and entertained, as well as safe from the coronavirus, all while reducing some parental stress.

While there are plenty of online summer camps for parents to investigate, this will require tying up your computer and, most likely, money. We're also almost halfway through summer, meaning many of these camps are already well under way. But that doesn't mean you can't have a camp of your own. First, brainstorm with your children to find out what they like about summer camps and what they don't like. Maybe they like lanyards, little boxes of cereal and flashlight tag, but dislike long bus rides and shouty lifeguards. Emphasize the positive.

For things to do, sometimes you can combine chores or basic skills to make them feel more inde-

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pendent, such as putting on their own sunscreen, feeding the pets, changing batteries or a light bulb,

cutting safely with a sharp knife, mopping up a spill or unloading the dishwasher. Praise extravagantly. Structure the day, so they can have some expectations, but also be sure to schedule in some downtime. Providing an audiobook or coloring supplies is a wise idea, too. Be creative yourself. Make an arcade game from cardboard boxes, paint the garage, create stopmotion from clay, make fruit salad for dinner, organize all books by color, check in with their grandparents via FaceTime, create a Rube Goldberg machine, open a salon and paint everyone's toenails, roll all the pennies, make a fort — the sky's the limit!

Make creative lunches. Have lots of games, as well as indoor and outdoor activities. Lay a blanket on the floor so that, if you're working from home and someone is lonely or sad, they can lay down next to you and read a book for a little while. And pick an end time for camp day, then help your children clean up, not because it's your job but because it's nice to help. The only limits you'll set will be how much fun you want to have.

Keeping an eye on security

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

There is no confusing movie star William Holden and state Sen. Joe Cryan. But a few weeks ago, Cryan's diligence at a state Senate hearing on police transparency brought to mind the Holden question in the movie "Stalag 17": Who's watching security?

It isn't glamorous, but the nuts and bolts of committee work of legislative committees is Jersey government at its best.

The ambitious efforts of state Attorney General Gurbir Grewal to promote his "bad apple" police reform landed at the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee. The room was packed with reformers and representatives of the police unions. As the committee waded through 17 speakers, it was Cryan whose hard-pressed questions to both sides helped crystalize the issues.

The Union Township senator made it clear: The use of dangerous chokeholds, the discrimination of school zone penalties in minority areas and the lack of minority hiring of police officers were issues about which he felt strongly. As Union County sheriff, he oversaw a tripling of the number of minority sheriffs in the county employ.

A different perspective was provided by Jim Mets, an attorney who successfully challenged Grewal's attempt to arbitrarily institute the release of past disciplinary decisions and agreements regarding police officers.

Mets said, "We had decades of law and policy on internal affairs. That had always been the underlying message of the AG guidelines on internal affairs ... but nobody from the AG's office was listening to us. We had to go to court to be listened to."

Despite the press hoopla from Grewal, Mets has brought some reality with a full hearing to be scheduled by the state Supreme Court this fall.

Mets effectively pointed out the AG office's flip-flop: in 2019 the office took the opposite position on the release of confidential personnel records.

Grewal has followed the usual technique of bold charges and press conferences, usually with his loyal assistant Veronica Allende dutifully standing at his side. In a statement suitable for "central casting" Grewal proclaimed, "I have come to recognize our policy isn't just bad for public trust, it's bad for public safety, and See **REMAINING**, Page 11

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Don't give in to guilt if the heat kills some plants

Way back in 1939 Ethel Waters sang a set of torrid lyrics written by Irving Berlin. The first line goes: "Oh, we're having a heat wave, a tropical heat wave." Many of us are singing that song right now.

Berlin's "heat wave" was generated by an unnamed human temptress. Our current heat wave is generated by Mother Nature. Unless you have an in-ground sprinkler system, a network of soaker hoses or are getting your daily exercise by moving a lawn sprinkler around your property, your garden is in danger of becoming a collection of crispy critters. The peril grows as the heat wave continues. It is enough to make you pray for an old-fashioned gully washer.

Inevitably, some plants will die. Gardeners tend to suffer grief, guilt and selfdoubt when this happens, but it is important to remember that plants will die even

THE GARDENER'S APPRENTICE **BY ELISABETH GINSBURG**

under the best of circumstances. It has happened to me many times over my long gardening career.

I have killed plants in every category except trees, and that is only because I haven't planted large numbers of trees. Annuals have withered, perennials languished unto death and shrubs declined into leaflessness. Sometimes these deadly incidents were my fault; other times the causes were mystifying.

Tony Avent, proprietor of the Plant Delights Nursery in North Carolina, has long said that you should not give up on a plant until you have killed it at least three times. I don't usually have the patience to try a particular variety three times. One death was my fault, I will give the plant another try.

So what do you do when a plant dies? First of all, you can grieve, but not for too long. After all, every dead plant opens a space in the garden for something new and different. Second, try to figure out what went wrong. Sometimes you can see damage from insects or animal pests or evidence of disease. If a plant is really worth it, try again, but protect it with a physical barrier, such as deer or rabbit fencing, or organic repellant sprays.

If you have taken good care of a plant and it is not threatened by obvious pests or diseases, think about the plant's situation. Sun lovers may languish in shade; shade lovers may get toasted by the sun's harsh rays. Prevent this by reading plant tags carefully and observing the specimen

death generally convinces me, but if that especially when it is new. Try moving it for a week or so and see if there is any change. Sometimes this is all that is needed.

> Soil chemistry and composition also play a role. Some plants, like lavender, need excellent drainage. If your soil is light, sandy or full of small pebbles, the lavender will probably be happy. If your soil is heavy clay and holds water tenaciously, lighten it with sand, or lots of organic material, such as compost. Actually, organic matter is helpful whether your soil drains too quickly or not fast enough. When in doubt, add it to planting holes.

> Water is important even when Mother Nature is not systematically depriving us of it. More plants have been killed by overwatering than by any other cause. Many of the most popular plants - especially the currently hot succulents - will rot and die See **EXPERIMENTATION**, Page 12

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

N.J. cities calm after minor violent protests

To the Editor:

New Jersey, including Union County, experienced many local peaceful protests in support of Black Lives Matter following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minn. Newark, our state's largest city, had protests but reported very minor thefts by some protestors. Trenton experienced the most violent protests, resulting in damage to property and looting of local stores.

Fortunately, New Jersey cities are still supporting BLM peacefully, not endangering citizens or looting stores.

In contrast, terrible violence is continuing in major cities, such as Portland, Ore., Seattle and Chicago, jeopardizing the safety of local residents, police, U.S. facilities, and mom-and-pop stores. The Washington Post, generally not supportive of the police protecting property from looters, recently published an editorial reading: "Portland's protests were supposed to be about black lives. Now, they're white spectacle.'

In my opinion, the most influential newspapers and TV channels have not been critical of the violent individuals who have been using the BLM movement to loot and destroy private property. The national news media, state papers and local newsprint must together condemn all actions by protestors who are attacking our police, looting, and destroying public or private property. The elected officials who permit violent protests to continue should also be admonished and held accountable for their lack of action to stop the violence. Bob Barrett

Clark

Waste-based economy To the Editor:

We are a waste-based economy. We stay solvent because of what we waste. Check your trash can, look at the dollars lost in food waste and disposable throwaway packaging. Now multiply that by 100

million American households. Let's include the millions of eateries throughout our country, plus schools, hospitals, military facilities and prisons – each wasting millions of tons of food and materials each year. Dumpsters blanket our landscape like locusts. Waste-management corporations are growing and billions of dollars are made on waste.

We build and import products that are obsolete as soon as they hit the marketplace. All these wastes are poisoning our land and air, and there appears to be no abatement.

In building homes among the rich there is no end to the gluttony. Their need for 40-room mansions, vaulted ceilings and property covered in paving stones and swimming pools increases the impervious surfaces, which results in potential flooding and erosion of our green lands.

In retrospect, in the late '80s there was an outcry about the pollution and the course of our nation. There even was a drive to eliminate Styrofoam in packaging and cups. Their construction made totally out of petroleum has a more than 100year lifespan. The health hazard is still undetermined. But that was short-lived, thanks to the powers that be, aka the money changers.

We need to remind ourselves that this economy can't be based on waste and pollution because it will eventually be our demise.

At this point, if we eliminate all of which I spoke, our economy would crash. Of course there is a way out. Government, industry and we the people must work together to bring together a revolution in thinking of life, liberty and the pursuit of our happiness in an environmentally cohesive union.

If in your mind you answered maybe we can't change, then we are doomed. More and more reports are coming in reporting killer algae, climate and temperature changes, and vast storms. Just this

month, Louisiana was battered by Hurricane Barry. All these conditions are a result of the pollution with which we contaminate ground, water and air by our waste economies.

Walter Sosnosky Kenilworth

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The editor reserves the right not to publish a letter which deals with topics outside these boundaries. In addition, letters must conform to the reasonable expectations of civil discourse acceptable for a community newspaper. Responses to response letters will not be printed.

Letters with long lists of people and organizations they wish to thank will not be published.

The editor reserves the right to make any necessary grammatical corrections to the text of the letter. Although the writer's style will be maintained, certain changes may be made in the interest of clarity.

Remaining vigilant

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A bit of hyperbole seems to shroud that comment. Urban mayors, while pushing for reforms including residency requirements for officers, caution that the vast majority of officers in that most stressful of jobs do an efficient job.

The issue of residency has risen to the top. The view from this corner is that the person whose kids go to the local schools and who shops at the same supermarket has a greater stake in the community. An old-time joke was that you never worried about snow removal in Roselle Park. Come Sunday at Assumption Church, the DPW workers got hell at the church if the streets weren't clean.

But the answer isn't a mandatory residency requirement for police officers; maybe a property tax break to keep the cops local seems a far more equitable approach.

During the hearing, Cryan focused in part on press accounts, which found that dozens of residents - mostly black individuals - were killed during police chases.

The NAACP argued that there was a need to end the blanket protection of qualified immunity and to institute more citizen review boards.

The exchange of ideas and the passage of solid reforms appears very doable. Legislators listening to the various ideas and keeping a skeptical eye on "security" may just achieve the best result.

The vice versa must be obeyed

In class I call it the vice versa of science. If something's getting hot, something else is getting cold. If one thing is going left, something else is going right. Getting bigger? Those atoms came from something. No magic. You can't ignore the ledger of science!

But many school districts, at least from what I have read - or more accurately, what I have not read - have been tiptoeing around this fact, or hoping to save the vice versa consequences for last.

Lots of blame falls on the state. Unlike other COVID-related edicts, Gov. Murphy and company have been slow and vague when it comes to school. First, the commissioner of education, Lamont Repolle, left his post on July 1 to become president of Kean University. He accepted the job in May, when COVID was pretty much at its worst. Applying the vice versa rule, there is no way he could have been 100-percent focused on New Jersey's almost 600 school districts during this critical period.

Then there's Murphy, who is not shy when it comes to mandatory advice. He has issued at least 60 COVID-related executive orders, many of which are quite specific. But his school reopening plan,

MARK'S MEANDERINGS

BY MARK TERENZI

published just a couple of weeks ago, is a mushy, blurry blueprint at best. It essentially says teachers are required to wear masks - students are not; there should be some form of classroom instruction; and social distancing, be it in class, on a bus, or in the lunchroom, should be at the forefront of most plans.

There should also be some sort of screening, which will likely turn out to be unreliable temperature checks. That's about it. Standard stuff.

A one-size-fits-all plan is not practical, the governor rationalizes, because there are so many different school districts in our notoriously home-ruled state. Sounds like an excuse to me, very much analogous to the strategy Trump has adopted for the country. Instead of deciding for the state, Murphy's leaving it up to each district. Not a good template.

I teach my students to support broadbrushed statements or ideas with examples, be they hypothetical or empirical. I didn't see much of that in the state's guid-

getting paid — tackling a full-time task on a part-time basis. And they weren't given much time either, as most districts, if they are to open the week of Labor Day, need to release their plans for public review in about a week!

To complicate matters, Murphy recently amended his plan to allow parents to choose all-remote learning. When asked if the same option would be granted to teachers, he waffled. The plan says nothing about teachers' physical health but does say schools should "consider unique needs of each staff member, such as access to technology, social and emotional health, and child care concerns." A quick Google search and I still don't know if teachers can also go all-remote; nothing about older teachers, either.

Regardless of the option, though - all remote, no remote or a combination - the vice versa rule needs to be obeyed.

According to the main rule of the universe, if the number of students in a class is halved to respect social distancing, either the number of teachers, or their workload (and, of course, pay), needs to

ance. Remember, school boards comprise be doubled. It's that simple. Or, class time volunteers. They are amateurs – as in not needs to be proportionally shrunk. The state plan says, "Staff roles will have to expand and schedules may have to be changed."

The prudent course of action would be to delay school openings so districts can get their plans on the table for a healthy dose of brainstorming. There are many fresh ideas that might be considered. For instance, taking advantage of September weather, classes might initially meet outdoors in a less stressful environment. First impressions are critical, and I'm sure there would be more smiles outdoors than in.

There is also the concept of looping, where kids might start the school year with their teachers from last school year. The familiarity would create a less stressful environment and allow for a smooth handoff, when ready, to the next batch of teachers.

Whew. I don't know how all this will turn out, but it should be interesting. We'll find out in a week.

Mark Terenzi has been a science teacher at Maplewood Middle School for more than 20 years.

Experimentation helps a garden thrive

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if they are overwatered. If plant tags don't give you enough watering information, go online and check out the requirements. Some plants, like hydrangeas, are perennially thirsty. Others, like annual portulaca, should not be watered until the top inch or so of soil is dry.

If a plant is properly sited and watered appropriately, it's likely the plant was sick when it came from the nursery. Plant diseases don't always show themselves right away. Diseased roses, for example, may

to thrive the first year, before dying in Year Two. The killer was hiding in the rose plant long before you purchased it.

These days, plants are most often bred to look good on the plant pallets during the growing season. Frankly, some are bred to be disposable, but that may not be immediately apparent to the gardeners who buy them. The best insurance against this is to shop at a reputable nursery that takes care of its inventory. Big-box stores can offer great bargains - and I often take advanplant care is not high on their list. When a plant stops blooming, it goes to the back of the nursery area, to be replaced by something that has arrived in a more recent shipment and is about to burst into bloom. For best results when you shop at the bigbox stores, buy plants that have been delivered within the last seven days.

If plants die on you, remember that gardening should be about discovery, not guilt. Garden equipment is heavy enough without the added weight of lugging

look great in the nursery and even appear tage of those bargains - but generally around the burden of guilt. We all have our horticultural betes noires. Mine happens to be ornamental sweet peas. Sometimes I blame my lack of success on climate, which is certainly a factor. However, I also seem to have bad sweet pea karma. I have accepted that and moved on to things that succeed better in my garden. If you are discouraged by plant mortality, I recommend finding a different route to success. Everyone can grow something – usually many somethings. The only thing to fear is fear of plant death.

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Home exterior projects combine beauty, performance

Will you be completing outdoor home renovation projects this season? To maximize your investment, consider these project ideas, which combine beauty and long-lasting performance:

Smart landscaping

Landscaping is a fundamental aspect of curb appeal. A beautiful design has the power to boost your home's resale value. What's more, certain landscape choices may last longer and can even potentially protect the structure of your home.

Make the smart and environmentally conscious choice of sticking with native species, which are more likely to thrive and grow a strong root foundation, helping protect your property in the event of flooding. Select fire-resistant plants that can also act as buffers during high winds.

A complete roofing system

You don't have to wait for leaks to appear before you consider a new roof. Missing, damaged or curling shingles are not only an eyesore, they can also be signs of leaks to come. The age of your roof itself can be a guide as to when it's time to consider an upgrade — homeowner's insurance companies generally assume an asphalt shingle roof will last about 20 years.

When it comes to beauty and performance, a new roof can be one of the best investments you make for your home, that is if you select durable products that will protect your family for years to come. Homeowners should



know that they don't have to sacrifice style for strength and durability. For example, new Timberline HDZ shingles from GAF, North America's largest roofing and waterproofing manufacturer, combine the style, class and design of America's best-selling shingles, Timberline HD, with even better protection thanks to a new innovation called LayerLock technology. The technology offers contractors a faster, more precise installation and, ulti-

mately, better strength and performance of the roofing shingles.

For greater peace of mind, homeowners should also consider complete roofing systems — shingles and accessories — with a strong warranty. Just be sure to check the fine print, especially if you live in an area with high winds. While many roofing products do come with wind warranties, there are often caveats with regard to wind speed limitations. Timberline HDZ shingles come with an available GAF WindProven limited wind warranty, the first wind warranty for roofing shingles with no maximum wind speed limit. The brand's shingles that feature LayerLock technology, such as HDZ, qualify for this warranty when installed with four qualifying GAF accessories.

Durable windows

Today's high-performance window options can dramatically improve your home's energy efficiency, provide better sound-proofing and weather resistance, and offer tilt-in capabilities for easier cleaning and maintenance. Some manufacturers offer customization options with regard to grille patterns, window shape, interior and exterior frame colors, and glass types, making it easy to find options that complement your home's style while providing performance features you value.

This season, make smart home upgrades that offer you both greater curb appeal and greater peace of mind. -StatePoint





Cross-bore: what every homeowner should know

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, learning about cross-bore is important, as certain lifestyle changes you may have made over the past few months could turn an existing cross-bore condition into a potentially dangerous situation. Fortunately, unlike many items on your list of concerns these days, crossbore is something that you can do something about besides just worry.

So, what is a "cross-bore" and why is it important for you to know about it? Simply put, a "cross-bore" is the unintended intersection of two utility lines. This article is concerned specifically with natural gas utility and unpressurized sanitary sewer lines, both of which you likely have on your property. An "unintended intersection" means the penetration of a sanitary sewer line by a gas utility line. According to the Cross Bore Safety Association, this is not an uncommon condition and, although statistics vary, some estimates suggest that it occurs at an average rate of 0.4 cross-bores per mile of sewer line. So how does it happen?

Cross-bores most frequently occur in association with "trenchless" methods of utility line installation. In other words, it



Cross-bore is the unintended intersection of two utility lines.

involves installing a utility line without digging up the ground. The reasons for doing this typically involve minimizing surface disruption, increasing the speed of installation and reducing costs. The downside to this method is that, historically, installers have not been able see when the installed utility line penetrates a sanitary sewer line. The immediate result is typically uneventful, until the affected sewer line becomes blocked. As far back as 1976, there have been documented incidents of attempts to clear blocked sewer lines where there is an undiscovered cross-bore. The resulting rupture of the intersecting gas utility line by some mechanical device, like a rootcutter, allows gas to enter a home through the sewer line, where it is accidentally ignited, causing an explosion.

As the existence of cross-bores has become better understood, steps are being

taken to eliminate existing cross-bores, and to prevent them from occurring at all. Still, many "legacy" cross-bores remain.

If you've been wondering what all of this has to do with the coronavirus pandemic and home quarantine, it's this: More people at home for more hours means more sanitary sewer use, and the scarcity of toilet paper means more people using alternative materials that are not designed to degrade in a sanitary sewer environment. The inevitable result? More blocked sewer lines.

According to experts, here's the part where you can make a difference — one that can actually save lives. First, be mindful to put only toilet paper into the sewer. Second, in the event you have trouble with your sewer line, make sure your plumber uses a camera to visualize any blockage before attempting to remove it.

To see what a cross-bore looks like, and to learn more about excavation safety, visit SafeExcavator.com/cross-bore.

Now you know about cross-bores and how, as a homeowner, to deal safely with a potential cross-bore situation.

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Cook accuses Vertreese of misusing grant money

(Continued from Page 1) distributing the newsletter during work hours and he said he has collected proof.

"They were working, and residents sent in pictures showing them distributing the newsletter," Cook said.

"I believe the funds were misused to distribute a propaganda piece. Grant funds are for very specific purposes, and using them to put out propaganda is not part of any state grant. There are no issues at all with the teenagers."

Hillside administration spokesperson David Cummings quickly shot down allegations made by Cook, defending Vertreese's use of the funds.

"The mayor and administration have done nothing wrong," Cummings said on July 24. "The community is ecstatic with the efforts and results of these young people cleaning up their township."

Cummings confirmed that the teens were handing out the newsletter but said the newsletter merely contains information on the town.

'This initiative is about supporting young people and giving them a chance to learn life skills while also showing they care about their community," Cummings said. "Hillside residents are happy their young people are doing something positive. Residents have received the newsletter well because it's informative. The only individuals upset are people who want to create a political issue out of something positive."

The newsletter contains several pieces penned by the mayor. One such piece criticizes the council for its desire to open the community pool this summer. The piece reads, in part: "Remember the discussion about the Township pool. The Council wanted to open the pool this summer

need to know facts, and not politics drove my decision. The pool is almost 60-yearsold. Due to years of neglect, it's noncompliant with current state code and leaks. A 2018 inspection report from Integrated Aquatic Engineers indicated it would cost \$1.2 to \$1.8 million to repair the pool and bring into compliance. If it were up to the Council, the Township would have allocated those dollars for the pool. Think about where we would be if we spent that money?"

In addition to containing positive news about Vertreese's plans to create a Citizen Civilian Review Board and news of a local resident who offered lawn-cutting services to seniors during the COVID outbreak, the newsletter also reported that Hillside police unions had voted no-confidence in Police Chief Vincent Ricciardi; Vertreese recently tried to suspend Ricciardi, but the suspen-

against my recommendation. Residents sion was overturned by the courts. There is also a page titled: "Council Inappropriately Proposes Its Own Catastrophic Budget."

Based off of the content of the newsletter, Cook stands firm in his point of view.

'It's simply wrong to pay teenagers using taxpayer dollars to distribute something that is political and one-sided in nature," Cook said. "This should have been paid for out of the mayor's campaign funds. Then there would be no issue. Grant funds should only be used for their intended purposes to ensure that Hillside stays eligible to receive future grant funding.'

According to documentation regarding the Clean Communities Fund, the program requirements state that funds are to be used for programs of litter pickup and removal. Funds may also be used to abate graffiti. The use of funds for nonprogrammatic purposes is strictly prohibited.

Theater Project receives grant for 'Black Lives / Blue Lives'

UNION - The Theater Project has received a COVID-19 response grant of \$6,880 from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. This gift is to support the company's "Black Lives / Blue Lives" program and its transition to virtual platforms this summer and fall, as the Theater Project, like so many cultural institutions, looks for new ways to keep old programs available. The grant will make the program accessible to a wider audience, as the company offers it via Zoom to interested community organizations.

"Black Lives / Blue Lives" consists of two short one-man plays: "Black Lives," by Steve Harper, is performed by Lambert Tamin, and "Blue Lives," by Bill Mesce Jr., is performed by Gary Martins. Both are directed by Will Budnikov. The plays serve as a springboard for a "Where do we go from here?" audience discussion moderat-



Playwrights Bill Mesce Jr., left, and Steve Harper

ed by Sara Compion of Kean University.

ect hope is that 'Black Lives / Blue Lives' "What all of us involved with this proj- might become a useful tool that raises

awareness and starts discussion among people who might otherwise be tempted to ignore the problem," Mesce said.

The Theater Project is grateful to the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and its support for organizations affected by the pandemic. As stated in the council's announcement: "Eighty-two organizations were awarded \$649,620 in emergency COVID-19 response grant funding. This funding will be crucial for the many organizations that are suffering across the state. These organizations, often the cherished cultural anchors in their communities, promote lifelong learning and the exploration of our history, cultures, values and beliefs."

For information on how to book "Black Lives / Blue Lives," contact info@thetheaterproject.org or visit www.thetheaterproject.org.

NJ Theatre Alliance and Theater Project present 'Significant Other'

UNION - The Theater Project and New Jersey Theatre Alliance will stage an online presentation of "Significant Other." by Joshua Harmon, on Friday, July 31, at 7:30 p.m. To register and purchase a ticket, visit www.thetheaterproject.org.

Jordan Berman, played by Josh Mooiweer, would love to meet Mr. Right, but until he finds his "significant other," he wards off lonely nights with his trio of close girlfriends. As singles' nights turn into bachelorette parties, Jordan discovers that the only thing harder than finding love is supporting your friends when they fall in love. "Significant Other" is a comedy by Joshua Harmon, who also wrote the critically acclaimed play "Bad Jews." "Significant Other" is being presented online as part of the New Talent Showcase, a Theater Project initiative to provide



From left are actors Josh Mooiweer, Saleemah Sharpe and Terri Sturtevant.

formance spaces are shut down due to COVID-19.

The cast of the July 31 performance is opportunities for young actors while per- Josh Mooiweer, Isabelle Jennings Picker-

Terri Sturtevant. It is directed by TJ Bod- homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ing, Jordan Yampolsky, Saleemah Sharpe, nar. This event is part of Stages Online, a Thomas Shuman and Dominick Mas- partnership with New Jersey Theatre trodonato, along with veteran performer Alliance to bring theater content into

Summit police respond to package, bike thefts

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residence. The victim reported that a notification from the camera system was received at 10:47 p.m., showing a woman removing the package from the front steps of the residence. The package contained paper towels, valued at approximately \$30.

• Friday, July 3: At 8:17 a.m., a report was taken for a theft of a bicycle from a Summit Avenue residence. The victim reported that the theft occurred sometime in the prior 10 days. The bicycle, a blue Cannondale road bike, had been secured

with a combination cable lock to a rack in a storage room of the residence. The victim reported the value of the bicycle at the time of the theft to be approximately \$2,200.

This information is provided by the police department in accordance with the Open Public Records Act. All persons charged are presumed innocent until proved guilty in a court of law.

Apartment complex gains 250th resident

Vermella Union's 250th resident just signed a lease.

Nearly 100 new residents submitted applications to call Vermella Union home in May and June, bringing the community above the 60-percent-leased milestone. The leasing activity has also attracted some well-known retail and dining names to the Shoppes at Vermella, with 80 percent of the 35,000-square-foot on-site retail center leased; lessees include Chipotle, Panera Bread, the Habit Burger Grill, Starbucks and a full-scale CVS.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Fairfield degrees

Fairfield University, located in Fairfield, Conn., graduated the following students in May: Berkeley Heights' Jack D. Davey; New Providence's Jessica D. Miele and Kaitlyn A. Sweeney; and Summit's Kyle W. Klaschka.

Excellence at Lasell

Jillian Czepurko, of Springfield, and Nicolle SanMartin, of Elizabeth, were named to the dean's list at Lasell Universitv. located in Newton, Mass., for the spring 2020 semester.

Molleur graduates from honors program in Pa.

Elise M. Molleur, of Summit, was among 39 members of the University of Scranton's Class of 2020 who graduated from its Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program, a Scranton program of excellence. Students in SJLA pursue a rigorous education designed to develop enhanced writing, oral and critical-thinking skills through specially designed courses in philosophy, theology and literature. Molleur majored in environmental science and philosophy.

Asare on president's list

Bryan K. Asare, of Hillside, earned president's list honors during the spring 2020 semester at SUNY Canton. Asare is

in the school's Graphic and Multimedia Design program. The president's list recognizes students who achieve a gradepoint average of 3.75 or greater.

Pollinger graduates, earns honors from Conn. Coll.

Sophie Rose Pollinger, of Summit, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Connecticut College, located in New London, Conn., on May 29.

She was also named to the dean's high honors list for the spring 2020 semester.

Ledford makes dean's list

Kaylen Ledford, of Cranford, was named to the dean's list at Cedar Crest College, located in Allentown, Pa., for the spring 2020 semester.

The dean's list recognizes students who have earned a grade-point average of 3.65 or higher in the academic semester.

Degrees from UA

The University of Alabama, located in Tuscaloosa, Ala., awarded more than 6,000 degrees this spring. Graduates included Madison Bedder, of Berkeley Heights, with a Bachelor of Arts; Carly D'Alto, of Summit, with a Bachelor of Arts in communication and information sciences; Matthew Dlugosz, of Berkeley Heights, with a Bachelor of Science in commerce and business administration;

Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in commerce and business administration; Devon McDonald, of New Providence, with a Bachelor of Arts in communication and information sciences; Melissa Tullo, of Berkeley Heights, with a Bachelor of Science in commerce and business administration; Lucas Vitollo, of Mountainside, with a Bachelor of Science in commerce and business administration; and Kimberly Wills, of Rahway, with a Bachelor of Science in human environmental sciences.

Florida Tech honors

Victor Pinto, of Elizabeth: Brian Orellana, of Linden; and Samantha Sequeira, of New Providence, were all named to the dean's list at the Florida Institute of Technology, located in Melbourne, Fla., for the spring 2020 semester.

To be included on the dean's list, a student must complete 12 or more graded credits in a semester with a semester grade-point average of at least 3.4.

Acclaim in Ohio

Ohio University, located in Athens, Ohio, graduated the following students from Union this spring: Jorroys Reyes Moton, of Vauxhall, with a Master of Business Administration, and Joseph Witkowski, of Union, with a Bachelor of Science.

Witkowski has also been named to the dean's list for the spring 2020 semester.

Alison Mathis, of Berkeley Heights, with a Students must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.5 for the semester with a schedule of classes totaling at least 15 hours, 12 of which were taken for letter grades, to achieve this distinction.

York College honors

Rebecca Bellino, of Springfield; Laura Roberts, of Union; and Trevor Tobias, of Winfield Park, have been named to the dean's list at York College of Pennsylvania for the spring 2020 semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be registered for at least 12 academic credit hours and earn a semester gradepoint average of 3.5 or higher.

High GPAs at Adelphi

Sailesh Prasad, of Clark; Shadia Jimenez, of Elizabeth; and Kaylana Lee Chow, of Union, were named to the dean's list at Adelphi University, located in Garden City, N.Y., for the spring 2020 semester.

The dean's list includes full-time students registered for 12 or more credits who have achieved a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

Master's degrees earned

Casey Marks, of Cranford, earned a Master of Science in genetic counseling and Christopher Boyle, of Springfield, earned a Master of Education in secondary education from Arcadia University, located in Glenside, Pa., on May 15.

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study at Chapel 7:00 pm, Wednesday

7:00 pm Prayer and Bible Study, (childcare provided), Friday 7:00 pm Youth Activities for Grade School age, Jr. High and Sr. High.

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Westfield Rotary honors longtime member Kostyack



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Westfield Rotarian Ray Kostyack, above, delivers food to those in need.

WESTFIELD — The Rotary Club of Westfield honored Rotarian Ray Kostyack as a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his exemplifying Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." Kostyack is past president and a member of Rotary since 1998. He has served on the board of directors, as chairperson of the Westfield Rotary Foundation, and on the finance committee and community grants committees. Additionally, Kostyack has been instrumental in the success of the club's annual bicycle collection, Pedals for Progress, and in organizing and helping to run Rotary fundraisers, such as Breakfast with the Bands and Small Plates for a Great Cause.

For more than 25 years, Kostyack and his family have supported the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless in Elizabeth. Through Rotary, Kostyack has been spearheading a weekly collection of sandwiches and nonperishable food for St. Joseph's Social Service Center; the food gets distributed directly to families in need during the pandemic. He has

also been working with local Westfield restaurants to provide meals to the Community Hope homeless veterans shelter at the Lyons VA. The meals are funded through Rotary and General Needs Charity.

Paul Harris founded Rotary in 1905 with the idea of creating a network of local business people to support one another's businesses while also providing service to the community. Today Rotary is a worldwide service organization with more than 1.2 million members.

"To receive a Paul Harris is a great honor for a Rotarian," club President Liz Ensslin said. "This is Ray's third Paul Harris recognition, and he is most deserving of being recognized for all he does for our club and greater community."

"I am grateful for Rotary and Rotarians that inspire, support and assist in the projects that make our community and world a better place," Kostyack said.

To learn more about Westfield Rotary, visit www.westfieldrotary.com.





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AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

Certain individuals will be full of themselves over the next few days and their self-importance is likely to annoy you. The more you show it the more they will act in ways designed to enrage you. Try ignoring them instead and get on with your own life.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20

Resist the urge to change what has worked well for you in the past. This is a time when you should be consolidating the way you do things, not looking for new methods and routines.

ARIES, March 21 to April 20

What are you going to do with it all your energy? Anything of a creative nature will work well for you this week, so if you have not yet started on a new project then get started on one now.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21

Family members will behave in some very strange ways over the next few days but there is no need to be alarmed. Once everyone has had their say the air will be cleared and you will all be the best of friends again – until next time.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21

You may be in a minority of one this week but that does not mean you should change your mind, still less change direction. Since when have you been the kind to care what other people think about you? You quite enjoy being the odd one out.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22

You could come into money this week, but if you do you must be sensible about what you do with it. If you splash out on something expensive now you may regret it later when you need some quick cash but your pockets are empty.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23

HOROSCOPES

You must refuse to settle for second best over the coming week. If anyone stands between you and your goal they had better move out of the way quickly, because you are in no mood to slow down for them, and you certainly won't stop!

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22

The mood you greet the week with is the mood you will carry on over the next seven days, so no matter what you think your troubles might be, you must adopt a positive, cheerful mindset.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

It will pay you to keep an open mind over the next few days, because something is about to happen that could put some of your pet assumptions to the test. There is only one thing you can be sure about: that truth is stranger than fiction.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

You can and you will accomplish great things over the next few months, but there is a danger you could be a bit impatient and make the kind of mistakes you need to avoid. Listen to what your instincts tell you – and make sure you act on them.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

The next few days could see you jumping between extremes. Does that matter? Yes it does, because if you go too far in one direction you could invite an opposing cosmic force to pull you back when you want to move forward. Seek out a middle path.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Is there something that you would prefer to keep to yourself over the next 24 hours? There is no point trying to deny it as everyone can see it is true. Embrace it instead and move on.

New Jersey Judiciary to resume jury trials slowly

jury trials incrementally in September, and attorneys from both parties. The inthe Supreme Court announced in an order issued July 22.

The plan is to use a combination of remote and in-person proceedings to select juries, and to conduct live trials with social distancing in courthouses.

Criminal and civil trials have been suspended in New Jersey for nearly four months. As of July 22, 4,749 defendants remain in jail pretrial, more than 2,700 of whom have been indicted, and a far larger number of civil litigants also await the resumption of trials. The plan will allow cases to move forward while still protecting the public during the COVID-19 health crisis.

"This is a temporary solution to an unprecedented situation," Chief Justice Stuart Rabner said. "We cannot predict when jury trials will be able to resume in the same manner they were held pre-COVID-19. Nor can we leave them on hold indefinitely. The Judiciary has a responsibility to ensure the fair and timely administration of justice, and resuming jury trials is a key part of fulfilling that responsibility."

To ensure the health and safety of jurors and others, extra care must be taken at all phases, and multiple courtrooms will be needed for each trial. That will present severe space restrictions at courthouses throughout the state. To address those practical concerns, the Judiciary plans to conduct jury selection through a hybrid process done both virtually and in-person. The presentation of evidence at trial will take place in court.

Even with those measures, the Judiciary does not expect to be able to conduct more than one to three trials at a time in any courthouse.

In order to avoid bringing in large groups of prospective jurors, initial questioning of potential jurors will be conduct-

The New Jersey Judiciary will resume ed virtually in the presence of the judge person phase of jury selection will be conobserving social-distancing ducted requirements and with jurors and others generally required to wear masks.

When the selection process has been completed, jurors will be empaneled for a socially distanced, in-person trial, which will be conducted in accordance with public health guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New Jersey Department of Health.

Empaneled jurors will be required to wear masks, which the Judiciary can provide as needed. Throughout the trial, the Judiciary will enforce social distancing to avoid close contact between trial participants. The plan also provides for designated restrooms and break areas, as well as additional cleaning and sanitizing.

Jury trials will begin first in the Atlantic/Cape May, Bergen, and Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem vicinages.

"Over the coming months, criminal trials will gradually resume in all counties and will expand to include civil cases," said Judge Glenn Grant, acting administrative director of the courts.

The goal is to conduct at least one civil and one criminal trial at a time in each county in the coming months. Assignment judges and presiding judges will work closely with attorneys to identify the cases that will proceed, giving priority to cases with defendants who are detained and have no co-defendants.

Attorneys and parties will be invited to walk through the physical layout of reconfigured courtrooms in advance.

"By reconfiguring courtrooms and making effective use of technology, trial participants will be able to see jurors both during the virtual part of the selection process and during socially distanced inperson trials," Grant said.



With all of the fresh mint I have been growing, I wanted to make a recipe that featured these delicious and refreshing herbs. You can feel free to add or reduce the amount of any ingredient you like.

Easy Pea-sy 'Guacamole'

Ingredients 10-oz. bag of frozen peas, defrosted Juice of one lemon 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves 1 tsp. salt

3/4 cup olive oil

Steps In a food processor, puree all the ingredients until smooth. Serve with julienned vegetables or crackers.

Alma Schneider, a licensed clinical social worker and cooking coach, provides individual sessions, corporate presentations and group workshops helping individuals overcome their practical and psychological obstacles to cooking. Alma has appeared on the Today Show, TV Land and has presented at the TEDx Talks. She has also been featured in Family Circle Magazine and numerous other publications. A cookbook is in the works! For more information, contact her at alma@takebackthekitchen.com or visit her website at www.takebackthekitchen.com.



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IN MEMORIAM

- AMATO Patricia Marie "Pat," of Fanwood; July 21. Wife, grandmother, 67.
- DE RENGIFO Gladys Ruenda, of Rahway; July 19. Wife, grandmother, 76.
- D'URBANO Ennio Joseph, of Union; July 17. Army vet, grandfather, 78. • GELMINE - Herbert Peter, formerly of Summit; July 18. Grandfather, 85.
- HERTZ Anna Denci, of Linden; July 18. Wife, mother, sister, 81.
- HOWE Patricia A., formerly of Linden; July 17. Teacher, administrator, mother. • NORWOOD - Susie Mae Cabbagestalk, of Roselle; July 16. Was 82.
- OXX Joseph Jr., formerly of Springfield; July 18. Truck driver, grandfather, 82.
- POLICARPO Marie D., of Springfield; July 20. Nurse, great-grandmother, 93.
- SPRUEILL Mary L. Hall, of Hillside; July 20. Wife, mother, sister, 74.
- SPYCHALSKI Janice Tabish, formerly of Kenilworth; July 25. Grandmother.

In Memoriam is a weekly feature compiled by the news staff from various sources. We also provide the opportunity for families and funeral directors to publish a more extensive, special notice about their loved one called an obituary. These notices are published on our website immediately and then in the next edition of this newspaper. To place a paid obituary send an email to obits@thelocalsource.com or fax to 908-688-0401. Family and friends' submissions must include sender's name, address, phone and the name of the funeral home. Call 908-686-7850 for assistance.

Authors-at-Home Virtual Program Series

Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium, which includes libraries in Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Plainfield, Roselle, Roselle Park and Springfield, continues the Authors-at-Home Virtual Program Series.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 7:30 p.m., Miriam Parker, author of the novel "The Shortest Way Home," which is available in both e-book and electronic audiobook formats through the eLibraryNJ service, will discuss her writing process, followed by a question-and-answer session.

This event is free, but registration is required at explorelmxac.org/authors-athome.

Household hazardous waste

The freeholder board is offering a simple way for residents to dispose of unwanted household chemicals and other hazardous products safely and properly.

The next household hazardous waste recycling event will be Saturday, Aug. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Union County Vocational Technical School, 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

The event is free and open to Union County residents disposing of approved household waste. Hazardous waste from businesses will not be accepted. The collection event will be held rain or shine. Proof of Union County residency is required.

Among the items accepted for disposal are outdated or unwanted household chemicals; mercury thermostats and thermometers; propane tanks; automobile tires; oil-based paint and varnish; antifreeze; aerosol cans; pool chemicals; corrosives; pesticides and herbicides; solvents; thinners; fire extinguishers; motor oil and oil filters; gasoline; batteries; thermostats; unbroken fluorescent bulbs; and mercury switches. Each household may dispose of up to eight automobile tires, without rims.

The Union County Police Bomb Squad will also be on hand at the event to assist with collection of unwanted ammunition and fireworks.

This event will run in compliance with state COVID-19 orders, regarding social distancing and other protocols. All residents must remain in their cars with windows rolled up at all times; otherwise, masks are required. Materials should be placed in the vehicle's trunk, cargo area or truck bed, easily accessible to staff, who will remove it from the vehicle.

Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted. No containers larger than 5 gallons will be accepted.

For more information, call the recycling hotline at 908-654-9889 or visit ucnj.org/recycle.

Document-shredding

Union County's next mobile papershredding program for personal and confidential documents will be held Saturday,

Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kean University, on Morris Avenue in Union. The event will end before 1 p.m. if the shredding trucks reach capacity. Residents should enter the university from the main entrance on Morris Avenue.

They must wear face coverings, keep their windows closed and stay in their vehicles at all times. Materials should be placed in the vehicle's trunk, cargo area or truck bed, easily accessible to staff, who will remove it from the vehicle.

All Union County residents are eligible to use the paper-shredding service. In an effort to accommodate everyone, there is a limit of four, 10-pound bags or boxes per person. It is preferred that materials be brought in paper bags. Documents should not be bound, and plastic binders and paper clips should be removed. Paper that is wet/damp will not be accepted.

For more information, call the Union County recycling hotline at 908-654-9889 or visit www.ucnj.org/recycle.

ing held on July 28, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE

EILEEN BIRCH

Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 285 ARTICLE III ENTITLED "NON-LIFE HAZARD USES" BY TOWNSHIP COMMIT-

PUBLIC NOTICE UNION COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.2 via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on 8/6/2020 at which time the bid proposals submitted will be downloaded, and publicly opened and read, in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Depart-ment of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08625; for:

Route 22 Chestnut Street Bridge Replace-ment (CR 626), Contract No. 055043610, Reconstruction and Structure, Township of Union, Union County

Federal Project No: NHP-0022(344) UPC NO: 043610 DP No: 20126

DP No: 20126 Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Specifically, the contractor, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this con-tract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, contractor must submit the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue Business Registra-tion of the contractor and any named sub-contractors prior to contract award or authorization.

contractors prior to contract award or authorization. Pursuant to NJ.S.A. 34:11-56.51, con-tractors must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Work-force Development, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time of bid. 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 oppor-tunity 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 project award. Plans, specifications, any addenda to the specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website <u>www.bidx.com</u>. You must subscribe to use this service. To sub-scribe, follow the instructions on the web site. Fees apply to downloading docu-ments and plans and bidding access. The

scribe, follow the instructions on the web site. Fees apply to downloading docu-ments and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding infor-mation may be inspected (<u>BUT NOT</u> <u>OBTAINED</u>) by contracting organizations at our various Design Field Offices at the following locations:

200 Stierli Court

Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 Phone: 973-601-6690 One Executive Campus Rt. 70 West Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 Phone: 856-486-6623

New Jersey Department of Transportation Division of Procurement Bureau of Construction Services 1035 Parkway Avenue PO Box 600 Trenton, NJ 08625 July 16, 23, 30, 2020 U92688 WCN (\$141.12)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNL-LEGALS

UNION

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN-SHIP OF UNION PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), on July 28, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a virtual meeting of the governing body to be held on August 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Information regarding remote access to the meeting may be found on the Township's website at www.uniontownship.com. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows: bond ordinance follows

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO FACILITATE AFFORDABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPROVE-MENTS AS PART OF A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,140,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,038,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): Providing are for the contribution to facilitate the Affordable Development pursuant to Section 5.2(m) of the Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Township of Union and 1011 Morris Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC, dated August 17, 2017.

Appropriation: \$2,140,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$2,038,000

Section 20 Costs: \$400,000

Useful Life: 30 Years

EILEEN BIRCH, Clerk of the Township of Union U92941 UNL July 30, 2020 (\$27.44)

UNION

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN-SHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PENDING CAPITAL ORDI-NANCE AND SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE

The capital ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), on July 28, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Township's Municipal Building, Union, in said County, on August 25, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Township Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such capital ordinance follows: The capital ordinance, the summary terms

Title: CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR 2020 ROAD PROGRAM, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, IN THE COUN-TY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,265,027.84 TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF, WHICH AMOUNT COMPRISES PAYMENTS FROM ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY RECEIVED BY THE TOWNSHIP

Purpose(s): Appropriating the amount of \$2,265,027.84 for the 2020 Road Program by and in the Township, said sum being appropriated by a \$2,265,027.84 payment received from Elizabethtown Gas Company

Appropriation: \$2,265,027,84

EILEEN BIRCH,

Clerk of the Township of Union U92940 UNL July 30, 2020 (\$24.50)

UNION

Township of Union Board of Education Notice of Award

Notice is hereby given by the Township of Union Board of Education that DLB Engineer-ing was approved on July 21, 2020 as the third-party verifier for the district's Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP). The resolution and/or contract, upon final execution, are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Township of Union Board of Education.

Manuel F. Vieira

School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary U93019 UNL July 30, 2020 (\$9.80)

UNION

Township of Union Board of Education Notice of Award

Notice is hereby given by the Township of Union Board of Education that the following professional service contracts were awarded on July 21, 2020: (a) Suplee Clooney & Co. as independent auditors for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, (b) Fairview Insurance Agency Association as health insurance broker and (c) Florio Perrucci Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor LLC as Board attorney, all for the 2020-2021 school year.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The resolutions and/or contracts, upon final execution, are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Township of Union Board of Education. Manuel E. Vieira, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary U93018 UNL July 30, 2020 (\$11.76)

UNION

Township of Union Board of Education NOTICE OF AWARD

The Township of Union Board of Education has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Business Office

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION MANUEL E. VIEIRA, BOARD SECRETARY

Business Office

Dated: May 19, 2020

Awarded to:Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith One Riverfront Plaza, Suite 800 Newark, NJ 07102

Services: To provide legal defense services under NJSA 18A for board members

Costs: \$175/hr. U93017 UNL July 30, 2020 (\$14.21)

UNION Township of Union Board of Education NOTICE OF AWARD

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Business Office

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION MANUEL E. VIEIRA, BOARD SECRETARY

Dated: May 19, 2020

Awarded to: Effective School Solutions 24 Deforest Avenue, Suite 310 Summit, NJ 07901

Services: To provide therapeutic services to students for the 2020-2021 school year

Costs: Not to exceed \$497,700 U93020 UNL July 30, 2020 (\$14.21)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union at a virtual meet-

HAZARD USES" BY TOWNSHIP COMMIT-TEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JER-SEY (This ordinance requires inspections to be made to common areas under the Uniform Fire Code) U92923 UNL July 30, 2020 (\$11.76)

PRO-LEGALS

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN PASSED ORDINANCE

ORD.<u>#64-30</u>

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLE-MENT: CHAPTER XXIX LAND DEVELOP-MENT; AND CHAPTER XXXI ZONING; TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN:

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036.

PASSED: June 21, 2020 APPROVED: June 22, 2020

J<u>OSEPH C. BODEK</u> CITY CLERK U92956 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$14.70)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARIES

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the City of Linden, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on July 21, 2020 and the 20 day period of limitation with-in which a suit, action or proceeding question-ing the validity of such ordinance can be com-menced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first pub-lication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms

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MICHELE YAMAKAITIS COUNCIL PRESIDENT

DEREK ARMSTEAD MAYOR

CITY OF LINDEN PASSED ORDINANCE

ORD. <u>#64-31</u>

of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropri-ation Of \$577,500 For The Acquisition Of Automated Recycling Carts For The Division Of Public Works For And By The City Of Lin-den, In The County Of Union, New Jersey And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$548,625 Bonds Or Notes Of The City For Financing Part Of The Appropriation. The Appropriation. Purpose(s): For the acquisition of automated recycling carts for the Division of Public

Works. Appropriation: \$577,500 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$5 Grants (if any) Appropriated: Section 20 Costs: \$52,500 Useful Life: 5 years \$548,625 None.

Joseph Bodek, Clerk

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036.

PASSED: June 21, 2020 APPROVED: June 22, 2020

MICHELE YAMAKAITIS COUNCIL PRESIDENT

DEREK ARMSTEAD MAYOR

ATTEST

<u>JOSEPH C. BODEK</u> CITY CLERK U92957 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$33.32)

LINDEN CITY OF LINDEN PASSED ORDINANCE

ORD. #64-32

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JER-SEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY CODE ENTITLED "GENERAL LICENSING" TO PERMIT OUTDOOR DINING AREAS

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036.

PASSED: June 21, 2020 APPROVED: June 22, 2020

MICHELE YAMAKAITIS

DEREK ARMSTEAD MAYOR

ATTEST: JOSEPH C. BODEK CITY CLERK U92958 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$15.19)

LINDEN

ORD. <u>#64-38</u>

CITY OF LINDEN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Linden, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on July 21, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Wood Avenue, in said City on August 18, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The sum-mary of the terms of such bond ordinance fol-lows: lows

Title: Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropri-ation Of \$44,000 For Acquisition Of A Terres-trial Drone For The Police Department For And By The City Of Linden, In The County Of Union, New Jersey And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$41,800 Bonds Or Notes Of The City For Financing Part Of The Appropriation. Purpose(s): Acquisition of a terrestrial drone for the Police Department. Appropriation: \$44,000 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$41,800 Grants (if any) Appropriated: None. Section 20 Costs: \$4,000 Useful Life: 5 years

Useful Life: 5 years

Joseph Bodek, Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U92962 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$26.95)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR TRANSMISSION, CON-STRUCTION, AND ACCESS OVER BLOCK 581, LOTS 11.03 AND 17 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN FAVOR OF LINDEN HAWK RISE SOLAR, LLC PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *ET SEQ*.

LINDEN

Adopting Salary Schedule 4-00-4

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U92960 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$10.29)

LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspec-tion in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED: ADG Contracting Corp. 386 South Street, Suite 169 Newark, NJ 07105

SERVICE: For 2019 Capital Budget- 1 Resur-facing in the City of Linden.

TIME PERIOD: The term of said contract shall be until the conclusion of the work to be per-formed, or until said amount has been exhausted, whichever occurs earlier.

COST: In an amount not to exceed \$241,355.50.

LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspec-tion in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED: Teliapp Corparation 401 North Avenue Suites 9 &15 Linden, NJ 07036

SERVICE: For marketing services in the City

TIME PERIOD: For the period July 1, 2020 to

COST: In an amount not to exceed \$2,833.34

LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded an amendatory contract without competitive bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.4 et seq. This contract and the res-

Municipal Clerk U92972 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$17.64)

U92970 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$18.62)

DATED: July 22, 2020.

Joseph C. Bodek Municipal Clerk

of Linden

August 31, 2020

Joseph C. Bodek

DATED: July 22, 2020.

ORD. <u>#64-39</u>

ORD. #64-42

olution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED: JTG Construction, Inc. 188 Jefferson Street, Ste. 387 Newark, NJ 07105

PUBLIC NOTICE

SERVICE: For resurfacing of various streets in the City of Linden.

TIME PERIOD: The term of said contract shall be until the conclusion of the work to be performed, or until said amount has been exhausted, whichever occurs earlier.

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U92961 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$9.80) COST: In an additional amount not to exceed \$14,394.99.

Section 1. Amend Chapter III, Police Regu-lations, Section 3-6.1, Fireworks Prohibit-ed shall be and the same is hereby to read as follows

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U92959 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$10.78)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Linden, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on July 21, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Wood Avenue, in the City of Linden, on August 18, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's

office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Capital Improvements For The Division of Engineering In And For The City Of Linden, In The County Of Union, New Jersey, Appropri-ating \$3,575,000 Therefore And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,396,250 Bonds Or Notes To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof. Purpose(s): Resurfacing of Various Streets, including curb and sidewalk reconstruction, as set forth in the Office of the Clerk and storm and sanitary sever improvements

and sanitary sewer improvements. Appropriation: \$3,575,000 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$3,396,250 Grants (if any) Appropriated: N/A Section 20 Costs: \$325,000 Useful Life: 12.30 years

Joseph Bodek, Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U92963 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$27.44)

RAHWAY

DATED: July 30, 2020.

Joseph C. Bodek

Municipal Clerk U92971 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$18.62) LINDEN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDI-NANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF TITLES, SALARY RANGES AND REGULATIONS FOR MAINTAINING THE CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY STANDARDIZATION PLAN OF ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LIN-DEN," PASSED AUGUST 15, 1995 AND APPROVED AUGUST 16, 1995 ORD. #64-33 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLE-MENT CHAPTER III, POLICE REGULA-TION, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED

ORD. #64-37

the Clerk's

nance follows

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WATER UTILI-TY OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JER-SEY (THE "CITY"): APPROPRIATING \$475,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$475,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE

Purpose(s): Various capital acquisitions and improvements for the water utility of the City including, but not limited to, the repair and/or replacement of water mains, hydrants and valves

\$475.000 Appropriation:

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$475,000

Section 20 Costs \$25,000

Useful Life: 30 years

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93034 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$26.46)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE 0-12-20

day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular busi-ness hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordi-nance follows:

NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF **Purpose(s):** Various improvements to road-ways within the City, including, but not limited to, Lafayette Place (Bond Street to Brady Court), Brady Court (Washington Street to East Grand Avenue), Moses Drive (Jefferson Avenue to St. Georges Avenue), Kaminski Drive (Jefferson Avenue to St. Georges Avenue), Paterson Street (Dead End to Grand Avenue), Harvard Street (West Inman Avenue to Grove Street), Concord Street (St. Georges Avenue to Jefferson Avenue), Murray Street (St. Georges Avenue to Jefferson Avenue), Linden Avenue (Prospect Street to Hulick Place), Hulick Place (Linden Avenue to Dead End), Bond Street (West Scott Avenue to Dead End at Merck Entrance) and Jefferson Avenue (West Inman Avenue to Central Avenue, all such improvements include, but are not limited to, as applicable, reconstruc-tion, installation and/or repair of sidewalks and driveway aprons, reconstruction or repair of handicap accessible ramps for compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, milling, paving, striping, reconstruction, sealing and resurfacing of var-ious roadways, the repair and/or installation of curbs, retaining walls and curb ramps, drainage work, site work, clearing, tree plant-ing and/or removal, roadway painting, land-scaping, lawn and driveway restoration and other aesthetic improvements. Appropriation: \$1,650,000 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$1,570,000 Down Payment: \$80,000 Section 20 Costs: \$200,000 Useful Life: 10 years Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk Lia9035 EDR Liuk 20, 2020 (588.22)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE O-11-20

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the governing body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on April 13, 2020 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordi-

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the governing body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on April 13, 2020 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2020 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PRO-GRAM OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JER-SEY (THE "CITY"); APPROPRIATING \$1,650,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,570,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93035 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$38.22)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE 0-13-20

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the governing body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on April 13, 2020 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular busi-ness hours, at the Clerk's office for members

PUBLIC NOTICE

of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordi-nance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER STORAGE TANKS FOR THE WATER UTILI-TY OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY. IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JER-SEY (THE "CITY"): APPOPRIATING \$525,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$525,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF

Purpose(s): Structural assessment and con-struction and/or improvements to water stor-age tanks at 999 Hart Street and 1045 West-field Avenue.

Appropriation: \$525.000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$525,000

Section 20 Costs \$25,000

Useful Life: 20.47 years

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93036 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$25.97)

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE 0-14-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF RAHWAY CODE CHAPTER 401 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Ordi-nance was called for second reading, public hearing, and finally adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at a duly con-vened meeting held on April 13, 2020. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final pas-sage, mayoral approval, and proper publica-tion at the time and in the manner provided by Jaw. Copies of said Ordinance are available in the Office of the City Clerk during regular busi-ness hours to the members of the general public who shall request same as required by Jaw.

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93037 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$13.72)

RAHWAY

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE 0-15-20

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNIC-IPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Ordi-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Ordi-nance was called for second reading, public hearing, and finally adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at a duly con-vened meeting held on April 13, 2020. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final pas-sage, mayoral approval, and proper publica-tion at the time and in the manner provided by Jaw Copies of said Ordinance are available in the Office of the City Clerk during regular busi-ness hours to the members of the general public who shall request same as required by Jaw.

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93038 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$14.21)

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE 0-17-20

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE "ARTS DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN" PUR-SUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Ordi-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Ordi-nance was called for second reading, public hearing, and finally adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at a duly con-vened meeting held on July 20, 2020. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final pas-sage, mayoral approval, and proper publica-tion at the time and in the manner provided by law. Copies of said Ordinance are available in the Office of the City Clerk during regular busi-ness hours to the members of the general public who shall request same as required by law.

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE 0-18-20 NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION OF BOND CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93032 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$13.72)

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ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on July 20, 2020 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business fours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MADDEN FIELD, BY AND IN THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JER-SEY: APPROPRIATING \$800,000 THERE-FOR (INCLUDING A GRANT RECEIVED OR EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY GREEN ACRES PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): The bond ordinance provides for improvements to Madden Field, commonly known as Block 301, Lot 1 on the official tax map of the City, including, but not limited to, (i) the construction of improvements to the existing grass baseball field including, but not limited to, sod, irrigation system, and infield materials, (ii) the announcer's booth, (iii) various amenites including, but not limited to, signs, fencing, netting, goals, athlete and spectator bleachers, batting cages, and pitch-er's bullpen, and (iv) lighting modifications to accommodate the aforementioned field improvements. improvements

Appropriation: \$800,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$800,000

Grant: \$400,000 – Green Acres Grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Garden State Preservation Trust

\$120,000

Section 20 Costs:

Useful Life: 15 years

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93033 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$35.28)

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE 0-19-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY BY ADDING CHAPTER 95 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMIS-

The purpose of this ordinance is to create the City of Rahway Social Justice Commission.

City of Rahway Social Justice Commission. This ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the govern-ing body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on July 20, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at City Hall, Municipal Council/Court Chambers, First Floor, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey, on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p. m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at which time and place public hearing will be held prior to final passage of said ordinance and all persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same; at any time and place to which the meeting for the further consideration of the ordinance shall be adjourned. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93039 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$21.07)

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE 0-22-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAH-WAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) - HANDI-CAPPED PARKING

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, by the City Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. "Chapter 401: Vehicles and Traffic, § 401-79 Schedule XXI: Handicapped Park-ing

Add: In front of 1018 Apgar Terrace South Side – From the apex of St Georges

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public who shall request the same

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93041 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$25.97)

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE 0-23-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAH-WAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) - HANDI-CAPPED PARKING

ORD. #64-34

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Avenue heading west 864' and extending to a point 22' west thereof.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACT-ING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED Section 1. Amend Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-14.2, No Parking During School Hours shall be and the same is hereby to delete the following: Location

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U92965 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$22.54)

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE 0-20-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF RAHWAY CODE CHAPTER §365 ARTICLE VIII CLOSING OF STREETS

WHEREAS, the City of Rahway wishes to adopt and create the following section §365-53: Partial Street Closures NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey add the language to Article X, and create Chapter §365-53 Street Closures which shall include the following:

Name of Street East Cherry Street Lewis Street Monroe Street

Curtis Street

Location From Irving Street to Monroe Street From Main Street to River Place From Main Street to Dock Street

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This ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on July 20, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at City of Rahway, in the County of Zoron, State of New Jersey, on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at which time and place public hearing will be held prior to final passage of said ordinance and all persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same; at any time and place to which the meeting for the further consideration of the ordinance shall be adjourned. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93040 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$37.24)

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ORD. <u>#64-41</u>

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LIN-DEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED

Section 1. Amend Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-26.1, Pickup and Drop-Off

Schools shall be and the same is hereby to add the following

Name of Street	Side	Location
Curtis Street	North	Between Wood Avenue and Washington Avenue for a distance of 210 feet starting at a point 170 feet east of Wood Avenue

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036.

U92969 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$25.48)

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Add: In front of 1714 Essex Street West Side – From the apex of Bridge Street heading south 280' and extending to a point 22' south thereof.

This ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the govern-ing body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on July 20,

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KENILWORTH

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - COVID-19 PANDEMIC ng schedule of meetings will be in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 Pandemic The following schedule

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

WORK SESSIONS	to start at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey.
COUNCIL MEETINGS	will commence as soon as possible after the Work Session in the Council Chamber, Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey.

August September October November December	9th 14th 4th 9th	26th 23rd 28th

U92979 UNL July 30, 2020 (\$22,54)

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CITY COUNCIL OF T HE CITY OF RAHWAY ORDINANCE 0-21-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF RAHWAY CODE CHAPTER 401 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

WHEREAS, the City of Rahway wishes to amend the current Vehicles and

WHEREAS, the only of Namua, more a line of the City of the City of Now, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the current language for Article X, Chapter §401-62 Schedule III, One-Way Streets shall include the following:

Name of Street Dock Street Direction North Location Lewis Street Circle to Monroe Street

This ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on July 20, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at City of Rahway, in the County of Lity of Rahway, New Jersey, on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p. m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at which time and place public hearing will be held prior to final passage of said ordinance and all persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same; at any time and place to which the meeting for the further consideration of the ordinance shall be adjourned. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting vones of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93043 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$36,26)

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ORD. #64-40

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACT-ING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED

Section 1. Amend Chapter VII, Traffic, shall be and the same is hereby as fol-lows: Chapter VII, Traffic

7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

Name of Street	<u>Spaces</u>	No. of <u>Location</u>
ADD: 909 Baldwin Avenue	1	On the southwesterly sideline of Baldwin Avenue,67 feet more or less northwesterly from the projection of the northwesterly curbline of Center Street in front of 909 Baldwin Avenue for a length of 22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designated for a vehi- cle for Tyrone L. Ross to be identi- fied by license plate number and placard to be issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing or display- ing handicapped license plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such space.

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U92968 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$40.18)

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2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at City Hall, Municpal Council/Court Chambers, First Floor, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey, on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p. m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at which time and place public hearing will be CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

Name of Street Side Between Wood Avenue and Wash-ington Avenue for a distance of 210 feet starting at a point 170 feet east of Wood Avenue North

point 22' west thereof. This ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the govern-ing body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on July 20, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at City Hall, Municipal Council/Court Chambers, First Floor, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey, on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p. m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at which time and place public hearing will be held prior to final passage of said ordinance and all persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same; at any time and place to which the meeting for the further consideration of the ordinance shall be adjourned. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general **NOW, THEREFORE,** be it ordained, by the City Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. "Chapter 401: Vehicles and Traffic, § 401-79 Schedule XXI: Handicapped Parking

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held prior to final passage of said ordinance and all persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same; at any time and place to which the meeting for the further consideration of the ordinance shall be adjourned. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Rayna E. Harris, City Clerk U93042 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$25.97)

OBS-LEGALS

MOUNTAINSIDE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Borough of Mountainside has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Martha Lopez Borough Clerk

Dated: July 21, 2020

Awarded to: Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy PC 25 Independence Boulevard PO Box 112

Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

Services: Labor Attorney Period: 07/16/20 - 07/15/21

Costs: Not to exceed \$90,000 U92950 OBS July 30, 2020 (\$15.68)

MOUNTAINSIDE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fol-lowing proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on the 21st day of July 2020 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountain-side, New Jersey on the 18th day of August 2020 at 7:30 PM, 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.

Martha Lopez Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1286-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, SECTION 1.8 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, 2020

BE IT ORDAINED, that Chapter 8, Section 1.8 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountainside, 2020 be and the same is hereby amended to provide as fol-

same is hereby amended to provide as fol-lows: The Police Committee shall submit to the Borough Council its recommendations for the promotion of all members and officers within the Department. All promotions to ranks high-er than patrolman shall be made in accor-dance with the procedures and policies regarding promotions that have been promul-gated by General Orders of the Mountainside Police Department. Promotions shall be sub-ject to confirmation by a majority of the mem-bers of the Borough Council present and vot-ing at any meeting. ing at any meeting. U92951 OBS July 30, 2020 (\$25.97)

SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ROAD WORK AND RESURFACING ASSIS-TANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT SP 2020-03

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE TO DIDDERG NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for "Road Work and Surfacing Assistance Pro-gram" in the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will be received at the TOWNSHIP OF SPRING-FIELD, Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. Bidders will provide pricing for equipment rental and operators as needed to assist the Township with making road and intersection repairs. All work to be in accordance with the

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form of proposal, contract and specifications prepared by the Engineering Department of the Township of Springfield, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. Plans and Specifications have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD and may be inspected by prospective bidders at the office of the Engi-neering Department of the Township of Springfield, 100 Mountain Avenue, Spring-field, New Jersey 07081. A non-refundable payment of twenty five (\$25) dollars per print-ed set is required. Emailed copies are free of charge. Bidders are notified that they must comply with the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act (Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, as amend-ed) and that award will not be made to any bidder whom the Commissioner of Labor and Industry does not certify.

Industry does not certify. Bids shall be submitted on the forms pro-

vided, in the manner designated therein and required by the Specifications. They must be

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACT-ING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED

Section 1. Amend Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-14, Parking Prohibited Dur-ing Certain Hours on Certain Streets, shall be and the same is hereby to delete the following:

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U92967 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$21.56)

ORD. <u>#64-36</u>

Name of Street

Gesner Street

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enclosed in sealed envelopes, bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project on the outside, addressed to the Municipal Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRING-FIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, and must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in the form pro-vided of not less than 10% of the amount of bid. Said check or bid bond may not be less than \$500 nor shall it be more than \$20,000 and must be accompanied by a Consent of Surety statement in the form provided from a Surety Company stating that the Surety Com-pany will provide the bidder with a bond for 100% of the Contract amount in the event that the Contract is awarded to the bidder. A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Record of Recent proposal on the forms provided. Bidders are required to comply with the may and the form a state accompany the Didders are required to comply with the N.J.A.C. 17:27 If awarded a contract, your company/firm

If awarded a contract, your company/firm **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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will be required to comply with the require-ments of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. Bidders must also comply with the require-ments of P.L. 1977, Chapter 33 amending the Local Public Contracts Law. Bidders must submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all the stockholders in the correcting or members of the protective and addresses of all the stockholders in the corporation or members of the partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock, or have a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in the case of partnership. No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. A Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or all proposals will be rejected within sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. The Mayor and Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD reserves the right to reject all bids, to reject unblanced

right to reject all bids, to reject unbalanced bids, and to waive any informality in any bid. John Bussiculo

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ORD. <u>#64-35</u>

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACT-ING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED

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Section 1. Amend Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-20, One Way Streets shall be and the same is hereby to add the following: Directio **D**

Name of Street	Direction	Parking Permitted
E. Curtis Street E. Henry Street	West East	From Washington Ave. to N. Wood Ave. From N. Wood Ave. to Washington Ave.
The complete ordin	nance is on f	ile in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301

North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U92966 PRO July 30, 2020 (\$20.58)

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Hours and Days Location

Mon.-Fri. 7:00 a.m. Between Wood Avenue to to 10:00 a.m. Ainsworth Street

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SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2019 AUDIT REPORT OF BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S. 40A:5-7

COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS

ASSETS	DECEMBER <u>31, 2019</u>	DECEMBER <u>31, 2018</u>
Taxes, Assessments, Liens and	\$ 11,733,538.47 240.076.40	\$ 8,258,385.59 318,400.88
Utility Charges Receivable Property Acquired for Taxes- Assessed Value Accounts Receivable Fixed Assets	3,875.00 541,517.98 14,704,896.35	3,875.00 652,655.99 14,674,000.92
Fixed Capital - Utility Deferred Charges to Future Taxation- General Capital	1,132,955.10 5,054,920.85	1,132,955.10
Deferred Charges- Revenue of Succeeding Years	160,000.00	400,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	33,571,780.15	<u>\$ 30,607,087.33</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUN	D BALANCE	
Bonds Notes and Loans Payable \$ Improvement Authorizations Other Liabilities and Special Funds Amortization of Debt of Fixed Capital	5,214,921.00 569,226.84 6,807,581.64	\$ 5,380,750.00 963,974.75 3,577,125.84
Acquired or Authorized Reserve for Fixed Assets Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable Fund Balance	1,132,955.10 14,704,896.35 258,377.04 4,883,822.18	1,132,955.10 14,674,000.92 329,095.34 4,549,185.38
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	<u> 33,571,780.15</u>	<u>\$ 30,607,087.33</u>

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND

	<u>YEAR 2019</u>	<u>YEAR 2018</u>
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME	REALIZED	
Fund Balance Utilized Miscellaneous-From Other Than	\$ 2,130,057.40	\$ 1,855,057.40
Local Property Tax Levies Collection of Delinguent Taxes and	3,300,566.40	3,002,082.93
Tax Title Liens Collection of Current Tax Levy	288,993.61 <u>36,177,348.00</u>	179,713.62 <u>35,810,884.77</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 41,896,965.41</u>	<u>\$ 40,847,738.72</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures: Municipal Purposes County Taxes Local School Taxes Other Expenditures	\$ 12,615,679.20 9,404,083.59 17,426,531.00 	\$ 12,687,592.28 9,587,209.79 17,112,781.00 20.54
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 39,448,310.79</u>	<u>\$ 39,387,603.61</u>

Excess in Revenue	\$	2,448,654.62	\$	1,460,135.11
Adjustments to Income Before Surplu Expenditures Included above whic are by Statute Deferred Charges t	is: h o			
are by Statute Deferred Charges t Budget of Succeeding Year	•			400,000.00
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	\$	2,448,654.62	\$	1,860,135.11
Fund Balance, January 1	\$	<u>4,319,978.52</u> 6,768,633.14	\$	<u>4,314,900.81</u> 6,175,035.92
Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue		2,130,057.40		1,855,057.40
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$</u>	4,638,575.74	<u>\$</u>	4,319,978.52

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE-SWIMMING POOL UTILITY OPERATING FUND

<u></u>	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2018					
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED							
Fund Balance Utilized Membership Fees Miscellaneous From Other Than	\$ 63,767.00 266,248.00	\$ 42,767.00 261,393.50					
Membership Fees	99,749.52	78,607.78					
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 429,764.52</u>	<u>\$ 382,768.28</u>					
EXPENDITURES							
Budget Expenditures: Operating Capital Improvement Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	\$ 295,257.00 48,110.00 <u>13,400.00</u>	\$ 290,257.00 48,110.00 13,400.00					
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 356,767.00</u>	<u>\$ 351,767.00</u>					
Excess in Revenue	\$ 72,997.52	\$ 31,001.28					
Fund Balance: Balance, January 1	<u>172,981.19</u> \$ 245,978.71	<u>184.746.91</u> \$ 215,748.19					
Decreased by: Utilized by Swimming Pool Operatir Budget	ng <u>\$ 63,767.00</u> \$ 63,767.00	<u>\$ 42,767.00</u> \$ 42,767.00					
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 182,211.71</u>	<u>\$ 172,981.19</u>					
RECOMMENDATIONS							

NONE

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, for the year 2019. This report of audit, submitted by Suplee, Clooney & Company, Registered Municipal Accountants and Certified Public Accountants, is on file at the Borough Clerk's Office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk U92980 OBS July 30, 2020 (\$140.14)

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Christopher Nicola Board Secretary

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Township Administrator U92949 OBS July 30, 2020 (\$48.51)

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF DECISION

Dated July 23, 2020 U92982 OBS July 30, 2020 (\$9.31)

The Zoning Board held a meeting on July 20, 2020 and memorialized and approved the following resolutions:

1 Sweetbriar Road BL 5102 L 16 (c) - variances front-yard setback & combined side-yard to maintain patio

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Linden Public Schools stock up on sanitary supplies

LINDEN - Linden Public Schools are preparing to be armed and ready to keep students safe when they return to the classroom, according to a July 23 press release.

Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Lawrence Miranda ran down the list of supplies the district has stocked up on to make sure schools are sanitized and that students and staff are well-supplied to meet the challenge of COVID-19, whenever in-person classes resume.

Miranda said he began ordering the extra supplies as soon as the district closed its schools in March.

"I jumped right on it," he said. "And it's a good thing I did, because otherwise we wouldn't have had them."

The following are the supplies amassed by the school district:

• 400 wall-mounted sanitizer dispensing stations to be installed in the schools "in very strategic locations," according to Miranda.

• 1,200 1-gallon pump bottles of liquid hand sanitizer, which is enough for one in each classroom in the district, with a large surplus to remain in the warehouse.

• 2,800 containers of Clorox disinfecting wipes for use in classrooms.

• 250 noncontact infrared forehead thermometers to be distributed to schools.

• 600,000 disposable face masks. "That number, assuming one mask per student per day, gets us from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31," Miranda said. "I don't know that we'll need that many, because I envision a lot of students will bring their own mask — same with staff. So I think 600,000 is more than enough."

• 4,800 8-ounce bottles of hand sanitizer to be used in offices throughout the district.

• 25 Minuteman misting disinfectant sprayers with Micro-Chem Plus disinfectant detergent. "There is a wand on it, and custodians will go around and spray on desktops, lockers, doors, you name it," Miranda said. "It dries and you don't have to wipe it, and it sanitizes everything."

• 150 cases of disinfectant and cleaner to be used in spray bottles and mop buckets. "We have dispensing stations in all the custodial closets," Miranda said. "This is disinfectant that we've been using all along, but we actually doubled the order on this so we'd have enough to get us through the school year."



Photos Courtesy of Gary Miller

Above, Linden Public Schools Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Lawrence Miranda displays the array of cleaning and health supplies that are ready to be deployed whenever schools reopen to students. Below, custodian Mardy Christopher uses a Minuteman disinfectant spray machine to sanitize lockers at Linden's School No. 8.



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