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## "Dirt" Ordinance Gets Council OK

The subject has been "blowing" around Scotch Plains town hall for so long that they now familiarly refer to it as the "dirt" ordinance. The "dirt" ordinance is a piece of legislation controlling transportation, storage and processing of unpackaged dirt, topsoil, etc. and in its latest revised form it received final passage on Tuesday.

The ordinance will be enforceable within 20 days of its publication in today's issue of The Times. It bears a fine of not less than \$20 or more than \$200 or a jail term of no more than 30 days for violators, which fines are applicable individually for each day of operation in violation of the ordinance, according to Township Attorney James Walsh.

Drainage and licensing requirements are also included in the ordinance.

Under the new law, very detailed specifications are set forth for where earth is stored or deposited upon a lot, with ten foot side and rear margins and 25 foot front property margins specified. No dirt mounds can be over 10 feet high, and at corner lots, earth piles cannot exceed two and a half feet in the area within 25 feet of the intersecting front and side lines.

The new law brought only one major area of comment from homeowners in the Second Street-Flanders Avenue area. Mr. Thomas DiNizio, representing his mother, who owns a home on Flanders Avenue, asked for a specification of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. limitations on business hours for such businesses, and further asked that operations be prohibited on holidays or Sundays. Jo-

seph Pavilek, another Flanders Avenue homeowner, also asked for such an amendment.

However, the two were told that, in the opinion of the township attorney, the legislation as drawn up is what would hold up in court.

The Township Council was questioned as to whether a business already in operation would fall under the new law. It was explained that although new zoning laws do not apply to already existing non-conforming uses, such would not be the situation with legislation such as the "dirt" ordinance. The new law is in the area of police powers, i.e. laws affecting the safety, health and public welfare, and all businesses would have to comply with the new restrictions.

The "dirt" ordinance will be enforced by the building inspector with the assistance of the police.

Many residents in the East Second Street-Flanders Avenue area have registered strong opposition over a long period of time to the operations of Verdic's, a topsoil business at the corner of Flanders and Second. Originally, the Verdic business was a nursery, but changed to handling of topsoil in recent months.

## Public Hearing On Zoning Revisions Set For May 8

A revision of the complete Scotch Plains zoning ordinance will be the subject of a May 8 public hearing, with the meeting scheduled for 8 p.m., a half hour earlier than is customary for the Scotch Plains governmental meetings.

The zoning revision has been under preparation by the Planning Board for several years, and has already been the subject of two public hearings. The latest version incorporates opinions gleaned from the citizenry during the two hearings, comments from the Township Council and from the Union County Planning Board.

The Council approved an ordinance which appropriates \$1,700 from capital improvement for purchase of a copy machine for the police department. The machine replaces worn out equipment of a similar nature.

The Council registered its sympathy and regret over the recent death of George Venezio of Scotch Plains. Mr. Venezio, a 35-year resident of the community, had been a Recreation Director for 20 years and helped establish the first park and

playground and the municipal golf course.

According to Councilman Walter Grote, interviews for a township manager are continuing, with three to four interviews underway each week. It is hoped that an announcement of an appointment to the position will soon be announced.

Councilman Larry Newcomb pointed out that the Building Inspector's report for last month included \$1,400 in new building permits, which represents \$600,000 worth of new ratables for Scotch Plains - an appreciable amount for a single month, in Newcomb's opinion.

Mayor William Kitsz indicated that he anticipates a final report on ultimate disposition of the old municipal building from a special committee studying the building's future (or lack thereof) in May.

## Say School Lunch Program Will Provide Nutritious 40¢ Meals

### Listening Post

The regular monthly Listening Post session conducted by Scotch Plains Committeemen Alan Augustine, Walter Grote and B. Lawrence Newcomb has been set for Saturday, from 10 to 12 noon. Ted Sienicki, Township Treasurer will be available to answer questions regarding the budget. The public is invited to the informal meeting, which is held on the first Saturday morning of each month in the Committee Chambers, Municipal Building, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

### Council Fills Two Jobs

Michael J. Masciale of 21 Donsen Lane, Scotch Plains has been recommended by the Scotch Plains Council as Township representative to the Union County Anti-Poverty Commission.

Mr. Masciale is Projects and Product Manager for the Maintenance and Marine Coatings Department of Mobil Chemical Company, Edison, New Jersey. He holds a B.S. from Norwich University and a M.S. in Chemistry from the University of Vermont. Mr. Masciale and his wife, Lucille, have lived in Scotch Plains for 8-1/2 years and have actively participated in local civic functions. Their three boys attend Scotch Plains schools.

Mrs. F. Raymond Stoveken, 1947 Duncan Drive, Scotch Plains has been appointed as Scotch Plains representative to the Youth Sub-Committee on Employment of the N.J. Department of Labor and Industry.

Mrs. Stoveken has served in many local organizations, particularly active with children, has worked 9 years with Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Employment Services, Inc., and is currently its child labor Chairman.

### Date Set For Paper Collection

Chris Nette and Dave Koulish, student co-chairmen of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider Marching Band paper drive, have announced the date for the next collection. It will be Saturday, April 14th. The deposit site will be in front of the High School on Westfield Road, Scotch Plains. Members of the community are requested to start saving their old newspapers now, and to deliver them to the high school on April 14th between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Anyone who cannot deliver papers to the deposit site may telephone 322-4083 or 889-4947 to have their papers picked up.

## Government Funds Will Provide Partial Reimbursement To Participating Schools

Question: "What's forty cents, provides one-third of a teenager's nutritional requirements for the day, and tastes good?" Answer: School lunches, provided by a staff of 33 people and served daily at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High, Terrill and Park Junior Highs.

A quick pre-lunch tour through the cafeteria at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High this week found a 15-member staff busily baking hundreds of rolls, homemade cookies and brownies, and tossing delicious looking salads. How is it possible at 40 cents per day? It's possible through the National School Lunch Program, which is a government subsidy program with carefully established rules and regulations which sometimes cause confusion on the home front.

Many a mother may wonder why her child must order up a trayful, including perhaps salad, homemade roll and butter, fruit or juice when all he really wants is a sloppy joe sandwich. Only if a luncheon menu meets the established governmental standards for daily nutrition will the government reimburse the school for a percentage of the lunch. Therefore, each lunch served must include: two ounces of protein, 3/4 cup of fruit and/or vegetable, milk and roll and butter. In short, if the menu features as one choice a lunch of hamburger on roll, french fries, lettuce, pickle, fruit salad and milk, the school is reimbursed for a percentage of each 40-cent "package" whereas if the hamburgers were sold "A la carte," thereby eliminating any assurances of provision of daily nutritional requirements, the government pennies wouldn't be there.

Mrs. Carmela DiPaola is the lady juggling the vitamins and minerals these days. As head of the three cafeterias, she's a pro at managing to serve the cheapest and best lunches possible. The National School Lunch Program is two-fold, she points out. First of all, participating schools get reimbursement for a percentage of the qualifying lunches they serve daily. This reimbursement is in the form of dollars. In addition, schools receive commodities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture once a month, for which the schools pay only transportation and processing costs. Such items as flour, rice, beans, butter, shortening, and oil are frequent items on the monthly commodities list, but protein donations have been a bit on the lean side, Mrs. DiPaola notes. Free turkey and chicken have been seen less frequently than in the past. The free commodities generally represent the makings of one or two of the 22 complete meals served in an average month. The government also subsidizes milk sales. If the housewife thinks she has

problems balancing the food budget, how does this lady manage, with close to 1,000 mouths to feed each noontime? One of her biggest secrets is homemade baked goods. The school receives free wheat from the government, and the willing staff members make bread, rolls, and homemade cookies each day. Another secret is buying from distributors who use government wheat. For example, the government supplies wheat, shortening, and peanut butter to certain bakeries, these bakeries make pizzas, cookies, etc., sell them to the schools at a cost far lower than the going market price, then report the sales to the government for reimbursement purposes. Mrs. DiPaola planned to introduce pizza from such a source next week.

What's on tap daily in the school cafeterias? There's a choice daily from a hot lunch, soup/sandwich lunch, or salad lunch - each one meeting nutritional requirements, each one costing 40 cents. In addition, the cafeteria

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## Leaf Pick-Up In Scotch Plains

Scotch Plains will again have a leaf and gum ball pick-up this spring, during the week of April 9. There will be one pick-up only. All leaves and gum balls must be along the curb or bagged by 7 a.m., Monday, April 9. Any leaves or gum balls put out after that date will not be picked up.

In order to be sure there is no misunderstanding, and to facilitate the pick-up, the following basic rules must be observed:

1. ONLY leaves and gum balls will be picked up.
2. Leaves and gum balls must be put in wind rows or bags along curb.
3. If branches, twigs or other foreign items are in the bags or wind rows, the clean-up crew will leave everything that is placed in front of that house.

## In Fanwood

The Fanwood Public Works Department has scheduled a spring leaf collection, beginning April 16. The leaves will be collected until April 27.

The leaves should be collected in rows at curbside. Leaf piles should not include stones, rocks, etc. since such items cause breakdown of cleanup equipment.