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## EVERGREEN SCHOOL HOLDS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration forms for children entering Kindergarten in September, 1986 are now available in the Evergreen School Office.

These forms are to be completed in time for Kindergarten registration which is scheduled for the following dates and times;

April 8, 9 & 10 -- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

To be eligible for admission to Kindergarten in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Regional Schools in September, 1986, your child must become five years of age prior to December 1, 1986.

## FANWOOD LISTENING POST

There will be a Listening Post at the Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, on Saturday, February 15, 1986, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Citizens of Fanwood are invited to speak to the Mayor and Council Member during these hours with queries, comments or suggestions about Fanwood. The meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Borough Hall.

## "OLD FASHIONED" SPELLING BEE

The Recreation Commission is again sponsoring the "old fashioned" spelling bee at the Scotch Hills Clubhouse, Jerusalem Road on Saturday March 1, 1986. Registration is between February 10 and February 27th.

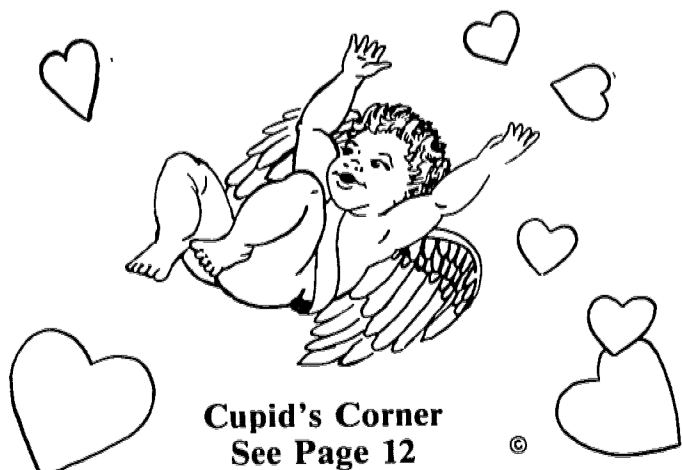
Competition is open to boys and girls in grades four, five and six. Fourth Graders compete at 10 a.m., 5th graders at 10:45 a.m. and 6th graders at 11:15 a.m. Parents are encouraged to remain with the children as they compete. The contest is an elimination contest offered free. Words are chosen from each grade level's spelling course until the finals when more difficult words will be used. Past winners of fourth grade competition have returned for the fifth and sixth grade level and in many instances again proved they are still "superior" spellers! Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place finisher in each grade.

All registrations must be made in the Recreation Office, Room 113, Municipal Building, Scotch Plains. No registrations will be accepted after February 27th, 1986, or at the program site.

## Notice of Special Meeting of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains

(In Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act - Chapter 231, P.L. 1975)

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains at 7:30 PM on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1986 at the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey to consider applications which were scheduled to be heard on February 6, 1986 but were not reached. Date of Notification: February 7, 1986



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## Scotch Plains Improvement Grant Submitted

After much debate, Scotch Plains Council members unanimously approved the creation of an Environmental Commission at Tuesday's public meeting. The Commission was established in order to promote conservation and protect natural resources within the township. Speaking in favor of the Commission, Paulette Coronato noted its' usefulness in developing a Master Plan and implementing it with the least impact on the municipality. Coronato stressed the fact that the Commission will be "accountable to the Mayor, Council, and town as a whole" and its' purpose will be to determine the best use of the remaining open land in order to "preserve the character of Scotch Plains."

Resident Frank Clemishaw, a member of the Scotchwood Civic Association, refuted previous complaints concerning the qualifications of Commission appointees. He stated that "the Commission..should have a balanced and rounded outlook. It should have members who have a diverse array of knowledge and experience."

Upon announcing appointments to the Environmental Commission, Mayor Joan Papen noted that members "represent every geographical location in Scotch Plains and both political parties." Members include Chairman Lawrence Newcomb, Joseph Spatola, and

Paulette Coronato - serving 3 year terms - George Kundrat and Fred Lombardo - 2 year terms - June Fisher and Bill McClintock, Planning Board representative - both, one year terms.

Council also introduced an ordinance to provide funding for improvements on Hunter Avenue between Front Street and Mountain Avenue. Community Development funds in the amount of \$90,000 would be appropriated for the project should it be approved at the February 25 meeting.

Another ordinance was passed on first reading dealing with the purchase of a leaf vacuum trailer and related equipment. Final approval on February 25 would mean allocation of \$25,000 from Capital Improvement Funds for this purpose.

Deputy Mayor Irene Schmidt, liaison to the Recycling Committee, announced plans for a June 1 opening of the Recycling Center on North Avenue. Although several service groups have already volunteered to work at the site, the Committee will continue to look for additional assistance.

Mayor Papen reported that the New Jersey Department of Transportation will receive bids on February 27 for the reconstruction of West Broad Street. The approximately one million dollars in improvements, which include a light at the corner of Broad and Martine, will be financed through State and Federal funds. Construction is expected to begin in May or June.

## Gov. Kean to Speak at Lincoln Day Dinner 2/14

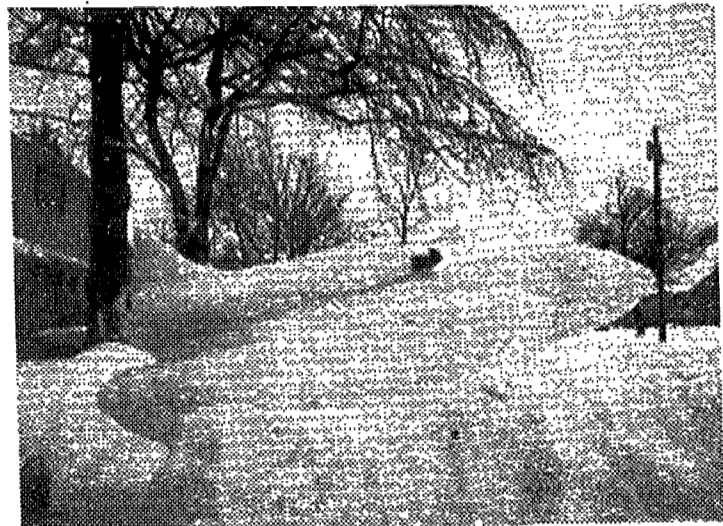
We would like to inform you that the Governor, Thomas Kean, will arrive at 8:00 P.M., along with some of his Cabinet Members, on Friday, February 14th, to speak at the Republican Committee of Union County's annual Lincoln Day Dinner to be held at the Town & Campus Restaurant in Union.

The speaker, in addition to the Governor, will be Congressman Hal Daub, a Congressman from the first state of Nebraska, completing his third term. He is a member of the

prestigious House, Ways and Means committee and his Committee is responsible for the Tax Reform Legislation, and the Gram Rudman Deficit Reduction Act. He will speak on the Tax Reform Legislation. Congressman Daub is 44 years old and a prominent lawyer. He was voted the most outstanding student in the nation in 1966.

Please join the fun on February, 14th. Call 241-9877 for table reservations, as soon as possible. Lucille Masciale is the Chairman of the dinner.

## A TRIBUTE



Peter Ure of Waldon Road in Fanwood had the day off on Tuesday from Barry' Frame Shop. The snowstorm arrived and Peter used his talents to unveil a tribute in ice to the shuttle Challenger.

## Scotch Plains Environmental Commission Approved

by Sharon Pachler

Officials in Scotch Plains have been finding ways to improve the appearance of township neighborhoods for quite some time. The municipality has been participating in a community development program since 1981, being one of 18 towns in the County receiving block grant funding through the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Rehabilitation Program (H.U.D.). This grant, administered by the Union County Development Revenue Sharing Housing Rehabilitation Program, has provided for the refurbishing of 4 to 5 houses a year.

Another potential source of funding for neighborhood renovations has recently become available. This one, however, the Neighborhood Preservation and Balanced Housing Program, is a competitive grant, a product of the July Fair Housing Act. The 10 million dollars appropriated for the program will help meet low and low-moderate housing needs.

With the assistance of Project Director Robin Welch, of Michael Coleman, Assoc., Scotch Plains has filed for the maximum amount allowed - \$350,000. If successful in obtaining the grant, plumbing, carpentry, and electrical condi-

tions will be up-graded in selected homes in the Plainfield Avenue - Jerusalem Road area. Grant requirements are specific in matters of fund allocation to individual homeowners who have provided proof of need. To assure that recipients will not sell their homes immediately upon having repairs done, the work will be free only if the house is kept for 5 years or more. If a home is sold before the 5 years, unless there is a death involved, guidelines will list which improvements must be reimbursed.

Although any improvements made on low and low-moderate units would be credited toward the township's Mt. Laurel obligation, this latest funding request "is not just Mt. Laurel-oriented," according to Municipal Manager Tom Atkins. "We've always had an interest in locating funds for improvements... This is the first program that Scotch Plains has been eligible for in the past 5 years."

The grant application was submitted to the State Department of Community Affairs on January 31. Atkins stated that it may take up to 2 months for the State to evaluate all its' applications, a process which will include an on-site inspection of the area by a DCA field representative.