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## Mayor Griffin Names Eight To Senior Citizens Committee

Mayor Robert Griffin of Scotch Plains named eight citizens to a Senior Citizens' Advisory Council this week, and established deadlines for the Council's study of housing needs and locations. The Advisory Council was charged with studying need and advisability of Scotch Plains senior citizen housing and, if it is determined that such a need exists, the same citizens were asked to review potential sites and investigate the various financing options.

Griffin asked the new Council to report back to the Township Council no later than September 1, 1975. "I believe the Advisory Council fulfills a need of the community in working toward a goal of more adequate housing for our senior citizens," Griffin said.

Those named include: Thomas DeLuca, Harry Grand, Nancy Naragon, Florence Clark, Donald DiNizio, James Bell, Joseph Brenner and Joseph Sweeney.

DeLuca was appointed temporary chairman of the group until the members form and elect a permanent chairman from within their midst.

In other appointments, the five-man Council approved James Carlock as a member of the Community Development Committee, while Griffin named James McCann to the same post as his major nominee. The Community Development Committee is a county-wide group studying participation in HUD funds for cooperative community projects.

In other actions during Tuesday's monthly Council meeting, final approval was given to an ordinance which restricts parking on a portion of Raritan Road

as recommended by the Traffic Safety Bureau. A new ordinance, with a March 18 public hearing, bans parking in the portion of Cliffwood Street between Martine Avenue and Washington Avenue.

Griffin read a proclamation honoring St. Bartholomew Church and School on its 25th Anniversary, citing the fact that 20,000 elementary school children in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community had been educated at the school, at great savings to local taxpayers.

A petition has been received from 13 property owners seeking one-hour parking restrictions on East Second Street for both sides from Flanders Avenue to Myrtle Avenue. The petitioners said employees of Second Street businesses park all day, taking up spaces which should be used for business customers and the buying public. The petition has been referred to the Manager and Police Department.

The Council is actively interviewing candidates for a Town Manager. Griffin indicated that nine candidates had been interviewed recently, with seven more scheduled in the near future.

## Leaves, Storm Drainage, Condominiums Highlight Listening Post Session

Storm drainage, the southside leaf disposal area and problems at the Carriage Post Condominium Apartments highlighted the March Listening Post, Saturday at Scotch Plains Town Hall. Presiding at the session was Councilman Lawrence Newcomb, assisted by Mayor Robert Griffin and Mrs. Shirley Capone from the Municipal Manager's Office.

At the session Mr. Newcomb was questioned by one resident of the Carriage Post condominium as to his knowledge of certain problems with the Carriage Post's management and construction. Newcomb said these were the first critical comments he had heard, or, to the best of his knowledge, any other council member had heard concerning the Park Avenue project. Mayor Griffin noted several of the items the resident mentioned were within the province of the Building Inspector to check. Several points the resident raised were, according to Newcomb, typical of the type problem the new township consumer affairs office is designed to mediate.

The stream drainage problems discussed involved such diverse locations as Rahway Road, Cecilia Place and Maple Hill Road. All are areas that have been discussed previously. The leaf disposal area problems are also not new, but have increased due to the nearby sanitary sewer project and because the county has done certain work along the Martine Avenue Extension.

In addition to these problems

there were several questions regarding school budgets and the differences between municipal accounting procedures and those required by law for the school system. One School Board candidate attended to learn how the Listening Post operated. Finally, one citizen had several questions regarding the use of the meeting room at the library.

## Recreation Public Meeting

Dr. Frank Besson, Chairman of the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission announced that the monthly public meeting has been changed to the second Monday of every month and will be held in the court room in the new Municipal Building commencing at 8 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Recreation Commission members are: Frank Besson, Chairman, Michael Masciale, Vice Chairman, David L. Johnson, Margaret Katims, Andrew Meadows, Joseph Rosania and Frank Carlino.

## Four Newcomers Win School Board Seats

### Testimonial Dinner Honors Tom DeLuca

Over 350 people, both county notables and Scotch Plains citizens, gather last Friday night at Shackamaxon Country Club to honor Thomas DeLuca of Jacobs Lane, Scotch Plains for his many years of activity and volunteer effort in behalf of the community. The testimonial dinner was MC'd by Walter Boright, recently elected County Freeholder and Scotch Plains resident.

The guest speakers included Thomas Dunn, State Senator and Mayor of Elizabeth, and County Clerk Walter Halpin.

Mayor Robert Griffin of Scotch Plains spoke, as did Councilwoman Ann Wodjenski. Presentations were made to Mr. DeLuca by Fred Lombardo, Democratic Municipal Chairman; by UNICO, by Dominick DeCuollo representing the dinner committee, and by Sal Cacosa in behalf of Chris Dietz of the County Democratic Organization.

Many prominent officeholders at the county level attended, including the Prosecutor, Medical Examiner, and Michael Magnolia, Superintendent of Public Works, for whom Mr. DeLuca works.

Raymond Moore and Dominick DeCuollo were represented on the dinner committee.

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### Y.E.S. Board To Meet Monday

The regular meeting of the Youth Employment Service Board of Directors will be held on Monday, March 10, 1975 - 8:00 p.m. at the YES office, 1790 Front Street. Mr. Louis Prisnock, president will preside.

The volunteer staff of Youth Employment Service stands ready to accept any calls for job offers you may have from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday.

Call 322-9400 if you have any job that needs to be done. We have many fine young people anxious to work for you - whether it is a job done in your home, your office or your plant.

There is no charge of any kind to anyone for our services.

### Remember Your Doggie!

Dog licenses for 1975 were due in the month of January. Believe it or not, there are still a few canines going unregistered! Get your license at the Township Clerk's office, Municipal Building - Scotch Plains, during daytime hours.

### Fallon, Festa, And Shanni Win In Scotch Plains, Bard In Fanwood

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will have four new faces by month's end, following Board elections on Tuesday. Named to fill two three-year seats from Scotch Plains were Thomas Fallon and Vincent Shanni, while Frank Festa was elected to two years remaining in an unexpired term.

### The Winners - In Scotch Plains



THOMAS FALLON



FRANK FESTA



VINCENT SHANNI

### In Fanwood



RICHARD BARD

In Fanwood, one-time Board member Richard Bard assumes a seat once again for a three-year term, following his defeat of incumbent Leonia Reilly and two other challengers.

The voter turnout was very heavy in all districts, as voters selected from the broadest slate of candidates ever to seek Board office in the district. There were ten names on the ballot for three slots in Scotch Plains, and there were four running in Fanwood.

Those elected to office have strongly questioned recent spending patterns in the school district, and some of the newcomers have already indicated that they feel the 1975-76 school budget, which suffered a rousing defeat in Tuesday's election, need not be as high as it is. The four newcomers will be in an important decision-making situation very soon, as they will react to whatever actions the governing bodies take in regard to the defeated budget.

One of the newly elected, Thomas Fallon, said the heavy turnout certainly indicates that citizens are interested. "The people who have gotten in will certainly do what the town wants," Fallon said.

It is possible that the newly elected board members could have an impact upon the current year's budget as well as last year's budget, from all indications. Fanwood Mayor Ted Trumpp has sent out feelers for

further negotiating sessions on more than one occasion, but it has been the general position of the past Board that the Commissioner's decision to restore funds upholds that Board's positions in the many areas of school spending. However, the new members may combine with others already on the Board to effect change. Of the four who were elected, Shanni, Festa and Fallon were publicly endorsed in a newspaper advertisement by Board member Philip Labasi.

Fallon and Shanni had run as part of a four-man slate which had also included Thomas VanVliet, seeking the two-year seat, and Donald Dugan, seeking election in Fanwood.

Fallon and Shanni won handily, with only Robert Lariviere offering any real challenge for the three-year seats. Lariviere took 1,358 votes. James Louden was next, with 837 votes, John Corcoran polled 620, Charles Mason received 423, and Norman Ross gathered 417. In the two-year column, Festa was an overwhelming victor over VanVliet, by a 1,985 to 1,020 margin. George Larkin, who bowed from the race, but not in time for removal of his name from the ballot got 333 votes.

Mrs. Reilly was upset by Bard by a 767 to 497 margin. Dugan scored 297 votes and Kuklo 140.